

Investment Fund Services

IFSL CH Special Mandates Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited
Financial Statements

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

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AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL CH Special Mandates Fund (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000588 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 8 November 2007. The Company has an unlimited duration. The Company is a UCITS Scheme and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC) Regulations 2001. The operation of the Company is governed by the FCA Regulations, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus.

The Company currently has two sub-funds: IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund and IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund.

Shareholders of the sub-funds do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Company and will not be liable for the debts of the Company. A sub-fund is not a legal entity. If the assets attributable to a sub-fund were insufficient to meet its liabilities the shortfall will not be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. The sub-funds are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund

Investment objective

The sub-fund aims to provide a positive absolute return (after any charges have been taken out of the sub-fund) over any rolling twelve month period at low levels of volatility (meaning changes in value of up to 5% per annum in normal market conditions).

Capital invested in the sub-fund is at risk and there is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over a rolling twelve-month, or any other period.

Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The sub-fund will gain a diverse exposure to a range of global asset classes.

The sub-fund may at any one time be invested in one or more of the following: bonds (which are loans typically issued by companies and governments), shares of companies, other funds, money market instruments (which are short-term loans) and deposits.

Up to 10% of the sub-fund may be invested in units/shares in other funds (which could include other funds managed by the Authorised Corporate Director, the Investment Manager or one of their associates).

The Investment Manager has no fixed asset allocation for any asset class but will change the asset mix in the sub-fund from time to time, considering market conditions, in a way that, in the Investment Manager's view, is consistent with the sub-fund's aim to maintain a low level of volatility. As such, the sub-fund may hold high proportions in cash and other lower-risk assets such as near cash, money market instruments and deposits.

The Investment Manager is not constrained by any particular asset allocation in respect of geography, industry or sector. The shares of companies in which the sub-fund invests may be from companies anywhere in the world. The bonds may include floating rate notes (a debt instrument with a variable interest rate), index linked (a bond whose interest payment varies depending on the performance of a specific index) or convertible securities (bonds that can convert into shares).

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

The sub-fund does not invest in derivatives, however other funds purchased may have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

Assessing performance

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

The sub-fund aims, but does not guarantee, to deliver positive returns (greater than zero) in any market conditions over rolling 12 month periods. This puts it in the IA Targeted Absolute Return sector.

The IA publishes figures showing how often funds in this sector fail to provide returns greater than zero for available rolling 12 month periods over the last three years on its website (www.theia.org/industry-data/fund-sectors/tar-monitoring).

As the sub-fund does not have a benchmark, you may want to assess the sub-fund's performance using this data.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund

Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth, which is profit on investments held, over the long term (at least five years).

Investment policy

The sub-fund is actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in the shares of UK smaller companies. UK companies are those listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK and smaller companies are defined by the Investment Manager as those with a market capitalisation (the market value of a company's shares) of less than £2bn at the time of initial purchase. The sub-fund may invest in any industry or sector.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be invested in other assets, including the shares of companies with a market capitalisation of £2bn or more at the time of initial purchase, the shares of overseas companies (developed markets only), bonds (which are loans typically issued by companies and governments) and money market instruments (which are short-term loans).

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

The sub-fund does not invest in derivatives.

Assessing performance

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

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

Funds in the IA UK Smaller Companies sector are required to hold at least 80% in smaller companies at all times, whereas the sub-fund will invest at least 80% in smaller companies at the time of initial purchase, meaning the Investment Manager may continue to hold these companies as they grow in size. The sub-fund may therefore have less exposure to smaller companies than the average fund in the sector. This may at times cause performance to diverge away from the sector average. Investors should consider this when assessing performance.

Rights and terms attaching to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the sub-fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each share in the event that a sub-fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

Changes in prospectus

There have been no significant changes since the last annual report.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any fund within the ACD's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

Cross holdings

IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies Fund held 1,600,000 shares valued at £2,350,400 in IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund as at 31 March 2024 (30 September 2023: 1,750,000 shares valued at £2,311,750).

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AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

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



Allan Hamer
Director



Helen Redmond
Director

Investment Fund Services Limited
24 May 2024

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Basis for preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

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

Accounting policies

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

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 28 March 2024.

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for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

Performance to 31 March 2024

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Church House Tenax Absolute Return Strategies	6.13%	5.81%	1.65%	7.79%

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

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

Performance statement

Over the six months to 31 March 2024, the C Accumulation shares rose 6.1%. Over the same period, the Investment Association (IA) Targeted Absolute Return sector gained 5.5%.

Whilst the sub-fund does not have a specific benchmark, you may want to consider its performance against this IA sector.

Market review

The six-month period to the end of March saw volatile conditions in fixed interest and equity markets but ultimately it was positive for both. The central banks held their base interest rates at the higher levels that they had reached during 2023, while inflation moderated on both sides of the Atlantic. The end of September was close to the peak for longer-term interest rates, which then fell quite sharply through to the end of December, leading to higher prices for fixed interest securities. But the first quarter of 2024 saw these longer-term interest rates increasing again, erasing much of the gains for fixed interest securities.

