



**Interim Long Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**Six Months ended**  
**30 September 2024**

**AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund**





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

More detailed information about AXA Investment Managers' UK funds is available on the Fund Centre of our website where you can find the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document (KIID), annual reports and monthly fund factsheets at <https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/fund-centre>



## **Fund Objective & Investment Policy**

The aim of AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund (“the Fund”) is to produce higher than average income with long-term growth of income and capital over a period of 5 years or more. The Manager also intends to achieve a yield of distributable income in excess of 100% of the FTSE All Share yield at the Fund's year end on a rolling 3 year basis, and in excess of 90% on an annual basis.

The Fund has at least 70% of its investments in shares of companies domiciled, incorporated or having significant business in the UK, which the Manager believes are leading companies within their sector and will provide above-average returns. The Fund has at least 51% of its investments in large companies which are in the FTSE 100 index. The Manager selects shares based upon analysis of a company's prospects for future growth in dividend payments, financial status, quality of its management, expected profitability and prospects for growth. The Manager expects that the Fund's portfolio will typically consist of shares of between 30-50 different companies, although the actual number of holdings could be greater or less than this range. 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 FTSE 350 Total Return index. The FTSE 350 Total Return index is designed to measure the performance of the shares of the 350 largest UK listed companies. This index best represents the types of companies in which the Fund predominantly invests.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, cash, deposits, units in collective investment schemes (including those managed or operated by, or whose authorised corporate director is the Manager or one of its associates) and money market instruments. 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 Financial Conduct Authority rules. The Fund invests in shares of companies primarily listed in the UK. This Fund is actively managed in reference to the FTSE 350 Total Return index, which may be used by investors to compare the Fund's performance.

AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund (‘the Fund’) is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



## **Important Events During the Period**

### **MERGER OF THE AXA FRAMLINGTON MONTHLY INCOME FUND INTO THE AXA FRAMLINGTON UK EQUITY INCOME FUND**

The merger of the AXA Framlington Monthly Income Fund into the AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund was effective as of 12.01pm on 20th September 2024. For further information, please see the Outlook section of the Investment Review on Page 6.



## Investment Review

The six-month period to 30th September 2024 has seen UK equities making solid progress. Your Fund has generated a return of 4.90% (Z Class Accumulation units) which compares to its benchmark FTSE All Share Index 5.97% return.

During the period the UK has seen inflation fall further to 1.7% in September 2024 and the first cut (of 25 basis points) to interest rates since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020 taking the base rate to 5.0%. We have also seen a change of government after 14 years of Conservative rule, with Labour winning a 174-seat majority in July for its 5-year term of office. Immediately after the election in early July, UK markets and in particular the more domestically-orientated sectors outperformed as Sir Keir Starmer's promise to "take the brakes off Britain" resonated with investors. The focus on stability and growth in the King's Speech was also well-received, containing a huge 40 bills, with almost half being aimed at boosting the economy and including reforms to planning rules to get more homes and infrastructure built. These, alongside other factors, have prompted investors to gain further confidence that the UK market is offering income and growth opportunities at a time when other international markets are appearing less attractive.

You will recall from the Fund's last report that Dan Harlow and I took charge of the investments within the portfolio at the beginning of this calendar year. Since then, we have made some changes within the Fund in order to bolster exposure to the mid- and large-cap areas where we feel income generation and capital growth can be achieved. In mid-September the unitholders of the AXA Framlington Monthly Income Fund voted at an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) to merge their Fund into this Fund, creating a portfolio of well-over £200m of assets under management. To be clear, we have not changed this Fund's investment mandate, however we now have a portfolio of greater scale which should benefit from economies of that scale.

We are looking ahead with confidence that this should be an exciting time for the UK and for UK equities with the potential for a period of rejuvenating the UK economy. With the Fund we will seek to capture this by investing predominantly in large- and mid-cap companies, complemented with up to 10% in small-cap companies. Our preference within the Fund is to identify and back strong management teams in businesses with proven track records, an ability to invest in growth, and offering secure, growing dividends. One such company, Tesco, was added to the Fund earlier in 2024 and the company has made good progress during that time. The company reported another period of strong trading for its first half 2025 with ex-VAT and ex-fuel retail sales up by 3.5%, with 30 basis points of retail margin accretion driving EBIT growth of almost 10%. In February, the company announced a cracking deal with Barclays Bank who acquired Tesco Personal Finance ('Tesco Bank') for £600m. The deal took £7.7bn of capital-intensive assets and £6.7bn of financial liabilities off the Tesco balance sheet and returns c£600m of proceeds and, in addition, a further c£100m net cash after the settlement of certain regulatory capital amounts and transaction costs. Adding these proceeds to the £250m special dividend paid by Tesco Bank in August 2023, Tesco accumulated total cash of c£1bn, the majority of which will be returned to shareholders with an incremental buyback on top of the existing one. The Board was able to declare a first half dividend of 4.25p (versus 3.85p for H1 2023), representing a generous 10.5% growth rate.

