

# M&G Optimal Income Fund

**Interim report and unaudited financial statements  
for the six months ended 31 March 2024**

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# Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of M&G Optimal Income Fund presents its interim report and unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 31 March 2024.

The unaudited financial statements of M&G Optimal Income 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](http://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 17 November 2006 and the fund was launched on 8 December 2006.

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.

## Co-fund managers

Richard Woolnough & Stefan Isaacs are employed by M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that effective as of 5 February 2024, Stefan Isaacs appointed as co-fund manager.

## ACD

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(Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is a member of the Investment Association and of The Investing and Saving Alliance)

## Directors of the ACD

N J Brooks, C Dobson (non executive director),  
S A Fitzgerald, P R Jelfs,  
M McGrade (non executive director), L J Mumford

## Investment manager

M&G Investment Management Limited,  
10 Fenchurch Avenue, London EC3M 5AG, UK  
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SS15 5FS, UK  
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Edinburgh EH12 1HQ, UK  
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## Independent auditor

Ernst & Young LLP  
Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX, UK

# Authorised Corporate Director's Report

## 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 2023 can be found on our website at [mandg.com/investments/valueassessment](https://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](https://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.

Effective as of 5 February 2024, Stefan Isaacs appointed as co-fund manager.

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 Depository.

## Customer services and administration for UK clients:

M&G Securities Limited,  
PO Box 9039, Chelmsford CM99 2XG, UK

Please remember to quote your name and M&G client reference and sign any written communication to M&G. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

Telephone: 0800 390 390 (UK only)

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.

# Authorised Corporate Director's Report

## 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 Financial Conduct Authority.

M&G Securities Limited  
17 May 2024

# Financial statements and notes

The financial statements for M&G Optimal Income 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 at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. 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 30 September 2023. 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 6 March 2023 has been used.

## Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income), net of the ongoing charge figure, than the average return of the composite index, over any five-year period.

The composite index is made up of one third Bloomberg Global Treasury Index GBP Hedged, one third Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index GBP Hedged and one third Bloomberg Global High Yield Index GBP Hedged.

## Investment policy

At least 50% of the fund is invested, directly or indirectly through derivatives, in debt securities, including investment grade bonds, below investment grade unrated securities and asset backed securities. These securities can be issued or guaranteed by governments and their agencies, public authorities, quasi-sovereigns, supranational bodies and companies from anywhere in the world, including emerging markets. These securities can be denominated in any currency.

Other investments may include:

- up to 20% of the fund in equities; and
- other transferable securities, cash, and near cash, directly or via collective investment schemes (including funds managed by M&G).

There are no credit quality restrictions applicable to the fund's investments.

At least 80% of the fund is in sterling or hedged back to sterling.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

## Investment approach

The fund is globally diversified across a range of debt securities and issuers from a variety of sectors and geographies. This flexibility allows the fund manager to invest in a combination of assets that together provide the most attractive or 'optimal' income stream for the fund. Income streams from different assets essentially offer different combinations of duration (interest rate) risk and credit risk – the optimal income stream is therefore that which incorporates the best mix of the two, based on the fund manager's view on macroeconomic, asset class, sector and geographic factors. In seeking an optimal income stream from investments, the fund manager may invest in a company's equities if they present a more attractive investment opportunity relative to its bonds.

Individual credit selection is carried out with the assistance of an in-house team of credit analysts to complement the fund manager's views.

## Benchmark

A composite index comprising:

- 1/3 Bloomberg Global Treasury Index GBP Hedged
- 1/3 Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index GBP Hedged
- 1/3 Bloomberg Global High Yield Index GBP Hedged.

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

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund.

For unhedged share classes, the benchmark is shown in the share class currency.

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## 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.

## Investment review

For the six months ended 31 March 2024

### Performance against objective

Between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024, the M&G Optimal Income Fund delivered a strong positive total return (the combination of income and capital growth) across all its sterling share classes. Fund performance was ahead of the fund's benchmark, which returned 7.6% over the same period.

The fund's benchmark is a composite index consisting of 1/3 Bloomberg Global Treasury Index GBP Hedged, 1/3 Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Index GBP Hedged and 1/3 Bloomberg Global High Yield Index GBP Hedged. The benchmark prior to 6 March 2023 was the IA Sterling Strategic Bond Sector.

Over five years, the fund generated a positive total return and was ahead of the benchmark across all of its share classes. The GBP 'I' share class returned 2.7% pa versus the fund's benchmark return of 1.8% pa over the

five years. The fund therefore met the objective of providing a higher total return, net of the ongoing charge figure, than the average return of the benchmark over any five-year period for all of its share classes.

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.

### Performance review

Inflation declined steadily during the first half of the period under review, prompting central banks to pause the cycle of interest rate rises and ultimately signal rate cuts in 2024. Investors grew optimistic about a soft landing for major economies, sparking a powerful two-month rally across most asset classes at the end of the calendar year.

Towards the end of 2023, government bond yields fell substantially, and their value rose accordingly. UK government bonds (gilts) performed particularly well. Corporate bonds also gained, and credit spreads tightened as investor confidence returned. (Credit spreads reflect the yield differential between a corporate bond and the corresponding government bond with the same maturity).

After a negative October, the fund posted solid positive returns in November and December as markets rallied. In October we moved to a modest above benchmark (overweight) position in duration for the first time in 10 years. Over the period under review, the main contributor to relative performance was this overweight duration position (duration is a measure of a bond fund's sensitivity to interest rates).

The rally in bond markets at the end of 2023 faded in the first quarter of 2024 as investors pushed back their timing for potential interest rate cuts by central banks. The 10-year US Treasury yield ended the period at 4.2%. The prices of 10-year German bunds and UK gilts fell as well.

Corporate bonds fared slightly better. Corporate bond issuance was notable with \$606 billion worth of US dollar bonds issued during the first quarter of 2024.



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Within credit, high yield outperformed investment grade thanks to its lower interest rate sensitivity and easier financial conditions.

After negative performance in January and February, the fund performed well in March. The fund's overweight duration positioning was the key driver of performance in the first quarter of 2024. This represented our main active bet and was a drag on returns in both January and February. However, this position was supportive of performance in March and our exposure to UK government bonds within duration proved particularly beneficial, as gilts experienced a solid rally during the month.

## Investment activities

In the first half of the period, we sold some New Zealand government bonds and bought some from emerging markets that had lagged the broader rally (Hungary, Poland, Ivory Coast).

In corporate credit, we shifted some exposure from US to European banks, which performed better with lower risk. We participated in new primary deals including International Design (architecture), IHG Finance (hotels), Piraeus Bank, Southern Water Services Finance and ASR Nederland (sugar). We also sold various high-performing bonds, including some sterling and long-dated US dollar investment grade names and certain subordinated financials.

As investment grade spreads widened in October, we switched some credit exposure into high yield bonds, before shifting back in November as sentiment improved. In December we sold some high yield bonds that had performed well, including Italian mobile operator Iliad.

In the second half of the period, we maintained our long duration positioning in anticipation of a lower-inflation environment and slow but steady economic growth. We believe that in the current market environment, duration offers an attractive risk-reward profile.

With spreads tightening, we again reduced credit risk, moving some high yield exposure into investment grade. We closed some short credit default swap

positions and sold bonds where spreads looked historically tight, including an AT&T, an ultra-long-dated Électricité de France bond and a USD bond from Deutsche Telekom International Finance.