The UK equity market lagged behind the major international markets over the period, notably the US equity market, though a better end to the period left the FTSE 100 Index up by around 4.5%. Notable weakness was seen over this period in shares in many of the infrastructure companies, notably those concerned with energy efficiency and battery storage.

Sub-fund performance review

The sub-fund saw gains among its fixed interest holdings as interest rates fell for most time periods along with increasing accrual of interest from the higher interest rates established in the sub-fund's portfolio. The equity holdings have generally made a good contribution to performance, notably the international exposure and, more recently, a welcome revival for the bank investments. We did sell the holdings in Diageo and Unilever during the period, which had been under-performing.

The commercial property investments were volatile but, overall, provided good gains for the sub-fund. The biggest detractor from performance came from the infrastructure investments where the two battery storage companies fell sharply, concerned about power prices and the National Grid's usage of battery power.

Portfolio activity

The table below illustrates the movements in the sub-fund's exposure to the different classes of investment over the period.

Investment Class	29-Sep-23	29-Dec-23	28-Mar-24	Change
Cash	0.2%	0.2%	1.1%	0.9%
Gilt / AAA Fixed	0.0%	2.1%	1.4%	1.4%
FRN (AAA)	20.0%	12.6%	11.8%	-8.1%
Floating Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fixed Interest	48.4%	51.6%	54.7%	6.3%
Index-Linked	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.1%
Infrastructure	5.6%	5.9%	4.5%	-1.1%
Convert / ZDP	9.1%	10.2%	7.4%	-1.7%
Alternative / Hedge	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Property / Real	4.1%	5.0%	5.3%	1.2%
Equity	12.1%	11.8%	13.1%	1.0%

Source: Church House

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Investment commentary (continued)

Portfolio activity (continued)

The most notable change has been the continuing reduction in exposure to floating rate notes* (FRN), particularly over the three months to the end of December. Principally, the cash raised here was switched to fixed interest investments, the move being helped by the significant weakness in fixed interest markets in October. We consider that it is definitely time for a switch from floating to fixed rate investments after the massive increase in short rates over the past two years and our expectation that the next move from the Bank of England (BoE) will be to reduce the base rate (which, in turn, will lower the return from FRN).

Property and convertibles* have also been a beneficiary of the switch from FRNs, convertibles more so, as is apparent from these figures as the proportion in ZDP (zero dividend preference shares) has been reducing from sales and maturity of this (shrinking) area of the market. Amongst the convertible issues, we have now completed the sale of Primary Health Properties convertible bonds as they mature next year and no longer offer such a good return. However, we have utilised the money to add to our holding in their equity, which does look attractive on a discount to high quality primary healthcare property assets and a high dividend yield*.

The recent recovery in commercial property stocks is welcome and overdue in our view as the sector was looking unreasonably depressed. Equity exposure is little changed as we have tended to reduce here in favour of the credit markets, which, for Tenax, look a more attractive option at present.

Investment outlook

We expect UK inflation to continue to moderate as we head into the summer and that this will allow the BoE to begin a reduction in the base rate. While interest rates for longer periods have fallen since last autumn, the base rate has remained unchanged. This has left short-term interest rates looking attractive, while the medium and longer-dated areas have little to offer and could easily turn volatile again.

This view is reflected in the sub-fund's asset mix. Fixed interest assets are the largest portion of the portfolio, but these are focused at the short-dated end, where we can see attractive returns/opportunities.

After the mildest of recessions, the UK economy appears to have returned to a gentle growth path. Assuming we are correct that the inflation figures will show a noticeable turn for the better over the next few months and the BoE does make a start at reducing the base rate, we should see something of a tail wind to this improvement. Of course, there does remain a residual risk that the BoE waits too long before making a move.

At their most recent meeting, the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee maintained the base rate at 5.25%, as expected, but the votes of the members are now much more in balance with eight voting to hold and one to cut rates.

Church House Investments Limited
30 April 2024

* Explanation of terms used

Floating rate note - a debt instrument with a variable interest rate.

Convertibles - bonds that can convert into shares.

Yield - the income from an investment, usually stated as a percentage of the value of the investment.

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Distributions

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
<u>A Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	2.634994	2.0272	0.4250	0.4300
Net income paid 30 November		2.4979	0.9790	0.4930
<u>A Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	2.859453	2.1307	0.4370	0.4360
Net accumulation paid 30 November		2.6697	1.0210	0.5090
<u>B Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	2.950152	2.3297	0.6650	0.6530
Net income paid 30 November		2.8154	1.2200	0.7340
<u>B Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	3.301314	2.5131	0.7090	0.6970
Net accumulation paid 30 November		3.0888	1.3030	0.7750
<u>C Income (pence per share)</u>				
Net income paid 31 May	3.029573	2.4176	0.7410	0.7310
Net income paid 30 November		2.8930	1.2920	0.8140
<u>C Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	3.419881	2.6182	0.7920	0.7760
Net accumulation paid 30 November		3.2003	1.3900	0.8600