Another addition was Just Group, one of the leading UK players in the outsourcing of pension funds to the insurance market. They have been experiencing elevated growth in recent years, but the tailwinds of ageing demographics and regulation mean that this de-risking mega trend is still forecast for multi-year growth. Their recent results also highlighted that the benefits of operational leverage within the business are starting to come through as their growth compounds. These trends are also captured in the Fund's existing holding of XPS Pensions.

### Top Ten Holdings

#### as at 30 September 2024

	%
<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<b>5.01</b>
<i>Health Care</i>	
<b>HSBC</b>	<b>4.70</b>
<i>Financials</i>	
<b>Unilever</b>	<b>3.94</b>
<i>Consumer Staples</i>	
<b>Shell</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<i>Energy</i>	
<b>GSK</b>	<b>3.76</b>
<i>Health Care</i>	
<b>Rio Tinto</b>	<b>3.59</b>
<i>Basic Materials</i>	
<b>BP</b>	<b>3.35</b>
<i>Energy</i>	
<b>3i Group</b>	<b>3.35</b>
<i>Financials</i>	
<b>National Grid</b>	<b>3.23</b>
<i>Utilities</i>	
<b>Legal &amp; General Group</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<i>Financials</i>	



## Investment Review (Continued)

Other high-quality companies that have been added to the portfolio since the beginning of the year include SSE (utility), Tesco (supermarket chain), Bellway (housebuilder), Weir (mining solutions), Dunelm (homewares retailer) and Grainger (UK's largest listed residential landlord). While we believe that these companies should be capable of generating strong and consistent returns over the medium-term, we recognise that unforeseen announcements can come from any company at any time. One such situation arose with National Grid who surprised the market by announcing a large rights issue to help fund its growth plans over the remainder of the decade. The fund raise was large (£7billion) and the market took some time to digest the news (aka the shares were weak) however the share price has recovered its composure and we remain confident in the prospects for this core holding.

The attractions of UK equities have brought further M&A activity, as mentioned above, during 2024. The improving outlook coupled with what has been a sustained period of weak sentiment towards domestic equities has emboldened corporate acquirers. 2023 was characterised by a spate of deals. By our estimates there were 42 takeovers. These were largely targeted at the bottom end of the market spectrum with the median market cap of all targets of just under £200m. Just two FTSE 250 companies were acquired. Fast forward to today and in just the first half of September we have seen a rebuffed approach for TI Fluid Systems, confirmed interest in Rightmove and a rumoured (on the usually well-informed Sky television) for Advanced Medical Solutions. The clear message is that valuation anomalies persist and the conviction and confidence of suitors to act has surged. The portfolio has participated in some of the action. Hargreaves Lansdown was introduced to the portfolio in mid-January 2024 at a time when the shares were under a cloud of negativity following their recent results. Investors were worried about platform fees and the total value proposition on offer to customers. In addition to this, slowing net new business, slowly decreasing client retention and costs growing too fast had led the shares to a valuation point discounting an implosion of the business. We therefore took a view on the intrinsic value of a business with a 40% market share of the UK's savings market that was still able to grow customers, invest in its platform and pay a dividend (no doubt a consideration for its largest and founder shareholders). As it turned out we were not alone in recognising that value and the Board subsequently accepted an offer for the business from a consortium of private equity and sovereign wealth investors.

The outlook for income being generated by the portfolio remains encouraging and our target remains at least matching the yield generated by the FTSE All Share Index.

## OUTLOOK

As mentioned earlier, unitholders of the AXA Framlington Monthly Income Fund were invited to vote on our proposal to merge their fund with this portfolio. The two funds are managed by the same portfolio managers and have a broadly similar investment objective and policy. In addition, there is a significant overlap in the holdings and portfolio weightings held in both funds as a result of the management style of the portfolio managers. The now combined entity should benefit from economies of scale by being a larger fund.

