

Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK)

Annual Financial Statements for the accounting period from 29 July 2022 to 28 July 2023

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Company Information

Authorised Status

Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) (the "Company") is an Open-Ended Investment Company (the "OEIC") with variable capital, incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000412, authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") with effect from 18 October 2005.

Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) is structured as an umbrella company with five available sub-funds ("Funds"), which may be increased in the future. The active Funds are as follows:

Barclays Global Core Fund
Barclays Sterling Corporate Bond Fund
Barclays UK Alpha Fund
Barclays UK Equity Income Fund
Barclays UK Small and Mid Cap Fund

Each Fund is operated as a separate entity with its own portfolio and investment objective. The objective of each Fund is shown within the pages of this report relating to the Fund.

The Authorised Corporate Director's ("ACD's") Report comprises pages 3 to 4 and 156 to 158 of the Annual Financial Statements, together with the Investment Objective and Policy, the Investment Report, the Market/Economic Review, the Fund Review, the Outlook, the Portfolio Statement and the Summary of Material Portfolio Changes sections for each Fund.

As of 1st January 2021, the Company (as a UK former UCITS) was considered a non-EU third country AIF and no longer has authorisation status from an EU perspective. From a UK perspective, it is considered as a "UK UCITS" for the purposes of the onshored domestic regime (but it will not be able to carry out EU cross border activity).

Fund Liabilities

In accordance with the requirements of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations, the assets of each Fund belong exclusively to that Fund and shall not be used to discharge the liabilities of or claims against the Company, any other Fund or any other person or body.

The ACD may, however, allocate assets received or liabilities that it incurs on behalf of the Funds, which are not attributable to a particular Fund, between the Funds in a manner which it considers to be fair to the Shareholders of the Company. The ACD would normally expect any such re-allocation to be effected by sharing equally between the Funds.

Investors should be aware that the concept of segregated liability between the Funds is relatively new. Where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known how those foreign courts will react to the OEIC Regulations regarding the segregated liability of the Funds and cross investment between Funds.

Shareholders are not, however, liable for the debts of the Company. A Shareholder is not therefore liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of Shares.

Cross Holdings

There were no cross holdings between the Funds during the year or as at 28 July 2023.

Financial Statements

These annual financial statements are for the year from 29 July 2022 to 28 July 2023.

Key event during the period

On 1 May 2023, the parent undertaking of the ACD has changed from Barclays Bank UK PLC to Barclays Bank PLC.

Company Information (continued)

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Registered in England No. 06991560

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

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David Cavaye
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Mark Newbery (appointed 1 May 2023)

Nicola Eggers

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Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

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Custodian

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Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of the Company is required by the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ("COLL"), to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("UK GAAP"), of the net revenue and the net gains or losses on the scheme property for the accounting year, and the financial position of the Company at the end of that year. In preparing these financial statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether Financial Reporting Standards 102 ("FRS102") and UK GAAP have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, subject to the Company continuing in operation unless it is inappropriate to presume this;
- · manage the Company in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the COLL;
- maintain proper accounting records to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 and the COLL; and
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) ("the Company") for the year ended 28 July 2023

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

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

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

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

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

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

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited UK Trustee and Depositary Services 9 November 2023

Northern Trust Company. Head office 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, USA, Incorporated with limited liability in the U.S. as an Illinois banking corporation under number 0014019. UK establishment number BR001960.

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited. Registered in England & Wales under number 12578024. Registered office: 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Independent auditors' report to the Shareholders of Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) (the "Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of the sub-funds as at 28 July 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/losses on the scheme property of the Company and each of the sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) is an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') with 5 sub-funds. The financial statements of the Company comprise the financial statements of each of the sub-funds. We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheets as at 28 July 2023; the Statements of Total Return and the Statements of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year then ended; the Distribution Tables; and the Notes to the Financial Statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's or any sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Company's or any sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent auditors' report to the Shareholders of Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) (continued)

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook requires us also to report certain opinions as described below.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report

In our opinion, the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director for the financial statements

As explained more fully in Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Authorised Corporate Director is also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's and each of the sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to wind up or terminate the Company or individual sub-fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Independent auditors' report to the Shareholders of Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) (continued)

Based on our understanding of the Company/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the sourcebook which may directly impact on the determination of amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to increase the net asset value of the Company or the sub-funds. Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with the Authorised Corporate Director, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- · Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Authorised Corporate Director's board of directors;
- · Identifying and testing journal entries, specifically any journals posted as part of the financial year end close process; and
- · Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's shareholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook as required by paragraph 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

Opinion on matter required by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook In our opinion, we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit.

Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook exception reporting

Under the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook we are also required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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London

9 November 2023

Directors' Statement

We hereby certify that these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

David Cavaye (Director)

9 November 2023

Nicola Eggers (Director)

9 November 2023

Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Funds for the year ended 28 July 2023

Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company comprise the financial statements of each of the Funds and have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA") (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 ("the IMA SORP 2014").

(b) Recognition of revenue

Revenue from quoted equities and non equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Revenue from unquoted equity investments is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the dividend is declared.

Bond interest is recognised on an accruals basis taking into account the effective yield basis. The effective yield basis amortises any discount or premium on the purchase of an investment over its remaining life.

Revenue from distribution and accumulation units in collective investment schemes is recognised when the distribution is quoted ex-dividend

Special dividends are treated as either revenue or capital depending on the facts in each particular case.

Overseas revenue received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown gross of taxation, with the taxation consequences shown within the taxation charge.

Under the UK reporting regime, offshore collective investment schemes with reporting status are required to reflect excess reportable income within their revenue for tax purposes. Revenue from offshore funds that is not distributed is recognised when it is reported.

The treatment of the returns from derivatives depends upon the nature of the transaction. Both motive and circumstances are used to determine whether returns should be treated as capital or revenue.

Underwriting commission is taken to revenue and recognised when the issue takes place, except where the Fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten, in which case an appropriate proportion of the commission is deducted from the cost of those shares.

All other revenue is recognised on an accruals basis.

(c) Treatment of expenses

The ACD's periodic fee is taken from revenue for the Barclays Global Core, Barclays UK Alpha, and Barclays UK Small and Mid Cap Fund. The Barclays Sterling Corporate Bond and Barclays UK Equity Income Fund have their expenses taken from capital.

Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Funds for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

(d) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple share classes and distribution policy

With the exception of the Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD's) periodic fee and Registration fee, which are directly attributable to individual share classes, all revenue and expenses are allocated to the Fund's share class pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue or expenses are recognised.

The policy is to distribute all available revenue, after deduction of those expenses which are chargeable in calculating the distribution. In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow, interim distributions will be at the ACD's discretion, up to a maximum of the distributable revenue for the period. All remaining revenue is distributed in accordance with the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL').

The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as revenue and forms part of the distribution. In the case of an enhanced stock dividend, the value of the enhancement is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

For the purposes of calculating the distribution, the ACD's periodic fee is charged against revenue for the Barclays Global Core, Barclays UK Alpha, and Barclays UK Small and Mid Cap Fund. The Barclays Sterling Corporate Bond and Barclays UK Equity Income Fund have their expenses transferred to capital for the purposes of calculating the distribution.

Where the ACD's periodic fee is transferred to capital for the purposes of calculating the distribution, the other charges and expenses for that Fund will also be transferred to capital for the purposes of calculating the distribution, in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Rules, which may have the effect of constraining capital growth. Where the ACD's periodic fee is charged against the revenue of a Fund for the purposes of calculating the distribution, all other charges and expenses of that Fund will be treated as a revenue expense.

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by Shareholders for over six years are credited to the capital property of the Fund.

(e) Basis of valuation of investments

All investments are valued at their fair value as at close of business of 28 July 2023, being the last working day of the Funds' year end

The fair value for non-derivative securities is bid-market price, excluding any accrued interest and the fair value for derivative instruments is the cost of closing out the contract at the balance sheet date. Where values cannot be readily determined, the securities are valued at the ACD's best assessment of their value.

(f) Taxation

Provision is made for taxation at current rates on the excess of revenue over expenses, with relief for overseas taxation taken where appropriate.

Deferred tax is provided for on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, other than those differences that are regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred tax is provided for at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Funds for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

(g) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Where applicable, assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at close of business of 28 July 2023, as applicable.

(h) Dilution adjustment

The ACD may in its discretion make a dilution adjustment if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders, in the case of subscriptions, or remaining Shareholders, in the case of redemptions, might otherwise be adversely affected, and making a dilution adjustment is, so far as practicable, fair to all Shareholders and potential Shareholders. In particular, the dilution adjustment may be made in the following circumstances:

- a) where a Fund is expanding or contracting;
- b) where a Fund is experiencing a large net subscription position or a large net redemption position relative to its size on any dealing day; or
- c) in any other case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

Please refer to the chapter on "Valuation, subscriptions and redemptions" and the section titled "Single Swinging Pricing" and "Dilution Adjustment" in the Prospectus for more details on dilution adjustments.

Barclays Global Core Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth over the long term (a period of at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equity securities (shares of companies and other equity related investments) issued by companies domiciled in, incorporated in, or which have significant operations in, and which are listed or traded in developed markets (which may include Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development member states). These companies can operate in any industry, and be any size (i.e., any "market capitalisation" (the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued)) although it is intended that the Fund's main exposure will be to the largest companies by market capitalisation within the MSCI World Index (Net Return), the Fund's reference index (the "Reference Index").

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in other equity securities, fixed income securities (tradeable debt that may pay interest, such as bonds), money-market instruments ("MMIs", bonds with short term maturities), cash and deposits. These assets can be in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector.

The Fund may invest a maximum of 10% in other funds in seeking exposure to the above asset classes.

Fixed income securities and MMIs may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (e.g. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They will be investment grade (which means they meet a certain level of credit worthiness or credit rating by a credit rating agency, for example BBB- or higher by Standard & Poors, or are unrated but deemed to be of comparable quality).

Derivatives (investments whose value is linked to other investments) can be used for the purpose of "efficient portfolio management" (to seek to reduce the overall risk and cost to the Fund including through hedging (for example, to manage exposures to currencies) or to generate extra income or capital growth in line with the risk profile of the Fund).

The sub-investment manager takes into consideration the Reference Index when selecting investments. However, as the Fund is actively managed, which means the sub-investment manager has day-to-day discretion to select the Fund's investments, the sub-investment manager maintains a high degree of flexibility and has the ability to invest in fewer securities than those which constitute the Reference Index and in sector and country weights that are different to the Reference Index.

The strategy of the sub-investment manager, and therefore the overall performance of the Fund, can be significantly different to the Reference Index. However, the Investment Manager's expectation is that where there is use of multiple sub-investment managers, this will mean that the overall outcome of the Fund is more aligned to the Reference Index.

The Reference Index is also used by the Investment Manager as one means of monitoring and comparing the performance of the sub-investment manager as well as how the Fund in total has performed against the broader world equity market. The Investment Manager can also make changes to the proportion of the Fund's assets that the sub-investment manager manages.

Investment Report

During the year under review, the net asset value per share attributable to the R-Class Accumulation shares rose by 9.09%. This compares to a rise in the MSCI World Index, on a net return basis of 8.23%.

Market/Economic Review

Global equity markets posted largely negative returns during August and September 2022 following a rally in July. This was on the back of all major central banks reaffirming their commitment to tackling inflation by increasing interest rates, which would increase the cost of borrowing and thereby slow the global economy. The US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank, and the Bank of England all raised interest rates during the quarter, following high inflation figures. Whilst the US entered a technical recession, following two consecutive quarters of GDP decline, the US market remained resilient during the months of August and September. This was in contrast to the Eurozone, which avoided a technical recession, but showed signs of a weakening economy which was under pressure from energy costs ahead of the upcoming winter. The UK equity market also encountered difficulties, with the market poorly receiving September's 'mini-budget'.

The final quarter of 2022 was more buoyant, with Asian equities elevated on the back of the Chinese government's relaxation of their pandemic policy, making investors optimistic about a strong Chinese economic recovery in 2023. Asian shares were further boosted following the announcement that the US and China would look to improve relations significantly over the near-term. US and Eurozone posted positive returns for the quarter, led by economically sensitive sectors such as energy and financials. Views also started to culminate that inflation may be peaking in Europe and the US. However, central bank leaders were quick to note that interest rate rises were likely far from over.

Whilst fears of recessions in developed markets rippled through global markets, accompanied by volatile banking shares in the wake of the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) in March, global equity markets managed to maintain a strong first three months in 2023. The collapse of SVB stoked fears that the global financial system was unstable. These fears that were largely subsided in the US. In Europe, however, to prevent Credit Suisse from collapsing, Swiss authorities brokered a deal for UBS to buy the troubled bank – a move which shored up the global banking system. Japanese equities had a strong first quarter, with the Tokyo Stock Exchange announcing guidance to urge undervalued Japanese companies to boost their corporate value, bringing much investor attention to Japan.

The second quarter of 2023 saw gains made by global equity markets, led by the US and other developed markets. A number of factors contributed to this, including significant enthusiasm for artificial intelligence which provided a boost to tech stocks, particularly the so-called "magnificent seven" mega-cap stocks in the US. Additionally, investor sentiment was upbeat on the back of interest rates successfully calming inflation, stoking suggestions that interest rate rises by many central banks may soon start coming to an end. The US government also managed to bypass debt ceiling concerns, with a deal by congress being reached at the 11th hour. Japan experienced an extraordinary second quarter, with the Nikkei index reaching its highest level in 33 years driven by foreign investors, in part due to expectations of corporate governance reforms and structural shifts in the Japanese economy. Emerging markets struggled however, led by Chinese equities delivering a negative performance through the reopening of China's economy not living up to optimistic investor expectations.

In July however, the Chinese government announced it would support its economy through initiatives which would boost consumption, with markets receiving this well. For wider equity markets, the third quarter has started positively, amid rising hopes for a 'soft-landing' where the trough of the economic slowdown caused by higher interest rates does not result in a global recession.

Fund Review

The largest contributor to total returns for the year was an overweight in the Consumer Discretionary sector, as well as strong stock selection in the Consumer Staples and Information Technology sectors. The main detractors to total returns for the year was an overweight to Health Care, accompanied by weaker stock selection in the Materials and Communication Services sectors.

Over the year, the sub-investment manager, Liontrust, built positions into AutoStore, Boston Scientific, Church & Dwight, Dufry, Fortinet, Micron Technology, Pool, Publicis Groupe, Scotts Miracle-Gro, and Siemens. Positions in Aon, Autogrill, First Republic Bank, Gartner, Interactive Brokers, Shell, TotalEnergies, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and WillScot Mobile Mini were sold.

(Source: Bloomberg, Barclays)

Outlook

Whilst the full effects of monetary policy changes usually incur a lag of between 12-18 months, the wider global economy looks to be in a far more comfortable state than it was 12 months prior. Inflation rates appear to be past their peak for many economies, and the major central banks appear to have carried out the majority of their interest rate rises. With the prospect of a 'softlanding' rising in likelihood, it is important to retain the view that a global recession is still possible. However, as things stand currently, the prospect of a global recession is much less severe than what had initially been feared.

Given these factors, smaller and medium-sized companies appear to be particularly well-positioned to benefit over the medium term given a higher sensitivity to interest rates, with structural growth companies looking particularly attractive versus historical valuations.

Barclays Investment Solutions Limited Wealth Management August 2023

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023

All investments are in ordinary shares unless stated otherwise. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector holdings at $28 \, \text{July} \, 2022$.

| Nominal Value | | | |
|------------------|--|-------|---------|
| Value | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £′000 | Asset |
| | AFRICA: 0.32% (0.39%) | | |
| | MAURITIUS: 0.32% (0.39%) | | |
| 13,635 | MakeMyTrip^^ | 304 | 0.32 |
| | ASIA: 9.94% (10.90%) | | |
| | HONG KONG: 0.78% (0.85%) | | |
| 93,400 | AIA | 725 | 0.78 |
| | JAPAN: 3.99% (4.98%) | | |
| 23,000 | FANUC | 596 | 0.64 |
| 1,400 | Keyence | 517 | 0.55 |
| 36,700 | M3 | 646 | 0.69 |
| 22,700 | Nintendo | 798 | 0.85 |
| 30,100 | SoftBank | 1,180 | 1.26 |
| | | 3,737 | 3.99 |
| | SOUTH KOREA: 3.65% (3.62%) | | |
| 5,524 | NAVER | 708 | 0.76 |
| 30,397 | Samsung Electronics | 1,304 | 1.39 |
| 3,478 | Samsung SDI | 1,402 | 1.50 |
| | | 3,414 | 3.65 |
| | TAIWAN: 1.52% (1.45%) | | |
| 18,176 | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR^^ | 1,425 | 1.52 |
| | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 16.71% (17.01%) | | |
| | DENMARK: 2.85% (2.56%) | | |
| 44,940 | Ambu | 526 | 0.56 |
| 13,935 | Novo Nordisk | 1,692 | 1.81 |
| 11,480 | Novozymes | 448 | 0.48 |
| | | 2,666 | 2.85 |
| | FRANCE: 4.07% (3.33%) | | |
| 1,211 | Kering | 552 | 0.59 |
| 15,934 | Publicis Groupe | 1,006 | 1.08 |
| 2,297 | Sartorius Stedim Biotech | 556 | 0.59 |
| 14,728 | Thales | 1,696 | 1.81 |
| | | 3,810 | 4.07 |
| | GERMANY: 0.47% (0.00%) | | |
| 3,302 | Siemens | 437 | 0.47 |
| | IRELAND: 1.95% (2.53%) | | |
| 5,961 | ICON^^ | 1,168 | 1.25 |
| 9,700 | iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF | 657 | 0.70 |
| | | 1,825 | 1.95 |
| | ITALY: 0.78% (1.22%) | | |
| 38,014 | UniCredit | 732 | 0.78 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding / Nominal | | Market Value | % of Net |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 16.71% (17.01%) (continued) | | 7.0000 |
| | LUXEMBOURG: 1.04% (0.98%) | | |
| 428,800 | Samsonite International | 973 | 1.04 |
| | NETHERLANDS: 2.47% (3.97%) | | |
| 214,909 | Koninklijke KPN | 611 | 0.65 |
| 27,295 | Prosus | 1,701 | 1.82 |
| | | 2,312 | 2.47 |
| | SPAIN: 0.26% (0.28%) | | |
| 21,333 | Grifols | 240 | 0.26 |
| | SWITZERLAND: 2.82% (2.14%) | | |
| 4,819 | Alcon^^ | 319 | 0.34 |
| 18,201 | Dufry | 719 | 0.77 |
| 19,821 | Novartis | 1,603 | 1.71 |
| | | 2,641 | 2.82 |
| | NORTH AMERICA: 65.07% (64.06%) | | |
| | BERMUDA: 1.90% (1.00%) | | |
| 369,800 | AutoStore | 734 | 0.78 |
| 8,559 | Credicorp^^ | 1,050 | 1.12 |
| | CANADA 4 000/ (0 500/) | 1,784 | 1.90 |
| 18,200 | CANADA: 1.00% (0.58%) Shopify^^ | 934 | 1.00 |
| 10,200 | CAYMAN ISLANDS: 2.62% (3.22%) | 954 | 1.00 |
| 38,700 | Meituan Dianping | 549 | 0.58 |
| 5,437 | Sea^^ | 269 | 0.29 |
| 33,474 | Trip.com^^ | 1,029 | 1.10 |
| 141,000 | Wuxi Biologics Cayman | 609 | 0.65 |
| | | 2,456 | 2.62 |
| | PANAMA: 1.79% (1.09%) | , | |
| 18,084 | Copa^^ | 1,672 | 1.79 |
| | UNITED STATES: 57.76% (58.17%) | | |
| 3,954 | Adobe^^ | 1,625 | 1.74 |
| 452 | Align Technology^^ | 134 | 0.14 |
| 32,285 | Alphabet^^ | 3,328 | 3.56 |
| 27,276 | Amazon.com^^ | 2,803 | 3.00 |
| 3,329 | Anthem^^ | 1,208 | 1.29 |
| 31,324 | Aramark^^ | 982 | 1.05 |
| 1,733 | Biogen^^ | 357 | 0.38 |
| 12,069 | Booz Allen Hamilton^^ | 1,135 | 1.21 |
| 9,321 | Boston Scientific^^ | 374 | 0.40 |
| 2,798 | Bright Horizons Family Solutions^^ | 209 | 0.22 |
| 8,515 | Cboe Global Markets^^ | 929 | 0.99 |
| 24,007 | Centene^^ | 1,235 | 1.32 |
| 16,194 | Church & Dwight^^ | 1,222 | 1.31 |
| 11,388 | Crown^^ | 835 | 0.89 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|----------|--|----------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | NORTH AMERICA: 65.07% (64.06%) (continued) | | |
| | UNITED STATES: 57.76% (58.17%) (continued) | | |
| 23,574 | Delta Air Lines^^ | 838 | 0.90 |
| 15,052 | Electronic Arts^^ | 1,613 | 1.72 |
| 5,221 | Equifax^^ | 823 | 0.88 |
| 27,519 | Fiserv^^ | 2,673 | 2.86 |
| 6,591 | Fortinet^^ | 393 | 0.42 |
| 15,678 | Freeport-McMoRan^^ | 532 | 0.57 |
| 47,828 | Frontdoor^^ | 1,283 | 1.37 |
| 17,295 | Hasbro^^ | 843 | 0.90 |
| 2,918 | Illumina^^ | 436 | 0.47 |
| 15,881 | Installed Building Products^^ | 1,833 | 1.96 |
| 13,828 | Intercontinental Exchange^^ | 1,237 | 1.32 |
| 4,208 | Intuit^^ | 1,674 | 1.79 |
| 26,448 | Ionis Pharmaceuticals^^ | 818 | 0.87 |
| 9,578 | L3Harris Technologies^^ | 1,432 | 1.53 |
| 14,890 | LGI Homes^^ | 1,584 | 1.69 |
| 17,445 | Marvell Technology^^ | 880 | 0.94 |
| 1,702 | MercadoLibre^^ | 1,621 | 1.73 |
| 14,625 | Merck^^ | 1,209 | 1.29 |
| 5,717 | Micron Technology^^ | 316 | 0.34 |
| 7,950 | Microsoft^^ | 2,091 | 2.23 |
| 23,526 | Molson Coors Beverage^^ | 1,290 | 1.38 |
| 2,966 | Netflix^^ | 982 | 1.05 |
| 8,620 | Newmont^^ | 284 | 0.30 |
| 9,757 | NVIDIA^^ | 3,545 | 3.79 |
| 34,796 | Performance Food^^ | 1,640 | 1.75 |
| 1,751 | Pool^^ | 523 | 0.56 |
| 93,686 | Sabre^^ | 293 | 0.31 |
| 4,661 | Scotts Miracle-Gro^^ | 256 | 0.27 |
| 5,539 | Seagen^^ | 827 | 0.88 |
| 3,852 | Take-Two Interactive Software^^ | 454 | 0.49 |
| 3,578 | Trex^^ | 193 | 0.21 |
| 36,452 | US Foods^^ | 1,211 | 1.29 |
| 42,144 | Vertiv^^ | 850 | 0.91 |
| 11,128 | Zimmer Biomet^^ | 1,205 | 1.29 |
| <u> </u> | | 54,058 | 57.76 |
| | SOUTH AMERICA: 1.00% (1.40%) | <u> </u> | |
| | CHILE: 1.00% (1.40%) | | |
| 16,089 | Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile^^ | 933 | 1.00 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|----------|---|--------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 2.59% (3.20%) | | |
| 40,633 | Anglo American | 968 | 1.03 |
| 66,585 | CNH Industrial^^ | 750 | 0.80 |
| 27,249 | Fevertree Drinks^ | 373 | 0.40 |
| 128,016 | Oxford Nanopore Technologies | 337 | 0.36 |
| | | 2,428 | 2.59 |
| | Futures: 0.06% (0.06%) | | |
| 7 | S&P 500 E-mini CME Future Expiry September 2023 | 52 | 0.06 |
| | Portfolio of investments* | 89,558 | 95.69 |
| | Net other assets | 4,034 | 4.31 |
| | Net assets | 93,592 | 100.00 |

All investments are listed as transferable securities admitted to an offical stock exchange or traded on a regulated market.

^{*} Including derivative asset.

 $^{^{\}wedge}$ This security is quoted on an Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and comprises 0.40% (28 July 2022: 0.31%) of the Net Asset Value.

^{^^} These securities are quoted on NASDAQ and comprise 68.29% (28 July 2022: 37.70%) of the Net Asset Value.

Summary of Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 28 July 2023

| 10 Largest Purchases | Cost | 10 Largest Sales | Proceeds |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Alphabet | 2,083,300 | Microsoft | 2,189,621 |
| iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF | 2,053,889 | iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF | 1,921,050 |
| Church & Dwight | 1,152,948 | Alphabet | 1,794,059 |
| NVIDIA | 1,123,656 | WillScot Mobile Mini | 1,765,390 |
| Publicis Groupe | 986,120 | Interactive Brokers | 1,662,936 |
| Intuit | 674,564 | Koninklijke KPN | 1,506,931 |
| AutoStore | 670,041 | Zimmer Biomet | 1,095,344 |
| Installed Building Products | 659,402 | Electronic Arts | 1,055,591 |
| Amazon.com | 545,392 | Aon | 960,661 |
| Pool | 501,975 | Gartner | 716,092 |

Statement of Total Return for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | | | 07/2022 to 8/07/2023 | | 07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|---------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 2 | | 7,811 | | (6,144) |
| Revenue | 3 | 1,227 | | 1,236 | |
| Expenses | 4 | (1,127) | | (1,222) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | (2) | | (1) | |
| Net revenue before taxation for the year | | 98 | | 13 | |
| Taxation | 6 | (185) | | (130) | |
| Net expense after taxation for the year | | | (87) | | (117) |
| Total return before distributions | | | 7,724 | | (6,261) |
| Distributions | 7 | | (25) | | (14) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | | 7,699 | | (6,275) |

Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | 29/07/2022 to | | 29/07/2021 to | | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|--|
| | 2 | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 | |
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 91,990 | | 104,151 | |
| Amounts receivable on creation of shares | 653 | | 911 | | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (6,770) | | (6,806) | | |
| | | (6,117) | | (5,895) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 7,699 | | (6,275) | |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | 18 | | 9 | |
| Unclaimed Distributions | | 2 | | - | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 93,592 | | 91,990 | |

Balance Sheet as at 28 July 2023

| | | 2 | 8/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | | | 89,558 | | 89,248 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 119 | | 149 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | 4,176 | | 2,813 | |
| Total current assets | | | 4,295 | | 2,962 |
| Total assets | | | 93,853 | | 92,210 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Distribution payable | 10 | (5) | | (4) | |
| Other creditors | 10 | (256) | | (216) | |
| Total creditors | | | (261) | | (220) |
| Total liabilities | | | (261) | | (220) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | | | 93,592 | | 91,990 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Fund's accounting policies are set out on pages 11 to 13 of the financial statements.

2. Net capital gains/(losses)

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise: | | |
| Non-derivative securities | 7,822 | (6,065) |
| Derivative contracts | 7 | (71) |
| Currency gains | (6) | 4 |
| Transaction charges | (12) | (12) |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 7,811 | (6,144) |

3. Revenue

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| UK dividends | 85 | 155 |
| Non-taxable overseas dividends | 1,077 | 1,071 |
| Offshore fund of funds dividend distributions | 15 | 5 |
| Bank interest | 50 | 5 |
| Total revenue | 1,227 | 1,236 |

4. Expenses

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them: | | |
| ACD's periodic fee | 918 | 1,005 |
| Registration fee | 105 | 115 |
| | 1,023 | 1,120 |
| Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either | of them: | |
| Depositary fee | 14 | 15 |
| Safe custody fee | 5 | 5 |
| | 19 | 20 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Administration fee | 55 | 56 |
| Audit fee | 16 | 13 |
| Printing fee | 8 | 6 |
| Tax advisory fee | 3 | 4 |
| VAT on audit fee | 3 | 3 |
| | 85 | 82 |
| Total expenses | 1,127 | 1,222 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 5. Interest payable and similar charges | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Bank overdraft interest | 2 | 1 |
| | 2 | |

6. Taxation

(a) Analysis of taxation charge in year

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Overseas tax | 185 | 130 |
| Current tax [note 6(b)] | 185 | 130 |
| Deferred tax [note 6(c)] | - | - |
| Total taxation | 185 | 130 |

(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (28 July 2022: lower) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue before taxation | 98 | 13 |
| Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the appropriate rate of corporation tax | < | |
| at 20% (2022: 20%) | 20 | 3 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Overseas tax | 185 | 130 |
| Revenue not subject to taxation | (235) | (246) |
| Excess management expenses not utilised | 215 | 243 |
| Current tax | 185 | 130 |

(c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (28 July 2022: Nil).

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £2,189,757 (28 July 2022: £1,973,844) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (28 July 2022: same).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Final dividend distribution | 24 | 13 |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 1 | 1 |
| Distributions for the year | 25 | 14 |

The difference between the net expense after taxation and the distribution for the year are as follows:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Net expense after taxation for the year | (87) | (117) |
| Add: Equalisation uplift on conversions | 1 | - |
| Income Deficit | 111 | 131 |
| Distributions for the year | 25 | 14 |

8. Debtors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Accrued revenue | 27 | 17 |
| Amounts receivable for creation of shares | 31 | 19 |
| Overseas tax recoverable | 61 | 113 |
| | 119 | 149 |

9. Cash and bank balances

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 271 | 113 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,905 | 2,700 |
| | 4,176 | 2,813 |

10. Creditors

(a) Other creditors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Accrued expenses | 128 | 116 |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of shares | 128 | 100 |
| | 256 | 216 |
| (b) Distributions payable | | |
| Net distributions payable | 5 | 4 |
| | 5 | 4 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (28 July 2022: same).

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments

The Fund's investment objective is stated on page 14. In pursuing its objective, the Fund holds financial instruments which expose it to various types of risk. The main risks, and the ACD's policy for managing these risks are set out below. These were applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year.

(a) Credit and liquidity risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering loss due to another party not meeting its financial obligations. The primary sources of this risk to the Fund are the potential for borrowers to fail to meet their redemption commitments and for trade counterparties to fail to meet their transaction commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

Liquidity risk relates to the capacity to meet liabilities. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to Shareholders for any cancellation of shares. This risk is minimised by holding cash and readily realisable securities and via access to overdraft facilities.

(b) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the potential movement in the value of financial instruments held as a result of price fluctuations. The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and borrowing powers established in the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL') governing the operation of open ended investment companies. In this way, the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

The Fund invests in securities which are issued by smaller companies and therefore there is likely to be increased volatility in price movements. The securities may also be less liquid than securities on larger exchanges which are generally traded more frequently.

The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate risk and/or reduce costs. These instruments are not utilised for speculative purposes. Derivative instruments were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £8,046,689 (28 July 2022: £7,871,587).

