IFSL Rockhold OEIC

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024



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AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Rockhold OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital incorporated under the OEIC Regulations. The Company is a Non-UCITS Retail Scheme as defined in COLL and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is an alternative investment fund (AIF) and a UK AIF for the purposes of the UK AIFM Regime. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC048483. The Company was authorised by an order made by the FCA with effect from 1 September 2021 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 957755.

The Company currently has two sub-funds: IFSL Rockhold Global Equity Fund and IFSL Rockhold Fixed Interest 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 Rockhold Global Equity 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 income received by the sub-fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends from shares, and capital growth, which is profit on investments held.

Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when, and will invest at least 80% in other 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.

Through these underlying Investment Funds the sub-fund will have exposure to at least 80% in shares of companies.

The Investment Manager considers economic and market conditions when choosing investment focuses, alongside individual analysis of the underlying Investment Funds. The aim is to identify fund managers who the Investment Manager believes will add value to the sub-fund in the future.

In addition, the underlying Investment Funds may also hold other permitted investments such as bonds, money market instruments, and commodities, such as gold, although this is expected to be minimal.

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

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 has been designed to be held alongside the other sub-fund of the IFSL Rockhold OEIC to construct portfolios with a range of risk profiles.

The sub-fund is structured in a way that it will typically maintain a high-risk rating. The Investment Manager monitors this on a quarterly basis by reviewing the expected volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment) of the sub-fund. If required, the Investment Manager may request that the Sub-Investment Manager adjusts the level of expected volatility within the portfolio, to assist in the construction of risk profiles whilst at the same time maintaining a high-risk rating.

The Sub-Investment Manager will analyse market trends in the sub-fund's sector and takes tactical decisions based on their views of economic and market conditions, to determine appropriate weightings of the asset classes outlined within the investment policy, and their sub-categories, such as geographic location; whilst ensuring that the risk profile of the sub-fund meets the intended risk classification

The Sub-Investment Manager will review financial publications, industry opinions, and will interview the managers of funds that are within the scope of the investment policy, as well as undertaking a quantitative (mathematical and statistical) analysis of those funds, to form views on which funds to buy and sell. The aim is to identify fund managers who the Sub-Investment Manager believes will add value to the sub-fund in the future.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assessing performance

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

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Global sector. The sub-fund is not managed to a benchmark, however you may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

IFSL Rockhold Fixed Interest 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 income received by the sub-fund, which is money paid out of investments, such as interest from bonds, and capital growth, which is profit on investments held.

Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when, and will invest at least 80% in other 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.

Through these underlying Investment Funds the sub-fund will have exposure to at least 80% in global bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, which 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.

The Investment Manager considers economic and market conditions when choosing investment focuses, alongside individual analysis of the underlying Investment Funds. The aim is to identify fund managers who the Investment Manager believes will add value to the sub-fund in the future.

The sub-fund may also have exposure up to 20% in money market funds, which are a type of fund that invests in high-quality, short-term debt instruments, cash, and cash equivalents.

In addition, the underlying Investment Funds may also hold other permitted investments such as shares in companies and commodities, such as gold, although this is expected to be minimal.

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

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 has been designed to be held alongside the other sub-fund of the IFSL Rockhold OEIC to construct portfolios with a range of risk profiles.

The sub-fund is structured in a way that it will typically maintain a low-risk rating. The Investment Manager monitors this on a quarterly basis by reviewing the expected volatility (a measure of the size of short-term changes in the value of an investment) of the sub-fund. If required, the Investment Manager may request that the Sub-Investment Manager adjusts the level of expected volatility within the portfolio, to assist in the construction of risk profiles whilst at the same time maintaining a low-risk rating.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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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.

Changes in prospectus

On the 1 March 2024 a significant change was made to the Investment Strategy to include information on both the overall investment strategy, and how the sub-funds are managed using an independent asset allocator to maintain the risk classification rating. Also, enhancements were made to the Assessing performance section to provide more information to investors on the potential impact on performance, because of the manager's use of the independent asset allocator.

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.

