

Investment Fund Services

IFSL Marlborough Special Situations Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited
Financial Statements

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

IFSL MARLBOROUGH SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUND

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AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

Performance to 20 June 2024

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Marlborough Special Situations Fund	11.73%	10.96%	(22.74)%	13.31%
IA UK All Companies sector	8.17%	11.55%	9.31%	24.10%

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 6-month period from 21 December 2023 to 20 June 2024, the price of the 'P' class units rose 11.73%. This compares to a rise of 8.17% in the IA UK All Companies benchmark*.

Market review

Major equity indices in the USA, Europe and the UK hit record highs towards the end of the reporting period as market participants grew increasingly confident that interest rates have peaked and that inflation, whilst potentially being more resilient than expected, has stabilised and is broadly heading downward.

After a torrid couple of years, several small and mid-cap UK listed stocks showed a marked improvement and positively contributed to the Fund's return. This is a trend we expect to continue as fundamentals continue to progress and the attractive valuation relative to international peers, particularly those in the US, narrows.

Encouragingly, UK consumer confidence hit a two year high in May as wage increases and a stable employment environment provided support, although cost of living pressures remain. Bank of England governor, Andrew Bailey, buoyed markets in the same month stating that the next move in interest rates will be down; such a move should be supportive for equities. Interestingly, both the European Central Bank and the Bank of Canada cut their interest rates during the period.

Political noise was particularly prevalent in the latter half of the reporting period after former Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, surprised the nation by calling an election on 4th July despite the polls forecasting significant losses for the Conservative party. Indeed, the Conservative party lost seats in dramatic fashion and Sir Kier Starmer's Labour party won a resounding majority. Financial markets were relaxed in the run up to, and post, the election given the almost inevitable result. It is our hope that political stability will now ensue. While it remains very early days under this new government, our assumption is that the Labour party will have to maintain an air of fiscal prudence given the importance of the Government bond market, which demonstrated its power in September 2022 during Liz Truss's short reign.

Fund performance and activity

Biggest winners during the period included IG Design, Renold, Trustpilot, Spirent Communications, Zegona Communications, Molten Ventures, 1Spatial, Cohort, Puretech Health and GlobalData.

Largest losers during the period included YouGov, CVS Group, SSP Group, Inspecc, Procook, Focusrite, Enteq Technologies, Agronomics, Genus and Thungela Resources.

IG Design, the designer and manufacturer of gifting products, rose 63%. After a very challenging couple of years and having reset expectations, management demonstrated that efforts to drive operational efficiency and simplify the business model were paying off as the company reported growth, which was ahead of expectations, in earnings and profit margin. Furthermore, the group's balance sheet continued to strengthen, ending its reporting period with a significant net cash balance. Moving forward, IG Design is focusing on growth opportunities whilst ensuring resilience so it can successfully navigate both good and bad economic environments, something the business has struggled to do in the past.

YouGov, the research and data analytics company, fell 62% following a negative trading update in June where the company highlighted slower sales traction, resulting in revenue and profits materially below expectations. Management highlighted that the Data Products division has been the main problem, with weakness seen in the Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) region. Whilst disappointing, we believe the business can still prosper over the medium to long term; a view likely held by the chairman and CEO following their purchases of stock after the announcement.

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Investment commentary (continued)

Investment outlook

The prospects for the UK are improving, with inflation appearing to be under control, unemployment remaining low and projections for growth increasing. Having been an investment pariah for some time, the UK is looking more stable than it has in political and economic terms, particularly relative to other leading nations, which could bode well for investors.

Irrespective of the geopolitical and macroeconomic environment, many portfolio companies are either trading well or showing tangible signs of recovery. We are encouraged to see solid fundamentals being rewarded with increasing share prices. It must be reiterated that the long-term fundamentals of many of our holdings remain compelling and we continue to see this value highlighted by continuing interest in our assets from both trade and financial acquirers.

