

VT MUNRO-SMART BETA FUND

(Sub-fund VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund)

Interim Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited)
For the six months ended 31 July 2023

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COMPANY OVERVIEW

Type of Company: VT Munro Smart-Beta Fund ("the Company") is an authorized open-ended investment company with variable capital ("ICVC") further to a Financial Services Authority ("FSA") (predecessor of the FCA) authorization order dated 18 July 2007. The Company is incorporated under registration number IC000551. It is a UCITS scheme complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("COLL") issued by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

The Company has been set up as an umbrella company. The Company has currently one Sub-fund available for investment, VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund ("the Sub-fund").

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Instrument of Incorporation can be inspected at the office of the AFM.

The Company has no directors other than the AFM.

The base currency of the Company is UK sterling.

Copies of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document are available free of charge from the AFM.

STATEMENT OF THE AUTHORISED FUND MANAGER'S (AFM's) RESPONSIBILITIES

The rules of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook require the Authorised Fund Manager to prepare financial statements for each accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at the end of the financial period and its net revenue and net capital losses for the period. In preparing these financial statements the Authorised Fund Manager is required to:

- > comply with the Prospectus, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Instrument of Incorporation, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures which are required to be disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- > select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- > make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- > prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The Authorised Fund Manager is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL regulations, the Instrument of Incorporation, and the Prospectus. The Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook, we hereby certify the interim report.

David E. Smith CA

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Authorised Fund Manager

Date

SUB-FUND OVERVIEW

Name of Sub-fund	VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund
Size of Sub-fund	£32,853,782
Launch date	22 July 2007
Sub-fund objective and policy	<p>The objective of the VT Munro Smart-Beta UK Fund (the "Sub-fund") is to maximise the overall return by seeking to replicate the performance of the Elston Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index.[^]</p> <p>The Sub-fund will invest mainly in UK securities listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Sub-fund will be constructed on the basis of the underlying fundamental financial attributes of the companies listed on the London Stock Exchange rather on their market capitalisation. The weight of each company in the Sub-fund will be determined by the proportion that its forecast total dividend will be expected to make of the total income of all the companies held in the Sub-fund.</p> <p>The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, bonds, collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits.</p> <p>It is the AFM's intention that derivatives be used for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management style techniques.</p> <p>The AFM does not intend to have an interest in any immovable property or tangible movable property.</p> <p>The Sub-fund will be managed in a manner that maintains eligibility for the stocks and shares component of a personal equity plan or individual savings account.</p>
Authorised Fund Manager (AFM)	Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Annual accounting date	31 January
Interim accounting dates	Last day of each month
Annual income allocation date	31 March
Interim income allocation dates	Last day of each month
Individual Savings Account (ISA)	The Company is a qualifying investment for inclusion in an ISA.
Minimum investment*	
Lump sum subscription:	X Class Income/Accumulation Shares = £250
Top-up:	X Class Income/Accumulation Shares = £100
Holding:	X Class Income/Accumulation Shares = £250
Redemption:	X Class Shares = Nil
*The AFM may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amount.	
AFM's preliminary charge	X Class Income/Accumulation = nil
Annual management charges	<p>The management charge in respect of the X Class Shares is 0.50% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the X Class Shares.</p> <p>[^]The Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend index is a Sterling based total return index, comprising approximately 300 of the largest dividend paying stocks (excluding Investment Trusts) that are quoted on the London Stock Exchange.</p> <p>While the full universe is initially determined by market capitalisation, the investible universe is reweighted based on expected dividend pay-out. The Sub-fund aims to replicate the performance of the Freedom Smart-Beta UK Dividend index but will not necessarily be invested in all the constituents.</p>

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW

Investment Activities

The fund is managed to replicate the Elston Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index as closely as possible, having regard for costs. At the end of the period, it was invested in companies which accounted for 99.8% of the forecast dividend income of the Index. The fund continues to follow the process of investing in large and medium sized companies listed on the London Stock Exchange, excluding investment trusts, in line with each stock's contribution to the total forecasted dividend payout for the group as a whole. Elston Consulting is the benchmark administrator of this Index.

The investment management process is designed to minimize trading and exploit volatility. New money is allocated to securities which are underweight relative to their position in the index.

Subscriptions to the fund of £12,629,597 exceeded redemptions of £3,572,631 to give a net inflow of £9,056,966. The fund did decrease by £1,079,438 from investment activities, overall, the fund increased in size by £8,541,758, from £24,312,028 to £32,853,782.