Leverage

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

The total amount of leverage calculated for each sub-fund as at 31 March 2024 is as follows:

	Gross Method	Commitment Method
IFSL Rockhold Global Equity Fund	99.39%	99.39%
IFSL Rockhold Fixed Interest Fund	97.36%	97.36%

The total amount of leverage calculated for each sub-fund as at 30 September 2023 is as follows:

	Gross Method	Commitment Method
IFSL Rockhold Global Equity Fund	98.49%	98.49%
IFSL Rockhold Fixed Interest Fund	97.77%	97.77%

The maximum level of leverage which may be employed on behalf of the sub-funds when calculated in accordance with the gross method is 210%.

The maximum level of leverage which may be employed on behalf of the sub-funds when calculated in accordance with the commitment method is 110%.

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 Helen Redmond Director

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Investment Fund Services Limited 24 May 2024

NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 31 March 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 sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

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

Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 29 March 2024.

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

Performance to 31 March 2024

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>30.11.2021</u>
IFSL Rockhold Global Equity Fund	16.20%	20.88%	14.20%
IA Global sector	15.35%	16.81%	8.72%

^A Launch period ended 29 November 2021.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Accumulation - quoted 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 share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

During the period under review, the sub-fund's A Accumulation shares returned 16.20%. The Investment Association Global sector average, which is the sub-fund's benchmark*, increased by 15.35% over the same time frame.

Market review

Many expected 2023 to be a very challenging year for both the global economy and stock markets, due to the impact of higher interest rates. As a result, most market commentators and economists were pessimistic. This view, however, turned out to be wrong and 2023 delivered a better outcome than many anticipated. There are several reasons for this. Firstly, inflation has fallen dramatically and continues to trend lower. This has enabled central bankers to end their interest rate hiking programmes and signal that they do not need to further increase rates. Economic activity has been more resilient than anticipated and recessions have been avoided by major developed market economies. Finally, companies' earnings have also held up well. All of this combined to provide a solid foundation for a pick-up in both equity** and fixed income*** markets in the final quarter.

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 remains optimistic, with anticipation of gradual recovery throughout the year, fuelled by interest rate cuts and better earnings from companies. Central banks have maintained their stance on progressively reducing interest rates as we advance through 2024. Investors, having witnessed the robustness in the economy and corporate earnings, are not now expecting rate cuts quickly which is a view more consistent with global central banks.

Equity markets have exhibited robust performance in the first quarter of 2024, largely attributed to expectations of impending interest rate cuts. Additionally, the stellar performance of select companies in the technology and healthcare sectors, particularly those leveraging or poised to benefit from artificial intelligence, has contributed significantly to this strong market performance.

Sub-fund performance and activity

The sub-fund performed better than its stated benchmark during the period.

The US equity market was one of the best performing over the period and the sub-fund's exposure to that region was a strong performer. Exposure to equities quoted in developing markets negatively impacted performance compared to the benchmark, particularly given the weak performance from China. The sub-fund's slightly higher exposure to Japan compared to the benchmark also impacted negatively due to strong performance in other areas. The sub-fund had less exposure than the benchmark to United Kingdom (UK) equities with the difference invested in cash funds, or money market funds. These are invested in low-risk fixed income bonds generally maturing within one year.

The sub-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 top performer during the period, as was the GQG Partners US Equity Fund. The Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund produced returns lower than the benchmark over the period.

Market outlook and fund strategy

The Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, is expected to cut interest rates three times this year, aiming for a controlled economic slowdown without a recession. This scenario is supported by steady wage growth, a balanced labour market and higher immigration into the US. The Bank of England is likely to follow suit, prompted by expected declines in wage growth and services inflation, which looks only at the service-related categories like education, hospitality and culture.

For instance, in the US market we have reduced exposure to the largest technology stocks in favour of a broader range of companies in terms of size, which we anticipate will fare better as central banks move to cut interest rates. We expect technology stocks to remain resilient, given their earnings are forecast to surpass those of the average company in 2024. However, we do not foresee a repeat of the stellar performance witnessed in 2023 and expect other sectors to benefit from the positive interest rate outlook.

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for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

Investment commentary (continued)

Marlborough Investment Management Limited 24 April 2024

^{***} Fixed income security - 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.

