

M&G Global Dividend Fund

**Interim report and unaudited financial statements
for the six months ended 30 September 2024**

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of M&G Global Dividend Fund presents its interim report and unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2024.

The unaudited financial statements of M&G Global Dividend Fund, the Authorised Corporate Director's Reports including the portfolio statement, financial highlights and the unaudited financial statements and notes of the fund are presented in their individual sections of this report as set out in the contents page.

Please note that an explanation of key investment terminology is available on our website at mandg.com/private-investor/glossary. A printed copy of the glossary is available upon request by calling customer services and administration as shown within the 'Investor information' section of this report.

Company information

This Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC) is an Investment Company with Variable Capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Company is a UK UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA.

The Company was authorised on 9 July 2008 and the fund was launched on 18 July 2008.

The Company's principal activity is to carry out business as an OEIC.

A shareholder is not liable for the debts of the Company and will never be liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of the shares.

Fund manager

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Annual value assessment

An annual assessment report is available which shows the value provided to investors in each of M&G's UK-based funds. The assessment report evaluates whether M&G's charges are justified in the context of the overall service delivered to its investors. The latest report to 31 March 2024 can be found on our website at mandg.com/investments/valueassessment

Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

We have produced TCFD reports in compliance with the FCA's rules on climate-related financial disclosures. The TCFD fund reports are designed to help you understand the impact this fund has on the climate and equally how climate change could influence the performance of the fund. The reports will also give you the ability to compare a range of climate metrics with other funds. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that M&G has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the M&G Investments Management TCFD report.

These reports are available via the Sustainability Disclosures page on our website at mandg.com/footer/sustainability-disclosures

Important information

The events in Ukraine continue to bring uncertainty. The ACD continues to monitor the associated risks that are posed to the Company.

From January 2025 the operating charge figure will not include the underlying charges for closed-ended-funds, such as investment trusts and real estate investment trusts. There is no change to what you are currently being charged, this is a presentational change to align with the latest industry guidance issued by the Investment Association.

Please refer to the 'Investment review' section for further details on significant events during the period. Investment reviews may become quickly outdated in relation to ongoing economic and geopolitical events.

Investor information

The Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation, Key Investor Information Documents, costs and charges illustration, the latest annual or interim investment report and financial statements as well as a list of purchases and sales are available free of charge on request from the following address. The Instrument of Incorporation can also be inspected at our offices or at the office of the Depositary.

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For security purposes and to improve the quality of our service, we may record and monitor telephone calls. You will require your M&G client reference. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

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Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) is required to prepare annual and interim reports for the Company. The ACD must ensure that the financial statements contained in this report for the fund, are prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds (SORP) and UK Financial Reporting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the net revenue or expenses and net capital gains or losses for the accounting period, and the financial position at the end of that period.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records, and to manage the Company in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus, and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. Additionally, the ACD is responsible for preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Company will not continue in operation.

Directors' statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued and amended by the FCA.

M&G Securities Limited
27 November 2024

Financial statements and notes

The financial statements for M&G Global Dividend Fund comprise the financial statements for the fund and the notes below.

Notes to the financial statements

Accounting policies

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The ACD has made an assessment of the fund's ability to continue as a going concern which is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, investor intention, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. They are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, 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.

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 26 April 2024 has been used.

Investment objective

The fund has three aims:

- To deliver an income stream that increases every year.
- To deliver a yield above that available from the MSCI ACWI Index over any five-year period.
- To deliver a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income), net of the ongoing charge figure, than that of the MSCI ACWI Index over any five-year period.

Investment policy

At least 70% of the fund is invested in a range of global equities. The fund may invest across a wide range of geographies, sectors and market capitalisations. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, other transferable securities, cash, near cash, other money market securities, warrants and derivatives. The fund's exposure to global equities may be gained through the use of derivatives. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management.

Investment approach

The fund manager employs a bottom-up stockpicking approach, driven by the fundamental analysis of individual companies. The fund manager seeks to invest in companies with excellent capital discipline and the potential for long-term dividend growth. The fund manager believes rising dividends create upward pressure on the value of shares. Dividend yield is not the primary consideration for stock selection.

The fund manager aims to create a diversified portfolio with exposure to a broad range of countries and sectors. The fund manager selects stocks with different drivers of dividend growth to construct a portfolio that has the potential to cope in a variety of market conditions. The fund invests with a long-term view of

typically three to five years. When attempting to grow distributions, the fund manager's main focus is on delivering an increase in sterling terms.