During the period the fund distributed £694,405 to investors. This was a large increase on the £196,009 distributed in the same period last year, largely down to the increased fund size. The yield on the X Income share class at the period end was 4.97% which compares to 5.32% at the end of July 2022, this reduction is due to continued strength in asset prices.

Throughout this period the cash position held by the fund was kept as low as possible following full deployment of investor inflows and allowing for accrued income held in the fund.

Purchases totalling £12,566,091 were made into 221 companies, the top 20 are listed on page 12.

Redemptions, and corporate actions, and changes to the index caused the fund to sell shares in 77 names totalling £3,080,006. The top 20 sales are also listed on page 12.

Trading was therefore confined to investing new funds as per the index and accepting takeover offers and raising cash to meet redemptions.

Investment Performance

Over the period under review the X Accumulation shares decreased in value by -1.44%. This is below the fall of -0.76% in the Elston Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index which it seeks to replicate, giving a gross underperformance of -0.68%. However, the cost of running the fund is 0.80% (for the X Accumulation shares) meaning that in gross terms it outperformed the benchmark by +0.12%. In the period, direct transaction costs were 0.24% effectively delivering a relative outperformance of +0.36% over the period.

The performance of the fund and strategy performed broadly in line with traditional UK Equity benchmarks, and the UK Equity Income peer group.

As mentioned above, the current dividend yield of the fund is 4.97% which would place it at the top of the UK All Companies Sector, according to Trustnet.

The concept of smart-beta indexing is to use an alternative index weighting scheme that is different to the traditional market-capitalisation weighted approach. The aim of using an alternative weighting scheme is to capture the returns of an asset class ("beta"), in this case the UK stock market, but with some additional return potential by utilising an alternative ("smart") weighting scheme, for example by emphasising a particular factor exposure. The factor focus for this index and fund is yield factor from dividends which in the UK market is also a proxy for value factor. For several years, when a value bias was out of favour, the return of this index was below that of the broader UK equity market as growth-oriented stocks benefitted from ultra-low interest rates and quantitative easing that pushed money into riskier assets. In an above-target inflationary regime, value/yield factors have been back in favour.

INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW (Continued)

Investment Strategy

There was no change in the investment strategy of the fund which is to track the Elston Smart-Beta UK Dividend Index. This index methodology allocates weights to shares in proportion to their contribution to the total cash dividend forecast for this index. This alternative weighting scheme is why it is considered a “smart-beta” based approach, when compared to traditional “beta”, characterised by market-capitalisation weighting schemes.

The fundamental dividend tracking process captures this effect by focusing solely on forecast dividend flows and ignoring capital values. As far as we know this makes it unique.

A passive fund is relatively straightforward and relatively cost-effective to run, as most of the complexity takes place within the index methodology. Many of the costs at this stage are fixed and this makes it very well placed to take advantage of economies of scale as the fund grows. The manager and sponsor are keen to pass those benefits through to the investor and intends to reduce the AMC and/or the OCF as the fund grows in size. The OCF has therefore reduced significantly over the last two years, as the fund has scaled.

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited
Investment Manager of the Sub-fund
25th September 2023

^The report for the year ending 31 January 2023 stated stamp duty forms part of the fund OCF. This is incorrect and should have stated forms part of direct transaction costs.

PERFORMANCE RECORD

Financial Highlights

Class A Net Income

	For the period 1 February 2022 to 20 September 2022^	Year ended 31 January 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	79.9674	69.3414
Return before operating charges	0.0733	16.3605
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.0265)	(1.7618)
Return after operating charges*	(0.9532)	14.5987
Distributions on income shares	(2.9472)	(3.9727)
Closing net asset value per share	76.0670	79.9674
*after direct transactions costs of:	0.6631	0.0373
Performance		
Return after charges	(1.19%)	21.05%
Other information		
Closing net asset value	-	£21,182
Closing number of shares	-	26,488
Operating charges (note 2)	2.07%	2.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.85%	0.05%
Prices		
Highest share price	82.4000	81.6802
Lowest share price	73.9538	69.3139

^ share class was closed on 20th September 2022.