We maintain limited equity exposure, having added some good-value names in December last year.

## Outlook

Overall, we maintain a portfolio of high-quality assets with a long duration exposure as we anticipate that rates will decrease in response to a lower inflation environment and slow but positive economic growth. The downside risk of higher rates appears limited, as central banks have already implemented significant tightening measures and are unlikely to raise rates much further from current levels. On the other hand, if inflation and growth unexpectedly fall short, there is significant potential for rates to decrease which would benefit the portfolio.

The macroeconomic environment remains supportive for investment grade credit. Inflationary pressures are slowly easing while economies are growing, albeit at a slower pace. Yields remain historically high, and rate cuts are now expected in 2024, which should be supportive for fixed income investments in general. While spreads may not appear historically attractive, we believe the positive macroeconomic environment makes this asset class appealing to investors.

In high yield, spread levels remain unexciting but all-in yields are still attractive with scope for absolute returns and carry. With moderate rate cuts, contained spreads, and a mild default environment, we believe the asset class could still deliver positive returns over the next 12 months.

## Richard Woolnough & Stefan Isaacs

Co-fund managers

Employees 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 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Equities</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.26</b>
<b>Pharmaceuticals &amp; biotechnology</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>
70,000 Bristol-Myers Squibb	2,959	0.20	
<b>Automobiles &amp; parts</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>
14,000 Volkswagen	1,683	0.12	
<b>Travel &amp; leisure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
416,995 Codere <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00	
<b>Industrial support services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.26</b>
<b>Precious metals &amp; mining</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
3,647,371 New World Resources <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00	
<b>Oil &amp; gas</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
85 Chaparral Energy Warrants 01/10/2024 <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00	
85 Chaparral Energy Warrants 01/10/2025 <sup>a</sup>	0	0.00	
<b>Fixed income</b>	<b>1,302,206</b>	<b>90.42</b>	<b>91.49</b>
<b>Debt securities</b>	<b>1,272,969</b>	<b>88.39</b>	<b>89.86</b>
<b>'AAA' credit rated bonds</b>	<b>48,899</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>2.40</b>
€500,000 Banco BPI 3.25% 22/03/2030	428	0.03	
£2,000,000 Bank of Montreal Var. Rate 5.8725% 02/09/2027	2,002	0.14	
€4,000,000 Bank of Nova Scotia Var. Rate 0.375% 26/03/2030	2,909	0.20	
US\$4,000,000 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Var. Rate 4.414% 08/06/2028	3,121	0.22	
€1,404,000 Clydesdale Bank 3.75% 22/08/2028	1,224	0.09	
€3,000,000 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.625% 10/02/2031	2,317	0.16	
€3,000,000 CPPIB Capital 0.05% 24/02/2031	2,104	0.15	
€4,000,000 Credit Agricole Home Loan 2.875% 12/01/2034	3,384	0.24	
£1,118,000 HSBC FRN 5.7227% 25/08/2028	1,119	0.08	
€3,000,000 HSBC SFH France 2.625% 07/09/2032	2,485	0.17	
£1,000,000 Lloyds Bank 6% 08/02/2029	1,066	0.07	
€3,000,000 Microsoft 3.125% 06/12/2028	2,600	0.18	
US\$1,500,000 Microsoft 3.4% 15/09/2026	1,151	0.08	
€3,500,000 National Australia Bank 0.01% 06/01/2029	2,576	0.18	
US\$4,500,000 National Australia Bank 4.628% 22/11/2027	3,508	0.24	
€1,000,000 Nationwide Building Society 3.375% 27/11/2028	865	0.06	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'AAA' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£3,325,000 Nationwide Building Society FRN 5.6221% 24/02/2031	3,273	0.23	
£1,000,000 Santander 5.25% 16/02/2029	1,033	0.07	
€3,000,000 Temasek Financial I 3.5% 15/02/2033	2,614	0.18	
€4,589,000 Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.666% 08/09/2031	4,074	0.28	
£2,000,000 TSB Bank Var. Rate 5.873% 15/09/2028	2,002	0.14	
€3,500,000 Westpac Securities Var. Rate 3.75% 20/04/2028	3,044	0.21	
<b>'AA' credit rated bonds</b>		<b>477,869</b>	<b>33.18</b>
€4,000,000 Apple 0.875% 24/05/2025	3,322	0.23	
US\$4,000,000 Apple 1.2% 08/02/2028	2,799	0.20	
€3,000,000 Apple 2% 17/09/2027	2,482	0.17	
US\$3,000,000 Apple 3.2% 11/05/2027	2,277	0.16	
US\$3,000,000 Apple 3.35% 09/02/2027	2,295	0.16	
€3,500,000 Banco Santander 0.1% 27/02/2032	2,357	0.16	
€2,500,000 Banco Santander Totta 3.25% 15/02/2031	2,145	0.15	
€700,000 Credit Agricole Italia Var. Rate 3.5% 15/07/2033	612	0.04	
€40,000,000 France (Republic of) 0.75% 25/05/2053	18,294	1.27	
€10,000,000 France (Republic of) 1.25% 25/05/2034	7,360	0.51	
€30,000,000 France (Republic of) 2% 25/05/2048	20,436	1.42	
€3,000,000 LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton 3.25% 07/09/2029	2,589	0.18	
£2,508,000 Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 1.625% 12/10/2028	2,210	0.15	
£2,000,000 Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 5% 10/01/2030	2,040	0.14	
€1,831,000 NBN 4.375% 15/03/2033	1,672	0.12	
£3,650,000 Nestle Capital 4.5% 22/03/2029	3,647	0.25	
£3,000,000 New York Life Global Funding 4.95% 07/12/2029	3,073	0.21	
NZD4,000,000 New Zealand (Government of) IL 2.5% 20/09/2040	2,298	0.16	
€3,000,000 Réseau Ferré de France 5% 10/10/2033	2,926	0.20	
€2,500,000 Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 3.625% 22/02/2044	2,152	0.15	
£55,000,000 UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050	22,800	1.58	
£70,000,000 UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046	35,643	2.48	
£15,000,000 UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/2047	8,674	0.60	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'AA' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£30,000,000 UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053	26,637	1.85	
£10,000,000 UK Treasury 4% 22/10/2063	9,276	0.65	
£25,000,000 UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046	24,368	1.69	
£15,000,000 UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	15,873	1.10	
€3,500,000 UniCredit Var. Rate 3.5% 31/07/2030	3,034	0.21	
US\$80,000,000 US Treasury 0.625% 15/05/2030	51,184	3.55	
US\$60,000,000 US Treasury 0.625% 15/08/2030	38,061	2.64	
US\$75,000,000 US Treasury 1.25% 15/05/2050	30,313	2.11	
US\$30,000,000 US Treasury 1.375% 15/11/2031	19,411	1.35	
US\$30,000,000 US Treasury 2.25% 15/08/2046	16,234	1.13	
US\$55,000,000 US Treasury 2.375% 15/05/2029	39,887	2.77	
US\$30,000,000 US Treasury 2.375% 15/05/2051	16,100	1.12	
US\$45,000,000 US Treasury 3.375% 15/05/2033	33,388	2.32	
	<b>158,440</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>9.51</b>
<b>'A' credit rated bonds</b>			
€3,000,000 Allianz Var. Rate 5.824% 25/07/2053	2,841	0.20	
€3,000,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev 3.95% 22/03/2044	2,603	0.18	
€2,000,000 AXA Var. Rate 3.25% 28/05/2049	1,634	0.11	
€6,000,000 AXA Var. Rate 5.5% 11/07/2043	5,565	0.39	
£3,000,000 Banco Santander 5.125% 25/01/2030	3,011	0.21	
£800,000 Banco Santander 5.375% 17/01/2031	807	0.06	
£2,000,000 Bank of America Var. Rate 1.667% 02/06/2029	1,755	0.12	
US\$2,376,000 Bank of America Var. Rate 5.468% 23/01/2035	1,888	0.13	
€3,400,000 Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 0.625% 03/11/2028	2,537	0.18	
€1,000,000 Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 0.625% 21/02/2031	698	0.05	
€2,500,000 Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 1.375% 02/04/2030	1,860	0.13	
€3,000,000 BP Capital Markets 1.467% 21/09/2041	1,796	0.12	
€4,000,000 BP Capital Markets 1.637% 26/06/2029	3,136	0.22	
€3,000,000 BP Capital Markets 4.323% 12/05/2035	2,705	0.19	
US\$1,249,000 Comcast Cable Communications 8.5% 01/05/2027	1,074	0.07	
€2,500,000 Crédit Agricole 4% 18/01/2033	2,232	0.15	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'A' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
US\$2,000,000 Crédit Agricole 5.514% 05/07/2033	1,615	0.11	
