IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024



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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>	3 years	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund	5.44%	12.34%	6.18%	26.23%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	5.67%	12.52%	5.48%	25.96%

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (P Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

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 unit class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

Performance statement

During the period under review, the Fund's P Accumulation shares returned +5.44%. The Investment Association 40-85% Shares sector average, which is the Fund's benchmark*, returned 5.67% over the same period.

Market review

In Q1 2024, the global economy has been marked by inflation falling and, outside of the US, a low level of economic growth. The overall outlook remained optimistic, with anticipation of gradual recovery throughout the year, fuelled by interest rate cuts and better earnings from companies. In Q2 2024, some data from the US suggested that the world's largest economy may be slowing, but resilience has been the overarching theme. Major global central banks have maintained their stance on progressively reducing interest rates, with the first to cut being the European Central Bank (ECB) in June, followed by the Bank of England in August. Investors, having witnessed the robustness in the economy and corporate earnings, are now not expecting rate cuts as quickly, and watch for signs of economic slowdown. August proved to be a volatile month for equities*, driven by weak US payroll data and a surprise Bank of Japan interest rate rise. Markets largely recovered from this and ended the month positively, with the expectation that the Federal Reserve will cut rates in September.

Fund performance and activity

The decision was taken to reduce the exposure to European equities relative to the benchmark to finance an increase in exposure to Japanese equities. The overweight to Japan contributed positively to performance. In fixed income* the Fund had more exposure to United Kingdom (UK) and global government bonds than the benchmark, which negatively impacted during the reporting period.

The Fund invests in funds across the different asset classes. In equities, the exposure to US growth and technology companies using a fund called NASDAQ 100 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF), was a strong performer during the period. The other fund invested in the US, the iShares S&P500 Equal Weighted ETF is equally weighted across the invested companies. Hence, relative to its benchmark where each company is weighted by its market capitalisation, it has less exposure to the largest US companies and a broader exposure across sectors. As the US economy has been more resilient, and the largest companies have performed well, this holding has performed less well than the benchmark. This type of exposure should perform better as and when interest rate cuts start to materialise.

Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond continued to demonstrate good performance. Broadly, the funds with exposure to shorter-dated bonds (which typically hold bonds which mature within 5 years or less) performed better, whilst exposure to longer-dated bonds (typically with maturity greater than 10 years) negatively impacted performance.

Other positive fund performances were GQG Partners US Equity and Aegon High Yield Bond. Evenlode Income and Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities struggled in the latter part of the reporting period due to underperformance of specific stocks.

Market outlook and Fund strategy

The most recent data from the US suggested that the world's largest economy is beginning to show signs of slowing, and it is expected that the US Central Bank will cut rates in September, the question is whether the cut will be 0.25% or 0.50%. Markets currently expect a 0.25% cut. In Europe, growth and manufacturing data has been weaker than expected, and this means that a further rate cut could be announced by the ECB.

The Multi-Asset team's central case is a modest rather than significant slowdown in global economic growth, with falling inflation leading to interest rate cuts. This sets the stage for government bonds to outshine cash, so our conviction for the overweight government bonds is still high. Meanwhile in equities, there may be a broadening out of the recovery, so very large technology companies no longer dominate equity performance.

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

Investment commentary (continued)

Market outlook and Fund strategy (continued)

The team feel that there is less likelihood that the global economy could remain stronger for longer than the team's current view, and the risks have increased that the economic picture turns out to be less positive. This is only likely to accelerate the pace of interest rate cuts, potentially leading to more significant performance from government bonds. Although this scenario could initially impact equities negatively, lower interest rates would be likely to stimulate economic activity, driving equity market gains.

Marlborough Investment Management Limited 30 September 2024

Explanation of terms*

Total sales for the period

Benchmark - Comparator for performance purposes.

Equity (equities) - Shares of ownership in a company.

Fixed income - A loan in the form of a security, usually issued by a government or company, which normally pays a fixed rate of interest over a given time period, at the end of which the initial amount borrowed is repaid. Also referred to as a bond.

Distributions Year 2024 Year 2023 Year 2022 Year 2021 A Accumulation (pence per unit) Net accumulation paid 30 April 0.4882 2.1654 1.7574 0.3871 P Accumulation (pence per unit) 3.6823 2.4113 Net accumulation paid 30 April 4.1672 2.0453 Portfolio changes Largest purchases Cost (£) SPDR S&P 500 UCITS ETF 4,847,250 iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP 1,884,507 SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF 1,663,534 iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD 1,370,038 JPM Emerging Markets Income 'C' Net 1.298.700 Xtrackers S&P Europe ex. UK UCITS ETF '1D' EUR 1,191,477 Vanguard Global Short-Term Corporate Bond Index GBP Hedged 991,800 iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged 948,442 iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index 'D' GBP 733,900 iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged 716,638 Other purchases 5,645,063 Total purchases for the period 21,291,349 Largest sales Proceeds (£) Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF '1C' USD 2.621.906 Roval London Short-Term Money Market 'Y' 1.781.700 Xtrackers NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF '1C' 1,771,784 Xtrackers II Global Government Bond UCITS ETF '2D' GBP Hedged 1,752,944 iShares Edge MSCI USA Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD 1,706,319 SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF 1.673.660 Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity 'I' GBP 1.294.703 iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF GBP 1,188,417 Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets UCITS ETF USD 1,124,837 iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged 946,654 Other sales 5,822,596