Class X Net Income

	Period ended 31 July 2023	Year ended 31 January 2023	Year ended 31 January 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	92.7398	90.1418	77.4552
Return before operating charges	(0.9880)	7.9034	18.2798
Operating charges (note 1)	(0.3633)	(0.9784)	(1.1397)
Return after operating charges*	(1.3514)	6.9250	17.1402
Distributions on income shares	(2.4578)	(4.3270)	(4.4536)
Closing net asset value per share	88.9306	92.7398	90.1418
*after direct transactions costs of:	0.2180	0.7772	0.0419
Performance			
Return after charges	(1.46%)	7.68%	22.13%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£5,926,637	£6,591,746	£3,905,195
Closing number of shares	6,664,342	7,107,782	4,332,282
Operating charges (note 2)	0.80%	1.07%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.24%	0.85%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	95.7503	93.9584	92.0455
Lowest share price	84.1239	81.0457	77.4330

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Class A Net Accumulation

	For the period 1 February 2022 to 20 September 2022^	Year ended 31 January 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	143.4683	117.9804
Return before operating charges	0.1018	28.5730
Operating charges (note 1)	(1.8760)	(3.0851)
Return after operating charges*	(1.7742)	25.4879
Closing net asset value per share	141.6941	143.4683
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	5.3460	6.9184
*after direct transactions costs of:	1.2119	0.0654
Performance		
Return after charges	(1.24%)	21.60%
Other information		
Closing net asset value	-	£38,025
Closing number of shares	-	26,504
Operating charges (note 2)	2.07%	2.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.85%	0.05%
Prices		
Highest share price	150.3688	146.2094
Lowest share price	133.8548	117.9337

^ share class was closed on 20th September 2022.

Class X Net Accumulation

	Period ended 31 July 2023	Year ended 31 January 2023	Year ended 31 January 2022
Changes in net assets per share	GBp	GBp	GBp
Opening net asset value per share	175.4399	162.5302	132.4211
Return before operating charges	(1.8282)	14.7178	32.1148
Operating charges (note 1)	(0.6967)	(1.8081)	(2.0057)
Return after operating charges*	(2.5249)	12.9097	30.1091
Closing net asset value per share	172.9150	175.4399	162.5302
Retained distributions on accumulated shares	4.7002	8.0186	7.7943
*after direct transactions costs of:	0.4180	1.4364	0.0737
Performance			
Return after charges	(1.44%)	7.94%	22.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£26,937,757	£17,726,631	£1,974,333
Closing number of shares	15,578,614	10,104,104	1,214,749
Operating charges (note 2)	0.80%	1.07%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs	0.24%	0.85%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	181.1349	177.8286	165.5875
Lowest share price	163.2746	151.7632	132.3831

PERFORMANCE RECORD (Continued)

Financial Highlights (Continued)

1. The operating charges per share figure is calculated by applying the operating charges percentage to the average net asset valuation per share throughout the period.
2. The operating charges percentage is based on the expenses incurred during the period annualised, as a proportion of the average net asset value of the Sub-fund plus the costs of the underlying trust holdings.

Risk Profile

Based on past data, the Sub-fund is ranked a '6' on the synthetic risk and reward indicator scale (of 1 to 7) as described fully in the Key Investor Document (31 January 2023: ranked 6). The Sub-fund is ranked 6 because weekly historical performance data indicates that it has experienced significant rises and falls in market prices historically. The higher the rank, the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

As at 31 July 2023 (unaudited)

