# HL UK INCOME FUND

**Annual Report & Financial Statements** 

for the year ended 30th September 2024



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# Manager's Investment Report

#### For the year ended 30th September 2024

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the HL UK Income Fund (the "Fund") is to provide an annual income higher than that provided by the FTSE® All-Share Total Return Index, and a total return in excess of the performance of the FTSE® All-Share Total Return Index over rolling 5 year periods. The Fund's total return aim is measured after the deduction of Fund charges.

#### Investment policy

The Fund will invest its assets either directly, or indirectly via other collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds. At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in shares of UK companies (companies domiciled or incorporated in the UK).

The Fund may also invest up to 20% in shares of non-UK companies, bonds (for example, loans to either a company or government that pay interest), in other transferable securities (including closed ended funds), money market instruments (for example, short term loans that pay interest), deposits, warrants and cash.

In order to achieve the investment objective of the Fund, the Manager will allocate all or a portion of the Fund's assets to one or more Sub-Advisers. Each Sub-Adviser will use its own methodology for managing its allocated portion of the Fund's portfolio, subject at all times to the Manager's oversight and the Fund's investment objective and policy. The Manager may, at its discretion, choose to retain the investment management of some or all of the Fund's portfolio.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its assets via other collective investment schemes.

The Fund may make limited use of foreign exchange forward transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, including hedging (these are methods of managing the Fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost).

The Fund is actively managed, which means the manager or delegated Sub-Adviser decides which investments to buy and sell and when. Investments are selected based on individual company research. The Fund invests in companies which the manager or Sub-Adviser believes:

- exhibit above average income generation potential, and  $\slash\hspace{-0.5em}$  or
- offer the potential for share price and / or dividend growth.

These companies may be selected from any industry or economic sector, and there is no restriction on size.

# Manager's Investment Report (continued)

## For the year ended 30th September 2024

#### Performance review

Over the twelve-month period to 30th September 2024, the price of the Fund's A accumulation units increased from 206.44 pence to 237.50 pence representing a return of 15.05%. Over the same period the IA UK Equity Income peer group returned an average of 15.14% and the FTSE All-Share TR index returned 13.40%

Since the close of the initial offer period (18th October 2002) to 30th September 2024, the price of the accumulation units has increased from 50.00 pence to 237.50 pence, a gain of 375.00%. Over the same period the IA UK Equity Income peer group returned an average gain of 346.93%, whilst the FTSE All-Share TR index was 398.22%.

	30/09/19	30/09/20	30/09/21	30/09/22	30/09/23
	to	to	to	to	to
	30/09/20	30/09/21	30/09/22	30/09/23	30/09/24
HL UK Income	-18.85%	30.43%	-10.05%	13.84%	15.05%
IA UK Equity Income NR*	-17.28%	32.72%	-8.68%	13.49%	15.14%
FTSE All-Share TR	-16.59%	27.90%	-4.00%	13.84%	13.40%

Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Source: Lipper for Investment Management to 30/09/2024, Total Return Net Distribution Re-invested NAV from 30/09/2019.

The top ten purchases and sales during the year were as follows:

Purchases	£'000	Sales	£'000
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iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	341,066	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	262,574
GSK	46,215	GSK	42,661
Reckitt Benckiser Group	36,782	Imperial Brands	39,088
Barclays	33,646	Unilever	33,059
Tesco	31,144	Tesco	32,978
Imperial Brands	30,862	RELX	29,712
BP	30,782	BP	28,993
St James's Place	24,118	National Grid	27,014
Aviva	23,345	Shell	26,858
Unilever	22,739	Sage Group	24,620
Total purchases during the year were	1,721,452	Total sales during the year were	1,786,626

Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited 1st October 2024

<sup>\*</sup>The Fund's income return and overall performance targets are measured against the FTSE® All-Share Total Return Index annualised. Prior to 14th November 2022 the Fund was benchmarked against the IA UK Equity Income Sector for comparative purposes.