(c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of movements in the value of overseas financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the utilisation of forward currency contracts as necessary. Forward currency contracts were utilised during the current year but were not on the preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £7,461,671 (28 July 2022: £7,440,896).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(c) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The foreign currency profile of the Fund's net assets at the current and preceding year end date was as follows:

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Canadian Dollar | - | 934 | 934 |
| Chilean Peso | - | 6 | 6 |
| Danish Kroner | 26 | 2,711 | 2,737 |
| Euro | 21 | 8,303 | 8,324 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | - | 2,856 | 2,856 |
| Japanese Yen | - | 3,737 | 3,737 |
| Norwegian Krone | - | 734 | 734 |
| South Korean Won | - | 3,422 | 3,422 |
| Swiss Franc | 20 | 2,641 | 2,661 |
| US Dollar | 244 | 61,967 | 62,211 |
| | 311 | 87,311 | 87,622 |

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Canadian Dollar | - | 536 | 536 |
| Danish Kroner | 11 | 2,431 | 2,442 |
| Euro | 177 | 8,806 | 8,983 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | - | 3,590 | 3,590 |
| Japanese Yen | 28 | 4,582 | 4,610 |
| Polish Zloty | - | 1 | 1 |
| South Korean Won | - | 3,337 | 3,337 |
| Swedish Krona | - | 2 | 2 |
| Swiss Franc | 10 | 1,971 | 1,981 |
| US Dollar | 51 | 61,394 | 61,445 |
| | 277 | 86,650 | 86,927 |

A sensitivity analysis for foreign currency risk is presented below reflecting current and prior year information.

| | Net | 2023 Max change | Monetary |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | in currency | change |
| Currency | £′000 | % | £'000 |
| Canadian Dollar | 934 | 17 | 159 |
| Chilean Peso | 6 | 18 | 1 |
| Danish Kroner | 2,737 | 7 | 192 |
| Euro | 8,324 | 7 | 583 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 2,856 | 22 | 628 |
| Japanese Yen | 3,737 | 18 | 673 |
| Norwegian Krone | 734 | 22 | 161 |
| South Korean Won | 3,422 | 13 | 445 |
| Swiss Franc | 2,661 | 11 | 293 |
| US Dollar | 62,211 | 22 | 13,686 |
| | 87,622 | | 16,821 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(c) Foreign currency risk (continued)

| | Net | 2022 Max change | Monetary |
|------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | in currency | change |
| Currency | £′000 | % | £'000 |
| Canadian Dollar | 536 | 14 | 75 |
| Danish Kroner | 2,442 | 5 | 122 |
| Euro | 8,983 | 5 | 449 |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 3,590 | 17 | 610 |
| Israeli Shekel | - | 11 | - |
| Japanese Yen | 4,610 | 13 | 599 |
| Polish Zloty | 1 | 15 | - |
| South Korean Won | 3,337 | 6 | - |
| Swedish Krona | 2 | 13 | - |
| Swiss Franc | 1,981 | 11 | 218 |
| US Dollar | 61,445 | 19 | 11,675 |
| | 86,927 | | 13,748 |

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of movements in the value of financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund's only interest bearing financial instruments were its bank balances disclosed in note 9.

Cash is deposited, and overdraft facilities utilised, on normal commercial terms and earn or bear interest based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent.

In the event of a change in interest rates, there would be no material impact upon the assets of the Fund.

(e) Derivatives - Sensitivity analysis

Derivative risk arises from uncertainty about future market movements. This risk is managed by the policies shown within Market risk.

The Fund invests in futures, to obtain market exposure to enable it to meet the Fund objectives whilst reducing transaction costs.

The effect of these futures is to increase market exposure by 1.34% (28 July 2022: 0.73%) of net assets. This results in an effective equity exposure at the year end of 96.97% (28 July 2022: 97.69%) of net assets, which means that the gains or losses of the Fund will be 0.9697 (28 July 2022: 0.9769) times the gains or losses if the Fund was fully invested in equities.

(f) Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(g) Counterparty risk

During the year, the Fund made use of 'Over The Counter' (OTC) and exchange traded derivative instruments. These types of instruments introduce Counterparty Risk, where a counterparty may fail to meet its financial commitments. In order to reduce this risk, a collateral may be held by the Fund.

Exposure to a counterparty is calculated using the positive mark-to-market value of the exchange traded derivative contracts. The counterparties to these transactions and any collateral held by the Fund at the balance sheet date are shown below:

| 28/07/2023 | Collateral | Derivatives |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £'000 |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 52 |
| | - | 52 |
| 28/07/2022 | Collateral | Derivatives |
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £′000 |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 53 |
| | - | 53 |

13. Fair value disclosures

Amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' – Fair value hierarchy disclosures requires that an analysis of investment assets and investment liabilities by reference to a fair value hierarchy be disclosed as follows:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

Fair value based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments includes exchange-traded instruments unless there is persistently insufficient activity to regard the market as active. Examples typically include money market instruments, exchange-traded derivatives, exchange-traded products (including exchange-traded funds) and some highly liquid exchange traded debt securities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1.

Fair value based on a valuation technique using observable market data includes over-the-counter instruments, instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject to fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples typically include OTC derivatives, debt securities and open-ended funds.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Fair value based on a valuation technique that relies significantly on unobservable data and this typically includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

It is the responsibility of the Fair Value Forum ('FVF') to ensure pricing sources and methodologies used to value securities are appropriate as delegated by the ACD. Investments classified as using inputs that are not based on observable market data comprise fair value adjusted securities, stale and single sourced bonds. In seeking to value such securities where no liquid market exists, the FVF will gather valuation related information from multiple internal and external sources. These sources include historic trading and pricing information and the views of internal security analysts. Internal security analysts have access to a range of material including, company specific news and earnings, cash flow forecasts, valuations of the underlying portfolio company and competitor company valuations within related industries and sectors to determine a valuation recommendation for each unlisted security.

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13. Fair value disclosures (continued)

Generally for fair valued securities, stale and single source bonds, where there is no price source from an active market, the FVF has applied judgement in determining the fair value. This fair value is established by using measures such as; stale priced securities where the last traded price is used. The FVF has the ability to apply discounts to security valuations. Management determines the discount based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. Generally unlisted securities are valued at cost, a trade executed by another Barclays Fund, grey market trades or at a nil value where companies have gone into liquidation, administration or are deemed worthless. Single sourced broker prices use data received from a single pricing vendor and stale prices use the most recent broker quote available.

Below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets as at the current and preceding year end.

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2023

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Financial Assets | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Equities | 88,849 | - | - | 88,849 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 657 | - | - | 657 |
| Futures | 52 | - | - | 52 |
| | 89,558 | - | - | 89,558 |

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2022

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | lotal |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Financial Assets | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Equities | 88,716 | - | - | 88,716 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 479 | - | - | 479 |
| Futures | 53 | - | - | 53 |
| | 89,248 | - | - | 89,248 |

14. Portfolio Transaction Costs

29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023

Purchases in

| the year before | | | | | - | Total purchase | Gross purchase |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------|------|----------------|----------------|
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £'000 | % | £′000 | % | £′000 | £′000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Collective Inv | estment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 2,068 | 1 | 0.05 | - | - | 1 | 2,069 |
| Equities | 15,351 | 6 | 0.04 | 4 | 0.03 | 10 | 15,361 |
| Total | 17,419 | 7 | | 4 | | 11 | 17,430 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

14. Portfolio Transaction Costs (continued)

29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023

| | | | | | | | Total sales |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £′000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Collective Inv | vestment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 1,922 | (1) | 0.05 | - | - | (1) | 1,921 |
| Equities | 23,024 | (8) | 0.03 | (1) | - | (9) | 23,015 |
| Total | 24,946 | (9) | | (1) | | (10) | 24,936 |
| Total transac | tion costs | 16 | | 5 | | | |
| as a % of the | average net assets | 0.02% | | 0.01% | | | |

29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022

Purchases in

| | the year before | | | | - | Total purchase | Gross purchase |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------|------|----------------|----------------|
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Collective Inve | estment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 1,535 | 1 | 0.07 | - | - | 1 | 1,536 |
| Equities | 33,960 | 14 | 0.04 | 12 | 0.04 | 26 | 33,986 |
| Total | 35,495 | 15 | | 12 | | 27 | 35,522 |

| | | | | | | | Total sales |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £′000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Collective Inv | vestment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 1,707 | (1) | 0.06 | - | - | (1) | 1,706 |
| Equities | 39,889 | (16) | 0.04 | (1) | - | (17) | 39,872 |
| Total | 41,596 | (17) | | (1) | | (18) | 41,578 |
| Total transac | ction costs | 32 | | 13 | | | |
| as a % of the | average net assets | 0.03% | | 0.01% | | | |

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year which are separately identifiable.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares, there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

At the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.05% (28 July 2022: 0.06%).

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

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15. Related Party Transactions

The ACD is regarded as controlling party of the Fund by virtue of having the ability to act in concert in respect of Fund operations. The ultimate controlling party of the ACD is Barclays PLC. This entity and its subsidiaries are also related parties of the Fund.

At the year end, the ACD and its associates held 0.00% of the Fund's shares in issue (28 July 2022: 0.00%).

Details of all other material related party transactions during the year and any payment amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 4, 7, 8 and 10 to the financial statements, and the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and the Portfolio Statement. Within note 10, accrued expenses (including amounts due to associates and agents) of £79,999 (28 July 2022: £78,039) are due to the ACD.

16. Shareholder funds

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class is given in the performance tables on pages 35 to 37. All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

The movement in the number of shares for the years ended 28 July 2023 and 28 July 2022 is shown below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 2,860,652 | 3,073,046 |
| Issued during year | 4 | - |
| Cancelled during year | (241,732) | (212,394) |
| Conversions during the year | (25,880) | - |
| Total number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 2,593,044 | 2,860,652 |
| Number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 8,388,687 | 8,912,570 |
| Issued during year | 5,078 | 9,894 |
| Cancelled during year | (524,785) | (526,375) |
| Conversions during the year | (279,501) | (7,402) |
| Total number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 7,589,479 | 8,388,687 |
| Number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 250,757 | 287,302 |
| Issued during year | - | - |
| Cancelled during year | - | (36,545) |
| Conversions during the year | - | - |
| Total number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 250,757 | 250,757 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 4,074,167 | 4,427,141 |
| Issued during year | 47,241 | 52,130 |
| Cancelled during year | (444,287) | (405,104) |
| Conversions during the year | 30,035 | - |
| Total number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 3,707,156 | 4,074,167 |
| Number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 16,396,686 | 17,266,197 |
| Issued during year | 169,169 | 237,719 |
| Cancelled during year | (1,139,233) | (1,114,229) |
| Conversions during the year | 263,215 | 6,999 |
| Total number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 15,689,837 | 16,396,686 |

17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per share of the A Distribution share class has decreased from 309.08p to 297.36p, A Accumulation share class has decreased from 309.09p to 297.37p, M Distribution share class has decreased from 267.00p to 257.34p, R Distribution share class has decreased from 266.88p to 257.04p and the R Accumulation share class has decreased from 328.44p to 316.32p as at 02 November 2023. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the current uncertainties. The ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Distribution Table for the year ended 28 July 2023

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period

Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/09/2023 | 28/09/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution* | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| A-Class Accumulation* | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.7682p | - | 0.7682p | 0.7441p |
| Group 2 | 0.7682p | - | 0.7682p | 0.7441p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.0911p | - | 0.0911p | 0.0420p |
| Group 2 | 0.0321p | 0.0590p | 0.0911p | 0.0420p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.1162p | - | 0.1162p | 0.0583p |
| Group 2 | - | 0.1162p | 0.1162p | 0.0583p |

^{*} These share classes were in a shortfall position, and therefore no distribution payments were made.

Performance Tables

| | A-0 | Class Distribution | n† | A-Class Accumulation | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share: | 284.29 | 303.17 | 299.20 | 285.43 | 305.30 | 241.65 | |
| Return before operating charges' | ^k 29.00 | (14.38) | 4.75 | 28.96 | (15.37) | 68.12 | |
| Operating charges | (4.40) | (4.50) | (0.78) | (4.40) | (4.50) | (4.47) | |
| Return after operating charges* | 24.60 | (18.88) | 3.97 | 24.56 | (19.87) | 63.65 | |
| Distributions | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share | 308.89 | 284.29 | 303.17 | 309.99 | 285.43 | 305.30 | |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.14 | |
| Performance | | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 8.65% | (6.23%) | 1.33% | 8.60% | (6.51%) | 26.34% | |
| Other information | | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8,010 | 8,133 | 9,316 | 23,527 | 23,944 | 27,210 | |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 2,593 | 2,861 | 3,073 | 7,589 | 8,389 | 8,913 | |
| Operating charges | 1.53% | 1.52% | 1.53% | 1.53% | 1.52% | 1.53% | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% | |
| Prices | | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 310.30 | 325.50 | 310.20 | 310.40 | 325.50 | 310.20 | |
| Lowest share price | 267.00 | 257.20 | 298.20 | 267.00 | 257.20 | 298.20 | |

 $[\]dagger$ A-Class Distribution shares closed on 7 November 2018. Figures disclosed are actual and not annualised. The share class was relaunched on 28 May 2021 following the merger with Series 2 funds.

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | M-C | lass Distribution | ** |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share: | 244.65 | 259.93 | 256.20 |
| Return before operating charges* | 25.10 | (12.37) | 4.10 |
| Operating charges | (2.14) | (2.17) | (0.37) |
| Return after operating charges* | 22.96 | (14.54) | 3.73 |
| Distributions | (0.77) | (0.74) | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 266.84 | 244.65 | 259.93 |
| *after direct transaction costs of ***: | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.02 |
| Performance | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.38% | (5.59%) | 1.46% |
| Other information | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 669 | 613 | 747 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 251 | 251 | 287 |
| Operating charges | 0.86% | 0.85% | 0.86% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% |
| Prices | | | |
| Highest share price | 268.80 | 279.60 | 265.80 |
| Lowest share price | 230.10 | 221.80 | 255.40 |

^{**} This share class launched on 28 May 2021.

^{***} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Barclays Global Core Fund (continued)

Performance Tables (continued)

| | R- | Class Distributio | n | R-CI | R-Class Accumulation | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | | |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | | | |
| per share: | 244.58 | 259.80 | 206.88 | 300.88 | 320.72 | 254.63 | | |
| Return before operating charges | * 25.03 | (12.33) | 55.86 | 30.80 | (16.34) | 69.53 | | |
| Operating charges | (2.80) | (2.85) | (2.94) | (3.45) | (3.50) | (3.44) | | |
| Return after operating charges* | 22.23 | (15.18) | 52.92 | 27.35 | (19.84) | 66.09 | | |
| Distributions | (0.09) | (0.04) | - | (0.12) | (0.06) | - | | |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 0.12 | 0.06 | - | | |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | | | |
| per share | 266.72 | 244.58 | 259.80 | 328.23 | 300.88 | 320.72 | | |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.14 | | |
| Performance | | | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 9.09% | (5.84%) | 25.58% | 9.09% | (6.19%) | 25.96% | | |
| Other information | | | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 9,888 | 9,965 | 11,502 | 51,498 | 49,335 | 55,376 | | |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 3,707 | 4,074 | 4,427 | 15,690 | 16,397 | 17,266 | | |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.12% | 1.14% | 1.13% | 1.12% | 1.16% | | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% | 0.02% | 0.05% | 0.05% | | |
| Prices | | | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 268.00 | 279.30 | 265.80 | 329.70 | 343.50 | 327.00 | | |
| Lowest share price | 229.90 | 221.20 | 205.80 | 282.80 | 272.10 | 253.10 | | |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Barclays Global Core Fund (continued)

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)*

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This indicator is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category (i.e. Category 1) does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Fund is rated Category 6 due to the nature of the investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

The following risks are materially relevant to the Fund:

- Equity markets can be volatile causing the value of equity securities the Fund has exposure to, to fluctuate quickly and substantially.
- The Fund relies upon the performance of one or more subinvestment managers, who may perform poorly and adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

- Investments held by the Fund may be denominated in a different currency to the Fund's Shares. Fluctuations in currency rates may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investment.
- When derivatives are used, it is not intended that the Fund's
 value will fluctuate and use can be intended to reduce such
 fluctuations (such as currency movements). However, in
 adverse situations, this may not be effective, or the
 counterparty may default, which could lead to significant
 losses for the Fund.
- The Fund may enter into OTC derivative contracts with another party. If that party defaults on part or all of its contractual obligations the Fund may suffer a financial loss.
- Certain assets the Fund has exposure to may be subject to liquidity constraints, so it may be harder to buy or sell them, or trade them at a price considered to be fair.

Information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

* The SRRI category for the Fund changed from level 5 to level 6, on 1 September 2022.

Barclays Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth and income over the long term (a period of at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in fixed income securities (tradeable debt that may pay interest, such as bonds). These will be:

- denominated in Sterling;
- issued by companies and other non-sovereign issuers (which may include, but are not limited to, government agencies, local authorities and supranationals) domiciled in, incorporated in, or having significant operations in the UK or a country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and
- investment grade (which means they meet a certain level of credit worthiness or credit rating by a credit rating agency, for example BBB- or higher by Standard & Poors, or are unrated but deemed to be of comparable quality).

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in equity securities (shares of companies and other equity related investments), other fixed income securities (including non-Sterling denominated bonds and UK government bonds), money-market instruments ("MMIs", bonds with short term maturities), cash and deposits. These assets can be in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector.

The Fund may invest a maximum of 10% in other funds in seeking exposure to the above asset classes.

No more than 10% of the Fund can be invested in sub-investment grade investments (which means they have a low credit rating or are unrated and are considered more likely to fail to make a payment than investment grade investments). The fixed income securities the Fund holds can be of varying maturities (the time until which they become due for repayment).

Derivatives (investments whose value is linked to other investments) can be used for the purpose of "efficient portfolio management" (to seek to reduce the overall risk and cost to the Fund including through hedging, or to generate extra income or capital growth in line with the risk profile of the Fund. For example, currency exposure to non-Sterling denominated assets may be hedged back to Sterling to reduce the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rate between non-Sterling currencies and Sterling).

The sub-investment manager takes into consideration the Markit iBoxx Sterling non-Gilts Index (Total Return) as its Reference Index when selecting investments. However, as the Fund is actively managed, which means the sub-investment manager has day-to-day discretion to select the Fund's investments, the sub-investment manager maintains a high degree of flexibility and has the ability to invest in fewer securities than those which constitute the Reference Index and in sector and country weights that are different to the Reference Index.

The strategy of the sub-investment manager, and therefore the overall performance of the Fund, can be significantly different to the Reference Index. However, the Investment Manager's expectation is that where there is use of multiple sub-investment managers, this will mean that the overall outcome of the Fund is more aligned to the Reference Index.

The Reference Index is also used by the Investment Manager as one means of monitoring and comparing the performance of the sub-investment manager as well as how the Fund in total has performed against the broader UK bond market.

The Investment Manager can also make changes to the proportion of the Fund's assets that the sub-investment manager manages.

Investment Report

During the year under review, the net asset value per share attributable to the R-Class Accumulation shares fell by 7.08%. This compares to a fall in the Markit iBoxx Sterling non-Gilts Index, on a total return basis of 7.79%.

Market/Economic Review

The year got off to a challenging start, as a number of factors aligned to form a headwind for UK credit. At the forefront of this headwind was consumer price inflation (CPI), which continued to accelerate at a faster rate than many other developed economies. This forced the Bank of England to continue to raise interest rates at an aggressive pace. Over the year, the Bank met eight times and increased the base rate from 1.25% to 5%. Unsurprisingly, this was a headwind for Gilts with yields across the curve increasing notably which also caused credit markets to reprice lower.

By the end of the year, there were some signs that monetary policy was beginning to slow the economy and the pace of inflation. That said, the months in between were very volatile with a number of events putting stress on UK fixed income markets. The first such event occurred at the end of September last year as markets reacted negatively to the proposed fiscal policy of the new UK government. The fallout from this event prompted the Bank of England to intervene in Gilt markets and led to another change in leadership for the UK government. The Sterling corporate bond market was impacted significantly during the period.

Sentiment improved somewhat into the end of 2022 as employment and growth remained more resilient than investors had expected. This calmed volatility, and allowed the Sterling credit market to recover as corporate bonds outperformed equivalent government bonds consistently between November 2022 and February 2023.

The market was again impacted negatively when the regional banking crisis emerged in the US leading to the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. For the most part, European banks were able to weather this year with the exception of Credit Suisse. Ultimately the bank was acquired by their Swiss rival, UBS. This period did fuel a general risk to sentiment which impacted UK credit, particularly during March.

Sentiment improved towards the end of the year as investors became less concerned over the risk of a global recession and as a result credit ended the year on a generally more upbeat note. The back drop for government bond yields was however less strong as UK inflation continued to run at a significantly higher level than the Bank of England target. Gilt yields ended the year higher than those of most peers. Corporate bond returns are driven by both by changes in government yields and changes in corporate bond spreads. The move higher in gilt yields, offset the benefit gained from the fall in corporate bond spreads and prevented UK corporate credit from meaningfully rallying.

(Source: Bloomberg, Barclays, Morningstar Direct)

Fund Review

The Fund added value fairly consistently across the reporting year through both active management of interest rates and sector positioning. However, credit selection was a modest detractor.

Given the volatile macro backdrop, interest rate strategies were the main driver of returns over the year. The sub-investment manager, Fidelity, added value through an underweight to UK interest rate risk, especially during September and October when yields spiked. Some of this contribution was offset in the second half as the manager increased exposure to UK interest rates in anticipation of these peaking which did not occur. A number of positions in foreign rates were also additive, as at various points across the period the Fund had underweights to European, Australian and Canadian rates.

On the credit side, the Fund was positioned with an overweight to credit risk throughout the year. This was generally positive for performance with the exception of short periods such as October and March when investor sentiment turned negative. Sector positioning was additive as the fund had very limited exposure to government related debt which underperformed higher risk sectors. However, the fund did have a notable overweight to securitised debt, especially in the real estate sector, which detracted over the year. At a security level, the fund remained diversified over the year which limited the overall impact of individual names however positions in long dated bonds issued by The Wellcome Trust and University of Cambridge were challenged by the rising rate environment.

(Source: Fidelity, Bloomberg, Barclays)

Outlook

The previous 18 months have seen global and local factors combine to form an environment which has challenged significantly Sterling credit. Looking forward, it does seem as if some of these pressures may begin to abate. The likelihood is that central banks, including the Bank of England, are getting closer to the end of their hiking cycles as global inflationary pressures seem to be easing. Global growth has remained remarkably resilient which has seen economists push back or temper their forecasts of an imminent recession albeit there are signs of weakness particularly in the manufacturing sector.

The outlook for Sterling credit remains uncertain, with a number of visible risks. The economic situation in the UK remains vulnerable. Inflation is still significantly above target and so interest rates may continue to rise even after those in the other major economies like the US have peaked. This has could have implications for UK growth and the consumer.

Following the sell off that has occurred, the overall yield of the market remains elevated when compared to the recent history, however, the additional compensation for taking credit risk over government bond risk is close to the long run average. In the event of a recession, corporate bond spreads would likely come under widening pressure and offset the benefit from any decline in underlying government bond yields.

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Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023

All investments are in fixed interest securities or ordinary shares unless stated otherwise. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector holdings at 28 July 2022.

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-------------|--|--------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | Government Sponsored Agency Bonds: 4.02% (4.91%) | | |
| | Short Dated: 1.28% (2.34%) | | |
| £985,000 | First Abu Dhabi Bank 0.875% 09/12/2025 | 869 | 0.57 |
| £1,275,000 | First Abu Dhabi Bank 1.125% 07/09/2026 | 1,096 | 0.71 |
| | | 1,965 | 1.28 |
| | Medium Dated: 1.58% (0.00%) | | |
| \$200,000 | Export-Import Bank of Korea 5.125% 11/01/2033 | 158 | 0.10 |
| £1,000,000 | La Banque Postale 5.625% 21/09/2028 | 955 | 0.62 |
| €533,000 | NBN 4.375% 15/03/2033 | 466 | 0.30 |
| €1,012,000 | Temasek Financial I 3.5% 15/02/2033 | 856 | 0.56 |
| | | 2,435 | 1.58 |
| | Long Dated: 1.16% (2.57%) | | |
| £1,400,000 | Electricite de France 5.625% 25/01/2053 | 1,235 | 0.80 |
| £610,000 | Jersey International Bond 2.875% 06/05/2052 | 402 | 0.26 |
| \$201,000 | MDGH GMTN RSC 5.084% 22/05/2053 | 156 | 0.10 |
| | | 1,793 | 1.16 |
| | Corporate Bonds: 90.46% (90.82%) | | |
| | Short Dated: 26.48% (21.51%) | | |
| £1,387,000 | Athene Global Funding 1.75% 24/11/2027 | 1,123 | 0.73 |
| €1,029,000 | Athora 6.625% 16/06/2028 | 877 | 0.57 |
| £1,896,000 | Bank of Nova Scotia 2.875% 03/05/2027 | 1,700 | 1.10 |
| \$585,000 | Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 5.79% 13/07/2028 | 458 | 0.30 |
| £682,000 | Barclays 1.7% 03/11/2026 | 610 | 0.40 |
| £842,000 | Blackstone Property Partners Europe Sarl 2% 20/10/2025 | 729 | 0.47 |
| £600,000 | CaixaBank 1.5% 03/12/2026 | 529 | 0.34 |
| £294,000 | Canary Wharf Investment 2.625% 23/04/2025^ | 240 | 0.16 |
| £882,000 | Canary Wharf Investment 3.375% 23/04/2028^ | 607 | 0.39 |
| £213,000 | Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/06/2028 | 215 | 0.14 |
| £988,000 | CPI Property 2.75% 22/01/2028 | 678 | 0.44 |
| £282,000 | CPUK Finance 5.876% 28/08/2027 | 271 | 0.18 |
| €500,000 | Credit Mutuel Arkea 3.875% 22/05/2028 | 429 | 0.28 |
| £1,100,000 | Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 7.625% 08/12/2025 | 1,072 | 0.70 |
| £3,082,000 | DNB Bank 1.625% 15/12/2023 | 3,031 | 1.97 |
| £2,146,000 | DNB Bank 2.625% 10/06/2026 | 2,009 | 1.30 |
| £1,953,000 | Euroclear Bank 1.25% 30/09/2024 | 1,849 | 1.20 |
| €378,000 | Globalworth Real Estate Investments 2.95% 29/07/2026^ | 244 | 0.16 |
| £500,000 | Hammerson 6% 23/02/2026 | 463 | 0.30 |
| €578,000 | Hammerson Ireland Finance DAC 1.75% 03/06/2027 | 413 | 0.27 |
| \$1,564,000 | HSBC 1.645% 18/04/2026 | 1,127 | 0.73 |
| £537,343 | Intu Debenture 5.562% 31/12/2027^^ | 217 | 0.14 |
| £521,000 | Investec 1.875% 16/07/2028 | 419 | 0.27 |
| £586,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 1.974% 08/02/2026 | 573 | 0.37 |
| £4,900,000 | Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 1.125% 08/12/2025 | 4,320 | 2.80 |

| Holding / Nominal | | Market Value | % of Net |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|----------|
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| value | Corporate Bonds: 90.46% (90.82%) (continued) | £ 000 | Assets |
| | Short Dated: 26.48% (21.51%) (continued) | | |
| £650,000 | London Merchant Securities 6.5% 16/03/2026 | 645 | 0.42 |
| £181,165 | Marston's Issuer Floating Rate 5.1576% 15/10/2027^ | 169 | 0.11 |
| £1,754,000 | MDC-GMTN 6.875% 14/03/2026 | 1.777 | 1.15 |
| £871,000 | Metropolitan Life Global Funding 0.625% 08/12/2027 | 698 | 0.45 |
| £663,000 | Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/06/2028 | 647 | 0.42 |
| £351,000 | Nationwide Building Society 6.178% 07/12/2027 | 347 | 0.22 |
| £619,000 | NatWest Markets 6.375% 08/11/2027 | 622 | 0.40 |
| £2,288,000 | New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 15/12/2023 | 2,251 | 1.46 |
| £1,011,000 | NewRiver REIT 3.5% 07/03/2028 | 843 | 0.55 |
| £1,215,000 | Peel South East 10% 30/04/2026^^,† | 1,221 | 0.79 |
| \$300,000 | Phoenix 5.375% 06/07/2027 | 223 | 0.14 |
| \$695,000 | Prosus 3.257% 19/01/2027 | 488 | 0.32 |
| £388,000 | Santander UK 5.75% 02/03/2026 | 389 | 0.25 |
| \$825,000 | Scentre Trust 1 / Scentre Trust 2 3.625% 28/01/2026 | 610 | 0.40 |
| £1,773,000 | Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission 1.5% 24/03/2028 | 1,474 | 0.96 |
| £630,000 | TP ICAP 5.25% 29/05/2026 | 587 | 0.38 |
| \$1,500,000 | UBS 1.25% 01/06/2026 | 1,034 | 0.67 |
| €400,000 | Vivion Investments 3.5% 01/11/2025^ | 240 | 0.16 |
| £400,000 | Volkswagen Financial Services 1.125% 18/09/2023 | 397 | 0.26 |
| £1,000,000 | Volkswagen Financial Services 3.25% 13/04/2027 | 902 | 0.58 |
| £548,000 | Volvo Treasury 6.125% 22/06/2028 | 557 | 0.36 |
| £303,000 | Weir 6.875% 14/06/2028 | 305 | 0.20 |
| £219,000 | Whitbread 2.375% 31/05/2027 | 186 | 0.12 |
| · | | 40,815 | 26.48 |
| | Medium Dated: 29.05% (27.28%) | | |
| £184,000 | AA Bond 7.375% 31/07/2029 | 170 | 0.11 |
| £660,000 | Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2% 31/07/2028 | 495 | 0.32 |
| £597,000 | Anglian Water Services Financing 5.875% 20/06/2031 | 596 | 0.39 |
| £600,000 | Banco Santander 5.125% 25/01/2030 | 568 | 0.37 |
| £836,000 | Bank of America 1.667% 02/06/2029 | 686 | 0.44 |
| £1,380,000 | Bank of America 3.584% 27/04/2031 | 1,196 | 0.78 |
| £3,000,000 | Bank of America 7% 31/07/2028 | 3,145 | 2.04 |
| £179,000 | Berkeley 2.5% 11/08/2031 | 119 | 0.08 |
| £590,000 | Blackstone Property Partners Europe Sarl 2.625% 20/10/2028 | 445 | 0.29 |
| £700,000 | BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/06/2032 | 681 | 0.44 |
| \$570,061 | British Airways 2020-1 Class A Pass Through Trust 4.25% 15/11/2032 | 405 | 0.26 |
| €881,000 | Celanese US 5.337% 19/01/2029 | 748 | 0.49 |
| £524,000 | Church Commissioners for England 3.25% 14/07/2032 | 454 | 0.29 |
| €800,000 | Coface 6% 22/09/2032 | 706 | 0.46 |
| £400,000 | Credit Agricole 1.874% 09/12/2031 | 336 | 0.22 |
| \$1,434,000 | Credit Suisse Group 6.442% 11/08/2028 | 1,132 | 0.73 |
| €1,200,000 | Deutsche Bank 5% 05/09/2030 | 1,010 | 0.66 |
| £1,000,000 | Deutsche Bank 6.125% 12/12/2030 | 941 | 0.61 |
| £1,745,000 | DWR Cymru (Financing) 1.375% 31/03/2033 | 1,214 | 0.79 |