Portfolio changes

Largest purchases

	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Caledonia Investments	2,270,775
Bayerische Landesbank 5.125% 01.06.26	1,997,400
Coventry Building Society 5.875% 12.03.30	1,996,840
Crédit Agricole 5.375% 15.01.29	1,996,660
TRATON Finance Luxembourg 5.625% 16.01.29	1,992,760
Aviva 6.875% 27.11.53	1,982,800
New York Life Global Funding 4.95% 07.12.29	1,496,850
RIT Capital Partners	1,414,678
Societe Generale 5.75% 22.01.32	1,294,787
Primary Health Properties	1,201,578
Other purchases	992,820
Total purchases for the period	18,637,948

Largest sales

	<u>Proceeds (£)</u>
Canada Pension Plan Investment Board FRN 15.06.26	6,131,768
United Overseas Bank FRN 21.09.26	4,032,840
Bank of Nova Scotia FRN 14.03.25	4,026,600
Primary Health Properties 2.875% 15.07.25	3,903,500
National Australia Bank FRN 04.02.25	2,501,000
Close Brothers Finance 1.625% 03.12.30	2,283,000
Unilever	2,269,239
Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 7.625% 08.12.25	2,022,760
Clydesdale Bank FRN 22.01.27	1,985,040
TSB Bank FRN 22.06.28	1,982,560
Other sales	24,658,528
Total sales for the period	55,796,835

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<u>A Income shares</u>	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	141.00	139.46	157.52	151.21
Return before operating charges*	9.31	7.93	(14.57)	9.39
Operating charges	(0.93)	(1.86)	(2.09)	(2.16)
Return after operating charges*	8.38	6.07	(16.66)	7.23
Distributions on income shares	(2.63)	(4.53)	(1.40)	(0.92)
Closing net asset value per share	146.75	141.00	139.46	157.52
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	5.94%	4.35%	(10.58)%	4.78%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	13,234,403	13,023,712	13,753,251	14,782,858
Closing number of shares	9,018,355	9,236,616	9,862,081	9,384,976
Operating charges	1.28% ^{B,C}	1.29% ^B	1.36%	1.39%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	149.80	151.10	158.80	159.70
Lowest share price	138.70	137.80	140.40	151.70
<u>A Accumulation shares</u>				
Change in net assets per share	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	153.18	146.81	164.23	156.75
Return before operating charges*	10.10	8.34	(15.22)	9.74
Operating charges	(1.00)	(1.97)	(2.20)	(2.26)
Return after operating charges*	9.10	6.37	(17.42)	7.48
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.86)	(4.80)	(1.46)	(0.95)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.86	4.80	1.46	0.95
Closing net asset value per share	162.28	153.18	146.81	164.23
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	5.94%	4.34%	(10.61)%	4.77%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	15,656,337	16,201,262	17,650,604	22,517,843
Closing number of shares	9,647,806	10,576,577	12,022,481	13,711,360
Operating charges	1.28% ^{B,C}	1.29% ^B	1.36%	1.39%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	162.70	159.10	165.50	166.00
Lowest share price	150.70	145.00	146.80	157.20

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

^B On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

^C These figures have been annualised.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

<u>B Income shares</u>	Period to 31.03.2024	Year to 30.09.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	143.84	142.26	160.71	154.28
Return before operating charges*	9.51	8.11	(15.00)	9.46
Operating charges	(0.69)	(1.38)	(1.56)	(1.64)
Return after operating charges*	8.82	6.73	(16.56)	7.82
Distributions on income shares	(2.95)	(5.15)	(1.89)	(1.39)
Closing net asset value per share	149.71	143.84	142.26	160.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	6.13%	4.73%	(10.30)%	5.07%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	20,308,423	19,598,258	20,034,954	20,884,817
Closing number of shares	13,565,105	13,624,943	14,082,918	12,995,082
Operating charges	0.93% ^{B,C}	0.94% ^B	1.00%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	153.10	154.30	162.10	163.10
Lowest share price	141.60	140.60	143.50	154.80
<u>B Accumulation shares</u>	Period to 31.03.2024	Year to 30.09.2023	Year to 30.09.2022	Year to 30.09.2021
Change in net assets per share	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	160.96	153.73	171.46	163.18
Return before operating charges*	10.63	8.73	(16.05)	10.02
Operating charges	(0.77)	(1.50)	(1.68)	(1.74)
Return after operating charges*	9.86	7.23	(17.73)	8.28
Distributions on accumulation shares	(3.30)	(5.60)	(2.01)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.30	5.60	2.01	1.47
Closing net asset value per share	170.82	160.96	153.73	171.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	-	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	6.13%	4.70%	(10.34)%	5.07%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	25,382,057	24,824,363	28,821,290	34,696,480
Closing number of shares	14,858,670	15,422,579	18,748,205	20,235,493
Operating charges	0.93% ^{B,C}	0.94% ^B	1.00%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	171.30	166.70	172.90	173.30
Lowest share price	158.40	151.90	153.70	163.70

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

^B On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

^C These figures have been annualised.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