# **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid market valuation £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
	UK Funds -8.73% (4.04%)		
19,674,843	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	157,261	8.55
428,832,790	LF Equity Income≠	3,345	0.18
		160,606	8.73
	UK Equities - 83.16% (85.95%)		
1,246,542	3i Group	41,198	2.24
1,659,435	3i Infrastructure	5,667	0.31
375,577	Admiral Group	10,456	0.57
2,197,605	AJ Bell	9,867	0.54
1,109,876	Anglo American	26,953	1.46
5,725,349	Ashmore Group	11,726	0.64
56,309	AstraZeneca	6,524	0.35
8,766,835	Aviva	42,388	2.30
2,200,000	Babcock International Group	10,397	0.57
17,840,103	Barclays	40,060	2.18
382,435	Big Yellow Group	4,842	0.26
12,716,380	BP	49,804	2.71
			0.74
499,267	British American Tobacco	13,600	
5,500,000	BT Group	8,135	0.44
557,751	Bunzl	19,700	1.07
1,350,076	Burberry Group	9,461	0.51
5,033,331	C&C Group	8,184	0.44
10,000,000	Card Factory	10,560	0.57
2,152,917	Central Asia Metals	4,207	0.23
10,890,621	Centrica	12,688	0.69
783,373	Compass Group	18,754	1.02
389,000	Computacenter	9,624	0.52
662,212	Conduit	3,437	0.19
2,082,165	Costain Group	2,053	0.11
195,426	Croda International	8,239	0.45
7,243,722	Currys	6,472	0.35
3,454,866	DFS Furniture	4,180	0.23
1,000,124	Diageo	26,033	1.41
263,626	Diploma	11,684	0.64
1,622,772	Domino's Pizza Group	4,872	0.26
6,118,900	Dr. Martens	3,442	0.19
897,596	Drax Group	5,785	0.31
1,065,230	DS Smith	4,919	0.27
4,227,678	easyJet	21,975	1.19
346,574	Energean	3,126	0.17
1,640,906	Eurocell	2,986	0.16
477,383	Experian	18,766	1.02
374,337	FDM Group	1,439	0.08
9,166,684	FirstGroup	13,383	0.73
1,400,983	Forterra	2,438	0.13

Holding	Investment	Bid market valuation £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
	UK Equities -83.16% (85.95%) (continued)		
1,410,277	Galliford Try	4,344	0.24
2,646,490	Glencore	11,316	0.62
3,678,823	GSK	55,789	3.03
1,673,172	Hammerson	5,319	0.29
7,900,000	Hays	7,327	0.40
1,140,313	Headlam Group	1,517	0.08
1,037,198	Howden Joinery Group	9,407	0.51
1,251,454	HSBC	8,375	0.46
2,859,307	lbstock	5,313	0.29
1,900,477	IG Group	17,484	0.95
1,879,627	Imperial Brands	40,825	2.22
3,639,492	Informa	29,844	1.62
1,442,479	IntegraFin Holdings	5,337	0.29
137,927	InterContinental Hotels Group	11,219	0.61
923,080	International Consolidated Airlines Group	1,896	0.10
2,600,000	International Distributions Services PLC	8,902	0.48
1,686,401	International Personal Finance	2,513	0.14
226,066	Intertek Group	11,654	0.63
42,313,691	ITV	33,872	1.84
350,000	Johnson Matthey	5,324	0.29
338,064	Keller Group	5,456	0.30
938,264	Kenmare Resources	3,157	0.17
2,992,273	Kier Group	4,117	0.22
4,100,000	Kingfisher	13,198	0.72
2,635,580	Land Securities Group	17,144	0.93
11,827,396	Legal & General Group	26,754	1.45
34,467,955	Lloyds Banking Group	20,260	1.10
395,631	London Stock Exchange Group	40,433	2.20
13,024,364	LondonMetric Property REIT	26,648	1.45
5,078,000	M&G	10,527	0.57
1,085,064	Marks & Spencer Group	4,043	0.22
2,539,582	Mitchells & Butlers	7,492	0.41
1,850,062	Mobico Group	1,359	0.07
500,000	Mondi	7,103	0.39
920,563	Morgan Advanced Materials	2,541	0.14
1,518,987	National Grid	15,646	0.85
9,690,645	NatWest Group	33,326	1.81
1,685,067	NewRiver REIT	1,362	0.07
314,507	Next	30,759	1.67
5,094,747	NextEnergy Solar Fund	4,091	0.22
1,329,948	Norcros	3,245	0.18
1,021,665	Pagegroup	3,952	0.22
417,628	Palace Capital	931	0.05
783,661	Paragon Banking Group	6,089	0.33
2,580,638	Pearson	26,142	1.42
3,451,845	Petrofac	502	0.03
1,605,934	Phoenix Group Holdings	8,977	0.49