We believe the stars are finally aligning for the UK equities. Some key foundation stones are falling into place for a sustained improvement in sentiment after years of (post-Brexit) negativity. There is no single specific catalyst for this shift, rather a range of factors coalescing to leave a more positive outlook than we have witnessed for some time. The improving macro has already been discussed, with real income growth contributing to a pick-up in consumer and business sentiment. UK Indices remain discounted relative to their history. Having now established a new government, the UK is being seen as an oasis of relative political calm - at least for now. One key outcome of this new political order should be an extended period of stability that could engender long-term, strategic thinking. We have seen little of that over the past term of government, with three Prime Ministers and five Chancellors in short order. Companies make long-term investment decisions based on stable and consistent policy. This extreme political volatility, dating back to the Brexit vote in 2016, has greatly contributed to a vacuum in coherent policy that has undermined not only business confidence and investment, but also the nation's global credibility and reputation. Sterling is beginning to reflect the new environment moving to higher levels against major currencies.



## **Investment Review (Continued)**

Your portfolio is invested in a well-diversified selection of income generating companies that we believe have the potential to generate attractive returns over the medium-term and beyond. We look forward to reporting on news of further good progress in the periods ahead.

**Jamie Forbes-Wilson**

Source of all performance data: AXA Investment Managers, Morningstar to 30 September 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 30 September 2024

Major Purchases	Cost (£'000)
National Grid	1,299
HSBC	1,221
ITV	1,192
Weir Group	1,085
RWS	808
Forterra	797
IG Group	776
Lloyds Banking Group	752
MONY Group	748
Anglo American	734
Other purchases	6,101
<b>Total purchases for the period</b>	<b>15,513</b>

Major Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
Sage Group	2,117
British American Tobacco	1,548
Redrow	1,389
Goodwin	1,388
Admiral Group	1,344
Compass Group	1,316
Ferguson Enterprises	1,250
Diageo	1,033
Rotork	1,001
BP	959
Other sales	5,263
<b>Total sales for the period</b>	<b>18,608</b>





## 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 its assets mainly in companies within the FTSE 350 Index. The value of investments and the revenue from them is not guaranteed and can go down as well as up. The Annual management charge is charged to capital, and while this will increase the distributable revenue, it may accordingly constrain capital growth.

### 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.

### 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.

### STOCK LENDING RISK

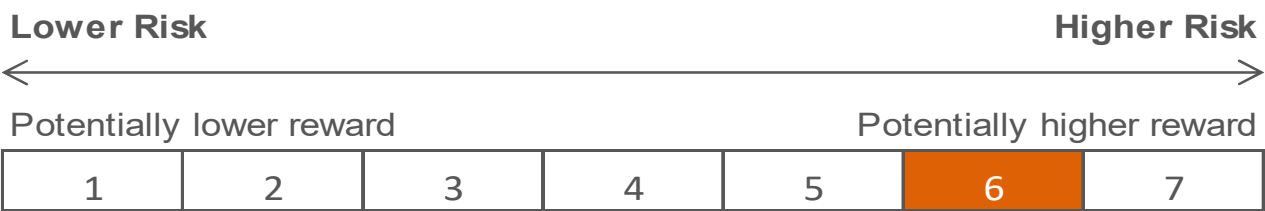
The Fund may participate in a stock lending programme managed by an affiliate of the Manager (acting as stock lending agent) for the purpose of lending the Fund's securities via entering into a stock lending authorisation agreement. If the Fund engages in stock lending it will be exposed to counterparty 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

**Liquidity risk:** 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 30 September 2024, the price of Z Accumulation units, with net income reinvested, rose by +37.54%. The FTSE 350 Total Return increased by +31.63% over the same time period. During the same period, the price of Z Income units, with zero income reinvested, rose by +12.07%. (Source: AXA Investment Managers and Morningstar) (Prices in GBP).