Canaccord Genuity Asset Management Limited
11 July 2024

* Explanation of terms used

Benchmark – Comparator for performance purposes

Distributions

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
<u>A Accumulation (pence per unit)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 20 February	6.0461	0.1820	-	-
Net accumulation paid 20 August	3.3093	4.3648	-	-
<u>P Accumulation (pence per unit)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 20 February	12.7856	7.2258	4.1988	3.2360
Net accumulation paid 20 August	10.4051	11.3653	6.0825	4.0853

Portfolio changes

Largest purchases

	<u>Cost (£)</u>
The City Pub Group	4,863,252
Liontrust Asset Management	3,652,678
Inchcape	3,045,803
BT Group	2,899,034
Hecla Mining Company	2,857,084
Halma	2,719,225
Baytex Energy	2,715,532
discoverIE Group	2,555,900
Chord Energy	2,528,048
Trustpilot Group	2,524,249
Other purchases	65,045,201
Total purchases for the period	95,406,006

Largest sales

	<u>Proceeds (£)</u>
DX (Group)	19,000,000
Lok'nStore Group	11,036,631
The City Pub Group	8,179,430
Smart Metering Systems	7,342,363
FD Technologies	7,188,581
Reach	5,800,583
Cerillion	5,083,026
TP ICAP Group	4,936,211
MP Evans Group	4,809,798
Kin and Carta	4,583,420
Other sales	113,532,408
Total sales for the period	191,492,451

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AUTHORISED STATUS

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Investment objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth, that is, to increase the value of your investment, however, there is no certainty this will be achieved.

Investment policy

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in the shares of companies listed in the UK, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or with significant business operations in the UK. This will include a range of small, medium and large companies. In any event, at least 60% of the Fund shall be invested in smaller companies, defined as companies with a market capitalisation of less than £2.5bn at the time of purchase.

The aim of the investment team is to identify companies which they believe show good long-term growth potential, or which appear to be under-valued given their future prospects.

The team consider economic and market conditions, but the main focus is on individual company analysis and selection.

Following the same investment philosophy, the Fund may also invest in companies which are listed on overseas stock exchanges, other securities which offer returns linked to the company performance, such as, preference shares, convertible bonds and warrants.

The Fund may, from time to time, hold shares in companies that become unquoted following investment, due to a delisting or other corporate event, for example. The Fund will not make new investment into the shares of companies that are unquoted.

The Fund is actively managed, which means the investment manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The Fund invests in a diverse portfolio of investments and is not constrained by any industry or sector.

The Fund may hold cash to enable ready settlement of liabilities (including the redemption of units), for the efficient management of the Fund and in order to meet its objective.

Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors' as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

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

Investors should note that whilst the IA UK All Companies sector is representative of the general nature of the Fund, the sector also contains other funds investing across the market capitalisation spectrum from large companies to small companies. Due to the Fund investing at least 60% in smaller companies, the Fund is likely to have a greater weighting to smaller companies than the average fund in the sector. When shares of larger companies are performing better than shares of smaller companies the Fund is more likely to underperform the sector. Conversely, the Fund is more likely to outperform when shares of smaller companies perform better than shares of larger companies.

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 climate related financial disclosures

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

Changes in prospectus

There have been no significant changes 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.

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DIRECTORS' 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



Helen Redmond
Director

Investment Fund Services Limited
26 July 2024

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>A Accumulation units</u>	Period to 20.06.2024	Year to 20.12.2023	Year to 20.12.2022	Year to 20.12.2021
Change in net assets per unit	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per unit	1,588.37	1,625.84	2,337.84	1,976.27
Return before operating charges*	192.31	(12.05)	(681.99)	397.48
Operating charges	(12.72)	(25.42)	(30.01)	(35.91)
Return after operating charges*	179.59	(37.47)	(712.00)	361.57
Distributions on accumulation units	(3.31)	(10.41)	(0.18)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation units	3.31	10.41	0.18	-
Closing net asset value per unit	1,767.96	1,588.37	1,625.84	2,337.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.54	2.48	2.17	3.05
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	11.31%	(2.30)%	(30.46)%	18.30%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	24,429,131	26,611,366	207,534,554	345,541,276
Closing number of units	1,381,771	1,675,383	12,764,762	14,780,396
Operating charges	1.52% ^{B,C}	1.55% ^B	1.54%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.18% ^C	0.15%	0.11%	0.13%
Prices (pence per unit)				
Highest unit price	1,839.01	1,737.97	2,469.98	2,606.72
Lowest unit price	1,589.26	1,419.17	1,535.33	1,928.70
<u>P Accumulation units</u>	Period to 20.06.2024	Year to 20.12.2023	Year to 20.12.2022	Year to 20.12.2021
Change in net assets per unit	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per unit	1,725.59	1,752.90	2,500.21	2,098.11
Return before operating charges*	208.99	(13.51)	(730.79)	421.77
Operating charges	(7.03)	(13.80)	(16.52)	(19.67)
Return after operating charges*	201.96	(27.31)	(747.31)	402.10
Distributions on accumulation units	(10.41)	(24.15)	(13.31)	(8.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	10.41	24.15	13.31	8.28
Closing net asset value per unit	1,927.55	1,725.59	1,752.90	2,500.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.67	2.61	2.33	3.26
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	11.70%	(1.56)%	(29.89)%	19.16%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	654,850,163	699,375,116	791,907,850	1,315,287,778
Closing number of units	33,973,157	40,529,580	45,176,888	52,607,037
Operating charges	0.77% ^{B,C}	0.80% ^B	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.18% ^C	0.15%	0.11%	0.13%
Prices (pence per unit)				
Highest unit price	2,002.87	1,874.41	2,641.42	2,780.91
Lowest unit price	1,727.68	1,539.35	1,652.28	2,047.03

