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The Value Assessment Report
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Value assessment report

This report describes the value assessment we have carried out for the following funds (the Funds):

Mazarin Cautious Fund	Mazarin Balanced Fund	Mazarin Adventurous Fund

1. The Value Assessment Report

Dear Investors,

Investment Fund Services Ltd (IFSL) is the authorised fund management company (AFM) for the Funds covered by this report. As the AFM, we are responsible for operating the Funds in the interests of our investors. Producing this report is an important way in which we discharge that responsibility. We are also accountable to our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

We carry out a value assessment at least yearly for each of our funds. The team who carry out the value assessments includes two independent non-executive directors. A part of this independent challenge is to ensure particular regard is given to investor outcomes. As Chair of our Board of Directors, I have responsibility to ensure we carry out these value assessments.

The purpose of the value assessment is to consider whether the payments that the prospectus allows to be taken from the Funds, are justified in the context of the overall value delivered to investors. After each assessment, we publish this report to provide you with our conclusions and explanations about its key aspects.

When carrying out the value assessment, we have been guided by three key considerations. These are:

- The rules of the FCA.
- Making the report meaningful for investors.
- The importance of measuring value and not just cost.

Each are now explained in more detail.

I. The rules of the FCA

These require us to consider certain minimum criteria. There are seven set by the FCA.

FCA Value Assessment Criteria	Summary of FCA Value Assessment Criteria
Performance	Are the funds performing against their investment objectives?
Comparable Market Rates	Are the funds priced similarly to competitors?
Comparable Services	Are funds priced reasonably compared to other products with similar investment strategies?
AFM Costs	Are fees charged to investors reasonable and appropriate?
Economies of Scale	Are economies of scale generated and passed on to investors?
Quality of Service	Does the range and quality of service offer value?
Classes of Units	Are investors in the cheapest available unit class based on their characteristics?

Each is considered under its own heading in the following pages.

We are not limited to the seven that are prescribed but to date we have found they are sufficiently broad to allow us to carry out the value assessment. We keep this under review.

II. Making the report meaningful for investors

We aim to provide an assessment that is meaningful for all investors. We recognise individuals will have their own reasons for holding these Funds and their own specific goals. We have been guided by the following considerations:

- The specific investment objectives as set out in the prospectus.
- The investment policies and strategies.
- Any relevant benchmarks, including any against which performance is measured.
- The fund's target market (the types of investors who could be expected to consider buying it).

We have considered these factors as at 31 May 2024, not merely across a single year but particularly in relation to performance - across timescales which better reflect the periods over which investors could be expected to hold these Funds.

III. The difference between assessing value and simply measuring cost

We believe that the best value for investors does not necessarily mean simply the lowest costs.

As an example, all the Funds in this report are actively managed. This means the investment manager chooses which investments to make, based on their own research and processes. This approach can be expected to result in higher costs being taken from the Funds than for passive funds. Passive funds are where investments are chosen based on an index or because of the size of the company, for example, and are not based on a decision by an investment manager. However, while we consider the higher costs as part of the value assessment, we will also look at other factors, such as the actual returns achieved for investors, which are net of these costs.

Nevertheless, we are clear that any value assessment includes an assessment of the controls over costs borne by the Funds.

In closing, we remind you that the value of your Fund can fall or rise and it can do so daily. The Funds are exposed to stock markets and market conditions can change rapidly resulting in volatile price movements and being affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events. In addition, inflation will, over time, reduce the value of your investments in real terms.
We carried out our assessment with performance figures as at 31 May 2024. You can always find up to date performance figures on www.ifslfunds.com or from your adviser or platform.

We hope in turn you find this report of value. All of us at IFSL welcome any feedback on how to improve these reports for the future.

With my kind regards,

Katherine Damsell

Independent non-executive Chair of the Board

2. The characteristics of the Funds

When we described our approach above, we said we considered the objectives and investment policies. In this section we summarise these characteristics for each of the Funds. Under each Fund name we set out the objective and the benchmark against which you can assess the performance of the Funds.

