Investment Fund Services

# IFSL CPN OEIC

# Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023



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# **AUTHORISED STATUS**

IFSL CPN OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (OEIC Regulations). The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC142307. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA with effect from 27 February 2023. The Company has an unlimited duration.

The Company currently has two sub-funds: IFSL CPN Defensive Strategy Fund and IFSL CPN Global Opportunities 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 CPN Global Opportunities Fund**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase the value of an investment over a minimum of 5 years. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income received by the sub-fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends and interest.

#### Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell, and when.

The sub-fund will invest at least 80% in collective investment schemes, investment trusts and exchange traded funds (collectively "Investment Funds"). This could include other Investment Funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director or the Investment Manager. The Investment Funds held can be active or passive (which means that the decision on which investments to buy or sell is made based on the performance of an underlying index) funds.

Through these Investment Funds, the sub-fund will gain exposure to at least 80% in shares in companies, across both developed and emerging markets, with no minimum or maximum exposure to any geographic region, as the Investment Manager seeks attractive investment opportunities for inclusion in the sub-fund's portfolio.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be exposed, through the Investment Funds, to other asset types such as:

- Real assets, for example property and commodities (e.g. gold and oil);
- Absolute return funds, which aim to deliver positive returns in all market conditions;
- Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment
  grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be
  more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest; and
- Money market funds, which invest in short term loans.

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash (including foreign currency) and cash equivalents to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio and in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

Whilst the sub-fund itself will not use derivatives, the underlying Investment Funds purchased may have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

#### Investment strategy

The sub-fund's investment decisions reflect the Investment Manager's view of the global economy and its future prospects. When settling upon its view, the Investment Manager takes into account potential risks to the global economy and the potential outcomes of those risks, and their effects on the portfolio of the sub-fund. The Investment Manager aims to build a diversified portfolio of underlying funds which should benefit from this view. The Investment Manager conducts rigorous analysis of the underlying funds, and continuously monitors their contribution to the portfolio's overall performance. The management of the sub-fund will be appropriate to the sub-fund's risk profile so that any potential returns are balanced with appropriate risk taking.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### IFSL CPN Global Opportunities Fund (continued)

#### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created several 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics. The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Global sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector, however this benchmark is not a target for the sub-fund, nor is the sub-fund constrained by the benchmark.

The IA Global sector contains a diverse range of funds which have a global diversification in shares in companies. The sector can contain funds which focus on a particular industry or have a substantially different geographical asset allocation, this could result in the sub-fund over or underperforming the sector. The diverse range of funds within the sector should therefore be considered when assessing the sub-fund's performance. This should not prevent the sub-fund from meeting its longer-term objectives.

#### **IFSL CPN Defensive Strategy Fund**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase the value of an investment over a minimum of 5 years. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income received by the sub-fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as interest and dividends.

#### Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell, and when.

The sub-fund will invest at least 80% in collective investment schemes, investment trusts and exchange traded funds (collectively "Investment Funds"). This could include other Investment Funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director or the Investment Manager. The Investment Funds held can be active or passive (which means that the decision on which investments to buy or sell is made based on the performance of an underlying index) funds.

Through these Investment Funds, the sub-fund will employ a low risk and stable defensive strategy, by gaining exposure to at least 70% in bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, and may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest; real assets, for example properties and commodities (e.g. gold and oil); and money market funds, which invest in short term loans.

Up to 30% of the sub-fund may be exposed, through the Investment Funds, to other asset types such as:

- Absolute return funds, which aim to deliver positive returns in all market conditions; and
- Shares in companies.

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash (including foreign currency) and cash equivalents to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio and in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

Whilst the sub-fund itself will not use derivatives, the underlying Investment Funds purchased may have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

#### Investment strategy

The sub-fund's investment decisions reflect the Investment Manager's view of the global economy and its future prospects. When settling upon its view, the Investment Manager takes into account potential risks to the global economy and the potential outcomes of those risks, and their effects on the portfolio of the sub-fund. The Investment Manager aims to build a diversified portfolio of underlying funds which should benefit from this view. The Investment Manager conducts rigorous analysis of the underlying funds, and continuously monitors their contribution to the portfolio's overall performance. The management of the sub-fund will be appropriate to the sub-fund's risk profile so that any potential returns are balanced with appropriate risk taking.

#### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created several 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics. The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector, however this benchmark is not a target for the sub-fund, nor is the sub-fund constrained by the benchmark.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### IFSL CPN Defensive Strategy Fund (continued)

#### Assessing performance (continued)

The IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector contains a diverse range of funds which align to a broad set of parameters. One of these parameters is to ensure no more than 35% of a fund is invested in shares in companies. It is expected the sub-fund, from time to time, may have a lower weighting towards shares in companies than other funds in the sector. This can potentially result in the sub-fund underperforming its peers in periods where shares do well and similarly, this can also result in the sub-fund outperforming its peers in periods where shares do not perform as well. This should not prevent the sub-fund from meeting its longer-term objectives.

#### Rights and terms attached to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of a 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.

#### Assessment of value

The ACD is required to carry out an assessment of value at least annually and publish its findings in a report to investors. The subfunds of the Company will be assessed and reported on, in a report which the ACD will be publishing by 30 April 2024 on the website www.ifslfunds.com.

#### **Changes in prospectus**

No significant changes have been made since the launch of the Company on 22 March 2023.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and ACD's Reports and Financial Statements for any company / sub-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.

#### **Remuneration policy**

In line with the requirements of UCITS V, Investment Fund Services Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the European Securities and Markets Authority guidelines on sound remuneration policies under UCITS V. The remuneration policies are designed to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times and that the remuneration of its senior staff is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS funds it manages.

