Investment Fund Services

# IFSL Avellemy Multi-Manager OEIC

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024



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## AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Avellemy Multi-Manager OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated under the OEIC Regulations. The Company is a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme as defined in COLL and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is an alternative investment fund and a UK AIF for the purposes of the UK AIFM Regime. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC041406. The head office of the Company is at Marlborough House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QP. This is also the address for the service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA with effect from 19 April 2021 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 949235. The operation of the Company is governed by the Regulations, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The Company has unlimited duration.

The Company currently has four sub-funds: IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund; IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund; IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund; and IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund.

Shareholders of the sub-funds do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Company and will not be liable for the debts of the Company. A sub-fund is not a legal entity. If the assets attributable to a sub-fund were insufficient to meet its liabilities the shortfall will not be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. The sub-funds are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund**

#### Investment objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares.

## Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investment decisions are taken based on individual company research in addition to the Investment Manager's view on global economic and market conditions.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in UK shares of companies, also known as equities, which are those listed in, incorporated in, or that have significant economic exposure to, the UK. This may include exposure through holdings in investment trusts, funds and ETFs.

The sub-fund may invest in shares of companies of varying sizes, for example from large cap to small cap. The exposure to small cap companies (often higher risk) may, at times, be significant.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 20% of the sub-fund in non-UK shares of companies, along with other asset types, such as bonds, warrants, and money market instruments.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund may be invested in units/shares in other funds (which could include other funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director, the Investment Manager or one of their associates).

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

The sub-fund can use derivatives or forward transactions, instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor, in order to meet the sub-fund's objective (also known as investment purposes), or for efficient portfolio management purposes including the reduction of risk (hedging).

#### Assessing performance

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.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA UK All Companies sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund**

#### Investment objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, through a combination of 6 income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares, and capital growth, which is profit on investments held.

The sub-fund aims to deliver a greater income, net of fees, than average of the FTSE All-Share Index, over any 3 year period, however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

#### Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investment decisions are taken based on individual company research in addition to the Investment Manager's view on global economic and market conditions.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in UK shares of companies, also known as equities, which are those listed in, incorporated in, or that have significant economic exposure to, the UK. This may include exposure through holdings in investment trusts, funds and ETFs.

The sub-fund may invest in shares of companies of varying sizes, for example from large cap to small cap. The exposure to small cap companies (often higher risk) may, at times, be significant.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 20% of the sub-fund in non-UK shares of companies, along with other asset types, such as bonds, warrants, and money market instruments.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund may be invested in units/shares in other funds (which could include other funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director, the Investment Manager or one of their associates).

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

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## Performance target

The performance target is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved.

The sub-fund aims to pay out income each year, net of fees, greater than the average income paid out by the constituents of the FTSE All-Share Index. The FTSE All-Share Index represents all UK companies traded on the London Stock Exchange.

## Assessing performance

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.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA UK Equity Income sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

## **IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund**

#### Investment objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares.

## Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investment decisions are taken based on individual company research in addition to the Investment Manager's view on global economic and market conditions.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund (continued)

#### Investment policy (continued)

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in US shares of companies, also known as equities, which are those listed in, incorporated in, or that have significant economic exposure to, the USA. This may include exposure through holdings in investment trusts, funds and ETFs.

The sub-fund may invest in shares of companies of varying sizes, for example from large cap to small cap. The exposure to small cap companies (often higher risk) may, at times, be significant.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 20% of the sub-fund in non-US shares of companies, along with other asset types, such as bonds, warrants, and money market instruments.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund may be invested in units/shares in other funds (which could include other funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director, the Investment Manager or one of their associates).

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

The sub-fund can use derivatives or forward transactions, instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor, in order to meet the sub-fund's objective (also known as investment purposes), or for efficient portfolio management purposes including the reduction of risk (hedging).

#### Assessing performance

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.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA North America sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

## **IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund**

#### Investment objective

The aim of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares.

## Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investment decisions are taken based on individual company research in addition to the Investment Manager's view on global economic and market conditions.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in European shares of companies, also known as equities, which are those listed in, incorporated in, or that have significant economic exposure to, Europe, excluding the UK. This may include exposure through holdings in investment trusts, funds and ETFs.

The sub-fund may invest in shares of companies of varying sizes, for example from large cap to small cap. The exposure to small cap companies (often higher risk) may, at times, be significant.

The sub-fund may also invest up to 20% of the sub-fund in non-European shares of companies, along with other asset types, such as bonds, warrants, and money market instruments.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund may be invested in units/shares in other funds (which could include other funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director, the Investment Manager or one of their associates).

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

The sub-fund can use derivatives or forward transactions, instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor, in order to meet the sub-fund's objective (also known as investment purposes), or for efficient portfolio management purposes including the reduction of risk (hedging).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund (continued)

#### Assessing performance

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.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Europe excluding UK sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

## Rights and terms attached to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the sub-fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each share in the event that a sub-fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

#### Task force on climate-related financial disclosures

A statement of the climate-related financial disclosures is published on the website https://www.ifslfunds.com/tcfd-reporting.

#### **Changes in prospectus**

No significant changes have been made since the last annual report.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any fund within the ACD's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

#### **Cross holdings**

The sub-funds of the Company do not hold shares in other sub-funds of the Company.

#### Leverage

In accordance with the Alternative Investment Fund Manager Directive (AIFMD) the ACD are required to disclose the 'leverage' of the sub-funds. Leverage is defined as any method by which a sub-fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives. 'Exposure' is defined in two ways: 'gross method'; and 'commitment method'. The sub-funds must not exceed maximum exposures under both methods. 'Gross method' exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the sub-funds (both positive and negative), that is, all eligible assets, liabilities and derivatives, including derivatives held for risk reduction purposes. 'Commitment method' is also calculated as the sum of all positions of the sub-funds off any derivative and security positions as specified by AIFMD rules.

The maximum level of leverage which may be employed on behalf of the sub-funds when calculated in accordance with the gross method is 200%.

The maximum level of leverage which may be employed on behalf of the sub-funds when calculated in accordance with the commitment method is 100%.

The total amount of leverage, and the utilisation of the maximum level of leverage, calculated as at 31 August 2024, is as follows:

Sub-fund Name	Gross Method		Commitme	ent Method
	Total	Utilisation	Total	Utilisation
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund	97.84%	48.92%	97.84%	97.84%
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund	101.49%	50.75%	98.82%	98.82%
IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund	110.18%	55.09%	108.19%	108.19%
IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund	99.14%	49.57%	99.14%	99.14%

The total amount of leverage, and the utilisation of the maximum level of leverage, calculated as at 29 February 2024, is as follows:

Sub-fund Name	Gross Method		Gross Method Commitment Method	
	Total	Utilisation	Total	Utilisation
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund	97.65%	48.83%	97.65%	97.65%
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund	103.90%	51.95%	99.76%	99.76%
IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund	112.62%	56.31%	110.77%	110.77%
IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund	99.07%	49.54%	99.07%	99.07%

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

Global investment markets in the six months to 31 August 2024 were disproportionately impacted by the actions of the Japanese financial authorities. These authorities became concerned over the period by weakness in the Japanese yen, so they took actions to arrest, and ideally in their view, reverse this weakening. Many investors globally had borrowed the yen to invest elsewhere, because the cost of borrowing yen was effectively zero. As a result of the sharp strengthening of the yen following central bank intervention, and the knock-on rise in the cost of borrowing the currency, many investors had to sell investments to pay back their yen borrowing. This had pronounced impact on global financial markets in July and August particularly, with very sharp movements in equity and bond markets over a short period as global investors rushed to reposition portfolios.

On the other side of the globe, the US Federal Reserve, the US central bank, said that US interest rates had peaked, and they announced that they would start to reduce them as the economy and the US jobs market began to weaken. Fixed income markets performed well as a result of bonds prices rising (bond prices rise as yields\* fall).

Over the period as a whole, equity markets were positive as the global money supply continued to rise and financial conditions got easier. Stocks in the technology sector continued to surge on the prospects for Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies before a small correction at the end of the period.

The US stock market was up nearly 5% in the six months to 31 August 2024, in sterling terms, similar to most other regional equity markets, boosted by its large exposure to AI-related stocks. The UK stock market was the best performing regional market, up over 12% in the six months, despite only having a small technology industry, as its allocation to typically defensive sectors like telecommunication, healthcare and consumer staples outperformed. With their predictable cashflows, they tend to do well as the economic outlook becomes less certain and bond yields fall. The Japanese stock market was only just positive in sterling terms as the gains in the currency caused an offsetting weakness in the market.

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Description of term\*

Yield - the income from an investment, usually stated as a percentage of the value of the investment.

## AUTHORISED CORPORATE 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.

Allan Hamer Director

Investment Fund Services Limited 20 October 2024

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Helen Redmond Director

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

## **Basis for preparation**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (renamed to the Investment Association) in May 2014, and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value.

## Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The valuation point for IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund, IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund and IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund was 12:00 midday on 30 August 2024 being the last valuation point of the accounting period. The valuation point for IFSL Avellemy US Equity was 23:59 midnight on 30 August 2024.

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

## Performance to 31 August 2024

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>15.06.2021<sup>A</sup></u>
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Fund	11.68%	17.23%	5.72%	6.77%
IA UK All Companies sector	11.92%	16.52%	8.33%	11.89%
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<sup>A</sup> Launch period ended 15 June 2021.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (A Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. 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. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

#### Investment commentary

#### Sub-fund performance

The sub-fund's A Income shares gained 11.68% in the 6 months to 31 August 2024 while the Investment Association UK All Companies sector, the sub-fund's benchmark\*, rose 11.92%.

#### Market review

The Labour party won a landslide victory in the July general election and UK government bond yields\* rose as the new Prime Minister declared that the October budget statement would be painful. The unemployment rate started to rise over the six months to 31 August 2024 and official inflation rate continued to weaken down to the Bank of England's 2% target. This prompted the Bank of England to cut its main interest rate from 5.25% to 5.0% in August.

With the economic outlook becoming more uncertain and inflation falling, commodity\*-linked sectors were weak as prices fell and demand from China remained low. Defensive sectors like telecommunications, healthcare and consumer staples performed best as investors sought their predictable cashflows.