There can be three types of benchmark and these are explained below.

The benchmarks

A 'target' benchmark is used to define a fund's target performance.

A 'comparator' benchmark is used as a performance comparator for a fund.

A 'constraint' benchmark restricts the composition of a portfolio.

The latest version of the above information can always be read by looking at the Key Investor Information Document. These are available on our website at www.ifslfunds.com. They also set out the investment policy, which explains in more detail how each Fund aims to achieve its objective.

Mazarin Cautious Fund

Investment objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short term changes in the value of an investment), below 9% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective or volatility target and investors may not get back the amount invested.

Benchmarks

Comparator - IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares

Constraint - N/A

Target - N/A

Mazarin Balanced Fund

Investment objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short term changes in the value of an investment), below 12% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective or volatility target and investors may not get back the amount invested.

Benchmarks

Comparator - IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares

Constraint - N/A

Target - N/A

Mazarin Adventurous Fund

Investment objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment), below 15% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth. There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its investment objective or volatility target and investors may not get back the amount invested.

Benchmarks

Comparator - IA Flexible Investment

Constraint - N/A

Target - N/A

3. Range and quality of services

What have we considered?

In this section we have considered the first area of the value assessment. This covers the quality of service we provide and the quality of service provided by any person to which any aspect of the Funds' management has been delegated or who provides services to us.

How have we made our assessment?

We have reviewed and given consideration to the services delivered and how they affect investors and the delivery of each Fund's objective. We also give consideration to the quality of the service delivered by IFSL and each external provider.

We have considered, as we do for all value assessments, whether they have been managed within their investment restrictions and if there have been any operational errors or complaints. This is reviewed by fund and by share class if more than one share class exists.

We have reported under three subsections:

Services in relation to required independent third parties - Depositary, Custodian and Auditor

Other third parties - The Investment Manager and the Sponsor

In-house functions - Our own provision of services to the Funds

In this part of our assessment, if there are any material distinctions between the Funds or the share classes within the Funds, we will specify this.

Services in relation to required independent third parties

The following section considers the required independent third-party service providers: the Depositary, the Custodian and the Auditor.

The Depositary

The Depositary is an independent entity charged with various regulatory responsibilities to the Funds. It is a key part of the oversight of these Funds.

The Depositary is paid from the Fund it oversees directly under the terms of the prospectus. Its fees are shown in the statutory accounts.

As AFM we are responsible for selecting the Depositary, negotiating its fees and other commercial terms and for monitoring its performance and suitability on an ongoing basis.

In order to ensure we receive a good level of service we only work with a limited number of Depositaries at any one time. There are presently two across the entire range of funds for which we are the AFM. The Depositary for these Funds is NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited.

We have assessed the Depositary based on a mix of criteria including but not limited to:

- size and reputation within the industry
- geographical relevance for the Funds' strategies and investors
- service levels
- history of interactions
- resource and expertise
- costs and charges

Our interactions with them lead to constructive dialogue and challenge as we work in collaboration with them to prioritise good outcomes for our fund investors.

The costs chargeable to the Funds by NatWest were last reviewed formally by us in the first quarter of 2023. This resulted in a lower fee being applied to the funds under management with IFSL. We regularly check the fees paid to our service providers to ensure they deliver value when considered against the service we receive.

The Custodian

The Custodian is an independent entity responsible for holding the assets of the Funds. Again, this role is key in ensuring good outcomes for investors.

The Custodian is paid from these Funds directly under the terms of the prospectus. Its fees are shown in the statutory accounts. It is appointed by the Depositary but will be selected, and commercial terms will be negotiated and agreed, by us as the AFM.

Along with the Depositary, we review and monitor the performance of the Custodian and review the charges made to the Funds.

In order to ensure we receive a good level of service we only work with a very limited number of Custodians at any one time. There are presently two across the entire range of funds for which we are the AFM. The Custodian for these Funds is Caceis bank (previously known as RBC Investor Services Trust prior to 10 February 2024).