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| | Corporate Bonds: 90.46% (90.82%) (continued) | | |
| | Medium Dated: 29.05% (27.28%) (continued) | | |
| £498,000 | ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032 | 466 | 0.30 |
| \$2,532,000 | Hyundai Capital America 6.375% 08/04/2030 | 2,029 | 1.32 |
| £975,000 | Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 31/05/2033 | 954 | 0.62 |
| £760,000 | Investec 2.625% 04/01/2032 | 609 | 0.39 |
| £304,000 | Investec 9.125% 06/03/2033 | 305 | 0.20 |
| £591,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 2.399% 08/02/2031 | 501 | 0.32 |
| £4,502,000 | Lloyds Bank 6% 08/02/2029 | 4,661 | 3.02 |
| £577,000 | Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% 02/06/2033 | 562 | 0.36 |
| £2,908,000 | Logicor 2019-1 UK 1.875% 17/11/2031 | 2,520 | 1.63 |
| £779,735 | Metrocentre Finance 4.125% 06/12/2028^^,† | 363 | 0.24 |
| £1,333,000 | Metropolitan Life Global Funding 1.625% 12/10/2028 | 1,090 | 0.71 |
| €911,000 | Morgan Stanley 2.95% 07/05/2032 | 711 | 0.46 |
| £183,000 | Nats En Route 1.375% 31/03/2031 | 151 | 0.10 |
| £798,000 | NatWest 2.057% 09/11/2028 | 667 | 0.43 |
| £1,303,000 | New York Life Global Funding 0.75% 14/12/2028 | 1,021 | 0.66 |
| £448,000 | Northern Gas Networks Finance 6.125% 02/06/2033 | 449 | 0.29 |
| €489,000 | Permanent TSB Group 6.625% 30/06/2029 | 425 | 0.28 |
| £571,000 | Phoenix 5.625% 28/04/2031 | 508 | 0.33 |
| £623,000 | Rothesay Life 7.734% 16/05/2033 | 613 | 0.40 |
| £1,220,000 | Rothesay Life F2V 5.5% 17/09/2029 | 1,191 | 0.77 |
| £1,952,000 | Santander UK 5.25% 16/02/2029 | 1,952 | 1.27 |
| £846,876 | SGS Finance 4.625% 17/03/2033^^,† | 394 | 0.26 |
| £700,000 | Societe Generale 6.25% 22/06/2033 | 709 | 0.46 |
| \$1,350,000 | Sumitomo Mitsui Financial 5.71% 13/01/2030 | 1,061 | 0.69 |
| €1,860,000 | UBS 0.25% 05/11/2028 | 1,323 | 0.86 |
| €202,000 | VIA Outlets 1.75% 15/11/2028 | 145 | 0.09 |
| £460,000 | Wessex Water Services Finance 5.125% 31/10/2032 | 430 | 0.28 |
| £2,776,000 | Westfield Stratford City Finance No. 2 1.642% 04/08/2031 | 2,381 | 1.54 |
| £278,000 | Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% 11/10/2030 | 233 | 0.15 |
| £1,000,000 | Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% 15/11/2028 | 971 | 0.63 |
| £360,000 | Yorkshire Water Finance 5.25% 28/04/2030 | 341 | 0.22 |
| | | 44,783 | 29.05 |
| | Long Dated: 34.93% (42.03%) | | |
| £351,000 | AA Bond 3.25% 31/07/2050 | 276 | 0.18 |
| £3,355,000 | AA Bond 5.5% 31/07/2050 | 2,989 | 1.94 |
| £418,000 | Admiral Group 8.5% 06/01/2034 | 429 | 0.28 |
| £288,000 | Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 20/06/2039 | 290 | 0.19 |
| £785,000 | Apple 3.6% 31/07/2042 | 662 | 0.43 |
| £519,000 | Arqiva Financing 7.21% 30/06/2045 | 527 | 0.34 |
| £801,000 | Aviva 6.875% Perpetual | 680 | 0.44 |
| €1,906,000 | AXA 4.25% 10/03/2043 | 1,510 | 0.98 |
| €841,000 | AXA 5.5% 11/07/2043 | 726 | 0.47 |
| £294,000 | Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 10/03/2034 | 223 | 0.15 |

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| | Corporate Bonds: 90.46% (90.82%) (continued) | | |
| | Long Dated: 34.93% (42.03%) (continued) | | |
| £600,000 | Broadgate Financing 4.999% 05/10/2033 | 559 | 0.36 |
| £2,940,000 | Canary Wharf Finance II 5.952% 22/10/2037 | 2,886 | 1.87 |
| \$638,000 | Capital One Financial 6.377% 08/06/2034 | 500 | 0.32 |
| £342,000 | Church Commissioners for England 3.625% 14/07/2052 | 258 | 0.17 |
| £922,000 | CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance 2.625% 17/10/2034 | 621 | 0.40 |
| £889,000 | Clarion Funding 1.875% 22/01/2035 | 603 | 0.39 |
| £685,000 | Clarion Funding 1.875% 07/09/2051 | 323 | 0.21 |
| £657,000 | Comcast 1.875% 20/02/2036 | 447 | 0.29 |
| €400,000 | Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 4.875% Perpetual | 293 | 0.19 |
| £584,000 | CPUK Finance 3.588% 28/02/2042 | 544 | 0.35 |
| £2,200,000 | Electricite de France 6% 23/01/2114 | 1,913 | 1.24 |
| £700,000 | Engie 5.625% 03/04/2053 | 676 | 0.44 |
| £295,000 | Greensquareaccord 5.25% 30/11/2047 | 269 | 0.18 |
| £672,000 | HSBC 8.201% 16/11/2034 | 700 | 0.45 |
| £781,830 | Income Contingent Student Loan 'A2' 2.5% 24/07/2056 | 577 | 0.37 |
| £503,750 | Income Contingent Student Loan 'A2' 2.5% 24/07/2058 | 368 | 0.24 |
| £715,000 | International Business Machines 4.875% 06/02/2038 | 644 | 0.42 |
| £444,000 | Jigsaw Funding 3.375% 05/05/2052 | 319 | 0.21 |
| £2,851,536 | Juturna European Loan Conduit No 16 5.0636% 10/08/2033 | 2,725 | 1.77 |
| £202,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 2.625% 22/09/2039 | 143 | 0.09 |
| £1,009,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 2.75% 22/09/2059 | 576 | 0.37 |
| £906,000 | Land Securities Capital Markets 4.875% 15/09/2034 | 867 | 0.56 |
| £244,000 | Libra (Longhurst Group) Treasury NO 2 3.25% 15/05/2043 | 171 | 0.11 |
| £2,353,000 | Lloyds Bank 6.5% 17/09/2040 | 2,682 | 1.74 |
| £1,048,000 | London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2% 20/10/2038 | 651 | 0.42 |
| £791,733 | Longstone Finance 4.791% 19/04/2036 | 753 | 0.49 |
| £2,165,000 | M&G 6.25% 20/10/2068 | 1,876 | 1.22 |
| £752,751 | Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 12/07/2037 | 660 | 0.43 |
| £1,111,000 | Morgan Stanley 5.789% 18/11/2033 | 1,088 | 0.71 |
| £521,000 | Motability Operations Group 4.875% 17/01/2043 | 493 | 0.32 |
| \$1,800,000 | Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaftin Muenchen | | |
| | 5.875% 23/05/2042 | 1,396 | 0.91 |
| £437,000 | National Grid Electricity Distribution South West 5.818% 31/07/2041 | 433 | 0.28 |
| £123,000 | Nats En Route 1.75% 30/09/2033 | 87 | 0.06 |
| £520,000 | Onward Homes 2.125% 25/03/2053 | 265 | 0.17 |
| £135,000 | Optivo Finance 2.857% 07/10/2035 | 101 | 0.07 |
| £267,000 | Orbit Capital 2% 24/11/2038 | 165 | 0.11 |
| £310,000 | Paradigm Homes Charitable Housing Association 2.25% 20/05/2051 | 173 | 0.11 |
| £603,000 | Peabody Capital No 2 2.75% 02/03/2034 | 463 | 0.30 |
| £1,000,000 | Peel Land And Property Investments 8.375% 30/04/2040^^,† | 985 | 0.64 |
| \$401,000 | Phoenix 5.625% Perpetual | 276 | 0.18 |
| £794,000 | Phoenix Perpetual 5.75% Perpetual | 625 | 0.41 |
| \$541,000 | QBE Insurance 5.875% Perpetual | 404 | 0.26 |

| Holding / Nominal | | Market Value | % of Net |
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| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| value | Corporate Bonds: 90.46% (90.82%) (continued) | 2 000 | ASSCES |
| | Long Dated: 34.93% (42.03%) (continued) | | |
| £300,000 | RHP Finance 3.25% 05/02/2048 | 215 | 0.14 |
| £1,069,000 | RL Finance Bonds NO 6 10.125% Perpetual | 1,058 | 0.69 |
| £575,000 | Sage AR Funding 1.945353% 17/11/2051 | 532 | 0.34 |
| £168,000 | Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 14/04/2050 | 96 | 0.06 |
| £343,000 | Segro 5.125% 06/12/2041 | 315 | 0.20 |
| £210,000 | Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 30/11/2034 | 189 | 0.12 |
| £745,782 | SGS Finance 4.25% 17/09/2035^^,† | 347 | 0.23 |
| £672,000 | Sovereign Housing Capital 2.375% 04/11/2048 | 391 | 0.25 |
| £285,000 | Telereal Securitisation 4.0902% 10/12/2033 | 250 | 0.16 |
| £2,028,617 | Tesco Property Finance 2 6.0517% 13/10/2039 | 1,958 | 1.27 |
| £425,000 | Thames Water Utilities Finance 7.738% 09/04/2058 | 471 | 0.31 |
| £981,000 | THFC Funding No. 3 5.2% 11/10/2043 | 917 | 0.60 |
| £337,742 | Together Asset Backed Securitisation 2021-CRE1 1.45043% | | |
| , | 20/01/2055 | 333 | 0.22 |
| €990,000 | TotalEnergies 3.25% Perpetual | 636 | 0.41 |
| £129,484 | Trafford Centre Finance 6.5% 28/07/2033 | 125 | 0.08 |
| \$612,000 | UBS Group 4.988% 05/08/2033 | 447 | 0.29 |
| £676,000 | United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 26/06/2036 | 669 | 0.43 |
| £1,523,000 | University of Cambridge 2.35% 27/06/2078 | 864 | 0.56 |
| £2,059,000 | University of Cambridge 3.75% 17/10/2052 | 1,714 | 1.11 |
| £904,000 | University of Oxford 2.544% 08/12/2117 | 464 | 0.30 |
| £780,000 | Walmart 5.625% 27/03/2034 | 815 | 0.53 |
| £2,069,000 | Wellcome Trust 1.5% 14/07/2071 | 808 | 0.52 |
| £188,000 | Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 28/04/2035 | 176 | 0.11 |
| \$1,925,000 | Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity 3.5% 02/05/2052 | 1,187 | 0.77 |
| | | 53,847 | 34.93 |
| | Exchange Traded Funds Investing in Overseas Fixed Interest Sec | | |
| | 1.30% (0.25%) | | |
| 16,980 | iShares Core GBP Corporate Bond UCITS ETF GBP (Dist) | 2,003 | 1.30 |
| | Futures: 0.20% (0.00%) | | |
| 1 | Canadian 10 Year Future Expiry September 2023 | _ | - |
| (50) | Euro-Bobl Future Expiry September 2023 | 38 | 0.03 |
| (55) | Euro-Bund Future Expiry September 2023 | 63 | 0.04 |
| (1) | Eurx E-Schatz Future Expiry September 2023 | _ | - |
| (2) | Eux Euro-Buxl Future Expiry September 2023 | 1 | - |
| 131 | Long Gilt Future Expiry September 2023 | 30 | 0.02 |
| 12 | SFE 10 Year Treasury Bond Future Expiry September 2023 | (11) | (0.01 |
| (30) | US 10 Year Treasury Note Future Expiry September 2023 | 11 | 0.01 |
| (28) | US 10 Year Ultra Future Expiry September 2023 | 68 | 0.04 |
| (8) | US 2 Year Note Future Expiry September 2023 | 21 | 0.01 |
| (37) | US 5 Year Note Future Expiry September 2023 | 60 | 0.04 |
| (16) | US Long Bond September 2023 | 42 | 0.03 |
| 5 | US Ultra Treasury Bond September 2023 | (12) | (0.01) |
| | · ' | 311 | 0.20 |

| Holding / Nominal | | Market Value | % of Net |
|----------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|
| Value | Investment | £'000 | % of Net Assets |
| value | Forward Currency Contracts: 0.33% (0.12%) | L 000 | 733613 |
| €(15,867,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £13,853,954 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 235 | 0.15 |
| \$(16,316,000) | Sold US Dollar | 233 | 0.13 |
| £12,911,820 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 229 | 0.15 |
| €(2,084,000) | Sold Euro | 223 | 0.10 |
| £1,821,206 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 33 | 0.02 |
| \$(678,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £545,123 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 18 | 0.01 |
| AUD(451,000) | Sold Australian Dollar | | |
| £242,173 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 8 | 0.01 |
| €(488,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £425,985 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 7 | 0.01 |
| €(1,247,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £1,075,528 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 5 | _ |
| \$(494,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £388,269 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 4 | _ |
| AUD(208,000) | Sold Australian Dollar | | |
| £111,589 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 4 | _ |
| \$(135,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £107,976 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 3 | _ |
| \$(104,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £83,753 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 3 | _ |
| AUD(157,000) | Sold Australian Dollar | | |
| £84,038 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 3 | _ |
| €1,196,000 | Bought Euro | | |
| £(1,024,230) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 2 | _ |
| €(475,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £409,081 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 1 | _ |
| CAD(113,000) | Sold Canadian Dollar | | |
| £66,931 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 1 | _ |
| \$(127,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £99,235 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | 1 | _ |
| \$(112,000) | Sold US Dollar | | |
| £87,292 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | _ | _ |
| €(22,879) | Sold Euro | | |
| £19,767 | Bought Sterling (Expires 31/07/2023) | _ | _ |
| €(92,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £78,958 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | _ | _ |
| €(1,075,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £922,612 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | _ | _ |
| €(100,000) | Sold Euro | | |
| £85,701 | Bought Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | - | _ |
| CAD113,000 | Bought Canadian Dollar | | |
| £(67,263) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | (1) | _ |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| | Market | | Holding / |
|----------|---------|--|--------------|
| % of Net | Value | | Nominal |
| Assets | £'000 | Investment | Value |
| | nued) | Forward Currency Contracts: 0.33% (0.12%) (con | |
| | | Bought Euro | €456,000 |
| _ | (2) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(393,341) |
| | | Bought Euro | €171,000 |
| _ | (2) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(148,806) |
| | | Bought Australian Dollar | AUD160,000 |
| _ | (3) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(85,768) |
| | | Bought US Dollar | \$112,000 |
| _ | (3) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(90,054) |
| | | Bought Euro | €2,020,000 |
| _ | (5) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(1,738,774) |
| | | Bought Euro | €1,260,000 |
| (0.01) | (15) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(1,096,964) |
| | | Bought Euro | €1,599,000 |
| (0.01) | (20) | Sold Sterling (Expires 18/08/2023) | £(1,392,193) |
| 0.33 | 506 | - | |
| 96.31 | 148,458 | Portfolio of investments* | |
| 3.69 | 5,685 | Net other assets | |
| 100.00 | 154,143 | Net assets | |

All investments are listed as transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market.

Investment grade securities represent 91.20% (28 July 2022: 92.40%) of the net assets of the Fund.

^{*} Including derivative assets and liabilities.

[†] These are stale priced securities.

 $^{^{\}wedge}\,\text{Securities representing 0.98\% (28\,\text{July 2022: 1.40\%})}\,\text{of the net assets of the Fund are sub-investment grade securities.}$

^{^^} Securities representing 2.30% (28 July 2022: 1.93%) of the net assets of the Fund are unrated securities.

Summary of Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 28 July 2023

| 10 Largest Purchases | Cost | 10 Largest Sales | Proceeds |
|--|------------|--|------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| iShares Core GBP Corporate Bond UCITS | | iShares Core GBP Corporate Bond UCITS | |
| ETF GBP (Dist) | 12,413,609 | ETF GBP (Dist) | 10,300,165 |
| iShares GBP Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF | 4,215,909 | iShares GBP Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF | 4,695,327 |
| HSBC 4.856% 23/5/2033 | 1,798,329 | European Investment Bank 3.875% 08/06/2037 | 2,584,739 |
| UK GILT 4.25% 07/12/2027 | 1,544,535 | HSBC 4% 23/8/2023 | 1,900,619 |
| Credit Agricole 4% 12/10/2026 | 1,487,880 | HSBC 4.856% 23/5/2033 | 1,783,075 |
| Banco Santander 5.294% 18/08/2027 | 1,472,393 | Banco Santander 5.294% 18/08/2027 | 1,575,012 |
| Credit Agricole 3.875% 20/04/2031 | 1,409,644 | UK GILT 4.25% 07/12/2027 | 1,532,250 |
| Electricite de France 5.625% 25/01/2053 | 1,360,044 | Allianz 4.252% 05/07/2052 | 1,518,967 |
| Credit Suisse Group 6.442% 11/08/2028 | 1,183,266 | Credit Agricole 4% 12/10/2026 | 1,492,506 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Financial 5.71% 13/01/2030 | 1,124,344 | Goldman Sachs Group 1% 16/12/2025 | 1,416,294 |

Statement of Total Return for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | | 29 | /07/2022 to | 29 | /07/2021 to |
|--|-------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | | | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | 2 | | (18,281) | | (30,783) |
| Revenue | 3 | 6,320 | | 5,441 | |
| Expenses | 4 | (1,442) | | (1,847) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | (4) | | (12) | |
| Net revenue before taxation for the year | | 4,874 | | 3,582 | |
| Taxation | 6 | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | | | 4,874 | | 3,582 |
| Total return before distributions | | | (13,407) | | (27,201) |
| Distributions | 7 | | (6,316) | | (5,429) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | | |
| investment activities | | | (19,723) | | (32,630) |

Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | 29/07/2022 to | | 29/07/2021 to | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | £'000 | 28/07/2023 £'000 | | 28/07/2022 £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | 2 000 | 188,387 | L 000 | 240,376 |
| Amounts receivable on creation of shares | 1,868 | | 2,003 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (19,580) | | £'000 | |
| | | (17,712) | | (22,031) |
| Dilution adjustment | | | | 5 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (19,723) | | (32,630) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | 3,119 | | 2,666 |
| Unclaimed distributions | | 72 | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 154,143 | | 188,387 |

Balance Sheet as at 28 July 2023

| | | | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | | | 148,532 | | 182,161 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 2,265 | | 2,150 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | 5,120 | | 6,297 | |
| Total current assets | | | 7,385 | | 8,447 |
| Total assets | | | 155,917 | | 190,608 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Investment liabilities | | | (74) | | (1,126) |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Distribution payable | 10 | (793) | | (703) | |
| Other creditors | 10 | (907) | | (392) | |
| Total creditors | | | (1,700) | | (1,095) |
| Total liabilities | | | (1,774) | | (2,221) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | | | 154,143 | | 188,387 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Fund's accounting policies are set out on pages 11 to 13 of the financial statements.

2. Net capital losses

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| The net capital losses on investments during the year comprise of: | | |
| Non-derivative securities | (17,857) | (28,997) |
| Derivative contracts | (351) | 712 |
| Forward currency contracts | (36) | (2,615) |
| Currency (losses)/gains | (12) | 142 |
| Transaction charges | (24) | (25) |
| CSDR Penalty | (1) | _ |
| Net capital losses | (18,281) | (30,783) |

3. Revenue

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bond interest | 6,155 | 5,409 |
| Offshore fund of funds interest distributions | 76 | 10 |
| Bank interest | 89 | 22 |
| Total revenue | 6,320 | 5,441 |

4. Expenses

| · | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them: | | |
| ACD's periodic fee | 1,107 | 1,440 |
| Registration fee | 189 | 245 |
| | 1,296 | 1,685 |
| Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either | er of them: | |
| Depositary fee | 25 | 32 |
| Safe custody fee | 8 | 9 |
| | 33 | 41 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Administration fee | 82 | 96 |
| Audit fee | 16 | 14 |
| Printing fee | 9 | 5 |
| Tax advisory fee | 3 | 3 |
| VAT on audit fee | 3 | 3 |
| | 113 | 121 |
| Total expenses | 1,442 | 1,847 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 5. Interest payable and similar charges | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Bank overdraft interest | 4 | 12 |
| | 4 | 12 |

6. Taxation

(a) Analysis of taxation charge in year

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Overseas tax | - | - |
| Current tax [note 6(b)] | - | - |
| Deferred tax [note 6(c)] | - | - |
| Total taxation | - | - |

(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (28 July 2022: lower) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue before taxation | 4,874 | 3,582 |
| Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the appropriate rate of co | orporation tax at 20% | |
| (2022: 20%) | 975 | 717 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Interest distribution allowable as a deduction | (975) | (717) |
| Current tax | - | - |

(c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (28 July 2022: same).

At the year end, there was no potential deferred tax asset (28 July 2022: same) due to surplus management expenses.

7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise: $\frac{1}{2}$

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| First interim interest distribution | 1,481 | 1,303 |
| Second interim interest distribution | 1,619 | 1,365 |
| Third interim interest distribution | 1,539 | 1,291 |
| Final interest distribution | 1,591 | 1,406 |
| Total interest distribution | 6,230 | 5,365 |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 97 | 72 |
| Less: Revenue received on creation of shares | (11) | (8) |
| Less: Revenue received on in-specie transactions | - | - |
| Distributions for the year | 6,316 | 5,429 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

7. Distributions (continued)

The differences between the net revenue after taxation and the distribution for the year are as follows:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | 4,874 | 3,582 |
| Add: Expenses taken to capital | 1,442 | 1,847 |
| Distributions for the year | 6,316 | 5,429 |

8. Debtors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Amounts receivable for creation of shares | 2 | 2 |
| Accrued bond revenue | 2,263 | 2,148 |
| | 2,265 | 2,150 |

9. Cash and bank balances

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 2,820 | 2,420 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,300 | 3,877 |
| | 5,120 | 6,297 |

10. Creditors

(a) Other creditors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of shares | 322 | 226 |
| Accrued expenses | 148 | 166 |
| Purchases awaiting settlement | 437 | - |
| | 907 | 392 |
| (b) Distributions payable | | |
| Net distributions payable | 793 | 703 |
| | 793 | 703 |

11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (28 July 2022: same).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments

The Fund's investment objective is stated on page 39. In pursuing its objective, the Fund holds financial instruments which expose it to various types of risk. The main risks, and the ACD's policy for managing these risks are set out below. These were applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year.

(a) Credit and liquidity risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering loss due to another party not meeting its financial obligations. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is for the trade counterparties to fail to meet their commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

Securities representing 0.98% (28 July 2022: 1.40%) of the net assets of the Fund are sub-investment grade securities. Securities representing 2.30% (28 July 2022: 1.93%) of the net assets of the Fund are unrated securities.

Fixed interest investments are exposed to credit risk which reflects the ability of the bond issuer to meet its obligations. The majority of bonds in which the Fund invests are investment grade listed bonds or government securities which are lower risk. Generally, the higher the rate of interest, the higher the perceived credit risk of the issuer. The ACD monitors the credit quality and risk of the portfolio as a part of the overall investment process and in accordance with the objective and policy of each sub-fund.

Liquidity risk relates to the capacity to meet liabilities. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to Shareholders for any cancellation of shares. This risk is minimised by holding cash and readily realisable securities and via access to overdraft facilities.

(b) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the potential movement in the value of financial instruments held as a result of price fluctuations. The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and borrowing powers established in the Prospectus and the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL'). In this way, the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate risk and/or reduce costs. These instruments are not utilised for speculative purposes. Derivative instruments were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £3,185,921 (28 July 2022: £2,011,845).

(c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of movements in the value of overseas financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the utilisation of forward currency contracts as necessary. Forward currency contracts were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £236 (28 July 2022: £55).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(c) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The foreign currency profile of the Fund's net assets at the current and preceding year end date was as follows:

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Australian Dollar | 86 | (11) | 75 |
| Canadian Dollar | 139 | - | 139 |
| Euro | (11,936) | 12,071 | 135 |
| US Dollar | (13,283) | 13,427 | 144 |
| | (24,994) | 25,487 | 493 |

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Australian Dollar | 146 | (50) | 96 |
| Canadian Dollar | 106 | (32) | 74 |
| Euro | (16,732) | 16,927 | 195 |
| US Dollar | (18,388) | 18,573 | 185 |
| | (34,868) | 35,418 | 550 |

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of movements in the value of financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. This risk is managed by the active monitoring and adjustment of the credit rating of the portfolio of investments.

The interest rate profile of the Fund's net assets at the balance sheet date was:

| | Total | Floating rate | Fixed rate | Non-interest |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 28/07/2023 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Investments | 148,458 | 33,968 ** | 111,669 | 2,821 |
| Other assets | 7,385 | 5,120* | - | 2,265 |
| Other liabilities | (1,700) | - | - | (1,700) |
| Total | 154,143 | 39,088 | 111,669 | 3,386 |

| | Total | Floating rate | Fixed rate | Non-interest |
|-------------------|---------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 28/07/2022 | £′000 | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Investments | 181,035 | 41,384** | 138,958 | 693 |
| Other assets | 8,447 | 6,297* | - | 2,150 |
| Other liabilities | (1,095) | - | - | (1,095) |
| Total | 188,387 | 47,681 | 138,958 | 1,748 |

^{*} The Fund's floating rate current assets are represented by its bank balances. Cash is deposited, on normal commercial terms and earn or bear interest based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent.

^{**} The Fund's floating rate investments earn interest which is variable, based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent. A rise of 1% in global interest rates is likely to result in 6.02% fall in the Fund's market value (28 July 2022: 6.85%).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(d) Interest rate risk (continued)

At 28 July 2023, if interest rates on the Fund increased or decreased by 100 basis points, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £9,280,328 (28 July 2022: £12,910,336). This represents the ACD's best estimate of a reasonable possible shift in interest rates, having regard to historical volatility of those rates.

(e) Derivatives - sensitivity analysis

Derivative risk arises from uncertainty about future market movements. This risk is managed by the policies shown within Market risk.

The Fund invests in futures to obtain market exposure to enable it to meet the Fund objectives whilst reducing transaction costs.

The effect of these futures is to decrease market exposure by 5.73% (28 July 2022: 6.70%) of net assets.

This results in an effective bond exposure at the year end of 90.58% (28 July 2022: 89.40%) of net assets, which means that the gains or losses of the Fund will be 0.9058 (28 July 2022: 0.8940) times the gains or losses if the Fund was fully invested in bonds.

(f) Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

(q) Counterparty risk

During the year, the Fund made use of 'Over The Counter' (OTC) and exchange traded derivative instruments. These types of instruments introduce Counterparty Risk, where a counterparty may fail to meet its financial commitments. In order to reduce this risk, a collateral may be held by the Fund.

Exposure to a counterparty is calculated using the positive mark-to-market value of the OTC and exchange traded derivative contracts. The counterparties to these transactions and any collateral held by the Fund at the balance sheet date are shown below:

| 28/07/2023 | Collateral | Derivatives |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £′000 |
| Barclays Bank PLC | - | 334 |
| BNP Paribas Paris | - | 1 |
| Brown Brothers Harriman & Co | - | 7 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | - | 1 |
| Citibank International PLC | - | 237 |
| HSBC Bank PLC | - | 237 |
| J.P. Morgan Chase Bank | - | 7 |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. International | - | 5 |
| National Australia Bank | - | 3 |
| State Street Bank and Trust | - | 59 |
| | - | 891 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(g) Counterparty risk (continued)

| 28/07/2022 | Collateral | Derivatives |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £′000 |
| Barclays Bank PLC | - | 654 |
| BNP Paribas Paris | - | 63 |
| Brown Brothers Harriman & Co | - | 71 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | - | 7 |
| Citibank International PLC | - | 16 |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 3 |
| HSBC Bank PLC | - | 42 |
| J.P. Morgan Chase Bank | - | 419 |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. International | - | 23 |
| National Australia Bank | - | 12 |
| Northern Trust | - | 1 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | - | 1 |
| State Street Bank and Trust | - | 30 |
| | - | 1,342 |

13. Fair value disclosures

Amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' - Fair value hierarchy disclosures requires that an analysis of investments and investment liabilities by reference to a fair value hierarchy be disclosed as follows:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

Fair value based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments includes exchange-traded instruments unless there is persistently insufficient activity to regard the market as active. Examples typically include money market instruments, exchange-traded derivatives, exchange-traded products (including exchange-traded funds) and some highly liquid exchange-traded debt securities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1.

Fair value based on a valuation technique using observable market data includes over-the-counter instruments, instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject to fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples typically include OTC derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Fair value based on a valuation technique that relies significantly on unobservable data and this typically includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

13. Fair value disclosures (continued)

It is the responsibility of the Fair Value Forum ('FVF') to ensure pricing sources and methodologies used to value securities are appropriate as delegated by the ACD. Investments classified as using inputs that are not based on observable market data comprise fair value adjusted securities, stale and single sourced bonds. In seeking to value such securities where no liquid market exists, the FVF will gather valuation related information from multiple internal and external sources. These sources include historic trading and pricing information and the views of internal security analysts. Internal security analysts have access to a range of material including, company specific news and earnings, cash flow forecasts, valuations of the underlying portfolio company and competitor company valuations within related industries and sectors to determine a valuation recommendation for each unlisted security.

Generally for fair valued securities, stale and single source bonds, where there is no price source from an active market, the FVF has applied judgement in determining the fair value. This fair value is established by using measures such as; stale priced securities where the last traded price is used. The FVF has the ability to apply discounts to security valuations. Management determines the discount based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. Generally unlisted securities are valued at cost, a trade executed by another Barclays Fund, grey market trades or at a nil value where companies have gone into liquidation, administration or are deemed worthless. Single sourced broker prices use data received from a single pricing vendor and stale prices use the most recent broker quote available.

Below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets and investment liabilities as at the current and preceding year end.

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2023

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bonds | - | 145,638 | - | 145,638 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 2,003 | - | - | 2,003 |
| Forward Currency Contracts | - | 557 | - | 557 |
| Futures | 334 | - | - | 334 |
| | 2,337 | 146,195 | - | 148,532 |

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Financial Liabilities | £'000 | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Forward Currency Contracts | - | (51) | - | (51) |
| Futures | (23) | - | - | (23) |
| | (23) | (51) | - | (74) |

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2022

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £′000 | £′000 | £′000 | £′000 |
| Bonds | - | 180,342 | - | 180,342 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 476 | - | - | 476 |
| Forward Currency Contracts | - | 712 | - | 712 |
| Futures | 631 | - | - | 631 |
| | 1,107 | 181,054 | - | 182,161 |

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Liabilities | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 |
| Forward Currency Contracts | - | (482) | - | (482) |
| Futures | (644) | - | - | (644) |
| | (644) | (482) | - | (1,126) |

| Notes to the F | inancial Statem | nents for the yea | ar ended i | 28 July 202 | 23 (cont | inued) | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 14. Portfolio trans 29/07/2022 to 28 | | | | | | | |
| | Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | T | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| t | ransaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Bonds | 56,688 | - | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | - | 56,688 |
| Collective Investm | ient | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 16,622 | 8 | 0.05 | - | 0.00 | 8 | 16,630 |
| Total | 73,310 | 8 | | - | | 8 | 73,318 |
| | | | | | | | Total sales |
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| t | ransaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £′000 | £′000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Bonds | 73,640 | - | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | - | 73,640 |
| Collective Investm | ient | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 15,003 | (8) | 0.05 | - | 0.00 | (8) | 14,995 |
| Total | 88,643 | (8) | | - | | (8) | 88,635 |
| Total transaction c | costs | 16 | | | | | |
| as a % of the avera | ige net assets | 0.01% | | 0.00% | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 29/07/2021 to 28/ | /07/2022 Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | т | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| | ransaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| · | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | £ 000 | £ 000 | 70 | £ 000 | 70 | £ 000 | £ 000 |
| Bonds | 63,007 | | 0.00 | _ | 0.00 | _ | 63,007 |
| Collective Investm | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | 03,007 |
| Schemes | 18,615 | 10 | 0.05 | _ | 0.00 | 10 | 18,625 |
| Total | 81,622 | 10 | 0.03 | _ | 0.00 | 10 | 81,632 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Sales in | | | | | | Total sales net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| + | ransaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| C | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Bonds | 82,866 | _ | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | _ | 82,866 |
| Collective Investm | | | 2.00 | | 0.00 | | 32,000 |
| Schemes | 20,827 | (10) | 0.05 | _ | 0.00 | (10) | 20,817 |
| Total | 103,693 | (10) | | - | | (10) | 103,683 |
| Total transaction c | costs | 20 | | | | | |

0.01%

as a % of the average net assets

0.00%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

14. Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year which are separately identifiable.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares where in existence. Additionally for equity shares, there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

At the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.62% (28 July 2022: 0.66%).

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

15. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as controlling party of the Fund by virtue of having the ability to act in concert in respect of Fund operations. The ultimate controlling party of the ACD is Barclays PLC. This entity and its subsidiaries are also related parties of the Fund.

