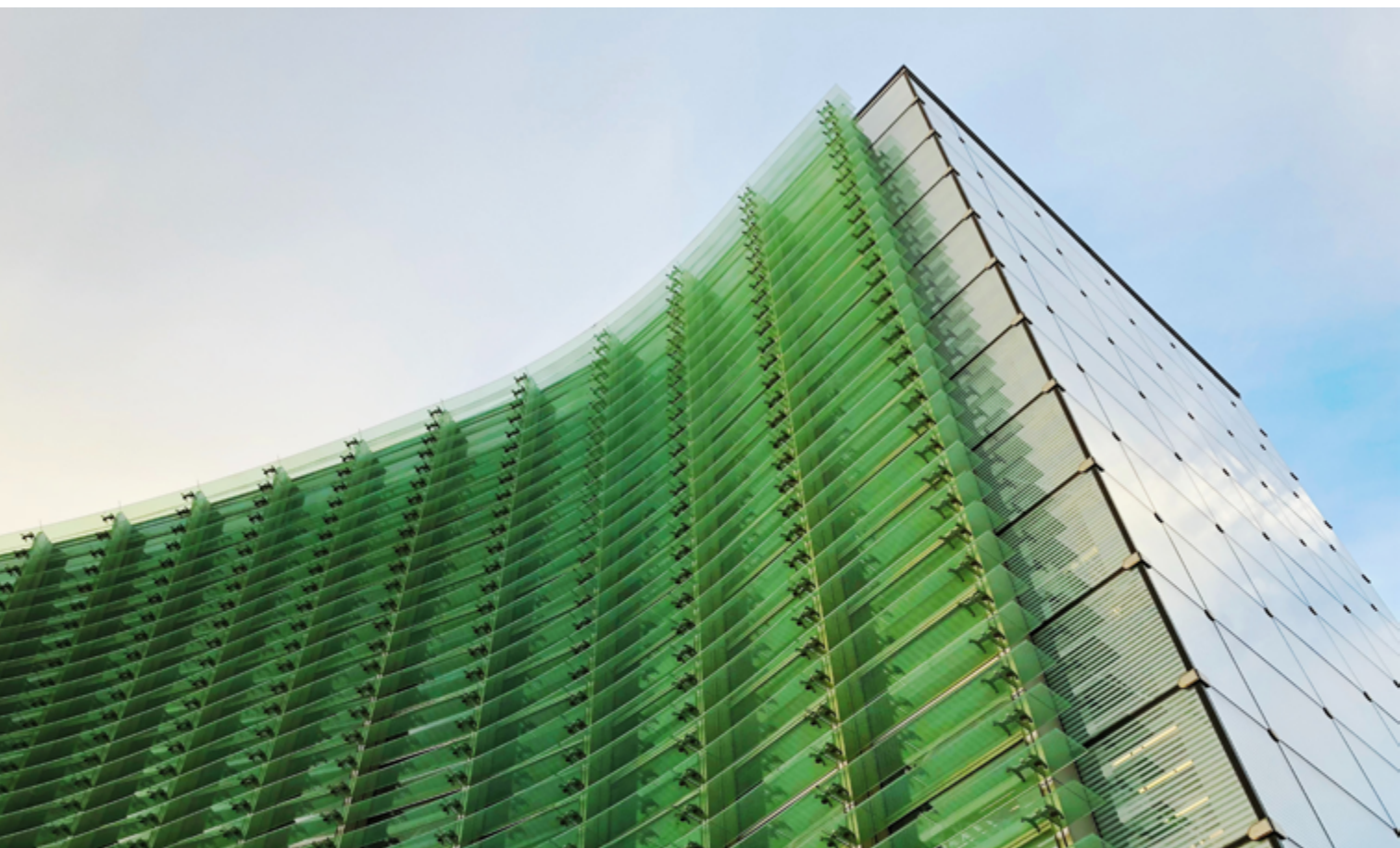




Heriot Investment Funds

Interim Unaudited Report and Financial Statements
for the half year ended 30 November 2024



Heriot Global Fund

Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund

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ACD'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Authorised Status

Heriot Investment Funds ('the Company') is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in Great Britain, and having its head office in England, under registered number IC000967 and authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') with effect from 26 February 2013.

The Company is a UK UCITS and the base currency of the Company and its sub-funds is pounds sterling.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The ACD is the sole director of the Company.

ACD's Statement

Economic Uncertainty

Whilst the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020 now seems a distant memory, Russia's incursion into Ukraine in February 2022 remains an unresolved conflict that has led to inflationary pressures globally. Add to this the Israel–Hamas conflict that commenced in October 2023, and we are faced with consequences in both the domestic and global economy. Significant increases in the prices of energy and commodities have reverberated around the world, leading to many countries experiencing inflation at levels not seen for many years. To curb the increase in inflation, many nations' central banks have been progressively increasing interest rates. In light of most economies heading in a downward trajectory, central banks have ended their aggressive monetary tightening and have projected loosening their monetary policies in the second half of 2024. Although the consequences of the geopolitical events remain unclear, the global economy has shown resilience to the inflationary environment and gives hope that a 'soft-landing' is attainable. July brought political uncertainty in Europe with snap elections in the UK and France which eventually had a moderate impact on financial markets. In addition, Western Central Banks in the US, Eurozone and UK recently started cutting interest rates to support job market and deteriorating manufacturing activity as inflation has continued to ease. In addition, in the US, the change of political party to Republicans from Democrats had a positive impact on US equities as President-elect Donald Trump vowed to reduce corporate tax and increase spending to boost the economy. The immediate impact on fixed income markets has been negative as his pro-economy policy brought some uncertainty on the future inflation trend, which has been offset by the US Federal Reserve's November rate cut keeping its policy focus unchanged on actual inflation and economic data rather than the results of the elections.