#### Sub-fund performance review

The sub-fund benefitted from its allocation to medium-sized companies and some fast-growing businesses as well as its relatively low allocation to commodity driven sectors. However, the sub-fund's exposure to more cyclical businesses like industrials negatively impacted performance over the period as growth prospects weakened.

## Portfolio activity

There were no changes to the manager composition of the sub-fund in the period.

#### Investment outlook

The UK stock market appears cheap relative to other equity markets when compared using a range of valuation measures. We expect this gap to close over time though it is hard to say what the catalyst for this change in fortune might be.

Given the UK's large commodity and financial sectors, the region's stock market might benefit if more relaxed global monetary conditions lead to higher inflation and bond yields, as was the case in in 2022. Looser monetary policy\* through lower interest rates might also help companies of smaller size, which would likely prove a beneficial environment for the sub-fund.

Attractiveness of the UK market in comparison to those in other regions is so pronounced that there is continuing evidence of foreign buyers acquiring UK businesses in greater numbers, as well as UK companies buying back their own shares. Both these dynamics should provide a boost to returns generated by the UK stock market moving forwards.

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## Description of terms\*

Benchmark – used for comparative purposes.

Commodities – raw materials used to manufacture consumer products. Hard commodities refer to those which are mined or extracted from the earth, such as metals and energy. Examples include gold, oil, and gas. Soft commodities refer to those which are grown, such as agricultural goods. Examples include wheat, coffee, and sugar.

Yield - the income from an investment, usually stated as a percentage of the value of the investment.

Monetary policy – action that a country's central bank or government can take to influence how much money is in the economy and how much it costs to borrow. Tight monetary policy aims to slow down a growing economy by increasing interest rates. Loose monetary policy aims to expand or grow an economy by lowering the interest rates.

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

Distributions	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	Year 2021
A Income (pence per share)	10012021	1001 2020	1001 2022	10012021
Net income paid 30 April	0.4060	0.5062	0.3823	N/A
Net income paid 31 October	1.0884	1.1918	1.1454	0.3833
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A Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 April	0.4235	0.5233	0.7200	N/A
Net accumulation paid 31 October	1.1372	1.2216	1.2151	0.4200
Portfolio changes				
Largest purchases				<u>Cost (£)</u>
Tesco				2,172,062
GSK				1,446,069
MercadoLibre				1,013,360
Mpac Group				775,151
Broadcom				683,450
RS Group				571,480
ConvaTec Group				554,848
SysGroup				497,017
Moonpig Group				487,377
Currys				456,066
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Other purchases				6,006,558
Total purchases for the period				14,663,438
Largest sales				Proceeds (£)
Smith (DS)				1,511,541
Mattioli Woods				1,287,756
The City Pub Group				1,111,561
Alpha Financial Markets Consulting				927,165
Ashtead Group				901,793
Agilent Technologies				752,519
Hargreaves Lansdown				731,659
AstraZeneca				727,184
RELX				706,746
Costain Group				674,242
Other sales				19,599,497
Total sales for the period				28,931,663

## **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>A Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.08.2024 pence	Year to 29.02.2024 pence	Year to 28.02.2023 pence	Period to 28.02.2022 <sup>B</sup> pence
Opening net asset value per share	91.09	90.88	92.16	100.00
Return before operating charges*	11.01	2.50	1.06	(6.52)
Operating charges	(0.38)	(0.69)	(0.69)	(0.55)
Return after operating charges*	10.63	1.81	0.37	(7.07)
Distributions on income shares	(1.09)	(1.60)	(1.65)	(0.77)
Closing net asset value per share	100.63	91.09	90.88	92.16
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* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.08	0.27	0.19
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	11.67%	1.99%	0.40%	(7.07)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	192,987,375	190,301,522	238,528,636	266,457,002
Closing number of shares	191,780,268	208,905,081	262,457,530	289,114,206
Operating charges	0.77% <sup>D,E</sup>	0.78% <sup>E</sup>	0.78%	0.78% <sup>D</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.09%	0.30%	0.27% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	102.10	91.96	95.16	103.70
Lowest share price	91.69	80.13	80.13	91.87
A Accumulation shares	Period to	Year to	Year to	Period to
Change in net assets per share	31.08.2024	29.02.2024	28.02.2023	28.02.2022 <sup>C</sup>
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Opening net asset value per share	95.41	93.58	93.11	100.00
Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges*	<u>95.41</u> 11.50	93.58	<u>93.11</u> 1.17	
Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges				<u>100.00</u> (6.34) (0.55)
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	11.50	2.55	1.17	(6.34) (0.55)
Return before operating charges*	11.50 (0.39) 11.11	2.55 (0.72) 1.83	1.17 (0.70)	(6.34) (0.55) (6.89)
Return before operating charges* Operating charges Return after operating charges*	11.50 (0.39)	2.55 (0.72)	1.17 (0.70) 0.47	(6.34) (0.55) (6.89) (1.14)
Return before operating charges* Operating charges Return after operating charges* Distributions on accumulation shares	11.50 (0.39) 11.11 (1.14)	2.55 (0.72) 1.83 (1.65)	1.17 (0.70) 0.47 (1.74)	(6.34) (0.55) (6.89)
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<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> This share class launched on 14 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 16 June 2021.

<sup>c</sup> This share class launched on 14 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 7 July 2021.

<sup>D</sup> These figures have been annualised.

<sup>E</sup> On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (for all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund 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 is used.

This sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	LOAN STOCKS (29 February 2024 - 0.16%)	~	70
	Hawkwing 8% 31.12.24 <sup>A</sup>	-	-
399,385	Silver Bullet Data Services Group Convertible Loan Notes <sup>B</sup>	385,407	0.20
	Total Loan Stocks	385,407	0.20
	EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 98.13%)		
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSIVE (29 February 2024 - 01.30%)		
	Babcock International Group	1,152,630	0.60
353,262	Chemring Group Total Aerospace and Defensive	1,446,608 2,599,238	0.75
	Total Actospace and Delensive	2,399,230	1.55
	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY (29 February 2024 - 0.47%)		
1,270,676		851,353	0.44
	Total Alternative Energy	851,353	0.44
	AUTOMOBILES AND PARTS (29 February 2024 - Nil)		
385,000	Dowlais Group	251,405	0.13
	Total Automobiles and Parts	251,405	0.13
	BANKS (29 February 2024 - 5.41%)		
502,394	HSBC Holdings	3,349,461	1.74
	Lloyds Banking Group	2,111,860	1.09
	NatWest Group	1,148,464	0.60
564,111	Standard Chartered	4,398,938	2.28
	Total Banks	11,008,723	5.71
	BEVERAGES (29 February 2024 - 0.16%)		
27,330	Fevertree Drinks	241,051	0.12
	Total Beverages	241,051	0.12
	CHEMICALS (29 February 2024 - 1.48%)		
40,112	Croda International	1,652,614	0.86
	Victrex	86,061	0.04
	Total Chemicals	1,738,675	0.90
	CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (29 February 2024 - 0.65%)		
396.434	Strategic Equity Capital	1,450,948	0.75
,	Total Closed End Investments	1,450,948	0.75
201 002	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (29 February 2024 - 1.47%) Breedon Group	1,171,220	0.61
	Marshalls	1,095,537	0.57
302,220		1,483,900	0.77
	Total Construction and Materials	3,750,657	1.95
208 396	CONSUMER SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 2.64%) Compass Group	5,020,260	2.60
200,000	Total Consumer Services	5,020,260	2.60
004 044	ELECTRICITY (29 February 2024 - 2.20%)	4 060 011	0.04
224,911	Total Electricity	4,268,811 4,268,811	2.21
	Total Electrony	4,200,011	2.21
	ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (29 February 2024 - 2		
	discoverIE Group	749,482	0.39
42,281		777,125	0.40
348,878 329,344	Morgan Advanced Materials	1,083,266 1,096,057	0.56 0.57
	Spectris	726,439	0.38
27,002	Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	4,432,369	2.30
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# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 3.78%)	Ł	%
53.163	London Stock Exchange Group	5,462,498	2.83
	OSB Group	598,638	0.31
2,156,493	•	948,857	0.49
	Total Finance and Credit Services	7,009,993	3.63
	FOOD PRODUCERS (29 February 2024 - 0.82%)		
37,405	Cranswick	1,797,310	0.93
	Total Food Producers	1,797,310	0.93
1 070 644	GAS, WATER AND MULTI-UTILITIES (29 February 2024 - 0.88%)	77 000	0.04
1,072,614	National Grid	77,228 987,452	0.04 0.51
	Severn Trent	476,772	0.25
10,557	Total Gas, Water and Multi-Utilities	1,541,452	0.25
	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS (29 February 2024 - 2.06%)		
55,609		1,985,241	1.03
,	Coats Group	1,228,047	0.64
-,,,	Total General Industrials	3,213,288	1.67
	HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (29 February 2024 - 0.58%)		
1,172,926	Diaceutics	1,524,804	0.79
	Total Health Care Providers	1,524,804	0.79
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (29 February 20	24 - 1.84%)	
	Bellway	1,633,615	0.85
129,315	Vistry Group	1,781,961	0.92
	Total Household Goods and Home Construction	3,415,576	1.77
05 400	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (29 February 2024 - 1.47%)	004.054	0.00
	Bodycote	634,054	0.33
	Mpac Group	737,314	0.38
	Spirax-Sarco Engineering Weir Group	1,040,534	0.54
35,410	Total Industrial Engineering	708,360 3,120,262	0.37
		5,120,202	1.02
70 853	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (29 February 2024 - 0.71%) Hill & Smith Holdings	1,512,712	0.78
10,000	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	1,512,712	0.78
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 13.66%)		
733,212	Anexo Group	461,924	0.24
1,689,121	Costain Group	1,714,458	0.89
54,211	Diploma	2,417,811	1.25
935,676	Driver Group	233,919	0.12
300,124	Elixirr International	1,902,786	0.99
448,459	Essentra	796,463	0.41
	Experian	4,380,157	2.27
	FDM Group (Holdings)	592,196	0.31
	Ferguson Enterprises	2,753,393	1.43
	Franchise Brands	1,456,575	0.75
	Grafton Group	1,290,953	0.67
	Rentokil Initial	3,184,573	1.65
	RS Group	608,814	0.32
	Serco Group	1,436,820	0.74
	Staffline Group	950,637	0.49
566,969	The SimplyBiz Group	1,729,255	0.90
	Total Industrial Support Services	25,910,734	13.43