The quantitative remuneration disclosures as at 30 September 2023 (the ACD's year-end) are set out below:

	Number of identified staff	Total remuneration paid	Fixed remuneration paid	
		£	£	£
Remuneration paid to staff of the ACD who have a material				
impact on the risk profile of the Company				
Senior management	8	908,018	768,628	139,390
Risk takers and other identified staff	4	411,040	375,277	35,763
Allocation of total remuneration of the employees of the ACD				
to the Company				
Senior management	0.20	22,381	18,945	3,436
Risk takers and other identified staff	0.10	10,131	9,250	881

The total number of staff employed by the ACD's group was 238 as at 30 September 2023. The total remuneration paid to those staff was  $\pounds 12,464,744$ , of which  $\pounds 4,346,942$  is attributable to the ACD.

The allocation of remuneration to the Fund is based on Assets Under Management (AUM) and the figures disclosed only include remuneration paid to individuals directly employed by the ACD's group. The way these disclosures are calculated may change in the future.

# 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 2 April 2024

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# STATEMENT OF AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) requires the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising of its sub-funds and of its net revenue and the net capital gains for the period.

In preparing those financial statements the ACD is required to:

- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to UK Authorised Funds issued in May 2014 and amended in June 2017;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable accounting standards;
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL rules, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The ACD is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for ensuring that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. It is the responsibility of the ACD to take all necessary steps as a director to familiarise itself with any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE DEPOSITARY

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of IFSL CPN OEIC ("the Company") for the Period Ended 31 December 2023

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

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

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

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

(i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company, and

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Natwest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited 250 Bishopsgate London EC2M 4AA

2 April 2024

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL CPN OEIC

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of IFSL CPN OEIC ("the Company") comprising each of its sub-funds for the period ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Company, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds as at 31 December 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds for the period then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the ACD with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL CPN OEIC

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("the FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Instrument of Incorporation;
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the ACD's report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of the ACD**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 4, the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the ACD either intends to wind up or terminate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL CPN OEIC

#### Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP) including FRS 102, Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the OEIC Regulations, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the ACD and the Company's administrators and a review of the Company's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud
  might occur through discussions with management and from knowledge of our business. We also considered the risk
  of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence the net asset value of the Company and
  amounts available for distribution.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and
  regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the ACD with respect to the application of the
  documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting
  requirements of the Company.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Company, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities, including the use of specialists where appropriate, to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's Shareholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's Shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor Edinburgh

2 April 2024

Notes:

- The maintenance and integrity of the Investment Fund Services Limited website is the responsibility of the ACD; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- 2. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **1.1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

During the period under review IFSL CPN OEIC (the Company) consisted of two sub-funds: IFSL CPN Global Opportunities Fund; and IFSL CPN Defensive Strategy Fund.

These accounting policies apply to all the sub-funds of the Company.

#### **Basis of accounting**

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

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

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Revenue

Dividends from quoted ordinary securities, and distributions receivable from onshore Collective Investment Schemes are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Income from offshore collective investment schemes is recorded on the ex-dividend date and additional reported income is recognised when reported.

Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### Allocation of revenue

Revenue, attributable after expenses to multiple share classes, with the exception of the ACD's periodic charge, which is directly attributable to individual share classes, is allocated to share classes pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue is incurred.

#### Distributions from collective investment schemes

Distributions received from investments in collective investment schemes may include an element of equalisation which represents the average amount of revenue included in the price paid for the shares. Equalisation is treated as a return of capital for taxation purposes and does not carry a tax credit.

#### Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged against revenue on an accruals basis.

#### Management fee rebates

Rebates on collective investment schemes' management fees are accounted for on an accruals basis and are subsequently attributed to the revenue or capital of the sub-fund depending on the fee structure of the underlying collective investment scheme.

#### Valuation

The valuation point was 12:00 noon on 29 December 2023 being the last valuation point of the accounting period.

Investments in collective investment schemes have been valued at cancellation price for dual-priced funds or the single price for single priced funds, using the latest available published prices at the period end.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided for at 20% on taxable income less expenses. Deferred taxation is provided on a full provision basis on timing differences arising from the different treatment of items for accounting and tax purposes. Potential future liabilities and assets are recognised where the transactions, or events giving rise to them, occurred before the balance sheet date.

#### Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at 12:00 noon on 29 December 2023 being the last valuation point of the accounting period. Revenue and expenditure transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences on such transactions follow the same treatment at the principal amounts.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **1.2 DISTRIBUTION POLICIES**

The distribution policy of the sub-fund is to accumulate all available revenue, after deduction of expenses properly chargeable against revenue. Gains and losses on non-derivative instruments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distribution. Revenue recognised from holdings in accumulation shares of collective investment schemes is included in the amount available for distribution.

During the year, IFSL CPN Global Opportunities Fund was less than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by SI 2006/964, Reg. 20) and therefore qualified as an equity fund. The sub-fund paid dividend distributions.

During the year, IFSL CPN Defensive Strategy Fund was more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by SI 2006/964, Reg. 20) and therefore qualified as a bond fund. The sub-fund paid interest distributions.

It should be noted that the 60% test must be passed at all times during a distribution period if a sub-fund is to qualify as a bond fund. Because the 60% test is conducted on a distribution period basis, it is possible for a sub-fund to be a bond fund for part of its accounting period and an equity fund for the remainder. In this case, the interim and final distributions will be taken separately and will receive either dividend or interest treatment as appropriate.

#### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period. It is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of all group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to UK income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for UK capital gains tax purposes.

# **1.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

In pursuing the investment objectives, the sub-funds' hold a number of financial instruments. The sub-funds' financial instruments comprise securities held in accordance with the investment objectives and policies, together with cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for creations and payable for redemptions, and debtors for accrued income.