Important Information

With effect from 28 June 2024, the registered office of the ACD changed to 3rd Floor, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, United Kingdom, LS1 4DL.

With effect from 30 September 2024, the Registrar changed its name from Link Fund Administrators Limited ('LFAL') to Waystone Transfer Agency Solutions (UK).

ACD'S REPORT continued

Important Information continued

With effect from 30 December 2024, the Independent Auditor changed from Cooper Parry Group Limited to KPMG LLP.

Cross Holdings

No sub-funds had holdings in any other sub-fund of the Company at the end of the period.

Securities Financing Transactions

The Company has the ability to utilise Securities Financing Transactions (being transactions such as lending or borrowing of securities, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions, or margin lending transactions). No such transactions have been undertaken in the period covered by this report.

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD')

In accordance with current Financial Conduct Authority rules, the ACD is required to publish its own TCFD report and that of each fund. The report can be found at TCFD Reporting (fundsolutions.net/tcf-d-reporting) and the report of the sub-funds of the Company can be found at <https://www.fundsolutions.net/uk/heriot-global/heriot-investment-funds/>.

Prior to accessing the report of the sub-funds of the Company there is a link to the 'TCFD Reporting Guide' which provides an explanation of the TCFD report.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

K.J. MIDL

WAYSTONE MANAGEMENT (UK) LIMITED

ACD of Heriot Investment Funds
16 January 2025

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND ACD'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Important Information

Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 3 and 4.

Investment Objective and Policy

The aim of the Heriot Global Fund ('the Fund') is to provide capital appreciation over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in dividend growth companies.

The Fund invests in listed global equities. The Fund aims to invest in a portfolio of approximately 60-100 companies which have high levels of profitability and cash generation, consistent re-investment, low levels of debt and prudent governance in order to deliver the investment objective. The Investment Adviser will perform research to identify shares in companies that provide this. To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in the asset class listed above, investments may be made in money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. Such investments are not intended to be more than 10% in aggregate of the value of the Fund.

Benchmarks

The Fund's comparator benchmarks are the MSCI All Country World Index and the IA Global Sector.

Shareholders may wish to compare the performance of the Fund against the MSCI All Country World Index ('the Index'). The Index contains over 2,500 global listed equities and is considered that overall this is the most representative benchmark for comparison. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the Index. In particular, the Index is not used to dictate the weighting of assets held and the Fund may also invest in equities that are not contained in the Index.

Shareholders may also wish to compare the Fund's performance against other funds within the IA Global Sector ('the sector') as that will give investors an indication of how the Fund is performing compared with others investing in a similar but not identical investment universe. As the sector aligns with the Fund's asset allocation, it is considered that this is an appropriate comparator.

WAYSTONE MANAGEMENT (UK) LIMITED

ACD of Heriot Global Fund

16 January 2025

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

The Fund invests in companies capable of sustained long-term business and cash flow growth, enabling them to distribute increasing dividends to their shareholders. So long as dividend growth flows from business expansion and isn't merely ever-higher distribution of static profits, we have found it to be a reliable pointer to a company's long-term return prospects. Where dividends lead, share prices follow.

The Fund delivered a strong total return of 7.3% over the 6-month period under review, which annualised is above the 11% per annum total return delivered since launch.

However, the Fund failed to keep pace with the MSCI All Country World Index which achieved a total return of 10.7%. Our decision to only have approximately 7% invested in the so-called "Magnificent 7" accounted for over 100% of the performance variance.

The long-term case for equities rests on above-inflation dividend growth and our companies dividend announcements between May and November continued to be strong. Thirteen companies announced average dividend increases of 14%. The 2024 year to date run rate at end November is 11% which is in-line with the fund long-term average.

That offers ample encouragement for the Fund's prospects.

Three examples illustrate the pattern.

Accenture, the world's largest consultancy, continues to see growth potential as only 20% of its clients have modernised cloud infrastructure. AI, IoT, and advanced automation remain in early stages. Year-to-date results show Accenture outpacing market growth, with bookings up 14% and a rising number of large clients generating over \$100m in quarterly revenue. In September, Management announced a 15% increase in its quarterly dividend.

Marsh & McLennan, is a professional services firm, which engages in offering clients advice and solutions in risk, strategy, and people. The company announced a 15% increase in annual dividend. End markets are strong, and the business execution is excellent with sales rising 10% and operating profit 20% in the last financial year.

Microsoft, the world's IT platform with dominant market shares in cloud, enterprise software and operating systems has a long runway of growth ahead. Its high cash generation enables large and increasing investment in cloud and AI whilst also significant returns to investors through rising dividends and share buybacks. In September, the company announced a 11% increase in its quarterly dividend and a new \$60bn Share buyback programme.

During the period under review, we sold our holding in PayPal. which was one of the few companies we continued to own that did not pay a dividend. As we steadfastly believe that dividend paying companies are less likely to misallocate capital, we decided to exit the stock in favour of better ideas.

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
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INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT continued

We continue to invest for the long-term, in companies with best-in-class products and services. In those with strong balance sheet, and a strong commitment to continual reinvestment for innovation driving future cash flow generation. These companies grow market share and outclass their peer's financial margins, while conscious of their impact and efficiency. For the long-term we are quietly confident in both the business resilience of our holdings and their ability to grow dividends, the ultimate driver of investor returns.

Thank you again for investing in Heriot Global.

Please feel free to get in touch, Alan Ferguson aferguson@dundasglobal.com who looks after our UK clients or myself at alan@dundasglobal.com.