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

Date	AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Z Acc	FTSE 350 Total Return
30 Sep 2019 - 30 Sep 2020	-5.92%	-16.96%
30 Sep 2020 - 30 Sep 2021	+20.55%	+27.14%
30 Sep 2021 - 30 Sep 2022	-9.39%	-3.49%
30 Sep 2022 - 30 Sep 2023	+18.76%	+14.01%
30 Sep 2023 - 30 Sep 2024	+12.70%	+13.30%

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

A Inc	3.80%
A Acc	3.66%
D Inc	3.81%
D Acc	3.67%
Dm Inc*	Nil
Dm Acc*	Nil
R Inc	3.85%
R Acc	3.69%
Rm Inc*	Nil
Rm Acc*	Nil
Z Inc	3.79%
Z Acc	3.65%
Zm Inc*	Nil
Zm Acc*	Nil



## CHARGES

	Initial Charge	Annual Management Charge+
A Unit Classes**	Nil	0.60%
D Unit Classes	Nil	1.10%
Dm Unit Classes*	Nil	1.10%
R Unit Classes	Nil	1.50%
Rm Unit Classes*	Nil	1.50%
Z Unit Classes	Nil	0.75%
Zm Unit Classes*	Nil	0.75%

+ Charged to capital. Note that while this will increase the amount of income (which may be taxable) available for distribution to unitholders in the Fund, it may constrain capital growth or even result in capital erosion over time.

\*\* Units in Class A are only available at the Manager's discretion by contractual agreement.

## ONGOING CHARGES\*\*\*

A Inc	0.71%
A Acc	0.71%
D Inc	1.21%
D Acc	1.21%
Dm Inc*	1.21%
Dm Acc*	1.21%
R Inc	1.61%
R Acc	1.61%
Rm Inc*	1.61%
Rm Acc*	1.61%
Z Inc	0.86%
Z Acc	0.86%
Zm Inc*	0.86%
Zm Acc*	0.86%

\* Unit classes launched as at 20 September 2024.

\*\*\*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-framlington-uk-equity-income-fund-z-accumulation-gbp/#documents>

For additional information on AXA's fund charges and costs please use the following link:

<https://retail.axa-im.co.uk/fund-charges-and-costs>

## UNIT TRUST INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The AXA Framlington UK Equity Income 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 Framlington UK Equity Income Fund here:

<https://funds.axa-im.co.uk/en/individual/fund/axa-framlington-uk-equity-income-fund-z-accumulation-gbp/#documents>



## Comparative Tables

	A Acc			A Inc		
	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	176.78	168.76	152.14	117.44	113.54	106.54
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	9,767	8,574	8,746	5	5	5
Closing number of units	5,525,203	5,080,701	5,748,735	4,700	4,700	4,700
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	0.68%	0.69%	0.68%	0.68%	0.69%	0.68%

	D Acc~			D Inc~		
	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	375.31	359.17	325.39	199.77	194.24	183.21
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	30,753	30,454	10,034	5,309	5,418	3,300
Closing number of units	8,194,007	8,478,883	3,083,557	2,657,484	2,789,089	1,801,403
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.18%	1.19%	1.18%	1.18%	1.19%	1.18%

	Dm Acc~~	Dm Inc~~
	30/09/2024	30/09/2024
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	717.96	214.97
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	10,862	12,099
Closing number of units	1,512,866	5,628,477
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.18%	1.18%

	R Acc			R Inc		
	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	375.11	357.10	324.29	198.59	192.81	182.62
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	1,054	1,002	21,773	375	373	3,318
Closing number of units	280,960	280,656	6,714,075	188,791	193,580	1,817,115
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.58%	1.59%	1.58%	1.58%	1.59%	1.58%

	Rm Acc~~~	Rm Inc~~~
	30/09/2024	30/09/2024
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	711.29	214.13
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	12,806	1,777
Closing number of units	1,800,337	829,914
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	1.58%	1.58%



## Comparative Tables (continued)

	Z Acc			Z Inc		
	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023	30/09/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	243.73	232.86	210.23	142.88	138.23	129.91
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	22,599	22,223	17,692	10,279	10,004	9,449
Closing number of units	9,271,834	9,543,317	8,415,376	7,194,138	7,237,087	7,273,071
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	0.83%	0.84%	0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.83%

	Zm Acc <sup>~</sup>	Zm Inc <sup>~~</sup>
	30/09/2024	30/09/2024
Closing net asset value per unit (p) <sup>†</sup>	234.65	130.71
Closing net asset value <sup>†</sup> (£'000)	44,545	70,488
Closing number of units	18,983,781	53,927,523
Operating charges <sup>^</sup>	0.83%	0.83%

<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.

<sup>~~</sup> Unit classes launched as at 20 September 2024.