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
56 096	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (29 February 2024 - 1.96%) Ashtead Group	3,022,452	1.57
50,090	Total Industrial Transportation	3,022,452	1.57
		0004 4740()	
245,825	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (29 February	2024 - 4.74%) 1,070,568	0.55
	Alpha Group International	994,067	0.55
	Argentex Group	308,907	0.16
	Begbies Traynor Group	664,715	0.34
	Foresight Group Holdings	859,476	0.45
	Frenkel Topping Group	726,593	0.38
	Hargreaves Lansdown	408,236	0.21
	IG Group Holdings	900,311	0.47
	Intermediate Capital Group	713,752	0.37
126,790		1,351,581	0.70
	XPS Pensions Group	1,580,150	0.82
,	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	9,578,356	4.97
	LIFE INSURANCE (29 February 2024 - 2.06%)		
1 007 673	Just Group	1,571,868	0.81
	Prudential	2,220,342	1.15
000,020	Total Life Insurance	3,792,210	1.96
	-		
10.042	MEDIA (29 February 2024 - 4.50%) 4imprint Group	995,897	0.52
	Everyman Media Group	677,786	0.35
120,627	•	1,313,628	0.68
149,842		5,319,391	2.76
149,042	Total Media	8,306,702	4.31
204 242	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 2.44%)	E00 E00	0.00
	Advanced Medical Solutions Group Belluscura	508,563	0.26
,		74,843	0.04
	ConvaTec Group Creo Medical Group	3,282,162	1.70
	EKF Diagnostics Holdings	170,822	0.09
2,089,000	Total Medical Equipment and Services	728,870	0.38
	Total Medical Equipment and Services	4,765,260	2.47
	NON-LIFE INSURANCE (29 February 2024 - 0.49%)		
	Beazley	771,330	0.40
1,089,941	Randall & Quilter Investment Holdings <sup>C</sup> Total Non-life Insurance	771,330	- 0.40
		771,000	0.40
50.440	OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 0.43%)	517 510	0.07
52,146	Energean Total Oil, Gas and Coal	<u>517,549</u> 517,549	0.27
	-		0.21
00 500	PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (29 February 202 Croage	'	A A-7
	Greggs	2,839,225	1.47
	Marks & Spencer Group	663,931	0.34
	Ocado Group	334,264	0.17
842,697		2,987,361	1.55
04,083	Unilever	3,183,050	1.65
	Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	10,007,831	5.18
	PERSONAL GOODS (29 February 2024 - 0.32%)		
625,996	Dr. Martens	450,717	0.23
	Total Personal Goods	450,717	0.23

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (29 February 2024 - 5.21%)	L	70
48 283	AstraZeneca	6,405,223	3.32
177,529		2,939,880	1.52
572,138		2,939,000	1.13
572,150		11,534,675	5.97
	Total Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	11,554,075	5.97
	<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES</b> (29 February 2024 - 0.59%)		
432 411	Grainger	1,035,624	0.54
102,111	Total Real Estate Investment and Services	1,035,624	0.54
		1,000,021	0.01
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (29 February 2024 - 3.56%)		
294,811	British Land Company	1,206,956	0.63
43,662	Derwent London	1,020,818	0.53
120,493	Safestore Holdings	1,043,469	0.54
182,886	SEGRO	1,602,081	0.83
705,445	Shaftesbury Capital	1,023,601	0.53
130,892	Unite Group	1,255,254	0.65
	Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	7,152,179	3.71
	RETAILERS (29 February 2024 - 3.14%)		
	Angling Direct	1,197,308	0.62
1,537,879	•	1,230,303	0.64
	Dunelm Group	1,534,971	0.80
	Moonpig Group	576,770	0.30
	Pets at Home Group	901,833	0.47
	Pinewood Technologies Group	611,230	0.32
	Virgin Wines UK	216,394	0.11
73,362	WHSmith	948,571	0.49
	Total Retailers	7,217,380	3.75
	SOFTWARE AND COMPLITED SERVICES (20 Echrupy 2024 10.06%)		
030 052	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 10.96%) ActiveOps	1,267,720	0.66
	AdvancedAdvT		0.00
		1,531,571	0.79
	Ascential	767,317	
	Auction Technology Group	262,931	0.14
	Auto Trader Group	608,837	0.32
	Baltic Classifieds Group	701,699	0.36
-, -	Broadcom	684,384	0.35
	Bytes Technology Group	683,621	0.35
	Darktrace	1,025,146	0.53
	GB Group	1,018,205	0.53
	Iomart Group	1,347,566	0.70
412,466		1,319,891	0.68
	MercadoLibre	1,231,838	0.64
1,909,456		1,718,510	0.89
	Pulsar Group	775,285	0.40
	Sage Group	3,730,034	1.93
	Silver Bullet Data Services Group	262,413	0.14
	SysGroup	998,273	0.52
	Trustpilot Group	888,936	0.46
1,408,399	Windward	1,859,087	0.96
	Total Software and Computer Services	22,683,264	11.75
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (29 February 2024 - 0.32%)		
304 330	Spirent Communications	543,854	0.28
007,003	Total Telecommunications Equipment	543,854	0.28
		070,004	0.20
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS (29 February 2024 - 0.199	%)	
887,646	Bigblu Broadband	<sup>´</sup> 239,664	0.12
	Total Telecommunications Service Providers	239,664	0.12

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE (29 February 2024 - 3.04%)		
563,483	Hostelworld Group	819,868	0.42
461,163	Loungers	1,272,810	0.66
2,115,807	Tasty	27,505	0.01
786,407	The Gym Group	1,110,407	0.57
155,489	Trainline	470,199	0.24
	Total Travel and Leisure	3,700,789	1.90
	OVERSEAS SECURITIES (29 February 2024 - 6.68%)		
4,843	Microsoft	1,518,840	0.79
8,641	Novo Nordisk	909,341	0.47
19,126	Schneider Electric	3,704,868	1.92
10,116	Texas Instruments	1,621,171	0.84
3,578	Thermo Fisher Scientific	1,660,724	0.86
7,137	Visa 'A'	1,486,674	0.77
	Total Overseas Securities	10,901,618	5.65
	Total Equities	190,881,075	98.91
	Portfolio of investments	191,266,482	99.11
	Net other assets	1,725,063	0.89
	Total net assets	192,991,545	100.00

<sup>A</sup> These convertible loan notes are unlisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.
 <sup>B</sup> These convertible loan notes are delisted and are valued using the latest information received.

<sup>c</sup> This stock has been delisted and is valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	14,663,438
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	28,931,663

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 Augus	st 2024	31 Augus	t 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		19,352,303		(9,573,907)
Revenue	2,972,902		3,944,855	
Expenses	(756,232)	_	(885,459)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,216,670		3,059,396	
Taxation	(16,638)	_	(29,921)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,200,032	-	3,029,475
				<i></i>
Total return before distributions		21,552,335		(6,544,432)
		(0,000,000)		(0,000,475)
Distributions		(2,200,032)		(3,029,475)
Change in not except attributable to charabelders from				
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from		10 252 202	-	(0 572 007)
investment activities		19,352,303	=	(9,573,907)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	A	190,305,802		238,533,381
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	1,877,232 (18,543,837)	(16,666,605)	5,697,069 (22,401,820)	(16,704,751)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,352,303		(9,573,907)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		45		69
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	192,991,545	A	212,254,792

<sup>A</sup> These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

# BALANCE SHEET

	31 August 2024 £	29 February 2024 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	191,266,482	187,051,073
Current Assets:		
Debtors	1,949,615	492,532
Cash and cash equivalents	2,340,688	3,937,996
Total assets	195,556,785	191,481,601
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	120,420	-
Distribution payable	2,087,378	848,274
Other creditors	357,442	327,525
Total liabilities	2,565,240	1,175,799
Net assets attributable to shareholders	192,991,545	190,305,802

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

## Performance to 31 August 2024

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>29.06.2021<sup>A</sup></u>
IFSL Avellemy UK Equity Income Fund	13.17%	18.98%	27.47%	28.87%
IA UK Equity Income sector	13.81%	18.33%	19.11%	22.62%
FTSE All-Share Index	12.56%	16.98%	24.35%	27.69%
A lownoh period and ad 20 lune 2021				

<sup>A</sup> Launch period ended 29 June 2021.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (A Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. 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. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

## Investment commentary

## Sub-fund performance

The sub-fund's A Income shares gained 13.17% in the 6 months to 31 August 2024 while the Investment Association UK Equity Income sector, the sub-fund's benchmark\*, rose 13.81%.

## Market review

The Labour party won a landslide victory in the July general election and UK government bond yields\* rose as the new Prime Minister declared that the October budget statement would be painful. The unemployment rate started to rise over the six months to 31 August 2024 and official inflation rate continued to weaken down to the Bank of England's 2% target. This prompted the Bank of England to cut its main interest rate from 5.25% to 5.0% in August.

With the economic outlook becoming more uncertain and inflation falling, commodity\*-linked sectors were weak as prices fell and demand from China remained low. Defensive sectors like telecommunications, healthcare and consumer staples performed best as investors sought their predictable cashflows.

## Sub-fund performance review

The sub-fund benefitted from its allocation to some fast-growing businesses like Action, a clothes retailer, as well as its relatively low allocation to commodity sectors. Banks, which are paying higher dividends as well as buying back their shares, also performed well. However, the sub-fund's exposure to more cyclical businesses like industrials and discretionary consumer spending negatively impacted performance over the period as the prospects for these sectors weakened.

## Portfolio activity

There were no changes to the composition of the sub-fund in the period.

## Investment outlook

The UK stock market appears cheap relative to other equity markets when compared using a range of valuation measures. We expect this gap to close over time though it is hard to say what the catalyst for this change in fortune might be. Given the UK's large commodity and financial sectors, the region's stock market might benefit if more relaxed global monetary conditions lead to higher inflation and bond yields, as was the case in in 2022.