C Income shares	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	143.83	142.26	160.71	154.28
Return before operating charges*	9.51	8.09	(15.04)	9.43
Operating charges	(0.60)	(1.21)	(1.38)	(1.45)
Return after operating charges*	8.91	6.88	(16.42)	7.98
Distributions on income shares	(3.03)	(5.31)	(2.03)	(1.55)
Closing net asset value per share	149.71	143.83	142.26	160.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	6.19%	4.84%	(10.22)%	5.17%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	41,122,626	47,290,665	62,490,235	70,036,832
Closing number of shares	27,468,942	32,878,498	43,927,099	43,579,342
Operating charges	0.81% ^{B,C}	0.82% ^B	0.88%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	153.20	154.40	162.10	163.20
Lowest share price	141.60	140.60	143.60	154.80
C Accumulation shares				
Change in net assets per share	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	162.57	155.05	172.78	164.29
Return before operating charges*	10.73	8.84	(16.22)	10.05
Operating charges	(0.68)	(1.32)	(1.51)	(1.56)
Return after operating charges*	10.05	7.52	(17.73)	8.49
Distributions on accumulation shares	(3.42)	(5.82)	(2.18)	(1.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.42	5.82	2.18	1.64
Closing net asset value per share	172.62	162.57	155.05	172.78
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance				
Return after charges ^A	6.18%	4.85%	(10.26)%	5.17%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	91,264,974	113,613,249	250,496,590	341,355,803
Closing number of shares	52,871,814	69,886,534	161,557,478	197,562,843
Operating charges	0.81% ^{B,C}	0.82% ^B	0.88%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs	0.04% ^C	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	173.10	168.30	174.20	174.60
Lowest share price	160.00	153.20	155.10	164.80

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

^B On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

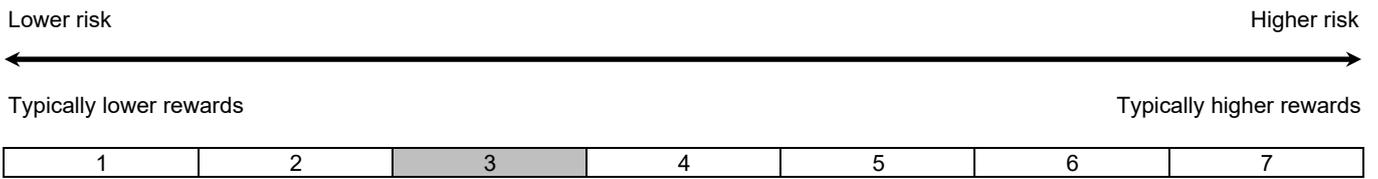
^C These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifslfunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

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SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



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

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

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
DEBT SECURITIES (30 September 2023 - 66.49%)		
AAA TO AA (30 September 2023 - 18.23%)		
2,000,000 Bank of Montreal FRN 09.03.27	2,021,140	0.98
3,000,000 Clydesdale Bank FRN 22.03.26	3,009,360	1.45
4,000,000 DBS Bank FRN 17.11.25	4,029,840	1.95
2,000,000 European Investment Bank FRN 18.01.27	2,043,260	0.99
1,500,000 HSBC FRN 25.08.27	1,508,085	0.73
1,000,000 Kreditanstalt Fuer Wiederaufbau 1.375% 09.12.24	974,810	0.47
3,000,000 National Australia Bank FRN 15.12.25	3,025,050	1.46
4,000,000 Nationwide Building Society FRN 24.02.31	3,935,920	1.90
3,000,000 TSB Bank FRN 22.06.28	2,975,940	1.44
2,000,000 United Overseas Bank FRN 21.09.26	2,014,720	0.97
Total AAA to AA	25,538,125	12.34
A TO A- (30 September 2023 - 5.79%)		
2,000,000 Crédit Agricole 5.375% 15.01.29	2,015,000	0.97
4,750,000 Derwent London 1.875% 17.11.31	3,770,645	1.82
2,000,000 NatWest Group 2.057% 09.11.28	1,792,500	0.87
3,000,000 NatWest Group 3.619% 29.03.29	2,812,500	1.36
3,000,000 Nordea Bank 1.625% 09.12.32	2,602,500	1.26
2,500,000 Society of Lloyds (The) 4.875% 07.02.47	2,427,825	1.17
1,000,000 UBS Group 7% 30.09.27	1,038,750	0.50
200,000 Wales & West Utilities Finance 2.496%	366,336	0.18
Total A to A-	16,826,056	8.13
BBB+ TO BBB (30 September 2023 - 18.00%)		
2,000,000 Aviva 6.875% 27.11.53	2,108,620	1.02
4,000,000 Barclays 6.369% 31.01.31	4,160,800	2.01
3,500,000 Beazley Insurance 5.5% 10.09.29	2,671,068	1.29
1,500,000 Bunzl Finance 1.5% 30.10.30	1,225,590	0.59
2,000,000 Coventry Building Society 5.875% 12.03.30	2,017,680	0.97
2,500,000 Haleon UK Capital 2.875% 29.10.28	2,323,650	1.12
2,000,000 Heathrow Funding 2.75% 13.10.29	1,790,920	0.87
2,000,000 Hiscox 6% 22.09.27	2,034,000	0.98
4,500,000 ING Groep 6.25% 20.05.33	4,533,750	2.19
2,925,000 Intercontinental Hotels Group 3.75% 14.08.25	2,855,034	1.38
3,000,000 Investec 2.625% 04.01.32	2,649,690	1.28
2,000,000 Legal & General Group 5.625% Perp	1,797,500	0.87
3,000,000 Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% 02.06.33	3,039,090	1.47
2,000,000 M&G 5.625% 20.10.51	1,924,740	0.93
3,000,000 Natwest Group 2.105% 28.11.31	2,726,250	1.32
1,000,000 NatWest Group 7.416% 06.06.33	1,043,220	0.50
2,000,000 Pension Insurance 5.625% 20.09.30	1,929,760	0.93
1,000,000 Phoenix Group Holdings 7.75% 06.12.53	1,067,450	0.52
650,000 RL Finance Bonds No. 3 6.125% 13.11.28	662,389	0.32
2,000,000 Rothesay Life 6.875% Perp	1,882,500	0.91
1,500,000 Rothesay Life 7.734% 16.05.33	1,623,765	0.78
5,000,000 Rothesay Life 5% Perp	3,825,000	1.85
2,000,000 Southern Gas Networks 1.25% 02.12.31	1,528,960	0.74
2,000,000 TRATON Finance Luxembourg 5.625% 16.01.29	2,012,340	0.97
1,000,000 United Utilities Water Finance 0.875% 28.10.29	810,520	0.39
2,000,000 Volkswagen Financial Services 4.25% 09.10.25	1,968,700	0.95
2,500,000 Whitbread Group 2.375% 31.05.27	2,281,050	1.10
2,000,000 Whitbread Group 3.375% 16.10.25	1,935,880	0.94
1,000,000 Yorkshire Building Society 7.375% 12.09.27	1,036,750	0.50
Total BBB+ to BBB	61,466,666	29.69
BBB- AND BELOW (30 September 2023 - 24.47%)		
1,500,000 AA Bond Co 8.45% 31.01.28	1,591,875	0.77
2,300,000 Anglian Water (Osprey) Financing 2% 31.07.28	1,891,658	0.91