DUNDAS PARTNERS LLP
Investment Adviser
16 December 2024

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
FUND INFORMATION

Risk and Reward Profile



This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains.

The Fund has been classed as 6.

The Fund is in the above risk category because it will invest primarily in global company shares, which have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past 5 years.

The lowest category does not mean a fund is a risk free investment.

The value of investments may go down as well as up in response to general market conditions and the performance of the assets held. Investors may not get back the money which they invested.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its stated objectives.

The Fund invests predominantly in global shares, with some regions being regarded as more risky. The movements of exchange rates may lead to further changes in the value of investments and the income from them.

There is a risk that any company providing services such as safe keeping of assets may become insolvent, which may cause losses to the Fund.

For more information about the Fund's risks please see the Risk Factors section of the Prospectus which is available at www.waystone.com.

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables

Information for 30 November 2024 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 November 2024. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an ex post basis over the 6 month period ending 30 November 2024, expressed as an annualised percentage of the average net asset value.

CLASS A STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	310.90	269.64	256.57	253.83
Return before operating charges*	23.92	43.67	15.12	4.81
Operating charges	(1.13)	(2.41)	(2.05)	(2.07)
Return after operating charges	22.79	41.26	13.07	2.74
Distributions	(1.53)	(3.59)	(3.22)	(2.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.53	3.59	3.22	2.72
Closing net asset value per share	333.69	310.90	269.64	256.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.07	0.07	0.04

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	7.33%	15.30%	5.09%	1.08%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	114,533	109,866	83,722	68,489
Closing number of shares	34,323,461	35,338,264	31,049,688	26,694,479
Operating charges	0.71%	0.77%	0.77%	0.76%
Direct transaction costs	–	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%

PRICES

Highest share price	336.00	319.31	283.25	299.62
Lowest share price	301.90	285.64	233.71	245.38

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued

CLASS A STERLING INCOME SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	261.10	229.19	220.71	220.59
Return before operating charges*	20.09	36.98	13.00	4.27
Operating charges	(0.95)	(2.03)	(1.76)	(1.80)
Return after operating charges	19.14	34.95	11.24	2.47
Distributions	(1.28)	(3.04)	(2.76)	(2.35)
Closing net asset value per share	278.96	261.10	229.19	220.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.04

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	7.33%	15.25%	5.09%	1.12%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	116,911	111,818	104,369	93,288
Closing number of shares	41,910,041	42,825,553	45,537,227	42,267,876
Operating charges	0.71%	0.77%	0.77%	0.76%
Direct transaction costs	–	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%

PRICES

Highest share price	282.18	270.04	242.50	259.39
Lowest share price	253.54	241.57	201.06	212.43

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued

CLASS B STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	320.19	277.01	262.92	259.49
Return before operating charges*	24.65	44.88	15.51	4.85
Operating charges	(0.75)	(1.70)	(1.42)	(1.42)
Return after operating charges	23.90	43.18	14.09	3.43
Distributions	(1.57)	(3.69)	(3.30)	(2.78)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.57	3.69	3.30	2.78
Closing net asset value per share	344.09	320.19	277.01	262.92
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.08	0.07	0.05

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	7.46%	15.59%	5.36%	1.32%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	80,921	73,474	42,831	50,425
Closing number of shares	23,516,995	22,946,964	15,461,922	19,178,645
Operating charges	0.46%	0.53%	0.52%	0.51%
Direct transaction costs	–	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%

PRICES

Highest share price	346.47	328.69	290.77	306.73
Lowest share price	311.07	293.89	239.53	251.45

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued

CLASS B STERLING INCOME SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	268.87	235.42	226.13	225.44
Return before operating charges*	20.69	37.99	13.35	4.33
Operating charges	(0.63)	(1.41)	(1.23)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges	20.06	36.58	12.12	3.10
Distributions	(1.32)	(3.13)	(2.83)	(2.41)
Closing net asset value per share	287.61	268.87	235.42	226.13
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.04

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	7.46%	15.54%	5.36%	1.38%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	47,265	44,406	35,505	20,003
Closing number of shares	16,433,619	16,515,978	15,081,890	8,845,964
Operating charges	0.46%	0.52%	0.52%	0.51%
Direct transaction costs	–	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%

PRICES

Highest share price	290.93	277.94	248.89	265.48
Lowest share price	261.21	248.51	206.02	217.64

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD’S REPORT continued
FUND INFORMATION continued

Fund Performance to 30 November 2024 – Cumulative (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Heriot Global Fund	7.33	19.56	14.34	61.96
MSCI All Country World Index ¹	10.71	25.61	29.95	74.28
IA Global Sector ¹	7.59	20.84	16.43	56.55

¹ Source: Morningstar Direct.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per Class A Sterling Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The fund performance disclosed in the above table differs from the ‘Return after charges’ disclosed in the Comparative Table due to fund performance being calculated based on the latest published price rather than the period end return after operating charges.