Holding Investment	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (31.01.2023: 96.50%)		
44,290 ABRDN PLC	103,284	0.31%
6,030 Admiral Group PLC	128,439	0.39%
58,490 Airtel Africa PLC	68,141	0.21%
4,576 AJ Bell PLC	14,936	0.05%
120 Alpha Group International PLC	2,640	0.01%
22,800 Anglo American PLC	542,412	1.65%
7,490 Antofagasta PLC	123,585	0.38%
19,020 Ashmore Group PLC	40,056	0.12%
2,510 Ashtead Group PLC	143,522	0.44%
7,010 Associated British Foods PLC	143,775	0.44%
11,390 AstraZeneca PLC	1,266,796	3.86%
5,190 Auto Trader Group PLC	33,517	0.10%
81,580 Aviva PLC	316,286	0.96%
10,300 B&M European Value Retail SA	56,856	0.17%
5,510 Babcock International Group PLC	20,663	0.06%
34,880 BAE Systems PLC	326,198	0.99%
6,570 Balfour Beatty PLC	23,048	0.07%
1,610 Bank of Georgia Group PLC	52,406	0.16%
344,970 Barclays PLC	538,291	1.64%
19,290 Barratt Developments PLC	88,367	0.27%
5,450 Beazley PLC	30,111	0.09%
2,460 Bellway PLC	54,366	0.17%
2,030 Berkeley Group Holdings PLC	88,366	0.27%
284,340 BP PLC	1,360,709	4.14%
2,370 Bodycote PLC	16,341	0.05%
4,070 Breedon Group PLC	14,550	0.04%
11,360 Bridgepoint Group PLC	21,766	0.07%
75,130 British American Tobacco PLC	1,974,792	6.01%
3,010 Britvic PLC	26,127	0.08%
209,730 BT Group PLC	255,032	0.78%
2,570 Bunzl PLC	73,990	0.23%
4,170 Burberry Group PLC	92,657	0.28%
1,200 Burford Capital Ltd	12,540	0.04%
1,640 Bytes Technology Group PLC	8,446	0.03%
2,300 Carnival PLC	30,142	0.09%
14,490 Centamin PLC	13,802	0.04%
58,600 Centrica PLC	80,575	0.25%
2,350 Chemring Group PLC	6,639	0.02%
3,960 Close Brothers Group PLC	36,353	0.11%
16,380 Coats Group PLC	11,351	0.03%
13,010 Compass Group PLC	261,891	0.80%
1,180 Computacenter PLC	25,771	0.08%
3,510 Conduit Holdings Ltd	17,006	0.05%
16,540 ConvaTec Group PLC	34,899	0.11%
450 Cranswick PLC	14,958	0.05%
930 Croda International PLC	54,647	0.17%
65 CVS Group PLC	1,335	0.00%
1,520 DCC PLC	68,461	0.21%
500 Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC	18,560	0.06%
18,900 Diageo PLC	643,073	1.96%
900 Diploma PLC	28,908	0.09%
52,080 Direct Line Insurance Group PLC	79,969	0.24%
50,950 Diversified Energy Company PLC	48,275	0.15%
5,450 Dominos Pizza Group PLC	19,086	0.06%
15,140 Dowlais Group Plc	18,592	0.06%
14,590 Dr. Martens PLC	22,454	0.07%
5,810 Drax Group PLC	35,557	0.11%

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY (Continued)

As at 31 July 2023 (unaudited)		
Holding Investment	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (continued)		
31,040 DS Smith PLC	96,193	0.29%
2,607 Dunelm Group PLC	29,563	0.09%
5,230 easyJet plc	23,697	0.07%
4,790 RS Group PLC	36,931	0.11%
670 EMIS Group PLC	9,675	0.03%
3,130 Endeavour Mining PLC	57,936	0.18%
8,700 Energean PLC	100,920	0.31%
3,700 Entain PLC	50,949	0.16%
37,625 EVRAZ plc^	-	0.00%
5,130 Experian PLC	154,977	0.47%
551 Fevertree Drinks PLC	7,405	0.02%
7,580 FirstGroup PLC	11,036	0.03%
7,460 Fresnillo PLC	45,476	0.14%
170 Future PLC	1,423	0.00%
420 Games Workshop Group PLC	49,014	0.15%
450 Gamma Communications PLC	4,950	0.02%
1,628 GB Group PLC	4,073	0.01%
2,650 Genuit Group PLC	8,215	0.03%
300 Genus PLC	7,368	0.02%
357,830 Glencore PLC	1,694,504	5.16%
60,000 GSK plc	827,280	2.52%
870 Greggs PLC	23,821	0.07%
62,750 HALEON PLC	212,440	0.65%
1,220 Halma PLC	27,182	0.08%
23,820 Harbour Energy PLC	62,504	0.19%
9,060 Hargreaves Lansdown PLC	77,717	0.24%
48,020 Hays PLC	51,573	0.16%
1,950 Hikma Pharmaceuticals PLC	40,794	0.12%
730 Hill & Smith Holdings PLC	11,461	0.03%
3,370 Hiscox Ltd	36,565	0.11%
5,960 Howden Joinery Group PLC	44,080	0.13%
461,080 HSBC Holdings PLC	2,991,026	9.10%
7,210 Istock PLC	10,793	0.03%
9,480 IG Group Holdings PLC	67,877	0.21%
1,610 IMI PLC	25,921	0.08%
2,210 Impax Asset Management Group PLC	12,332	0.04%
26,470 Imperial Brands PLC	489,695	1.49%
6,530 Inchcape PLC	53,024	0.16%
12,130 Informa PLC	92,042	0.28%
1,440 InterContinental Hotels Group PLC	83,030	0.25%
6,410 Intermediate Capital Group PLC	89,772	0.27%
13,970 International Consolidated Airlines Group SA	23,665	0.07%
1,500 Intertek Group PLC	65,370	0.20%
20,050 Investec PLC	98,847	0.30%
96,430 ITV PLC	69,526	0.21%
36,740 J Sainsbury PLC	102,064	0.31%
10,290 JD Sports Fashion PLC	16,202	0.05%
784 Jet2 PLC	8,828	0.03%
3,020 John Wood Group PLC	4,415	0.01%
2,820 Johnson Matthey PLC	50,718	0.15%
810 JTC PLC	5,860	0.02%
8,450 Just Group PLC	6,963	0.02%
900 Kainos Group PLC	11,574	0.04%
33,740 Kingfisher PLC	82,832	0.25%
7,860 Lancashire Holdings Ltd	47,042	0.14%
6,000 Learning Technologies Group PLC	4,449	0.01%
187,670 Legal & General Group PLC	436,896	1.33%