Attractiveness of the UK in comparison to those in other regions is so pronounced that there is continuing evidence of foreign buyers acquiring UK businesses in greater number, as well as UK companies buying back their own shares. Both these dynamics should provide a tailwind to returns generated by the UK stock market moving forwards.

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## Description of terms\*

Benchmark - used for comparative purposes.

Yield – the income from an investment, usually stated as a percentage of the value of the investment.

Commodities – raw materials used to manufacture consumer products. Hard commodities refer to those which are mined or extracted from the earth, such as metals and energy. Examples include gold, oil, and gas. Soft commodities refer to those which are grown, such as agricultural goods. Examples include wheat, coffee, and sugar.

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

Distributions	Year 2024	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021
A Income (pence per share)	<u>1681 2024</u>	<u>16ai 2023</u>		<u>16ai 2021</u>
Net income paid 30 April	1.3772	1.1992	1.1676	N/A
Net income paid 31 October	2.7500	2.6064	2.7257	1.0186
A Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 April	1.4907	1.2600	1.2200	N/A
Net accumulation paid 31 October	3.0673	2.8066	2.8400	0.9600
Portfolio changes				
Largest purchases				<u>Cost (£)</u>
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware 'Agency' GBP				14,027,424
National Grid				2,382,089
Weir Group Inchcape				1,995,252 1,682,198
London Stock Exchange Group				1,458,393
Great Portland Estates				1,403,110
Anglo American				1,361,055
HSBC Holdings Derwent London				1,252,866 1,248,330
Pearson				1,003,961
Other purchases				13,393,194
Total purchases for the period				41,207,872
Largest sales				Proceeds (£)
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware 'Agency' GBP				11,898,335
3i Group				3,318,197
Shell BHP Group				2,641,845 2,556,947
AstraZeneca				2,339,646
Smith & Nephew				2,047,788
Intermediate Capital Group				1,768,300
Phoenix Group Holdings Ashtead Group				1,538,787 1,468,226
Rio Tinto				1,395,740
Other sales				20,690,663
Total sales for the period				51,664,474

## COMPARATIVE TABLE

Opening net asset value per share         103.01         105.40         100.16         100	nce
	.87
	.52)
	.35
	.19)
Closing net asset value per share         113.81         103.01         105.40         100	
* after direct transaction costs of: 0.09 0.10 0.24 0	.55
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>A</sup> 13.15%         1.51%         9.16%         2.3	35%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£) 197,013,609 187,789,438 227,299,991 190,122,	
Closing number of shares 173,112,898 182,295,928 215,652,048 189,816,	_
	3% <sup>D</sup>
Direct transaction costs         0.16%         0.10%         0.24%         0.83	3% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)	
Highest share price 116.60 106.30 107.80 105	5.00
Lowest share price 103.40 96.20 89.92 96	6.35
A Accumulation shares Period to Year to Perio	
Change in net assets per share         31.08.2024         29.02.2024         28.02.2023         28.02.20	
	nce
Opening net asset value per share         114.41         112.59         102.19         100	
	.71
	.53)
	.19
	.18)
	.18
Closing net asset value per share         129.40         114.41         112.59         102	.19
* after direct transaction costs of: 0.10 0.11 0.26 0	.55
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>A</sup> 13.10%         1.62%         10.18%         2.1	19%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£)         7,737         9,851         4,200	51
Closing number of shares         5,979         8,610         3,731	50
Operating charges         0.72% <sup>D,E</sup> 0.72% <sup>E</sup> 0.81%         0.78	3% <sup>D</sup>
	3% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)	
	5.70
	5.90

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> This share class launched on 28 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 30 June 2021.

<sup>c</sup> This share class launched on 28 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 7 July 2021.

<sup>D</sup> These figures have been annualised.

<sup>E</sup> On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (for all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
←						<b></b>
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund 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 is used.

This sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 100.87%)	2	70
	BANKS (29 February 2024 - 7.48%)		
1,294,698	<b>,</b>	2,951,264	1.50
	HSBC Holdings	3,541,590	1.80
	Lloyds Banking Group	4,127,913	2.10
	NatWest Group	4,463,358	2.27
280,050	Standard Chartered	2,183,830	1.11
	Total Banks	17,267,955	8.78
047 570	BEVERAGES (29 February 2024 - 0.50%)	004.040	0.40
617,573	C&C Group	964,649	0.49
	Total Beverages	964,649	0.49
004 400	CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (29 February 2024 - 0.34%)	047 544	0.00
804,402	NextEnergy Solar Fund	647,544	0.33
	Total Closed End Investments	647,544	0.33
	CONSUMER SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.88%)		
121,736	Compass Group	2,932,620	1.49
	Total Consumer Services	2,932,620	1.49
	ELECTRICITY (29 February 2024 - 0.25%)		
78,654		1,492,853	0.76
	Total Electricity	1,492,853	0.76
	ELETRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (29 February 2024 - 1.33		
	Oxford Instruments	1,530,589	0.78
40,938	Spectris	1,204,396	0.61
	Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	2,734,985	1.39
	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 2.97%)		
72,605	London Stock Exchange Group	7,460,164	3.79
	Total Finance and Credit Services	7,460,164	3.79
	FOOD PRODUCERS (29 February 2024 - 1.75%)		
	Origin Enterprises	411,519	0.21
337,150	Tate & Lyle	2,280,820	1.16
	Total Food Producers	2,692,339	1.37
	GAS, WATER AND MULTI-UTILITIES (29 February 2024 - 0.60%)		
273,980	National Grid	2,746,650	1.39
	Total Gas, Water and Multi-utilities	2,746,650	1.39
	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS (29 February 2024 - 1.59%)		
1,028,800	Coats Group	1,016,454	0.52
173,352	Smiths Group	3,130,737	1.59
	Total General Industrials	4,147,191	2.11
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (29 February 202	24 -1.45%)	
1,135,716	Taylor Wimpey	1,827,367	0.93
31,589	The Berkeley Group Holdings	1,581,029	0.80
	Total Household Goods and Home Construction	3,408,396	1.73
	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (29 February 2024 - 0.60%)		
21,061	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	1,619,591	0.82
	Weir Group	2,014,660	1.02
,	Total Industrial Engineering	3,634,251	1.84

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (29 February 2024 - 5.11%)	£	%
1/12 130	Anglo American	3,188,687	1.62
	Rio Tinto	3,823,658	1.94
10,021	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	7,012,345	3.56
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 3.87%)		
2,836,174		2,647,568	1.34
	Inchcape	1,692,352	0.86
443,654	Rentokil Initial	2,137,525	1.08
48,891	Rosebank Industries	330,014	0.17
203,528	RS Group	1,607,871	0.82
	Travis Perkins	2,016,471	1.02
	Total Industrial Support Services	10,431,801	5.29
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (29 February 2024 - 0.78%)		
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (29 February 2		
	3i Group	9,779,559	4.96
	Ashmore Group	1,103,844	0.56
	IG Group Holdings	2,466,260	1.25
698,617	M&G	1,504,821	0.76
	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	14,854,484	7.53
	LEISURE GOODS (29 February 2024 - 0.53%)		
	LIFE INSURANCE (29 February 2024 - 5.45%)		
670,363		3,394,718	1.72
	Legal & General Group	2,750,575	1.40
641,226	Phoenix Group Holdings	3,638,958	1.85
	Total Life Insurance	9,784,251	4.97
	MEDIA (29 February 2024 - 11.15%)		
472,750		3,929,498	1.99
2,572,346		2,057,877	1.04
594,279		6,257,758	3.18
262,233	—	9,309,272	4.73
	Total Media	21,554,405	10.94
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 1.13%)		
85,169	Smith & Nephew	997,755	0.51
	Total Medical Equipment and Services	997,755	0.51
	NON-LIFE INSURANCE (29 February 2024 - 1.98%)		
		2 111 080	1.07
	Admiral Group	2,111,080	
395,090	Direct Line Insurance Group	752,251	0.38
	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox	752,251 1,179,034	0.38 0.60
395,090	Direct Line Insurance Group	752,251	0.38 0.60
395,090 100,258	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%)	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365	0.38 0.60 2.05
395,090 100,258 1,169,642	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell Shell DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup>	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603 7,469,046	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58 3.79
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell Shell DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup> Total Oil, Gas and Coal	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603 7,469,046 - 12,554,649	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58 3.79
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103 275,103	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell Shell DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup> Total Oil, Gas and Coal PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (29 February 2024)	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603 7,469,046 - 12,554,649 4 - 4.97%)	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58 3.79 6.37
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103 275,103 59,324	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell Shell DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup> Total Oil, Gas and Coal PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (29 February 2024 Reckitt Benckiser Group	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603 7,469,046 - 12,554,649 4 - 4.97%) 2,594,239	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58 3.79 6.37 1.32
395,090 100,258 1,169,642 275,103 275,103 59,324 1,265,221	Direct Line Insurance Group Hiscox Total Non-life Insurance OIL, GAS AND COAL (29 February 2024 - 7.16%) BP Shell Shell DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup> Total Oil, Gas and Coal PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (29 February 2024 Reckitt Benckiser Group	752,251 1,179,034 4,042,365 5,085,603 7,469,046 - 12,554,649 4 - 4.97%)	0.38 0.60 2.05 2.58 3.79 6.37 1.32 2.28 1.55