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BBB- AND BELOW (continued)		
2,000,000 Bayerische Landesbank 5.125% 01.06.26	2,004,080	0.97
4,500,000 Berkeley Group 2.5% 11.08.31	3,472,110	1.68
2,500,000 BlackStone Private Credit 4.875% 14.04.26	2,409,625	1.16
3,000,000 British Telecommunications 8.375% 20.12.83	3,198,300	1.55
2,800,000 Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 7.625% 08.12.25	2,674,364	1.29
3,000,000 Grainger 3% 03.07.30	2,564,820	1.24
3,000,000 Heathrow Funding 2.625% 16.03.28	2,688,630	1.30
3,000,000 John Lewis 6.125% 21.01.25	2,991,780	1.45
1,400,000 NGG Finance 5.625% 18.06.73	1,384,460	0.67
550,000 Tesco 1.982% 24.03.36	923,417	0.45
2,000,000 Travis Perkins 3.75% 17.02.26	1,903,140	0.92
1,500,000 Virgin Money UK 2.625% 19.08.31	1,387,500	0.67
3,500,000 Workspace Group 2.25% 11.03.28	2,986,305	1.44
Total BBB- and below	34,072,064	16.47
Total Debt Securities	137,902,911	66.63
CONVERTIBLE BONDS (30 September 2023 - 7.42%)		
5,600,000 Capital & Counties Properties 2% 30.03.26	5,257,280	2.54
4,500,000 Derwent London 1.5% 12.06.25	4,284,000	2.07
500,000 Nexi Spa 1.75% 24.04.27	395,073	0.19
1,400,000 Trainline 1% 14.01.26	1,298,822	0.63
Total Convertible Bonds	11,235,175	5.43
UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 9.63%)		
CONSUMER STAPLES (30 September 2023 - 1.50%)		
FINANCIALS (30 September 2023 - 4.11%)		
500,000 Aviva	2,475,000	1.20
1,600,000 Barclays	2,932,160	1.42
380,000 Schroders	1,420,060	0.69
400,000 Standard Chartered	2,716,800	1.31
Total Financials	9,544,020	4.62
REAL ESTATE (30 September 2023 - 4.02%)		
450,000 Land Securities Group	2,936,700	1.42
2,000,000 Primary Health Properties	1,863,000	0.90
300,000 SEGRO	2,674,800	1.29
2,500,000 Shaftesbury Capital	3,587,500	1.73
Total Real Estate	11,062,000	5.34
Total United Kingdom Equities	20,606,020	9.96
OVERSEAS EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 1.59%)		
4 Brookfield Infrastructure Partners	95	-
125,000 Investor 'B'	2,486,883	1.20
Total Overseas Equities	2,486,978	1.20
CLOSED END INVESTMENTS (30 September 2023 - 7.27%)		
3,300,000 Aberforth Split Level Income Trust ZDP	4,026,000	1.94
1,950,000 BBGI Global Infrastructure	2,499,900	1.21
65,000 Caledonia Investments	2,128,750	1.03
3,000,000 GCP Infrastructure Investments	2,145,000	1.04
2,200,000 Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	931,700	0.45
3,400,000 Harmony Energy Income Trust	1,343,000	0.65
79,800 RIT Capital Partners	1,409,268	0.68
4,000,000 SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	2,364,000	1.14
Total Closed End Investments	16,847,618	8.14