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY (Continued)

As at 31 July 2023 (unaudited)		
Holding Investment	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (continued)		
1,537,930 Lloyds Banking Group PLC	692,684	2.11%
2,590 London Stock Exchange Group PLC	219,684	0.67%
82,990 M&G PLC	165,690	0.50%
24,300 Man Group PLC	57,615	0.18%
23,430 Marks and Spencer Group PLC	47,938	0.15%
4,120 Marshalls PLC	10,547	0.03%
5,950 Melrose Industries PLC	31,392	0.10%
15,550 Mitie Group PLC	15,892	0.05%
7,820 Mondi PLC	106,899	0.33%
8,350 Moneysupermarket.Com Group PLC	22,896	0.07%
18,040 Mobico Group PLC	17,156	0.05%
69,900 National Grid PLC	722,766	2.20%
243,530 Natwest Group PLC	594,700	1.81%
784 Network International Holdings PLC	3,034	0.01%
1,330 Next PLC	93,605	0.28%
950 Next 15 Group PLC	5,862	0.02%
10,850 OSB Group PLC	39,798	0.12%
140 Oxford Instruments PLC	3,346	0.01%
10,180 Pagegroup PLC	45,810	0.14%
5,080 Paragon Banking Group PLC	27,305	0.08%
6,960 Pearson PLC	60,997	0.19%
6,010 Pennon Group PLC	42,250	0.13%
6,680 Persimmon PLC	77,822	0.24%
5,940 Pets at Home Group PLC	23,309	0.07%
34,010 Phoenix Group Holdings	186,647	0.57%
448 Playtech PLC	2,513	0.01%
3,850 Premier Foods PLC	4,890	0.01%
14,120 Prudential PLC	153,343	0.47%
4,790 Qinetiq Group PLC	15,472	0.05%
27,000 Quilter PLC	21,519	0.07%
1,040 Rathbones Group PLC	18,574	0.06%
8,090 Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	474,559	1.44%
4,950 Redde Northgate PLC	17,028	0.05%
4,719 Redrow PLC	24,232	0.07%
15,180 Relx PLC	398,171	1.21%
500 Renishaw PLC	19,390	0.06%
12,200 Rentokil Initial PLC	76,933	0.23%
4,960 Rightmove PLC	28,232	0.09%
34,820 Rio Tinto PLC	1,791,837	5.45%
20,960 Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	39,436	0.12%
7,050 Rotork PLC	21,658	0.07%
18,900 International Distributions Services PLC	50,558	0.15%
7,180 RWS Holdings PLC	18,769	0.06%
7,450 Sage Group PLC	69,792	0.21%
2,050 Savills PLC	20,018	0.06%
27,080 Schroders PLC	124,433	0.38%
8,500 Serco Group PLC	13,192	0.04%
11,190 Serica Energy PLC	26,543	0.08%
3,970 Severn Trent PLC	101,434	0.31%
102,530 Shell plc	2,400,740	7.31%
24,010 Sirius Real Estate Ltd	19,688	0.06%
2,350 Smart Metering Systems PLC	16,215	0.05%
7,320 Smith & Nephew PLC	86,925	0.26%
3,170 Smiths Group PLC	53,922	0.16%
1,900 Softcat PLC	28,253	0.09%
805 Spectris PLC	27,974	0.09%
410 Spirax-Sarco Engineering PLC	45,285	0.14%
7,430 Spirent Communications plc	12,557	0.04%
13,260 SSE PLC	224,956	0.68%