At the year end, the ACD and its associates held 0.00% of the Fund's shares in issue (28 July 2022: 0.00%).

Details of all other material related party transactions during the year and any payment amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 4, 8, 10, and 12 to the financial statements and the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and the Portfolio Statement. Within note 10, accrued expenses (including amounts due to associates and agents) of £92,295 (28 July 2022: £112,203) are due to the ACD.

16. Shareholder funds

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class is given in the performance tables on pages 64 to 66. All Share Classes have the same rights on winding up.

The movement in the number of shares for the years ended 28 July 2023 and 28 July 2022 is shown below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 88,577,247 | 95,562,416 |
| Issued during year | 1,058,942 | 741,631 |
| Cancelled during year | (7,855,472) | (7,467,150) |
| Conversions during the year | (3,492,162) | (259,650) |
| Total number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of year | 78,288,555 | 88,577,247 |
| Number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 12,025,163 | 13,198,831 |
| Issued during year | 45,888 | 141,446 |
| Cancelled during year | (1,521,047) | (1,315,114) |
| Conversions during the year | (398,629) | - |
| Total number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of year | 10,151,375 | 12,025,163 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 147,154 | 353,497 |
| Issued during year | - | |
| Cancelled during year | (78,378) | (206,343 |
| Conversions during the year | 31,906 | |
| Total number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of year | 100,682 | 147,154 |
| | | |
| Number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 128,679,020 | 144,755,162 |
| Issued during year | 2,878,895 | 2,416,77 |
| Cancelled during year | (14,952,797) | (18,744,958 |
| Conversions during the year | 3,216,390 | 252,045 |
| Total number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of year | 119,821,508 | 128,679,020 |
| Number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 65,050,102 | 72,280,509 |
| Issued during year | 242,137 | 251,251 |
| Cancelled during year | (7,691,848) | (7,481,658 |
| Conversions during the year | 427,818 | |
| Total number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of year | 58,028,209 | 65,050,102 |

17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per share of the A Distribution share class has decreased from 37.89p to 37.80p, A Accumulation share class has increased from 110.41p to 111.33p, M Distribution share class has decreased from 42.98p to 42.94p, R Distribution share class has decreased from 39.19p to 39.12p and the R Accumulation share class has increased from 114.99p to 116.04p as at 02 November 2023. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the current uncertainties. The ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period

Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during a distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

First interim interest distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/12/2022 | 28/12/2021 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3424p | - | 0.3424p | 0.2760p |
| Group 2 | 0.1813p | 0.1611p | 0.3424p | 0.2760p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9602p | - | 0.9602p | 0.7542p |
| Group 2 | 0.5232p | 0.4370p | 0.9602p | 0.7542p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3863p | - | 0.3863p | 0.3094p |
| Group 2 | 0.3863p | - | 0.3863p | 0.3094p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3532p | - | 0.3532p | 0.2838p |
| Group 2 | 0.0697p | 0.2835p | 0.3532p | 0.2838p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.9975p | - | 0.9975p | 0.7811p |
| Group 2 | 0.4452p | 0.5523p | 0.9975p | 0.7811p |

Second interim interest distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/03/2023 | 28/03/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3812p | - | 0.3812p | 0.2935p |
| Group 2 | 0.2125p | 0.1687p | 0.3812p | 0.2935p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0786p | - | 1.0786p | 0.8067p |
| Group 2 | 0.8409p | 0.2377p | 1.0786p | 0.8067p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.4307p | - | 0.4307p | 0.3296p |
| Group 2 | 0.4307p | - | 0.4307p | 0.3296p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3934p | - | 0.3934p | 0.3021p |
| Group 2 | 0.0788p | 0.3146p | 0.3934p | 0.3021p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1213p | - | 1.1213p | 0.8361p |
| Group 2 | 0.5537p | 0.5676p | 1.1213p | 0.8361p |

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

Third interim interest distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/06/2023 | 28/06/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3716p | - | 0.3716p | 0.2859p |
| Group 2 | 0.1653p | 0.2063p | 0.3716p | 0.2859p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.0617p | - | 1.0617p | 0.7904p |
| Group 2 | 0.8184p | 0.2433p | 1.0617p | 0.7904p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.4206p | - | 0.4206p | 0.3215p |
| Group 2 | 0.4206p | - | 0.4206p | 0.3215p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3840p | - | 0.3840p | 0.2944p |
| Group 2 | 0.1648p | 0.2192p | 0.3840p | 0.2944p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1052p | - | 1.1052p | 0.8198p |
| Group 2 | 0.3751p | 0.7301p | 1.1052p | 0.8198p |

Final interest distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/09/2023 | 28/09/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.3921p | - | 0.3921p | 0.3178p |
| Group 2 | 0.1959p | 0.1962p | 0.3921p | 0.3178p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1305p | - | 1.1305p | 0.8844p |
| Group 2 | 1.1305p | - | 1.1305p | 0.8844p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.4443p | - | 0.4443p | 0.3579p |
| Group 2 | 0.4443p | - | 0.4443p | 0.3579p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.4052p | - | 0.4052p | 0.3275p |
| Group 2 | 0.1818p | 0.2234p | 0.4052p | 0.3275p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.1763p | - | 1.1763p | 0.9179p |
| Group 2 | 0.5856p | 0.5907p | 1.1763p | 0.9179p |

Performance Tables

| | A- | Class Distributio | n | A-Class Accumulation | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 42.38 | 49.53 | 49.96 | 118.83 | 135.34 | 133.04 |
| Return before operating charges | * (2.68) | (5.47) | 1.40 | (7.52) | (15.11) | 3.76 |
| Operating charges | (0.43) | (0.51) | (0.54) | (1.22) | (1.40) | (1.46) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.11) | (5.98) | 0.86 | (8.74) | (16.51) | 2.30 |
| Distributions | (1.49) | (1.17) | (1.29) | (4.23) | (3.24) | (3.46) |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 4.23 | 3.24 | 3.46 |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 37.78 | 42.38 | 49.53 | 110.09 | 118.83 | 135.34 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | - | - | - | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.01) |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (7.34%) | (12.07%) | 1.72% | (7.36%) | (12.20%) | 1.73% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 29,578 | 37,538 | 47,336 | 11,175 | 14,289 | 17,864 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 78,289 | 88,577 | 95,562 | 10,151 | 12,025 | 13,199 |
| Operating charges | 1.10% | 1.09% | 1.09% | 1.10% | 1.09% | 1.09% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.01% | 0.01% | (0.01%) | 0.01% | 0.01% | (0.01%) |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 42.84 | 49.93 | 51.25 | 120.10 | 136.40 | 137.40 |
| Lowest share price | 35.81 | 41.10 | 48.43 | 100.40 | 114.40 | 130.70 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | M- | Class Distributio | n | R-C | Class Distribution | 1 |
|---|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 47.77 | 55.49 | 55.64 | 43.69 | 50.92 | 51.24 |
| Return before operating charges | * (3.03) | (6.15) | 1.58 | (2.76) | (5.64) | 1.42 |
| Operating charges | (0.21) | (0.25) | (0.29) | (0.32) | (0.38) | (0.42) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.24) | (6.40) | 1.29 | (3.08) | (6.02) | 1.00 |
| Distributions | (1.68) | (1.32) | (1.44) | (1.54) | (1.21) | (1.32) |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 42.85 | 47.77 | 55.49 | 39.07 | 43.69 | 50.92 |
| *after direct transaction costs of **: Performance | - | - | (0.01) | - | - | - |
| Return after charges | (6.78%) | (11.53%) | 2.32% | (7.05%) | (11.82%) | 1.95% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 43 | 70 | 196 | 46,816 | 56,226 | 73,706 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 101 | 147 | 353 | 119,822 | 128,679 | 144,755 |
| Operating charges | 0.48% | 0.47% | 0.52% | 0.80% | 0.79% | 0.82% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.01% | 0.01% | (0.01%) | 0.01% | 0.01% | (0.01%) |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 48.29 | 55.93 | 57.21 | 44.17 | 51.32 | 52.60 |
| Lowest share price | 40.42 | 46.29 | 54.13 | 36.94 | 42.36 | 49.73 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | R-Class Accumulation | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to 29/07/2021 to | | |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share: | 123.39 | 140.11 | 137.42 |
| Return before operating charges* | (7.82) | (15.67) | 3.89 |
| Operating charges | (0.92) | (1.05) | (1.20) |
| Return after operating charges* | (8.74) | (16.72) | 2.69 |
| Distributions | (4.40) | (3.35) | (3.58) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 4.40 | 3.35 | 3.58 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 114.65 | 123.39 | 140.11 |
| *after direct transaction costs of **: Performance | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.01) |
| Return after charges | (7.08%) | (11.93%) | 1.96% |
| Other information | (7.5570) | (11.3370) | 1.5070 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 66.531 | 80,264 | 101,274 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 58.028 | 65,050 | 72,281 |
| Operating charges | 0.80% | 0.79% | 0.87% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.01% | 0.01% | (0.01%) |
| Prices | | | |
| Highest share price | 124.70 | 141.20 | 142.00 |
| Lowest share price | 104.30 | 118.70 | 135.20 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

This indicator is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category (i.e. Category 1) does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Fund is rated Category 4 due to the nature of the investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

The following risks are materially relevant to the Fund:

- Issuers of FI Securities and MMIs that the Fund has exposure to may not make the payments they owe. The risk is higher for FI Securities and MMIs which have a lower credit rating although their payments may be greater.
- If interest rates change, the value of FI Securities the Fund has exposure to may be affected. Generally, the value of FI Securities may fall if interest rates rise, but could rise if interest rates fall.

- When derivatives are used, it is not intended that the Fund's
 value will fluctuate and use can be intended to reduce such
 fluctuations (such as currency movements). However, in
 adverse situations, this may not be effective, or the
 counterparty may default, which could lead to significant
 losses for the Fund.
- The Fund may enter into OTC derivative contracts with another party. If that party defaults on part or all of its contractual obligations the Fund may suffer a financial loss.
- Inflation may mean the future value of your investment is less than anticipated.
- The Fund relies upon the performance of one or more subinvestment managers, who may perform poorly and adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

Information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

Barclays UK Alpha Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth over the long term (a period of at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equity securities (shares of companies and other equity related investments) issued by companies domiciled in, incorporated in, or which have significant operations in, the UK ("UK Companies"). The UK Companies will be listed or traded on a regulated market in the UK or in a country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The UK Companies can operate in any industry, and be any size (i.e., any "market capitalisation" (the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued)). It is intended that the Investment Manager and/or sub-investment managers will select equity securities across the FTSE All-Share Index (Total Return), the Fund's reference index (the "Reference Index"), to generate long term capital growth.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in other equity securities, fixed income securities (tradeable debt that may pay interest, such as bonds), money-market instruments ("MMIs", bonds with short term maturities), cash and deposits. These assets can be in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector.

The Fund may invest a maximum of 10% in other funds in seeking exposure to the above asset classes. Fixed income securities and MMIs may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (e.g. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They will be investment grade (which means they meet a certain level of credit worthiness or credit rating by a credit rating agency, for example BBB- or higher by Standard & Poors, or are un-rated but deemed to be of comparable quality).

Derivatives (investments whose value is linked to other investments) can be used for the purpose of "efficient portfolio management" (to seek to reduce the overall risk and cost to the Fund including through hedging (for example, to manage exposures to currencies) or to generate extra income or capital growth in line with the risk profile of the Fund).

The sub-investment managers take into consideration the Reference Index when selecting investments. However, as the Fund is actively managed, which means the sub-investment managers have day-to-day discretion to select the Fund's investments, the sub-investment managers maintain a high degree of flexibility and have the ability to invest in fewer securities than those which constitute the Reference Index and in sector and country weights that are different to the Reference Index.

The strategy of the sub-investment managers, and therefore the overall performance of the Fund, can be significantly different to the Reference Index. However, the Investment Manager's expectation is that where there is use of multiple sub-investment managers, this will mean that the overall outcome of the Fund is more aligned to the Reference Index.

The Reference Index is also used by the Investment Manager as one means of monitoring and comparing the performance of the sub-investment managers as well as how the Fund in total has performed against the broader UK equity market. The Investment Manager can also make changes to the proportion of the Fund's assets that the sub-investment managers manage.

Investment Report

During the year under review, the net asset value per share attributable to the A-Class Distribution shares rose by 7.09%. This compares to a rise in the FTSE All-Share Index, on a total return basis of 7.21%.

Market/Economic Review

The year under review could be compared to the analogy of the duck swimming on the water. Above the surface the world – at least in economic terms- seems like it has returned to something approaching normality. The restrictions of COVID are broadly nothing more than a memory. Whilst working from home remains popular, offices and public transport are far busier today than they have been for several years. But as always, plenty is happening in global markets and economies.

The biggest news around the world has been the rise of inflation in the price of goods and services. After a decade and a half of zero interest rates, Central Banks around the world have been increasing interest rates back to levels not seen since before the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-9.

The period of low interest rates can be seen in historical terms as very unusual. However, governments, companies and individuals quickly became used to operating in such an environment, and it will take some time for adjustments to be made.

Economically, there have been ongoing and persistent debates about whether the rise in interest rates will lead to an economic slowdown or recession in major global economies. Whilst there have been many predictions of a significant economic slowdown or recession in the US, Europe or Asia, it has yet to be seen.

That is not to say it will not happen. Forecasters continue to expect softer economic growth for the rest of 2023 and 2024 in major economies in Europe and the US. But stock markets, particularly in the US, do not seem to be pricing it in, given the valuations and performance of some of the largest companies in the year to date.

Looking at stock markets, performance improved through the second half of 2022 and into much of 2023. The big story has undoubtedly been the announcement of significant developments of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Chat GPT, the 'large language model' tool developed by Open AI. What impact this will have on how we live and work in the future is uncertain, but that uncertainty has not stopped enormous amounts of comment.

The hype around Al had the most obvious effect on the price of a number of US listed technology companies which were seen to benefit from the impact of Al. Seven stocks – inevitably titled 'the Magnificent Seven' by the press – led the way. The likes of Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta and chip maker Nvidia all saw huge rises in their share prices in the first half of 2023. Markets noted that Apple had a market capitalisation of over \$1 trillion, greater than the entire value of the UK stock market.

In contrast, the UK stock market was somewhat moribund. It really went nowhere in price terms. Lacking the tech sector of the US, it moved in a range, unable to benefit from the huge moves seen elsewhere.

Medium and smaller companies were slightly different. For many years, investors have been reducing their exposure to the UK stock market. There are a number of reasons for this, but in recent times sentiment towards the UK's more domestically focused companies has been at rock bottom.

Many UK listed shares which saw strong performance coming out of the COVID falls have performed poorly since. In hindsight, many traded on excessively high valuations. A number had operational issues, linked to issues including supply chain problems and input cost inflation. But in general, there has been simply no interest by listed equity investors to own more of the UK's medium and smaller sized companies. This leaves them trading on very low multiples of earnings, but with no obvious catalyst that will see an improvement in feelings towards them.

Within the UK market, takeover activity slowed as higher interest rates made it more expensive for Private Equity companies to borrow money to fund the acquisition of UK listed companies. Instead, companies were the biggest buyers of their own shares yet again.

Market/Economic Review (continued)

The best performing sectors were Technology, Industrials and Consumer Staples. There was a recovery in the likes of Rolls Royce, Carnival, easyJet and Ashtead Technology reflected increased economic confidence and improvements in parts of the market such as the wider travel industry.

Real Estate was weak, impacted by rising interest rates on valuations. Sector heavyweights like BT and Vodafone continued to struggle, but the former has seen foreign investors establish a large stake in its shares, and the latter is undergoing yet another restructuring. GSK, one of the UK's major pharmaceutical businesses also saw weak share price performance.

Fund Review

Overall, it was a decent year for the Fund. Outperformance came from good asset allocation decisions from its underlying sub-investment managers. Stock selection was a detractor, although three of the Fund's five underlying portfolios outperformed the Fund's benchmark.

The best performing sector for the Fund was Industrials. A catch-all sector, names that performed well included names as diverse as BAE Systems, Firstgroup and Capita.

The Fund's domestic economy exposure also did well. Home furnishings business Dunelm, Ted Baker and B&M European Value Retail were amongst the better performers. Supermarkets Marks & Spencer and J Sainsbury also performed well with inflation helping their returns. Being underweight Property companies was a good decision by the Fund's underlying investors.

The materials sector was the Fund's biggest performance issue over the year. Mondi, Synthomer and Rio Tinto were the culprits.

Being underweight HSBC – the largest stock in the UK market – was a detractor from the Fund's Financials performance. Large falls in the two small positions in OneSavings Bank and Vanquis were also a drag on returns.

Turning to the managers, Jupiter delivered the best performance. The manager took stakes in unloved companies including Card Factory and Smiths News which recovered strongly after long term poor operational performance. Majedie/Liontrust performed well in 2023, its growth bias towards the likes of Ashtead Technology, Rentokil Initial and RELX contributing well. J.P. Morgan continued its recovery through smaller businesses including corporate gift maker 4imprint, private equity company 3i and Irish bank AIB. Polar Capital recovered with a rally in 2023 in names that were weak in 2022 such as J Sainsbury's and Marks & Spencer. Its technology shares – Spirent Communications and Computercenter were weak despite wider sector strength.

Liontrust's Economic Advantage portfolio was weak. A consistent performer for many years, it was mainly a function of poor stock performance over the year. The manager's turnover is very low and it was long term holdings such as RWS and Synthomer that dragged down returns. But media firm Future, owner of publications like Country Life was also a high-profile detractor. A change in senior management, a small profits warning and a huge reappraisal by the market of what multiple of earnings the company's share price should be saw its share price halve over the year. The manager has retained faith in all of these companies and still owns them.

Outlook

It has been a very tricky time to be an active investor in UK equities in the last few years. This reporting year was a case in point, with good performance only from stocks that had a very specific set of exposures and characteristics. Any companies that were exposed to slowing customer spending, higher input costs from rising inflation or went into the period trading at excessively high valuation multiples saw their share prices under considerable pressure.

There is every possibility that the sentiment towards UK mid and small cap companies does not get better over the next twelve months. If this was the case, it is likely that many UK equity funds, including the Barclays UK Alpha, UK Equity Income and UK Small and Mid Cap funds may well struggle to outperform their benchmarks.

If the rally in US technology shares continues, the UK is likely to underperform. The FTSE All Share has a very limited technology sector, and those shares within it are small in size.

Medium and smaller companies are the engine of growth in the UK stock market as they are in the economy more broadly. If there is no interest in their shares by investors, domestic or international, then share prices will remain moribund.

However, UK equities are cheap when compared to their global peers. It may be the case that if the political situation from the outside looks more stable, then non-UK investors may look again at it. The UK is home to many world class companies, large and small, but trading at much lower multiples than their peers listed in Europe or the US.

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Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023

All investments are in ordinary shares unless stated otherwise. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector holdings at 28. July 2022.

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|---|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 5.38% (6.85%) | | |
| | FINLAND: 0.30% (0.00%) | | |
| | Telecommunications Equipment: 0.30% (0.00%) | | |
| 750,000 | Nokia | 2,314 | 0.3 |
| | FRANCE: 0.05% (0.07%) | | |
| | Aerospace & Defense: 0.02% (0.03%) | | |
| 1,731 | Thales | 200 | 0.0 |
| | Media: 0.03% (0.00%) | | |
| 3,317 | Publicis Groupe | 209 | 0.0 |
| | Oil & Gas Producers: 0.00% (0.04%) | | |
| | GERMANY: 0.80% (0.78%) | | |
| | Automobiles & Parts: 0.57% (0.45%) | | |
| 45,000 | Continental | 2,820 | 0.3 |
| 15,281 | Volkswagen | 1,590 | 0.2 |
| | | 4,410 | 0.5 |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 0.23% (0.33%) | | |
| 40,000 | Bayer | 1,798 | 0.2 |
| | IRELAND: 1.48% (1.19%) | | |
| | Banks: 0.49% (0.23%) | | |
| 1,051,183 | AIB | 3,737 | 0.4 |
| | Beverages: 0.39% (0.00%) | | |
| 2,100,000 | C&C | 2,999 | 0.3 |
| | General Industrials: 0.00% (0.27%) | | |
| | Support Services: 0.56% (0.66%) | | |
| 496,100 | Grafton | 4,352 | 0.5 |
| | Travel & Leisure: 0.04% (0.03%) | | |
| 23,700 | Ryanair | 322 | 0.0 |
| | JERSEY: 1.79% (3.74%) | | |
| | Construction & Materials: 0.00% (0.69%) | | |
| | Financial Services: 0.52% (0.29%) | | |
| 1,711,748 | Man | 4,053 | 0.5 |
| | General Retailers: 0.07% (0.32%) | | |
| 324,837 | boohoo.com^ | 128 | 0.0 |
| 4,044,029 | SafeStyle UK^ | 404 | 0.0 |
| | | 532 | 0.0 |
| | Media: 0.45% (1.31%) | | |
| 407,319 | WPP^^ | 3,463 | 0.4 |
| | Mining: 0.38% (0.96%) | -, | |
| 627,683 | Glencore | 2,928 | 0.3 |
| ,000 | Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution: 0.00% (0.17%) | _, | 0.5 |
| | Travel & Leisure: 0.37% (0.00%) | | |
| 120,563 | Wizz Air | 2,884 | 0.3 |
| 120,303 | ¥ ¥ 1∠∠ / M1 | 2,004 | |

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|----------|---|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 5.38% (6.85%) (continued) | | |
| | LUXEMBOURG: 0.18% (0.63%) | | |
| | General Retailers: 0.18% (0.63%) | | |
| 252,199 | B&M European Value Retail | 1,398 | 0.1 |
| | NETHERLANDS: 0.05% (0.08%) | | |
| | Fixed Line Telecommunications: 0.02% (0.05%) | | |
| 67,625 | Koninklijke KPN | 192 | 0.0 |
| | Health Care Equipment & Services: 0.03% (0.03%) | | |
| 13,529 | Koninklijke Philips | 221 | 0.0 |
| | SPAIN: 0.18% (0.17%) | | |
| | Support Services: 0.18% (0.17%) | | |
| 931,280 | Prosegur Cia de Seguridad | 1,388 | 0.1 |
| | SWITZERLAND: 0.55% (0.19%) | | |
| | Beverages: 0.44% (0.00%) | | |
| 144,191 | Coca-Cola HBC | 3,396 | 0.4 |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 0.11% (0.19%) | | |
| 3,527 | Novartis | 285 | 0.0 |
| 2,339 | Roche | 564 | 0.0 |
| | | 849 | 0.1 |
| | NORTH AMERICA: 2.36% (1.89%) | | |
| | BERMUDA: 0.49% (0.00%) | | |
| | Nonlife Insurance: 0.49% (0.00%) | | |
| 343,609 | Hiscox | 3,766 | 0.4 |
| | CANADA: 0.16% (0.16%) | | |
| | Mining: 0.16% (0.16%) | | |
| 90,442 | Barrick Gold^^ | 1,194 | 0.1 |
| | UNITED STATES: 1.71% (1.73%) | | |
| | Beverages: 0.00% (0.37%) | | |
| | Financial Services: 0.48% (0.60%) | | |
| 8,492 | Equifax^^ | 1,339 | 0.1 |
| 260,000 | Western Union^^ | 2,421 | 0.3 |
| | | 3,760 | 0.4 |
| | Health Care Equipment & Services: 0.43% (0.00%) | | |
| 7,649 | Thermo Fisher Scientific^^ | 3,340 | 0.4 |
| | Industrial Support Services: 0.41% (0.18%) | | |
| 706 | Fair Isaac^^ | 453 | 0.0 |
| 14,896 | Verisk Analytics^^ | 2,688 | 0.3 |
| | • | 3,141 | 0.4 |
| | Mining: 0.02% (0.14%) | | |
| 4,935 | Newmont^^ | 163 | 0.0 |
| | Support Services: 0.00% (0.19%) | | |
| | Technology Hardware & Equipment: 0.37% (0.25%) | | |
| 100,000 | Intel^^ | 2,861 | 0.3 |

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|--------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £′000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) | | |
| | Aerospace & Defense: 3.44% (4.29%) | | |
| 840,209 | Babcock International | 3,131 | 0.40 |
| 1,381,864 | BAE Systems | 12,826 | 1.66 |
| 1,362,017 | QinetiQ | 4,377 | 0.57 |
| 1,747,817 | Rolls-Royce | 3,378 | 0.44 |
| 1,700,000 | Senior | 2,897 | 0.37 |
| | | 26,609 | 3.44 |
| | Automobiles & Parts: 0.28% (0.30%) | | |
| 1,612,084 | TI Fluid Systems | 2,134 | 0.28 |
| | Banks: 5.71% (6.25%) | | |
| 4,596,943 | Barclays | 7,159 | 0.93 |
| 2,148,716 | HSBC | 13,877 | 1.79 |
| 8,769,346 | Lloyds Banking | 3,957 | 0.51 |
| 3,165,131 | NatWest^^ | 7,770 | 1.00 |
| 1,550,919 | Standard Chartered | 11,437 | 1.48 |
| | | 44,200 | 5.71 |
| | Beverages: 1.34% (3.02%) | | |
| 256,216 | Diageo | 8,796 | 1.14 |
| 114,414 | Fevertree Drinks^ | 1,567 | 0.20 |
| | | 10,363 | 1.34 |
| | Chemicals: 0.09% (0.18%) | | |
| 821,583 | Synthomer | 657 | 0.09 |
| | Construction & Materials: 1.64% (1.08%) | | |
| 638,000 | Balfour Beatty | 2,229 | 0.29 |
| 1,610,144 | Breedon | 5,821 | 0.75 |
| 30,994 | Forterra | 54 | 0.01 |
| 66,298 | Hill & Smith | 1,050 | 0.13 |
| 138,003 | Keller | 1,165 | 0.15 |
| 77,231 | Marshalls | 213 | 0.03 |
| 101,669 | Morgan Sindall | 1,919 | 0.25 |
| 80,470 | Polypipe | 253 | 0.03 |
| | | 12,704 | 1.64 |
| | Electricity: 0.70% (0.42%) | | |
| 322,250 | SSE | 5,391 | 0.70 |
| | Electronic & Electrical Equipment: 1.75% (1.84%) | | |
| 226,126 | Drax | 1,352 | 0.18 |
| 176,604 | Halma | 3,968 | 0.51 |
| 70,915 | Oxford Instruments | 1,720 | 0.22 |
| 63,154 | Renishaw | 2,428 | 0.31 |
| 116,007 | Spectris | 4,069 | 0.53 |
| | | 13,537 | 1.75 |

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|---|---|------------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £′000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) (continued) | | |
| | Energy: 0.76% (0.77%) | | |
| 529,838 | Ashtead Technology^ | 2,067 | 0.27 |
| 1,496,493 | Harbour Energy | 3,783 | 0.49 |
| | | 5,850 | 0.76 |
| | Financial Services: 7.22% (5.42%) | | |
| 807,854 | 3i | 16,080 | 2.08 |
| 1,137,497 | AJ Bell | 3,697 | 0.48 |
| 1,100,000 | Ashmore | 2,279 | 0.29 |
| 24,965 | Draper Esprit | 67 | 0.01 |
| 1,235,811 | Hargreaves Lansdown | 10,786 | 1.39 |
| 95,135 | London Stock Exchange | 8,111 | 1.05 |
| 1,400,000 | M&G | 2,822 | 0.36 |
| 715,298 | Melrose Industries | 3,752 | 0.48 |
| 522,067 | OSB | 1,856 | 0.24 |
| 1,200,000 | Provident Financial | 1,538 | 0.20 |
| 3,085,195 | TPICAP | 4,912 | 0.64 |
| <u> </u> | | 55,900 | 7.22 |
| | Fixed Line Telecommunications: 0.22% (0.31%) | | |
| 1,400,000 | ВТ | 1,738 | 0.22 |
| <u> </u> | Food & Drug Retailers: 1.38% (1.59%) | <u>`</u> | |
| 9,067 | Greggs | 246 | 0.03 |
| 2,160,057 | J Sainsbury | 6,104 | 0.79 |
| 1,670,027 | Tesco | 4,366 | 0.56 |
| , , | | 10,716 | 1.38 |
| | Food Producers: 1.20% (0.72%) | | |
| 133,298 | Cranswick | 4,474 | 0.58 |
| 446,302 | Kitwave^ | 1,370 | 0.18 |
| 2,661,270 | Premier Foods | 3,433 | 0.44 |
| <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u> | | 9,277 | 1.20 |
| | Forestry & Paper: 1.03% (0.49%) | <u>-,-</u> | |
| 585,373 | Mondi | 7,990 | 1.03 |
| | Funds investing in UK Equities: 0.00% (0.45%) | ., | |
| | Gas, Water & Multiutilities: 1.02% (1.04%) | | |
| 5,886,831 | Centrica | 7,894 | 1.02 |
| -,, | General Industrials: 1.69% (1.47%) | | |
| 106,063 | Bunzl | 3,067 | 0.40 |
| 4,561,434 | Coats | 3,166 | 0.41 |
| 177,192 | Smiths | 3,007 | 0.39 |
| 865,611 | Vesuvius | 3,823 | 0.49 |
| 865,611 | VCGGVIGG | 13,063 | 1.69 |

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|---|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) (continu | ed) | |
| | General Retailers: 6.30% (4.42%) | | |
| 4,483,589 | Card Factory | 4,089 | 0.5 |
| 594,409 | Dixons Carphone | 321 | 0.0 |
| 657,041 | Dunelm | 7,405 | 0.9 |
| 648,528 | Howden Joinery | 4,799 | 0.6 |
| 3,632,040 | JD Sports Fashion | 5,739 | 0.7 |
| 850,000 | Kingfisher | 2,100 | 0.2 |
| 5,272,119 | Marks & Spencer | 10,850 | 1.4 |
| 1,640,315 | Moonpig | 2,893 | 0.3 |
| 78,235 | Next | 5,530 | 0.73 |
| 602,428 | Pets at Home | 2,349 | 0.3 |
| 179,157 | WH Smith | 2,693 | 0.3 |
| | | 48,768 | 6.30 |
| | Health Care Equipment & Services: 0.10% (0.0 | 8%) | |
| 268,811 | ConvaTec | 561 | 0.0 |
| 20,355 | Smith & Nephew | 242 | 0.0 |
| | | 803 | 0.1 |
| | Household Goods & Home Construction: 2.779 | % (3.38%) | |
| 516,189 | Barratt Developments | 2,371 | 0.3 |
| 206,003 | Bellway | 4,569 | 0.5 |
| 88,639 | Reckitt Benckiser | 5,231 | 0.68 |
| 936,012 | Redrow | 4,835 | 0.6 |
| 1,154,769 | Taylor Wimpey | 1,331 | 0.1 |
| 387,140 | Vistry | 3,080 | 0.4 |
| | | 21,417 | 2.7 |
| | Industrial Engineering: 3.46% (2.27%) | | |
| 371,662 | IMI | 6,017 | 0.78 |
| 1,913,370 | Rotork | 5,886 | 0.7 |
| 79,443 | Spirax-Sarco Engineering | 8,822 | 1.1 |
| 55,734 | Travis Perkins | 496 | 0.0 |
| 311,106 | Weir | 5,569 | 0.7 |
| <u> </u> | | 26,790 | 3.4 |
| | Industrial Transportation: 1.05% (0.66%) | | |
| 46,165 | Clarkson | 1,290 | 0.1 |
| 2,300,000 | Firstgroup | 3,376 | 0.4 |
| 1,300,000 | Royal Mail | 3,508 | 0.4 |
| | | 8,174 | 1.0 |
| | Leisure Goods: 0.38% (0.21%) | | |
| 25,259 | Games Workshop | 2,953 | 0.38 |
| -, | Life Insurance: 0.63% (1.07%) | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | |
| 600,000 | Aviva | 2,344 | 0.30 |
| 268,049 | St James's Place | 2,534 | 0.33 |
| | 2723000000 | 4,878 | 0.6. |
| | | 7,070 | 0. |