The main risks arising from the sub-funds' financial instruments and the ACD's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. The ACD reviews (and agrees with the Depositary) the policies for managing each of these risks. The policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the period to which these financial statements relate.

The sub-funds' are managed according to the COLL 5, 'Investment and Borrowing Powers' which helps achieve the statutory objective of protecting consumers by laying down the minimum standards for the investments that may be held by an authorised fund. In particular: (a) the proportion of transferable securities and derivatives that may be held by the authorised fund is restricted if those transferable securities and derivatives are not listed on an eligible market. The intention of this is to restrict the transferable securities and derivatives that cannot be accurately valued and readily disposed of; and (b) authorised funds are required to comply with a number of investment rules that require the spreading of risk.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss a sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. Each sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies as set out in the Prospectus.

#### Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the sub-funds' investments can be affected by foreign currency translation movements as some of a sub-fund's assets and income may be denominated in currencies other than sterling which is the sub-fund's functional currency.

The ACD has identified three areas where foreign currency risk could impact the sub-funds'. These are, movements in exchange rates affecting the value of investments, short term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movements in the period between when an investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs, and finally, movement in exchange rates affecting income received by a sub-fund. The sub-funds' convert all receipts of income, received in currency, into sterling of the day of receipt.

To manage foreign currency risk the sub-funds' are permitted to invest in forward foreign currency contracts for the purpose of reducing the exposure of the sub-funds to a foreign currency.

The foreign currency exposure within the sub-funds' is monitored to ensure that this is manageable and sensible.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES** (continued)

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the sub-funds' investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates. The sub-funds' cash holdings are held in deposit accounts, whose rates are determined by the banks concerned on a daily basis.

Interest rate risk is managed through a limit framework and investment guidelines with which the sub-funds' must comply. These include restrictions on position size, and the level of interest rate risk. The Investment Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations, the assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

#### Liquidity risk

The sub-funds' assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the sub-funds' is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Assets of the sub-funds' may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions. The liquidity of the sub-funds' assets is regularly reviewed by the ACD.

The ACD has an approved list of counterparties it uses for investment transactions which is reviewed on a regular basis.

#### **Concentration risk**

Some of the underlying collective investment schemes invest solely in certain markets, such as UK shares or fixed interest securities. This allows them to focus on those markets' potential but means that they are not spread amongst a range of markets. Securities in the same market tend to be affected by the same factors, so the collective investment schemes may experience greater fluctuations in price. The asset allocations aim to minimise this risk whenever possible, whilst still meeting the objectives of the sub-funds'.

# Derivatives and other financial instruments

The Company is permitted to use derivatives for both efficient portfolio management (including hedging) as well as for investment purposes in order to achieve the investment objective of the relevant sub-fund.

The ACD is obliged through FCA rules to put in place a risk management policy which sets out how the ACD measures and monitors these risks.

#### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### Investment commentary

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 22 March 2023 to 3 April 2023 where shares were available at 100 pence. The first valuation point was on 4 April 2023. The commentary covers the period from the end of the launch period up to 31 December 2023.

#### Market review

Over the commentary period, inflation has been the primary focus for central banks and has been a key driver in global market sentiment. At the start of the period, the United Kingdom (UK) had been at the epicentre of interest rate pain; constricted supply chains and weak productivity exacerbated inflation. This led to the Bank of England continuing to hike interest rates until August, where they now sit at 5.25% - a level not reached since 2008. Inflation began to fall more in line with other developed markets over the summer, however, real-time data painted a more worrying picture as retail sales, manufacturing activity, and house prices all dropped with unemployment rising. Despite this, the UK reported sharply lower inflation figures in the last quarter, with the headline rate dropping from 6.7% to 3.9%. The Bank of England kept interest rates unchanged at 5.25%, but markets began pricing in rate cuts for 2024, which boosted valuations.

Across the Atlantic, the United States (US) economy remained surprisingly resilient given the pace of rate hikes at the Federal Reserve, with unemployment remaining considerably low across the commentary period. The Federal Reserve were cautious with their approach to inflation favouring retaining a tighter monetary policy\*\*\* until towards the end of the fourth quarter when the higher for longer mantra was seemingly dropped. The US also posted remarkable growth figures, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rising 5.2% on an annualised basis further supporting the market's soft-landing narrative – a scenario where a central bank can handle inflation without causing a recession.

Japanese equities<sup>\*\*</sup> seem to have come back into fashion in 2023, with the cheap valuations of Japanese companies attracting investors. Japan is an outlier compared to other developed markets as the Bank of Japan has been in a multi-decade fight against deflation, so an inflationary environment is somewhat welcomed to help stimulate economic prospects.

#### Performance review

Since its inception, the sub-fund's X Accumulation shares have delivered a return of 7.90% compared to the Investment Association Global sector, the sub-fund's performance benchmark\*, which returned 7.81%.

The US led the way in equity market returns over the calendar year and this contributed to a positive impact on the performance of the sub-fund. In early Summer, we increased our exposure to the 'Magnificent Seven' – large tech and artificial intelligence (AI) stocks that dominated US stock market returns over the year - which enabled us to capitalize on the unusually narrow market.

Our exposure to China has impacted performance negatively, the bright start to the year brought about by the relaxation of the zero-COVID policy faded quickly. Concerns around China's property sector and downgraded growth forecasts due to uncertainty around its private sector have made the region one of the worst-performing across the commentary period which has led us to reduce our exposure across the last six months.