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
	PERSONAL GOODS (29 February 2024 - 0.96%)		
	Burberry Group	574,919	0.2
/1/,344	Dr. Martens	516,488	0.2
	Total Personal Goods	1,091,407	0.5
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (29 February 2024 - 8.5	6%)	
70,501	AstraZeneca	9,352,663	4.7
297,546	GSK	4,927,362	2.5
434,547	Haleon	1,663,011	0.8
	Total Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	15,943,036	8.0
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (29 February 2024 - 4.24%)		
107,724	Big Yellow Group	1,357,322	0.6
53,900	Derwent London	1,260,182	0.6
434,683	Great Portland Estates	1,467,055	0.7
	LondonMetric Property	1,740,079	0.8
	SEGRO	4,678,348	2.3
,	Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	10,502,986	5.3
	<b>RETAILERS</b> (29 February 2024 - 4.31%)		
248 341	Card Factory	309,930	0.1
	Howden Joinery Group	1,618,915	3.0
55,294		5,645,517	2.8
	WHSmith	1,860,394	0.9
140,002	Total Retailers	9,434,756	4.7
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 1.04%)		
133 758	Sage Group	1,363,663	0.6
100,100	Total Software and Computer Services	1,363,663	0.6
	<b>TOBACCO</b> (29 February 2024 - 2.34%)	4 000 457	
	British American Tobacco	1,633,457	3.0
142,984	Imperial Brands	3,112,762	1.5
	Total Tobacco	4,746,219	2.4
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE (29 February 2024 - 1.55%)		
,	easyJet	1,182,303	0.6
805,224	SSP Group	1,362,439	0.6
	Total Travel and Leisure	2,544,742	1.2
	OVERSEAS SECURITIES (29 February 2024 - 6.64%)		
	Corbion	887,842	0.4
74,183	Ebro Foods	997,093	0.5
	Mastercard 'A'	2,054,752	1.0
29,400	Nintendo Co	1,213,391	0.6
21,200	SGS	1,799,973	0.9
	Wolters Kluwer	2,703,667	1.3
	Wolters Kluwer DRIP Shares <sup>B</sup>	-	
20,00	Total Overseas Securities	9,656,718	4.8
	Total Equities	196,769,840	99.8
	Portfolio of Non-Derivatives	196,769,840	99.8

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%)		
JPM	Sell EUR 50,88,000 for GBP 4,382,106 - 15 November 2024	90,143	0.05
JPM	Sell JPY 213,168,000 for GBP 1,141,414 - 15 November 2024	16,233	0.01
	Net value of all derivative positions	106,376	0.06
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	196,876,216	99.93
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	145,130	0.07
	Total net assets	197.021.346	100.00

<sup>A</sup> These shares are unlisted entitlement shares received on a 1 for 1 basis in lieu of a dividend payment (cash or stock) and are priced at nil. <sup>B</sup> These shares are unlisted entitlement shares received on a 1 for 1 basis in lieu of a dividend payment (cash or stock) and are priced at nil.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	41,207,872
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	51,664,474

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 Augus	st 2024	31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		20,131,545		(12,375,737)
Revenue	5,039,026		5,697,011	
Expenses	(708,039)		(799,005)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,330,987		4,898,006	
Taxation	(28,568)		(47,492)	
Net revenue after taxation		4,302,419		4,850,514
				<i>(</i>
Total return before distributions		24,433,964		(7,525,223)
				(= === 0 == 0)
Distributions		(4,926,097)		(5,570,878)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from		40 507 007		(10,000,101)
investment activities		19,507,867	:	(13,096,101)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 Augus	st 2024	31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	187,799,289		227,304,191
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	4,730,962 (15,016,956)	(10,285,994)	5,887,991 (9,408,801)	(3,520,810)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,507,867		(13,096,101)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		184		404
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		197,021,346	A	210,687,684

<sup>A</sup> These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

# BALANCE SHEET

	31 August 2024 £	29 February 2024 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	196,876,216	189,457,304
Current Assets:		
Debtors	1,411,470	1,424,793
Cash and cash equivalents	6,150,852	1,750,817
Total assets	204,438,538	192,632,914
Liabilities:		
Investment liabilities	-	25,742
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	2,435,705	849,855
Distribution payable	4,760,607	2,510,699
Other creditors	220,880	1,447,329
Total liabilities	7,417,192	4,833,625
Net assets attributable to shareholders	197,021,346	187,799,289

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for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

## Performance to 31 August 2024

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>28.06.2021<sup>A</sup></u>
IFSL Avellemy US Equity Fund	4.83%	23.99%	32.86%	41.10%
IA North America sector	5.18%	18.94%	24.26%	31.08%
<sup>A</sup> Launch period ended 28 June 2021				

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (A Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. 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. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

## Investment commentary

## Sub-fund performance

The sub-fund's A Income shares gained 4.83% in the 6 months to 31 August 2024 while the Investment Association North America sector, the sub-fund's benchmark\*, rose 5.18%.

## Market review

The US Federal Reserve (the Fed), the US central bank, did not cut interest rates in the period even though manufacturing slowed, the job market weakened with several downward revisions to employment figures and corporate and personal bankruptcies and delinquencies mounted. Economic growth slowed but the 10-year US Treasury yield\*, the return you get from lending to the US government for 10 years, continued rising until the Fed said, in April, that interest rates had probably peaked and the Japanese authorities started taking action to stop the Japanese yen weakening. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell from 4.7%pa to 3.8%pa, which was good for the bond holders (bond prices rise as yields fall) and a relief for the US government.

Given the US government's indebtedness, the country's interest expense on these debts grew rapidly to be one of the Treasury's biggest outlays and the country's financial position deteriorated further. In August 2024, Jerome Powell, the chair of the US Federal Reserve, announced before the annual gathering of central bankers at Jackson Hole in America, that the time had come to change policy and support the labour market and it was revealed that the majority of the US Federal Reserve members wanted to cut interest rates in July.

The US stock market continued hitting record highs, with the S&P 500 index rising 10.8% from 5,100 to 5,650 at the end of August. A large reason the market did so well was the ongoing excitement about the transformational potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies, which several of the largest stocks in America are exposed to. Nvidia, which is at the heart of the AI industry, announced huge growth in its earnings over the period.

## Sub-fund performance review

The performance of the sub-fund was driven by its significant exposure to high-growth businesses and the information technology sector in particular. This meant that the sub-fund had considerable exposure to a number of the 'Magnificent 7' stocks including Nvidia which performed strongly over the period. However, the US equity fund likely had less exposure to 'AI' stocks than the market, given our the managers caution over their elevated valuations, and this caused the fund to marginally underperform its peer group over the period.

## Portfolio activity

BNY Mellon US Equity Income was added to the sub-fund in June to reduce the sub-fund's exposure to high-growth stocks and to take profits on the gains of the information technology sector made to that point.

## Investment outlook

The US stock market has been the beneficiary of several self-reinforcing dynamics over the last few years, which has concentrated a large weight of the market into a relatively small number of stocks, as well as leading the region to form a disproportionately large part of the global stock market. Consequently, the market appears expensive relative to other regional equity markets when compared using a range of valuation measures. At some point in the future, one would expect these measures to move back towards their long-run averages, though it is hard to say what the catalyst for this move might be.

It is also the case that the region's stock market continues to be a home to some of the world's largest and most successful businesses, many at the forefront of technological development, which might provide a platform to generate higher than average future growth versus many worldwide peers.

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# Investment commentary (continued)

# Description of term\*

Benchmark - used for comparative purposes.

Distributions <u>A Income (pence per share)</u> Net income paid 30 April Net income paid 31 October	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
	-	-	-	N/A
	-	-	-	-
<u>A Accumulation (pence per share)</u> Net accumulation paid 30 April Net accumulation paid 31 October	-	-	- 0.0652	N/A -

# Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
JPMorgan Chase & Co	5,822,250
UnitedHealth Group	5,029,138
AT&T	5,004,040
Medtronic	4,828,404
Cisco Systems	4,690,874
US Treasury 0% 26.12.24	4,571,139
L3Harris Technologies	3,895,458
Sanofi	3,712,608
Newmont Mining	3,546,728
Becton, Dickinson and Company	3,538,839
Other purchases	158,176,604
Total purchases for the period	202,816,082
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Largest sales Microsoft	<u>Proceeds (£)</u> 14,451,396
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Microsoft	14,451,396
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Microsoft Amazon.com Nvidia Alphabet 'C'	14,451,396 12,550,462 11,530,089 10,742,842
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## **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>A Income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.08.2024 pence	Year to 29.02.2024 pence	Year to 28.02.2023 pence	Period to 28.02.2022 <sup>B</sup> pence
Opening net asset value per share	134.60	100.51	101.53	100.00
Return before operating charges*	6.94	34.91	(0.28)	2.05
Operating charges	(0.49)	(0.82)	(0.74)	(0.52)
Return after operating charges*	6.45	34.09	(1.02)	1.53
Distributions on income shares	-	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	141.05	134.60	100.51	101.53
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	4.79%	33.92%	(1.00)%	1.53%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	397,972,699	415,818,236	402,902,613	416,765,889
Closing number of shares	282,155,932	308,937,631	400,867,090	410,463,474
Operating charges	0.71% <sup>D,E</sup>	0.73% <sup>E</sup>	0.73%	0.74% <sup>D</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04% <sup>D</sup>	0.02%	0.03%	0.04% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	143.60	134.60	109.20	114.20
Lowest share price	132.40	97.64	90.71	97.08
<u>A Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.08.2024	Year to 29.02.2024	Year to 28.02.2023	Period to 28.02.2022 <sup>C</sup>
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	132.52	98.94	99.65	100.00
Return before operating charges*	6.84	34.45	0.03	0.15
Operating charges	(0.49)	(0.87)	(0.74)	(0.50)
Return after operating charges*	6.35	33.58	(0.71)	(0.35)
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	(0.06)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	0.06	-
Closing net asset value per share	138.87	132.52	98.94	99.65
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	4.79%	33.94%	(0.71)%	(0.35)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	150,201	219,214	3,018	95
Closing number of shares	108,161	165,418	3,051	95
Operating charges	0.71% <sup>D,E</sup>	0.73% <sup>E</sup>	0.73%	0.74% <sup>D</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.04% <sup>D</sup>	0.02%	0.03%	0.05% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price				
Lowest share price	141.40 130.40	132.60 96.12	107.40 89.13	112.00 95.28

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> This share class launched on 28 June 2021 at 100 pence with shares initially issued on 29 June 2021 at 100 pence.

<sup>c</sup> This share class launched on 28 June 2021 at 100 pence with shares initially issued on 6 July 2021 at 100 pence.

<sup>D</sup> These figures have been annualised.