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) (continued) | | |
| | Media: 4.14% (5.05%) | | |
| 26,151 | 4imprint | 1,164 | 0.1 |
| 372,133 | Ascential | 784 | 0.1 |
| 528,877 | Auto Trader | 3,400 | 0.4 |
| 171,625 | Future | 1,406 | 0.1 |
| 301,950 | Informa | 2,303 | 0.3 |
| 5,000,000 | ITV | 3,615 | 0.4 |
| 362,641 | Pearson | 3,152 | 0.4 |
| 561,785 | RELX | 14,792 | 1.9 |
| 152,728 | YouGov^ | 1,451 | 0.19 |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | | 32,067 | 4.14 |
| | Mining: 2.60% (1.36%) | · | |
| 209,921 | Anglo American | 5,002 | 0.64 |
| 280,000 | Fresnillo | 1,697 | 0.22 |
| 262,591 | Rio Tinto^^ | 13,455 | 1.74 |
| | | 20,154 | 2.60 |
| | Mobile Telecommunications: 0.55% (0.48%) | 20,10 | |
| 187,596 | Gamma Communications^ | 2,082 | 0.2 |
| 2,900,000 | Vodafone^^ | 2,197 | 0.28 |
| | | 4,279 | 0.5 |
| | Nonlife Insurance: 0.59% (0.59%) | 1,273 | 0.00 |
| 32,830 | Admiral Group | 709 | 0.09 |
| 690,672 | Beazley | 3,819 | 0.50 |
| 000,072 | 2002.09 | 4,528 | 0.59 |
| | Oil & Gas Producers: 9.01% (8.75%) | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | |
| 5,066,555 | BP | 24,084 | 3.11 |
| 1,949,383 | Shell^^ | 45,645 | 5.90 |
| 1,5 15,000 | | 69,729 | 9.01 |
| | Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution: 0.87% (0.40%) | 03,723 | 3.0 |
| 1,754,743 | Hunting | 4.466 | 0.58 |
| 1,565,765 | John Wood | 2,258 | 0.29 |
| 1,000,700 | | 6,724 | 0.87 |
| | Personal Goods: 2.31% (2.81%) | 0,721 | 0.07 |
| 195,678 | PZ Cussons | 329 | 0.04 |
| 416,019 | Unilever | 17,569 | 2.2 |
| 410,013 | Office | 17,898 | 2.31 |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 9.01% (8.49%) | 17,030 | 2.3 |
| 267,405 | AstraZeneca^^ | 29,559 | 3.82 |
| 1,613,158 | GSK^^ | 22,307 | 2.88 |
| 1,886,846 | Haleon^^ | 6,359 | 0.8 |
| 327,470 | Hikma Pharmaceuticals | 6,877 | 0.8 |
| 252,705 | Indivior^^ | 6,877 4,475 | 0.5 |
| | | | |
| 50,442 | Oxford Nanopore Technologies | 132 | 0.02 |

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) (continued) | | |
| | Real Estate Investment & Services: 1.10% (0.93%) | | |
| 1,006,267 | Rightmove | 5,619 | 0.72 |
| 299,144 | Savills | 2,917 | 0.38 |
| | | 8,536 | 1.10 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trusts: 0.52% (0.90%) | | |
| 9,000,000 | Hammerson | 2,344 | 0.30 |
| 260,000 | Land Securities | 1,670 | 0.22 |
| | | 4,014 | 0.52 |
| | Software & Computer Services: 1.76% (2.41%) | | |
| 593,595 | Alfa Financial Software | 926 | 0.12 |
| 190,390 | Baltic Classifieds | 373 | 0.05 |
| 235,784 | Computacenter | 5,215 | 0.68 |
| 95,802 | EMIS^ | 1,378 | 0.18 |
| 573,003 | Moneysupermarket.com | 1,569 | 0.20 |
| 439,168 | Sage | 4,128 | 0.53 |
| | | 13,589 | 1.76 |
| | Support Services: 7.18% (6.44%) | | |
| 180,791 | Ashtead | 10,309 | 1.33 |
| 6,000,000 | Connect | 2,664 | 0.34 |
| 228,272 | Diploma | 7,318 | 0.95 |
| 522,269 | Electrocomponents | 4,071 | 0.53 |
| 201,085 | Essentra | 324 | 0.04 |
| 758,429 | Hays | 811 | 0.10 |
| 818,542 | Inchcape | 6,704 | 0.87 |
| 53,998 | Intertek | 2,365 | 0.31 |
| 182,211 | Mears | 495 | 0.06 |
| 51,053 | Midwich [^] | 215 | 0.03 |
| 3,671,548 | Mitie | 3,716 | 0.48 |
| 624,144 | PageGroup | 2,792 | 0.36 |
| 231,240 | PayPoint | 1,130 | 0.15 |
| 964,684 | Rentokil Initial^^ | 6,089 | 0.79 |
| 807,947 | RWS^ | 2,147 | 0.28 |
| 2,653,010 | Serco | 4,139 | 0.53 |
| 71,384 | SThree | 251 | 0.03 |
| , | | 55,540 | 7.18 |
| | Technology Hardware & Equipment: 0.42% (1.02%) | | |
| 1,933,399 | Spirent Communications | 3,252 | 0.42 |
| , -, | Tobacco: 1.81% (3.27%) | -, - | 3.15 |
| 265,598 | British American Tobacco | 7,029 | 0.91 |
| 374,243 | Imperial Brands | 6,940 | 0.90 |
| - , | | 13,969 | 1.81 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|---|---------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.95% (87.71%) (continued) | | |
| | Travel & Leisure: 3.92% (1.99%) | | |
| 679,903 | Compass | 13,748 | 1.78 |
| 1,043,571 | Domino's Pizza | 3,628 | 0.47 |
| 769,243 | easyJet | 3,463 | 0.45 |
| 149,547 | Jet2^ | 1,678 | 0.22 |
| 3,000,000 | Rank | 2,850 | 0.37 |
| 140,986 | Whitbread | 4,913 | 0.63 |
| | | 30,280 | 3.92 |
| | Waste and Disposal Services: 0.00% (0.27%) | | |
| | Futures: 0.12% (0.04%) | | |
| 1,114 | FTSE 100 Index Future Expiry September 2023 | 749 | 0.10 |
| (2,005) | FTSE 250 Index Future Expiry September 2023 | 191 | 0.02 |
| | | 940 | 0.12 |
| | Portfolio of investments* | 756,884 | 97.81 |
| | Net other assets | 16,972 | 2.19 |
| | Net assets | 773,856 | 100.00 |

All investments are listed as transferable securities admitted to an offical stock exchange or traded on a regulated market.

^{*} Including derivative assets.

[^] These securities are quoted on an Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and comprise 1.89% (28 July 2022: 2.89%) of the Net Asset Value.

^{^^} These securities are quoted on NASDAQ and comprise 20.13% (28 July 2022: 4.26%) of the Net Asset Value.

Summary of Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 28 July 2023

| 10 Largest Purchases | Cost | 10 Largest Sales | Proceeds |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Rio Tinto | 16,021,568 | Diageo | 11,626,694 |
| Hargreaves Lansdown | 9,584,665 | Shell | 10,801,035 |
| Shell | 8,897,759 | HSBC | 10,089,939 |
| Compass | 8,593,281 | Standard Chartered | 8,742,329 |
| Standard Chartered | 8,557,974 | BP | 8,137,955 |
| HSBC | 7,582,696 | BAE Systems | 8,091,201 |
| London Stock Exchange | 7,073,688 | NatWest | 7,891,518 |
| Hikma Pharmaceuticals | 6,241,235 | WPP | 7,793,336 |
| AstraZeneca | 5,824,096 | B&M European Value Retail | 7,124,496 |
| Mondi | 5,626,622 | British American Tobacco | 7,038,899 |

Statement of Total Return for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | | | 07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | | /07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 2 | | 38,031 | | (36,355) |
| Revenue | 3 | 27,126 | | 27,546 | |
| Expenses | 4 | (9,803) | | (10,486) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | (50) | | (9) | |
| Net revenue before taxation for the year | | 17,273 | | 17,051 | |
| Taxation | 6 | (176) | | (208) | |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | | | 17,097 | | 16,843 |
| Total return before distributions | | | 55,128 | | (19,512) |
| Distributions | 7 | | (17,105) | | (16,845) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | | |
| investment activities | | | 38,023 | | (36,357) |

Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | 29/07/2022 to | | 29/07/2021 to | |
|--|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|
| | | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 781,059 | | 855,901 |
| Amounts receivable on creation of shares | 7,525 | | 11,478 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (61,243) | | (58,232) | |
| | | (53,718) | | (46,754) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 5 | | 25 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 38,023 | | (36,357) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | 8,372 | | 8,204 |
| Unclaimed distributions | | 115 | | 40 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 773,856 | | 781,059 |

Balance Sheet as at 28 July 2023

| | | ; | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | | | 756,884 | | 753,659 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 2,174 | | 6,058 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | 21,883 | | 34,132 | |
| Total current assets | | | 24,057 | | 40,190 |
| Total assets | | | 780,941 | | 793,849 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Distribution payable | 10 | (5,119) | | (4,910) | |
| Other creditors | 10 | (1,966) | | (7,880) | |
| Total creditors | | | (7,085) | | (12,790) |
| Total liabilities | | | (7,085) | | (12,790) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | | | 773,856 | | 781,059 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Fund's accounting policies are set out on page 11 to 13 of the financial statements.

2. Net capital gains/(losses)

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise: | | |
| Non-derivative securities | 34,529 | (36,670) |
| Derivative contracts | 3,532 | 325 |
| Forward currency contracts | 24 | 7 |
| Currency (losses)/gains | (22) | 21 |
| Transaction charges | (32) | (38) |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 38,031 | (36,355) |

3. Revenue

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| UK dividends | 23,005 | 23,531 |
| UK REIT dividends | - | 29 |
| UK PID income | 261 | 230 |
| Non-taxable overseas dividends | 2,745 | 3,575 |
| Onshore fund of funds dividend distributions | 48 | 56 |
| Bank interest | 599 | 11 |
| Franked stock dividends | 468 | 114 |
| Total revenue | 27,126 | 27,546 |

4. Expenses

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of the | em: | |
| ACD's periodic fee | 8,386 | 8,977 |
| Registration fee | 943 | 1,009 |
| | 9,329 | 9,986 |
| Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of | feither of them: | |
| Depositary fee | 116 | 125 |
| Safe custody fee | 18 | 20 |
| | 134 | 145 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Administration fee | 309 | 330 |
| Audit fee | 16 | 13 |
| VAT on audit fee | 3 | 3 |
| Printing fee | 9 | 5 |
| Tax advisory fee | 3 | 4 |
| | 340 | 355 |
| Total expenses | 9,803 | 10,486 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 5. Interest payable and similar charges | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bank overdraft interest | 11 | 4 |
| Brokerage fees | 39 | 5 |
| | 50 | 9 |

6. Taxation

(a) Analysis of taxation charge in year

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Overseas tax | 176 | 208 |
| Current tax [note 6(b)] | 176 | 208 |
| Deferred tax [note 6(c)] | - | - |
| Total taxation | 176 | 208 |

(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (28 July 2022: lower) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue before taxation | 17,273 | 17,051 |
| Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the appropriate rate of corp | oration tax at 20% | |
| (2022: 20%) | 3,455 | 3,410 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Overseas tax | 176 | 208 |
| Revenue not subject to taxation | (5,253) | (5,461) |
| Excess management expenses not utilised | 1,798 | 2,051 |
| Current tax | 176 | 208 |

(c) Provision for Deferred Tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (28 July 2022: same).

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £55,451,946 (28 July 2022: £53,653,358) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (28 July 2022: same).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Interim dividend distribution | 6,448 | 6,807 |
| Final dividend distribution | 10,236 | 9,696 |
| Total Distribution | 16,684 | 16,503 |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 465 | 393 |
| Less: Revenue received on creation of shares | (44) | (51) |
| Distributions for the year | 17,105 | 16,845 |

8. Debtors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Amounts receivable for creation of shares | 13 | 22 |
| Sales awaiting settlement | 941 | 4,723 |
| Accrued revenue | 1,159 | 1,234 |
| Overseas tax recoverable | 61 | 79 |
| | 2,174 | 6,058 |

9. Cash and bank balances

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 8,644 | 1,567 |
| Cash and bank balances | 13,239 | 32,565 |
| | 21,883 | 34,132 |

10. Creditors

(a) Other creditors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of shares | 916 | 766 |
| Purchases awaiting settlement | 215 | 6,289 |
| Accrued expenses | 835 | 825 |
| | 1,966 | 7,880 |
| (b) Distributions payable | | |
| Net distributions payable | 5,119 | 4,910 |
| | 5,119 | 4,910 |
| | | |

11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (28 July 2022: same).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments

The Fund's investment objective is stated on page 68. In pursuing its objective, the Fund holds financial instruments which expose it to various types of risk. The main risks, and the ACD's policy for managing these risks are set out below. These were applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year.

(a) Credit and liquidity risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering loss due to another party not meeting its financial obligations. The primary sources of this risk to the Fund are the potential for borrowers to fail to meet their redemption commitments and for trade counterparties to fail to meet their transaction commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

Liquidity risk relates to the capacity to meet liabilities. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to Shareholders for any cancellation of shares. This risk is minimised by holding cash and readily realisable securities and via access to overdraft facilities.

(b) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the potential movement in the value of financial instruments held as a result of price fluctuations. The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and borrowing powers established in the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL') governing the operation of open ended investment companies. In this way, the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

The Fund invests in securities which are issued by smaller companies and therefore there is likely to be increased volatility in price movements. The securities may also be less liquid than securities on larger exchanges which are generally traded more frequently.

The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate risk and/or reduce costs. These instruments are not utilised for speculative purposes. Derivative instruments were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £60,982,919 (28 July 2022: £60,729,095).

(c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of movements in the value of overseas financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the utilisation of forward currency contracts as necessary. Forward currency contracts were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £81,345 (28 July 2022: £78.321).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(c) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The foreign currency profile of the Fund's net assets at the current and preceding year end date was as follows:

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Danish Krone | 1 | 12 | 13 |
| Euro | 16 | 11,116 | 11,132 |
| Swiss Francs | 7 | 850 | 857 |
| US Dollar | 2 | 14,459 | 14,461 |
| | 26 | 26,437 | 26,463 |

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Danish Krone | - | 13 | 13 |
| Euro | 34 | 8,972 | 9,006 |
| Swiss Francs | - | 1,458 | 1,458 |
| US Dollar | 3 | 14,786 | 14,789 |
| | 37 | 25,229 | 25,266 |

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of movements in the value of financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund's only interest bearing financial instruments were its bank balances disclosed in note 9.

Cash is deposited, and overdraft facilities utilised, on normal commercial terms and earn or bear interest based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent.

In the event of a change in interest rates, there would be no material impact upon the assets of the Fund.

(e) Derivatives - sensitivity analysis

Derivative risk arises from uncertainty about future market movements. This risk is managed by the policies shown within Market risk.

The Fund invests in futures to obtain market exposure to enable it to meet the Fund objectives whilst reducing transaction costs.

The effect of these futures is to increase market exposure by 1.16% (28 July 2022: 1.71%) of net assets. This results in an effective equity exposure at the year end of 98.85% (28 July 2022: 98.16%) of net assets, which means that the gains or losses of the Fund will be 0.9885 (28 July 2022: 0.9816) times the gains or losses if the Fund was fully invested in equities.

(f) Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(g) Counterparty risk

During the year, the Fund made use of 'Over The Counter' (OTC) and exchange traded derivative instruments. These types of instruments introduce Counterparty Risk, where a counterparty may fail to meet its financial commitments. In order to reduce this risk, a collateral may be held by the Fund.

Exposure to a counterparty is calculated using the positive mark-to-market value of the exchange traded derivative contracts. The counterparties to these transactions and any collateral held by the Fund at the balance sheet date are shown below:

| 28/07/2023 | Collateral | Derivatives |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £'000 |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 930,565 |
| Citigroup | - | 9,480 |
| | - | 940,045 |
| 28/07/2022 | Collateral | Derivatives |
| Exposures by Counterparty | £′000 | £'000 |

13. Fair value disclosures

Citigroup

Goldman Sachs International

Amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' – Fair value hierarchy disclosures requires that an analysis of investment assets and investment liabilities by reference to a fair value hierarchy be disclosed as follows:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

Fair value based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments includes exchange-traded instruments unless there is persistently insufficient activity to regard the market as active. Examples typically include money market instruments, exchange-traded derivatives, exchange-traded products (including exchange-traded funds) and some highly liquid exchange traded debt securities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1.

Fair value based on a valuation technique using observable market data includes over-the-counter instruments, instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject to fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples typically include OTC derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Fair value based on a valuation technique that relies significantly on unobservable data and this typically includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

324,810 15,565

340,375

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

13. Fair value disclosures (continued)

It is the responsibility of the Fair Value Forum ('FVF') to ensure pricing sources and methodologies used to value securities are appropriate as delegated by the ACD. Investments classified as using inputs that are not based on observable market data comprise fair value adjusted securities, stale and single sourced bonds. In seeking to value such securities where no liquid market exists, the FVF will gather valuation related information from multiple internal and external sources. These sources include historic trading and pricing information and the views of internal security analysts. Internal security analysts have access to a range of material including, company specific news and earnings, cash flow forecasts, valuations of the underlying portfolio company and competitor company valuations within related industries and sectors to determine a valuation recommendation for each unlisted security.

Generally for fair valued securities, stale and single source bonds, where there is no price source from an active market, the FVF has applied judgement in determining the fair value. This fair value is established by using measures such as; stale priced securities where the last traded price is used. The FVF has the ability to apply discounts to security valuations. Management determines the discount based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. Generally unlisted securities are valued at cost, a trade executed by another Barclays Fund, grey market trades or at a nil value where companies have gone into liquidation, administration or are deemed worthless. Single sourced broker prices use data received from a single pricing vendor and stale prices use the most recent broker quote available.

Below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets as at the current and preceding year end.

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2023

| · | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 |
| Equities | 755,944 | - | - | 755,944 |
| Futures | 940 | - | - | 940 |
| | 756,884 | - | - | 756,884 |
| | | | | |
| Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2 | 022 | | | |

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | iotai |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Equities | 749,784 | - | - | 749,784 |
| Collective Investment Schemes | - | 3,535 | - | 3,535 |
| Futures | 340 | - | - | 340 |
| | 750,124 | 3,535 | - | 753,659 |

| Notes to t | the Financial Statem | nents for the yea | ar ended | 28 July 202 | 3 (cont | inued) | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| | Transaction Costs to 28/07/2023 | | | | | | |
| | Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | T | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | 2 000 | 2 000 | 70 | 2 000 | 70 | 2 000 | |
| Equities | 302,132 | 133 | 0.04 | 1,316 | 0.44 | 1,449 | 303,581 |
| Collective Inv | | 100 | 0.01 | 1,310 | 0.11 | 1,113 | 303,301 |
| Schemes | 1,573 | _ | _ | 8 | 0.51 | 8 | 1,581 |
| Total | 303,705 | 133 | | 1,324 | 0.51 | 1,457 | 305,162 |
| | 303,703 | 100 | | 1,52 1 | | 1, 137 | 303,102 |
| | | | | | | | Total sales |
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 327,188 | (140) | 0.04 | (2) | - | (142) | 327,046 |
| Collective Inv | restment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 10.060 | (2) | 0.02 | _ | _ | (2) | 10,058 |
| Total | 337,248 | (142) | | (2) | | (144) | 337,104 |
| | · | · · · · · · | | | | | <u> </u> |
| Total transact | tion costs | 275 | | 1,326 | | | |
| as a $\%$ of the | average net assets | 0.04% | | 0.17% | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 29/07/2021 | to 28/07/2022 | | | | | | |
| | Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | T | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 333,980 | 133 | 0.04 | 1,429 | 0.43 | 1,562 | 335,542 |
| Collective Inv | restment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 57 | - | - | - | - | - | 57 |
| Total | 334,037 | 133 | | 1,429 | | 1,562 | 335,599 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Total sales |
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £′000 | £′000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 368,821 | (162) | 0.04 | (2) | - | (164) | 368,657 |
| Collective Inv | restment | | | | | | |
| Schemes | 417 | _ | - | | | _ | 417 |
| Total | 369,238 | (162) | | (2) | | (164) | 369,074 |
| T | | | | = : | | | |
| Total transact | tion costs | 295 | | 1,431 | | | |

0.03%

as a % of the average net assets

0.17%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

14. Portfolio Transaction Costs (continued)

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year which are separately identifiable.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares, there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

Direct transaction costs comprise commissions and taxes, principally applicable to collective investment scheme holdings' purchases and sales. In addition, as a result of the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme holdings, there will potentially be dealing spread costs applicable to their purchases and sales.

Also, there will be indirect transaction costs suffered within those underlying collective investment scheme holdings, throughout the Fund's holding period of the investments, which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

At the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.10% (28 July 2022: 0.11%).

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

15. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as controlling party of the Fund by virtue of having the ability to act in concert in respect of Fund operations. The ultimate controlling party of the ACD is Barclays PLC. This entity and its subsidiaries are also related parties of the Fund.

At the year end, the ACD and its associates held 0.00% of the Fund's shares in issue (28 July 2022: 0.00%).

Details of all other material related party transactions during the year and any payment amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 4, 7, 8 and 10 to the financial statements, and the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and the Portfolio Statement. Within note 10, accrued expenses (including amounts due to associates and agents) of £703, 219 (28 July 2022: £704,225) are due to the ACD.

16. Shareholder funds

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class is given in the performance tables on pages 95 to 98. All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

The movement in the number of shares for the years ended 28 July 2023 and 28 July 2022 is shown below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 92,124,446 | 96,972,140 |
| Issued during year | 1,413,860 | 1,125,789 |
| Cancelled during year | (5,912,104) | (5,801,706) |
| Conversions during the year | (916,814) | (171,777) |
| Total number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 86,709,388 | 92,124,446 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 20,224,007 | 21,388,513 |
| Issued during year | 106,721 | 119,158 |
| Cancelled during year | (1,287,084) | (1,229,557) |
| Conversions during the year | (545,685) | (54,107) |
| Total number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 18,497,959 | 20,224,007 |
| Number of B-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 2,113,519 | 2,547,213 |
| Issued during year | 86,715 | 50,681 |
| Cancelled during year | (166,278) | (484,375) |
| Total number of B-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 2,033,956 | 2,113,519 |
| Number of B-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| | 420.056 | 4.46.70.4 |
| Balance at beginning of year | 429,056 | 446,394 |
| Issued during year | (12.401) | (17, 400) |
| Cancelled during year Total number of B-Class Accumulation Shares | (12,401) | (17,400) |
| | 416.655 | 420.056 |
| in issue at end of the year | 416,655 | 429,056 |
| Number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 19,339,841 | 20,057,881 |
| Issued during year | - | 1,324,450 |
| Cancelled during year | (3,199,088) | (2,113,844) |
| Conversions during the year | 1,147 | 71,354 |
| Total number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 16,141,900 | 19,339,841 |
| Number of M-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 3,069,835 | 3,303,759 |
| Issued during year | 50,000 | - |
| Cancelled during year | (306,038) | (229,391) |
| Conversions during the year | - | (4,533) |
| Total number of M-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 2,813,797 | 3,069,835 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 1,477,261 | 1,647,207 |
| Issued during year | 29,488 | 22,793 |
| Cancelled during year | (225,582) | (306,396) |
| Conversions during the year | 928,913 | 113,657 |
| Total number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 2,210,080 | 1,477,261 |
| Number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 45,438,089 | 48,329,289 |
| Issued during year | 250,595 | 344,882 |
| Cancelled during year | (3,262,062) | (3,282,111) |
| Conversions during the year | 503,765 | 46,029 |
| Total number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 42,930,387 | 45,438,089 |

17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per share of the A Distribution share class has decreased from 371.85p to 363.30p, A Accumulation share class has decreased from 562.39p to 549.44p, B Distribution share class has decreased from 370.73p to 362.21p, B Accumulation share class has decreased from 578.63p to 565.31p, M Distribution share class has decreased from 371.10p to 363.21p, M Accumulation share class has decreased from 458.90p to 449.13p, R Distribution share class has decreased from 372.25p to 364.08p and the R Accumulation share class has decreased from 598.06p to 584.91p as at 02 November 2023. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the current uncertainties. The ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period

Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/03/2023 | 28/03/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.6513p | - | 2.6513p | 2.6532p |
| Group 2 | 0.7995p | 1.8518p | 2.6513p | 2.6532p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.9356p | - | 3.9356p | 3.8633p |
| Group 2 | 0.9981p | 2.9375p | 3.9356p | 3.8633p |
| B-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.6433p | - | 2.6433p | 2.6454p |
| Group 2 | 0.0027p | 2.6406p | 2.6433p | 2.6454p |
| B-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.0493p | - | 4.0493p | 3.9758p |
| Group 2 | 4.0493p | - | 4.0493p | 3.9758p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.8274p | - | 3.8274p | 3.9243p |
| Group 2 | 3.8274p | - | 3.8274p | 3.9243p |
| M-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.6156p | - | 4.6156p | 4.6114p |
| Group 2 | 4.6156p | - | 4.6156p | 4.6114p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.3615p | - | 3.3615p | 3.4201p |
| Group 2 | 1.0644p | 2.2971p | 3.3615p | 3.4201p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.2801p | - | 5.2801p | 5.2492p |
| Group 2 | 1.6368p | 3.6433p | 5.2801p | 5.2492p |

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/09/2023 | 28/09/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.5784p | - | 4.5784p | 4.0574p |
| Group 2 | 2.9433p | 1.6351p | 4.5784p | 4.0574p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.8404p | - | 6.8404p | 5.9506p |
| Group 2 | 3.1591p | 3.6813p | 6.8404p | 5.9506p |
| B-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.5646p | - | 4.5646p | 4.0445p |
| Group 2 | 3.2363p | 1.3283p | 4.5646p | 4.0445p |
| B-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.0384p | - | 7.0384p | 6.1227p |
| Group 2 | 7.0384p | - | 7.0384p | 6.1227p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.8149p | - | 5.8149p | 5.2522p |
| Group 2 | 5.8149p | - | 5.8149p | 5.2522p |
| M-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.0792p | - | 7.0792p | 6.2368p |
| Group 2 | 0.5094p | 6.5698p | 7.0792p | 6.2368p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.3281p | - | 5.3281p | 4.7818p |
| Group 2 | 0.6309p | 4.6972p | 5.3281p | 4.7818p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 8.4399p | - | 8.4399p | 7.4059p |
| Group 2 | 1.5408p | 6.8991p | 8.4399p | 7.4059p |

Performance Tables

| | A- | Class Distributio | n | A-C | A-Class Accumulation | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| ä | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | |
| Change in net assets per s | hare | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share: | 353.82 | 370.33 | 286.62 | 524.89 | 539.33 | 412.91 | |
| Return before operating ch | arges* 30.39 | (4.41) | 92.54 | 45.11 | (6.56) | 133.61 | |
| Operating charges | (5.29) | (5.39) | (5.02) | (7.87) | (7.88) | (7.19) | |
| Return after operating char | ges* 25.10 | (9.80) | 87.52 | 37.24 | (14.44) | 126.42 | |
| Distributions | (7.23) | (6.71) | (3.81) | (10.78) | (9.81) | (5.51) | |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 10.78 | 9.81 | 5.51 | |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share | 371.69 | 353.82 | 370.33 | 562.13 | 524.89 | 539.33 | |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.74 | 0.75 | 1.12 | 1.11 | 1.10 | 1.61 | |
| Performance | | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.09% | (2.65%) | 30.54% | 7.09% | (2.68%) | 30.62% | |
| Other information | | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'0 | 00) 322,292 | 325,954 | 359,116 | 103,983 | 106,154 | 115,354 | |
| Closing number of shares (' | 000) 86,709 | 92,124 | 96,972 | 18,498 | 20,224 | 21,389 | |
| Operating charges | 1.46% | 1.46% | 1.47% | 1.46% | 1.46% | 1.47% | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | |
| Prices | | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 385.40 | 390.40 | 376.10 | 575.80 | 568.60 | 544.20 | |
| Lowest share price | 321.50 | 336.40 | 271.30 | 477.00 | 493.40 | 390.90 | |
| | | | | | | | |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | B- | Class Distributio | n | B-Class Accumulation | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| 29/07/ | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | |
| 28/0 | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share: | 352.76 | 369.21 | 285.75 | 540.05 | 554.90 | 424.83 | |
| Return before operating charges* | * 30.30 | (4.38) | 92.09 | 46.42 | (6.74) | 137.26 | |
| Operating charges | (5.27) | (5.38) | (4.83) | (8.10) | (8.11) | (7.19) | |
| Return after operating charges* | 25.03 | (9.76) | 87.26 | 38.32 | (14.85) | 130.07 | |
| Distributions | (7.21) | (6.69) | (3.80) | (11.09) | (10.10) | (5.67) | |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 11.09 | 10.10 | 5.67 | |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share | 370.58 | 352.76 | 369.21 | 578.37 | 540.05 | 554.90 | |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.74 | 0.75 | 1.08 | 1.14 | 1.13 | 1.61 | |
| Performance | | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.10% | (2.64%) | 30.54% | 7.10% | (2.68%) | 30.62% | |
| Other information | | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 7,537 | 7,455 | 9,405 | 2,410 | 2,317 | 2,477 | |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 2,034 | 2,114 | 2,547 | 417 | 429 | 446 | |
| Operating charges | 1.46% | 1.46% | 1.47% | 1.46% | 1.46% | 1.47% | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | |
| Prices | | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 384.20 | 389.20 | 374.90 | 592.40 | 585.00 | 559.90 | |
| Lowest share price | 320.60 | 335.40 | 270.50 | 490.80 | 507.70 | 402.20 | |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | M- | Class Distributio | n | M-C | M-Class Accumulation | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 29/07 | 7/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share: | 353.02 | 369.51 | 285.89 | 425.44 | 434.23 | 330.31 | |
| Return before operating charges | * 30.41 | (4.39) | 92.38 | 36.71 | (5.34) | 107.05 | |
| Operating charges | (2.86) | (2.92) | (2.82) | (3.47) | (3.45) | (3.13) | |
| Return after operating charges* | 27.55 | (7.31) | 89.56 | 33.24 | (8.79) | 103.92 | |
| Distributions | (9.64) | (9.18) | (5.94) | (11.69) | (10.85) | (6.89) | |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 11.69 | 10.85 | 6.89 | |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | | |
| per share | 370.93 | 353.02 | 369.51 | 458.68 | 425.44 | 434.23 | |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.74 | 0.75 | 1.14 | 0.90 | 0.89 | 1.25 | |
| Performance | | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.80% | (1.98%) | 31.33% | 7.81% | (2.02%) | 31.46% | |
| Other information | | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 59,876 | 68,273 | 74,117 | 12,906 | 13,060 | 14,346 | |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 16,142 | 19,340 | 20,058 | 2,814 | 3,070 | 3,304 | |
| Operating charges | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.81% | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.82% | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | |
| Prices | | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 384.70 | 390.70 | 376.30 | 468.50 | 459.10 | 438.00 | |
| Lowest share price | 321.20 | 336.10 | 271.10 | 387.20 | 399.10 | 313.20 | |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | R- | Class Distributio | n | R-CI | ass Accumulatio | n |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 29/07 | 7/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 354.16 | 370.70 | 286.85 | 555.95 | 568.97 | 433.98 |
| Return before operating charges | * 30.46 | (4.42) | 92.63 | 47.90 | (6.97) | 140.46 |
| Operating charges | (3.85) | (3.92) | (3.72) | (6.07) | (6.05) | (5.47) |
| Return after operating charges* | 26.61 | (8.34) | 88.91 | 41.83 | (13.02) | 134.99 |
| Distributions | (8.69) | (8.20) | (5.06) | (13.72) | (12.66) | (7.68) |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 13.72 | 12.66 | 7.68 |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 372.08 | 354.16 | 370.70 | 597.78 | 555.95 | 568.97 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.75 | 0.76 | 1.12 | 1.17 | 1.17 | 1.65 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 7.51% | (2.25%) | 31.00% | 7.52% | (2.29%) | 31.11% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8,223 | 5,232 | 6,106 | 256,629 | 252,614 | 274,980 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 2,210 | 1,477 | 1,647 | 42,930 | 45,438 | 48,329 |
| Operating charges | 1.06% | 1.06% | 1.09% | 1.06% | 1.06% | 1.09% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.33% |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 385.90 | 391.50 | 377.10 | 611.20 | 600.90 | 574.00 |
| Lowest share price | 322.10 | 337.10 | 271.80 | 505.60 | 522.10 | 411.20 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

This indicator is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category (i.e. Category 1) does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Fund is rated Category 6 due to the nature of the investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

The following risks are materially relevant to the Fund:

• Equity markets can be volatile causing the value of equity securities the Fund has exposure to, to fluctuate quickly and substantially.