## Portfolio Statement

The AXA Framlington UK Equity Income Fund portfolio as at 30 September 2024 consisted of the following investments, which are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Holding	Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
<b>UNITED KINGDOM: 97.70%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 95.83%)</b>		
<b>CORPORATE BONDS: 0.00%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 0.00%)</b>		
£220,000 Sorbic International 10% 31/12/14 <sup>1</sup>	-	-
	-	-
<b>BASIC MATERIALS: 6.19%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 4.04%)</b>		
<b>Chemicals: 0.52%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 0.83%)</b>		
125,000 Victrex	1,218	0.52
	<b>1,218</b>	<b>0.52</b>
<b>Industrial Metals &amp; Mining: 5.67%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.21%)</b>		
92,500 Anglo American	2,235	0.96
1,338,716 Central Asia Metals	2,605	1.12
156,734 Rio Tinto	8,360	3.59
	<b>13,200</b>	<b>5.67</b>
<b>CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY: 10.60%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 17.68%)</b>		
<b>Consumer Services: 0.67%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.72%)</b>		
65,000 Compass Group	1,568	0.67
	<b>1,568</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>Household Goods &amp; Home Construction: 2.47%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 4.77%)</b>		
97,500 Bellway	3,026	1.30
57,410 Berkeley Group	2,729	1.17
	<b>5,755</b>	<b>2.47</b>
<b>Leisure Goods: 1.38%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.57%)</b>		
30,000 Games Workshop Group	3,213	1.38
	<b>3,213</b>	<b>1.38</b>



## Portfolio Statement (Continued)

Holding		Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
<b>Media: 3.01%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.95%)</b>			
4,500,000	ITV	3,647	1.57
95,000	RELX	3,354	1.44
		<b>7,001</b>	<b>3.01</b>
<b>Retailers: 3.07%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.67%)</b>			
350,000	Dunelm Group	4,067	1.75
1,000,000	Pets at Home Group	3,068	1.32
		<b>7,135</b>	<b>3.07</b>
<b>CONSUMER STAPLES: 10.23%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 14.51%)</b>			
<b>Beverages: 1.47%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.68%)</b>			
130,000	Diageo	3,425	1.47
		<b>3,425</b>	<b>1.47</b>
<b>Food Producers: 1.96%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 1.51%)</b>			
515,180	Hilton Food Group	4,564	1.96
		<b>4,564</b>	<b>1.96</b>
<b>Personal Care, Drug &amp; Grocery: 6.80%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 7.32%)</b>			
70,000	Greggs	2,171	0.93
1,250,000	Tesco	4,494	1.93
187,500	Unilever	9,161	3.94
		<b>15,826</b>	<b>6.80</b>
<b>Tobacco: 0.00%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.00%)</b>			
<b>ENERGY: 7.26%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 6.96%)</b>			
<b>Oil, Gas &amp; Coal: 7.26%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 6.96%)</b>			
2,000,000	BP	7,797	3.35
375,000	Shell	9,099	3.91
		<b>16,896</b>	<b>7.26</b>





## Portfolio Statement (Continued)

Holding		Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
<b>FINANCIALS: 27.42%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 24.68%)</b>			
<b>Banks: 7.90%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.92%)</b>			
1,625,000	HSBC	10,927	4.70
3,850,000	Lloyds Banking	2,279	0.98
1,500,000	NatWest	5,159	2.22
		<b>18,365</b>	<b>7.90</b>
<b>Closed End Investments: 1.47%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 1.78%)</b>			
3,000,000	BioPharma Credit	2,018	0.87
1,000,000	Greencoat UK Wind Funds	1,398	0.60
		<b>3,416</b>	<b>1.47</b>
<b>Investment Banking &amp; Brokerage: 9.32%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 8.38%)</b>			
235,379	3i Group	7,791	3.35
225,000	Hargreaves Lansdown	2,501	1.07
240,000	IG Group	2,203	0.95
200,000	Intermediate Capital Group	4,496	1.93
427,590	Polar Capital	2,283	0.98
826,717	XPS Pensions Group	2,414	1.04
		<b>21,688</b>	<b>9.32</b>
<b>Life Insurance: 7.58%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 6.74%)</b>			
500,000	Just Group	693	0.30
3,200,000	Legal & General Group	7,242	3.11
1,100,000	Phoenix Group	6,199	2.66
500,000	Prudential	3,504	1.51
		<b>17,638</b>	<b>7.58</b>
<b>Non-Life Insurance: 1.15%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 3.86%)</b>			
1,879,960	Sabre Insurance Group	2,673	1.15
3,250,000	Tawa Associates1	-	-
		<b>2,673</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE: 8.77%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 9.37%)</b>			
<b>Pharmaceuticals &amp; Biotechnology: 8.77%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 9.37%)</b>			
100,000	AstraZeneca	11,650	5.01
575,000	GSK	8,760	3.76
		<b>20,410</b>	<b>8.77</b>