RISK WARNING

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
PORTFOLIO STATEMENT
as at 30 November 2024

	Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
		DENMARK – 4.30% (31.05.24 – 5.17%)		
	28,622	Coloplast	2,827	0.79
	96,428	Novo Nordisk	8,084	2.25
	98,819	Novozymes	4,548	1.26
		TOTAL DENMARK	15,459	4.30
		FRANCE – 7.87% (31.05.24 – 8.52%)		
	26,683	Air Liquide	3,487	0.97
	38,328	bioMérieux	3,147	0.88
	212,617	Dassault Systèmes	5,768	1.60
	43,957	EssilorLuxottica	8,394	2.33
	12,074	L'Oréal	3,296	0.92
	8,537	LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	4,202	1.17
		TOTAL FRANCE	28,294	7.87
		HONG KONG – 1.01% (31.05.24 – 1.11%)		
	618,935	AIA	3,639	1.01
		INDIA – 1.07% (31.05.24 – 0.98%)		
	73,597	HDFC Bank	3,865	1.07
		JAPAN – 2.45% (31.05.24 – 2.37%)		
	11,600	Keyence	3,933	1.09
	294,800	Sysmex	4,886	1.36
		TOTAL JAPAN	8,819	2.45
		NETHERLANDS – 1.64% (31.05.24 – 2.36%)		
	10,789	ASML	5,902	1.64
		NEW ZEALAND – 0.71% (31.05.24 – 1.11%)		
	144,532	Fisher & Paykel	2,559	0.71

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
PORTFOLIO STATEMENT continued
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
	SINGAPORE – 1.49% (31.05.24 – 1.32%)		
215,270	DBS	5,350	1.49
	SWEDEN – 5.02% (31.05.24 – 5.79%)		
228,591	Assa Abloy	5,543	1.54
623,731	Atlas Copco 'A'	7,793	2.17
702,891	Hexagon	4,703	1.31
	TOTAL SWEDEN	18,039	5.02
	SWITZERLAND – 7.79% (31.05.24 – 8.34%)		
70,867	Alcon	4,959	1.38
5,189	Geberit	2,457	0.68
372	Lindt & Sprüngli	3,375	0.94
9,723	Lonza	4,569	1.27
33,509	Sonova	8,998	2.50
35,762	Straumann	3,654	1.02
	TOTAL SWITZERLAND	28,012	7.79
	TAIWAN – 2.07% (31.05.24 – 1.79%)		
51,172	Taiwan Semiconductor	7,439	2.07
	UNITED KINGDOM – 3.72% (31.05.24 – 4.12%)		
110,984	Diageo	2,610	0.72
441,470	Prudential	2,833	0.79
605,975	Sage	7,947	2.21
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	13,390	3.72
	UNITED STATES – 59.21% (31.05.24 – 55.14%)		
72,452	Abbott Laboratories	6,773	1.88
26,906	Accenture	7,671	2.13
56,561	Alphabet	7,586	2.11
37,465	American Express	8,993	2.50

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ACD'S REPORT continued
PORTFOLIO STATEMENT continued
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
29,821	Ametek	4,561	1.27
126,068	Amphenol	7,212	2.00
40,479	Analog Devices	6,943	1.93
24,584	Apple	4,590	1.28
55,914	Applied Materials	7,681	2.14
24,260	Automatic Data Processing	5,858	1.63
1,548	Booking Holdings	6,325	1.76
99,496	Brown & Brown	8,853	2.46
5,105	Costco Wholesale	3,903	1.08
35,433	eBay	1,764	0.49
23,393	Equifax	4,819	1.34
13,555	FactSet Research Systems	5,241	1.46
21,258	Home Depot	7,184	2.00
14,325	Keysight Technologies	1,926	0.54
40,205	Marsh & McLennan	7,378	2.05
9,406	Mastercard 'A'	3,944	1.10
36,519	Microsoft	12,166	3.38
104,127	Nasdaq	6,798	1.89
26,391	Nordson	5,412	1.50
29,735	ResMed	5,832	1.62
57,461	Ross Stores	6,999	1.95
18,850	Stryker	5,816	1.62
14,927	Thermo Fisher Scientific	6,222	1.73
33,681	Visa	8,355	2.32
239,212	W. R. Berkley	12,152	3.38
14,274	W. W. Grainger	13,542	3.77
55,452	Walt Disney	5,132	1.43
38,321	Zoetis	5,289	1.47
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	212,920	59.21

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
PORTFOLIO STATEMENT continued
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
	Portfolio of investments	353,687	98.35
	Net other assets	5,943	1.65
	Net assets	359,630	100.00

The investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market.

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Total purchases for the half year £'000		9,022	Total sales for the half year £'000		12,625
		Cost			Proceeds
Purchases		£'000	Sales		£'000
Marsh & McLennan		1,175	PayPal		3,106
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton		1,172	eBay		2,182
Zoetis		1,168	Fisher & Paykel		2,168
Booking Holdings		1,166	Geberit		1,725
W. R. Berkley		1,161	Keysight Technologies		1,513
Alphabet		877	Diageo		1,452
Dassault Systèmes		856	Costco Wholesale		479
Hexagon		838			
Applied Materials		314			
Straumann		295			

The summary of material portfolio changes represents all of the purchases and sales during the half year.

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

	£'000	30.11.24 £'000	£'000	30.11.23 £'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		24,074		10,187
Revenue	1,929		1,664	
Expenses	(1,071)		(966)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		–	
Net revenue before taxation	856		698	
Taxation	(250)		(190)	
Net revenue after taxation		606		508
Total return before distributions		24,680		10,695
Distributions		(1,657)		(1,445)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		23,023		9,250

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

	£'000	30.11.24 £'000	£'000	30.11.23 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		339,564		266,427
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	19,189		23,283	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	<u>(23,041)</u>		<u>(12,574)</u>	
		(3,852)		10,709
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		23,023		9,250
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		<u>895</u>		<u>708</u>
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>359,630</u>		<u>287,094</u>

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

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 November 2024

	30.11.24 £'000	31.05.24 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	353,687	333,197
Current assets		
Debtors	1,349	894
Cash and bank balances	5,926	8,925
Total assets	<u>360,962</u>	<u>343,016</u>
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(755)	(1,094)
Other creditors	(577)	(2,358)
Total liabilities	<u>(1,332)</u>	<u>(3,452)</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u>359,630</u>	<u>339,564</u>

HERIOT GLOBAL FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, as amended.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The ACD has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements, covering the subsequent 12 months, and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience. The ACD also considered the Fund's continued ability to meet ongoing costs, and is satisfied it has the resources to meet these costs and to continue in business.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Important Information

Refer to the 'Important Information' section on pages 3 and 4.