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES (30 September 2023 - 7.02%)		
975,000 IFSL Church House Esk Global Equity 'B'	4,572,750	2.21
4,000,000 IFSL Church House Investment Grade Fixed Interest	4,292,000	2.07
450,000 IFSL Church House UK Equity Growth 'Z' Acc	1,209,600	0.58
1,650,000 IFSL Church House UK Equity Growth 'Z' Inc	3,451,800	1.67
1,600,000 IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies 'B'	2,350,400	1.14
Total Collective Investment Schemes	15,876,550	7.67
UNQUOTED SECURITIES (30 September 2023 - 0.00%)		
10 Prime Infrastructure ^A	-	-
Total Unquoted Securities	-	-
Portfolio of investments	204,955,252	99.03
Net other assets	2,013,568	0.97
Total net assets	206,968,820	100.00

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

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

Portfolio split by investment grade

Investments of investment grade	126,421,151	61.07
Investments below investment grade:	6,485,900	3.14
Unrated	16,231,035	7.85
Debt securities and convertible bonds	149,138,086	72.06
Other investments	55,817,166	26.97
Net other assets	2,013,568	0.97
Total net assets	206,968,820	100.00

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	18,637,948
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	55,796,835

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains		8,556,247		14,793,532
Revenue	5,299,055		6,953,711	
Expenses	<u>(946,927)</u>		<u>(1,479,211)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation	4,352,128		5,474,500	
Taxation	<u>(824)</u>		<u>17,606</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		<u>4,351,304</u>		<u>5,492,106</u>
Total return before distributions		12,907,551		20,285,638
Distributions		(4,351,304)		(5,492,106)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		<u>8,556,247</u>		<u>14,793,532</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		^A 234,551,509		393,246,924
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	3,121,718		7,130,438	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(41,834,934)		(118,814,516)	
Amounts payable on share class conversions	(279)		(166)	
Compensation to sub-fund	<u>-</u>		<u>50,398</u>	
		(38,713,495)		(111,633,846)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,556,247		14,793,532
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2,574,559		2,399,765
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>206,968,820</u>		^A <u>298,806,375</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	204,955,252	233,198,519
Current Assets:		
Debtors	4,904,954	3,118,879
Cash and bank balances	270,088	1,031,876
Total assets	<u>210,130,294</u>	<u>237,349,274</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Distributions payable on income shares	1,470,016	1,565,494
Other creditors	1,691,458	1,232,271
Total liabilities	<u>3,161,474</u>	<u>2,797,765</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u><u>206,968,820</u></u>	<u><u>234,551,509</u></u>

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AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

Performance to 31 March 2024

	<u>Six months</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
IFSL Church House UK Smaller Companies Fund	10.67%	7.44%	(9.02)%	1.94%
IA UK Smaller Companies sector	8.16%	4.78%	(16.33)%	14.54%

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

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

Investment commentary

Performance statement

Over the six months to 31 March 2024, the sub-fund's B Accumulation shares delivered positive performance, returning 10.7% compared to 8.2% for the Investment Association (IA) UK Smaller Companies sector benchmark.

Whilst the sub-fund does not have a specific benchmark, you may want to consider its performance against this IA sector.

Market review

The portfolio moved steadily onwards despite sterling strength, softening inflation data and hesitant commentary from the Bank of England (BoE), showing that the underlying businesses are getting on with it. After a wobbly start to the year, London stocks picked-up in the first quarter of 2024 to show a positive return for the larger companies. As with so much of last year, smaller companies underperformed, leaving the AIM Index notably behind the large cap UK indices.

Corporate earnings forecasts for the year ahead have increased a shade but dividend forecasts have come down, which serves to improve the dividend cover (company earnings as a multiple of the dividend paid out to shareholders). With the earnings yield still over 9%, UK shares look inexpensive in an international context, though our market is not replete with 'growth' companies, so a lower overall rating is to be expected.

Sub-fund performance review

The sub-fund's improved performance came during the market rally of October and November 2023. UK smaller companies remain a volatile market and oscillating interest rate expectations have tended to have a magnified effect at this end of the market (relative to large caps, which have been comparatively becalmed). Consequently, performance was strongest in the final quarter of 2023, when expectations shifted towards interest rate cuts happening sooner in 2024.

Performance was also driven by a long overdue changing of sentiment in many portfolio holdings, none more noticeable than in Trainline and Trustpilot, who both delivered strong statements and garnered real momentum in their depressed share prices. Fortunately, we added to both these businesses over the period. AG Barr and Softcat put out equally positive returns and recent addition Ashtead Technology continued its impressive run (and into the top ten of the portfolio), on the back of its purchase of Ace Winches late last year.

The housebuilding sector garnered a lot of headlines over the quarter, with a Competition and Markets Authority review into pricing collusion and the 'combination' (read takeover) of Redrow by Barratt Developments for £2.5bn. We will be sad to see another one of our holdings being taken over.

Portfolio activity

Over the six months we saw two positions leave the portfolio. The first was Big Technologies, which we exited on the back of a disappointing update relating to a large prisons contract that they had lost in Colombia. Among other factors for selling the stock, the seeming lack of information that management had over the danger that this material contract was in, stood out to us as alarming.