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Total sales for the period

Distributions	Year 2024	Year 2023	Year 2022
Accumulation (pence per share) Net accumulation paid 31 May Net accumulation paid 30 November	0.4838	0.4570 0.3292	N/A 0.6490
Portfolio changes		0.0202	0.0430
<u>Largest purchases</u>			Cost (£)
SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF USD Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF '1C' USD GQG Partners US Equity 'I' GBP Xtrackers S&P Europe ex. UK UCITS ETF '1D' EUR Royal London Short-Term Money Market 'Y' iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP Xtrackers IE Physical Gold ETC USD			6,171,946 3,847,455 3,772,901 3,298,565 3,210,166 2,626,300 2,353,645 1,789,100 1,657,855 1,468,109
Other purchases			12,093,509
Total purchases for the period			42,289,551
<u>Largest sales</u>			Proceeds (£)
iShares Edge MSCI USA Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD Royal London Short-Term Money Market 'Y' GQG Partners US Equity 'I' GBP iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ESG UCITS ETF EUR Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF '1C' USD iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF USD Vanguard FTSE UK Equity Income Index 'A' GBP Janus Henderson European Focus 'I' GBP BlackRock European Dynamic 'FD' GBP Fidelity UK Smaller Companies 'W'			7,618,975 2,213,600 1,619,000 1,320,684 1,125,279 973,710 580,100 498,600 315,300 61,025
Other sales			-

16,326,273

^{*} Benchmark – Comparator for performance purposes.

^{**} Equity – Shares of ownership in a company.

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Accumulation shares	Year to 31.03.2024	Year to 30.09.2023	Period to
Change in net assets per share	51.03.2024 pence	30.09.2023 pence	30.09.2022 ^A pence
Opening net asset value per share	98.23	91.09	100.00
Return before operating charges*	16.30	7.92	(8.22)
Operating charges	(0.41)	(0.78)	
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Return after operating charges*			(8.91)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.48)	(0.79)	(0.65)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.48	0.79	0.65
Closing net asset value per share	114.12	98.23	91.09
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.05	0.02
Performance			
Return after charges ^B	16.18%	7.84%	(8.91)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	112,581,546	72,866,861	35,422,444
Closing number of shares	98,653,092	74,178,170	38,886,590
Operating charges	0.78% ^{C,D}	0.82%	0.88% ^C
Direct transaction costs	0.02% ^C	0.05%	0.02% ^C
	0.0270		0.0270
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	114.20	100.80	102.50
Lowest share price	95.38	88.89	89.08
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^A This share class launched on 18 October 2021 at 100 pence with shares initially issued on 2 December 2021 at 100 pence.

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 ris			Higher risk
						
Typically lower re	wards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
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This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

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

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

^C These figures have been annualised.

^D 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.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2024