Within the portfolio, we have held a long-term bias towards small companies which have generally underperformed large companies due to their heightened sensitivity to interest rate hikes and recessionary fears. We still retain this bias, due to cheap valuations of small companies, however, we have altered the style bias in favour of more quality over growth – this means we have favoured companies that have stronger balance sheets and cash flows which we believe will be more resilient to the heightened inflationary environment whilst still retaining the upside potential which has started to be realised over the last couple of months.

#### Market outlook

Inflation is increasingly looking like it has peaked across developed economies and markets are starting to price in multiple interest rate cuts across 2024. Markets have generally performed well over the last quarter as these expectations are becoming consensus. This has led to potential opportunities emerging in equities in 2024 – a looser monetary policy\*\*\* could stimulate economies and provide the springboard for growth amongst developed market equities.

Market sentiment, however, remains fairly reactionary and data-driven which will potentially increase market volatility, especially over the first half of the year. Central banks will be cautious not to cut interest rates too early in fear that they could incur a second wave of inflation, which could lead to a return to the higher for longer narrative which would damage the outlook for equities.

CPN Investment Management LLP 29 January 2024

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

# Investment commentary (continued)

\* Benchmark - comparator for performance purposes.

\*\* Equities - alternatively known as company shares.

\*\*\* 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 an economy by increasing interest rates, whereas loose monetary policy aims to stimulate an economy by lowering interest rates.

# Distributions

Distributions	Year 2024
<u>X Accumulation (pence per share)</u> Net accumulation paid on the last day of February	0.9568
Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 UCITS ETF '2C' GBP Hedged Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD L&G Europe ex UK Equity UCITS ETF EUR L&G UK Equity UCITS ETF GBP iShares MSCI World Small Cap UCITS ETF USD HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF USD SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF SPDR MSCI USA Small Cap Value Weighted UCITS ETF Xtrackers MSCI World Value UCITS ETF '1C' Vanguard FTSE 250 UCITS ETF GBP	30,099,749 27,924,758 20,278,532 18,694,590 18,369,055 13,048,278 12,417,864 11,382,298 10,905,169 9,972,145
Other purchases	76,319,754
Total purchases for the period	249,412,192
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF Xtrackers S&P 500 UCITS ETF '2C' GBP Hedged L&G UK Equity UCITS ETF GBP L&G Europe ex UK Equity UCITS ETF EUR WS Montanaro European Income 'A' GBP UBS MSCI EMU Small Cap UCITS ETF 'A' EUR iShares MSCI World Small Cap UCITS ETF USD HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF USD Franklin FTSE China UCITS ETF	$\begin{array}{c} 15,663,149\\ 12,912,513\\ 12,029,163\\ 9,061,841\\ 7,404,375\\ 3,348,639\\ 2,045,599\\ 1,857,489\\ 1,542,802\\ 1,383,627\end{array}$
Other sales	3,975,245
Total sales for the period	71,224,442

# COMPARATIVE TABLE

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 22 March 2023 to 3 April 2023 where shares were available at 100 pence. The first valuation point was on 4 April 2023.

<u>X Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.12.2023 <sup>A</sup> pence
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	8.55
Operating charges	(0.75)
Return after operating charges*	7.80
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.96)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.96
Closing net asset value per share	107.80
* after direct transaction costs of: Performance	-
Return after charges <sup>B</sup>	7.80%
Other information Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	195,666,160 181,507,572 1.00% <sup>C</sup> 0.00%
<b>Prices</b> (pence per share) Highest share price Lowest share price	107.90 96.43

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 22 March 2023 with shares initially issued on 3 April 2023 at 100 pence.

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

<sup>C</sup> This figure has been annualised.

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

Lower risk						Higher risk
<b>~</b>						
Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 December 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	ASIA PACIFIC EXCLUDING JAPAN	L	/0
167,048	Vanguard FTSE Developed Asia Pacific ex. Japan UCITS ETF USD	4,034,209	2.06
,	Total Asia Pacific excluding Japan	4,034,209	2.06
	CHINA / GREATER CHINA		
230,592	Franklin FTSE China UCITS ETF	3,722,677	1.90
	Total China / Greater China	3,722,677	1.90
	EUROPE EXCLUDING UK		
1 001 510	L&G Europe ex UK Equity UCITS ETF EUR	13,528,397	6.92
	UBS MSCI EMU Small Cap UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	5,905,225	3.02
5,073,281	WS Lightman European 'I' <sup>A</sup>	7,733,202	3.95
	Total Europe Excluding UK	27,166,824	13.89
	EUROPE INCLUDING UK		
456,974	iShares Edge MSCI Europe Quality Factor UCITS ETF EUR	3,867,371	1.98
	Total Europe Including UK	3,867,371	1.98
	GLOBAL		
3 275 778	iShares MSCI World Small Cap UCITS ETF USD	18,105,225	9.25
	Xtrackers MSCI World Value UCITS ETF '1C'	11,681,205	5.97
,	Total Global	29,786,430	15.22
	-		
	GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS		
1,448,524	HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF USD	11,609,920	5.93
	Total Global Emerging Markets	11,609,920	5.93
62 250	INDIA / INDIAN SUBCONTINENT Franklin FTSE India UCITS ETF	1,931,291	0.99
02,350	Total India / Indian Subcontinent	1,931,291	0.99
		1,001,201	0.00
	JAPAN		
933,093	L&G Japan Equity UCITS ETF USD	9,534,344	4.87
	Total Japan	9,534,344	4.87
400.077		1 075 000	1.01
139,377	iShares MSCI EM Latin America UCITS ETF USD	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Total Latin America	1,975,009	1.01
	NORTH AMERICA		
190,397	Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD	13,558,646	6.93
324,385	Xtrackers NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF '1C'	9,882,389	5.05
273,335	Xtrackers S&P 500 UCITS ETF '2C' GBP Hedged	21,563,398	11.02
	Total North America	45,004,433	23.00
00 116	NORTH AMERICAN SMALLER COMPANIES iShares S&P SmallCap 600 UCITS ETF USD	6,169,001	3.15
	SPDR MSCI USA Small Cap Value Weighted UCITS ETF	12,303,335	6.29
240,042	Total North American Smaller Companies	18,472,336	9.44
		10, 112,000	0.11
	UK ALL COMPANIES		
	Amundi Prime UK Mid and Small Cap UCITS ETF GBP	5,747,598	2.94
	L&G UK Equity UCITS ETF GBP	9,592,785	4.90
326,812	Vanguard FTSE 250 UCITS ETF GBP	9,923,647	5.07
	Total UK All Companies	25,264,030	12.91
451 607	UK EQUITY INCOME WisdomTree UK Equity Income UCITS ETF	1,952,975	1.00
+01,007	Total UK Equity Income	1,952,975	1.00
		1,002,010	1.00