The second name to go was Ergomed, the UK-based healthcare business that was acquired in the period. While we were sad to see Ergomed leave UK markets, it was a profitable investment for us over a relatively short period.

We took advantage of depressed valuations in UK smaller company markets to reinvest cash from these two exits in core positions across multiple sectors. This included: Big Yellow Group, Cranswick, Judges Scientific, Young's and Porvair.

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Investment commentary (continued)

Top 15 holdings

Judges Scientific	6.35%
Diploma	5.86%
Greggs	5.41%
Beazley	4.99%
Trainline	4.55%
Porvair	4.40%
Ashtead Technology Holdings	4.12%
Somero Enterprises	3.95%
Cranswick	3.86%
Bioventix	3.46%
Big Yellow Group	3.42%
Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	3.41%
Softcat	3.37%
Fevertree Drinks	2.89%
Bytes Technology Group	2.83%

Investment outlook

After the mildest of recessions, the UK economy appears to have returned to a gentle growth path. Assuming we are correct that the inflation figures will show a noticeable turn for the better over the next few months and the BOE does make a start at reducing the base rate, we should see something of a tail wind to this improvement. Of course, there does remain a residual risk that the BoE waits too long before making a move.

At their most recent meeting, the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee maintained the base rate at 5.25%, as expected, but the votes of the members are now much more in balance with eight voting to hold and one to cut rates.

Jeremy Hunt's budget passed by without ruffling any feathers in the markets or the opinion polls. His room for manoeuvre was severely limited and there was no serious prospect of a 'dash for growth'.

Church House Investments Limited
30 April 2024

Distributions

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
<u>A Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	0.5107	0.6999	0.6060	0.2710
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.3102	1.0300	0.2990
<u>B Accumulation (pence per share)</u>				
Net accumulation paid 31 May	0.7978	0.9800	0.9410	0.5240
Net accumulation paid 30 November		1.6080	1.3270	0.6260

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Portfolio changes

<u>Largest purchases</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Pets at Home Group	80,227
Big Yellow Group	78,434
Rathbones Group	66,965
Ashtead Technology Holdings	65,297
Trainline	60,821
Bytes Technology Group	49,672
Polar Capital Holdings	48,937
Judges Scientific	40,529
Cranswick	35,250
Porvair	32,688
Other purchases	79,525
Total purchases for the period	638,345
<u>Sales</u>	<u>Proceeds (£)</u>
Ergomed	540,000
Big Technologies	76,380
Total sales for the period	616,380

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

A Accumulation shares	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	128.10	120.88	173.20	123.24
Return before operating charges*	14.36	9.08	(50.13)	52.21
Operating charges	(0.91)	(1.86)	(2.19)	(2.25)
Return after operating charges*	13.45	7.22	(52.32)	49.96
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.51)	(2.01)	(1.64)	(0.57)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.51	2.01	1.64	0.57
Closing net asset value per share	141.55	128.10	120.88	173.20

* after direct transaction costs of: 0.02 0.13 0.11 0.20

Performance

Return after charges^A 10.50% 5.97% (30.21)% 40.54%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£) 5,907,044 5,760,026 5,256,087 7,443,510
Closing number of shares 4,173,041 4,496,372 4,348,063 4,297,618
Operating charges 1.37%^{B,C} 1.41%^B 1.45% 1.47%
Direct transaction costs 0.04%^C 0.10% 0.07% 0.13%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price 142.40 142.70 174.70 183.20
Lowest share price 120.10 118.00 120.30 124.60

B Accumulation shares

Change in net assets per share	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	31.03.2024	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	30.09.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	132.54	124.58	177.81	126.09
Return before operating charges*	14.88	9.37	(51.57)	53.43
Operating charges	(0.69)	(1.41)	(1.66)	(1.71)
Return after operating charges*	14.19	7.96	(53.23)	51.72
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.80)	(2.59)	(2.27)	(1.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.80	2.59	2.27	1.15
Closing net asset value per share	146.73	132.54	124.58	177.81

* after direct transaction costs of: 0.03 0.13 0.11 0.20

Performance

Return after charges^A 10.71% 6.39% (29.94)% 41.02%

Other information

Closing net asset value (£) 6,823,901 6,078,502 4,476,086 5,876,154
Closing number of shares 4,650,635 4,586,304 3,592,813 3,304,690
Operating charges 0.99%^{B,C} 1.03%^B 1.07% 1.09%
Direct transaction costs 0.04%^C 0.10% 0.07% 0.13%

Prices (pence per share)

Highest share price 147.50 147.30 179.60 188.10
Lowest share price 124.20 121.70 124.00 127.60

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

^B On 30 November 2023, The Investment Association amended the disclosure of fund charges and costs originally issued on the 2 July 2020. Consequently, we have excluded, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