- The Fund relies upon the performance of one or more sub-investment managers, who may perform poorly and adversely affect the performance of the Fund.
- Certain assets the Fund has exposure to may be subject to liquidity constraints, so it may be harder to buy or sell them, or trade them at a price considered to be fair.
- When derivatives are used, it is not intended that the Fund's
 value will fluctuate and use can be intended to reduce such
 fluctuations (such as currency movements). However, in
 adverse situations, this may not be effective, or the
 counterparty may default, which could lead to significant
 losses for the Fund.

Information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

Barclays UK Equity Income Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth and income. It aims to achieve an income in line with, or in excess of, the income of the FTSE All-Share Index (Total Return) over the long term (any 5 year period).

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equity securities (shares of companies and other equity related investments) issued by companies domiciled in, incorporated in, or which have significant operations in, the UK ("UK Companies"). The UK Companies will be listed or traded on a regulated market in the UK or in a country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The UK Companies can operate in any industry, and be any size (i.e., any "market capitalisation" (the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued)). It is intended that the Fund will invest in equity securities of UK Companies that pay income to help achieve the investment objective.

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in other equity securities, fixed income securities (tradeable debt that may pay interest, such as bonds), money-market instruments ("MMIs", bonds with short term maturities), cash and deposits. These assets can be in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector.

The Fund may invest a maximum of 10% in other funds in seeking exposure to the above asset classes.

Fixed income securities and MMIs may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (e.g. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They will be investment grade (which means they meet a certain level of credit worthiness or credit rating by a credit rating agency, for example BBB- or higher by Standard & Poors, or are unrated but deemed to be of comparable quality).

Derivatives (investments whose value is linked to other investments) can be used for the purpose of "efficient portfolio management" (to seek to reduce the overall risk and cost to the Fund including through hedging (for example, to manage exposures to currencies) or to generate extra income or capital growth in line with the risk profile of the Fund).

The sub-investment managers take into consideration the FTSE All-Share Index (Total Return) as its Reference Index when selecting investments and when seeking to achieve the Fund's income return. However, as the Fund is actively managed, which means the sub-investment managers have day-to-day discretion to select the Fund's investments, the sub-investment managers maintain a high degree of flexibility and have the ability to invest in fewer securities than those which constitute the Reference Index and in sector and country weights that are different to the Reference Index.

The strategy of the sub-investment managers, and therefore the overall performance of the Fund, can be significantly different to the Reference Index. However, the Investment Manager's expectation is that where there is use of multiple sub-investment managers, this will mean that the overall outcome of the Fund is more aligned to the Reference Index.

The Reference Index is also used by the Investment Manager as one means of monitoring and comparing the performance of the sub-investment managers as well as how the Fund in total has performed against the broader UK equity market. The Investment Manager can also make changes to the proportion of the Fund's assets that the sub-investment managers manage.

Investment Report

During the year under review, the net asset value per share attributable to the A-Class Distribution shares rose by 4.25%. This compares to a rise in the FTSE All-Share Index, on a total return basis of 7.21%.

Market/Economic Review

The year under review could be compared to the analogy of the duck swimming on the water. Above the surface the world—at least in economic terms—seems like it has returned to something approaching normality. The restrictions of COVID are broadly nothing more than a memory. Whilst working from home remains popular, offices and public transport are far busier today than they have been for several years. But as always, plenty is happening in global markets and economies.

The biggest news around the world has been the rise of inflation in the price of goods and services. After a decade and a half of zero interest rates, Central Banks around the world have been increasing interest rates back to levels not seen since before the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-9.

The period of low interest rates can be seen in historical terms as very unusual. However, governments, companies and individuals quickly became used to operating in such an environment, and it will take some time for adjustments to be made.

Economically, there have been ongoing and persistent debates about whether the rise in interest rates will lead to an economic slowdown or recession in major global economies. Whilst there have been many predictions of a significant economic slowdown or recession in the US, Europe or Asia, it has yet to be seen.

That is not to say it will not happen. Forecasters continue to expect softer economic growth for the rest of 2023 and 2024 in major economies in Europe and the US. But stock markets, particularly in the US, do not seem to be pricing it in, given the valuations and performance of some of the largest companies in the year to date.

Looking at stock markets, performance improved through the second half of 2022 and into much of 2023. The big story has undoubtedly been the announcement of significant developments of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Chat GPT, the 'large language model' tool developed by Open AI. What impact this will have on how we live and work in the future is uncertain, but that uncertainty has not stopped enormous amounts of comment.

The hype around Al had the most obvious effect on the price of a number of US listed technology companies which were seen to benefit from the impact of Al. Seven stocks – inevitably titled 'the Magnificent Seven' by the press – led the way. The likes of Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta and chip maker Nvidia all saw huge rises in their share prices in the first half of 2023. Markets noted that Apple had a market capitalisation of over \$1trn, greater than the entire value of the UK stock market.

In contrast, the UK stock market was somewhat moribund. It really went nowhere in price terms. Lacking the tech sector of the US, it moved in a range, unable to benefit from the huge moves seen elsewhere. Medium and smaller companies were slightly different. For many years, investors have been reducing their exposure to the UK stock market. There are a number of reasons for this, but in recent times sentiment towards the UK's more domestically focused companies has been at rock bottom.

Many UK listed shares which saw strong performance coming out of the COVID falls have performed poorly since. In hindsight, many traded on excessively high valuations. A number had operational issues, linked to issues including supply chain problems and input cost inflation. But in general, there has been simply no interest by listed equity investors to own more of the UK's medium and smaller sized companies. This leaves them trading on very low multiples of earnings, but with no obvious catalyst that will see an improvement in feelings towards them.

Within the UK market, takeover activity slowed as higher interest rates made it more expensive for Private Equity companies to borrow money to fund the acquisition of UK listed companies. Instead, companies were the biggest buyers of their own shares yet again.

Market/Economic Review (continued)

The best performing sectors were Technology, Industrials and Consumer Staples. There was a recovery in the likes of Rolls Royce, Carnival, Easyjet and Ashtead reflected increased economic confidence and improvements in parts of the market such as the wider travel industry.

Real Estate was weak, impacted by rising interest rates on valuations. Sector heavyweights like BT and Vodafone continued to struggle, but the former has seen foreign investors stake a large stake in its shares, and the latter is undergoing yet another restructuring. GSK, one of the UK's major pharmaceutical businesses also saw weak share price performance.

Fund Review

The Fund performed well for the first half of the period. However, as the technology sector in the US led more growth-oriented stocks and sectors upward, performance started to lag the benchmark.

Jupiter performed very well with some of its stock specific value ideas seeing a recovery from lows. Centrica was one of these names, as the business benefitted from higher energy prices. Ted Baker and Mitchells and Butlers were two consumer facing businesses that also recovered. Tobacco company Imperial Brands also performed well in the early part of the period.

Sector heavyweights like BT and Vodafone continued to struggle, but the former has seen foreign investors stake a large stake in its shares, and the latter is undergoing yet another restructuring.

It was disappointing to see the magnitude of underperformance over the period from Abdrn's portfolio. Whilst explainable and understandable given the manager's investment philosophy and process, we have spent a lot of time discussing the portfolio with Thomas Moore, who runs the mandate on our behalf.

The process is one that looks for companies that are undergoing change, and where that change is under-recognised by the wider market. This naturally leads the manager to focus and invest in a large number of medium and smaller sized shares. Typically, most investor and analyst focus is on the largest shares in a market. If analysed and selected correctly, the biggest market efficiencies are normally found in smaller company share prices.

Whereas the market has around 15% of its total weight in medium and smaller sized businesses, Abrdn has around half of its total invested capital in them. It has around a third of its assets invested in the financial sector.

However, the manager only has a small holding in HSBC, one of the UK's largest listed companies. Instead, he has preferred to own smaller businesses, such as CMC Markets, OSB, R&Q Holdings and Vanquis. Whilst there is no doubt about the active approach of the market, these names have performed poorly and were the biggest contributors to poor performance over the period.

Many smaller companies in the UK are very cheaply valued. But there is no obvious sign yet that this value is near to be realised. We continue to support the manager's active stance, but also scrutinise behaviour for signs of both improvement and change.

Outlook

It has been a very tricky time to be an active investor in UK equities in the last few years. This reporting period was a case in point, with good performance only from stocks that had a very specific set of exposures and characteristics. Any companies that were exposed to slowing customer spending, higher input costs from rising inflation or went into the period trading at excessively high valuation multiples saw their share prices under considerable pressure.

There is every possibility that the sentiment towards UK mid and small cap companies does not get better over the next twelve months. If this was the case, it is likely that many UK equity funds, including the Barclays UK Alpha, UK Equity Income and UK Small and Mid Cap funds may well struggle to outperform their benchmarks.

If the rally in US technology shares continues, the UK is likely to underperform. The FTSE All Share has a very limited technology sector, and those shares within it are small in size.

Medium and smaller companies are the engine of growth in the UK stock market as they are in the economy more broadly. If there is no interest in their shares by investors, domestic or international, then share prices will remain moribund.

However, UK equities are cheap when compared to their global peers. It may be the case that if the political situation from the outside looks more stable, then non-UK investors may look again at it. The UK is home to many world class companies, large and small, but trading at much lower multiples than their peers listed in Europe or the US.

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Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023

All investments are in ordinary shares unless stated otherwise. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector holdings at $28 \, \text{July} \, 2022$.

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|----------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £′000 | Asset |
| | AFRICA: 0.57% (1.32%) | | |
| | SOUTH AFRICA: 0.57% (1.32%) | | |
| | Oil, Gas and Coal: 0.57% (1.32%) | | |
| 126,005 | Thungela Resources | 742 | 0.5 |
| | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 9.50% (9.26%) | | |
| | GERMANY: 4.20% (3.56%) | | |
| | Automobiles & Parts: 2.66% (1.77%) | | |
| 36,000 | Continental | 2,256 | 1.7 |
| 12,000 | Volkswagen | 1,248 | 0.9 |
| | | 3,504 | 2.6 |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 1.54% (1.79%) | | |
| 45,000 | Bayer | 2,023 | 1.5 |
| | GIBRALTAR: 0.00% (0.36%) | | |
| | Travel & Leisure: 0.00% (0.36%) | | |
| | GUERNSEY: 0.00% (0.30%) | | |
| | Real Estate Investment Trusts: 0.00% (0.30%) | | |
| | ISLE OF MAN: 1.01% (0.92%) | | |
| | Real Estate Investment & Services: 0.00% (0.00%) | | |
| 710,433 | Speymill Deutsche Immobilien† | - | |
| | Travel & Leisure: 1.01% (0.92%) | | |
| 232,837 | Playtech | 1,324 | 1.0 |
| | JERSEY: 3.71% (3.43%) | | |
| | Media: 1.84% (1.57%) | | |
| 285,000 | WPP^^ | 2,423 | 1.8 |
| | Mining: 1.87% (1.86%) | | |
| 670,224 | Centamin | 628 | 0.4 |
| 393,042 | Glencore | 1,833 | 1.3 |
| | | 2,461 | 1.8 |
| | SWITZERLAND: 0.58% (0.69%) | | |
| | Beverages: 0.58% (0.69%) | | |
| 32,379 | Coca-Cola HBC | 762 | 0.5 |
| | NORTH AMERICA: 6.32% (5.81%) | | |
| | BERMUDA: 1.95% (1.51%) | | |
| | Nonlife Insurance: 1.95% (1.51%) | | |
| 303,612 | Conduit | 1,473 | 1.1 |
| 63,427 | Hiscox | 695 | 0.5 |
| 877,154 | Randall & Quilter Investment^ | 403 | 0.3 |
| | | 2,571 | 1.9 |

| | Market | | Holding / |
|---------|--------|--|-----------|
| % of Ne | Value | | Nominal |
| Asset | £′000 | Investment | Value |
| | | NORTH AMERICA: 6.32% (5.81%) (continued) | |
| | | UNITED STATES: 4.37% (4.30%) | |
| | | Automobiles & Parts: 1.03% (1.48%) | |
| 1.0 | 1,354 | Harley-Davidson^^ | 45,000 |
| | | Financial Services: 1.06% (0.00%) | |
| 1.0 | 1,397 | Western Union^^ | 150,000 |
| | | General Retailers: 0.00% (1.36%) | |
| | | Personal Goods: 0.76% (0.55%) | |
| 0.7 | 993 | Ralph Lauren | 10,000 |
| | | Technology Hardware & Equipment: 1.52% (0.91%) | |
| 1.5 | 2,003 | Intel^^ | 70,000 |
| | | UNITED KINGDOM: 81.41% (79.84%) | |
| | | Aerospace & Defense: 3.25% (4.28%) | |
| 1.3 | 1,788 | Babcock International | 480,000 |
| 0.9 | 1,300 | BAE Systems | 140,000 |
| 0.9 | 1,189 | QinetiQ | 370,000 |
| 3.2 | 4,277 | | |
| | | Banks: 10.27% (10.82%) | |
| 2.5 | 3,402 | Barclays | 2,184,239 |
| 1.1 | 1,464 | Close Brothers | 159,473 |
| 2.7 | 3,562 | HSBC | 551,558 |
| 1.4 | 1,912 | NatWest^^ | 778,838 |
| 2.4 | 3,168 | Standard Chartered | 429,682 |
| 10.2 | 13,508 | | |
| | | Beverages: 0.41% (0.46%) | |
| 0.4 | 541 | Diageo | 15,760 |
| | | Chemicals: 0.00% (0.21%) | |
| | | Construction & Materials: 1.29% (1.36%) | |
| 0.6 | 864 | Forterra | 500,000 |
| 0.6 | 835 | Tyman | 262,461 |
| 1.2 | 1,699 | | |
| | | Electricity: 0.71% (0.70%) | |
| 0.7 | 940 | SSE | 56,208 |
| | | Energy: 0.29% (0.27%) | |
| 0.2 | 384 | Harbour Energy | 151,908 |

| Holding / Nominal | | Market Value | % of Ne |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|---------|
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 81.41% (79.84%) (continued) | | 7.0000 |
| | Financial Services: 10.72% (8.41%) | | |
| 1,088,767 | Ashmore | 2,256 | 1.72 |
| 240,904 | AssetCo^ | 96 | 0.0 |
| 175,422 | Bridgepoint | 342 | 0.20 |
| 472,545 | CMC Markets | 665 | 0.5 |
| 230,257 | Hargreaves Lansdown | 2,010 | 1.53 |
| 726,959 | International Personal Finance | 850 | 0.65 |
| 1,000,000 | M&G | 2,016 | 1.53 |
| 312,204 | OSB | 1,110 | 0.84 |
| 428,464 | Petershill Partners | 714 | 0.54 |
| 404,525 | Premier Miton^ | 303 | 0.23 |
| 480,550 | Provident Financial | 616 | 0.47 |
| 555,238 | Quilter | 439 | 0.33 |
| 1,681,551 | TPICAP | 2,677 | 2.04 |
| | | 14,094 | 10.72 |
| | Fixed Line Telecommunications: 1.23% (1.85%) | | |
| 1,300,000 | BT | 1,614 | 1.23 |
| | Food & Drug Retailers: 2.19% (1.57%) | | |
| 1,100,000 | Tesco | 2,875 | 2.19 |
| | Forestry & Paper: 0.68% (0.64%) | | |
| 66,038 | Mondi | 901 | 0.68 |
| | Gas: 1.16% (0.64%) | | |
| 148,527 | National Grid | 1,532 | 1.16 |
| | Gas, Water & Multiutilities: 2.24% (1.42%) | | |
| 2,200,000 | Centrica | 2,950 | 2.24 |
| | General Industrials: 1.15% (2.30%) | | |
| 215,198 | DS Smith | 666 | 0.51 |
| 50,000 | Smiths | 848 | 0.64 |
| | | 1,514 | 1.15 |
| | General Retailers: 2.17% (1.97%) | | |
| 528,403 | DFS Furniture | 661 | 0.50 |
| 205,613 | Halfords | 457 | 0.35 |
| 700,000 | Kingfisher | 1,730 | 1.32 |
| | | 2,848 | 2.17 |
| | Health Care Equipment & Services: 1.54% (0.00%) | | |
| 170,000 | Smith & Nephew | 2,020 | 1.54 |
| | Household Goods & Home Construction: 1.69% (2.19%) | | |
| 24,455 | Bellway | 542 | 0.41 |
| 314,107 | Galliford Try | 623 | 0.47 |
| 133,018 | Vistry | 1,058 | 0.81 |
| | | 2,223 | 1.69 |
| | Industrial Transportation: 1.33% (3.85%) | | |
| 650,000 | Royal Mail | 1,754 | 1.33 |
| | | | |

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £′000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 81.41% (79.84%) (continued) | | |
| | Investment Banking & Brokerage Services: 0.00% (0.16%) | | |
| | Life Insurance: 2.99% (3.27%) | | |
| 500,000 | Aviva | 1,953 | 1.48 |
| 395,509 | Chesnara | 1,086 | 0.83 |
| 382,836 | Legal & General | 897 | 0.68 |
| | | 3,936 | 2.99 |
| | Media: 1.46% (1.21%) | | |
| 2,650,000 | ITV | 1,916 | 1.46 |
| | Mining: 4.20% (3.30%) | | |
| 63,116 | Anglo American | 1,504 | 1.14 |
| 12,277 | BHP^^ | 295 | 0.23 |
| 200,000 | Fresnillo | 1,212 | 0.92 |
| 48,964 | Rio Tinto^^ | 2,509 | 1.91 |
| | | 5,520 | 4.20 |
| | Mobile Telecommunications: 1.74% (2.55%) | | |
| 3,029,742 | Vodafone^^ | 2,295 | 1.74 |
| | Nonlife Insurance: 0.00% (0.16%) | | |
| | Oil & Gas Producers: 12.02% (11.77%) | | |
| 1,530,471 | Bbvv | 7,275 | 5.53 |
| 1,678,255 | Diversified Gas & Oil | 1,558 | 1.18 |
| 21,456 | Energean | 241 | 0.18 |
| 278,820 | Ithaca Energy | 457 | 0.35 |
| 268,357 | Shell^^ | 6,284 | 4.78 |
| | | 15,815 | 12.02 |
| | Personal Goods: 0.00% (0.85%) | | |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 2.96% (4.59%) | | |
| 5,164 | AstraZeneca^^ | 571 | 0.44 |
| 240,000 | GSK^^ | 3,319 | 2.52 |
| | | 3,890 | 2.96 |
| | Real Estate Investment & Services: 0.35% (0.31%) | | |
| 329,048 | CLS | 460 | 0.35 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trusts: 1.71% (1.10%) | | |
| 350,000 | Land Securities | 2,248 | 1.71 |
| | Software & Computer Services: 1.35% (0.00%) | | |
| 80,000 | Computacenter | 1,770 | 1.35 |
| | Support Services: 2.16% (2.10%) | · | |
| 1,263,826 | DWF | 1,226 | 0.93 |
| 544,316 | Hays | 582 | 0.45 |
| 54,914 | Inchcape | 450 | 0.34 |
| 1,573,663 | Speedy Hire | 578 | 0.44 |
| | i J - J | 2,836 | 2.16 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding/ | | Market | |
|-----------|---|---------|----------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Net |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 81.41% (79.84%) (continued) | | |
| | Tobacco: 3.96% (4.74%) | | |
| 19,942 | British American Tobacco | 528 | 0.40 |
| 252,255 | Imperial Brands | 4,678 | 3.56 |
| | | 5,206 | 3.96 |
| | Travel & Leisure: 4.19% (0.79%) | | |
| 338,364 | easyJet | 1,523 | 1.16 |
| 1,600,000 | Firstgroup | 2,349 | 1.78 |
| 720,000 | Mitchells & Butlers | 1,640 | 1.25 |
| | | 5,512 | 4.19 |
| | Futures: 0.01% (0.03%) | | |
| 14 | FTSE 100 Index Future Expiry September 2023 | 18 | 0.01 |
| | Portfolio of investments* | 128,653 | 97.81 |
| | Net other assets | 2,882 | 2.19 |
| | Net assets | 131,535 | 100.00 |

All investments are listed as transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market.

^{*} Including derivative asset.

[†] These are stale priced securities.

[^] These securities are quoted on an Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and comprise 0.60% (28 July 2022: 1.43%) of the Net Asset Value.

^{^^} These securities are quoted on NASDAQ and comprise 24.05% (28 July 2022: 5.49%) of the Net Asset Value.

Summary of Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 28 July 2023

| 10 Largest Purchases | Cost | 10 Largest Sales | Proceeds |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Rio Tinto | 1,946,200 | Go-Ahead | 4,014,486 |
| Firstgroup | 1,810,121 | Standard Chartered | 3,617,058 |
| Smith & Nephew | 1,754,876 | BP | 2,612,944 |
| easyJet | 1,636,516 | NatWest | 2,393,985 |
| HSBC | 1,592,820 | H&R Block | 2,021,397 |
| Hargreaves Lansdown | 1,494,687 | Smiths | 1,698,526 |
| Computacenter | 1,438,715 | Ted Baker | 1,522,437 |
| Western Union | 1,353,944 | Shell | 1,488,767 |
| Provident Financial | 1,092,670 | Bae Systems | 1,438,602 |
| Intel | 815,743 | Industrials REIT | 955,857 |

Statement of Total Return for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | | | 07/2022 to 8/07/2023 | | /07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--|-------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 2 | | 1,074 | | (1,010) |
| Revenue | 3 | 7,395 | | 6,935 | |
| Expenses | 4 | (1,727) | | (1,876) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | (2) | | (3) | |
| Net revenue before taxation for the year | | 5,666 | | 5,056 | |
| Taxation | 6 | (227) | | (117) | |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | | | 5,439 | | 4,939 |
| Total return before distributions | | | 6,513 | | 3,929 |
| Distributions | 7 | | (7,124) | | (6,795) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | | |
| investment activities | | | (611) | | (2,866) |

Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 144,103 | | 159,445 |
| Amounts receivable on creation of shares | 4,035 | | 3,245 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (16,541) | | (16,185) | |
| | | (12,506) | | (12,940) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 0 | | 4 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (611) | | (2,866) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | 487 | | 444 |
| Unclaimed distributions | | 62 | | 16 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 131,535 | | 144,103 |

Balance Sheet as at 28 July 2023

| | | | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | | | 128,653 | | 138,720 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 408 | | 945 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | 4,057 | | 6,956 | |
| Total current assets | | | 4,465 | | 7,901 |
| Total assets | | | 133,118 | | 146,621 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Distribution payable | 10 | (1,359) | | (1,255) | |
| Other creditors | 10 | (224) | | (1,263) | |
| Total creditors | | | (1,583) | | (2,518) |
| Total liabilities | | | (1,583) | | (2,518) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | | | 131,535 | | 144,103 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Fund's accounting policies are set out on pages 11 to 13 of the financial statements.

2. Net capital gains/(losses)

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 | |
| The net capital gains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise: | | | |
| Non-derivative securities | 946 | (1,009) | |
| Derivative contracts | 138 | (4) | |
| Currency gains/(losses) | - | 13 | |
| Transaction charges | (10) | (10) | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | 1,074 | (1,010) | |

3. Revenue

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| UK dividends | 5,216 | 5,341 |
| UK REIT dividends | 16 | 12 |
| UK PID income | 132 | 96 |
| Non-taxable overseas dividends | 1,931 | 1,437 |
| Bank interest | 67 | 2 |
| Franked stock dividends | 17 | 42 |
| Unfranked stock dividends | 16 | 5 |
| Total revenue | 7,395 | 6,935 |

4. Expenses

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them: $ \\$ | | |
| ACD's periodic fee | 1,435 | 1,568 |
| Registration fee | 151 | 163 |
| | 1,586 | 1,731 |
| Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of eit | her of them: | |
| Depositary fee | 21 | 23 |
| Safe custody fee | 4 | 4 |
| | 25 | 27 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Administration fee | 85 | 92 |
| Auditfee | 16 | 13 |
| Printing fee | 9 | 6 |
| Tax advisory fee | 3 | 4 |
| VAT on audit fee | 3 | 3 |
| | 116 | 118 |
| Total expenses | 1,727 | 1,876 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 5. Interest payable and similar charges | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bank overdraft interest | 2 | 3 |
| | 2 | |

6. Taxation

(a) Analysis of taxation charge in year

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Overseas tax | 227 | 117 |
| Current tax [note 6(b)] | 227 | 117 |
| Deferred tax [note 6(c)] | - | - |
| Total taxation | 227 | 117 |

(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (28 July 2022: lower) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue before taxation | 5,666 | 5,056 |
| Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the appropriate rate of corp | poration tax at 20% | |
| (2022: 20%) | 1,133 | 1,011 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Overseas tax | 227 | 117 |
| Revenue not subject to taxation | (1,436) | (1,358) |
| Movement in taxation due to accruals | 2 | 1 |
| Excess management expenses not utilised | 301 | 346 |
| Current tax | 227 | 117 |

(c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (28 July 2022: same).

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £7,947,345 (28 July 2022: £7,646,285) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (28 July 2022: same).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| First interim dividend distribution | 2,248 | 2,050 |
| Second interim dividend distribution | 960 | 1,126 |
| Third interim dividend distribution | 2,377 | 2,193 |
| Final dividend distribution | 1,462 | 1,344 |
| Total dividend distribution | 7,047 | 6,713 |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 113 | 102 |
| Less: Revenue received on creation of shares | (36) | (20) |
| Distributions for the year | 7,124 | 6,795 |

The differences between the net revenue after taxation and the distribution for the year are as follows:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | 5,439 | 4,939 |
| Add: Expenses taken to capital | 1,727 | 1,876 |
| Less: Tax relief on expenses taken to capital | (42) | (20) |
| Distributions for the year | 7,124 | 6,795 |

8. Debtors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Accrued revenue | 346 | 407 |
| Amounts receivable for creation of shares | 24 | 6 |
| Amounts receivable on FX contracts | - | 159 |
| Overseas tax recoverable | 21 | 33 |
| PID Tax Recoverable | 1 | - |
| Sales awaiting settlement | 16 | 340 |
| | 408 | 945 |

9. Cash and bank balances

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | |
|---|------------|------------|--|
| | £'000 | £′000 | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 502 | 182 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,555 | 6,774 | |
| | 4,057 | 6,956 | |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 10. Creditors | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| (a) Other creditors | | |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Accrued expenses | 163 | 170 |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of shares | 61 | 169 |
| Amounts payable on FX contracts | - | 160 |
| Purchases awaiting settlement | - | 764 |
| | 224 | 1,263 |
| (b) Distributions payable | | |
| Net distributions payable | 1,359 | 1,255 |
| | 1,359 | 1,255 |

11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (28 July 2022: same).

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments

The Fund's investment objective is stated on page 100. In pursuing its objective, the Fund holds financial instruments which expose it to various types of risk. The main risks, and the ACD's policy for managing these risks are set out below. These were applied consistently throughout the current year and preceding year.

(a) Credit and liquidity risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering loss due to another party not meeting its financial obligations. The primary sources of this risk to the Fund are the potential for borrowers to fail to meet their redemption commitments and for trade counterparties to fail to meet their transaction commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

Liquidity risk relates to the capacity to meet liabilities. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to Shareholders for any cancellation of shares. This risk is minimised by holding cash and readily realisable securities and via access to overdraft facilities.

(b) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the potential movement in the value of financial instruments held as a result of price fluctuations. The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and borrowing powers established in the Prospectus and the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL'). In this way, the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate risk and/or reduce costs. These instruments are not utilised for speculative purposes. Derivative instruments were utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £11,106,240 (28 July 2022: £11,603,821).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of movements in the value of overseas financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the utilisation of forward currency contracts as necessary. Forward currency contracts were not utilised during the current and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £92,913 (28 July 2022: £99,838).

The foreign currency profile of the Fund's net assets at the current and preceding year end date was as follows:

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|--------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Danish Krone | 13 | - | 13 |
| Euro | 203 | 5,527 | 5,730 |
| Swiss Francs | 18 | - | 18 |
| US Dollar | 82 | 5,746 | 5,828 |
| | 316 | 11,273 | 11,589 |

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total | |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------|--|
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | exposure | | |
| Currency | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 | |
| Danish Krone | - | 12 | 12 | |
| Euro | 151 | 5,131 | 5,282 | |
| Swedish Krona | - | 6 | 6 | |
| Swiss Francs | 13 | 31 | 44 | |
| US Dollar | 63 | 6,200 | 6,263 | |
| | 227 | 11,380 | 11,607 | |

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of movements in the value of financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund's only interest bearing financial instruments were its bank balances disclosed in note 9.

Cash is deposited, and overdraft facilities utilised, on normal commercial terms and earn or bear interest based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent.

In the event of a change in interest rates, there would be no material impact upon the assets of the Fund.

(e) Derivatives - sensitivity analysis

Derivative risk arises from uncertainty about future market movements. This risk is managed by the policies shown within Market risk.

The Fund invests in futures to obtain market exposure to enable it to meet the Fund objectives whilst reducing transaction costs.

The effect of these futures is to increase market exposure by 0.84% (28 July 2022: 1.06%) of net assets. This results in an effective equity exposure at the year end of 98.64% (28 July 2022: 97.29%) of net assets, which means that the gains or losses of the Fund will be 0.9864 (28 July 2022: 0.9729) times the gains or losses if the Fund was fully invested in equities.

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12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued)

(f) Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

(g) Counterparty risk

During the year, the Fund made use of exchange traded derivative instruments. This type of instrument introduces Counterparty Risk, where a counterparty may fail to meet its financial commitments. In order to reduce this risk, collateral may be held by the Fund.

Exposure to a counterparty is calculated using the positive mark-to-market value of the exchange traded derivative contracts. The counterparties to these transactions and any collateral held by the Fund at the balance sheet date are shown below:

| 28/07/2023 | Collateral | Derivatives £'000 | |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|--|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | | |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 18 | |
| | - | 18 | |
| 28/07/2022 | Collateral | Derivatives | |
| Exposures by Counterparty | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 42 | |
| | _ | 42 | |

13. Fair value disclosures

Amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' – Fair value hierarchy disclosures requires that an analysis of investment assets and investment liabilities by reference to a fair value hierarchy be disclosed as follows:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

Fair value based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments includes exchange-traded instruments unless there is persistently insufficient activity to regard the market as active. Examples typically include money market instruments, exchange-traded derivatives, exchange-traded products (including exchange-traded funds) and some highly liquid exchange traded debt securities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1.