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 December 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	UK SMALLER COMPANIES		
4,167,365	WS Gresham House UK Micro Cap 'C Inst' <sup>A</sup>	7,822,978	4.00
	Total UK Smaller Companies	7,822,978	4.00
	Portfolio of investments	192,145,487	98.20
	Net other assets	3,520,673	1.80
	Total net assets	195,666,160	100.00

All investments are shares in open-ended exchange traded funds which are authorised or 'recognised' by the FCA with the exception of <sup>A</sup> which are ICVCs / unit trusts.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Notes 31 Decem		nber 2023	
		£	£	
Income:				
Net capital gains	2		12,465,057	
Revenue	4	2,653,653		
Expenses	5	(916,332)		
Net revenue before taxation		1,737,321		
Taxation	6	<u> </u>		
Net revenue after taxation			1 707 001	
Net revenue alter taxation			1,737,321	
Total return before distributions			14,202,378	
			, ,	
Distributions	7		(1,737,321)	
Change in net assets attributable t	o shareholders from			
investment activities			12,465,057	

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023	
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	188,094,136 (6,629,725)	181,464,411
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		12,465,057
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,736,692
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		195,666,160

These are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, therefore there are no comparative figures to disclose.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023 £
Assets:		_
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	15	192,145,487
Current Assets:		
Debtors	8	54,101
Cash and bank balances		3,778,375
Total assets		195,977,963
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	9	311,803
Total liabilities		311,803
Net assets attributable to sharehold	ers	195,666,160

These are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, therefore there are no comparative figures to disclose.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **1** ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 9 to 11.

# 2 NET CAPITAL GAINS 31 December 2023 £

The net gains on investments during the period comprise:

Non-derivative securities gains	12,439,135
Other currency gains	27,258
Transaction charges	(1,336)
Net capital gains	12,465,057
<b>3 PURCHASES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS</b>	31 December 2023 £
Purchases excluding transaction costs:	
Collective Investment Schemes	19,544,105
Exchange Traded Funds	229,868,087
U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U U	249,412,192
Total purchases transaction costs	- · · ·
Total purchases after transaction costs	249,412,192
Sales excluding transaction costs:	
Collective Investment Schemes	4,157,376
Exchange Traded Funds	67,067,066
	71,224,442
Total sales transaction costs	
Total sales after transaction costs	71,224,442
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Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

#### **Transaction handling charges**

These are charges payable to the depositary in respect each transaction.	1,336
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# Average portfolio dealing spread

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

	Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	0.21%
4	REVENUE	31 December 2023 £
	UK dividends Overseas dividends Bank interest	53,824 2,454,359 145,470
	Total revenue	2,653,653

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

5	EXPENSES	31 December 2023 £
	Payable to the ACD or associate:	
	ACD's periodic charge	853,076
	Registration fees	149
	KIID production costs	600
	·	853,825
	Other expenses:	
	Depositary's fees	31,054
	Safe Custody fees	6,530
	Financial Conduct Authority fee	2,523
	Audit fee	8,712
	Third party system providers fees	2,230
	Legal and professional fees	11,400
	Bank interest	58
		62,507
	Total expenses	916,332
6	ΤΑΧΑΤΙΟΝ	31 December 2023
		£
а	Analysis of the tax charge for the period	
	Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	<u> </u>

b Factors affecting the tax charge for the period The taxation assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an open ended investment company (20%). The differences are explained below.

Net revenue before taxation Corporation tax at 20%	<u> </u>
Effects of:	
Revenue not subject to taxation	(501,637)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	154,173
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	

At 31 December 2023 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of  $\pounds$ 154,173 arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

# 7 DISTRIBUTIONS

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

31 December 2023 £

	Final	1,736,692
	Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares Amounts added on issue of shares <b>Distributions</b>	2,895 (2,266) 1,737,321
	Movement between net revenue and distributions: Net revenue after taxation	<u> </u>
3	DEBTORS	31 December 2023 £
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares Accrued income Total debtors	54,072 29 54,101

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### 9 OTHER CREDITORS

168,229
115,735
27,839
311,803

# 10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 December 2023.

#### **11 RELATED PARTIES**

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the period end are £230,514.

#### 12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge (AMC) for each share class is as follows:

#### X Accumulation

<sup>A</sup> A tiered rate will be applied to the AMC. For the first £150m in value the AMC will be 0.72%, for the next £150m in value the AMC will be 0.70%, and for everything over £300m in value the AMC will be 0.68%.