Holding	Investment	Bid market valuation £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
	UK Equities -83.16% (85.95%) (continued)		
1,528,105	Picton Property Income	1,137	0.06
522,244	Polar Capital Holdings	2,799	0.15
1,230,000	Prudential	8,541	0.46
6,865,578	Raven Property Group†	_	_
2,706,488	Real Estate Investors	866	0.05
679,493	Reckitt Benckiser Group	31,100	1.69
1,537,689	Redde Northgate	5,912	0.32
1,279,904	RELX	44,912	2.44
239,900	Rio Tinto	12,710	0.69
72,408	Rosebank Industries	442	0.02
1,640,956	RS Group	13,292	0.72
1,805,057	Sage Group	18,484	1.00
13,581,359	Savannah Energy~	3,558	0.19
1,302,400	Schroders	4,545	0.25
4,050,295	Severfield	3,200	0.17
779,981	Shell	18,915	1.03
1,052,000	Smith & Nephew	12,177	0.66
1,543,531	Smiths Group	25,885	1.41
5,935,148	SSP Group	9,449	0.51
1,600,000	St James's Place	11,736	0.64
2,919,521	Standard Chartered	23,146	1.26
1,313,756	SThree	4,940	0.27
1,900,000	Synthomer	4,208	0.23
11,821,684	Tesco	42,404	2.30
5,967,742	TI Fluid Systems	9,811	0.53
8,402,988	TPICAP	19,831	1.08
601,241	Unilever	29,088	1.58
423,877	Vesuvius	1,655	0.09
288,955	Victrex	2,809	0.15
131,099	Vistry Group	1,712	0.09
20,621,785	Vodafone Group	15,475	0.84
1,980,990	Wickes Group	3,467	0.19
2,587,967	WPP	19,751	1.07
		1,530,812	83.16
	Finland Equities - 0.60% (0.44%)		
3,400,000	Nokia	11,098	0.60
	Germany Equities -0.49% (1.06%)		
187,700	Continental	9,080	0.49
	Iroland Equities - 0 410/ (0.540/)		
2704077	Ireland Equities – 0.41% (0.64%)	=	
2,704,973	Origin Enterprises	7,540	0.41

Holding	Investment	Bid market valuation £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
200 200	Japan Equities -0.61% (0.66%)	11 124	0.61
280,200	Nintendo	11,124	0.61
	Netherlands Equities - 1.81% (1.43%)		
428,979	Corbion	9,130	0.50
320,000	Signify	5,629	0.30
147,858	Wolters Kluwer	18,613	1.01
		33,372	1.81
	Spain Equities - 0.48% (0.00%)		
163,822	Amadeus IT Group	8,846	0.48
	Switzerland Equities -0.75% (0.86%)		
88,848	Nestle	6,671	0.36
30,074	Roche	7,192	0.39
		13,863	0.75
	US Equities -2.21% (3.41%)		
66,075	CME Group	10,867	0.59
270,000	Harley-Davidson	7,754	0.42
75,914	Medtronic	5,095	0.28
96,478	Paychex	9,649	0.52
820,000	Western Union	7,287	0.40
		40,652	2.21
	Forward Currency Contracts -0.06% (0.00%)		
EUR	Sold EUR, Bought GBP 29,824,776 for settlement on		
(34,718,000) EUR (2,520,000)	15/10/2024 Sold EUR, Bought GBP 2,120,978 for settlement on	925	0.05
	15/10/2024	23	_
JPY (2,011,076,000)	Sold JPY, Bought GBP 10,723,451 for settlement on 15/10/2024	225	0.01
JPY	Sold JPY, Bought GBP 594,942 for settlement on		0.01
(115,000,000)	15/10/2024	(5)	_

#### As at 30th September 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid market valuation £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
JPY 110,000,000	Forward Currency Contracts -0.06% (0.00%) (continued) Bought JPY, Sold GBP 596,875 for settlement on 15/10/2024	(23)	_
		1,145	0.06
	Portfolio of investments – 99.31% (98.49%)	1,828,138	99.31
	Net other assets – 0.69% (1.51%)	12,623	0.69
	Net assets	1,840,761	100.00

The percentages in brackets show the equivalent sector comparatives as at 30th September 2023.

All Collective Investment Schemes are in income shares/units unless otherwise stated.

<sup>†</sup> Delisted security since 28th June 2022.

<sup>≠</sup> Suspended security since 3rd June 2019. The Fund remains in the process of winding up and returning resulting cash to investors at the earliest opportunity.