<sup>E</sup> On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (for all share classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund 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.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	w
	DEBT SECURITIES (29 February 2024 - 0.97%)		
7,873,000	US Treasury 0% 26.12.24	5,897,996	1.48
	Total Debt Securities	5,897,996	1.48
	EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 98.11%)		
	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 9.28%)		
29,215	Alphabet 'A'	3,629,564	0.91
58,919	Alphabet 'C'	7,395,638	1.86
354,094	AT&T	5,361,183	1.35
19,908	Meta Platforms 'A'	7,893,980	1.98
4,387	Netflix	2,339,444	0.59
37,834	Omnicom Group	2,890,623	0.73
,	Pinterest 'A'	426,683	0.11
	T-Mobile US	1,190,131	0.30
15,337	Walt Disney	1,054,050	0.26
	Total Communication Services	32,181,296	8.09
	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (29 February 2024 - 14.55%)		
121,348	Amazon.com	16,478,252	4.14
	Best Buy	1,097,809	0.28
576	Booking Holdings	1,711,794	0.43
	Burlington Stores	1,924,928	0.48
22,357	Carnival	280,494	0.07
24,470	Chipotle Mexican Grill	1,043,328	0.26
1,765	Ferrari	666,600	0.17
8,922	Flutter Entertainment	1,441,056	0.36
35,499	General Motors Co	1,343,417	0.34
	International Game Technology	963,786	0.24
	Las Vegas Sands	2,015,299	0.51
,	Lululemon Athletica	753,747	0.19
	Nike 'B'	107,184	0.03
	On Holding	442,344	0.11
	O'Reilly Automotive	1,671,900	0.42
	Restaurant Brands International	1,366,831	0.34
	Ross Stores	1,621,496	0.41
,	Starbucks	404,372	0.10
	Tempur Sealy International	612,398	0.15
	The Home Depot	2,215,257	0.56
	The TJX Companies	1,925,513	0.48
	Topbuild	536,265	0.13
4,681	Tractor Supply Co Total Consumer Discretionary	<u>952,583</u> 41,576,653	0.24 10.44
		41,570,005	10:44
	CONSUMER STAPLES (29 February 2024 - 4.96%)		
	Celsius Holdings	314,753	0.08
	Colgate-Palmolive	1,434,234	0.36
	Constellation Brands 'A'	1,180,601	0.30
,	Costco Wholesale	2,508,903	0.63
	Dollar General	437,538	0.11
202,960		3,387,943	0.85
	Monster Beverage	1,876,873	0.47
	PepsiCo	2,438,286	0.61
	Performance Food Group Co	891,353	0.22
	Philip Morris International	2,633,400	0.66
63,163	US Foods Holding	2,844,942	0.71
	Total Consumer Staples	19,948,826	5.00

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	ENERGY (29 February 2024 - 0.96%)	£	/0
35 613	ConocoPhillips	3,082,658	0.77
	Diamondback Energy	1,771,315	0.44
75,874		1,934,445	0.49
	Occidental Petroleum	2,324,424	0.58
	Phillips 66	2,913,379	0.30
	Schlumberger	1,475,079	0.37
44,005	Total Energy	13,501,300	3.38
00.007	FINANCIALS (29 February 2024 - 11.29%)	0.040.050	0.70
,	Allstate	2,912,952	0.73
	American International Group	1,188,687	0.30
20,073		5,247,371	1.32
	Assurant	2,382,649	0.60
,	Bank of America	2,982,899	0.75
	CBOE Global Markets	111,817	0.03
	Citigroup	898,028	0.23
	CME Group 'A'	2,230,244	0.56
1,575	FactSet Research Systems	506,646	0.13
34,337	Fidelity National Information Services	2,152,937	0.54
153,155	First Horizon	1,931,989	0.49
18,706	Fiserv	2,484,645	0.62
40,257	Intercontinental Exchange	4,946,556	1.24
	Jefferies Financial Group	1,211,347	0.30
	JPMorgan Chase & Co	4,724,214	1.19
	Mastercard 'A'	3,352,269	0.84
	Progressive	4,807,613	1.21
	RenaissanceRe Holdings	1,672,280	0.42
	The Goldman Sachs Group	3,055,336	0.77
			0.77
	U.S. Bancorp	3,084,650	
	Visa 'A'	4,905,165	1.23
	Voya Financial	935,100	0.23
	Wells Fargo & Co	2,136,217	0.54
10,862	Willis Towers Watson	2,414,044	0.61
	Total Financials	62,275,655	15.65
	HEALTH CARE (29 February 2024 - 15.91%)		
	Abiomed Contingent Value Rights <sup>A</sup>	-	-
133,078	Avantor	2,616,301	0.66
62,970	Baxter International	1,817,212	0.46
18,860	Becton, Dickinson and Company	3,476,548	0.87
32,337	Bristol Myers Squibb	1,228,676	0.31
16,810	Danaher	3,441,935	0.86
23,696	Edwards Lifesciences	1,261,287	0.32
9,642	Elevance Health	4,085,682	1.03
	Eli Lilly and Company	6,709,352	1.68
	Genmab	344,446	0.09
13,768		3,369,852	0.85
10,100	IDEXX Laboratories	905,198	0.23
2 474		3,562,721	0.89
	Intuitive Surgical	5,502,721	
9,512	Intuitive Surgical	1 600 001	
9,512 9,277	Labcorp Holdings	1,622,831	0.41
9,512 9,277 3,226	Labcorp Holdings McKesson	1,377,066	0.35
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9,512 9,277 3,226 73,982 453	Labcorp Holdings McKesson Medtronic Mettler-Toledo International	1,377,066 4,983,731 495,283	0.35 1.25 0.12
9,512 9,277 3,226 73,982 453 16,901	Labcorp Holdings McKesson Medtronic Mettler-Toledo International Novartis	1,377,066 4,983,731 495,283 1,553,732	0.35 1.25 0.12 0.39
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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	HEALTH CARE (continued)	£	%
11 222	HEALTH CARE (continued) Vertex Pharmaceuticals	4,268,394	1.07
7 -	Waters	4,208,394 473,299	0.12
1	West Pharmaceutical Services	609,698	0.12
	Zoetis 'A'	1,383,721	0.15
9,910	Total Health Care	63,487,001	15.95
		03,407,001	15.95
	INDUSTRIALS (29 February 2024 - 7.60%)		
12,825		1,314,164	0.33
,	AMETEK	417,181	0.10
	APi Group	2,018,264	0.51
,	Builders FirstSource	992,717	0.25
,	Clean Harbors	1,385,665	0.35
	Copart	3,655,035	0.92
	Core & Main 'A'	613,791	0.15
	Eaton	1,092,540	0.27
	Equifax	816,660	0.21
,	FedEx	1,802,163	0.45
,	GE Vernova	842,040	0.21
,	Hubbell	2,583,804	0.65
,	Illinois Tool Works	700,862	0.18
,	Johnson Controls International	1,525,008	0.38
	L3Harris Technologies	4,015,800	1.01
,	Otis Worldwide	1,080,048	0.27
,	Rockwell Automation	506,077	0.13
3,359		959,156	0.24
	Trex Co	358,011	0.09
	Uber Technologies	1,746,492	0.44
	United Rentals	467,587	0.12
,	Veralto	940,524	0.24 0.23
	Verisk Analytics WillScot Holdings 'A'	927,468 872,256	0.23
29,141	Total Industrials	31,633,313	7.95
		01,000,010	1.00
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (29 February 2024 - 30.13%)		
,	Adobe Systems	2,858,429	0.72
,	Advanced Micro Devices	2,891,401	0.73
	Amphenol 'A'	3,122,142	0.78
21,973		3,826,029	0.96
	Applied Materials	1,935,235	0.49
	AppLovin 'A'	40,288	0.01
,	Arista Networks	1,915,523	0.48
	ASML Holding ADR	871,505	0.22
,	Broadcom	766,338	0.19
	Cadence Design Systems	603,287	0.15
	CDW Circle Systems	1,373,682	0.34
	Cisco Systems	4,943,722	1.24
-, -	Coherent	519,588	0.13
	Dolby Laboratories 'A'	950,236	0.24
,	Gartner	1,922,511	0.48
	International Business Machines	1,411,234	0.35
6,907		3,309,117	0.83
	Lam Research	1,102,254	0.28
,	Manhattan Associates	652,449	0.16
	Microchip Technology	868,037	0.22
	Micron Technology	1,096,531	0.28
,	Microsoft Motorola Solutions	20,874,825	5.24
9,572 175,386		3,218,147 15 927 320	0.81 4.00
170,000		15,927,320	4.00