£2,000,000 Crédit Agricole Var. Rate 6.375% 14/06/2031	2,126	0.15	
€667,000 ELM Var. Rate 3.375% 29/09/2047	546	0.04	
€1,218,000 ELM Var. Rate 4.5% Perpetual	1,040	0.07	
€2,000,000 Hannover Rueck Var. Rate 1.375% 30/06/2042	1,393	0.10	
€1,500,000 Hannover Rueck Var. Rate 1.75% 08/10/2040	1,112	0.08	
US\$600,000 Henkel 1.75% 17/11/2026	436	0.03	
€2,436,000 Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities 0.1% 03/09/2031	1,658	0.11	
US\$1,500,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 2.58% 22/04/2032	1,002	0.07	
US\$8,000,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 2.963% 25/01/2033	5,404	0.38	
€1,921,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 3.761% 21/03/2034	1,660	0.12	
US\$2,000,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 4.565% 14/06/2030	1,542	0.11	
US\$5,000,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 4.586% 26/04/2033	3,783	0.26	
US\$4,500,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 4.912% 25/07/2033	3,476	0.24	
US\$2,186,000 JPMorgan Chase Var. Rate 5.336% 23/01/2035	1,732	0.12	
€451,000 KKR 1.625% 22/05/2029	345	0.02	
£2,790,000 Leeds Building Society 1.375% 06/10/2027	2,460	0.17	
US\$6,000,000 Mizuho Financial Var. Rate 1.979% 08/09/2031	3,894	0.27	
€2,000,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 0.495% 26/10/2029	1,488	0.10	
US\$3,900,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 1.794% 13/02/2032	2,464	0.17	
US\$1,650,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 2.699% 22/01/2031	1,140	0.08	
US\$2,000,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 3.591% 22/07/2028	1,504	0.10	
€1,600,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 3.955% 21/03/2035	1,384	0.10	
€2,000,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 4.656% 02/03/2029	1,769	0.12	
US\$1,457,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 5.466% 18/01/2035	1,161	0.08	
£3,500,000 Morgan Stanley Var. Rate 5.789% 18/11/2033	3,665	0.25	
US\$3,000,000 Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft Var. Rate 5.875% 23/05/2042	2,410	0.17	
€4,000,000 Nationwide Building Society 0.25% 14/09/2028	2,985	0.21	
€20,000,000 Philip Morris International 1.45% 01/08/2039	11,789	0.82	
€7,000,000 Philip Morris International 1.875% 06/11/2037	4,565	0.32	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'A' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
€7,000,000 Philip Morris International 2% 09/05/2036	4,863	0.34	
€2,641,000 Poland (Republic of) 4.125% 11/01/2044	2,295	0.16	
US\$3,000,000 Poland (Republic of) 5.75% 16/11/2032	2,486	0.17	
US\$1,735,802 Project Silver 3.967% 15/07/2044	1,211	0.08	
€2,500,000 Prologis Euro Finance 4.25% 31/01/2043	2,140	0.15	
€1,200,000 Prologis International Funding II 4.625% 21/02/2035	1,072	0.07	
£3,000,000 Royal Bank of Canada 5% 24/01/2028	3,011	0.21	
€4,000,000 Shell International Finance 0.75% 15/08/2028	3,081	0.21	
US\$2,726,933 Slam 2021-1 2.434% 15/06/2046	1,888	0.13	
€3,000,000 Slovakia (Republic of) 3.75% 23/02/2035	2,588	0.18	
£5,000,000 Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.875% 05/04/2027	4,708	0.33	
€2,000,000 TotalEnergies Capital Canada 2.125% 18/09/2029	1,608	0.11	
€2,000,000 TotalEnergies Var. Rate 2% Perpetual	1,473	0.10	
€3,000,000 TotalEnergies Var. Rate 2.125% Perpetual	2,097	0.15	
£1,590,000 UBS Var. Rate 1.875% 03/11/2029	1,390	0.10	
US\$1,000,000 UBS Var. Rate 2.095% 11/02/2032	632	0.04	
US\$2,000,000 UBS Var. Rate 3.126% 13/08/2030	1,408	0.10	
€1,997,000 UBS Var. Rate 4.125% 09/06/2033	1,728	0.12	
£1,742,000 UBS Var. Rate 7.375% 07/09/2033	1,970	0.14	
€2,000,000 UBS Var. Rate 7.75% 01/03/2029	1,947	0.13	
US\$5,000,000 Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity Var. Rate 3% 19/04/2051	3,274	0.23	
£4,000,000 Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity Var. Rate 5.125% 23/11/2052	3,880	0.27	
	<b>487,520</b>	<b>33.85</b>	<b>39.34</b>
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds</b>			
€3,500,000 ABN AMRO Bank 3.875% 15/01/2032	3,022	0.21	
US\$4,000,000 AerCap Ireland Capital 3.3% 30/01/2032	2,708	0.19	
US\$2,500,000 AerCap Ireland Capital 3.4% 29/10/2033	1,661	0.12	
€15,000,000 Altria 3.125% 15/06/2031	11,793	0.82	
£1,028,000 Annington Funding 2.308% 06/10/2032	805	0.06	
£1,164,000 Annington Funding 2.924% 06/10/2051	699	0.05	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£1,000,000 Annington Funding 3.184% 12/07/2029	896	0.06	
£730,000 Annington Funding 3.685% 12/07/2034	619	0.04	
£1,000,000 Annington Funding 4.75% 09/08/2033	936	0.07	
US\$432,000 Argentum Netherlands for Swiss Re Var. Rate 5.75% 15/08/2050	339	0.02	
£1,700,000 Aroundtown 3% 16/10/2029	1,304	0.09	
US\$800,000 Aroundtown 5.375% 21/03/2029	545	0.04	
€779,000 ASR Nederland 3.625% 12/12/2028	666	0.05	
€1,000,000 Assicurazioni Generali 5.399% 20/04/2033	915	0.06	
€4,000,000 Assicurazioni Generali Var. Rate 5.5% 27/10/2047	3,557	0.25	
£4,000,000 Australia & New Zealand Banking Var. Rate 1.809% 16/09/2031	3,630	0.25	
US\$1,000,000 Australia & New Zealand Banking Var. Rate 2.57% 25/11/2035	647	0.05	
€1,461,000 Australia Pacific Airports Melbourne 4% 07/06/2034	1,263	0.09	
€1,000,000 Autostrade per l'Italia 4.25% 28/06/2032	856	0.06	
€2,000,000 Autostrade per l'Italia 4.625% 28/02/2036	1,723	0.12	
£1,000,000 Aviva Var. Rate 4% 03/06/2055	832	0.06	
£2,269,000 Aviva Var. Rate 4.375% 12/09/2049	2,123	0.15	
£4,500,000 Aviva Var. Rate 5.125% 04/06/2050	4,322	0.30	
US\$2,000,000 Bacardi 5.25% 15/01/2029	1,574	0.11	
US\$5,000,000 Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria Var. Rate 6.138% 14/09/2028	4,043	0.28	
€2,500,000 Banco de Sabadell Var. Rate 0.875% 16/06/2028	1,950	0.14	
€1,000,000 Banco de Sabadell Var. Rate 5% 07/06/2029	896	0.06	
€1,500,000 Banco de Sabadell Var. Rate 5.5% 08/09/2029	1,349	0.09	
£2,500,000 Banco Santander Var. Rate 2.25% 04/10/2032	2,193	0.15	
US\$3,400,000 Banco Santander Var. Rate 3.225% 22/11/2032	2,229	0.15	
€3,500,000 Bankinter Var. Rate 1.25% 23/12/2032	2,698	0.19	
€1,700,000 Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel 1.125% 19/11/2031	1,169	0.08	
€5,000,000 Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel Var. Rate 3.875% 16/06/2032	4,218	0.29	
€2,211,000 Barclays Var. Rate 4.506% 31/01/2033	1,932	0.13	
US\$1,105,000 Barclays Var. Rate 5.746% 09/08/2033	876	0.06	
£10,790,000 BAT International Finance 2.25% 09/09/2052	4,779	0.33	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£3,403,000 BAT International Finance 4% 23/11/2055	2,189	0.15	
€2,137,000 Bevco Lux 1% 16/01/2030	1,540	0.11	
£3,000,000 BNP Paribas 1.25% 13/07/2031	2,319	0.16	
£1,000,000 BNP Paribas 2.875% 24/02/2029	908	0.06	
£2,000,000 BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/06/2032	2,071	0.14	
US\$4,900,000 BNP Paribas FRN 3.052% 13/01/2031	3,413	0.24	
US\$2,200,000 BNP Paribas FRN SNR 3.052% 13/01/2031	1,532	0.11	
US\$462,000 BNP Paribas Var. Rate 2.588% 12/08/2035	298	0.02	
US\$1,250,000 BNP Paribas Var. Rate 3.132% 20/01/2033	841	0.06	
US\$1,500,000 BNP Paribas Var. Rate 4.375% 01/03/2033	1,123	0.08	
US\$9,000,000 Boeing 5.805% 01/05/2050	6,701	0.47	
US\$5,000,000 Boeing 5.93% 01/05/2060	3,683	0.26	
€1,500,000 BP Capital Markets Var. Rate 3.625% Perpetual	1,220	0.08	
£1,000,000 BP Capital Markets Var. Rate 4.25% Perpetual	945	0.07	
£1,000,000 BPCE 5.25% 16/04/2029	977	0.07	
US\$3,400,000 BPCE Var. Rate 2.277% 20/01/2032	2,176	0.15	
US\$1,680,000 BPCE Var. Rate 3.116% 19/10/2032	1,087	0.08	
£3,000,000 British Telecommunications 5.75% 13/02/2041	3,011	0.21	
£2,960,000 British Telecommunications 6.375% 23/06/2037	3,189	0.22	
£2,800,000 BUPA Finance 4.125% 14/06/2035	2,340	0.16	
£1,000,000 BUPA Finance 5% 08/12/2026	987	0.07	
£2,000,000 Cadent Finance 2.625% 22/09/2038	1,420	0.10	
£417,000 Cadent Finance 5.75% 14/03/2034	431	0.03	
£4,400,000 CaixaBank Var. Rate 3.5% 06/04/2028	4,172	0.29	
£700,000 CaixaBank Var. Rate 6.875% 25/10/2033	717	0.05	
€3,695,000 Celanese 5.337% 19/01/2029	3,334	0.23	
US\$1,411,000 Celanese 6.379% 15/07/2032	1,157	0.08	
€4,000,000 Cellnex Telecom 0.75% 20/11/2031	2,914	0.20	
£3,500,000 Centrica 7% 19/09/2033	3,934	0.27	
€2,613,000 Channel Link Enterprises Finance Var. Rate 2.706% 30/06/2050	2,071	0.14	