## Portfolio Statement (Continued)

Holding	Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
<b>INDUSTRIALS: 9.46%</b> (31/03/2024: 5.43%)		
<b>Construction &amp; Materials: 3.24%</b> (31/03/2024: 0.06%)		
893,137 Alumasc Group	2,501	1.07
2,355,967 Epwin Group	2,427	1.04
1,500,000 Forterra	2,628	1.13
	<b>7,556</b>	<b>3.24</b>
<b>Electronic &amp; Electrical Equipment: 0.00%</b> (31/03/2024: 1.26%)		
<b>General Industrials: 0.00%</b> (31/03/2024: 1.52%)		
<b>Industrial Engineering: 1.59%</b> (31/03/2024: 0.00%)		
170,000 Weir Group	3,703	1.59
	<b>3,703</b>	<b>1.59</b>
<b>Industrial Support Services: 3.01%</b> (31/03/2024: 1.15%)		
457,115 FDM Group	1,748	0.75
775,000 Pagegroup	3,019	1.30
1,338,162 RWS	2,224	0.96
	<b>6,991</b>	<b>3.01</b>
<b>Industrial Transportation: 1.62%</b> (31/03/2024: 1.44%)		
65,000 Ashtead Group	3,771	1.62
	<b>3,771</b>	<b>1.62</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE: 6.39%</b> (31/03/2024: 2.02%)		
<b>Real Estate Investment &amp; Services: 1.05%</b> (31/03/2024: 0.50%)		
1,000,000 Grainger	2,445	1.05
	<b>2,445</b>	<b>1.05</b>



## Portfolio Statement (Continued)

Holding		Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
<b>Real Estate Investment Trusts: 5.34%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 1.52%)</b>			
1,100,000	British Land	4,794	2.06
2,890,419	NewRiver	2,341	1.01
3,009,193	PRS	3,075	1.32
1,750,000	Urban Logistics	2,202	0.95
		<b>12,412</b>	<b>5.34</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY: 2.18%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 4.17%)</b>			
<b>Software &amp; Computer Services: 2.18%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 4.17%)</b>			
325,000	Kainos Group	2,909	1.25
1,025,000	MONY Group	2,161	0.93
		<b>5,070</b>	<b>2.18</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS: 2.35%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.52%)</b>			
<b>Telecommunications Service Providers: 2.35%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.52%)</b>			
236,123	Telecom Plus	4,340	1.86
1,500,000	Vodafone Group	1,131	0.49
		<b>5,471</b>	<b>2.35</b>
<b>UTILITIES: 6.85%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 4.45%)</b>			
<b>Electricity: 2.32%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 1.80%)</b>			
285,000	SSE	5,408	2.32
		<b>5,408</b>	<b>2.32</b>
<b>Gas, Water &amp; Multiutilities: 4.53%</b> <b>(31/03/2024: 2.65%)</b>			
729,791	National Grid	7,510	3.23
115,320	Severn Trent	3,036	1.30
		<b>10,546</b>	<b>4.53</b>



## Portfolio Statement (Continued)

Holding	Market value £'000	Total net assets (%)
EUROPE (excluding UK): 0.00% (31/03/2024: 1.91%)		
JERSEY: 0.00% (31/03/2024: 1.91%)		
NORTH AMERICA: 1.09% (31/03/2024: 0.00%)		
BERMUDA: 1.09% (31/03/2024: 0.00%)		
490,000 Conduit	2,543	1.09
	<b>2,543</b>	<b>1.09</b>
UNITED STATES: 0.00% (31/03/2024: 0.00%)		
2,075,000 XL TechGroup <sup>1</sup>	-	-
	-	-
Investments as shown in the balance sheet	229,907	98.79
Net current assets	2,811	1.21
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>232,718</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> Nil valued/delisted/suspended securities not approved within the meaning of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. The regulations permit a maximum of 10% of the Fund to be invested in unapproved securities. Securities classed as unapproved are those which are not admitted to an official listing in a member state or traded on under the rules of an eligible securities market, as laid down in the Prospectus.



## Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 30 September

		2024		2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		1,417		594
Revenue	2,111		1,811	
Expenses	(441)		(421)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		-	
Net Revenue before taxation	1,670		1,390	
Taxation	-		(21)	
Net Revenue after taxation		1,670		1,369
<b>Total return before distributions</b>		<b>3,087</b>		<b>1,963</b>
Distributions		(797)		(865)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities</b>		<b>2,290</b>		<b>1,098</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the six months ended 30 September

		2024		2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		78,053		74,317
In specie transfer*	153,276		-	
Amounts receivable on creation of units	2,706		3,293	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(4,181)		(3,857)	
		151,801		(564)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		2,290		1,098
Retained distribution on accumulation units		570		604
Unclaimed distribution		4		10
<b>Closing net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>232,718</b>		<b>75,465</b>

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 September 2023 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 April 2024.

\* In Specie transfer from AXA Framlington Monthly Income Fund on 20 September 2024.



## Balance Sheet

As at

	30 September 2024 £'000	31 March 2024 £'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Fixed assets		
Investments	229,907	76,288
Current assets		
Debtors	1,238	632
Cash and bank balances	2,600	1,751
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>233,745</b>	<b>78,671</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	110	285
Other creditors	917	333
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>618</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>	<b>232,718</b>	<b>78,053</b>



## 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 31 March 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

## Distribution Tables

For the year ended 30 September 2024

		Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution payable/paid	
				Current year	Prior year
<b>A Inc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	0.750	-	0.750	0.750
	Group 2	0.750	-	0.750	0.750
2nd Interim	Group 1	0.750	-	0.750	0.750
	Group 2	0.750	-	0.750	0.750
<b>A Acc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	0.800	-	0.800	0.800
	Group 2	0.410	0.390	0.800	0.800
2nd Interim	Group 1	0.800	-	0.800	0.800
	Group 2	-	0.800	0.800	0.800
<b>D Inc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	1.600	-	1.600	1.600
	Group 2	1.600	-	1.600	1.600
2nd Interim	Group 1	1.600	-	1.600	1.600
	Group 2	-	1.600	1.600	1.600
<b>D Acc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	1.750	-	1.750	1.750
	Group 2	-	1.750	1.750	1.750
2nd Interim	Group 1	1.750	-	1.750	1.750
	Group 2	-	1.750	1.750	1.750
<b>R Inc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	1.600	-	1.600	1.600
	Group 2	-	1.600	1.600	1.600
2nd Interim	Group 1	1.600	-	1.600	1.600
	Group 2	0.229	1.371	1.600	1.600
<b>R Acc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	1.750	-	1.750	1.750
	Group 2	-	1.750	1.750	1.750
2nd Interim	Group 1	1.750	-	1.750	1.750
	Group 2	-	1.750	1.750	1.750
<b>Z Inc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	0.900	-	0.900	0.900
	Group 2	0.375	0.525	0.900	0.900
2nd Interim	Group 1	0.900	-	0.900	0.900
	Group 2	-	0.900	0.900	0.900
<b>Z Acc</b>					
1st Interim	Group 1	1.000	-	1.000	1.000
	Group 2	-	1.000	1.000	1.000
2nd Interim	Group 1	1.000	-	1.000	1.000
	Group 2	-	1.000	1.000	1.000

(All figures shown in pence per unit)





**Distribution Tables (Continued)**

Units are classified as Group 2 for the following periods in which they were acquired, thereafter they rank as Group 1 units.

Equalisation is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of Group 2 units and is refundable to holders of these units as a return of capital. Being a capital item it is not liable to income tax, but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.


The relevant periods for Group 2 units and the payment/transfer dates are shown below:


	Group 2 units from	to	Group 1 & 2 units paid/transferred
1st Interim	01.04.24	30.06.24	30.08.24
2nd Interim	01.07.24	30.09.24	29.11.24



## 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:

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Marcello Arona  
Director  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## 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 six months to 30 September 2024, the Fund did use SFTs or total return swaps. As such please see below disclosure.

### SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS (SFTs)

#### For the six months ended 30 September

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 Investment £	Manager of Collective £	Third Parties £	Total £
<b>Securities lending</b>				
Gross return	797.25	0.00	265.73	1,062.98
% 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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