Fair value based on a valuation technique using observable market data includes over-the-counter instruments, instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject to fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples typically include OTC derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Fair value based on a valuation technique that relies significantly on unobservable data and this typically includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

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13. Fair value disclosures (continued)

It is the responsibility of the Fair Value Forum ('FVF') to ensure pricing sources and methodologies used to value securities are appropriate as delegated by the ACD. Investments classified as using inputs that are not based on observable market data comprise fair value adjusted securities, stale and single sourced bonds. In seeking to value such securities where no liquid market exists, the FVF will gather valuation related information from multiple internal and external sources. These sources include historic trading and pricing information and the views of internal security analysts. Internal security analysts have access to a range of material including, company specific news and earnings, cash flow forecasts, valuations of the underlying portfolio company and competitor company valuations within related industries and sectors to determine a valuation recommendation for each unlisted security.

Generally for fair valued securities, stale and single source bonds, where there is no price source from an active market, the FVF has applied judgement in determining the fair value. This fair value is established by using measures such as; stale priced securities where the last traded price is used. The FVF has the ability to apply discounts to security valuations. Management determines the discount based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. Generally unlisted securities are valued at cost, a trade executed by another Barclays Fund, grey market trades or at a nil value where companies have gone into liquidation, administration or are deemed worthless. Single sourced broker prices use data received from a single pricing vendor and stale prices use the most recent broker quote available.

Below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets as at the current and preceding year end.

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2023

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £'000 | £′000 | £′000 | £′000 |
| Equities | 128,635 | - | - | 128,635 |
| Futures | 18 | - | - | 18 |
| | 128,653 | - | - | 128,653 |
| | | | | |

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2022

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Financial Assets | £'000 | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Equities | 138,678 | - | - | 138,678 |
| Futures | 42 | - | - | 42 |
| | 138,720 | - | - | 138,720 |

14. Portfolio transaction costs

29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023

Purchases in

| | the year before | | | - | Total purchase | Gross purchase | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £′000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 27,953 | 14 | 0.05 | 112 | 0.40 | 126 | 28,079 |
| Total | 27,953 | 14 | | 112 | | 126 | 28,079 |

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14. Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023

| | | | | | | | Total sales |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------|------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 38,862 | (20) | 0.05 | - | - | (20) | 38,842 |
| Total | 38,862 | (20) | | - | | (20) | 38,842 |
| Total transac | ction costs | 34 | | 112 | | | |
| as a % of the | e average net assets | 0.02% | | 0.08% | | | |

29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022

| Purchases in | |
|----------------|--|
| he vear before | |

| | the year before | | | | Т | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------|------|---------------|----------------|
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 37,581 | 18 | 0.05 | 142 | 0.38 | 160 | 37,741 |
| Total | 37,581 | 18 | | 142 | | 160 | 37,741 |

| | | | | | | | Total sales |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Sales in | | | | | | net of |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 51,858 | (24) | 0.05 | - | - | (24) | 51,834 |
| Total | 51,858 | (24) | | - | | (24) | 51,834 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Totaltranca | ction costs | 12 | | 1/12 | | | |

| Total transaction costs | 42 | 142 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| as a % of the average net assets | 0.03% | 0.09% |

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year which are separately identifiable.

 $Separately\ identifiable\ direct\ transaction\ costs\ (commissions\ and\ taxes\ etc.)\ are\ attributable\ to\ the\ Fund's\ purchase\ and\ sale\ of\ taxes\ etc.)$ equity shares where in existence. Additionally for equity shares, there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

At the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.11% (28 July 2022: 0.19%).

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

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

15. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as controlling party of the Fund by virtue of having the ability to act in concert in respect of Fund operations. The ultimate controlling party of the ACD is Barclays PLC. This entity and its subsidiaries are also related parties of the Fund.

At the year end, the ACD and its associates held 0.00% of the Fund's shares in issue (28 July 2022: 0.00%).

Details of all other material related party transactions during the year and any payment amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 4, 8 and 10 to the financial statements, and the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and the Portfolio Statement. Within note 10, accrued expenses (including amounts due to associates and agents) of £113,785 (28 July 2022: £124,659) are due to the ACD.

16. Shareholder funds

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class is given in the performance tables on pages 124 to 126. All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

The movement in the number of shares for the years ended 28 July 2023 and 28 July 2022 is shown below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 16,336,722 | 17,314,655 |
| Issued during year | 356,321 | 329,207 |
| Cancelled during year | (1,213,185) | (1,294,628) |
| Conversions during the year | (173,613) | (12,512) |
| Total number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 15,306,245 | 16,336,722 |
| | | |
| Number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 762,882 | 821,816 |
| Issued during year | 352 | 868 |
| Cancelled during year | (46,514) | (59,802) |
| Conversions during the year | (6,927) | - |
| Total number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 709,793 | 762,882 |
| Number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 7,864,840 | 9,011,132 |
| Issued during year | 198,803 | 158,582 |
| Cancelled during year | (1,513,051) | (1,304,874) |
| Total number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 6,550,592 | 7,864,840 |

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| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 8,054,347 | 8,606,827 |
| Issued during year | 369,953 | 261,522 |
| Cancelled during year | (883,246) | (825,876) |
| Conversions during the year | 163,938 | 11,874 |
| Total number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 7,704,992 | 8,054,347 |
| Number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 368,340 | 461,326 |
| Issued during year | 26,723 | 7,511 |
| Cancelled during year | (55,781) | (100,497) |
| Conversions during the year | 6,549 | - |
| Total number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 345,831 | 368,340 |

17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per share of the A Distribution share class has decreased from 393.18p to 376.06p, A Accumulation share class has decreased from 869.84p to 844.39p, M Distribution share class has decreased from 456.70p to 437.61p, R Distribution share class has decreased from 416.73p to 399.02p and the R Accumulation share class has decreased from 920.46p to 894.49p as at 02 November 2023. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the current uncertainties. The ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period

Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

First interim dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/12/2022 | 28/12/2021 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.2747p | - | 6.2747p | 5.2958p |
| Group 2 | 2.1899p | 4.0848p | 6.2747p | 5.2958p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 13.2003p | - | 13.2003p | 10.6502p |
| Group 2 | 5.7404p | 7.4599p | 13.2003p | 10.6502p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.2435p | - | 7.2435p | 6.0725p |
| Group 2 | 3.3089p | 3.9346p | 7.2435p | 6.0725p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.6265p | - | 6.6265p | 5.5701p |
| Group 2 | 1.5360p | 5.0905p | 6.6265p | 5.5701p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 13.9145p | - | 13.9145p | 11.1846p |
| Group 2 | 6.3592p | 7.5553p | 13.9145p | 11.1846p |

Second interim dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/03/2023 | 28/03/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.7300p | - | 2.7300p | 2.9511p |
| Group 2 | 0.5657p | 2.1643p | 2.7300p | 2.9511p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.8308p | - | 5.8308p | 6.0134p |
| Group 2 | 1.7456p | 4.0852p | 5.8308p | 6.0134p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.1566p | - | 3.1566p | 3.3896p |
| Group 2 | 0.6433p | 2.5133p | 3.1566p | 3.3896p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.8857p | - | 2.8857p | 3.1071p |
| Group 2 | 0.1768p | 2.7089p | 2.8857p | 3.1071p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.1534p | - | 6.1534p | 6.3217p |
| Group 2 | 0.7906p | 5.3628p | 6.1534p | 6.3217p |

Distribution Tables for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Third interim dividend distribution in pence | per share | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/06/2023 | 28/06/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.0223p | - | 7.0223p | 5.9778p |
| Group 2 | 5.8497p | 1.1726p | 7.0223p | 5.9778p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 15.0989p | - | 15.0989p | 12.2670p |
| Group 2 | 10.5831p | 4.5158p | 15.0989p | 12.2670p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 8.1466p | - | 8.1466p | 6.8791p |
| Group 2 | 7.1725p | 0.9741p | 8.1466p | 6.8791p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.4305p | - | 7.4305p | 6.3014p |
| Group 2 | 5.0517p | 2.3788p | 7.4305p | 6.3014p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 15.9370p | - | 15.9370p | 12.9079p |
| Group 2 | 11.2099p | 4.7271p | 15.9370p | 12.9079p |

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/09/2023 | 28/09/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.3714p | - | 4.3714p | 3.7023p |
| Group 2 | 0.9547p | 3.4167p | 4.3714p | 3.7023p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 9.5710p | - | 9.5710p | 7.7148p |
| Group 2 | 4.1381p | 5.4329p | 9.5710p | 7.7148p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.0764p | - | 5.0764p | 4.2669p |
| Group 2 | 0.5140p | 4.5624p | 5.0764p | 4.2669p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.6324p | - | 4.6324p | 3.9058p |
| Group 2 | 0.8370p | 3.7954p | 4.6324p | 3.9058p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 10.1210p | - | 10.1210p | 8.1259p |
| Group 2 | 2.3656p | 7.7554p | 10.1210p | 8.1259p |

Performance Tables

| | A- | Class Distributio | n | A-CI | ass Accumulatio | n |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 396.62 | 405.53 | 323.92 | 833.70 | 815.55 | 628.03 |
| Return before operating charges | * 22.92 | 15.12 | 100.91 | 48.81 | 30.62 | 199.58 |
| Operating charges | (6.05) | (6.10) | (5.90) | (12.96) | (12.47) | (12.06) |
| Return after operating charges* | 16.87 | 9.02 | 95.01 | 35.85 | 18.15 | 187.52 |
| Distributions | (20.40) | (17.93) | (13.40) | (43.70) | (36.65) | (26.37) |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 43.70 | 36.65 | 26.37 |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 393.09 | 396.62 | 405.53 | 869.55 | 833.70 | 815.55 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.42 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.89 | 0.98 | 1.06 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 4.25% | 2.22% | 29.33% | 4.30% | 2.23% | 29.86% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 60,167 | 64,793 | 70,216 | 6,172 | 6,360 | 6,702 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 15,306 | 16,337 | 17,315 | 710 | 763 | 822 |
| Operating charges | 1.51% | 1.50% | 1.52% | 1.51% | 1.50% | 1.52% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.10% | 0.12% | 0.13% | 0.10% | 0.12% | 0.13% |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 430.60 | 426.00 | 420.80 | 926.40 | 887.30 | 841.20 |
| Lowest share price | 368.40 | 375.20 | 295.50 | 774.40 | 769.90 | 580.20 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | M- | ·Class Distributio | n | R-C | lass Distribution | 1 |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 29/07 | /2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| 28/ | 07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 457.60 | 464.74 | 368.83 | 418.69 | 426.38 | 339.30 |
| Return before operating charges' | * 26.52 | 17.35 | 114.85 | 24.24 | 15.90 | 105.94 |
| Operating charges | (3.89) | (3.88) | (3.63) | (4.70) | (4.71) | (4.80) |
| Return after operating charges* | 22.63 | 13.47 | 111.22 | 19.54 | 11.19 | 101.14 |
| Distributions | (23.62) | (20.61) | (15.31) | (21.58) | (18.88) | (14.06) |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 456.61 | 457.60 | 464.74 | 416.65 | 418.69 | 426.38 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of**: | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.44 | 0.50 | 0.57 |
| COSTS OF * . | 0.46 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.44 | 0.50 | 0.57 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | 4.95% | 2.90% | 30.15% | 4.67% | 2.62% | 29.81% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 29,911 | 35,990 | 41,879 | 32,102 | 33,723 | 36,698 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 6,551 | 7,865 | 9,011 | 7,705 | 8,054 | 8,607 |
| Operating charges | 0.84% | 0.83% | 0.88% | 1.11% | 1.10% | 1.13% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.10% | 0.12% | 0.13% | 0.10% | 0.12% | 0.13% |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 498.90 | 491.10 | 481.80 | 455.70 | 449.50 | 442.20 |
| Lowest share price | 425.60 | 431.70 | 337.00 | 389.20 | 395.40 | 309.80 |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | R-C | lass Accumulatio | n |
|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 29/07/2020 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per share | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share: | 878.69 | 856.13 | 656.83 |
| Return before operating charges* | 51.54 | 32.17 | 208.09 |
| Operating charges | (10.07) | (9.61) | (8.79) |
| Return after operating charges* | 41.47 | 22.56 | 199.30 |
| Distributions | (46.13) | (38.54) | (27.63) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 46.13 | 38.54 | 27.63 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 920.16 | 878.69 | 856.13 |
| *after direct transaction costs of **: | 0.94 | 1.03 | 1.03 |
| Performance | . 700/ | 0.0407 | 70 7 404 |
| Return after charges | 4.72% | 2.64% | 30.34% |
| Other information | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,182 | 3,237 | 3,950 |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 346 | 368 | 461 |
| Operating charges | 1.11% | 1.10% | 1.14% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.10% | 0.12% | 0.13% |
| Prices | | | |
| Highest share price | 978.80 | 934.70 | 882.50 |
| Lowest share price | 816.90 | 810.20 | 607.30 |
| • | | _ | |

^{**} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)

1 2 3 4 5 6

This indicator is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category (i.e. Category 1) does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Fund is rated Category 6 due to the nature of the investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

The following risks are materially relevant to the Fund:

- Equity markets can be volatile causing the value of equity securities the Fund has exposure to, to fluctuate quickly and substantially.
- The Fund relies upon the performance of one or more subinvestment managers, who may perform poorly and adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

- Certain assets the Fund has exposure to may be subject to liquidity constraints, so it may be harder to buy or sell them, or trade them at a price considered to be fair.
- When derivatives are used, it is not intended that the Fund's
 value will fluctuate and use can be intended to reduce such
 fluctuations (such as currency movements). However, in
 adverse situations, this may not be effective, or the
 counterparty may default, which could lead to significant
 losses for the Fund.

Information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

Barclays UK Small and Mid Cap Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The Fund seeks to provide capital growth over the long term (a period of at least 5 years).

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in equity securities (shares of companies and other equity related investments) issued by companies domiciled in, incorporated in, or which have significant operations in, the UK ("UK Companies"). The UK Companies will be listed or traded on a regulated market in the UK or in a country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The UK Companies will be small and medium sized companies (companies whose "market capitalisation" (the share price of the company multiplied by the number of shares issued) is, at the time of purchase, outside of the size range of companies in the FTSE 100 Index).

The Fund may invest up to 30% of its assets in other equity securities, fixed income securities (tradeable debt that may pay interest, such as bonds), money-market instruments ("MMIs", bonds with short term maturities), cash and deposits. These assets can be in any country (including emerging markets), region, currency and sector.

The Fund may invest a maximum of 10% in other funds in seeking exposure to the above asset classes.

Fixed income securities and MMIs may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (e.g. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They will be investment grade (which means they meet a certain level of credit worthiness or credit rating by a credit rating agency, for example BBB- or higher by Standard & Poors, or are unrated but deemed to be of comparable quality).

Derivatives (investments whose value is linked to other investments) can be used for the purpose of "efficient portfolio management" (to seek to reduce the overall risk and cost to the Fund including through hedging (for example, to manage exposures to currencies) or to generate extra income or capital growth in line with the risk profile of the Fund).

The sub-investment managers take into consideration the FTSE All-Share Ex FTSE 100 Ex Investment Trusts Index (Total Return) as its Reference Index when selecting investments. However, as the Fund is actively managed, which means the sub-investment managers have day-to-day discretion to select the Fund's investments, the sub-investment managers maintain a high degree of flexibility and has the ability to invest in fewer securities than those which constitute the Reference Index and in sector and country weights that are different to the Reference Index.

The strategy of the sub-investment managers, and therefore the overall performance of the Fund, can be significantly different to the Reference Index. However, the Investment Manager's expectation is that where there is use of multiple sub-investment managers, this will mean that the overall outcome of the Fund is more aligned to the Reference Index.

The Reference Index is also used by the Investment Manager as one means of monitoring and comparing the performance of the sub-investment managers as well as how the Fund in total has performed against the broader UK equity market. The Investment Manager can also make changes to the proportion of the Fund's assets that the sub-investment managers manage.

Investment Report

During the year under review, the net asset value per share attributable to the A-Class Accumulation shares fell by 6.66%. This compares to a rise in the FTSE All-Share Index (Total Return), on a total return basis of 0.55%.

Market/Economic Review

The year under review could be compared to the analogy of the duck swimming on the water. Above the surface, the world – at least in economic terms- seems like it has returned to something approaching normality. The restrictions of COVID-19 are broadly nothing more than a memory. Whilst working from home remains popular, offices and public transport are far busier today than they have been for several years. But as always, plenty is happening in global markets and economies.

The biggest news around the world has been the rise of inflation in the price of goods and services. After a decade and a half of zero interest rates, Central Banks around the world have been increasing interest rates back to levels not seen since before the Global Financial Crisis of 2007 - 9.

The period of low interest rates can be seen in historical terms as very unusual. However, governments, companies and individuals quickly became used to operating in such an environment, and it will take some time for adjustments to be made.

Economically, there have been ongoing and persistent debates about whether the rise in interest rates will lead to an economic slowdown or recession in major global economies. Whilst there have been many predictions of a significant economic slowdown or recession in the US, Europe or Asia, it has yet to be seen.

That is not to say it will not happen. Forecasters continue to expect softer economic growth for the rest of 2023 and 2024 in major economies in Europe and the US. But stock markets, particularly in the US, do not seem to be pricing it in, given the valuations and performance of some of the largest companies in the year to date.

Looking at stock markets, performance improved through the second half of 2022 and into much of 2023. The big story has undoubtedly been the announcement of significant developments of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Chat GPT, the 'large language model' tool developed by Open AI. What impact this will have on how we live and work in the future is uncertain, but that uncertainty has not stopped enormous amounts of comment.

The hype around AI had the most obvious effect on the price of a number of US listed technology companies which were seen to benefit from the impact of AI. Seven stocks – inevitably titled 'the Magnificent Seven' by the press – led the way. The likes of Microsoft, Alphabet, Meta and chip maker NVIDIA all saw huge rises in their share prices in the first half of 2023. Markets noted that Apple had a market capitalisation of over \$1 trillion, greater than the entire value of the UK stock market.

In contrast, the UK stock market was somewhat moribund. It really went nowhere in price terms. Lacking the tech sector of the US, it moved in a range, unable to benefit from the huge moves seen elsewhere. Medium and smaller companies were slightly different. For many years, investors have been reducing their exposure to the UK stock market. There are a number of reasons for this, but in recent times sentiment towards the UK's more domestically focused companies has been at rock bottom.

Many UK listed shares which saw strong performance coming out of the COVID-19 falls have performed poorly since. In hindsight, many traded on excessively high valuations. A number had operational issues, linked to issues including supply chain problems and input cost inflation. But in general, there has been simply no interest by listed equity investors to own more of the UK's medium and smaller sized companies. This leaves them trading on very low multiples of earnings, but with no obvious catalyst that will see an improvement in feelings towards them.

Within the UK market, takeover activity slowed as higher interest rates made it more expensive for Private Equity companies to borrow money to fund the acquisition of UK listed companies. Instead, companies were the biggest buyers of their own shares yet again.

Market/Economic Review (continued)

The best performing sectors were Technology, Industrials and Consumer Staples. There was a recovery in the likes of Rolls Royce, Carnival, easyJet and Ashtead reflected increased economic confidence and improvements in parts of the market such as the wider travel industry.

Real Estate was weak, impacted by rising interest rates on valuations. Sector heavyweights like BT and Vodafone continued to struggle, but the former has seen foreign investors stake a large stake in its shares, and the latter is undergoing yet another restructuring. GSK, one of the UK's major pharmaceutical businesses also saw weak share price performance.

Fund Review

As mentioned in the introduction, the last few years has been a very difficult period for investors in medium and smaller sized UK equities. Whilst some of the pain has been self-inflicted by companies within the index, much of it has not.

Sectors that were exposed to the growth in online retail saw their share prices fall as rapidly as those rose in the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 related market weakness in 2020. Some had problems with price inflation of their raw materials and inputs. Others had issues with supply chains, getting raw materials to factories, or finished products to consumers. And some companies simply saw expectations about what they could do get ahead of what was reasonable. When they reported disappointing results, investors took fright and sold their shares at almost any price.

Stock selection and Asset Allocation were roughly equal in their contribution to underperformance. Financials was the biggest sector level detractor, with small cap financial companies such as asset managers and brokers generally weak over the year. Technology was another drag, with stock level issues affecting specific names.

Jupiter continued to struggle with the change in market conditions over the year. There were some stock specific issues such as nitrile glove maker Synthomer. Revolution Beauty was a stock the manager supported at IPO which fell by over three quarters over the year on the back of financial and governance issues. Future fell, its CEO leaving and reporting a profit warning leading to the market reappraising what valuation it wished to value the company at.

The manager has taken steps to adjust the portfolio, owning a more balanced portfolio of defensive and explicitly growth-oriented companies. This worked well for most of the year, but an issue with OneSavings Bank towards the end of the year hurt performance. The managers believe this to be temporary and will reverse in respect of the company's issues, but the market has taken a more pessimistic view.

Schroders' portfolio has less of the more expensive growth names than Jupiter would typically own. It had its own issues – Virgin Wines UK being a small but notable detractor. But overall performance was behind the index but somewhat better than that of Jupiter.

Outlook

It has been a very tricky time to be an active investor in UK equities in the last few years. This reporting year was a case in point, with good performance only from stocks that had a very specific set of exposures and characteristics. Any companies that were exposed to slowing customer spending, higher input costs from rising inflation or went into the period trading at excessively high valuation multiples saw their share prices under considerable pressure.

There is every possibility that the sentiment towards UK mid and small cap companies does not get better over the next twelve months. If this was the case, it is likely that many UK equity funds, including the Barclays UK Alpha, UK Equity Income and UK Small and Mid Cap funds may well struggle to outperform their benchmarks.

If the rally in US technology shares continues, the UK is likely to underperform. The FTSE All Share has a very limited technology sector, and those shares within it are small in size.

Medium and smaller companies are the engine of growth in the UK stock market as they are in the economy more broadly. If there is no interest in their shares by investors, domestic or international, then share prices will remain moribund.

However, UK equities are cheap when compared to their global peers. It may be the case that if the political situation from the outside looks more stable, then non-UK investors may look again at it. The UK is home to many world class companies, large and small, but trading at much lower multiples than their peers listed in Europe or the US.

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Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023

All investments are in ordinary shares unless stated otherwise. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector holdings at 28 July 2022.

| | Market | | Holding / |
|--------|------------|--|-----------|
| % of | Value | | Nominal |
| Ass | £′000 | Investment | Value |
| | | ASIA: 0.63% (0.83%) | |
| | | ISRAEL: 0.25% (0.37%) | |
| | | Technology: 0.25% (0.37%) | |
| C | 90 | Windward^ | 179,405 |
| | | SINGAPORE: 0.38% (0.46%) | |
| | | Electronic & Electrical Equipment: 0.38% (0.46%) | |
| C | 134 | XP Power | 6,416 |
| | | EUROPE EXCLUDING UK: 6.12% (5.07%) | |
| | | GIBRALTAR: 0.00% (0.38%) | |
| | | Travel & Leisure: 0.00% (0.38%) | |
| | | GUERNSEY: 2.50% (1.88%) | |
| | | Financial Services: 1.63% (1.01%) | |
| C | 219 | Chrysalis Investments | 296,367 |
| 1 | 361 | Foresight | 75,967 |
| 1 | 580 | | |
| | | Real Estate Investment & Services: 0.87% (0.87%) | |
| C | 312 | Sirius Real Estate | 378,962 |
| | | JERSEY: 3.62% (2.81%) | |
| | | Financial Services: 3.04% (2.81%) | |
| 1 | 422 | JTC | 57,548 |
| 1 | 663 | Man | 280,000 |
| 3 | 1,085 | | |
| | | Travel & Leisure: 0.58% (0.00%) | |
| C | 205 | Wizz Air | 8,580 |
| | | NORTH AMERICA: 0.49% (0.00%) | |
| | | BERMUDA: 0.49% (0.00%) | |
| | | Nonlife Insurance: 0.49% (0.00%) | |
| C | 177 | Lancashire | 28,907 |
| | | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.40% (86.68%) | |
| | | Aerospace & Defense: 4.75% (2.19%) | |
| C | 288 | Babcock International | 77,416 |
| 2 | 936 | Chemring | 327,841 |
| _ 1 | 468 | Senior | 274,448 |
| | 1,692 | | 27 1, 110 |
| | -, -, -, - | Chemicals: 2.31% (3.45%) | |
| C | 207 | Elementis | 189,199 |
| 1 | 617 | Victrex | 40,000 |
| 2 | 824 | VIOLION | |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.40% (86.68%) (continued) | | |
| | Construction & Materials: 3.67% (1.51%) | | |
| 35,510 | Keller | 300 | 0.0 |
| 96,041 | Marshalls | 264 | 0.7 |
| 19,357 | Morgan Sindall | 365 | 1.0 |
| 94,537 | Volution | 379 | 1.0 |
| | | 1,308 | 3.6 |
| | Consumer Staples: 0.90% (0.00%) | | |
| 44,710 | MP Evans^ | 321 | 0.9 |
| | Consumer, Cyclical: 0.21% (0.54%) | | |
| 118,134 | MusicMagpie^ | 18 | 0.0 |
| 113,343 | Strip Tinning^ | 57 | 0.1 |
| | | 75 | 0.2 |
| | Consumer, Non-cyclical: 0.97% (1.10%) | | |
| 43,582 | Tate & Lyle | 330 | 0.9 |
| 49,446 | Virgin Wines UK^ | 15 | 0.0 |
| | | 345 | 0.9 |
| | Electronic & Electrical Equipment: 6.39% (4.12%) | | |
| 29,458 | Discoverie | 234 | 0.0 |
| 41,289 | Oxford Instruments | 1,001 | 2.8 |
| 29,744 | Spectris | 1,043 | 2.9 |
| | | 2,278 | 6.3 |
| | Energy: 1.85% (1.57%) | | |
| 61,433 | Ashtead^ | 240 | 0.6 |
| 1,477,111 | Esken | 44 | 0.1 |
| 148,792 | Harbour Energy | 376 | 1.0 |
| | | 660 | 1.8 |
| | Financial Services: 9.22% (8.34%) | | |
| 24,719 | Alpha FX^ | 544 | 1.5 |
| 45,492 | Cab Payments | 130 | 0.3 |
| 190,000 | CMC Markets | 267 | 0. |
| 305,546 | Funding Circle | 144 | 0.4 |
| 58,018 | IntegraFin | 145 | 0.4 |
| 19,415 | Intermediate Capital | 274 | 0.7 |
| 500,030 | IP | 302 | 0.8 |
| 206,991 | OSB | 736 | 2.0 |
| 90,000 | Paragon Banking | 485 | 1.3 |
| 91,679 | Petershill Partners | 153 | 0.4 |
| 83,171 | Provident Financial | 107 | 0.3 |
| | | 3,287 | 9.7 |
| | Fixed Line Telecommunications: 2.26% (3.02%) | | |
| 48,483 | Telecom Plus | 806 | 2.2 |
| | Food & Drug Retailers: 0.68% (0.52%) | | |
| 8,918 | Greggs | 242 | 0.6 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| | | Market | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Asset |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.40% (86.68%) (continued) | | |
| | Food Producers: 1.48% (0.75%) | | |
| 43,289 | Hilton Food | 280 | 0.7 |
| 192,438 | Premier Foods | 248 | 0.7 |
| | | 528 | 1.4 |
| | General Industrials: 1.48% (0.79%) | | |
| 119,076 | Vesuvius | 526 | 1.4 |
| | General Retailers: 9.02% (7.70%) | | |
| 76,803 | Dunelm | 865 | 2.4 |
| 50,000 | Frasers | 400 | 1.1 |
| 52,510 | Halfords | 117 | 0.3 |
| 25,261 | Howden Joinery | 187 | 0.5 |
| 135,041 | Marks & Spencer | 278 | 0.7 |
| 205,372 | Pets at Home | 801 | 2.2 |
| 37,878 | WH Smith | 569 | 1.5 |
| | | 3,217 | 9.0 |
| | Health Care: 0.53% (0.00%) | | |
| 151,670 | Inspecs^ | 187 | 0.9 |
| | Household Goods & Home Construction: 2.94% (4.21%) | | |
| 8,102 | Bellway | 180 | 0.5 |
| 80,537 | Crest Nicholson | 176 | 0.4 |
| 74,816 | Redrow | 386 | 1.0 |
| 38,395 | Vistry | 306 | 0.8 |
| | | 1,048 | 2.9 |
| | Industrial Engineering: 5.13% (4.14%) | | |
| 50,000 | Bodycote | 342 | 0.9 |
| 18,727 | IMI | 303 | 0.0 |
| 49,650 | Melrose Industries | 261 | 0.7 |
| 104,769 | Rotork | 322 | 0.9 |
| 587,852 | Severfield | 421 | 1.1 |
| 30,000 | Videmdum | 179 | 0.5 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | 1,828 | 5.3 |
| | Industrial Goods & Services: 0.00% (0.43%) | , | |
| | Industrial Metals and Mining: 0.96% (0.00%) | | |
| 21,669 | Hill & Smith | 343 | 0.9 |
| | Industrial Transportation: 1.41% (0.80%) | | |
| 6,469 | Clarkson | 181 | 0.5 |
| 81,228 | James Fisher & Sons | 320 | 0.9 |
| 01,220 | Surries Fisher & Soris | 501 | 1.4 |
| | Industrials: 0.30% (0.00%) | 301 | 1.* |
| 27,696 | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting^ | 108 | 0.3 |
| <u>_</u> , | <u> </u> | 100 | 0.5 |
| | Leisure Goods: 1.19% (0.61%) | | |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding / | | Market | |
|------------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.40% (86.68%) (continued) | | |
| | Life Insurance: 1.53% (1.02%) | | |
| 659,739 | Just | 544 | 1.5 |
| | Materials: 0.69% (0.72%) | | |
| 2,450,000 | Autins†,^ | 245 | 0.69 |
| -, .00,000 | Media: 2.72% (4.83%) | 2.0 | 0.0. |
| 10,312 | 4imprint | 459 | 1.29 |
| 134,029 | Ascential | 282 | 0.7 |
| 27,792 | Future | 228 | 0.6 |
| | - deare | 969 | 2.7 |
| | Mobile Telecommunications: 0.60% (0.55%) | 303 | ۷.77 |
| 19,246 | Gamma Communications [^] | 214 | 0.60 |
| 15,240 | Nonlife Insurance: 0.51% (1.05%) | 214 | 0.00 |
| 77 1 40 | | 107 | 0.5 |
| 33,149 | Beazley | 183 | 0.5 |
| 70.065 | Oil & Gas Producers: 1.01% (0.84%) | 7.64 | 4.0 |
| 32,265 | Energean | 361 | 1.0 |
| | Personal Goods: 0.00% (2.28%) | | |
| | Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology: 2.58% (1.97%) | | |
| 5,321 | Genus | 131 | 0.3 |
| 9,763 | Hikma Pharmaceuticals | 205 | 0.5 |
| 32,968 | Indivior^^ | 584 | 1.6 |
| | | 920 | 2.5 |
| | Real Estate: 0.29% (0.00%) | | |
| 24,150 | Great Portland Estates | 102 | 0.29 |
| | Real Estate Investment & Services: 1.65% (1.88%) | | |
| 115,754 | Helical | 314 | 0.8 |
| 28,195 | Savills | 275 | 0.7 |
| | | 589 | 1.6 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trusts: 3.20% (6.20%) | | |
| 47,027 | Big Yellow | 503 | 1.4 |
| 110,284 | Harworth | 127 | 0.3 |
| 35,000 | Safestore REITS | 308 | 0.8 |
| 40,500 | Workspace | 204 | 0.5 |
| | • | 1,142 | 3.2 |
| | Retailers: 0.76% (0.00%) | · | |
| 171,531 | JD Sports Fashion | 271 | 0.7 |
| , | Software & Computer Services: 5.05% (6.48%) | | - |
| 116,644 | ActiveOps^ | 121 | 0.3 |
| 65,645 | Auction Technology | 472 | 1.3 |
| 56,598 | Big Technologies^ | 145 | 0.4 |
| 134,471 | Bytes Technology | 693 | 1.9 |
| | Computacenter | 221 | 0.6 |
| 10,010 | Computacenter | | |
| 152,362 | NCC | 148 | 0.42 |

Portfolio Statement as at 28 July 2023 (continued)

| Holding / | | Market | |
|-----------|--|--------|---------|
| Nominal | | Value | % of Ne |
| Value | Investment | £'000 | Assets |
| | UNITED KINGDOM: 89.40% (86.68%) (continued) | | |
| | Support Services: 7.25% (7.65%) | | |
| 26,485 | Diploma | 849 | 2.38 |
| 122,840 | Essentra | 198 | 0.55 |
| 21,293 | Inchcape | 174 | 0.49 |
| 252,990 | Kin & Carta | 171 | 0.48 |
| 389,466 | Mitie | 394 | 1.10 |
| 93,406 | Northgate | 320 | 0.90 |
| 600,000 | Speedy Hire | 221 | 0.62 |
| 73,417 | SThree | 259 | 0.73 |
| | | 2,586 | 7.25 |
| | Technology Hardware & Equipment: 1.31% (2.58%) | | |
| 278,271 | Spirent Communications | 468 | 1.31 |
| | Travel & Leisure: 2.60% (2.84%) | | |
| 137,224 | Cake Box^ | 225 | 0.63 |
| 24,874 | Jet2^ | 279 | 0.78 |
| 161,706 | Trainline | 422 | 1.19 |
| | | 926 | 2.60 |
| | Futures: 0.00% (0.03%) | | |
| | Portfolio of investments | 34,452 | 96.64 |
| | Net other assets | 1,196 | 3.36 |
| | Net assets | 35,648 | 100.00 |

All investments are listed as transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange or traded on a regulated market.