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ominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (continued)	L	70
15 527	Oracle	1,669,121	0.42
,	Qualcomm	3,352,458	0.84
,	Salesforce.Com	1,648,027	0.4
,	ServiceNow	688,161	0.1
,	Synopsys	481,859	0.12
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co ADR	186,732	0.0
	Texas Instruments	1,641,830	0.4
,	Tower Semiconductor	878,925	0.4
30,010	Western Digital Total Information Technology	<u>1,776,361</u> 89,323,304	0.4
	MATERIALS (29 February 2024 - 1.82%)		
40,889	Corteva	1,782,584	0.4
19,003		1,311,928	0.33
	Eagle Materials	547,120	0.14
	Freeport-McMoRan	1,501,976	0.38
	International Paper Co	3,651,920	0.92
	New Linde	2,054,350	0.5
	Newmont Mining	4,290,576	1.08
	Teck Resources 'B'	475,831	0.12
	The Sherwin-Williams Company	1,145,283	0.29
	Vulcan Materials Co	949,423	0.2
5,009	Total Materials	17,710,991	4.4
27 707	UTILITIES (29 February 2024 - 1.61%) CMS Energy	1 046 700	0.4
		1,946,700	0.4
	Constellation Energy	2,731,228	0.69
	Dominion Energy	2,130,741	0.5
252,605	PG&E Total Utilities	<u>3,784,222</u> 10,592,891	0.95
	Total Equities	382,231,230	96.01
	Portfolio of Non-Derivative Investments	388,129,226	97.49
	EQUITY SWAPS (29 February 2024 - (0.03)%)		
	EQUITY SWAPS (29 February 2024 - (0.03)%) COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
(4,791	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE	(14)	
	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)	(14) (4,858)	
(3,812	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE		
(3,812	<b>COMMUNICATION SERVICES</b> (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE ) Omnicom Group ) Rightmove	(4,858) (3,145) (759)	
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(3,812 (64,178 (17,924	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE ) Omnicom Group ) Rightmove ) Telus Total Communication Services CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%)	(4,858) (3,145) (759) (8,776)	
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(3,812 (64,178 (17,924 (11,343 643 (4,055 (4,391	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE ) Omnicom Group ) Rightmove ) Telus Total Communication Services CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%) ) American Eagle Outfitters Autozone ) Birkenstock Holding ) CarMax Group	(4,858) (3,145) (759) (8,776) 9,709 (10,332)	
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(3,812 (64,178 (17,924 (11,343 643 (4,055 (4,391 (2,566	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE ) Omnicom Group ) Rightmove ) Telus Total Communication Services CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%) ) American Eagle Outfitters Autozone ) Birkenstock Holding ) CarMax Group	(4,858) (3,145) (759) (8,776) 9,709 (10,332) 33,320 752	
(3,812 (64,178 (17,924 (11,343 643 (4,055 (4,391 (2,566 (176	COMMUNICATION SERVICES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%) ) BCE ) Omnicom Group ) Rightmove ) Telus Total Communication Services CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%) ) American Eagle Outfitters Autozone ) Birkenstock Holding ) CarMax Group ) Darden Restaurants	(4,858) (3,145) (759) (8,776) 9,709 (10,332) 33,320 752 (2,401)	
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## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or ominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (continued)	£	70
(3.969)	Tapestry	(830)	
	The Columbia Sportswear Company	(313)	
	The Home Depot	4,223	
	The TJX Companies	10,530	
	Topgolf Callaway Brands	5,126	
	Tractor Supply Company	8,160	
	Williams-Sonoma	1,444	
(3,839)	Yeti Holdings	(2,001)	
(4,742)	Yum! Brands	2,724	
	Total Consumer Discretionary	59,176	
	CONSUMER STAPLES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
(2,509)	Cal-Maine Foods	(1,174)	
	Costco Wholesale	(1,813)	
	Flower Foods	(852)	
	McCormick & Company	(463)	
	Monster Beverage	(225)	(0.4
(13,384)	•	(13,085)	(0.0
(2,723)	The Kroger Company	93	
	Total Consumer Staples	(17,519)	(0.0
	ENERGY (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
57,751	Baker Hughes	9,007	
(6,494)	Devon Energy	(914)	
	Total Energy	8,093	
	FINANCIALS (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%)		
(8,558)	Artisan Partners 'A'	(553)	
	Atlantic Union Bankshares	(1,165)	
	Bank OZK	(1,100)	
	Blackrock	(6,131)	
	Capital One Financial	(4,325)	
	Credit Acceptance	2,410	
· · · /	CVB Financial	(378)	
(3,698)	Jack Henry & Associates	2,012	
8,247	Mastercard	71,060	0.0
(3.187)	T Rowe Price Group	3,649	
(-,)	Total Financials	66,425	0.0
	HEALTH CARE (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
(3,359)		(7 1/0)	
		(7,143)	
	CVS Health	72	
	Fortrea Holdings	(2,373)	
	Henry Schein	(272)	
2,647	Thermo Fisher Scientific	3,494	
(1,603)	Waters	(6,629)	
	Total Health Care	(12,851)	
	INDUSTRIALS (29 February 2024 - 0.01%)		
( )	Caterpillar	(7,678)	
40,739		16,273	
(1,568)	Cummins	(7,898)	
	Deere & Company	(7,423)	
(3,019)		(4,307)	
	Exponent	(4,040)	
	Kennametal	(1,024)	
(5,719)		(3,198)	
(2.293)	Snap-on	(5,993)	
	Southwest Airlines Co	(2,402)	

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	INDUSTRIALS (continued)		
(3,549	) The Timken Company	(4,280)	-
,	TransUnion	40,228	0.01
	) Trex Company	851	-
(310	) WW Grainger	(3,689)	-
	Total Industrials	5,420	0.01
	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%)		
,	Apple	81,140	0.02
(5,037	) Cognizant Technology Solutions	(3,372)	-
(2,514	) Enphase Energy	5,097	-
(1,167	) F5	(3,840)	-
(20,105	) Infosys ADR	(4,207)	-
(2,005	) International Business Machines	(5,461)	-
	) Pure Storage 'A'	32,060	0.01
	Total Information Technology	101,417	0.03
	MATERIALS (29 February 2024 - (0.01)%)		
(40,691	) Amcor	(6,037)	-
(7,058	) Ball	(1,665)	-
(3,102	) LyondellBasell Industries 'A'	(2,230)	-
(1,666	) Packaging Corporation of America	(5,584)	-
(2,796	) RPM International	(5,212)	-
	Total Materials	(20,728)	-
	<b>REAL ESTATE</b> (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
(24,669	) Apple Hospitality REIT	(3,097)	-
(2,917	) Ryman Hospitality Properties	(2,108)	-
	Total Real Estate	(5,205)	-
	UTILITIES (29 February 2024 - 0.00%)		
	Total Equity Swaps	175,452	0.04
	<b>OPTIONS</b> (29 February 2024 - 0.02%)		
	EL US Equity, Buy Call, C110 20.09.24	1,065	-
140	NKE US Equity, Buy Call, C90 18.10.24	18,321	0.01
	Total Options	19,386	0.01
	Net value of all derivative positions	194,838	0.05
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions <sup>B</sup>	388,324,064	97.54
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	9,798,836	2.46
	Total net assets	398,122,900	100.00

<sup>A</sup> These rights are unlisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.
 <sup>B</sup> Net of investment liabilities

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS for the six month period ended 31 August 2024	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	202,816,082
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	244,578,185

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains		19,094,333		49,550,065
Revenue	1,551,763		1,444,035	
Expenses	(1,414,529)		(1,461,316)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	137,234		(17,281)	
Taxation	(223,883)		(234,032)	
Net expense after taxation		(86,649)		(251,313)
Total return before distributions		19,007,684		49,298,752
Distributions		8,680		14,497
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from		40.040.004		40.040.040
investment activities		19,016,364	-	49,313,249

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 Augus	t 2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	416,037,450		402,905,631
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	6,123,942 (43,054,856)	(36,930,914)	5,382,483 (71,473,299)	(66,090,816)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,016,364		49,313,249
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		-		9
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		398,122,900	A	386,128,073

<sup>A</sup> These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

	31 August 2024 £	29 February 2024 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	388,509,942	412,432,999
Current Assets:		
Debtors	1,909,606	3,502,358
Cash and cash equivalents	10,069,107	4,795,817
Total assets	400,488,655	420,731,174
Liabilities:		
Investment liabilities	185,878	263,531
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	768,250	577,062
Other creditors	1,411,627	3,853,131
Total liabilities	2,365,755	4,693,724
Net assets attributable to shareholders	398,122,900	416,037,450

### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

#### Performance to 31 August 2024

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 year</u>	<u>21.06.2021<sup>A</sup></u>
IFSL Avellemy European Equity Fund	6.74%	14.87%	12.94%	19.72%
IA Europe excluding UK sector	4.07%	13.71%	11.73%	17.73%
<sup>A</sup> Launch period ended 21 June 2021.				

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (A Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. 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. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

#### Investment commentary

#### Sub-fund performance

The sub-fund's A Income gained 6.74% in the 6 months to 31 August 2024 while the Investment Association Europe excluding UK sector, the sub-fund's benchmark\*, rose 4.07%.

#### Market review

Much like the United Kingdom, the European Union saw inflation fall, from 2.6% to 2.2%, close to the European Central Bank (ECB)'s 2% target, and unemployment remain elevated. With industrial production getting even worse, with the likes of Volkswagen looking to close their German factories, and corporate bankruptcies rising, the ECB cut its interest rate from 4.5% to 4.25% even though it said at the time that it predicted higher inflation in 2024 and 2025.

Despite the difficulties their companies are facing, the German stock market hit new all-time highs over the period. The broader European market contains several technology companies with exposure to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) mania which also performed strongly.

#### Sub-fund performance review

The outperformance of the sub-fund was partly due to the sub-fund's allocation to smaller companies. Smaller companies are more sensitive to lower interest rates than larger companies and they performed better as talk of cutting interest rates increased.

#### Portfolio activity

There were no changes to the composition of the sub-fund in the period.

#### Investment outlook

The European Union is made up of many different nations that have their own needs and agendas. As the European Union comes under increasing stress from the Ukraine conflict, the European government could face another existential crisis. The European stock market, though, is made up of international businesses that do not represent their domestic economies. Global growth is likely to pick up, regardless of what happens in Europe, and European companies should be able to prosper in that environment. Looser monetary conditions through lower interest rates should be supportive of smaller companies which would likely prove a beneficial environment for the sub-fund.

Avellemy Limited 7 October 2024

#### Description of term\*

Benchmark - used for comparative purposes.