^A The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

^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.

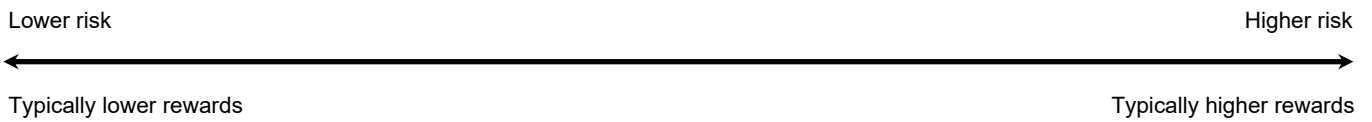
^C These figures have been annualised.

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.

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SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all unit classes)



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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 are used.

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

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 20 June 2024

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE (20 December 2023 - 1.67%)		
650,000 Chemring Group	2,492,750	0.37
838,500 Cohort	6,406,140	0.94
395,000 Melrose Industries	2,292,580	0.34
Total Aerospace and Defense	<u>11,191,470</u>	<u>1.65</u>
AUTOMOBILES AND PARTS (20 December 2023 - 0.15%)		
BEVERAGES (20 December 2023 - 0.81%)		
450,000 Fevertree Drinks	4,567,500	0.67
Total Beverages	<u>4,567,500</u>	<u>0.67</u>
CHEMICALS (20 December 2023 - 0.72%)		
4,169,540 HeiQ	458,649	0.07
1,075,000 Treatt	4,875,125	0.72
Total Chemicals	<u>5,333,774</u>	<u>0.79</u>
CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (20 December 2023 - 0.88%)		
4,352,651 Augmentum Fintech	4,787,916	0.70
Total Closed End Investments	<u>4,787,916</u>	<u>0.70</u>
CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (20 December 2023 - 4.70%)		
1,500,000 Breedon Group	5,835,000	0.86
350,000 Genuit Group	1,555,750	0.23
500,000 Kier Group	699,000	0.10
1,250,000 Marshalls	3,818,750	0.56
3,500,000 Norcros	7,455,000	1.10
50,000 Renew Holdings	540,000	0.08
18,500,000 SigmaRoc	12,358,000	1.82
2,325,581 Stelrad Group	2,534,883	0.37
125,000 Volution Group	560,625	0.08
Total Construction and Materials	<u>35,357,008</u>	<u>5.20</u>
CONSUMER SERVICES (20 December 2023 - Nil)		
50,000 CVS Group	517,000	0.08
Total Consumer Services	<u>517,000</u>	<u>0.08</u>
ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (20 December 2023 - 3.12%)		
340,000 discoverIE Group	2,298,400	0.34
115,000 Halma	3,037,150	0.45
40,000 Judges Scientific	3,960,000	0.58
103,148 Oxford Instruments	2,743,737	0.40
270,000 Porvair	1,744,200	0.26
2,275,055 Volex	7,939,942	1.17
220,000 XP Power	3,084,400	0.45
Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	<u>24,807,829</u>	<u>3.65</u>
FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 0.32%)		
200,000 Mortgage Advice Bureau (Holdings)	1,604,000	0.24
Total Finance and Credit Services	<u>1,604,000</u>	<u>0.24</u>
FOOD PRODUCERS (20 December 2023 - 3.21%)		
185,000 Cranswick	8,158,500	1.20
975,000 Hilton Food Group	8,745,750	1.29
538,315 MP Evans Group	4,661,808	0.69
700,000 Premier Foods	1,159,200	0.17
Total Food Producers	<u>22,725,258</u>	<u>3.35</u>
GENERAL INDUSTRIALS (20 December 2023 - 1.01%)		
8,500,000 Coats Group	6,936,000	1.02
Total General Industrials	<u>6,936,000</u>	<u>1.02</u>