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY (Continued)

As at 31 July 2023 (unaudited)		
Holding Investment	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (continued)		
4,800 SSP Group PLC	12,086	0.04%
10,670 St. Jamess Place PLC	99,658	0.30%
29,830 Standard Chartered PLC	221,935	0.68%
3,760 Tate & Lyle PLC	28,144	0.09%
105,930 Taylor Wimpey PLC	121,767	0.37%
1,450 TBC Bank Group PLC	36,105	0.11%
1,650 Telecom Plus PLC	27,423	0.08%
114,590 Tesco PLC	297,132	0.90%
24,410 TP ICAP PLC	38,226	0.12%
3,110 Travis Perkins PLC	27,163	0.08%
32,400 Unilever PLC	1,367,604	4.16%
12,110 United Utilities Group PLC	121,161	0.37%
1,230 Victrex PLC	18,942	0.06%
31,590 Virgin Money UK PLC	55,709	0.17%
8,550 Vistry Group PLC	67,930	0.21%
959,070 Vodafone Group PLC	714,891	2.18%
1,250 Volution Group PLC	4,988	0.02%
1,950 Weir Group PLC	35,315	0.11%
1,000 WH Smith PLC	14,960	0.05%
1,770 Whitbread PLC	61,897	0.19%
18,960 WPP PLC	160,819	0.49%
Total Equities	31,694,340	96.47%
Investment trusts (31.01.2023: 0.67%)		
10,640 3i Group PLC	211,576	0.64%
300 4imprint Group PLC	13,335	0.04%
	224,911	0.68%
REIT (31.01.2023: 2.31%)		
72,040 Assura PLC	33,859	0.10%
2,770 Big Yellow Group PLC	29,445	0.09%
22,590 British Land Company PLC	75,451	0.23%
15,469 Shaftesbury Capital PLC	18,362	0.06%
1,520 Derwent London PLC	32,163	0.10%
7,880 Grainger PLC	19,842	0.06%
2,490 Great Portland Estates PLC	10,538	0.03%
95,910 Hammerson PLC	25,090	0.08%
17,310 Land Securities Group PLC	110,611	0.34%
19,970 Londonmetric Property PLC	36,565	0.11%
45,470 LXi REIT PLC	42,901	0.13%
32,060 Primary Health Properties PLC	30,152	0.09%
2,700 Safestore Holdings PLC	23,812	0.07%
17,150 SEGRO PLC	129,241	0.39%
34,650 Supermarket Income REIT PLC	26,368	0.08%
38,580 Tritax Big Box REIT PLC	52,700	0.16%
30,890 UK Commercial Property Trust Ltd	16,062	0.05%
5,560 Unite Group PLC	53,597	0.16%
10,450 Urban Logistics Reit PLC	12,476	0.04%
	779,235	2.37%
Portfolio of investments (31.01.2023: 99.48%)	32,698,486	99.53%
Net other assets (31.01.2023: 0.52%)	155,296	0.47%
	32,853,782	100.00%

^Suspended company

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

Sales	£
HSBC Holdings PLC	443,769
Glencore PLC	352,970
Rio Tinto PLC	327,903
Ferguson Plc	171,704
AstraZeneca PLC	142,342
Shell plc	108,097
Vodafone Group PLC	107,485
Anglo American PLC	94,912
Unilever PLC	68,430
National Grid PLC	63,193
British American Tobacco PLC	62,077
BT Group PLC	59,658
Ninety One PLC	57,254
BP PLC	51,505
3i Group PLC	51,210
Diageo PLC	50,185
BAE Systems PLC	42,640
GSK plc	39,055
Relx PLC	37,426
Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	27,412
Other sales	720,779
Total sales for the period	3,080,006
Purchases	£
HSBC Holdings PLC	993,875
British American Tobacco PLC	959,463
Shell plc	861,294
Rio Tinto PLC	827,047
Glencore PLC	755,951
BP PLC	485,069
AstraZeneca PLC	446,554
Unilever PLC	443,811
Vodafone Group PLC	360,934
GSK plc	330,449
Natwest Group PLC	299,614
Anglo American PLC	295,627
Lloyds Banking Group PLC	267,320
National Grid PLC	257,120
Diageo PLC	245,975
Barclays PLC	200,349
Imperial Brands PLC	181,130
Legal & General Group PLC	159,868
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	158,030
BAE Systems PLC	128,374
Other purchases	3,908,237
Total Purchases for the period	12,566,091