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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£1,943,000 Channel Link Enterprises Finance Var. Rate 3.043% 30/06/2050	1,704	0.12	
£3,000,000 Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.625% 23/05/2029	2,874	0.20	
€800,000 Cooperatieve Rabobank Var. Rate 4.875% Perpetual	643	0.04	
£1,506,000 Coventry Building Society 2% 20/12/2030	1,228	0.09	
£1,964,000 CPUK Finance 3.69% 28/08/2028	1,814	0.13	
£1,023,000 CPUK Finance 5.876% 28/08/2027	1,032	0.07	
€1,500,000 Crédit Agricole Assurances 1.5% 06/10/2031	1,063	0.07	
£2,100,000 Crédit Agricole Var. Rate 1.874% 09/12/2031	1,888	0.13	
US\$500,000 Crédit Agricole Var. Rate 4% 10/01/2033	368	0.03	
€1,400,000 Crelan Var. Rate 5.25% 23/01/2032	1,240	0.09	
€3,000,000 Danske Bank Var. Rate 0.75% 09/06/2029	2,269	0.16	
£3,000,000 Danske Bank Var. Rate 2.25% 14/01/2028	2,759	0.19	
£531,894 Delamare Finance 5.5457% 19/02/2029	529	0.04	
€2,000,000 Deutsche Bahn Finance Var. Rate 1.6% Perpetual	1,472	0.10	
€2,000,000 Deutsche Bank Var. Rate 4% 24/06/2032	1,653	0.12	
£1,200,000 Deutsche Bank Var. Rate 6.125% 12/12/2030	1,213	0.08	
US\$5,000,000 Deutsche Telekom International Finance 8.75% 15/06/2030	4,670	0.32	
£1,056,000 DWR Cymru Financing 2.375% 31/03/2034	779	0.05	
€1,000,000 E.ON 4.125% 25/03/2044	871	0.06	
£300,000 E.ON International Finance 4.75% 31/01/2034	289	0.02	
£3,200,000 E.ON International Finance 5.875% 30/10/2037	3,334	0.23	
£1,000,000 E.ON International Finance 6.25% 03/06/2030	1,072	0.07	
€894,000 EDP Servicios Financieros Espana 3.5% 16/07/2030	762	0.05	
US\$2,000,000 Électricité de France 4.5% 04/12/2069	1,137	0.08	
£1,100,000 Électricité de France 5.625% 25/01/2053	1,009	0.07	
£4,000,000 Électricité de France 6% 23/01/2114	3,768	0.26	
£1,100,000 Électricité de France 5.125% 22/09/2050	949	0.07	
£3,000,000 Électricité de France 5.5% 27/03/2037	2,889	0.20	
£3,500,000 Électricité de France 5.5% 17/10/2041	3,271	0.23	
US\$2,903,000 Électricité de France 6% 22/01/2114	2,167	0.15	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£4,000,000 Électricité de France 6.125% 02/06/2034	4,119	0.29	
US\$3,000,000 Enel Finance International 3.5% 06/04/2028	2,236	0.16	
US\$1,000,000 Enel Finance International 5% 15/06/2032	766	0.05	
US\$2,500,000 Enel Finance International 7.5% 14/10/2032	2,228	0.15	
€3,639,000 Engie 5.95% 16/03/2111	3,919	0.27	
US\$3,500,000 Eni 4.75% 12/09/2028	2,748	0.19	
€3,500,000 Eni Var. Rate 2.75% Perpetual	2,635	0.18	
€178,000 Eni Var. Rate 3.375% Perpetual	141	0.01	
£1,243,000 ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032	1,249	0.09	
US\$1,500,000 Expedia 3.25% 15/02/2030	1,069	0.07	
€2,156,000 Fastighets Balder 1.875% 14/03/2025	1,798	0.13	
€1,486,000 Fastighets Balder 1.875% 23/01/2026	1,205	0.08	
US\$3,000,000 Fox 6.5% 13/10/2033	2,509	0.17	
US\$2,000,000 Fresenius Medical Care US Finance III 3.75% 15/06/2029	1,420	0.10	
£3,703,000 Gatwick Funding 3.125% 28/09/2039	2,797	0.19	
£500,000 Gatwick Funding 4.625% 27/03/2034	472	0.03	
£3,000,000 Gatwick Funding 5.75% 23/01/2037	3,052	0.21	
£216,000 Gatwick Funding Var. Rate 5.5% 04/04/2040	213	0.02	
£1,891,000 Grainger 3% 03/07/2030	1,618	0.11	
£839,915 Greene King Finance 3.593% 15/03/2035	749	0.05	
£157,482 Greene King Finance 4.0643% 15/03/2035	143	0.01	
£3,500,000 H.J. Heinz Finance 6.25% 18/02/2030	3,665	0.25	
£788,000 Hammerson 7.25% 21/04/2028	817	0.06	
€4,500,000 Heathrow Funding 1.125% 08/10/2030	3,301	0.23	
€1,819,000 Heathrow Funding 1.5% 11/02/2030	1,384	0.10	
£1,000,000 Heathrow Funding 5.875% 13/05/2041	1,033	0.07	
£2,500,000 Heathrow Funding 7.075% 04/08/2028	2,686	0.19	
£1,000,000 Holcim Sterling Finance 3% 12/05/2032	864	0.06	
€3,000,000 Hungary (Republic of) 1.625% 28/04/2032	2,095	0.15	
€1,500,000 Iberdrola International Var. Rate 2.25% Perpetual	1,144	0.08	