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (20 December 2023 - 1.07%)		
430,000 Craneware	9,847,000	1.45
Total Health Care Providers	<u>9,847,000</u>	<u>1.45</u>
HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (20 December 2023 - 0.21%)		
50,000 Bellway	1,270,000	0.19
2,105,172 ProCook Group	347,353	0.05
Total Household Goods and Home Construction	<u>1,617,353</u>	<u>0.24</u>
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (20 December 2023 - 2.58%)		
475,000 AB Dynamics	9,832,500	1.45
9,000,000 Renold	5,076,000	0.75
1,500,000 Somero Enterprises	5,100,000	0.75
Total Industrial Engineering	<u>20,008,500</u>	<u>2.95</u>
INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (20 December 2023 - 0.87%)		
415,812 Adriatic Metals	858,652	0.13
2,000,000 Tharisa	1,520,000	0.22
650,000 Yellow Cake	3,958,500	0.58
Total Industrial Metals and Mining	<u>6,337,152</u>	<u>0.93</u>
INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 9.88%)		
500,000 Alpha Financial Markets Consulting	2,475,000	0.36
4,875,000 Boku 'Reg S'	8,970,000	1.32
2,000 Diploma	82,960	0.01
2,850,000 Essentra	4,748,100	0.70
1,250,000 FDM Group (Holdings)	4,856,250	0.71
2,854,111 Franchise Brands	4,366,790	0.64
1,100,000 Marlowe	4,730,000	0.70
2,406,541 Mind Gym	649,766	0.10
2,100,000 Restore	5,040,000	0.74
700,000 Robert Walters	2,947,000	0.43
1,720,000 Science Group	7,636,800	1.12
1,400,000 SThree	5,957,000	0.88
2,750,000 Trifast	1,941,500	0.29
Total Industrial Support Services	<u>54,401,166</u>	<u>8.00</u>
INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (20 December 2023 - 4.35%)		
175,000 Clarkson	7,350,000	1.08
1,250,000 Vp	8,187,500	1.21
Total Industrial Transportation	<u>15,537,500</u>	<u>2.29</u>
INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 7.43%)		
5,000 3i Group	155,850	0.02
150,000 AJ Bell	582,000	0.09
825,000 Alpha Group International	20,377,500	3.00
275,000 Brooks Macdonald Group	5,293,750	0.78
600,000 Burford Capital	6,402,000	0.94
200,000 IG Group Holdings	1,640,000	0.24
650,000 JTC	6,227,000	0.92
500,000 Liontrust Asset Management	3,840,000	0.56
1,150,000 Molten Ventures	4,738,000	0.70
4,000,000 Peel Hunt	5,240,000	0.77
415,000 Pollen Street Group	3,104,200	0.46
3,500,000 TP ICAP Group	7,280,000	1.07
Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	<u>64,880,300</u>	<u>9.55</u>
LEISURE GOODS (20 December 2023 - 1.62%)		
1,675,000 Focusrite	6,365,000	0.94
1,000 Games Workshop Group	104,000	0.02
Total Leisure Goods	<u>6,469,000</u>	<u>0.96</u>