The above transactions represent the largest twenty sales and purchases during the period.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the six months ended 31 July (unaudited)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Net capital (losses)	(948,371)	(194,600)
Revenue	699,306	198,922
Expenses	(134,469)	(39,939)
Interest payable and similar charges	-	(13)
Net revenue before taxation	564,837	158,970
Taxation	(1,499)	-
Net revenue after taxation	563,338	158,970
Total return before distributions	(385,033)	(35,630)
Finance costs: distributions	(694,405)	(196,009)
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	(1,079,438)	(231,639)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the six months ended 31 July (unaudited)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	24,312,028	5,937,548
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	12,629,597	4,000,642
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,572,631)	(1,684,454)
Accumulation dividends retained	550,478	64,860
Dilution levies	13,748	2,410
Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(1,079,438)	(231,639)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	32,853,782	8,089,367

The Investment Association SORP requires comparatives are shown for the above report. As comparatives should be for the comparable interim period the net asset value at the end of the period will not agree to the net asset value at the start of the period. The company net asset value as at 31 January 2023 was £24,312,028.

BALANCE SHEET

As at (unaudited)

	31.07.2023		31.01.2023	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Investment assets		32,698,486		24,184,561
Current assets				
Debtors	1,098,439		227,290	
Cash and bank balances	<u>238,536</u>		<u>113,200</u>	
Total current assets		<u>1,336,975</u>		<u>340,490</u>
Total assets		<u>34,035,461</u>		<u>24,525,051</u>
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	(1,116,844)		(176,279)	
Distribution payable on income shares	<u>(64,835)</u>		<u>(36,744)</u>	
Total current liabilities		<u>(1,181,679)</u>		<u>(213,023)</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>32,853,782</u>		<u>24,312,028</u>

Accounting Policies

The accounting policies are consistent with those of the financial statements for the period ended 31 January 2023 and are those described in those financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (SORP) issued by the Investment Association (IA) in May 2014 and the amendments to the SORP issued by the IA in June 2017.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

Month 1 Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 February 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 February 2023 and on or before 28 February 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
28.04.2023	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.2728p
28.04.2023	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.2728p
28.04.2023	Group 1	X Net Income	0.3420p	-	0.3420p	0.3077p
28.04.2023	Group 2	X Net Income	0.2479p	0.0941p	0.3420p	0.3077p
28.04.2023	Group 1	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.4895p
28.04.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.4895p
28.04.2023	Group 1	X Net Accumulation	0.6470p	-	0.6470p	0.5548p
28.04.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.2513p	0.3957p	0.6470p	0.5548p

Month 2 Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 March 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 March 2023 and on or before 31 March 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
31.05.2023	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.9895p
31.05.2023	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.9895p
31.05.2023	Group 1	X Net Income	0.8541p	-	0.8541p	1.1167p
31.05.2023	Group 2	X Net Income	0.3136p	0.5405p	0.8541p	1.1167p
31.05.2023	Group 1	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	1.7821p
31.05.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	1.7821p
31.05.2023	Group 1	X Net Accumulation	1.6227p	-	1.6227p	2.0204p
31.05.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.6257p	0.9970p	1.6227p	2.0204p

Month 3 Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 April 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 April 2023 and on or before 30 April 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
30.06.2023	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.4131p
30.06.2023	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.4131p
30.06.2023	Group 1	X Net Income	0.2856p	-	0.2856p	0.4666p
30.06.2023	Group 2	X Net Income	0.1397p	0.1459p	0.2856p	0.4666p
30.06.2023	Group 1	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.7529p
30.06.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.7529p
30.06.2023	Group 1	X Net Accumulation	0.5475p	-	0.5475p	0.8546p
30.06.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.3504p	0.1971p	0.5475p	0.8546p

DISTRIBUTION TABLES (Continued)**Month 4 Distribution in pence per share**

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 May 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 May 2023 and on or before 31 May 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
31.07.2022	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.0593p
31.07.2022	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.0593p
31.07.2022	Group 1	X Net Income	0.5365p	-	0.5365p	0.0656p
31.07.2022	Group 2	X Net Income	0.1685p	0.3680p	0.5365p	0.0656p
31.07.2022	Group 1	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.0901p
31.07.2022	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.0901p
31.07.2022	Group 1	X Net Accumulation	1.0316p	-	1.0316p	0.1759p
31.07.2022	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.3464p	0.6852p	1.0316p	0.1759p