Distributions				
	Year 2024	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021
A Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 30 April	0.1537	0.2301	0.1271	N/A
Net income paid 31 October	1.7425	1.7202	1.7330	-
A Assumulation (nance per chare)				
A Accumulation (pence per share)	0.1612	0.0040	0.1200	N1/A
Net accumulation paid 30 April	••••	0.3648		N/A
Net accumulation paid 31 October	1.8016	1.8132	2.0600	0.0060

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

### Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Deutsche Börse	1,137,132
AXA	1,123,987
Iveco Group	980,956
SAP	980,722
Renishaw	781,777
	756,150
Hellenic Telecommunications Organization	745,097
Ryanair Holdings	739,576 690,042
Siemens Energy Evolution Gaming Group	687,191
Evolution Gaming Group	007,191
Other purchases	6,497,927
Total purchases for the period	15,120,557
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Zurich Insurance Group	1,385,441
ASML Holding	1,366,425
Zealand Pharma	1,126,371
Saab 'B'	979,394
Munters Group	762,837
MTU Aero Engines	741,209
Porsche Automobil Holding	722,406
Compagnie Financière Richemont QIAGEN	661,233
Aker BP	649,415 573,632
	575,052
Other sales	10,914,556
Total sales for the period	19,882,919

### COMPARATIVE TABLE

	od to 2022 <sup>B</sup> Dence
	00.00
	(5.04)
	(0.59)
Return after operating charges* 7.19 6.97 10.24	(5.63)
	(0.13)
	94.24
* after direct transaction costs of: 0.02 0.07 0.10	0.14
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>A</sup> 6.68%         6.80%         10.87%         (5)	.63)%
Other information	
	8,751
Closing number of shares 98,933,727 104,911,796 101,212,537 104,55	
	82% <sup>D</sup>
Direct transaction costs         0.04%         0.07%         0.11%         0	20% <sup>D</sup>
Prices (pence per share)	
<b>o</b> 1	08.60
Lowest share price 107.80 94.08 85.70	91.93
	od to
Change in net assets per share         31.08.2024         29.02.2024         28.02.2023         28.02.	
	ence
	00.00
	(6.43)
	(0.58)
Return after operating charges*7.596.8911.45Distributions on consumulation charges(4.80)(4.97)(2.42)	(7.01)
	(0.18)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares 1.80 1.97 2.42	0.18
Closing net asset value per share         118.92         111.33         104.44         9	92.99
* after direct transaction costs of: 0.03 0.07 0.11	0.14
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>A</sup> 6.82%         6.60%         12.31%         (7	.01)%
Other information	46
Closing net asset value (£) 27,115 9,326 1,692	
Closing net asset value (£)         27,115         9,326         1,692           Closing number of shares         22,801         8,377         1,620	50
Closing net asset value (£)         27,115         9,326         1,692           Closing number of shares         22,801         8,377         1,620           Operating charges         0.77% <sup>D,E</sup> 0.80% <sup>E</sup> 0.84%         0	50 82% <sup>D</sup>
Closing net asset value (£)         27,115         9,326         1,692           Closing number of shares         22,801         8,377         1,620           Operating charges         0.77% <sup>D,E</sup> 0.80% <sup>E</sup> 0.84%         0	50
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<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> This share class launched on 21 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 22 June 2021.

<sup>c</sup> This share class launched on 21 June 2021 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 7 July 2021.

<sup>D</sup> These figures have been annualised.

<sup>E</sup> On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (for all share classes)

Lower risk Higher risk				Higher risk		
Typically lower rew	vards				Туріс	ally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund 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 is used.

This sub-fund has been measured as 6 because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
1 070	EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (29 February 2024 - 0.18%) Xtrackers Euro Stoxx 50 UCITS ETF '1C' EUR	75,608	0.07
1,070	Total Exchange Traded Funds	75,608	0.07
			0.01
	<b>EQUITIES</b> (29 February 2024 - 98.00%)		
	AUSTRIA (29 February 2024 - 0.33%)		
6,442	Verbund 'A'	419,930	0.38
	Total Austria	419,930	0.38
	<b>BELGIUM</b> (29 February 2024 - 1.43%)		
10 608	Galapagos	237,161	0.21
	KBC Groep	1,096,310	0.98
	Umicore	109,147	0.10
11,000	Total Belgium	1,442,618	1.29
	Total Deigidin	1,442,010	1.23
	DENMARK (29 February 2024 - 6.05%)		
7,389		1,014,478	0.91
44,530	Novo Nordisk	4,686,142	4.19
	Novonesis 'B'	664,159	0.59
3,686	Zealand Pharma	366,824	0.33
	Total Denmark	6,731,603	6.02
	FINLAND (29 February 2024 - 2.66%)		
5,780	Fortum	70,640	0.06
	KONE 'B'	1,394,271	1.25
24,082		437,726	0.39
	Sampo	1,258,739	1.12
,	Total Finland	3,161,376	2.82
	FRANCE (29 February 2024 - 22.42%)		
27,194		872,843	0.78
41,743		1,208,156	1.08
	Danone	711,248	0.64
	Dassault Systèmes	1,029,153	0.92
	Edenred	396,543	0.35
10,658	EssilorLuxottica	1,941,730	1.74
	Hermès International	1,418,158	1.27
	Legrand	2,290,204	2.05
	L'Oréal	1,994,644	1.78
4,890	LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	2,797,282	2.50
,	Pernod Ricard	757,063	0.68
,	Pluxee	545,688	0.49
	Publicis Groupe	1,023,210	0.91
28,288		546,773	0.49
20,307	Sanofi	1,738,111	1.55
	Société des bains de mer de Monaco	945,521	0.85
15,276	Sodexo	1,047,824	0.94
	TotalEnergies	2,486,248	2.22
23,149	Ubisoft Entertainment	333,829	0.30
5,912	Veolia Environnement	149,279	0.13
62,905	Worldline	438,414	0.39
	Total France	24,671,921	22.06
	GERMANY (29 February 2024 - 13.15%)		
1.882	Beiersdorf	207,291	0.19
,	Deutsche Börse	2,979,587	2.66
	Fresenius SE & Co	856,228	0.76
	GEA Group	730,310	0.65
	Henkel	1,256,145	1.12
10,100		1,200,140	2

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	GERMANY (continued)	L	/0
30.196	Hensoldt	869,129	0.78
,	Infineon Technologies	843,902	0.75
	Knorr-Bremse	1,186,198	1.06
	MTU Aero Engines	751,930	0.67
	Porsche Automobil Holding	45,415	0.04
14,756		485,785	0.43
28,696		4,770,357	4.26
	Siemens Energy	851,255	0.76
	Symrise	1,356,572	1.21
	Zalando	456,983	0.41
,	Total Germany	17,647,087	15.75
	GREECE (29 February 2024 - Nil)		
63,041	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization	780,523	0.70
,-	Total Greece	780,523	0.70
	ITALY (29 February 2024 - 2.93%)		
154,166		893,693	0.80
	Intesa Sanpaolo	2,288,920	2.05
	Total Italy	3,182,613	2.85
	LUXEMBOURG (29 February 2024 - 0.48%)		
71,941	Grand City Properties	761,828	0.68
	Total Luxembourg	761,828	0.68
	NETHERLANDS (29 February 2024 - 11.93%)		
64,891	ABN Amro Bank	852,824	0.76
64,891	ABN Amro Bank DRIP Shares <sup>A</sup>	-	-
12,486	Airbus	1,474,921	1.32
	ASM International	451,819	0.40
9,087	ASML Holding	6,203,221	5.54
	Iveco Group	797,473	0.71
	Koninklijke Philips	1,613,969	1.44
25,027		604,993	0.54
11,188	QIAGEN	390,154	0.35
	Total Netherlands	12,389,374	11.06
	NORWAY (29 February 2024 - 2.24%)		
,	Aker BP	214,475	0.19
123,547	DNB Bank	2,002,894	1.79
	Total Norway	2,217,369	1.98
	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (29 February 2024 - 2.12%)		
	Bank of Ireland Group	894,721	0.80
3,707	New Linde Total Republic of Ireland	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
40.000	SPAIN (29 February 2024 - 2.44%)	0.000.004	0.00
	Amadeus IT Group	2,233,284	2.00
	Bankinter	814,278	0.73
122,062	CaixaBank Total Spain	559,815	0.50
	Total Spain	3,607,377	3.23

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	SWEDEN (29 February 2024 - 9.51%)		
68,822	ASSA ABLOY 'B'	1,687,238	1.51
84,151	BillerudKorsnäs	667,308	0.60
82,214	Elekta 'B'	424,376	0.38
65,494		888,737	0.79
31,252	•	798,599	0.71
7,336	Evolution Gaming Group	577,659	0.52
	Munters Group	55,769	0.05
	Mycronic	402,754	0.36
	Nordnet	424,216	0.38
	Saab 'B'	982,115	0.88
	SKF 'B'	840,963	0.75
,	Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'	679,113	0.61
	Tele2 'B'	681,445	0.61
,	Total Sweden	9,110,292	8.15
	SWITZERLAND (29 February 2024 - 18.10%)		
8 102	Compagnie Financière Richemont	984,574	0.88
	DKSH Holding	781,717	0.00
	DSM-Firmenich	955,788	0.70
	Lonza Group	1,177,518	1.05
43.090			3.15
- 1		3,520,633	
,	Novartis	263,335	0.23
	Partners Group Holding	1,513,773	1.35
	Roche Holding	5,708,024	5.10
	Sandoz Group	1,495,842	1.34
	SIG Combibloc Group	668,883	0.60
5,282		1,288,546	1.15
	Swiss Re	602,050	0.54
1,853	Tecan Group	469,433	0.42
	Total Switzerland	19,430,116	17.36
	UNITED KINGDOM (29 February 2024 - 2.21%)		
	3i Group	1,588,877	1.42
	Intertek Group	981,287	0.88
18,813	Renishaw	662,218	0.59
	Total United Kingdom	3,232,382	2.89
	UNITED STATES (29 February 2024 - Nil)		
6,995	Ryanair Holdings	582,381	0.52
	Total United States	582,381	0.52
	Total Equities	111,593,641	99.73
	Portfolio of investments	111,669,249	99.80
	Net other assets	218,763	0.20
	Total net assets	111,888,012	100.00

<sup>A</sup> These shares are unlisted entitlement shares received on a 1 for 1 basis in lieu of a dividend payment (cash or stock) and are priced at nil.

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS for the six month period ended 31 August 2024	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	15,120,557
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	19,882,919

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 August 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		5,583,293		(2,258,461)
Revenue	2,469,191		2,320,497	
Expenses	(431,620)	_	(395,304)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,037,571		1,925,193	
Taxation	(268,454)	-	(247,508)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,769,117	-	1,677,685
Total return before distributions		7,352,410		(580,776)
Distributions		(1,769,117)		(1,677,685)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		5,583,293	=	(2,258,461)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 August 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	112,911,190		103,764,228
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	1,344,631 (7,951,512)	(6,606,881)	3,565,563 (11,436,829)	(7,871,266)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,583,293		(2,258,461)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		410		140
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		111,888,012	A	93,634,641

<sup>A</sup> These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

	31 August 2024 £	29 February 2024 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	111,669,249	110,854,312
Current Assets:		
Debtors	878,164	925,145
Cash and cash equivalents	2,101,275	1,757,158
Total assets	114,648,688	113,536,615
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	722,280	179,167
Distribution payable	1,723,993	161,261
Other creditors	314,403	284,997
Total liabilities	2,760,676	625,425
Net assets attributable to shareholders	111,888,012	112,911,190

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