Investment Objective and Policy

The aim of the Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund ('the Fund') is to provide capital appreciation over the long term (5 years or more).

The Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets in shares of companies, globally.

The Fund is not constrained by a benchmark and will invest in shares of companies in any country and in any sector. These will typically, at the time of initial purchase, have a market capitalisation that is no larger (by market capitalisation) than the largest company in the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index ('the Index'). The Investment Adviser will monitor the market capitalisation of companies held and will, using its discretion, seek, at the timing of its choice, to dispose of those holdings where the company's market capitalisation has consistently outgrown that of the largest company in the Index.

The companies selected have high levels of profitability and cash generation, consistent re-investment, and low levels of debt. The Investment Adviser will perform research to identify shares in companies that provide this. To the extent that the Fund is not fully invested in listed equities, investments may be made in cash-like instruments, such as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash. Such investments are not intended to be more than 10% in aggregate of the value of the Fund.

The Fund will be actively managed and in selecting investments for the Fund, the Investment Adviser will take into account its Baseline Exclusion Criteria (as set out in section 13 of the Prospectus).

Benchmark

The Fund's comparator benchmark is the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index.

Shareholders may wish to compare the performance of the Fund against the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index ('the Index'). The Index captures small cap representation across a number of developed market countries; and has a considerable number of constituents, covering approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each country. It is considered that overall this is the most representative benchmark for comparison purposes. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the Index. In particular, the Index is not used to dictate the weighting of assets held and the Fund may also invest in equities that are not contained in the Index.

WAYSTONE MANAGEMENT (UK) LIMITED

ACD of Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund

16 January 2025

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Returns were strong over the reference period with the Fund returning 9.6% in GBP against the MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index's 10.0%. Fundamentals of the Fund continue to deliver with 26 companies reporting an average dividend growth of 14.2% and median dividend growth of 10.5% year-on-year. This compares favourably to the benchmark's 5.7%.

This time last year I wrote *"We invest in high quality growth companies with excellent stewardship and capital allocation strategies enjoying structural tailwinds supporting decades of growth potential."* This remains true today, and means we frequently pay a valuation premium to the benchmark. On 1 June 2024, the Fund's forward price to earnings ratio was 25.1x versus the benchmark's 15.8x. The Fund's valuation rose just 2.7% over the reference period versus a 6.3% increase in the benchmark's valuation. The corollary of this is that the Fund's returns have been mostly driven by fundamentals, while most of the benchmark's have been driven by valuation expansion.

In our November webinar titled "Why small caps NOW?" we discussed the relatively attractive small cap valuations, their positive relative performance during periods of low inflation and high but falling inflation, as well as the global interest rate easing cycle. These factors align to suggest small performance should be relatively strong, some of which will be due to rising valuations. We would suggest that for relative performance to be sustained, the twin engines of fundamental growth and valuation expansion need to be present. Our strategy should be able to deliver robust returns primarily driven by the former, while the benchmark appears dependent on the latter, which may prove to be ephemeral.

From the perspective of performance attribution, our U.S. industrial businesses were extremely strong with Applied Industrial Technologies rising 43%, ESAB 37%, Paycom Software 48% and TransUnion 42% all in GBP. Our overall U.S. performance was positive with the allocation up 23.2% versus the benchmark's U.S. allocation up 18%. This relative performance compensated for our significant underweight to the U.S. market which averaged 19.2% over the reference period. We continue to diligently seek new investments in the U.S. while monitoring many fine U.S. businesses, remaining disciplined on valuation.

The primary detractor to performance was our allocation to companies involved in developing and distributing semiconductors as well as the industry's supply chain. Companies such as VAT Group fell 26%, Disco 31%, Inficon 27% and MKS Instruments 10% all in GBP. All of these businesses remain dominant in their niches, are highly profitable, and have substantial exposure to the artificial intelligence ('AI') driven capital expenditure cycle. We believe their performance is due to valuation compression after a period of relatively strong performance, as well as concerns for the wider semiconductor ecosystem outside AI. As long term investors, we share no such concerns as the proliferation in demand drivers such as memory, automotive, power management, industrial automation, cloud should recover and in short-order. Our businesses have not been idle in this downcycle, but maintained their pace of innovation, cemented their economic moats, and are ready with new products and services.

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A notable sale in the period was Temenos, the Swiss core banking software provider. We have experience investing in software businesses undergoing the difficult transition from selling licences, to Software-as-a-Service or SaaS. This generally results in decreased revenue growth and profitability as the new revenue model is implemented and requires astute management of the sales force, and client expectations. On the far side of this transition, growth rates and margins are higher, and client churn is lower, creating greater shareholder value as a result. However, Temenos has been failing to execute. We saw a high level of executive turnover compounded by poor succession planning, and the misallocation of capital on some poor acquisitions. We gained little confidence execution would improve through our engagement with management and divested as a result, despite low-double digit dividend growth.

The Fund benefited from the disposal of Keywords Studios and Alpha Financial Markets Consulting to private equity back acquisition vehicles. Keywords' premium was 67% to the pre-offer price and Alpha's was 51%. These two companies had suffered over the year due to UK market pessimism and weaker trading after the pandemic era of supernormal demand for video games and technology consulting. We felt these shares were drastically undervalued, and had been constructive in our position management, fully realising these takeover premiums. These takeovers represent our seventh since the launch of the Fund in September 2021, which speaks to our focus on high quality growth companies at attractive valuations.