#### 13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the period the ACD has issued and cancelled shares as set out below:

X Accumulation
-
188,075,417
(6,567,845)
181,507,572

# 14 RISK DISCLOSURES

#### Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £9,607,274. A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign currency risk

At the period end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 December 2023	Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
Euro	-	4,945	4,945
US dollar	12,303,335	46	12,303,381
	12,303,335	4,991	12,308,326

#### Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £615,416. A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

0.72%<sup>A</sup>

31 December 2023

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **RISK DISCLOSURES** (continued)

Interest rate risk	31 December 2023 £
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:	_
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup>	3,778,375
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	192,199,588
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(311,803)
	195,666,160

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to SONIA or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

#### Interest rate risk sensitivity

An interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments held by the sub-fund are collective investment schemes, which may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from the ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

Liquidity risk		31 December 2023 £
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:		
Within one year:	Other creditors	311,803
		311,803

#### 15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 Decemi	oer 2023
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	176,589,307	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	15,556,180	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	-	-
	192,145,487	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

#### **16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Since 29 December 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	29 December 2023 <sup>A</sup>	27 March 2024	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	107.90	113.30	5.00%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLE

# Final distribution for the period from 4 April 2023 to 31 December 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 4 April 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 4 April 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid
	31 December 2023	31 December 2023	29 February 2024
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
X Accumulation Group	1 0.9568	-	0.9568
Group	2 0.9527	0.0041	0.9568

#### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

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#### Market review

Over the commentary period, inflation has been the primary focus for central banks and has been a key driver in global market sentiment. At the start of the period, the United Kingdom (UK) had been at the epicentre of interest rate pain; constricted supply chains and weak productivity exacerbated inflation. This led to the Bank of England continuing to hike interest rates until August, where they now sit at 5.25% - a level not reached since 2008. Inflation began to fall more in line with other developed markets over the summer, however, real-time data painted a more worrying picture as retail sales, manufacturing activity, and house prices all dropped with unemployment rising. Despite this, the UK reported sharply lower inflation figures in the last quarter, with the headline rate dropping from 6.7% to 3.9%. The Bank of England kept interest rates unchanged at 5.25%, but markets began pricing in rate cuts for 2024, which boosted valuations.

Across the Atlantic, the United States (US) economy remained surprisingly resilient given the pace of rate hikes at the Federal Reserve, with unemployment remaining considerably low across the commentary period. The Federal Reserve were cautious with their approach to inflation favouring retaining a tighter monetary policy\*\*\* until towards the end of the fourth quarter when the higher for longer mantra was seemingly dropped. The US also posted remarkable growth figures, with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rising 5.2% on an annualised basis further supporting the market's soft-landing narrative – a scenario where a central bank can handle inflation without causing a recession.

Japan is an outlier compared to other developed markets as the Bank of Japan has been in a multi-decade fight against deflation, so an inflationary environment is somewhat welcomed to help stimulate economic prospects. The Japanese Yen has drastically fallen against other major currencies, with interest rate differentials being a key factor. However, with inflation falling in developed economies this trend may not continue into 2024.

#### Performance review

Since its inception, the sub-fund's X Accumulation shares have delivered a return of 1.20% compared to the Investment Association Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector, the sub-fund's performance benchmark\*, which returned 4.03%.

Shorter duration bonds have been beneficial to the portfolio's performance over the commentary period benefitting from uncertainty in an inflationary environment. We did, however, begin to add duration to the portfolio at the start of the last quarter which has also provided positive returns due to the increased optimism in markets for interest rate cuts in 2024.

We introduced a Japanese Yen holding to the portfolio in the summer, as we felt the currency was undervalued compared to other major currencies. Although, to date, the position has had a negative impact on portfolio performance, we still retain the view that the Yen has the potential to increase in value against other major currencies. In July, the Bank of Japan adjusted their Yield Curve Control\*\* policy which was seen by markets to potentially signal the start of a move away from the loose monetary policy\*\*\* that the Bank of Japan utilise and fall more in line with other central banks – which would be seen to be positive news for the valuation of the Yen. The currency has also historically been seen as a safe haven currency, providing protection in times of economic uncertainty, so is multifunctional within the portfolio.

#### Market outlook

Inflation is increasingly looking like it has peaked across developed economies and markets are starting to price in multiple interest rate cuts across 2024. Markets have generally performed well over the last quarter as these expectations are becoming consensus. This has led to potential opportunities emerging in the fixed-income universe; for example, yields\*\*\*\* on government bonds are looking attractive and would look to provide good gains if central banks cut interest rates.

Market sentiment, however, remains fairly reactionary and data-driven which will potentially increase market volatility especially over the first half of the year. Central banks will be cautious not to cut interest rates too early in fear that they could incur a second wave of inflation, which could lead to a return to the higher for longer narrative which would damage the outlook for duration.

CPN Investment Management LLP 29 January 2024

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### Investment commentary (continued)

\* Benchmark - comparator for performance purposes

\*\* Yield Curve Control – used by central banks to manage interest rates with an aim to keep long-term interest rates at a desired level.

\*\*\* 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 an economy by increasing interest rates, whereas loose monetary policy aims to stimulate an economy by lowering interest rates.

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

Distributions	
<u>X Accumulation (pence per share)</u> Net accumulation paid on the last day of February	<u>Year 2024</u> 1.634794
Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Vanguard USD Treasury Bond UCITS ETF USD AXA Global Strategic Bond 'S' GBP Vanguard UK Gilt UCITS ETF GBP iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged Fidelity Index Sterling Corporate Bond 'S' Invesco US Treasury Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged JPM Global Macro Opportunities 'C' Net iShares Core Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond UCITS ETF iShares Physical Gold ETC	$\begin{array}{c} 10,715,887\\ 9,233,949\\ 7,021,122\\ 6,023,632\\ 5,227,464\\ 5,085,656\\ 4,995,517\\ 4,570,823\\ 4,568,588\\ 4,503,154\end{array}$
Other purchases	35,692,646
Total purchases for the period	97,638,438
Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Vanguard USD Treasury Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares UK Property UCITS ETF GBP iShares £ Corp Bond 0-5yr UCITS ETF GBP Fidelity Index Sterling Corporate Bond 'S' Invesco US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year UCITS ETF GBP Hedged Legal & General Emerging Markets Government Bond (Local Currency) Index 'I' GBP iShares Physical Gold ETC UBS Global Strategic Bond 'R' GBP M&G Strategic Corporate Bond 'I' Sterling SPDR Morningstar Multi-Asset Global Infrastructure UCITS ETF	5,289,915 3,622,949 2,605,444 2,264,780 1,799,131 1,501,515 1,497,593 1,405,513 1,400,423 1,196,020
Other sales	4,767,121
Total sales for the period	27,350,404

# **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 22 March 2023 to 3 April 2023 where shares were available at 100 pence. The first valuation point was on 4 April 2023.