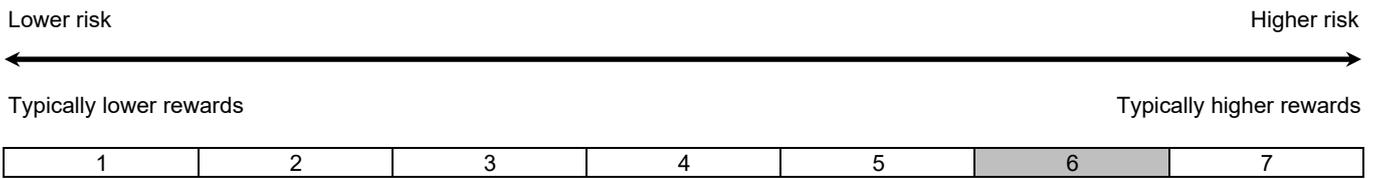
^C These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are normally the same as the Ongoing Charges Figures (OCFs) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Where it is considered unsuitable to use the total expenses paid by each share class in the period to calculate the OCF because of material changes to the sub-fund's charges an estimate will be calculated instead. The OCFs disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) (available on IFSL's website, www.ifsifunds.com) give an estimate of future costs.

Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

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SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



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

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

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 March 2024

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
COMMUNICATION SERVICES (30 September 2023 - 1.02%)		
140,000 Trustpilot Group	275,240	2.16
Total Communication Services	<u>275,240</u>	<u>2.16</u>
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY (30 September 2023 - 22.66%)		
12,500 Bellway	329,500	2.59
60,000 Fuller Smith & Turner	348,000	2.73
1,600 Games Workshop Group	158,800	1.25
24,000 Greggs	688,800	5.41
100,000 Pets at Home Group	270,400	2.12
40,000 Redrow	267,200	2.10
155,000 Trainline	579,700	4.55
45,000 Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	434,700	3.41
Total Consumer Discretionary	<u>3,077,100</u>	<u>24.16</u>
CONSUMER STAPLES (30 September 2023 - 8.08%)		
40,000 Barr	231,600	1.82
12,000 Cranswick	490,800	3.86
31,000 Fevertree Drinks	367,970	2.89
Total Consumer Staples	<u>1,090,370</u>	<u>8.57</u>
FINANCIALS (30 September 2023 - 8.77%)		
95,000 Beazley	635,550	4.99
66,000 Polar Capital Holdings	296,670	2.33
18,500 Rathbones Group	281,200	2.21
Total Financials	<u>1,213,420</u>	<u>9.53</u>
HEALTH CARE (30 September 2023 - 7.74%)		
10,000 Bioventix	440,000	3.46
Total Health Care	<u>440,000</u>	<u>3.46</u>
INDUSTRIALS (30 September 2023 - 18.03%)		
70,000 Ashtead Technology Holdings	525,000	4.12
20,000 Diploma	745,600	5.86
8,000 Judges Scientific	808,000	6.35
90,000 Porvair	559,800	4.40
Total Industrials	<u>2,638,400</u>	<u>20.73</u>
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (30 September 2023 - 14.17%)		
70,000 Bytes Technology Group	360,150	2.83
245,000 dotDigital Group	211,925	1.66
20,000 Kainos Group	195,500	1.54
22,500 Keywords Studios	288,900	2.27
27,000 Softcat	428,490	3.37
131,849 TT Electronics	205,948	1.62
Total Information Technology	<u>1,690,913</u>	<u>13.29</u>
REAL ESTATE (30 September 2023 - 8.52%)		
41,250 Big Yellow Group	436,012	3.42
110,000 Helical	229,350	1.80
275,000 Primary Health Properties	256,163	2.01
179,522 Shaftesbury Capital	257,614	2.02
Total Real Estate	<u>1,179,139</u>	<u>9.25</u>

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Holding or nominal value	Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
OVERSEAS EQUITIES (30 September 2023 - 3.22%)		
150,000 Somero Enterprises	502,500	3.95
Total Overseas Securities	<u>502,500</u>	<u>3.95</u>
Portfolio of investments	12,107,082	95.10
Net other assets	<u>623,863</u>	<u>4.90</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>12,730,945</u></u>	<u><u>100.00</u></u>

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

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	£
Total purchases cost, including transaction charges	638,345
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	616,380

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains		1,168,233		819,400
Revenue	133,627		141,903	
Expenses	<u>(70,822)</u>		<u>(71,309)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation	62,805		70,594	
Taxation	<u>(3,925)</u>		<u>(28)</u>	
Net revenue after taxation		<u>58,880</u>		<u>70,566</u>
Total return before distributions		1,227,113		889,966
Distributions		(58,880)		(70,566)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		<u>1,168,233</u>		<u>819,400</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		^A 11,838,528		9,732,173
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	243,922		1,950,615	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(579,314)		(800,554)	
Amounts payable on share class conversions	<u>(104)</u>		<u>(8)</u>	
		(335,496)		1,150,053
Dilution adjustment		1,265		2,190
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,168,233		819,400
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		58,415		73,711
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		<u>12,730,945</u>	^A	<u>11,777,527</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024	30 September 2023
	£	£
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	12,107,082	10,916,692
Current Assets:		
Debtors	34,046	76,826
Cash and bank balances	647,136	910,652
Total assets	<u>12,788,264</u>	<u>11,904,170</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	57,319	65,642
Total liabilities	<u>57,319</u>	<u>65,642</u>
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<u><u>12,730,945</u></u>	<u><u>11,838,528</u></u>

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