Benchmark

MSCI ACWI Index

The fund is actively managed. The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The index has been chosen as the fund's target benchmark as it best reflects the scope of the fund's investment policy. The target benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance and income objective and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

For each share class the benchmark will be denominated or hedged into the relevant share class currency. The benchmark for each share class will be shown in its respective KIID.

Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.



The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

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Investment review

For the six months ended 30 September 2024

Distribution summary

Over the six-month review period to 30 September 2024, the fund distributed income of 3.7 pence per Sterling Class 'A' Income share. This is 8.8% higher than the distribution for the same period in the previous financial year. The payout represented a yield (distributed income as a percentage of the share price as at 30 September 2024) of 3.36% versus a yield of 1.85% for the MSCI ACWI Index, the fund's target benchmark.

The momentum in global dividends continued during the six months under review, despite concerns about persistent inflation and more recently the health of the broader economy after a prolonged period of higher interest rates. Corporate cashflows remained resilient, and dividends continued to rise as a sign of future confidence. (Dividends represent a share in the profits of a company and are paid out to the company's shareholders at set times of the year.)

Against this backdrop, the fund benefited from higher dividends across a broad range of countries and sectors. The majority of holdings delivered dividend increases in the region of 5-15% in local currency, in line with previous years.

We continue to be encouraged by the robust dividend growth in the technology sector. Microsoft extended its long sequence of dividend growth with a 10% increase, while Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) raised its payment by 14%. Accenture, a market leader in IT services, reported a 15% increase.

Financials provided another source of impressive growth, led by Marsh & McLennan which raised its dividend by 15%. NN Group boosted its interim dividend by 14%, while our new holding in Erste Group Bank provided guidance for an 11% increase in the 2024 dividend after a 42% uplift in the previous year.

Consumer staples continued to offer reliable growth among the defensive sectors, with Imperial Brands continuing to deliver on its progressive dividend policy.

Takeda Pharmaceutical and Medtronic reported higher dividends in healthcare. (Defensive stocks are companies that tend to have stable earnings and are less affected by peaks and troughs in the economy.)

Strong dividend growth was also apparent in more economically sensitive sectors. In consumer discretionary, Cie Financiere Richemont delivered double-digit growth, while Lowe's raised its dividend in the core 5-15% range. Keyera continued to deliver solid growth in energy.

It was not all good news, however, as a small number of holdings including Methanex and Lundin Mining held their dividends flat. We expect both companies to resume dividend growth at the appropriate time.

Static dividends were the exception rather than the rule, however, and we are encouraged that the majority of the fund's holdings delivered solid dividend growth. Consequently, the fund increased its distribution during the six-month review period, while maintaining a yield above that of the MSCI ACWI Index, in line with its objective. We are conscious that the combination of a premium yield and rising income is important to many of our investors. We remain focused on meeting this objective.

The fund's distribution is subject to a variety of influences, including changes in the market environment, movements in currency and changes in the fund's tax status. Consequently, there is no guarantee that the fund will increase the income stream in every reporting period.

Performance against objective

Between 1 April 2024 (the start of the review period) and 30 September 2024, the M&G Global Dividend Fund delivered a positive total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) across all its share classes and outperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Index, which returned 3.5% in sterling. Over the period under review, the fund delivered on the objective of outperforming the MSCI ACWI Index, and achieved its income objectives of increasing the income stream and providing a higher yield than the MSCI ACWI Index.

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Over five years, the fund delivered a positive total return across all its share classes albeit with mixed results relative to the MSCI ACWI Index which returned 10.8% pa in sterling. Distributions increased in each financial year during this time and the fund's yield has been at a consistent premium to the benchmark. Consequently, the fund met two of its three objectives over this longer timeframe.

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Investment performance

Global stockmarkets rose during the six months under review, with the MSCI ACWI Index reaching an all-time high. Utilities and real estate led the gains after gathering momentum in the second-half of the review period against a backdrop of falling interest rates. Communication services and technology followed, having dominated the first-half when the new economy hogged the limelight. Financials outperformed among the economically-sensitive sectors but industrials and materials made little progress. Energy declined as the oil price dropped below \$70 per barrel. The defensive sectors of consumer staples and healthcare also struggled to keep up in a rising market.

From a geographic perspective, Asia Pacific ex Japan and emerging markets were the standout performers after a late surge in September triggered by China's surprise economic stimulus measures. The US outperformed albeit marginally, with a strong showing from the technology-heavy NASDAQ Composite Index. Europe underperformed as France held back returns in the region after a turbulent election, while Japan lagged further behind as the yen strengthened.