Month 5 Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 June 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 June 2023 and on or before 30 June 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
31.08.2023	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.2237p
31.08.2023	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.2237p
31.08.2023	Group 1	X Net Income	0.2793p	-	0.2793p	0.2531p
31.08.2023	Group 2	X Net Income	0.0975p	0.1818p	0.2793p	0.2531p
31.08.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.4102p
31.08.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.4102p
31.08.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.5404p	-	0.5404p	0.4662p
31.08.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.1733p	0.3671p	0.5404p	0.4662p

Month 6 Distribution in pence per share

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 01 July 2023

Group 2 : Shares purchased on or after 01 July 2023 and on or before 31 July 2023

Payment Date	Unit Type	Share Class	Net Revenue 2023	Equalisation	Distribution 2023	Distribution 2022
29.09.2023	Group 1	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.1336p
29.09.2023	Group 2	A Net Income	-	-	-	0.1336p
29.09.2023	Group 1	X Net Income	0.1603p	-	0.1603p	0.1513p
29.09.2023	Group 2	X Net Income	0.0973p	0.0630p	0.1603p	0.1513p
29.09.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.2457p
29.09.2023	Group 2	A Net Accumulation	-	-	-	0.2457p
29.09.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.3111p	-	0.3111p	0.2795p
29.09.2023	Group 2	X Net Accumulation	0.0759p	0.2352p	0.3111p	0.2795p

INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS

Taxation

The Company will pay no corporation tax on its profits for the period to 31 July 2023 and capital gains within the Company will not be taxed.

Individual shareholders

Income tax: Tax-free annual dividend allowance now standing at £1,000 (2023/24). UK resident shareholders are now subject to new, higher rates of tax on dividend income in excess of the annual allowance. UK resident shareholders are subject to tax on dividend income in excess of the annual allowance.

Capital gains tax: Individual shareholders resident in the UK for tax purposes may be liable to capital gains tax on realisation of their shares as with other chargeable assets. However, the first £6,000 (2023/24) of gains each year are presently tax free for individuals. Gains in excess of that amount are charged at the rate of tax applicable to the individual tax payer.

Corporate shareholders

Companies resident for tax purposes in the UK which hold shares should note that OEIC distributions are streamed into both franked and unfranked income. The unfranked income element will be treated as an annual payment which has been subject to income tax at a rate of 20% and will be liable to tax accordingly. On realisation of their shares, UK resident companies may be liable to pay corporation tax on any capital gains.

The above information on taxation is only a general summary, and shareholders should consult their own tax advisors in relation to their own circumstances. Shareholders should also note that the position as outlined may change to reflect future changes in tax legislation.

Debts of the ICVC fund

Unit holders of the ICVC are not liable for the debts of the ICVC.

Issue and redemption of shares

Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited is the AFM and Registrar. Valu-Trac Investment Management Limited will receive requests for the purchase or sale of shares at any time during 8.30am to 5.30pm. Instructions may be given by email to the below email address or by sending an application form to the Registrar. Application forms are available from the Registrar.

(E-mail: Smartbeta@valu-trac.com).

The price of shares will be determined by reference to a valuation of the Company's net assets at 12 noon on each dealing day.

The AFM has the right to reject, on reasonable grounds relating to the circumstances of the applicant, any application for shares in whole or part, and in this event the AFM will return any money sent, or the balance of such monies, at the risk of the applicant. In addition the AFM may reject any application previously accepted in circumstances where the applicant has paid by cheque and that cheque subsequently fails to be cleared.

Any subscription monies remaining after a whole number of shares has been issued will not be returned to the applicant. Instead, smaller denomination shares will be issued in such circumstances.

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased and the price used will be issued by the Registrar by the end of the business day following the valuation point by reference to which the purchase price is determined.

Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the Company's Register of Shareholders. Certificates will not be issued. Statements in respect of periodic distributions of revenue will show the number of shares held by the recipient in respect of which the distribution is made. Individual statements of a shareholder's shares will also be issued at any time on request by the registered holder.

Where shares are redeemed, payment will be made not later than the close of business on the fourth business day following the next valuation point after receipt by the AFM of a request for redemption. The AFM may at its discretion accept subscriptions lower than the minimum amount.

The most recent issue and redemption prices are available from the AFM.

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