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MEDIA (20 December 2023 - 7.71%)		
2,000,000 Everyman Media Group	1,000,000	0.15
577,500 Future	5,907,825	0.87
7,000,000 GlobalData	15,470,000	2.28
5,000,000 LBG Media	5,350,000	0.79
825,000 Next 15 Group	7,507,500	1.10
1,144,515 YouGov	5,859,917	0.86
Total Media	<u>41,095,242</u>	<u>6.05</u>
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 1.93%)		
2,850,000 Advanced Medical Solutions Group	6,013,500	0.89
16,950,000 Creo Medical Group	5,593,500	0.82
Total Medical Equipment and Services	<u>11,607,000</u>	<u>1.71</u>
NON-LIFE INSURANCE (20 December 2023 - Nil)		
250,000 Conduit Holdings	1,287,500	0.19
Total Non-life Insurance	<u>1,287,500</u>	<u>0.19</u>
OIL, GAS AND COAL (20 December 2023 - 1.86%)		
240,000 Energean	2,536,800	0.37
7,465,000 Enteq Upstream	522,550	0.08
1,200,000 Harbour Energy	3,756,000	0.55
520,000 Hunting	2,142,400	0.32
1,300,000 Kistos Holdings	1,794,000	0.26
153,091 Thungela Resources	755,963	0.11
Total Oil, Gas and Coal	<u>11,507,713</u>	<u>1.69</u>
OPEN END AND MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT VEHICLES (20 December 2023 - 0.06%)		
PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (20 December 2023 - 1.81%)		
7,005,000 IG Design Group	15,411,000	2.27
1,450,000 Marks & Spencer Group	4,325,350	0.64
Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	<u>19,736,350</u>	<u>2.91</u>
PERSONAL GOODS (20 December 2023 - 1.32%)		
8,260,082 Inspects Group	4,543,045	0.67
Total Personal Goods	<u>4,543,045</u>	<u>0.67</u>
PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (20 December 2023 - 2.26%)		
8,000,000 Agronomics	560,000	0.08
6,000,000 Alliance Pharma	2,463,000	0.36
19,875,000 Benchmark Holdings	8,148,750	1.20
210,000 Genus	3,498,600	0.52
1,970,927 PureTech Health	4,188,220	0.62
Total Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology	<u>18,858,570</u>	<u>2.78</u>
PRECIOUS METALS AND MINING (20 December 2023 - 2.35%)		
2,500,000 Centamin	2,877,500	0.42
220,000 Endeavour Mining	3,689,400	0.54
73,381,818 Jubilee Metals Group	5,063,346	0.75
Total Precious Metals and Mining	<u>11,630,246</u>	<u>1.71</u>
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 2.83%)		
1,500,000 Lok'nStore Group	16,425,000	2.42
Total Real Estate Investment and Services	<u>16,425,000</u>	<u>2.42</u>
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (20 December 2023 - 1.11%)		
925,000 Safestore Holdings	7,427,750	1.09
2,700,000 Shaftesbury Capital	3,801,600	0.56
Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	<u>11,229,350</u>	<u>1.65</u>

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as at 20 June 2024

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
RETAILERS (20 December 2023 - 1.20%)		
1,500,000 Currys	1,163,250	0.17
400,000 Inchcape	3,022,000	0.44
3,000,000 Moonpig Group	4,776,000	0.70
130,000 WHSmith	1,521,000	0.22
Total Retailers	<u>10,482,250</u>	<u>1.53</u>
SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (20 December 2023 - 15.57%)		
7,598,859 1Spatial	5,167,224	0.76
1,481,507 accesso Technology Group	10,666,850	1.57
2,790,000 AdvancedADVT	3,906,000	0.57
1,675,000 Aptitude Software Group	6,046,750	0.89
455,000 Auction Technology Group	2,598,050	0.38
2,182,500 Big Technologies	3,524,738	0.52
490,000 Cerillion	7,595,000	1.12
3,300,000 Deliveroo	4,266,900	0.63
1,598,667 Eagle Eye Solutions Group	7,577,682	1.12
3,000,000 GB Group	10,332,000	1.52
7,500,000 Idox	4,635,000	0.68
2,500,000 K3 Business Technology Group	2,350,000	0.35
231,000 Kainos Group	2,536,380	0.37
10,000,000 NCC Group	15,120,000	2.23
7,875,000 Trustpilot Group	17,758,125	2.61
Total Software and Computer Services	<u>104,080,699</u>	<u>15.32</u>
TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT (20 December 2023 - 1.37%)		
47,500,000 IQE	14,701,250	2.16
500,000 Raspberry Pi Holdings	2,015,000	0.30
Total Technology Hardware and Equipment	<u>16,716,250</u>	<u>2.46</u>
TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (20 December 2023 - 0.90%)		
5,298,727 Spirent Communications	9,754,956	1.44
Total Telecommunications Equipment	<u>9,754,956</u>	<u>1.44</u>
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS (20 December 2023 - 1.00%)		
2,400,000 BT Group	3,451,200	0.51
2,398,637 Zegona Communications	6,380,374	0.94
250,000 Gamma Communications	3,695,000	0.54
Total Telecommunications Service Providers	<u>13,526,574</u>	<u>1.99</u>
TOBACCO (20 December 2023 - Nil)		
100,000 Imperial Brands	2,017,000	0.30
Total Tobacco	<u>2,017,000</u>	<u>0.30</u>
TRAVEL AND LEISURE (20 December 2023 - 5.46%)		
320,000 Jet2	4,185,600	0.62
1,150,000 Loungers	3,059,000	0.45
1,000,000 Playtech	4,595,000	0.68
500,000 PPHE Hotel Group	6,425,000	0.95
750,000 SSP Group	1,130,250	0.17
14,219,178 Various Eateries	2,843,836	0.42
10,583,333 XP Factory	1,587,500	0.23
695,631 Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	6,733,708	0.99
190,000 Young & Co's Brewery 'NV'	1,185,600	0.17
Total Travel and Leisure	<u>31,745,494</u>	<u>4.68</u>