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 31.12.2023 <sup>A</sup> pence
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	1.84
Operating charges	(0.71)
Return after operating charges*	1.13
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.63
Closing net asset value per share	101.13
* after direct transaction costs of: <b>Performance</b> Return after charges <sup>B</sup>	- 1.13%
	1.1070
Other informationClosing net asset value (£)Closing number of sharesOperating chargesDirect transaction costs	76,538,720 75,684,887 0.98% <sup>C</sup> 0.00%
<b>Prices</b> (pence per share) Highest share price Lowest share price	101.30 95.86

<sup>A</sup> This share class launched on 22 March 2023 at 100 pence with shares initially issued on 3 April 2023 at 100 pence.

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

<sup>C</sup> This figure has been annualised.

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

Lower risk						Higher risk
<ul><li>≺</li><li>Typically lower rew</li></ul>	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 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past.

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 December 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	GLOBAL CORPORATE BOND	~	70
1 183 383	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	5,395,043	7.05
1,100,000	Total Global Corporate Bond	5,395,043	7.05
	GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS BOND	0,000,010	1.00
17,254	PIMCO Emerging Markets Advantage Local Bond Index UCITS ETF USD	1,504,549	1.97
114.251	Vanguard USD Emerging Markets Government Bond UCITS ETF	3,772,568	4.93
,_0	Total Global Emerging Markets Bond	5,277,117	6.90
	GLOBAL MIXED BOND		
1,009,434	iShares Core Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	4,644,406	6.07
	Total Global Mixed Bond	4,644,406	6.07
	STERLING CORPORATE BOND		
3,458,535	Fidelity Index Sterling Corporate Bond 'S <sup>A</sup>	3,142,667	4.11
	Total Sterling Corporate Bond	3,142,667	4.11
	STERLING STRATEGIC BOND		
8,956,884	AXA Global Strategic Bond 'S' GBP <sup>A</sup>	9,279,332	12.12
	Total Sterling Strategic Bond	9,279,332	12.12
	UK GILTS		
303,593	Vanguard UK Gilt UCITS ETF GBP	6,264,641	8.18
	Total UK Gilts	6,264,641	8.18
	UK INDEX-LINKED GILTS		
10,887	Amundi UK Government Inflation-Linked Bond UCITS ETF	1,598,865	2.09
	Total UK Index-Linked Gilts	1,598,865	2.09
	USD GOVERNMENT BOND		
	Invesco US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	2,238,441	2.92
	Invesco US Treasury Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	5,338,936	6.98
	iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	736,784	0.96
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	1,478,617	1.93
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged	768,445	1.00
	Vanguard USD Treasury Bond UCITS ETF USD	5,296,416	6.92
	Total USD Government Bond	15,857,639	20.71
05.044	COMMODITIES AND NATURAL RESOURCES	0 000 070	0.05
	iShares Physical Gold ETC	3,023,878	3.95
289,321	L&G All Commodities UCITS ETF USD	3,020,511	3.95
	Total Commodities and Natural Resources	6,044,389	7.90
110 /50	GLOBAL SPDR Morningstar Multi-Asset Global Infrastructure UCITS ETF	3,109,492	4.06
119,400	Total Global	3,109,492	4.00
	PROPERTY OTHER		
168 1/8	iShares UK Property UCITS ETF GBP	804,336	1.05
100,140	Total Property Other	804,336	1.05
	SHORT TERM MONEY MARKET		
3 4 2 9	Lyxor Smart Overnight Return UCITS ETF 'C' GBP	3,773,443	4.93
5,723	Total Short Term Money Market	3,773,443	4.93
	SPECIALIST		
53 397	Cohen & Steers Diversified Real Assets 'FX' GBP <sup>A</sup>	770,716	1.01
	iShares £ Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF GBP	695,610	0.91
0,000	Total Specialist	1,466,326	1.92
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# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 December 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	TARGETED ABSOLUTE RETURN		
2,772,893	JPM Global Macro Opportunities 'C' Net <sup>A</sup>	4,428,310	5.79
	Total Targeted Absolute Return	4,428,310	5.79
	Portfolio of investments	71,086,006	92.88
	Net other assets	5,452,714	7.12
	Total net assets	76,538,720	100.00

All investments are shares in open-ended exchange traded funds which are authorised or 'recognised' by the FCA with the exception of <sup>A</sup> which are ICVCs / unit trusts.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 Decemb	oer 2023
		£	£
Income:			
Net capital gains	2		15,454
Revenue	4	1,505,923	
Expenses	5	(386,624)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,119,299	
Taxation	6	<u> </u>	
Net revenue after taxation			1,119,299
Total return before distributions			1,134,753
Distributions	7		(1,119,299)
Change in net assets attributable to sl	areholders from		
investment activities			15,454

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

	31 December 2023	
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	78,485,603 (3,199,630)	
		75,285,973
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15.454
		10,404
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,237,293
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		76,538,720

These are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, therefore there are no comparative figures to disclose.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	31 December 2023 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	15	71,086,006
Current Assets:		
Debtors	8	27,794
Cash and bank balances		5,527,490
Total assets		76,641,290
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	9	102,570
Total liabilities		102,570
Net assets attributable to shareho	Iders	76,538,720

These are the first annual financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund, therefore there are no comparative figures to disclose.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

# 1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 9 to 11.

#### 2 NET CAPITAL GAINS

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The net gains on investments during the period comprise:

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97,638,438
7,545,366
19,805,038
27,350,404
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27,350,404

31 December 2023 £

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Transaction costs are commissions paid to agents, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties associated with investment transactions on the sub-fund. These exclude any differences between quoted bid and offer prices or internal administrative on holding costs.