 $<sup>{\</sup>sim}\, Suspended\, security\, since\, 12th\, December\, 2022.\, The\, AIM\, Admission\, Document\, setting\, out\, terms\, of\, a\, proposed\, corporate\, transaction\, is\, yet\, to\, be\, published.$ 

## **General Information**

Launch Date: 30th September 2002

Accounting Periods: First Interim – 31st October

Second Interim – 30th November Third Interim – 31st December Fourth Interim – 31st January Fifth Interim – 28th February\* Sixth Interim – 31st March Seventh Interim – 30th April Eighth Interim – 31st May Ninth Interim – 30th June Tenth Interim – 31st July Eleventh Interim – 31st August

Final - 30th September

Distribution Dates: First Interim - 30th November

Second Interim - 31st December
Third Interim - 31st January
Fourth Interim - 28th February\*
Fifth Interim - 31st March
Sixth Interim - 30th April
Seventh Interim - 31st May
Eighth Interim - 30th June
Ninth Interim - 31st July
Tenth Interim - 31st August
Eleventh Interim - 30th September

Final - 31st October

Minimum Initial Investment: £150.000\*\*

Management Charges: Less than £1 billion – 0.65%

Equal to or greater than £1 billion but less than £2 billion – 0.60% Equal to or greater than £2 billion but less than £3 billion – 0.55%

Equal to or greater than £3 billion – 0.50%

The Trustee's and Depositary's fee is 0.01% of the first £100 million, 0.0075% of the net asset value of the Fund between £100 million and £1 billion, and 0.005% on balances greater than £1 billion per annum, plus VAT.

The Manager is not permitted to levy a redemption charge or increase the rates of its initial or annual charges unless 60 days' prior written notice of the introduction of the new charge and the date of its commencement has been given to all unitholders and the Prospectus has been amended to reflect the change.

Full details of the underlying charges are set out in the Key Investor Information for the Fund which is published on Hargreaves Lansdown's website, http://www.hl.co.uk/funds/hl-funds/multi-manager-funds. Copies may be obtained from Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited, Sunderland SR43 4AS or directly from the Manager - Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited, One College Square South, Anchor Road, Bristol, BS1 5HL.

<sup>\* 29</sup>th February in a leap year.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Lower amounts may be permitted when investing via platforms or other nominee companies.

# **General Information (continued)**

#### **Unit Price**

Units in the Fund are single-priced. This means that (subject to any dilution adjustment and initial charge) the price of each unit for both buying and selling purposes will be the same and determined by reference to the particular valuation point. The price of each unit of any class will be calculated by reference to the proportion of the net asset value of the Fund attributable to units of that class by:

- taking the proportion of the net asset value of the relevant Fund attributable to the units of the class concerned at the valuation point of that Fund;
- dividing the result by the number of units of the relevant class in issue immediately before the valuation point concerned; and
- increasing or decreasing the result by any dilution adjustment determined by the Manager.

The Fund is normally valued at 10:30 pm each day for the purpose of determining the unit price. With the agreement of the Trustee and Depositary the Fund may be valued at other times.

#### **Dealing in Units**

Dealing confirmations are issued for all purchases and sales of units and will be posted within 24 hours of the next valuation point following receipt of your application.

The units of the Fund are non-certificated.

Units may be sold back to the Manager at any time at the price applicable at the valuation point following receipt of instructions.

You will receive a dealing confirmation setting out the details and payment will follow, normally within four working days of receipt of the signed form of renunciation.

Daily prices are currently available from the Hargreaves Lansdown website (www.hl.co.uk), HL App (HL Live) and our Helpdesk on 0117 900 9000.

#### **Cancellation Rights**

If you receive financial advice on a face-to-face basis regarding your investment, you will have a right to change your mind. If you receive financial advice on a non face-to-face basis, we will also allow you the right to cancel your investment. If you decide to cancel your contract during the 14 days after the date on which you receive a cancellation notice from us and the value of your investment has fallen at the time we receive your completed cancellation notice, you will not receive a full refund of your investment and an amount equal to any fall in value will be deducted from the sum you originally invested.

#### Taxation - Income

Income earned by unitholders from the Fund is liable to UK Income Tax at the rate applicable for the individual unitholders.

#### **Taxation - Capital Gains**

There is no tax on capital gains within the Fund. Gains realised on disposal of units by unitholders who are UK resident for taxation purposes may be liable to Capital Gains Tax.

All taxation information in this Report is based on current legislation and may be subject to change. Any tax reliefs referred to are those currently applying. Their value depends on the individual circumstances of the unitholder.