A notable purchase in the reference period was Ryan Specialty, growing our participation in the insurance brokerage industry to 5.3% as 30 November 2024. Ryan Specialty was founded by the former CEO of Aon, the insurance brokerage powerhouse, to focus on the lightly regulated, highly fragmented and rapidly growing speciality insurance sector. Ryan Specialty IPOed in 2021 having been consolidating and growing organically for the previous decade. We have been monitoring the business since listing and have been deeply impressed by their strategic focus, their ability to execute and their long runway for further development. We decided to invest on the announcement of the initiation of a progressive dividend policy in 2024, and the thesis was heavily corroborated by our mosaic-based research process that indicated the property & casualty insurance and broking industry is an attractive place to deploy capital.

This year has been a reminder of how fragile and interconnected the global economy is. Elections in major democracies such as the United States, India, Japan in the UK, representing 36% of global nominal GDP, have not improved sentiment due to concerns over fiscal irresponsibility and trade tensions moving towards trade wars. The world is changing rapidly, companies and asset allocators need to think globally in response. We continue to be heartened by the fundamental progress our portfolio businesses are making, as measured by 14.2% average dividend growth in the reference period, and how they are allocating capital for their long term advantage. Our optimism remains undiminished in our ability to find and invest in quality companies that can deliver a high and sustainable dividend growth premium and that patient investors will be rewarded.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

ACD'S REPORT continued

INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT continued

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DUNDAS PARTNERS LLP

Investment Adviser

16 December 2024

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
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FUND INFORMATION

Risk and Reward Profile



This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains. As the Fund launched on 21 September 2021, the indicator has been calculated based in part on the volatility of the IA Global sector average over the last 5 years (in total return and GBP terms).

The Fund has been classed as 6.

The Fund is in the above risk category because it will invest primarily in global company shares, which have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past 5 years.

Smaller companies' securities are often traded less frequently than those of larger companies, this means they may be more difficult to buy and sell. Their prices may also be subject to short term swings.

The lowest category does not mean a fund is a risk free investment.

The value of investments may go down as well as up in response to general market conditions and the performance of the assets held. Investors may not get back the money which they invested.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its stated objectives.

The Fund invests predominantly in global shares, with some regions being regarded as more risky. The movements of exchange rates may lead to further changes in the value of investments and the income from them.

There is a risk that any company providing services such as safe keeping of assets may become insolvent, which may cause losses to the Fund.

For more information about the Fund's risks please see the Risk Factors section of the Prospectus which is available at www.waystone.com.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

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Comparative Tables

Information for 30 November 2024 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 November 2024. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an ex post basis over the 6 month period ending 30 November 2024, expressed as an annualised percentage of the average net asset value.

CLASS A STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 ¹ pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	86.69	83.96	84.72	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.85	3.54	0.05	(14.57)
Operating charges	(0.43)	(0.81)	(0.81)	(0.71)
Return after operating charges	8.42	2.73	(0.76)	(15.28)
Distributions	(0.54)	(1.12)	(1.00)	(0.60)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.54	1.12	1.00	0.60
Closing net asset value per share	95.11	86.69	83.96	84.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.13

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	9.71%	3.25%	(0.90)%	(15.28)%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,599	3,005	2,153	5,640
Closing number of shares	3,784,035	3,466,518	2,564,524	6,657,184
Operating charges ³	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	1.07% ²
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.12%	0.06%	0.20% ²

PRICES

Highest share price	96.24	88.33	91.02	106.45
Lowest share price	86.35	81.50	75.43	80.93

¹ Share class launched on 27 September 2021.

² Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

³ From 1 June 2022, the ACD and the Investment Adviser have agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive a portion of their fee in order to seek to achieve an ongoing charges figure that does not exceed 0.95%.

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CLASS A STERLING INCOME SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 ¹ pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	83.77	82.26	84.14	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.54	3.39	(0.06)	(14.56)
Operating charges	(0.41)	(0.79)	(0.83)	(0.70)
Return after operating charges	8.13	2.60	(0.89)	(15.26)
Distributions	(0.52)	(1.09)	(0.99)	(0.60)
Closing net asset value per share	91.38	83.77	82.26	84.14
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.12

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	9.71%	3.16%	(1.06)%	(15.26)%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	365	280	274	149
Closing number of shares	398,833	334,091	333,250	176,606
Operating charges ³	0.95%	0.95%	0.95%	1.07% ²
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.12%	0.06%	0.20% ²

PRICES

Highest share price	93.00	86.01	90.40	106.45
Lowest share price	83.44	79.36	74.92	80.88

¹ Share class launched on 27 September 2021.

² Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

³ From 1 June 2022, the ACD and the Investment Adviser have agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive a portion of their fee in order to seek to achieve an ongoing charges figure that does not exceed 0.95%.

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Comparative Tables continued

CLASS B STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 ¹ pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	87.07	84.17	84.83	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.89	3.54	(0.01)	(14.59)
Operating charges	(0.34)	(0.64)	(0.65)	(0.58)
Return after operating charges	8.55	2.90	(0.66)	(15.17)
Distributions	(0.54)	(1.12)	(1.00)	(0.60)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.54	1.12	1.00	0.60
Closing net asset value per share	95.62	87.07	84.17	84.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.13

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	9.82%	3.45%	(0.78)%	(15.17)%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,523	2,701	2,592	5,005
Closing number of shares	2,638,916	3,102,212	3,079,137	5,899,608
Operating charges ³	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.87% ²
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.12%	0.06%	0.20% ²

PRICES

Highest share price	96.76	88.71	91.17	106.47
Lowest share price	86.74	81.84	75.54	81.03

¹ Share class launched on 27 September 2021.

² Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

³ From 1 June 2022, the ACD and the Investment Adviser have agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive a portion of their fee in order to seek to achieve an ongoing charges figure that does not exceed 0.75%.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

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FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued

CLASS B STERLING INCOME SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share	31.05.22 ¹ pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	84.25	82.55	84.25	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.60	3.42	(0.05)	(14.58)
Operating charges	(0.33)	(0.62)	(0.66)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges	8.27	2.80	(0.71)	(15.15)
Distributions	(0.52)	(1.10)	(0.99)	(0.60)
Closing net asset value per share	92.00	84.25	82.55	84.25
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.12

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	9.82%	3.39%	(0.84)%	(15.15)%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	363	344	361	373
Closing number of shares	395,000	408,000	437,250	442,750
Operating charges ³	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	0.87% ²
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.12%	0.06%	0.20% ²

PRICES

Highest share price	93.63	86.50	90.56	106.47
Lowest share price	83.93	79.80	75.03	80.98

¹ Share class launched on 27 September 2021.

² Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

³ From 1 June 2022, the ACD and the Investment Adviser have agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive a portion of their fee in order to seek to achieve an ongoing charges figure that does not exceed 0.75%.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

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CLASS I STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.11.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 ¹ pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	104.89	101.14	100.00
Return before operating charges*	10.72	4.26	1.33
Operating charges	(0.27)	(0.51)	(0.19)
Return after operating charges	10.45	3.75	1.14
Distributions	(0.65)	(1.35)	(0.65)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.65	1.35	0.65
Closing net asset value per share	115.34	104.89	101.14
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.07	0.03

PERFORMANCE

Return after charges	9.96%	3.71%	1.14%
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OTHER INFORMATION

Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,047	7,614	4,864
Closing number of shares	9,577,611	7,258,934	4,808,620
Operating charges ³	0.50%	0.50%	0.50% ²
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.12%	0.06% ²

PRICES

Highest share price	116.70	106.86	108.64
Lowest share price	104.52	98.56	95.37

¹ Share class launched on 14 December 2022.

² Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

³ From 1 June 2022, the ACD and the Investment Adviser have agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive a portion of their fee in order to seek to achieve an ongoing charges figure that does not exceed 0.50%.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
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FUND INFORMATION continued

Fund Performance to 30 November 2024 – Cumulative (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	Since launch ¹
Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund	9.57	19.97	(7.16)	(4.84)
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index ²	10.00	23.28	16.67	15.98

¹ From 27 September 2021.

² Source: Morningstar Direct.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per Class A Sterling Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The fund performance disclosed in the above table differs from the ‘Return after charges’ disclosed in the Comparative Table due to fund performance being calculated based on the latest published price rather than the period end return after operating charges.

RISK WARNING

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
	AUSTRALIA – 5.37% (31.05.24 – 4.73%)		
10,330	Carsales.com	220	1.23
1,532	Cochlear	239	1.34
8,661	Netwealth	136	0.76
122,735	Steadfast	365	2.04
	TOTAL AUSTRALIA	960	5.37
	CANADA – 4.96% (31.05.24 – 4.53%)		
6,527	Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers	492	2.75
15,934	TMX	396	2.21
	TOTAL CANADA	888	4.96
	FINLAND – 1.17% (31.05.24 – 1.77%)		
5,331	Vaisala 'A'	209	1.17
	FRANCE – 1.80% (31.05.24 – 2.36%)		
2,825	GTT	323	1.80
	GERMANY – 5.07% (31.05.24 – 3.38%)		
6,030	Mensch & Maschine	263	1.47
3,236	Nemetschek	263	1.47
5,409	Scout24	382	2.13
	TOTAL GERMANY	908	5.07
	ITALY – 6.45% (31.05.24 – 7.87%)		
17,624	Carel Industries	274	1.53
4,324	Diasorin	380	2.12
4,328	Interpump	159	0.89
5,418	Reply	341	1.91
	TOTAL ITALY	1,154	6.45

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT continued
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
	JAPAN – 8.39% (31.05.24 – 10.09%)		
29,500	Asahi Intecc	400	2.24
400	Disco	85	0.47
15,700	Japan Elevator Service	223	1.25
29,400	MonotaRO	410	2.29
8,900	Trend Micro	383	2.14
	TOTAL JAPAN	1,501	8.39
	NORWAY – 0.67% (31.05.24 – 2.71%)		
10,844	Tomra Systems	120	0.67
	SWEDEN – 5.83% (31.05.24 – 9.52%)		
27,838	Biotage	308	1.72
13,592	CellaVision	215	1.20
6,605	HMS Networks	184	1.03
9,269	INVISIO	186	1.04
45,535	NIBE Industrier	151	0.84
	TOTAL SWEDEN	1,044	5.83
	SWITZERLAND – 6.35% (31.05.24 – 10.68%)		
1,067	Comet	266	1.49
296	Inficon	271	1.51
490	Siegfried	487	2.72
358	VAT	112	0.63
	TOTAL SWITZERLAND	1,136	6.35
	UNITED KINGDOM – 18.79% (31.05.24 – 23.26%)		
7,926	AB Dynamics ¹	161	0.90
71,653	AJ Bell	340	1.90
35,890	Auto Trader	301	1.68
117,766	GB ¹	446	2.49
95,489	Global Data	192	1.07