We have assessed the Custodian based on a mix of criteria including but not limited to:

- size and reputation within the industry
- geographical relevance for the Funds' strategies and investors
- service levels
- history of interactions
- resource and expertise
- costs and charges

We at IFSL work in collaboration with them to prioritise good outcomes for our investors.

We regularly check the fees paid and compare these against other service providers to ensure they deliver value when considered against the service we receive and the fees paid by other funds for which we are AFM. We last carried out this review of the costs chargeable to the Funds by the Custodian during the first quarter of 2023. This resulted in a lower fee being applied to the funds under management with IFSL.

The Auditor

The Auditor is an independent entity responsible for auditing the financial statements of the Funds.

The Auditor is paid from these Funds directly under the terms of the prospectus. Its fees are shown in the statutory accounts.

It is selected and appointed by us, as AFM, and we are responsible for negotiating the commercial terms, including the audit fees they charge. The auditor for these Funds is Ernst & Young LLP.

We have assessed the auditors based on a mix of criteria including but not limited to:

- size and reputation within the industry
- expertise, scale and involvement with regulatory and industry change
- appropriateness to overall business scale
- appropriateness for the range of funds for which we are AFM

We regularly check the fees paid and compare these against other service providers to ensure they deliver value when considered against the service we receive and the fees achieved by other funds for which we are AFM. We have regular interaction with the Auditor and remain confident that the fee is fair based upon the service received, including having considered each of the factors above.

Other third parties - appointments and outsourcing

This section refers to the delegation of certain functions to, or the appointment of, an external entity. Such arrangements are not required by regulation but may be entered into at our discretion.

The Investment Manager and Sponsor

We have appointed Titan Investment Solutions Limited (Titan) to manage the investments within the Funds. Titan are also the Sponsor and are responsible for the promotion and distribution of the Funds.

Titan receive a share of the annual management charge payable under the terms of the prospectus.

We have assessed Titan based on a mix of criteria including but not limited to:

- resource and expertise
- investment research, which is funded by Titan themselves and is not an additional charge to the Funds
- its control of transaction costs (which the Funds pay) and how trades are executed
- whether the Funds have been managed within their investment restrictions
- a review of any operational errors or complaints
- the timeliness with which complete and accurate data is provided to us
- how the Funds are distributed

Having regard to the above factors and our oversight and governance more generally, we are satisfied with the services provided to the Funds.

The results of our review of the services provided and the manner in which they were delivered, are discussed in more detail under the 'Performance' section.

In-house functions - the quality of our own services

Governance and oversight

We dedicate senior management and board level resource to our governance structures, including Product Governance, Investment, Risk and other operational committees. We believe that this level of governance helps us to safeguard the best interests of investors.

As AFM, we are responsible for overseeing any party that provides services to our funds and agreeing commercial terms for those services. We continuously review our service providers to ensure they continue to meet the high standards we expect for our investors.

Administration, Investor communications and relations with investors*

In the UK fund industry, it is not uncommon for an AFM to use third parties to carry out fund administration services. This may include dealing and settling purchases and sales of units in the funds, calculating the funds' dealing prices and maintaining the register of unit-holders in the funds (which are known as fund accounting, middle-office and transfer agency services).

We use a dedicated investor support team who provide support and information to investors and their intermediaries. Working alongside the fund administration staff, this team benefit from technical training and specialist knowledge, enabling them to provide an efficient and responsive service for our investors.

During the assessment period, our administration and investor communications service was in house which enabled us to maintain our own systems and resources in order to carry these activities out ourselves.

Additional competencies

In addition to our in-house expertise we maintain close relationships with recognised specialist law firms, accountants, trade bodies and training providers to maintain an up-to-date understanding of legal and regulatory expectations and best practice.

Conclusion

Overall, we are satisfied with the quality of services provided to investors by third parties and in-house.