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets
	ASIA EX. JAPAN EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 4.30%)	L	/0
906 390	Fidelity Asia Pacific Opportunities 'W'	2,611,308	2.32
	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF USD ^A	2,165,448	1.92
,,,,,	Total Asia ex. Japan Equities	4,776,756	4.24
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	EMERGING MARKETS EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 4.58%)		
	Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Leading Companies 'B'	2,208,955	1.96
60,276	Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets UCITS ETF USD A	2,723,571	2.42
	Total Emerging Markets Equities	4,932,526	4.38
	EUROPEAN EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 17.33%)		
975 502	BlackRock European Dynamic 'FD' GBP	3,177,601	2.82
	iShares MSCI Europe Quality Dividend ESG UCITS ETF EUR A	4,270,460	3.79
	Janus Henderson European Focus 'I' GBP	3,874,985	3.44
	Xtrackers S&P Europe ex. UK UCITS ETF '1D' EUR ^A	4,995,666	4.44
·	Total European Equities	16,318,712	14.49
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	JAPANESE EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 7.13%)		
	iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI UCITS ETF USD A	4,018,675	3.57
	M&G Japan 'I' Sterling	2,331,873	2.07
670,609	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha 'C' Total Japanese Equities	1,915,929 8,266,477	1.70 7.34
	Total Japanese Equilies	6,200,477	1.34
	NORTH AMERICAN EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 56.47%)		
388,227	GQG Partners US Equity 'I' GBP	7,221,018	6.41
	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD A	9,909,075	8.81
	iShares NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF USD A	4,262,810	3.79
	iShares S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF USD ^A	9,649,953	8.57
	SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF A	6,553,790	5.82
	SPDR S&P 500 UCITS ETF A	1,451,728	1.29
	Vanguard S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD A	9,938,255 7,095,439	8.83 6.30
	Xtrackers NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF '1C' ^A Xtrackers S&P 500 Equal Weight UCITS ETF '1C' USD ^A	9,395,793	8.35
130,040	Total North American Equities	65,477,861	58.17
	Total North Amortour Equition		00.17
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 4.98%)		
270,176	Fidelity UK Smaller Companies 'W'	1,036,666	0.92
	iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP A	3,238,252	2.88
	Vanguard FTSE UK Equity Income Index 'A' GBP	1,228,832	1.09
512,801	WS Evenlode Income 'C'	2,146,382	1.91
	Total United Kingdom Equities	7,650,132	6.80
	COMMODITIES (30 September 2023 - Nil)		
58.106	Xtrackers IE Physical Gold ETC USD A	1,568,751	1.39
	Total Commodities	1,568,751	1.39
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	MONEY MARKET (30 September 2023 - 3.59%)		
2,058,861	Royal London Short-Term Money Market 'Y'	2,261,744	2.01
	Total Money Markets	2,261,744	2.01
	Portfolio of investments	111 252 050	00.00
	Net other assets	111,252,959 1,328,587	98.82 1.18
	Total net assets	112,581,546	100.00
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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.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024 42,289,551 Total purchases costs, including transaction charges Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges 16,326,273

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 Marc	h 2024 £	31 March £	2023 £
	L	L	L	L
Income:				
Net capital gains Revenue	607,085	13,240,536	335,239	1,274,959
Expenses	(205,266)		(119,453)	
Net revenue before taxation	401,819	_	215,786	
Taxation		_	<u>-</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		401,819	_	215,786
Total return before distributions		13,642,355		1,490,745
Distributions		(401,819)		(215,786)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,240,536	, -	1,274,959
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIB for the six month period ended 31 March 2024	UTABLE TO SHARE 31 Marc		31 March	2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		72,866,861		35,422,444
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	28,243,545		19,691,409	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(2,246,755)		(1,532,455)	
Compensation to sub-fund			24,551	
		25,996,790		18,183,505
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		13,240,536		1,274,959
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		477,359		267,183
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		112,581,546	_	55,148,091

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	111,252,959	71,683,237
Current Assets:		
Debtors	1,745,126	2,797,614
Cash and bank balances	890,457	442,079
Total assets	113,888,542	74,922,930
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	1,306,996	2,056,069
Total liabilities	1,306,996	2,056,069
Net assets attributable to shareholders	112,581,546	72,866,861

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

Performance to 31 March 2024

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	30.11.2021 ^A
IFSL Rockhold Fixed Interest Fund	5.32%	2.69%	(5.25)%
IA Global Mixed Bond sector	5.29%	3.78%	(4.19)%

^A Launch period ended 29 November 2021.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Accumulation - quoted 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 share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

During the period under review, the sub-fund's A Accumulation shares returned 5.32%. The Investment Association Global Mixed Bond sector average, which is the sub-fund's benchmark*, increased by 5.29% over the same time frame.

Market review

Many expected 2023 to be a very challenging year for both the global economy and stock markets, due to the impact of higher interest rates. As a result, most market commentators and economists were pessimistic. This view, however, turned out to be wrong and 2023 delivered a better outcome than many anticipated. There are several reasons for this. Firstly, inflation has fallen dramatically and continues to trend lower. This has enabled central bankers to end their interest rate hiking programmes and signal that they do not need to further increase rates. Economic activity has been more resilient than anticipated and recessions have been avoided by major developed market economies. Finally, companies' earnings have also held up well. All of this combined to provide a solid foundation for a pick-up in both equity** and fixed income*** markets in the final quarter.