Against this backdrop, the fund outperformed the benchmark MSCI ACWI Index. Stock selection was the key driver of excess return, with the strongest contribution from consumer staples, energy and technology. Country allocation added value, helped by a zero exposure to France and an underweight in Japan, but sector allocation detracted as the fund's overweight positions in energy and materials provided a headwind.

Imperial Brands made the biggest contribution to fund performance, backed by solid fundamentals. Interim results were better than expected, driven by organic top-line growth, and the stock continues to offer compelling value. The starting yield of 7% is supported by a growing dividend and accompanied by a £1.1 billion share buyback programme which is equivalent to 6% of market cap. We have been reducing the holding into strength but the long-term investment case based on valuation remains intact.

Broadcom climbed to an all-time high as the semiconductor company was seen as a long-term beneficiary of the structural growth in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Keyera bucked the trend in a weak energy sector with a double-digit return.

VF outperformed in consumer discretionary after agreeing to sell the Supreme brand for \$1.5 billion in cash. abrdn, another deep-value holding, added value in financials.

Methanex led the detractors after announcing the acquisition of Dutch competitor OCI's methanol business. The deal provides a unique opportunity to access world-scale assets in Texas and consolidate Methanex's leading market position, but Methanex's share price was held back by the issuance of new equity, which will result in OCI owning 13% of the enlarged company. The market's immediate reaction is understandable given the dilution, but there are clear long-term benefits that the transaction can provide, in our view. We remain optimistic about the prospects for cash generation with the methanol price at current levels and production at the new Geismar 3 plant ramping up to full capacity. We continue to believe that Methanex is significantly undervalued and the stock remains a core holding.

Not owning Apple, NVIDIA and Tesla also weighed on performance relative to the MSCI ACWI Index. Apple and NVIDIA are potential investment candidates because the technology bellwethers have established dividend track records, but we see opportunities which are more attractively valued elsewhere. Tesla has never

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paid a dividend and is therefore ineligible for our dividend growth strategy.

Investment activities

We made four new purchases and three complete sales during the six months under review – a level of turnover consistent with our investment timeframe of three to five years.

We initiated a new holding in Erste Group Bank, which has leading market positions in the fast-growing economies of central and eastern Europe, backed by a strong balance sheet. The Austrian company has a clear focus on profitable growth and consistent dividends, and the shares look attractively valued on a variety of measures, in our view, including a dividend yield of 6%.

We also bought Ares Management, which provides exposure to the structural growth in alternative investment strategies. The US company raised its dividend by 21% for the current year, and the valuation looks undemanding given the trajectory for continued growth. The long-term outlook for Ares Management is far more compelling compared to JPMorgan Chase, for example, and this superior growth profile is available on a higher yield.

We sold JPMorgan Chase after a strong run and the valuation anomaly became less obvious. We also exited Visa which performed similarly and where the valuation was more stretched. The long-term growth in digital payments continues unabated, but the holding became increasingly difficult to justify as the dividend yield fell comfortably below 1%.

Accenture was a new purchase in the technology sector. A cyclical correction has provided an attractive entry point, in our view, for a long-term beneficiary of technological change which is well placed to address the ongoing need for digitalisation, automation and productivity improvements. The business model is highly cash generative, with net cash on the balance sheet, and we believe the valuation is undemanding given the opportunity for structural growth.

Elsewhere in technology, we continued to reduce Broadcom and Microsoft into strength, and added to Meta Platforms to protect the portfolio during new economy rallies. We also trimmed Analog Devices and bought more TSMC in semiconductors.

Kenvue, the consumer health business spun out of Johnson & Johnson, was the final purchase during the review period. The owner of brands including Nicorette, Neutrogena and Listerine is well placed to deliver solid organic growth, in our view, and we believe the starting yield of 3.5% provides an attractive entry point. PepsiCo was sold as a source of cash for better ideas.

In healthcare, we added to Bristol-Myers Squibb and Takeda Pharmaceutical on weakness, and reduced Roche into strength. We also cut back our exposure to Cie Financiere Richemont, the Swiss luxury goods company.

Outlook

We believe the fund is well placed for the new market regime, having taken action earlier in the year in a narrow market dominated by the new economy.