** On 1st June 2024 Investment Fund Services Limited entered into a strategic partnership with SS&C. Under the agreement, SS&C will provide fund accounting, middle-office and transfer agency services for the funds for which IFSL acts as ACD or AFM, enabling IFSL to concentrate on its role as ACD or AFM for the funds. This role includes taking ultimate responsibility for a fund's compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority regulations and ensuring it is managed in the best interests of investors. You can view the full press release on our website* ***here****.*

4. Performance

When assessing the value represented by the Funds performance achieved over the past twelve months we have considered an in depth package of information. This allows us to consider the performance having regard to the investment objective (and policy) of each Fund. A fund's objective may envisage that success is to be measured over a period greater than a year. For example, it may say that the fund aims to grow your investment over a 5 year period. We bear such timescales in mind in forming our assessments of performance.

Within the above context, for each fund, we consider:

- the comparative outcome relative to their benchmark
- the volatility (a measure that considers how often, and by how much, the value of an investment goes up and down relative to its average or to a benchmark)
- the performance relative to a range of industry standard risk adjusted measures of performance
- the investment management activities and strategies undertaken by the Investment Manager

The objectives for these Funds are set out in Section 2. Full information including the Funds' objectives and investment policies can be found in the Key Investor Information Documents. These are available on our website at www.ifslfunds.com.

Mazarin Cautious Fund

Performance	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since inception
Mazarin Cautious Fund A*[1]	**7.3%**	**1.0%**	**-**	**16.0%**
Mazarin Cautious Fund T*[2]	**8.1%**	**-**	**-**	**-**
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	8.5%	2.3%	-	12.3%

Cumulative returns at 31.05.2024
**[1]Share classes less than 5 years old*
**[2]Share class less than 2 years old*

Conclusion

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund also aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment), below 9% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth.

Since the Fund launched in July 2019, it delivered a positive return and compared to its comparator benchmark, the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares Sector, the Fund outperformed.

The Fund's average yearly volatility since it launched is 9.3%, which means it is on track to exceed the target to be below 9% per year over 5 years. The Investment Manager has chosen investments based on predicted volatility which are typically lower risk investments such as funds with exposure to government and corporate bonds, derivatives, money market funds and cash, collectively we refer to these as fixed income products. Over the last 2 years these fixed income products have experienced higher than expected volatility because of the sharp rise in inflation and subsequently a rise in interest rates, this caused the actual average yearly volatility to be higher than predicted. In our oversight of the Investment Manager, we are satisfied they followed the process in managing the expected level of volatility.

During the most recent 12-month period, the Fund delivered a positive return, though the performance of both share classes has not been as strong as the sector average. There were two funds held in the portfolio that underperformed and consequently, the Investment Manager adjusted the portfolio by selling these positions. Overall, we conclude that the decisions made by the Investment Manager over the course of the period, were well researched and made in consideration of the Fund's volatility target and investment policy.

Taking the above into consideration, we are satisfied with the performance delivered to investors over the period.

Mazarin Balanced Fund

Fund	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since inception
Mazarin Balanced Fund A*[1]	**9.9%**	**2.5%**	**-**	**21.2%**
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	10.6%	7.8%	-	23.6%

Cumulative returns at 31.05.2024
**[1]Share class less than 5 years old*

Conclusion

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund also aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment), below 12% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth.

Since the Fund launched in July 2019, it delivered a positive return but compared to its comparator benchmark, the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector, the Fund did not perform as well as the sector average.

The Fund's average yearly volatility since it launched is 11.9%, which means it is on track to meet the volatility target to be below 12% on average per year over 5 years.

During the most recent 12-month period, the Fund delivered a positive return, but again performance was not as strong as the sector average. There were two funds held in the portfolio that underperformed and consequently, the Investment Manager adjusted the portfolio by selling these positions. Overall, we conclude that the decisions made by the Investment Manager over the course of the period, were well researched and made in consideration of the Fund's volatility target and investment policy.

Taking the above into consideration, we are satisfied with the performance delivered to investors over the period.

Mazarin Adventurous Fund

Fund	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since inception
Mazarin Adventurous Fund A*[1]	**11.4%**	**0.6%**	**-**	**17.7%**
IA Flexible Investment	10.6%	8.0%	-	24.0%

Cumulative returns at 31.05.2024
**[1]Share class less than 5 years old*
**[2]Share class less than 2 years old and does not currently have any net assets*

Conclusion

The aim of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, over a minimum of 5 years. The Fund also aims to have an average yearly volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment), below 15% per year, over any 5-year period. This may limit the potential for capital growth.