21,685,520

AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund (the Fund) is an authorised unit trust scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a non-UCITS scheme operating under the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and the Investment Fund Sourcebook (FUND) as issued by the Financial Conduct Authority.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Investment objective

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

Investment policy

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in other funds, including exchange traded funds (which typically track an index) and investment trusts. This may include other funds operated by the Manager or its associates. Through these investments, the Fund will be exposed to a range of asset classes, creating a medium risk portfolio.

Between 40-85% of the Fund will be exposed to shares in companies, both UK and overseas, but typically this will be between 65-85%.

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

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

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

The Fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. Investments will span a range of developed and emerging markets globally with no maximum or minimum exposure to any one market or geographical region.

Decisions around asset allocation are based on the Investment Manager's research process which considers the potential for loss as well as the overall return projections for an asset class, which are based on a combination of past and forward looking asset class assumptions over a 5-7 year period.

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

Performance target

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

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into 30 broad groups with similar characteristics. This Fund aims to be in the top half of all funds included in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector.

Rights and terms attaching to each unit class

A unit of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the Fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each unit in the event the Fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

Taskforce on climated related financial disclosures

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 AFM's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

Leverage

In accordance with the Alternative Investment Fund Manager Directive (AIFMD) the AFM are required to disclose the 'leverage' of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which a fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives. 'Exposure' is defined in two ways: 'gross method; and 'commitment method'. The Fund must not exceed maximum exposures under both methods. 'Gross method' exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund (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 Fund (both positive and negative), but after netting off any derivative and security positions as specified by AIFMD rules.

The Fund is subject to a maximum level of incremental leverage of 10 per cent (or 1:10) under the commitment method and 60 per cent (or 0.6:1) under the gross method.

For clarification, under the UK AIFM Regime this means the maximum level of leverage is 110 per cent (or 1.1:1) under the commitment method and 160 per cent (or 1.6:1) under the gross method.

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

nd Name Gross Method Co		Gross Method		ent Method
	Total	Utilisation	Total	Utilisation
IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund	99.35%	62.09%	99.35%	90.32%

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

Fund Name	Gross Method		Name Gross Method Commitme		ent Method
	Total	Utilisation	Total	Utilisation	
IFSL Marlborough Balanced Fund	98.39%	61.49%	98.39%	89.45%	

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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

Allan Hamer Director

Investment Fund Services Limited 20 October 2024

Helen Redmond Director

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

A Accumulation units Change in net assets per unit	Period to 31.08.2024	Year to 29.02.2024	Year to 28.02.2023	Year to 28.02.2022
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per unit	239.00	225.00	226.31	221.32
Return before operating charges*	14.48	18.36	3.15	9.74
Operating charges	(2.38)	(4.36)	(4.46)	(4.75)
Return after operating charges*	12.10	14.00	(1.31)	4.99
Distributions on accumulation units	-	(2.17)	(1.76)	(0.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	054.40	2.17	1.76	0.49
Closing net asset value per unit	251.10	239.00	225.00	226.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	5.06%	6.22%	(0.58)%	2.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	28,512,770	27,130,341	27,115,337	27,585,219
Closing number of units	11,355,338	11,351,477	12,051,059	12,189,100
Operating charges	1.91% ^{B.C}	1.93% ^B	2.00%	2.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^C	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%
Prices (pence per unit)				
Highest unit price	251.56	239.76	232.61	247.33
Lowest unit price	240.10	218.23	211.13	219.94
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^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each unit class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each unit class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the 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 fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average units in issue for the pence per unit figures.

^B 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.

^C These figures have been annualised.

SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all unit classes)

Lower risk						Higher risk	
							
Typically lower rew	rards				Typic	cally higher rewards	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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

The Fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets
	INTERNATIONAL FIXED INTEREST (29 February 2024 - 13.18%)	~	,,
474.685	Aegon High Yield Bond 'S' Sterling	656,062	1.01
	AXA Global Short Duration Bond 'ZI' GBP	726,785	1.12
	FTF Brandywine Global Income Optimiser 'S' GBP	621,268	0.95
	iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index 'D' GBP	1,331,278	2.04
231,125	iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged A	1,071,380	1.65
328,689	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged A	1,534,813	2.36
130,349	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD A	462,616	0.71
8,996	Vanguard Global Credit Bond GBP Hedged	1,055,568	1.62
	Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index GBP Hedged	533,458	0.82
9,348	Vanguard Global Short-Term Corporate Bond Index GBP Hedged	1,027,331	1.58
	Total International Fixed Interest	9,020,559	13.86
	UNITED KINGDOM FIXED INTEREST (29 February 2024 - 8.55%)		
352.648	iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP A	3,671,066	5.64
	iShares Over 15 Years Gilts Index 'D' GBP	1,106,529	1.70
	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond 'Inst'	1,953,319	3.00
, ,-	Total United Kingdom Fixed Interest	6,730,914	10.34
	EMERGING MARKETS EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 3.16%)		
196,459	Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Leading Companies 'B'	1,112,156	1.71
1,192,674	JPM Emerging Markets Income 'C' Net	1,309,556	2.01
	Total Emerging Markets Equities	2,421,712	3.72
	EUROPEAN EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 7.34%)		
363.234	BlackRock European Dynamic 'FD' GBP	1,158,224	1.78
	IFSL Marlborough European Special Situations 'P'	6,716	0.01
	iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ESG UCITS ETF EUR A	1,544,402	2.37
600,707	Janus Henderson European Focus 'I' GBP	2,358,978	3.62
19,192	Xtrackers S&P Europe ex. UK UCITS ETF '1D' EUR A	1,177,621	1.81
	Total European Equities	6,245,941	9.59
	FAR EAST EX. JAPAN EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 4.54%)		
489,704	Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities 'W'	1,372,150	2.11
8,076	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD A	1,110,193	1.70
	Total Far East ex. Japan Equities	2,482,343	3.81
	JAPANESE EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 6.31%)		
26.344	iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI UCITS ETF USD A	1,149,125	1.76
	M&G Japan 'I' Sterling	1,714,814	2.63
,-	Total Japanese Equities	2,863,939	4.39
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 18.09%)		
360.457	Fidelity UK Smaller Companies 'W'	1,561,139	2.40
	IFSL Evenlode Income 'C'	3,083,929	4.74
	iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP A	4,369,087	6.71
	Vanguard FTSE UK Equity Income Index 'A' GBP	2,382,337	3.66
•	Total United Kingdom Equities	11,396,492	17.51
	UNITED STATES EQUITIES (29 February 2024 - 26.15%)		
126.757	GQG Partners US Equity 'I' GBP	2,309,516	3.55
	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD ^A	3,166,782	4.86
	SPDR S&P 500 UCITS ETF A	4,999,843	7.68
	Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD ^A	1,884,654	2.89
	Xtrackers NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF '1C' A	1,748,158	2.69
	Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF '1C' USD A	3,571,274	5.48
	Total United States Equities	17,680,227	27.15
			

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 August 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	SPECIALIST (29 February 2024 - 1.80%)		
	EEA Life Settlements GBP New Run-Off Cell B	523,799	0.80
24,798	Xtrackers IE Physical Gold ETC USD ^A	729,303	1.12
	Total Specialist	1,253,102	1.92
	INFRASTRUCTURE (29 February 2024 - 2.28%)		
848,049	IFSL Marlborough Global Essential Infrastructure 'X'	892,233	1.37
394,086	M&G Global Listed Infrastructure 'I' Sterling	649,139	1.00
	Total Infrastructure	1,541,372	2.37
	EMERGING MARKETS FIXED INTEREST (29 February 2024 - 2.37%)		
10.496	iShares JPMorgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF USD A	713,623	1.10
	M&G Emerging Markets Bond 'I' Sterling	1,090,286	1.67
,	Total Emerging Market Fixed Interest	1,803,909	2.77
	Portfolio of investments	63,440,510	97.43
	Net other assets	1,675,644	2.57
	Total net assets	65,116,154	100.00

All investments are units/shares in unit trusts and ICVCs which are authorised or 'recognised' by the FCA with the exception of A which are open ended exchange traded funds and B which are unregulated ICVCs.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024	£
Total purchases cost, including transaction charges	21,291,349
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	21,685,520

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,931,922		(236,279)
Revenue	728,155		748,602	
Expenses	(366,643)		(342,064)	
Net revenue before taxation	361,512		406,538	
Taxation	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u> _	
Net revenue after taxation		361,512		406,538
Total return before distributions		3,293,434		170,259
Distributions		(4,538)		1,620
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from				
investment activities		3,288,896		171,879

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024		31 Augus	st 2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders	А	62,666,695		62,146,969
Amounts receivable on issue of units Amounts payable on cancellation of units Amounts payable on unit class conversions	1,293,797 (2,133,222) 	(839,425)	959,385 (1,990,233) (9,080)	(1,039,928)
Dilution adjustment		-		295
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		3,288,896		171,879
Retained distribution on accumulation units		(12)		(6)
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		65,116,154	А	61,279,209

^A These figures are not the same as the comparatives are taken from the preceding interim period and not the last annual accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2024

	31 August 2024 £	29 February 2024 £
Assets:	~	~
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	63,440,510	61,749,672
Current Assets:		
Debtors	41,687	95,644
Cash and cash equivalents	1,746,602	1,056,622
Total assets	65,228,799	62,901,938
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	30,662	31,923
Other creditors	81,983	203,320
Total liabilities	112,645	235,243
Net assets attributable to unitholders	65,116,154	62,666,695

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 Association in May 2014, and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Fund. 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 29 February 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the Fund have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 30 August 2024.

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