#### **Transaction handling charges**

	These are charges payable to t	he depositary in respect each transaction.	
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#### Average portfolio dealing spread

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

	Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	0.10%
4	REVENUE	31 December 2023 £
	Overseas dividends Overseas dividends (unfranked)	101,782 1,090,352
	Interest distributions	197,826
	Bank interest	115,963
	Total revenue	1,505,923

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

5	EXPENSES	31 December 2023 £
	Payable to the ACD or associate:	~
	ACD's periodic charge	344,185
	Registration fees	149
	KIID production costs	600
		344,934
	Other expenses:	i
	Depositary's fees	13,204
	Safe Custody fees	2,162
	Financial Conduct Authority fee	2,523
	Audit fee	8,712
	Third party system providers fees	2,169
	Legal and professional fees	11,400
	Bank interest	1,520
		41,690
	Total expenses	386,624
6	TAXATION	31 December 2023
		£
а	Analysis of the tax charge for the period	
	Overseas Tax	
	Total tax charge (see note 6(b))	-
b	Factors affecting the tax charge for the period	
	The taxation assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an company (20%). The differences are explained below.	open ended investment
	Net revenue before taxation	1,119,299

Net revenue before taxation	1,119,299
Corporation tax at 20%	223,860
Effects of:	
Revenue not subject to taxation	(20,356)
Deductible interest distributions	(203,504)
Total tax charge (see note 6(a))	

# 7 DISTRIBUTIONS

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

31 December 2023 £

Final	1,237,293
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	16,341
Amounts added on issue of shares	(134,335)
<b>Distributions</b>	1,119,299
Movement between net revenue and distributions:	1,119,299
Net revenue after taxation	1,119,299
DEBTORS	31 December 2023 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	27,662
Accrued income	16
Currency receivables	<u>116</u>
<b>Total debtors</b>	27,794

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

# 9 OTHER CREDITORS

Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	33,029
ACD's periodic charge	46,226
Accrued expenses	23,315
Total other creditors	102,570

# 10 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 December 2023.

# 11 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders and note 7. Amounts due to/from the ACD in respect of share transactions at the period end are disclosed in notes 8 and 9. Amounts paid to the ACD or associates in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and other fees are disclosed in note 5. Amounts due to the ACD at the period end are £52,215.

# 12 SHARE CLASSES

The share classes in issue for the sub-fund and the annual management charge (AMC) for each share class is as follows:

#### X Accumulation

<sup>A</sup> A tiered rate will be applied to the AMC. For the first £150m in value the AMC will be 0.72%, for the next £150m in value the AMC will be 0.70%, and for everything over £300m in value the AMC will be 0.68%.

# 13 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS RECONCILIATION

During the period the ACD has issued and cancelled shares as set out below:

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# 14 RISK DISCLOSURES

#### Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £3,554,300. A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign currency risk

At the period end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 December 2023	Investments	Net other assets	Total
	£	£	£
Euro	-	1,217	1,217
Japanese yen	-	2,274,849	2,274,849
US dollar	6,882,060	5	6,882,065
	6,882,060	2,276,071	9,158,131

# Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £457,907. A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

0.72%<sup>A</sup>

31 December 2023 £

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period from 22 March 2023 to 31 December 2023

#### **RISK DISCLOSURES** (continued)

Interest rate risk	31 December 2023 £
The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:	-
Financial assets floating rate <sup>A</sup> Financial assets interest bearing instruments	5,527,490 55,928,763
Financial assets non-interest bearing instruments	15,185,037
Financial liabilities non-interest bearing instruments	(102,570)
	76,538,720

<sup>A</sup> Floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to SONIA or an international equivalent borrowing rate. Interest on investments is variable based on the distribution received from underlying investments.

#### Interest rate risk sensitivity

An interest rate sensitivity disclosure has not been included because the investments held by the sub-fund are collective investment schemes, which may invest in interest bearing financial assets, however, information regarding these investments is not available from the ACD/fund managers as at the sub-fund's balance sheet date.

Liquidity risk	31 December 2023 ج
The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liability	ties:

Within one year:	Other creditors	102,570
		102,570

# 15 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 Decemb	per 2023
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	53,464,981	-
Level 2 - Observable market data	17,621,025	-
Level 3 - Unobservable data	-	-
	71,086,006	-

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

#### 16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 29 December 2023, the Net Asset Value per share has changed as follows:

	Net Asset Value (Pence per Share)		
	29 December 2023 <sup>A</sup>	27 March 2024	Movement (%)
X Accumulation	101.20	101.20	0.00%

<sup>A</sup> These Net Asset Values differ from those in the Comparative Table as they are the quoted Net Asset Values.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLE

# Final distribution for the period from 4 April 2023 to 31 December 2023

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 4 April 2023 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 4 April 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid
	31 December 2023	31 December 2023	29 February 2024
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
	_		
X Accumulation Group 7	1.634794	-	1.634794
Group 2	1.363861	0.270933	1.634794

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