Since the Fund launched in July 2020, it delivered a positive return but compared to its comparator benchmark, the IA Flexible Investment Sector, the Fund did not perform as well as the sector average.

The Fund's average yearly volatility since it launched is 10.6%, which means it is on track to meet the volatility target to be below 15% on average per year. Please note that this Fund launched 1 year after the Mazarin Cautious and Mazarin Balanced Funds so its volatility average is being measured over a shorter time period.

During the most recent 12-month period, the Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed the sector average.

It should be noted that, due to the nature of the IA Flexible Investment sector, the Funds asset allocation does differ to the average of the sector. We therefore expect that at times performance will differ slightly from the average of the sector both positively and negatively. Overall, we conclude that the decisions made by the Investment Manager over the course of the period, were well researched and made in consideration of the Fund's volatility target and investment policy.

Considering the above and that the Fund is not yet 5 year's old, we are satisfied with the performance delivered to investors over the period.

Important Information

Capital is at risk. Past performance is not a guide to the future performance. Investments can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. This can be as a result of market movements and exchange rates between currencies.

The Funds will be exposed to financial markets and market conditions can change rapidly. Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.

The Funds may be exposed to the shares of smaller companies which are typically riskier than larger, more established companies. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment. Shares in smaller companies may be harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner, especially in difficult market conditions.

The Funds may be exposed to emerging markets, which are typically riskier than more established markets. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment.

The Funds may be exposed to bonds, the prices of which will be impacted by factors including; changes in interest rates, inflation expectations and perceived credit quality.

Inflation will, over time, reduce the value of your investments in real terms. This is especially true at times of high inflation. You should consider the impact of inflation when reviewing your investments.

Bonds known as 'sub-investment grade' bonds generally produce a higher level of income, but carry greater risk that the issuer will not be able to pay the income or repay the capital at maturity.

The Funds may have exposure to overseas markets, either directly or indirectly, and is therefore exposed to currency risk. As a result, the value of your investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

In certain market conditions, the Fund may not be able to sell one or more of its assets for the full value, or at all. This could affect the performance of the Fund and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

A company that we deal with may renege on its obligations, costing the Funds money.

The Funds may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.

A more detailed description of the risks that apply to the Funds can be found in the prospectus. You are required to read the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) before making an investment. The KIID and prospectus for all Funds are available free of charge at ***www.ifslfunds.com*** *or by calling 0808 178 9321.*

5. AFM costs in general

What have we considered?

We have considered each component of the ongoing charges figure (OCF). These are described below and investors can find a detailed breakdown of the actual amounts paid for each in the latest annual report and accounts.

The components are as follows:

Annual management charge
This is a percentage fee paid to the AFM, Investment Manager and the Sponsor.

Depositary fee
This is a percentage fee paid to the Depositary.

Custody fee
This is a combination of a percentage fee and fixed, transaction-based fees paid to the Custodian.

Audit fee
This is a fixed annual fee paid to the Auditor.

Registrar Fee
This is a small fixed annual fee per shareholder account, paid to the AFM for maintaining the register of shareholders.

KIID update fee
This is a fixed annual fee paid to cover the cost of reviewing and updating the key investor information document (KIID) for each of the Funds.

FCA fees
This is a fixed annual fee paid to the FCA for its role as regulator of IFSL and the Funds.

Ongoing charge figures per Fund

Fund	Share Class	Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)
IFSL Mazarin Cautious Fund	A Class	0.94%
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IFSL Mazarin Balanced Fund	A Class	0.97%
IFSL Mazarin Adventurous Fund	A Class	1.05%

The ongoing charge figures above are based on actual expenses for the year ending 31 May 2024. They cover all aspects of operating the Funds during the year, including the fees paid and described at the start of this section (5). It does not include payments to your financial adviser and/or any other firm through which you invest, you pay for their services directly.