We have been taking advantage of attractive valuations in a polarised market to increase exposure to selective areas, including US housing (Home Depot, Lowe's), deep-value pharmaceuticals (Bristol-Myers Squibb, Takeda Pharmaceutical) and reasonably-priced quality (Accenture, CME).

We remain active in our search for defensive ideas to protect the portfolio in the event of a hard landing, especially at a time when consensus expectations are firmly set on a soft landing.

We have been active in our portfolio management, recycling proceeds from strong performers, which are typically low yielding, into more attractive opportunities, which are often high yielding, with the result that the

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fund's current yield provides an attractive entry point, in our view, for an income stream growing in excess of inflation. We remain resolute in our pursuit of dividend growth and remain optimistic about the future.

Stuart Rhodes

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

Portfolio statement

Investments

Holding	as at 30.09.24 £'000	as at 30.09.24 %	as at 31.03.24 %
Equities	2,038,894	97.94	99.81
United Kingdom	234,500	11.27	10.45
43,295,862 abrdrn PLC	70,442	3.39	
7,563,746 Imperial Brands PLC	164,058	7.88	
Austria	18,822	0.90	0.00
462,103 Erste Group Bank AG	18,822	0.90	
Denmark	11,997	0.58	1.19
97,871 Pandora AS	11,997	0.58	
Finland	74,985	3.60	2.58
1,663,057 Kone OYJ	74,985	3.60	
Germany	42,659	2.05	2.66
281,590 Siemens AG	42,659	2.05	
Ireland	74,749	3.59	3.13
76,430 Accenture PLC	19,925	0.96	
823,535 Medtronic PLC	54,824	2.63	
Netherlands	33,010	1.59	1.63
882,980 NN Group NV	33,010	1.59	
Sweden	30,894	1.48	1.60
1,557,361 Volvo AB	30,894	1.48	
Switzerland	43,559	2.09	4.19
174,512 Cie Financiere Richemont SA	20,580	0.99	
95,812 Roche Holding AG	22,979	1.10	
United States	763,800	36.69	37.39
141,170 Analog Devices, Inc.	24,108	1.16	
304,821 ARES Management Corp.	35,679	1.71	
21,117 BlackRock, Inc.	14,886	0.71	
2,115,700 Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	80,736	3.88	
845,414 Broadcom, Inc.	107,354	5.16	
259,279 CME Group, Inc.	42,240	2.03	
707,372 Coca-Cola Co.	37,932	1.82	
90,820 Elevance Health, Inc.	35,522	1.71	
72,629 Home Depot, Inc.	21,619	1.04	
1,200,990 Kenvue, Inc.	20,817	1.00	

Portfolio statement

Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 30.09.24 £'000	as at 30.09.24 %	as at 31.03.24 %
Equities (continued)			
United States (continued)			
271,168 Lowe's Cos., Inc.	53,962	2.59	
166,849 Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.	27,883	1.34	
170,608 Meta Platforms, Inc.	72,039	3.46	
209,256 Microsoft Corp.	66,670	3.20	
653,943 NextEra Energy, Inc.	41,256	1.98	
2,967,311 Trinseo PLC	12,074	0.58	
4,741,375 VF Corp.	69,023	3.32	
Canada	410,070	19.70	21.86
7,384,327 Gibson Energy, Inc.	89,541	4.30	
236,373 Intact Financial Corp.	33,984	1.63	
3,921,971 Keyera Corp.	90,700	4.36	
8,066,402 Lundin Mining Corp.	64,178	3.08	
4,253,066 Methanex Corp.	131,667	6.33	
Japan	67,032	3.22	2.77
3,122,900 Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	67,032	3.22	
Australia	141,111	6.78	6.44
10,028,500 Amcor PLC	84,815	4.07	
9,137,712 Treasury Wine Estates Ltd.	56,296	2.71	
Singapore	39,783	1.91	2.10
1,796,010 DBS Group Holdings Ltd.	39,783	1.91	
Taiwan	37,083	1.78	1.20
1,644,000 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	37,083	1.78	
South Africa	14,840	0.71	0.62
2,813,017 Motus Holdings Ltd.	14,840	0.71	
Total portfolio	2,038,894	97.94	99.81
Net other assets/(liabilities)	42,793	2.06	0.19
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,081,687	100.00	100.00

All securities are on an official stock exchange listing except where referenced.