In Q1 2024, the global economy has been marked by persistent inflation decline and a smooth deceleration in economic growth. Despite these trends, the overall outlook remains optimistic, with anticipation of gradual recovery throughout the year, fuelled by interest rate cuts and improved corporate earnings. Central banks have maintained their stance on progressively reducing interest rates as we advance through 2024. Investors, having witnessed the robustness in the economy and corporate earnings, have moderated their expectations for further interest rate cuts, and now align closely with central banks' perspectives.

Sub-fund performance and activity

The sub-fund performed better than its stated benchmark during the period.

The sub-fund had more exposure to United Kingdom (UK) Government bonds than the benchmark and this contributed positively to performance compared to the benchmark. The sub-fund had less high yield exposure than the benchmark with the difference invested in cash funds, or money market funds. These are invested in low-risk fixed income bonds generally maturing within one year.

The Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond fund 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. Longer-dated bonds should perform better when interest rate cuts begin to materialise.

Market outlook and fund strategy

The Fed is expected to cut interest rates three times this year, aiming for a soft economic landing without a recession. This scenario is supported by steady wage growth, a balanced labour market and higher immigration into the US. The BoE is likely to follow suit, prompted by expected declines in wage growth and services inflation.

Bonds look more appealing than they have for some time, primarily because we believe interest rates have reached their peak and are soon set to fall. In this environment, we expect bonds to offer more attractive returns. The substantial coupon (interest payment) available adds to their appeal. Essentially, investors are being rewarded for their patience while they wait for the increase in bond prices we expect interest rate cuts to bring.

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^{*} Benchmark – Comparator for performance purposes.

^{**} Equity – Shares of ownership in a company.

^{***} Fixed income security - 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.

AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

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Assumulation (names non-shore)	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>
Accumulation (pence per share) Net accumulation paid 31 May Net accumulation paid 30 November	1.274228	1.015349 1.224827	N/A 0.592414
Portfolio changes			
Largest purchases			Cost (£)
iShares Overseas Government Bond Index iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD M&G Emerging Markets Bond 'I' iShares JPMorgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF USD Vanguard Global Short-Term Corporate Bond Index GBP Hedged Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index GBP Hedged Aegon High Yield Bond 'S' Sterling iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index 'D' GBP			3,827,400 3,700,817 2,463,628 2,459,070 2,418,300 2,132,666 1,540,100 1,495,400 1,110,400 1,069,500
Other purchases			3,526,812
Total purchases for the period			25,744,093
<u>Largest sales</u>			Proceeds (£)
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF GBP Hedged iShares JPMorgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF GBP Hedged M&G Emerging Markets Bond 'I-H' Sterling Xtrackers II Global Government Bond UCITS ETF '2D' GBP Hedged Vanguard Global Bond Index GBP Hedged Royal London Short-Term Money Market 'Y' iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD			2,650,075 2,561,020 2,355,647 2,078,632 1,801,414 1,484,948 1,316,979 1,155,797 946,300 603,640
Other sales			726,228
Total sales for the period			17,680,680

COMPARATIVE TABLE

Accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Period to
Change in net assets per share	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022 ^A
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	89.94	91.91	100.00
Return before operating charges*	5.14	(1.24)	(7.50)
Operating charges	(0.35)	(0.73)	(0.59)
Return after operating charges*	4.79	(1.97)	(8.09)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.27)	(2.24)	(0.59)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.27	2.24	0.59
Closing net asset value per share	94.73	89.94	91.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.03	0.02
Performance			
Return after charges ^B	5.33%	(2.14)%	(8.09)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	40,782,666	30,509,082	15,572,932
Closing number of shares	43,052,138	33,922,323	16,944,031
Operating charges	0.76% ^{C,D}	0.80%	0.75% ^C
Direct transaction costs			0.75% 0.02% ^C
Direct transaction costs	0.06% ^C	0.03%	0.02%
Prices (pence per share)			
Highest share price	94.75	94.22	100.20
Lowest share price	88.57	89.94	91.95
== =	22.01		000

^A This share class launched on 18 October 2021 at 100 pence with shares initially issued on 2 December 2021 at 100 pence.

