# Non-UCITS retail scheme Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# **IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund Class P Units**

(ISIN Accumulation GB00B4LXDY07)

This Fund is managed by Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL)

# **Objectives and Investment Policy**

The aim of the Fund is to increase the value of your investment over any 5 year period, through a combination of capital growth, that is, profit on investments, and some income, that is, money paid out of an investment, such as interest from bonds or dividends from shares. The Fund aims to outperform the average of the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector, after charges, over any 5 year period. However, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in other funds, including exchange traded funds (which typically track an index) and investment trusts. This may include other funds operated by the Manager or its associates. Through these investments, the Fund will be exposed to a range of asset classes, creating a medium risk portfolio. Between 40-85% of the Fund will be exposed to shares in companies, both UK and overseas, but typically this will be between 65-85%.

There will also be exposure to bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies and governments. This may include investment grade bonds, where the issuer has a higher capacity to repay the debt, as well as sub-investment grade bonds, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Through investing in funds, the Fund may also be exposed to other asset classes such as property, commodities (such as gold and oil), money market instruments, which are shorter term loans, cash and other permitted investments. Funds purchased may also have the ability to use derivatives (investments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to varying degrees, including funds which aim to deliver positive returns in a range of market conditions, often referred to as absolute return funds.

The Fund may also invest in these asset classes directly (excluding property and commodities) up to a maximum of 20%.

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investments will span a range of developed and emerging markets globally with no maximum or minimum exposure to any one market or geographical region. Decisions around asset allocation are based on the Investment Manager's research process which considers the potential for loss as well as the overall return projections for an asset class, which are based on a combination of past and forward looking asset class assumptions over a 5-7 year period.

The Fund may invest in derivatives or forward transactions whose returns are linked to exchange rates in order to reduce currency risk (also known as hedging).

The performance target is the level of performance the Fund aims to deliver after charges and with income reinvested however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics. This Fund aims to be in the top half of all funds included in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector.

The IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund does not pay income. Instead, any income received by the Fund is reinvested back into the Fund.

You can buy or sell all or part of your investment on any business day subject to the minimum holding requirements.

# **Risk and Reward Profile**

_	Lower risk				Higher risk			
	Typically lower rewards				Typically higher rewards			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of this unit class based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This Fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. The Fund's volatility is affected by various risks, including:

The Fund 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 Fund 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 Fund may be exposed to emerging markets, which are typically riskier than more established markets, as they can involve a higher than average risk due to the volatility of currency exchange rates, limited geographic focus, investment in a smaller number of issues, political and economic instability and less liquid markets. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment.

The Fund 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.

The Fund 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.

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.

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 Fund money.

The Fund 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.

Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the Fund, or inconvenience to investors.

Dividends paid by companies are not guaranteed and can be cancelled, which may impact the Fund's ability to deliver an income to investors.

Investors are encouraged to read the 'risk factors' section of the Fund's prospectus to find a more extensive list of the risks that apply to this Fund.

#### Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less - you can find this out from your financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses as at 31/08/2024. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

 Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please see Sections 26 - 29 of the Fund's Prospectus, which is available at www.ifslfunds.com.

# **Past Performance**

### Historic performance to 31 December 2023



Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up.

0.00%

None

1.16%

None

Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and takes account of all ongoing charges, but not entry and exit charges. The past performance of this unit class is calculated in GBP.

The Fund was launched on 1 March 1993.

This Unit Class was launched on 31 December 2012.

Benchmark: IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares.

#### **Practical Information**

If you wish to sell all or part of your investment please write to us at Investment Fund Services Limited, Marlborough House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QP or telephone 0808 178 9321. Your deal will be placed at the next valuation point after we receive your instruction.

The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly Report and Accounts for the Fund are available free of charge at www.ifslfunds.com or by calling 0808 178 9321. The documents are available in English only.

For further details including how to invest please see the Supplementary Information Document which is available at www.ifslfunds.com or call 0808 178 9321.

Other unit classes of the Fund are available. For further details please see the Fund's Prospectus which is available at www.ifslfunds.com.

You may switch to any Fund in the range subject to meeting the investment

criteria, please refer to the Prospectus for further details.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Charges taken from the fund over each year

Charges taken from the fund under certain conditions

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

Entry Charge

**Ongoing Charges** 

Performance Fee

Exit Charge

The Trustee for the Fund is HSBC Bank plc.

UK taxation may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Fund prices are available on our website www.ifslfunds.com.

Investment Fund Services Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

The Remuneration Policy of Investment Fund Services Limited is available from www.ifslfunds.com. This Policy describes how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the governance arrangements in place around these payments. A paper copy of this Policy is also available free of charge upon request.