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## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
€368,000 IHG Finance 4.375% 28/11/2029	325	0.02	
£15,000,000 Imperial Brands Finance 4.875% 07/06/2032	13,971	0.97	
€7,000,000 Imperial Brands Finance 5.25% 15/02/2031	6,312	0.44	
€4,500,000 ING Var. Rate 0.25% 18/02/2029	3,366	0.23	
€2,500,000 ING Var. Rate 0.375% 29/09/2028	1,906	0.13	
€4,000,000 ING Var. Rate 2.125% 26/05/2031	3,280	0.23	
US\$701,000 ING Var. Rate 4.252% 28/03/2033	514	0.04	
£1,000,000 ING Var. Rate 6.25% 20/05/2033	1,008	0.07	
£1,397,000 InterContinental Hotels 2.125% 24/08/2026	1,298	0.09	
£3,000,000 InterContinental Hotels 3.375% 08/10/2028	2,800	0.19	
£750,000 Intesa Sanpaolo 2.625% 11/03/2036	549	0.04	
£2,000,000 Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 31/05/2033	2,117	0.15	
US\$2,126,000 Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 20/06/2033	1,741	0.12	
US\$2,500,000 Intesa Sanpaolo Var. Rate 8.248% 21/11/2033	2,206	0.15	
€5,000,000 Italy (Republic of) 1.5% 30/04/2045	2,765	0.19	
€4,000,000 Italy (Republic of) 1.7% 01/09/2051	2,131	0.15	
€5,000,000 Italy (Republic of) 1.8% 01/03/2041	3,129	0.22	
US\$257,000 Italy (Republic of) 2.875% 17/10/2029	180	0.01	
US\$9,000,000 Italy (Republic of) 3.875% 06/05/2051	5,075	0.35	
€4,000,000 Italy (Republic of) 4.5% 01/10/2053	3,601	0.25	
€2,000,000 KBC Var. Rate 0.625% 07/12/2031	1,561	0.11	
US\$1,500,000 KBC Var. Rate 5.796% 19/01/2029	1,198	0.08	
€1,500,000 La Banque Postale Var. Rate 0.75% 02/08/2032	1,144	0.08	
£5,800,000 Legal & General Var. Rate 3.75% 26/11/2049	5,226	0.36	
£6,500,000 Legal & General Var. Rate 5.125% 14/11/2048	6,382	0.44	
£200,000 Lloyds Bank 11.75% Perpetual	322	0.02	
£10,000,000 Lloyds Banking Var. Rate 2.707% 03/12/2035	8,106	0.56	
£625,000 Logicor Financing 2.75% 15/01/2030	527	0.04	
£2,500,000 Manchester Airport Group Funding 4.75% 31/03/2034	2,456	0.17	
€4,306,000 Mexico (United Mexican States) 2.125% 25/10/2051	2,185	0.15	

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Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
€7,500,000 Mexico (United Mexican States) 4% 15/03/2115	5,024	0.35	
£12,334,000 Mexico (United Mexican States) 5.625% 19/03/2114	9,273	0.64	
£97,392 Mitchells & Butlers Finance FRN 5.793% 15/12/2030	89	0.01	
£1,602,334 Mitchells & Butlers Finance FRN 6.0623% 15/12/2033	1,378	0.10	
US\$1,220,119 Mitchells & Butlers Finance FRN 6.0743% 15/12/2030	901	0.06	
£421,000 Mondelēz International 3.875% 06/03/2045	333	0.02	
US\$5,000,000 National Australia Bank Var. Rate 3.347% 12/01/2037	3,327	0.23	
£1,750,000 National Gas Transmission 1.375% 07/02/2031	1,366	0.10	
£2,000,000 National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 16/04/2032	2,074	0.14	
£2,000,000 National Grid Electricity Transmission 1.125% 07/07/2028	1,716	0.12	
£2,000,000 National Grid Gas 1.125% 14/01/2033	1,432	0.10	
£890,000 Nationwide Building Society Var. Rate 6.178% 07/12/2027	908	0.06	
€1,000,000 NatWest Var. Rate 0.67% 14/09/2029	750	0.05	
£950,000 NatWest Var. Rate 2.105% 28/11/2031	864	0.06	
US\$3,000,000 NatWest Var. Rate 3.032% 28/11/2035	1,980	0.14	
£3,658,000 NatWest Var. Rate 3.619% 29/03/2029	3,431	0.24	
£1,669,000 NatWest Var. Rate 3.622% 14/08/2030	1,619	0.11	
£1,250,000 Next 3.625% 18/05/2028	1,193	0.08	
£1,500,000 Next 4.375% 02/10/2026	1,475	0.10	
£1,000,000 NIE Finance 5.875% 01/12/2032	1,062	0.07	
€5,000,000 NN Var. Rate 5.25% 01/03/2043	4,423	0.31	
£2,500,000 Nordea Bank Var. Rate 1.625% 09/12/2032	2,168	0.15	
£1,029,000 Northumbrian Water Finance 5.5% 02/10/2037	1,012	0.07	
£3,068,000 Pearson Funding 3.75% 04/06/2030	2,835	0.20	
€539,000 Permanent TSB Group Holdings Var. Rate 6.625% 25/04/2028	490	0.03	
€2,000,000 Prosus 1.288% 13/07/2029	1,444	0.10	
€300,000 Raiffeisen Bank International Var. Rate 4.625% 21/08/2029	255	0.02	
€1,500,000 Raiffeisen Bank International Var. Rate 7.375% 20/12/2032	1,330	0.09	
€1,500,000 Repsol International Finance Var. Rate 3.75% Perpetual	1,256	0.09	
€2,500,000 Romania (Republic of) 1.75% 13/07/2030	1,749	0.12	