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
						
Typically lower re	ewards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

The sub-fund has been measured as 3 because its investments have experienced low to moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

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

^C These figures have been annualised.

^D 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.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2024

CORPORATE BOND (30 September 2023 - 32.36%) 482,386	Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
482,386 Artemis Corporate Bond 'I' GBP 517,697 1.27 1,872,508 iShares ESG Overseas Corporate Bond Index 'D' GBP 3,036,558 7.49 549,162 iShares Global Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD A 2,315,172 5.68 1,066,967 Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond 'Inst' 1,252,619 3.07 21,595 Vanguard Global Credit Bond GBP Hedged 2,445,142 6.00 35,590 Vanguard Global Short-Term Corporate Bond Index GBP Hedged 3,794,853 9.30 Total Corporate Bond 13,362,041 32.77 EMERGING MARKETS BOND (30 September 2023 - 11.03%) 32,851 iShares JPMorgan \$ EM Bond UCITS ETF USD A 2,285,444 5.60 1,273,287 M&G Emerging Markets Bond 'I' 2,572,421 6.30 Total Emerging Markets Bond 4,857,865 11.90 GLOBAL BOND (30 September 2023 - 11.48%) 4,857,865 11.90		CORPORATE BOND (30 September 2023 - 32.36%)	~	,-
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		Total Emerging Markets Bond	4,857,865	11.91
		GLOBAL BOND (30 September 2023 - 11.48%)		
	35,869	Vanguard Global Short-Term Bond Index GBP Hedged	3,937,191	9.65
Total Global Bond 3,937,191 9.65		Total Global Bond	3,937,191	9.65
GOVERNMENT BOND (30 September 2023 - 26.77%)		GOVERNMENT ROND (30 September 2023 - 26 77%)		
	64 824		673 683	1.65
	1.049.776	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS FTF USD A		9.20
				1.13
·	·		3,863,858	9.47
8,206 iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF GBP A 1,038,962 2.55	8,206	iShares UK Gilts 0-5yr UCITS ETF GBP A	1,038,962	2.55
			2,119,957	5.20
		**	11,907,831	29.20
HIGH YIELD BOND (30 September 2023 - 6.50%)		HIGH YIELD BOND (30 September 2023 - 6.50%)		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2.003.606		2.662.793	6.53
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STRATEGIC BOND (30 September 2023 - 6.18%)	0.400.400		4.070.440	4.04
	2,163,122			4.84
Total Strategic Bond 1,973,416 4.84		Total Strategic Bond	1,973,416	4.84
MONEY MARKET (30 September 2023 - 3.41%)				
	770,222			2.07
Total Money Market 846,120 2.07		l otal Money Market	846,120	2.07
Portfolio of investments 39,547,257 96.9		Portfolio of investments	39,547,257	96.97
		Net other assets		3.03
Total net assets 40,782,666 100.00		Total net assets	40,782,666	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.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	25,744,093
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	17,680,680

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

from investment activities

Retained distribution on accumulation shares

Closing net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 Marc £	h 2024 £	31 March £	2023 £
Income: Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue Expenses Net revenue before taxation	546,965 (79,944) 467,021	1,300,703	276,330 (55,899) 220,431	(138,564)
Taxation	_		-	
Net revenue after taxation		467,021	-	220,431
Total return before distributions		1,767,724		81,867
Distributions		(467,021)		(220,431)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,300,703	- -	(138,564)
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED for the six month period ended 31 March 2024	TABLE TO SHARE	HOLDERS		
	31 Marc	h 2024	31 March	2023
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		30,509,082		15,572,932
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	9,304,362 (880,063)	8,424,299	9,107,247 (348,926)	8,758,321
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders		4 000 700		(400 504)

1,300,703

40,782,666

548,582

(138,564)

269,254

24,461,943

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024 £	30 September 2023 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	39,547,257	29,816,659
Current Assets:		
Debtors	544,994	186,098
Cash and bank balances	722,717	1,026,115
Total assets	40,814,968	31,028,872
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	32,302	519,790
Total liabilities	32,302	519,790
Net assets attributable to shareholders	40,782,666	30,509,082

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