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

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as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
10,625	Halma	288	1.61
34,478	Kainos	268	1.50
6,041	Renishaw	189	1.06
55,083	Rightmove	355	1.99
31,146	RS	222	1.24
17,953	Softcat	283	1.58
4,425	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	317	1.77
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	3,362	18.79
	UNITED STATES – 31.64% (31.05.24 – 18.07%)		
1,957	Applied Industrial Technologies	424	2.36
1,485	Badger Meter	254	1.42
3,950	ESAB	401	2.24
6,962	Graco	499	2.79
2,931	Interdigital	452	2.53
1,251	Littelfuse	243	1.36
2,182	MarketAxess	444	2.48
1,993	MKS Instruments	178	0.99
1,202	Morningstar	335	1.87
1,911	Paycom Software	349	1.95
5,055	Power Integrations	261	1.46
9,627	Ryan Specialty	571	3.19
4,075	Selective Insurance	327	1.83
6,331	TransUnion	506	2.83
2,463	Watts Water Technologies 'A'	419	2.34
	TOTAL UNITED STATES	5,663	31.64

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
PORTFOLIO STATEMENT continued
as at 30 November 2024

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.11.24 %
	Portfolio of investments	17,268	96.49
	Net other assets	629	3.51
	Net assets	17,897	100.00

The investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

¹ Quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
ACD'S REPORT continued
SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

Total purchases for the half year £'000		7,715	Total sales for the half year £'000		5,612
		Cost			Proceeds
Major purchases		£'000	Major sales		£'000
Ryan Specialty	412		Keywords Studios	421	
GTT	365		Paradox Interactive	271	
ESAB	360		Alpha Financial Markets Consulting	264	
Mensch & Maschine	344		TehnoPro	234	
Interdigital	339		Vetoquinol	211	
MarketAxess	312		Nordic Semiconductor	203	
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	292		Inspireity	180	
Paycom Software	282		Temenos	160	
TransUnion	261		Napco Security	132	
Applied Industrial Technologies	243		LEM	126	

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 10 largest purchases and sales during the half year.

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the half year ended 30 November 2024

	£'000	30.11.24 £'000	£'000	30.11.23 £'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,370		(620)
Revenue	103		63	
Expenses	(47)		(28)	
Net revenue before taxation	56		35	
Taxation	(9)		(6)	
Net revenue after taxation		47		29
Total return before distributions		1,417		(591)
Distributions		(93)		(57)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,324		(648)

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

	£'000	30.11.24 £'000	£'000	30.11.23 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		13,944		10,244
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	6,481		744	
Amounts payable on redemption of shares	<u>(3,955)</u>	2,526	<u>(631)</u>	113
Dilution levy		6		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,324		(648)
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		<u>97</u>		<u>53</u>
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>17,897</u>		<u>9,762</u>

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

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
BALANCE SHEET
as at 30 November 2024

	30.11.24 £'000	31.05.24 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	17,268	13,800
Current assets		
Debtors	335	50
Cash and bank balances	306	119
Total assets	<u>17,909</u>	<u>13,969</u>
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(4)	(5)
Other creditors	(8)	(20)
Total liabilities	<u>(12)</u>	<u>(25)</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u>17,897</u>	<u>13,944</u>

HERIOT GLOBAL SMALLER COMPANIES FUND
INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued
NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the half year ended 30 November 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, as amended.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The ACD has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements, covering the subsequent 12 months, and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience. The ACD also considered the Fund's continued ability to meet ongoing costs, and is satisfied it has the resources to meet these costs and to continue in business.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Share Capital

The minimum share capital of the Company is £10,000 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000.

Structure of the Company

The Company is structured as an umbrella so that the scheme property of the Company may be divided among one or more sub-funds. The assets of each sub-fund will generally be treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that sub-fund. New sub-funds or share classes may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary. If a new sub-fund or share class is introduced, a new Prospectus will be prepared to set out the required information in relation to that sub-fund or share class.

The sub-funds which are currently available are:

Heriot Global Fund

Heriot Global Smaller Companies Fund

Each sub-fund would, if it were a separate investment company with variable capital, be a UK UCITS scheme.

Classes of Shares

More than one class of share may be issued in respect of each sub-fund.

Holders of income shares of a sub-fund are entitled to be paid the income of that sub-fund which is attributed to such shares on the relevant interim and annual allocation dates.

Holders of accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributable to such shares, but that income is automatically added to (and retained as part of) the capital assets of the relevant sub-fund on the relevant interim and annual allocation dates.

Valuation Point

The current valuation point of each of the Company's sub-funds is 8:00am (London time) on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

Buying and Selling Shares

The ACD will accept orders to deal in the shares on normal business days between 8:30am and 5.30pm (London time) and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the following valuation. Instructions to buy or sell shares may be either in writing to: PO Box 389, Darlington DL1 9UF or by telephone on 0345 922 0044.

GENERAL INFORMATION continued

Prices

The most recent price of shares of classes in issue (that is the price calculated as at the last dealing day or additional valuation point) will be available at www.waystone.com and by telephone 0345 922 0044 between 8:30am and 5:30pm on business days.

Other Information

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Documents and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at, and obtained from, the ACD at 3rd Floor, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, United Kingdom, LS1 4DL during normal business hours on any business day, in addition to being available at www.waystone.com.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Information about the Financial Ombudsman can be found on its website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

Data Protection Act

Shareholders' names will be added to a mailing list which may be used by the ACD, its associates or third parties to inform investors of other products by sending details of such products. Shareholders who do not want to receive such details should write to the ACD requesting their removal from any such mailing list.

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