[†] This is a stale priced security.

[^] These securities are quoted on an Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and comprise 7.88% (28 July 2022: 7.00%) of the Net Asset Value.

^{^^} This security is quoted on NASDAQ and comprise 1.64% (28 July 2022: 0.00%) of the Net Asset Value.

Summary of Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 28 July 2023

| 10 Largest Purchases | Cost | 10 Largest Sales | Proceeds |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| | £ | | £ |
| Videmdum | 714,498 | abrdn | 540,318 |
| Harbour Energy | 559,353 | Weir | 522,482 |
| Senior | 431,045 | Hyve | 479,055 |
| Energean | 410,414 | LondonMetric Property | 456,303 |
| Spectris | 405,728 | Frasers | 432,771 |
| abrdn | 379,270 | Micro Focus International | 431,723 |
| Morgan Sindall | 357,265 | Capricorn Energy | 405,073 |
| MP Evans | 355,343 | RS | 392,767 |
| SThree | 352,934 | Serco | 392,698 |
| Oxford Instruments | 348,748 | Unite | 390,406 |

Statement of Total Return for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | | | 07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | | /07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|-------|--------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | 2 | | (3,206) | | (13,202) |
| Revenue | 3 | 1,122 | | 1,240 | |
| Expenses | 4 | (534) | | (723) | |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | - | | (1) | |
| Net revenue before taxation for the year | | 588 | | 516 | |
| Taxation | 6 | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | | | 588 | | 516 |
| Total return before distributions | | | (2,618) | | (12,686) |
| Distributions | 7 | | (590) | | (517) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders fro | m | | | | |
| investment activities | | | (3,208) | | (13,203) |

Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 28 July 2023

| | 29/ | 07/2022 to | 29/ | /07/2021 to |
|--|---------|------------|----------|-------------|
| | 2 | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 40,868 | | 64,353 |
| Amounts receivable on creation of shares | 216 | | 3,787 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | (2,523) | | (14,360) | |
| | | (2,307) | | (10,573) |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 61 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (3,208) | | (13,203) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | 295 | | 230 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 35,648 | | 40,868 |

Balance Sheet as at 28 July 2023

| | | 2 | 28/07/2023 | | 28/07/2022 |
|---|-------|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| | Notes | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | | | |
| Investments | | | 34,452 | | 37,846 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 274 | | 237 | |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | 1,285 | | 3,240 | |
| Total current assets | | | 1,559 | | 3,477 |
| Total assets | | | 36,011 | | 41,323 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Distribution payable | 10 | (282) | | (245) | |
| Other creditors | 10 | (81) | | (210) | |
| Total creditors | | | (363) | | (455) |
| Total liabilities | | | (363) | | (455) |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | | | 35,648 | | 40,868 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023

1. Accounting policies

The Fund's accounting policies are set out on pages 11 to 13 of the financial statements.

2. Net capital losses

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| The net capital losses on investments during the year comprise: | | |
| Non-derivative securities | (3,180) | (13,368) |
| Derivative contracts | (16) | 177 |
| Currency gains | - | 1 |
| Transaction charges | (10) | (12) |
| Net capital losses | (3,206) | (13,202) |

3. Revenue

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| UK dividends | 987 | 1,120 |
| UK REIT dividends | 72 | 76 |
| UK PID income | 20 | 8 |
| Non-taxable overseas dividends | 18 | 34 |
| Bank interest | 25 | 2 |
| Total revenue | 1,122 | 1,240 |

4. Expenses

| | 29/07/2022 to 28/07/2023 | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them: | | |
| ACD's periodic fee | 411 | 585 |
| Registration fee | 40 | 55 |
| | 451 | 640 |
| Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either | of them: | |
| Depositary fee | 6 | 8 |
| Safe custody fee | 1 | 2 |
| | 7 | 10 |
| Other expenses: | | |
| Administration fee | 45 | 46 |
| Audit fee | 16 | 13 |
| Printing fee | 9 | 6 |
| Tax advisory fee | 3 | 5 |
| VAT on audit fee | 3 | 3 |
| | 76 | 73 |
| Total expenses | 534 | 723 |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 July 2023 (continued)

| 5. Interest payable and similar charges | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bank overdraft interest | - | 1 |
| | - | 1 |
| 6. Taxation | | |
| (a) Analysis of taxation charge in year | | |
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Overseas tax | - | _ |

(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year

Current tax [note 6(b)]
Deferred tax [note 6(c)]

Total taxation

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (28 July 2022: lower) the standard rate of coporation tax in the UK for an open-ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Net revenue before taxation | 588 | 516 |
| Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the appropriate rate of corporation tax | X | |
| at 20% (2022: 20%) | 118 | 103 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Tax on UK dividends | (201) | (226) |
| Taxation due to timing difference | (1) | - |
| Non-taxable overseas dividends | (4) | (6) |
| Excess management expenses not utilised | 88 | 129 |
| Current tax | - | - |

(c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no deferred tax provision in the current year (28 July 2022: same).

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £247,293 (28 July 2022: £159,282) due to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (28 July 2022: same).

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7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| | £′000 | £'000 |
| Final dividend distribution | 577 | 475 |
| Total dividend distribution | 577 | 475 |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 14 | 56 |
| Less: Revenue received on creation of shares | (1) | (14) |
| Distributions for the year | 590 | 517 |

8. Debtors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £′000 | £′000 |
| Accrued revenue | 117 | 115 |
| Amounts receivable for creation of shares | 2 | 6 |
| Sales awaiting settlement | 151 | 113 |
| Overseas tax recoverable | 3 | 3 |
| PID tax recoverable | 1 | _ |
| | 274 | 237 |

9. Cash and bank balances

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 37 | 357 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,248 | 2,883 |
| | 1,285 | 3,240 |

10. Creditors

(a) Other creditors

| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
|--|------------|------------|
| | £'000 | £′000 |
| Accrued expenses | 70 | 68 |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of shares | 11 | 142 |
| Purchases awaiting settlement | - | _ |
| | 81 | 210 |
| (b) Distributions payable | | |
| Net distributions payable | 282 | 245 |
| | 282 | 245 |

11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (28 July 2022: same).

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12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments

The Fund's investment objective is stated on page 128. In pursuing its objective, the Fund holds financial instruments which expose it to various types of risk. The main risks, and the ACD's policy for managing these risks are set out below. These were applied consistently throughout the current year.

(a) Credit and liquidity risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering loss due to another party not meeting its financial obligations. The primary sources of this risk to the Fund are the potential for borrowers to fail to meet their redemption commitments and for trade counterparties to fail to meet their transaction commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

Liquidity risk relates to the capacity to meet liabilities. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to Shareholders for any cancellation of shares. This risk is minimised by holding cash and readily realisable securities and via access to overdraft facilities.

(b) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices. The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the potential movement in the value of financial instruments held as a result of price fluctuations. The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and borrowing powers established in the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus and the Collective Investment Scheme sourcebook ('COLL') governing the operation of open ended investment companies. In this way, the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, sector or issuer.

The Fund may also use derivative instruments to mitigate risk and/or reduce costs. These instruments are not utilised for speculative purposes. Derivative instruments were not utilised during the current year but were in the preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £3,211,359 (28 July 2022: £3,343,339).

(c) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk of movements in the value of overseas financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in exchange rates. This risk may be managed by the utilisation of forward currency contracts as necessary. Forward currency contracts were not utilised during the current year and preceding year.

At 28 July 2023, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately Nil (28 July 2022: Nil)

The foreign currency profile of the Fund's net assets at the current and preceding year end date was as follows:

| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
|------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| 28/07/2023 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Euro | 1 | - | 1 |
| | 1 | - | 1 |

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| 12. Risk in relation to the financial instruments (continued) (c) Foreign currency risk (continued) | | | |
|---|----------|--------------|-------|
| | Monetary | Non-monetary | Total |
| 28/07/2022 | exposure | exposure | |
| Currency | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Euro | 1 | - | 1 |
| | 1 | - | 1 |

(d) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk of movements in the value of financial instruments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund's only interest bearing financial instruments were its bank balances disclosed in note 9.

Cash is deposited, and overdraft facilities utilised, on normal commercial terms and earn or bear interest based on SONIA or its overseas equivalent.

In the event of a change in interest rates, there would be no material impact upon the assets of the Fund.

(e) Derivatives – Sensitivity analysis

Derivative risk arises from uncertainty about future market movements. This risk is managed by the policies shown within Market risk

The Fund invests in futures to obtain market exposure to enable it to meet the Fund objectives whilst reducing transaction costs. The Fund does not hold futures as at the end of the year.

The effect of these futures is to increase market exposure by 0.00% (28 July 2022: 1.07%) of net assets. This results in an effective equity exposure at the year end of 00.00% (28 July 2022: 93.68%) of net assets, which means that the gains or losses of the Fund will be 0.0000 (28 July 2022: 0.9368) times the gains or losses if the Fund was fully invested in equities.

(f) Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

(g) Counterparty risk

During the year, the Fund made use of the exchange traded derivative instruments. These types of instruments introduce Counterparty Risk, where a counterparty may fail to meet its financial commitments. In order to reduce this risk, a collateral may be held by the Fund.

Exposure to a counterparty is calculated using the positive mark-to-market value of the exchange traded derivative contracts. As at the balance sheet date, there were no positive mark-to-market value of the exchange traded derivative contracts held by the Fund. Below is the counterparty to these transactions as at preceding year end.

| 28/07/2022 | Collateral | Derivatives |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Exposures by Counterparty | £′000 | £′000 |
| Goldman Sachs International | - | 12 |
| | - | 12 |

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13. Fair value disclosures

Amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' – Fair value hierarchy disclosures requires that an analysis of investment assets and investment liabilities by reference to a fair value hierarchy be disclosed as follows:

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

Fair value based on an unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical instruments includes exchange-traded instruments unless there is persistently insufficient activity to regard the market as active. Examples typically include money market instruments, exchange-traded derivatives, exchange-traded products (including exchange-traded funds) and some highly liquid exchange traded debt securities.

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1.

Fair value based on a valuation technique using observable market data includes over-the-counter instruments, instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject to fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples typically include OTC derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds.

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Fair value based on a valuation technique that relies significantly on unobservable data and this typically includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

It is the responsibility of the Fair Value Forum ('FVF') to ensure pricing sources and methodologies used to value securities are appropriate as delegated by the ACD. Investments classified as using inputs that are not based on observable market data comprise fair value adjusted securities, stale and single sourced bonds. In seeking to value such securities where no liquid market exists, the FVF will gather valuation related information from multiple internal and external sources. These sources include historic trading and pricing information and the views of internal security analysts. Internal security analysts have access to a range of material including, company specific news and earnings, cash flow forecasts, valuations of the underlying portfolio company and competitor company valuations within related industries and sectors to determine a valuation recommendation for each unlisted security.

Generally for fair valued securities, stale and single source bonds, where there is no price source from an active market, the FVF has applied judgement in determining the fair value. This fair value is established by using measures such as; stale priced securities where the last traded price is used. The FVF has the ability to apply discounts to security valuations. Management determines the discount based on its judgement, after considering market liquidity conditions and company specific factors such as the development stage of the portfolio company. Generally unlisted securities are valued at cost, a trade executed by another Barclays Fund, grey market trades or at a nil value where companies have gone into liquidation, administration or are deemed worthless. Single sourced broker prices use data received from a single pricing vendor and stale prices use the most recent broker quote available.

Below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets as at the current and preceding year end.

Fair value hierarchy as at 28/07/2023

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Financial Assets | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 |
| Equities | 34,452 | - | - | 34,452 |
| | 34,452 | - | - | 34,452 |

| 13. Fair value | disclosures (continued) | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|------|---------|------|---------------|----------------|
| Fair value hier | rarchy as at 28/07/2022 | | | | | | |
| | | Level 1 | | Level 2 | | Level 3 | Total |
| Financial Asse | ets | £'000 | | £'000 | | £'000 | £'000 |
| Equities | | 37,834 | | - | | - | 37,834 |
| Futures | | 12 37,846 | | - | | - | 12 37,846 |
| | | 37,040 |) | | | | 37,040 |
| 14. Portfolio | Transaction Costs | | | | | | |
| 29/07/2022 t | o 28/07/2023 | | | | | | |
| | Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | T | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 13,271 | 6 | 0.05 | 58 | 0.44 | 64 | 13,335 |
| Total | 13,271 | 6 | | 58 | | 64 | 13,335 |
| | | | | | | | Total sale: |
| | Sales in | | | | | | net o |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £′000 | £′000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 13,543 | (6) | 0.04 | - | 0.00 | (6) | 13,537 |
| Total | 13,543 | (6) | | - | | (6) | 13,537 |
| Total transact | ion costs | 12 | | 58 | | | |
| as a % of the a | average net assets | 0.03% | | 0.16% | | | |
| 20/07/2021+ | o 28/07/2022 | | | | | | |
| 23/0//2021 | Purchases in | | | | | | |
| | the year before | | | | Т | otal purchase | Gross purchase |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Purchases | 2 000 | | 70 | 2 000 | 70 | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Equities | 18,392 | 7 | 0.04 | 73 | 0.40 | 80 | 18,472 |
| Total | 18,392 | 7 | | 73 | | 80 | 18,472 |
| | | | | | | | Total sale: |
| | Sales in | | | | | | net o |
| | the year before | | | | | Total sales | transaction |
| | transaction costs | Commissions | | Taxes | | costs | costs |
| | £'000 | £'000 | % | £'000 | % | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | | | | | | | |
| Equities | 29,097 | (13) | 0.04 | _ | 0.00 | (13) | 29,084 |
| Total | 29,097 | (13) | | - | | (13) | 29,084 |
| Total transact | ion costs | 20 | | 73 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

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14. Portfolio Transaction Costs (continued)

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year which are separately identifiable.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares, there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

At the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.53% (28 July 2022: 0.88%).

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

15. Related Party Transactions

The ACD is regarded as controlling party of the Fund by virtue of having the ability to act in concert in respect of Fund operations. The ultimate controlling party of the ACD is Barclays PLC. This entity and its subsidiaries are also related parties of the Fund.

At the year end, the ACD and its associates held 0.00% of the Fund's shares in issue (28 July 2022: 0.00%).

Details of all other material related party transactions during the year and any payment amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 4, 7, 8 and 10 to the financial statements, and the Statement of Change in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and the Portfolio Statement. Within note 10, accrued expenses (including amounts due to associates and agents) of £32,639 (28 July 2022: £36,692) are due to the ACD.

16. Shareholder funds

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class is given in the performance tables on pages 150 to 152. All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

The movement in the number of shares for the year ended 28 July 2023 and 28 July 2022 are shown below:

| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to 28/07/2022 | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | 28/07/2023 | | |
| Number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 641,683 | 850,433 | |
| Issued during year | 975 | 296,654 | |
| Cancelled during year | (74,095) | (505,404) | |
| Conversions during the year | (22,522) | - | |
| Total number of A-Class Distribution Shares | | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 546,041 | 641,683 | |

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| 16. Shareholder funds (continued) | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 |
| Number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 3,727,094 | 4,000,363 |
| Issued during year | 6,823 | 11,655 |
| Cancelled during year | (262,050) | (276,161 |
| Conversions during the year | (102,737) | (8,763 |
| Total number of A-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 3,369,130 | 3,727,094 |
| Newshare CM Class Distribution Change | | |
| Number of M-Class Distribution Shares Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 3,461,047 | 4,888,750 |
| Issued during year | - | 508,700 |
| Cancelled during year | (52,858) | (1,936,403) |
| Conversions during the year | (32,336) | (1,330,103) |
| Total number of M-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 3,408,189 | 3,461,047 |
| | -,, | -, - ,- |
| Number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 314,252 | 342,589 |
| Issued during year | 15,926 | 16,405 |
| Cancelled during year | (41,274) | (44,742) |
| Conversions during the year | 23,541 | - |
| Total number of R-Class Distribution Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 312,445 | 314,252 |
| | | |
| Number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| Issued and cancelled shares | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 611,107 | 814,629 |
| Issued during year | 32,915 | 44,588 |
| Cancelled during year | (134,081) | (260,679) |
| Conversions during the year | 146,963 | 12,569 |
| Total number of R-Class Accumulation Shares | | |
| in issue at end of the year | 656,904 | 611,107 |

17. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per share of the A Distribution share class has decreased from 353.57p to 327.47p, A Accumulation share class has decreased from 538.52p to 498.83p, M Distribution share class has decreased from 356.02p to 330.20p, R Accumulation share class has decreased from 376.55p to 349.03p, and the R Distribution share class has decreased from 337.48p to 312.78p, as at 02 November 2023. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the current uncertainties. The ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Distribution Table for the year ended 28 July 2023

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period

Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

Final dividend distribution in pence per share

| | Net | | Distribution | Distribution |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | Paid | Paid |
| | | | 28/09/2023 | 28/09/2022 |
| A-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.0147p | - | 5.0147p | 3.6021p |
| Group 2 | 3.8040p | 1.2107p | 5.0147p | 3.6021p |
| A-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 7.5338p | - | 7.5338p | 5.3696p |
| Group 2 | 3.9381p | 3.5957p | 7.5338p | 5.3696p |
| M-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.9537p | - | 6.9537p | 6.0032p |
| Group 2 | 6.9537p | - | 6.9537p | 6.0032p |
| R-Class Distribution | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.6534p | - | 5.6534p | 4.5254p |
| Group 2 | 2.3203p | 3.3331p | 5.6534p | 4.5254p |
| R-Class Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 6.2066p | - | 6.2066p | 4.9034p |
| Group 2 | 1.4982p | 4.7084p | 6.2066p | 4.9034p |

Performance Tables

| | A-C | Class Distribution | ** | A-Class Accumulation** | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 29 | 9/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 28/05/2021 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 28/05/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per sh | are | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 383.17 | 498.80 | 492.00 | 575.58 | 742.33 | 732.10 |
| Return before operating chai | rges* (19.53) | (104.79) | 8.09 | (29.42) | (156.16) | 12.16 |
| Operating charges | (5.95) | (7.24) | (1.29) | (8.94) | (10.59) | (1.93) |
| Return after operating charg | es* (25.48) | (112.03) | 6.80 | (38.36) | (166.75) | 10.23 |
| Distributions | (5.01) | (3.60) | - | (7.53) | (5.37) | - |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 7.53 | 5.37 | - |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 352.68 | 383.17 | 498.80 | 537.22 | 575.58 | 742.33 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of***: | 0.68 | 0.27 | 0.01 | 1.02 | 0.40 | 0.01 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (6.65%) | (22.46%) | 1.38% | (6.66%) | (22.46%) | 1.40% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'00 | 0) 1,926 | 2,459 | 4,242 | 18,099 | 21,452 | 29,695 |
| Closing number of shares ('0 | 00) 546 | 642 | 850 | 3,369 | 3,727 | 4,000 |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.58% | 1.57% | 1.65% | 1.58% | 1.57% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.19% | 0.06% | 0.01% | 0.19% | 0.06% | 0.01% |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 392.50 | 529.20 | 503.10 | 589.60 | 787.50 | 748.60 |
| Lowest share price | 318.00 | 353.20 | 470.20 | 477.70 | 525.60 | 699.70 |
| | | | | | | |

^{**} This share class launched on 28 May 2021.

^{***} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | M-Class Distribution** | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 28/05/2021 to | |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | |
| Change in net assets per share | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share: | 385.85 | 502.72 | 495.90 | |
| Return before operating charges* | (19.67) | (105.97) | 8.10 | |
| Operating charges | (4.11) | (4.90) | (0.87) | |
| Return after operating charges* | (23.78) | (110.87) | 7.23 | |
| Distributions | (6.95) | (6.00) | (0.41) | |
| Closing net asset value per share | 355.12 | 385.85 | 502.72 | |
| *after direct transaction costs of ***: | 0.69 | 0.28 | 0.01 | |
| Performance | | | | |
| Return after charges | (6.16%) | (22.05%) | 1.46% | |
| Other information | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 12,103 | 13,355 | 24,577 | |
| Closing number of shares ('000) | 3,408 | 3,461 | 4,889 | |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.06% | 1.05% | |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.19% | 0.06% | 0.01% | |
| Prices | | | | |
| Highest share price | 395.40 | 533.70 | 507.30 | |
| Lowest share price | 320.60 | 357.70 | 474.20 | |

^{**} This share class launched on 28 May 2021.

^{***} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Performance Tables (continued)

| | R-Class Distribution** | | | R-Class Accumulation** | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 29 | /07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 28/05/2021 to | 29/07/2022 to | 29/07/2021 to | 28/05/2021 to |
| | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 | 28/07/2023 | 28/07/2022 | 28/07/2021 |
| | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) | (pps) |
| Change in net assets per sha | are | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share: | 365.74 | 476.30 | 469.80 | 401.47 | 516.41 | 509.20 |
| Return before operating charg | ges* (18.64) | (100.30) | 7.71 | (20.54) | (108.68) | 8.34 |
| Operating charges | (4.82) | (5.73) | (1.04) | (5.29) | (6.26) | (1.13) |
| Return after operating charge | es* (23.46) | (106.03) | 6.67 | (25.83) | (114.94) | 7.21 |
| Distributions | (5.65) | (4.53) | (0.17) | (6.21) | (4.90) | (0.19) |
| Retained distributions on | | | | | | |
| accumulation shares | - | - | - | 6.21 | 4.90 | 0.19 |
| Closing net asset value | | | | | | |
| per share | 336.63 | 365.74 | 476.30 | 375.64 | 401.47 | 516.41 |
| *after direct transaction | | | | | | |
| costs of***: | 0.65 | 0.26 | 0.01 | 0.71 | 0.28 | 0.01 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (6.41%) | (22.26%) | 1.42% | (6.43%) | (22.26%) | 1.42% |
| Other information | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000 |)) 1,052 | 1,149 | 1,632 | 2,468 | 2,453 | 4,207 |
| Closing number of shares ('00 | 00) 312 | 314 | 343 | 657 | 611 | 815 |
| Operating charges | 1.40% | 1.33% | 1.32% | 1.40% | 1.33% | 1.32% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.19% | 0.06% | 0.01% | 0.19% | 0.06% | 0.01% |
| Prices | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 374.70 | 505.50 | 480.50 | 411.30 | 548.00 | 520.70 |
| Lowest share price | 303.70 | 338.10 | 449.20 | 333.40 | 366.60 | 486.80 |

^{**} This share class launched on 28 May 2021.

^{***} Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)

1 2 3 4 5 6

This indicator is based on historical data which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category (i.e. Category 1) does not mean a risk-free investment.

The Fund is rated Category 6 due to the nature of the investments which include the risks listed below. These factors may impact the value of the Fund's investments or expose the Fund to losses.

The following risks are materially relevant to the Fund:

• Equity markets can be volatile causing the value of equity securities the Fund has exposure to, to fluctuate quickly and substantially.

- The Fund relies upon the performance of one or more subinvestment managers, who may perform poorly and adversely affect the performance of the Fund.
- Certain assets the Fund has exposure to may be subject to liquidity constraints, so it may be harder to buy or sell them, or trade them at a price considered to be fair.
- When derivatives are used, it is not intended that the Fund's value will fluctuate and use can be intended to reduce such fluctuations (such as currency movements). However, in adverse situations, this may not be effective, or the counterparty may default, which could lead to significant losses for the Fund.

Information in relation to risks in general may be found in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus.

UCITS V Remuneration Disclosures (Unaudited)

The UCITS V Directive requires the Financial Statements of the Company to include some remuneration-related information applicable to delegates of a self managed UCITS, including the requirement to establish a remuneration policy which aligns with the interests of the UCITS.

The UCITS V Directive requires that delegates of a UCITS self managed company have a remuneration policy which is consistent with, and promotes, sound and effective risk management and which discourages excessive risk taking. The policy must address the manner in which variable remuneration is paid to "identified staff" (which includes senior management, risk takers and control functions).

The Investment Manager has in place a remuneration policy to ensure that the interests of the Investment Manager and the Shareholders are aligned. Such remuneration policy imposes remuneration rules on staff and senior management within the Investment Manager whose activities have an impact on the risk profile of the Company.

The Investment Manager will ensure that such remuneration policies and practices will be consistent with sound and effective risk management and will not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile and Articles of the Company and will be consistent with UCITS V and ESMA's remuneration guidelines.

The Investment Manager will ensure the remuneration policy will at all times be consistent with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of each Fund and the Shareholders and includes measures to ensure that all relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times to avoid conflicts of interests.

Remuneration and performance

Our remuneration philosophy applies to all employees across the whole of Barclays. It ensures that all employees are aligned with and support the achievement of Barclays' Group priorities.

This is achieved by linking remuneration to a broad assessment of performance, based on expected standards of delivery and behavior, which are discussed with employees at the start of and throughout the performance period. Under the Barclays' performance management approach, employees are encouraged to align each of their objectives to business and team goals and behavioral expectations are set in relation to our values. This ensures that clear expectations are set for not only 'what' employees are expected to deliver, but also 'how' they are expected to go about it.

Individual performance is then evaluated against both the 'what' (performance against objectives) and the 'how' (demonstration of our values). This evaluation takes into account various factors including:

- (i) Performance against agreed objectives (both financial and non-financial) and core job responsibilities.
- (ii) Adherence to relevant risk policies and procedures and control frameworks.
- (iii) Behaviour in line with Barclays' values.
- (iv) Colleague and stakeholder feedback.
- (v) Input from the risk and compliance functions where there are concerns about the behavior of any individuals or the risk of the business undertaken.

There is no specific weighting between the financial and non-financial considerations for employees because all of them are important to the determination of the overall performance assessment.

Linking individual performance assessment and remuneration decisions to both the Barclays' business strategy and our values in this way promotes the delivery of sustainable individual and business performance, and establishes clear alignment between remuneration policy and Barclays' strategy.

UCITS V Remuneration Disclosures (Unaudited)(continued)

Remuneration and performance (continued)

The table below outlines the quantitative remuneration information of the Investment Manager relevant to the Company as required under the UCITS V Directive:

Year ended 28 July 2023

| | Head Count | Total Remuneration* |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| | | £ |
| Investment Manager Staff of which: | | 86,716 |
| Fixed remuneration | 15 | 77,580 |
| Variable remuneration | 12 | 9,136 |
| Investment Manager Remuneration Code Staff of which: | | |
| Senior Management* | 9 | 78,313 |
| Other Code Staff | 6 | 8,403 |

^{*} Includes 2022 variable remuneration paid in 2023.

Fixed and variable pay determined by reference to the amount of time that an individual is dedicated to the Company above.

General Information

Barclays Global Core Fund

Constitution

Launch date: May 2006
Period end dates for distributions: 28 July

Distribution dates: 28 September
Minimum initial lump sum investment: A-Class - £500
M-Class - N/A

R-Class - £2,000,000

Valuation point: 1am

Annual management charges: A-Class - 1.25%

M-Class - Capped at 0.90%

R-Class - 0.90% A-Class - 2.00%

M-Class - No Charge R-Class - 2.00%

Barclays Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

Constitution

Initial charges:*

Launch date: May 2006

Period end dates for distributions: 28 January, 28 April, 28 July, 28 October

Distribution dates: 28 March, 28 June, 28 September, 28 December

Minimum initial lump sum investment: A-Class - £500

M-Class - N/A

R-Class - £2,000,000

Valuation point: 1am

Annual management charges: A-Class - 0.85%

M-Class - Capped at 0.90%

R-Class - 0.60%

Initial charges:* A-Class - 2.00%

M-Class - No Charge R-Class - 2.00%

^{*} Initial charges are currently waived.

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General Information (continued)

Barclays UK Alpha Fund

Constitution

Launch date: December 2005
Period end dates for distributions: 28 January, 28 July
Distribution dates: 28 March, 28 September

Minimum initial lump sum investment: A-Class - £500

B-Class - £100,000 M-Class - N/A

R-Class - £2,000,000

Valuation point: 1am

Annual management charges: A-Class - 1.25% B-Class - 1.25%

M-Class - Capped at 0.90%

R-Class - 0.90%

Initial charges:* A-Class - 2.00%

B-Class - 2.50% M-Class - No Charge R-Class - 2.00%

Barclays UK Equity Income Fund

Constitution

Launch date: December 2005

Period end dates for distributions: 28 January, 28 April, 28 July, 28 October
Distribution dates: 28 March, 28 June, 28 September, 28 December

Minimum initial lump sum investment: A-Class - £500

M-Class - N/A

R-Class - £2,000,000

Valuation point: 1am

Annual management charges: A-Class - 1.25%

M-Class - Capped at 0.90%

R-Class - 0.90%

Initial charges:* A-Class - 2.00%

M-Class - No Charge R-Class - 2.00%

^{*} Initial charges are currently waived.

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General Information (continued)

Barclays UK Small and Mid Cap Fund

Constitution

Initial charges:*

Launch date: May 2021 Period end dates for distributions: 28 July

Distribution dates: 28 September Minimum initial lump sum investment: A-Class - £500 M-Class - N/A

R-Class - £2,000,000

Valuation point: 1am

A-Class - 1.25% Annual management charges:

M-Class - Capped at 0.90%

A-Class - 2.00% M-Class - No Charge

R-Class - 1.05%

R-Class - 2.00%

Asset Management Market Study – Value Assessment (Unaudited)

As part of the FCA's Asset Management Market Study, the ACD is now required to produce an annual Value Assessment for all funds it manages. This is available by looking up the Barclays Multi-Manager Fund (UK) at www.barclaysinvestments.com and selecting the Documents tab.

Pricing and Dealing

The Funds are valued at 1am daily. Prices are available on the internet at: www.barclaysinvestments.com. Dealing in shares takes place on a forward pricing basis, from 9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays.

Buying and Selling Shares

Shares may be bought on any business day from the ACD or through financial adviser by telephoning or by completing an application form. Shares may normally be sold back to the ACD on any business day at the price calculated at the following valuation point.

Prospectus and ACD's Reports

Copies of the Prospectus are available free of charge by telephoning 0333 300 0093 or by writing to the ACD.

Do you have difficulty in reading information in print because of a disability? If so, we can help. We are able to produce information for our clients in large print and braille. If you would like to discuss your particular requirements, please contact us on 0333 300 0093.

Call charges will vary. We may record and monitor calls.

^{*} Initial charges are currently waived.