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
OVERSEAS SECURITIES (20 December 2023 - 0.90%)		
105,000 Agnico Eagle Mines	5,341,337	0.79
1,200,000 Baytex Energy	3,100,188	0.46
23,500 Chord Energy	3,080,733	0.45
30,955 CoTec Holdings	7,997	-
625,000 Hecla Mining Company	2,528,930	0.37
115,000 Marathon Oil	2,473,274	0.36
1,300,000 Var Energi	3,545,909	0.52
115,000 Wheaton Precious Metals	4,747,019	0.70
Total Overseas Securities	<u>24,825,387</u>	<u>3.65</u>
UNQUOTED SECURITIES (20 December 2023 - 2.43%)		
4,800,000 Genagro ^A	20,931	-
3,215,000 Goals Soccer Centres ^B	-	-
1,000,000 Lamaune Iron ^C	-	-
7,500,000 Moxico Resources ^A	4,125,000	0.61
1,641,000 New Finsaga ^C	-	-
4,694,056 Patisserie Holdings ^B	-	-
37,734 Phoenix Industrial Minerals Pty ^C	-	-
420,018 Red Lambda ^C	-	-
267,604 SCA Investments ^A	8,547,272	1.26
47,532 SCA Investments 'M' ^A	2,662,743	0.39
1,000,000 Tottenham Hotspur ^D	2,190,000	0.32
4,353,545 Tricorn Group ^E	-	-
11 Walter Energy ^E	-	-
Total Unquoted Securities	<u>17,545,946</u>	<u>2.58</u>
Portfolio of investments	675,540,298	99.45
Net other assets	3,738,996	0.55
Total net assets	<u><u>679,279,294</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>

^A These shares are unlisted and are being valued using the latest information received.

^B These shares are valued at zero, as the company is in administration with no expected return.

^C These shares are unlisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

^D These shares are delisted and are being valued using the latest information received.

^E These shares are delisted and are valued at zero, based on the latest information received.

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

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	95,406,006
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	191,492,451

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

	20 June 2024		20 June 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		71,630,031		(13,613,545)
Revenue	6,603,965		9,955,580	
Expenses	<u>(2,792,314)</u>		<u>(4,434,132)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation	3,811,651		5,521,448	
Taxation	<u>(102,923)</u>		<u>(106,122)</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		<u>3,708,728</u>		<u>5,415,326</u>
Total return before distributions		75,338,759		(8,198,219)
Distributions		(3,708,728)		(5,415,326)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		<u>71,630,031</u>		<u>(13,613,545)</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

	20 June 2024		20 June 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		^A 725,986,482		999,442,404
Amounts receivable on issue of units	477,423		1,151,836	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(122,628,067)		(117,312,044)	
Amounts payable on unit class conversions	<u>-</u>		<u>(500,205)</u>	
		(122,150,644)		(116,660,413)
Dilution adjustment		232,749		306,102
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		71,630,031		(13,613,545)
Retained distribution on accumulation units		3,580,676		5,601,127
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		<u>679,279,294</u>		^A <u>875,075,675</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 20 June 2024

	20 June 2024	20 December 2023
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	675,540,298	701,824,808
Current Assets:		
Debtors	3,403,251	3,105,915
Cash and bank balances	3,433,271	25,305,648
Total assets	<u>682,376,820</u>	<u>730,236,371</u>
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	653,779	43,328
Other creditors	2,443,747	4,206,561
Total liabilities	<u>3,097,526</u>	<u>4,249,889</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u><u>679,279,294</u></u>	<u><u>725,986,482</u></u>

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 20 June 2024

Basis for preparation

The interim 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 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 20 December 2023 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the Fund have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 20 June 2024.

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