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Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
€2,500,000 Romania (Republic of) 2.875% 13/04/2042	1,454	0.10	
€2,000,000 Romania (Republic of) 3.375% 28/01/2050	1,201	0.08	
€4,000,000 Sampo Var. Rate 2.5% 03/09/2052	2,946	0.20	
£4,000,000 Santander Var. Rate 2.421% 17/01/2029	3,572	0.25	
£2,000,000 Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2.75% 05/12/2031	1,707	0.12	
£858,000 Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 30/11/2034	818	0.06	
US\$1,347,000 SK Hynix 2.375% 19/01/2031	877	0.06	
£1,310,000 Skipton Building Society Var. Rate 6.25% 25/04/2029	1,323	0.09	
US\$4,719,000 Société Générale Var. Rate 3.337% 21/01/2033	3,121	0.22	
US\$750,000 Société Générale Var. Rate 6.691% 10/01/2034	621	0.04	
US\$2,500,000 Société Générale Var. Rate 7.132% 19/01/2055	1,957	0.14	
£1,465,000 Southern Gas Networks 1.25% 02/12/2031	1,119	0.08	
£2,000,000 Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 15/09/2036	1,579	0.11	
€1,000,000 Southern Var. Rate 1.875% 15/09/2081	748	0.05	
£2,000,000 Southern Water Services Finance 2.375% 28/05/2028	1,751	0.12	
£750,000 Southern Water Services Finance 3% 28/05/2037	538	0.04	
€10,000,000 Spain (Kingdom of) 3.45% 30/07/2066	7,918	0.55	
US\$1,842,000 Standard Chartered Var. Rate 6.301% 09/01/2029	1,498	0.10	
US\$2,591,000 Stora Enso 7.25% 15/04/2036	2,152	0.15	
£2,300,000 Suez 6.625% 05/10/2043	2,563	0.18	
£1,517,000 SW Finance I 7% 16/04/2040	1,515	0.11	
€1,000,000 Swedbank 4.375% 05/09/2030	890	0.06	
€2,500,000 Swedbank Var. Rate 3.625% 23/08/2032	2,087	0.15	
£1,000,000 Swedbank Var. Rate 7.272% 15/11/2032	1,038	0.07	
€800,000 Swiss Re Finance Var. Rate 2.714% 04/06/2052	604	0.04	
€3,000,000 Sydney Airport Finance 4.375% 03/05/2033	2,683	0.19	
US\$500,000 Telefónica Europe 8.25% 15/09/2030	452	0.03	
£943,000 Telereal Securitisation Var. Rate 1.9632% 10/12/2033	876	0.06	
£1,000,000 Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 5.5% 27/02/2035	1,013	0.07	
£1,790,372 Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 13/04/2040	1,822	0.13	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BBB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£909,288 Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 13/10/2040	926	0.06	
£2,337,503 Tesco Property Finance 5 5.6611% 13/10/2041	2,358	0.16	
£2,000,000 Thames Water Utilities Finance 2.625% 24/01/2032	1,504	0.10	
US\$4,000,000 T-Mobile USA 2.625% 15/04/2026	3,011	0.21	
US\$6,400,000 UniCredit Var. Rate 3.127% 03/06/2032	4,275	0.30	
US\$864,000 UPM-Kymmene 7.45% 26/11/2027	722	0.05	
US\$1,500,000 Verizon Communications 1.68% 30/10/2030	966	0.07	
US\$2,000,000 Verizon Communications 2.355% 15/03/2032	1,298	0.09	
£1,000,000 Verizon Communications 2.5% 08/04/2031	859	0.06	
US\$1,500,000 Verizon Communications 2.55% 21/03/2031	1,012	0.07	
US\$1,000,000 Verizon Communications 4.125% 16/03/2027	775	0.05	
US\$3,500,000 Verizon Communications 4.329% 21/09/2028	2,705	0.19	
£4,000,000 Wells Fargo 2.125% 24/09/2031	3,292	0.23	
£1,000,000 Wells Fargo 2.5% 02/05/2029	888	0.06	
£1,080,000 Wells Fargo 3.5% 12/09/2029	1,008	0.07	
£500,000 Wells Fargo 4.875% 29/11/2035	470	0.03	
US\$5,000,000 Wells Fargo Var. Rate 3.35% 02/03/2033	3,428	0.24	
£5,252,000 Wells Fargo Var. Rate 3.473% 26/04/2028	4,992	0.35	
£1,541,000 Welltower 4.8% 20/11/2028	1,521	0.11	
£2,000,000 Westfield America Management 2.625% 30/03/2029	1,751	0.12	
US\$3,500,000 Westpac Banking Var. Rate 3.02% 18/11/2036	2,274	0.16	
£1,500,000 Whitbread 3% 31/05/2031	1,301	0.09	
€500,000 WPC Eurobond 0.95% 01/06/2030	354	0.02	
€2,000,000 WPC Eurobond 1.35% 15/04/2028	1,541	0.11	
£3,000,000 WPP Finance 2017 3.75% 19/05/2032	2,682	0.19	
£1,620,000 Yorkshire Building Society Var. Rate 1.5% 15/09/2029	1,368	0.10	
<b>'BB' credit rated bonds</b>	<b>68,482</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>8.78</b>
€5,500,000 AIB Var. Rate 2.875% 30/05/2031	4,534	0.31	
€1,000,000 AIB Var. Rate 6.25% Perpetual	850	0.06	
£1,029,000 B&M European Value Retail 4% 15/11/2028	957	0.07	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'BB' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
€1,000,000 Banco Santander Var. Rate 4.75% Perpetual	817	0.06	
£1,500,000 Bank of Ireland Var. Rate 7.594% 06/12/2032	1,558	0.11	
US\$1,000,000 BBVA Bancomer Var. Rate 5.875% 13/09/2034	745	0.05	
US\$889,000 BBVA Bancomer Var. Rate 8.45% 29/06/2038	742	0.05	
€559,000 Benteler International 9.375% 15/05/2028	514	0.04	
US\$200,000 Benteler International 10.5% 15/05/2028	171	0.01	
€1,800,000 CaixaBank Var. Rate 3.625% Perpetual	1,260	0.09	
€842,000 Canpack 2.375% 01/11/2027	664	0.05	
US\$6,500,000 Colombia (Republic of) 5% 15/06/2045	3,726	0.26	
£1,500,000 Commerzbank Var. Rate 8.625% 28/02/2033	1,595	0.11	
€2,000,000 Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of) 6.625% 22/03/2048	1,390	0.10	
€1,000,000 Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of) 6.875% 17/10/2040	739	0.05	
£950,000 Daily Mail & General Trust 6.375% 21/06/2027	903	0.06	
US\$815,000 DT Midstream 4.375% 15/06/2031	582	0.04	
US\$3,000,000 Ecopetrol 8.375% 19/01/2036	2,401	0.17	
US\$888,158 Energian Israel Finance 5.375% 30/03/2028	642	0.04	
€2,500,000 Eurobank Var. Rate 7% 26/01/2029	2,323	0.16	
€1,000,000 Eurofins Scientific Var. Rate 3.25% Perpetual	825	0.06	
£741,000 GTCR W-2 Merger Sub 8.5% 15/01/2031	798	0.05	
€2,000,000 International Consolidated Airlines 1.125% 18/05/2028	1,589	0.11	
€700,000 International Consolidated Airlines 3.75% 25/03/2029	589	0.04	
£485,000 Intesa Sanpaolo 5.148% 10/06/2030	452	0.03	
£3,500,000 Intesa Sanpaolo 8.505% 20/09/2032	3,886	0.27	
US\$494,000 Intesa Sanpaolo Var. Rate 4.198% 01/06/2032	327	0.02	
US\$2,348,000 KUO 5.75% 07/07/2027	1,746	0.12	
£3,500,000 Lloyds Banking Var. Rate 7.875% Perpetual	3,469	0.24	
€2,500,000 Macedonia (Govt. of) 1.625% 10/03/2028	1,854	0.13	
€2,300,000 Mahle 2.375% 14/05/2028	1,712	0.12	
£432,000 Marston's Issuer Var. Rate 5.1774% 15/07/2032	382	0.03	
US\$1,681,000 Millicom International Cellular 4.5% 27/04/2031	1,138	0.08	





# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt securities (continued)</b>			
<b>'B' credit rated bonds (continued)</b>			
£1,686,000 Sherwood Financing 6% 15/11/2026	1,499	0.10	
€2,800,000 Telecom Italia 5.25% 17/03/2055	2,144	0.15	
€2,000,000 TI Automotive Finance 3.75% 15/04/2029	1,600	0.11	
£623,000 TVL Finance 10.25% 28/04/2028	650	0.05	
£3,000,000 Vmed O2 UK Financing I 4% 31/01/2029	2,629	0.18	
£1,500,000 Vmed O2 UK Financing I 4.5% 15/07/2031	1,275	0.09	
<b>'CCC' credit rated bonds</b>			
	<b>7,245</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.39</b>
US\$1,012,000 Bausch Health 11% 30/09/2028	530	0.03	
US\$1,000,000 CHS 4.75% 15/02/2031	610	0.04	
US\$1,700,000 CSC 5.75% 15/01/2030	703	0.05	
US\$500,000 DISH DBS 5.25% 01/12/2026	312	0.02	
US\$500,000 DISH DBS 5.75% 01/12/2028	272	0.02	
US\$1,758,000 Dish Network 11.75% 15/11/2027	1,430	0.10	
€1,300,000 Intrum 3.5% 15/07/2026	715	0.05	
£3,173,444 Metrocentre Finance 8.75% 05/12/2024	1,601	0.11	
€127,850 Selecta 8% 01/04/2026	107	0.01	
€1,200,000 Sigma Holdco 5.75% 15/05/2026	965	0.07	
<b>'CC' credit rated bonds</b>			
	<b>92</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
US\$201,000 Bausch Health 14% 15/10/2030	92	0.01	
<b>'C' credit rated bonds</b>			
	<b>689</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.05</b>
US\$2,000,000 Bausch Health 5% 30/01/2028	689	0.05	
<b>'D' credit rated bonds</b>			
	<b>947</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.07</b>
£1,622,010 INTU Debenture 5.562% 31/12/2027	667	0.05	
£280,350 INTU Metrocentre 1% 04/12/2024	280	0.02	
<b>Bonds with no credit rating</b>			
	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
ZAR2,678,858 K2016470219 South Africa 3% 31/12/2022 <sup>b</sup>	0	0.00	
US\$232,145 K2016470219 South Africa 3% 31/12/2022 <sup>b</sup>	0	0.00	
<b>Debt derivatives</b>			
	<b>29,237</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>1.63</b>
<b>Credit default swaps</b>			
	<b>14,342</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.51</b>
US\$(8,000,000) Brazil (Republic of) Dec 2027	(9)	0.00	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt derivatives (continued)</b>			
<b>Credit default swaps (continued)</b>			
US\$(8,000,000) Brazil (Republic of) Dec 2027	(9)	0.00	
US\$(8,000,000) Brazil (Republic of) Dec 2028	58	0.00	
US\$(8,000,000) Brazil (Republic of) Dec 2028	58	0.00	
US\$(24,500,000) Markit CDX North American High Yield Series 39 V2 5 Year Dec 2027	1,373	0.10	
US\$(94,050,000) Markit CDX North American High Yield Series 41 V1 5 Year Dec 2028	5,504	0.38	
€(49,333,000) Markit iTraxx Europe Crossover Series 39 V1 5 Year Jun 2028	4,123	0.29	
€(50,000,000) Markit iTraxx Europe Crossover Series 40 V1 5 Year Dec 2028	3,244	0.23	
<b>Interest rate swaps</b>	<b>15,102</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.05</b>
£4,000,000 Pay 1.2058% Receive VAR Feb 2052	1,745	0.12	
US\$10,000,000 Pay 1.7577% Receive VAR Mar 2052	2,635	0.18	
€8,000,000 Pay 2.305% Receive VAR Mar 2054	56	0.00	
€8,000,000 Pay 2.3132% Receive VAR Mar 2054	45	0.00	
€8,000,000 Pay 2.3892% Receive VAR Mar 2054	(64)	0.00	
€10,000,000 Pay 2.44% Receive VAR Mar 2054	(165)	(0.01)	
£6,779,661 Pay 2.881% Receive VAR Nov 2052	1,041	0.07	
£6,779,661 Pay 2.907% Receive VAR Nov 2052	1,010	0.07	
£6,440,678 Pay 2.92% Receive VAR Nov 2052	945	0.07	
£6,440,678 Pay 2.92% Receive VAR Nov 2052	945	0.07	
£6,779,661 Pay 2.925% Receive VAR Nov 2052	988	0.07	
£6,779,661 Pay 2.937% Receive VAR Nov 2052	974	0.07	
US\$7,500,000 Pay 3.0565% Receive VAR Jan 2053	665	0.05	
£7,500,000 Pay 3.363% Receive VAR Jan 2053	496	0.03	
£15,000,000 Pay 3.39% Receive VAR Jan 2034	427	0.03	
£15,000,000 Pay 3.3925% Receive VAR Jan 2034	424	0.03	
£7,500,000 Pay 3.395% Receive VAR Jan 2053	454	0.03	
£15,000,000 Pay 3.4075% Receive VAR Jan 2034	404	0.03	
£25,000,000 Pay 3.4375% Receive VAR Apr 2053	1,614	0.11	
£15,000,000 Pay 3.483% Receive VAR Jan 2034	310	0.02	
£5,000,000 Pay 3.549% Receive VAR Feb 2053	153	0.01	