The Funds invest in other collective investment schemes, or funds. We have not directly considered the costs of these underlying funds, but their selection and suitability are part of our assessment of the quality of service provided by the Investment Manager and of the performance of the Funds. The OCF figures above, and the performance of the Funds, all take account of the underlying costs of these investments (i.e. performance is reviewed net of all charges). We take this into consideration when comparing with other funds in the peer group, which may not have this if they do not invest in other funds.

The Funds do not have any initial charges, exit charges or performance fees.

Conclusion

We are satisfied with the cost of the services provided to the Funds.

6. Comparable market rates

Periodically we review the fees we pay to third parties.

The comparable market rates for Depositaries, Custodians and Auditors are subject to a degree of commercial confidentiality. Nevertheless experience of past fees, the tender or review processes we use and our own awareness of the market mean that we believe our approach secures the best value for money when these contracts are reviewed or re-tendered; and that we review and re-tender with a reasonable frequency given the nature of the relationships and different costs of moving suppliers.

Depositaries commonly structure their fees on an ad-valorem basis, which means fees are based on the size of the fund. We keep these fees under review to ensure that they remain competitive and that they represent good value for investors.

We have considered the fees which are paid to the Investment Manager and Sponsor against those of similar services provided to other funds for which we are AFM.

The market rates for independent AFMs are also subject to a degree of commercial confidentiality and will vary depending on the size and type of fund. Contracts are commercially negotiated and reflect the competitive nature of the independent AFM market. Fund sponsors typically conduct full tendering processes and can move the funds to other independent AFMs. This ensures that IFSL remains competitive and offers value for investors.

In making our assessment of the overall costs, we have also compared the OCF for these Funds with other similar funds in the market.

Conclusion

We are satisfied that the fees are reasonable in regard to the factors outlined above.

7. Comparable services

With regard to AFM services, IFSL provides comparable services to other fund ranges. While the charging structure will vary depending on the size, nature and risks involved with particular funds, the fees paid by these Funds are similar to those paid by other comparable funds within our range.

We also consider comparable services offered by the third party providers to the Funds, such as the Investment Manager. Where providers do offer comparable services we ask them to outline the key differences in charging and service, so that we can ensure good value is delivered to fund investors when compared against alternative products and services available elsewhere from the same provider.

Conclusion

We are satisfied that the costs are reasonable and appropriate in regard to the factors above.

8. Economies of scale

What have we considered?

We have considered two different types of economies of scale relating to:

The size and scale of the funds

Larger funds are more profitable to us, in some cases we are charging a minimum fee to a fund until it grows in size.

Certain services have fixed or minimum fees. This means that as funds grow they benefit from their increase in scale as the effect of those fees on costs and charges reduces. We seek to ensure that each fund offers value to investors and is commercially viable in its own right taking in to account the impact of any fixed or minimum fees.

The size and scale of IFSL as AFM

The second area of economies of scale is where we can negotiate terms for the large number of different funds for which we act as AFM. IFSL is AFM to over 80 funds with more than £15 billion under management. We use this scale to negotiate fees wherever we think it is in the interests of all the funds affected. We discuss with our suppliers the need to ensure that fees are fairly and transparently spread across all the funds.

Depositary relationships are negotiated across multiple funds to achieve the best possible rates. IFSL negotiate Depositary fees on an appropriate sliding scale, with lower percentage fees applying as the Funds reach certain thresholds, ensuring economies of scale apply directly to the benefit of these Funds and the investors.

Conclusion

We are satisfied that economies of scale are being passed onto investors where these are being achieved.

9. Share classes

The share classes in the Funds differ only in the way that they treat income payments (either by distributing income payments or by accumulating them and reflecting this in the price), or by the level of Annual Management Charge (AMC) applied to them.

The T share class was launched on 21 April 2024 and has a lower AMC than the A share class which is due to the high minimum initial investment.

10. Our conclusion

We are satisfied that the charges taken from the Funds are justified in the context of the overall value delivered to investors.