Portfolio statement

Top ten portfolio transactions for the six months to 30 September 2024

Largest purchases	£'000
ARES Management Corp.	32,839
Meta Platforms, Inc.	32,620
Kenvue, Inc.	20,908
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	17,935
Accenture PLC	17,783
Erste Group Bank AG	17,183
CME Group, Inc.	13,315
Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd.	13,113
Elevance Health, Inc.	11,934
Kone OYJ	11,452
Other purchases	54,735
Total purchases	243,817

Largest sales	£'000
Broadcom, Inc.	53,755
Analog Devices, Inc.	28,385
Microsoft Corp.	24,765
Cie Financiere Richemont SA	24,418
Visa, Inc.	22,442
Roche Holding AG	20,022
Imperial Brands PLC	19,016
PepsiCo, Inc.	18,052
BlackRock, Inc.	15,600
Pandora AS	12,506
Other sales	87,927
Total sales	326,888

Purchases and sales exclude the cost and proceeds of 'AAA' rated money market funds.

Financial highlights

Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

For additional information, including monthly fund commentaries, fund facts, historic prices, distribution rates, performance information (including a range of performance graphs) and other documents, please visit our website at mandg.com/investments

Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	Six months % ^a	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+8.1	+8.9	+10.4	+9.7
Class 'A' Accumulation	+8.1	+8.9	+10.4	+9.7
Class 'I' Income	+8.3	+9.3	+10.9	+10.4
Class 'I' Accumulation	+8.3	+9.3	+10.9	+10.3
Class 'PP' Income	+8.4	+9.4	+11.0	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+8.4	+9.4	+11.0	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+8.2	+9.0	+10.6	+10.1
Class 'R' Accumulation	+8.2	+9.0	+10.6	+10.1
Benchmark	+3.5	+8.8	+10.8	+12.0

^a Not annualised.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

Financial highlights

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	91,359	90,821	458,766
Number of shares	30,435,524	32,124,494	173,480,826
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	300.17	282.71	264.45
Operating charges (%)	1.06	1.06	1.06

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	416,942	418,861	416,515
Number of shares	125,185,779	133,800,875	142,809,208
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	333.06	313.05	291.66
Operating charges (%)	0.66	0.66	0.66

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	313,216	285,986	321,283
Number of shares	216,996,110	210,900,527	254,560,081
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	144.34	135.60	126.21
Operating charges (%)	0.56	0.56	0.56

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	12,172	12,129	11,675
Number of shares	5,248,986	5,557,826	5,728,147
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	231.88	218.23	203.83
Operating charges (%)	0.91	0.91	0.91

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	198,095	198,564	219,009
Number of shares	39,051,160	42,079,924	51,310,735
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	507.27	471.87	426.83
Operating charges (%)	1.06	1.06	1.06

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	832,778	798,366	767,725
Number of shares	148,180,559	153,026,053	163,327,785
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	562.00	521.72	470.05
Operating charges (%)	0.66	0.66	0.66

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	192,247	168,083	110,538
Number of shares	112,251,782	105,775,009	77,283,568
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	171.26	158.91	143.03
Operating charges (%)	0.56	0.56	0.56

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.09.24	31.03.24	31.03.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	24,878	24,904	23,919
Number of shares	7,270,100	7,829,487	8,325,744
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	342.20	318.08	287.29
Operating charges (%)	0.91	0.91	0.91

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 September	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		127,776		(63,512)
Revenue	33,825		37,418	
Expenses	(7,219)		(8,730)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(13)		0	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	26,593		28,688	
Taxation	(2,975)		(3,650)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		23,618		25,038
Total return before distributions		151,394		(38,474)
Distributions		(21,878)		(25,988)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		129,516		(64,462)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 September	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,997,714		2,329,430
Amounts received on issue of shares	45,470		85,634	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(102,464)		(142,813)	
		(56,994)		(57,179)
Dilution adjustments		59		133
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		129,516		(64,462)
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		11,391		10,641
Unclaimed distributions		1		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		2,081,687		2,218,564

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2024 differs to the closing position in 2023 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 September 2024 £'000	31 March 2024 £'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,038,894	1,993,926
Current assets		
Debtors	15,630	31,009
Cash and bank balances	15,799	1,671
Cash equivalents	23,486	0
Total assets	2,093,809	2,026,606
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	0	(7,177)
Distribution payable	(5,136)	(11,574)
Other creditors	(6,986)	(10,141)
Total liabilities	(12,122)	(28,892)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,081,687	1,997,714

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Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting policies' set out on page 4.

Distribution policy

In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow to shareholders, interim distributions will be at the fund manager's discretion, up to the maximum of the distributable income available for the period.

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