# Portfolio statement

## Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 30.09.23 %
<b>Fixed income (continued)</b>			
<b>Debt derivatives (continued)</b>			
<b>Interest rate futures</b>			
1,350 5 Year US Treasury Note Jun 2024	(12)	0.00	
1,450 10 Year US Treasury Note Jun 2024	187	0.01	
(300) Euro-Bund Jun 2024	(277)	(0.02)	
(50) Euro-Buxl 30 Years Bond Jun 2024	(124)	(0.01)	
1,400 US 10 Year Ultra Jun 2024	19	0.00	
<b>Currency</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>(0.84)</b>
<b>Forward currency contracts</b>			
US\$5,716,420 Bought for £4,515,346 (expires 24.04.2024)	17	0.00	
NZD1,389,797 Bought for £660,908 (expires 24.04.2024)	(4)	0.00	
€4,101,435 Bought for £3,520,612 (expires 24.04.2024)	(11)	0.00	
€(442,824,239) Sold for £380,091,100 (expires 24.04.2024)	1,170	0.08	
NZD(6,254,921) Sold for £2,976,470 (expires 24.04.2024)	20	0.00	
€(8,018,766) Sold for £6,879,900 (expires 24.04.2024)	18	0.00	
€(3,325,471) Sold for £2,852,170 (expires 24.04.2024)	7	0.00	
US\$(3,988,682) Sold for £3,161,365 (expires 24.04.2024)	(1)	0.00	
US\$(6,015,875) Sold for £4,764,408 (expires 24.04.2024)	(5)	0.00	
US\$(574,589,270) Sold for £455,329,034 (expires 24.04.2024)	(192)	(0.01)	
<b>Total portfolio</b>	<b>1,307,867</b>	<b>90.81</b>	<b>90.91</b>
<b>Net other assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>132,279</b>	<b>9.19</b>	<b>9.09</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>1,440,146</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

<sup>a</sup> Suspended/delisted.

<sup>b</sup> Defaulted bond.

# Portfolio statement

## Top ten portfolio transactions for the six months to 31 March 2024

Largest purchases	£'000
US Treasury 0.625% 15/05/2030	40,985
UK Treasury 3.75% 22/10/2053	25,531
US Treasury 1.375% 15/11/2031	19,017
UK Treasury 0.875% 31/01/2046	18,434
European Union 0% 4/7/2031	17,349
France (Republic of) 1.25% 25/05/2034	17,326
US Treasury 3.375% 15/05/2033	17,227
UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	15,630
US Treasury 2.375% 15/05/2051	15,568
US Treasury 1.25% 15/05/2050	14,960
Other purchases	285,936
<b>Total purchases</b>	<b>487,963</b>

Largest sales	£'000
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/06/2028	30,038
France (Republic of) 1.25% 25/05/2034	29,276
US Treasury 1.75% 15/08/2041	20,614
UK Treasury 0.5% 31/01/2029	20,355
US Treasury 4.125% 31/07/2028	20,040
UK Treasury 3.75% 29/01/2038	17,790
European Union 0% 4/7/2031	17,402
BAT International Finance 6% 24/11/2034	10,775
UK Treasury 0.625% 22/10/2050	8,153
KfW 2.875% 28/12/2029	6,921
Other sales	271,219
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>452,583</b>

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.

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## 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 % <sup>a</sup>	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
<b>Sterling</b>				
Class 'A' Income	+8.5	+0.8	+2.2	+2.5
Class 'A' Accumulation	+8.5	+0.8	+2.2	+2.5
Class 'I' Income	+8.7	+1.2	+2.7	+3.0
Class 'I' Accumulation	+8.7	+1.2	+2.7	+2.9
Class 'J' Income	+8.7	+1.2	+2.7	n/a
Class 'J' Accumulation	+8.7	+1.2	+2.7	n/a
Class 'PP' Income	+8.8	+1.3	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+8.8	+1.3	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+8.6	+0.9	+2.4	+2.7
Class 'R' Accumulation	+8.6	+0.9	+2.4	+2.7
<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>+7.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+2.8</b>

<sup>a</sup> 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 8 December 2006.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	49,809	50,239	77,003
Number of shares	37,023,368	39,545,994	63,804,491
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	134.53	127.04	120.69
Operating charges (%)	1.03	1.03	1.03

## Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2006.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	239,372	226,899	316,217
Number of shares	171,753,922	172,756,307	254,458,005
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	139.37	131.34	124.27
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.63	0.62

## Sterling Class 'J' Income shares

The share class was launched on 18 January 2019.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	5,551	6,201	11,114
Number of shares	5,770,460	6,840,800	12,956,895
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	96.19	90.65	85.77
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.63	0.62

## Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	111,902	101,121	82,983
Number of shares	119,130,836	114,291,432	99,226,096
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	93.93	88.48	83.63
Operating charges (%)	0.53	0.53	0.53

## Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2006.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	178,757	186,168	232,775
Number of shares	76,478,824	86,515,023	119,679,910
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	233.73	215.19	194.50
Operating charges (%)	1.03	1.03	1.03

## Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2006.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	696,530	588,592	579,524
Number of shares	277,507,737	255,221,954	279,129,343
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	250.99	230.62	207.62
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.63	0.62

## Sterling Class 'J' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 18 January 2019.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	537	596	710
Number of shares	461,784	557,631	738,168
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	116.32	106.88	96.22
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.63	0.62

## Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	148,337	129,662	53,067
Number of shares	130,913,949	124,604,213	56,703,449
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	113.31	104.06	93.59
Operating charges (%)	0.53	0.53	0.52

# Financial highlights

## Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	3,095	3,013	3,060
Number of shares	2,912,649	3,005,223	3,217,658
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	106.25	100.26	95.10
Operating charges (%)	0.88	0.88	0.87

## Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	31.03.24	30.09.23	30.09.22
Closing NAV (£'000)	6,256	5,781	6,752
Number of shares	4,188,127	4,206,619	5,444,257
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	149.37	137.42	124.02
Operating charges (%)	0.88	0.88	0.87

# Financial statements and notes

## Financial statements

### Statement of total return

for the six months to 31 March	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		83,669		97,980
Revenue	35,669		32,832	
Expenses	(4,643)		(4,962)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(10)		(7)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	31,016		27,863	
Taxation	(27)		0	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		30,989		27,863
<b>Total return before distributions</b>		<b>114,658</b>		<b>125,843</b>
Distributions		(32,292)		(29,577)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>82,366</b>		<b>96,266</b>

### Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 31 March	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>1,298,272</b>		<b>1,363,205</b>
Amounts received on issue of shares	144,587		47,012	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(107,876)		(142,776)	
		36,711		(95,764)
Dilution adjustments		412		442
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		82,366		96,266
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		22,385		17,195
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>1,440,146</b>		<b>1,381,344</b>

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	31 March 2024 £'000	30 September 2023 £'000
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments	1,308,740	1,207,270
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	19,130	26,776
Cash and bank balances	58,430	103,958
Cash equivalents	81,251	31,435
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,467,551</b>	<b>1,369,439</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Investment liabilities	(873)	(26,989)
<b>Creditors</b>		
Overdrawn positions at futures clearing houses and collateral manager	(9,749)	0
Distribution payable	(10,514)	(10,563)
Other creditors	(6,269)	(33,615)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>(27,405)</b>	<b>(71,167)</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>1,440,146</b>	<b>1,298,272</b>

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## Notes to the financial statements

### Accounting policies

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

### Distribution policy

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.