# **General Information (continued)**

#### **Report and Scheme Particulars**

Copies of the Scheme Particulars and Interim and Annual Report and Financial Statements may be obtained from the Manager at the address shown at the beginning of this Report.

The maintenance and integrity of the Hargreaves Lansdown Plc website is the responsibility of the Directors of Hargreaves Lansdown Plc; the work carried out by the Auditor does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the Auditor accepts no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the Financial Statements since they were initially presented on the website.

#### Commission

Commission may be payable to authorised intermediaries, rates are available on request and details are set out on the dealing confirmation.

#### **Status**

The Manager can only provide information on its own range of Funds to retail clients.

#### Assessment of Value

For each of its funds, Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited (HLFM) published an Assessment of Value covering the previous financial year. These statements are available at www.hl.co.uk/funds/hl-funds/multi-manager-funds/other-documents. Assessment of Value covering the financial year ended 30th September 2024 will be published no later than 31st January 2025.

#### Remuneration

In accordance with the requirements of the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD), Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited (HLFM) is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the European Securities and Markets Authority guidelines on sound remuneration policies under AIFMD.

That legislation requires an Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM) to establish and maintain remuneration policies for its staff which are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile and the rules of the funds it manages, nor impair compliance with the AIFM's duty to act in the best interest of the funds.

HLFM is part of a larger group, Hargreaves Lansdown Plc (Parent), within which remuneration policies are the responsibility of a Remuneration Committee comprised entirely of non-executive directors. That committee has established a remuneration policy which sets out a framework for determining the level of fixed and variable remuneration of staff, including maintaining an appropriate balance between the two.

Arrangements for variable remuneration within the group are calculated primarily by reference to the performance of each individual, the profitability of the relevant business unit and the profitability of the Parent.

Within the group, all staff are employed by the Parent with none employed directly by the Manager. A number of staff are considered, however, to devote the whole of their time to the business of the Manager. The costs of a number of other individuals are allocated between the entities within the group based on the expected amount of time devoted to each.

The total remuneration of those individuals considered to be key risk takers as defined by AIFMD, including those whose time is allocated between group entities, for the financial year ended 30th June 2024 is analysed below:

Fixed Remuneration	£2,452,679
Variable Remuneration	£1,808,993
Total	£4,261,672
Full Time Equivalent number of staff:	11.9

# **General Information (continued)**

#### Status (continued)

The staff members included in the above analysis support the full range of Multi-Manager Funds managed by the Manager. A breakdown of these figures in relation to those funds individually does not exist.

#### Leverage

In accordance with the Alternative Investment Funds Management Directive (AIFMD) the Manager is required to disclose the 'leverage' of the Trust. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Trust increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives. 'Exposure' is defined by either 'gross' or 'commitment method' and the Trust must not exceed maximum exposures under both methods.

The 'gross' method shall be the sum of the absolute value of all positions and each derivative position will be converted into the equivalent position in the underlying assets. The 'gross' method shall exclude the value of any cash and cash equivalents from the sum of the absolute value of all positions. The Manager must set maximum leverage levels and operate the Trust within these levels at all times. The 'commitment' method shall be the sum of the absolute value of all positions and each derivative position (excluding forward currency positions) will be converted into the equivalent position in the underlying assets.

There are two ways in which the Manager can introduce leverage to the Trust. These are by borrowing money using its overdraft facility, and by investing in derivative positions. Neither of these are important features in terms of how the Manager manages the Trust. There are no collateral, asset re-use or guarantee arrangements involved in the Manager's current approach to leverage.

The maximum gross leverage permitted in the Trust is 132%. The maximum commitment leverage permitted in the Trust is 110%. It is expected that the Manager will operate the Trust well within these limits.

As at year end, 30th September 2024, the maximum gross leverage observed was 105.01% and the maximum commitment leverage was 100.00% (30th September 2023: gross 101.85%, commitment 100.00%).

# **Important Investment Notes**

You should be aware of the risks involved in investing in the Fund. These risk warnings must not be taken to be comprehensive, as new risks may arise in the future which could not have been anticipated in advance. If you have any doubts over the suitability of an investment please contact a financial adviser for advice.

The price of units (and the income from them) can go down as well as up, and are not guaranteed. You may not receive back the amount you invest in the Fund.

An investment in the Fund is not intended to be a complete investment programme. Units should be regarded by you as a medium-to-long term investment.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The Fund's investment objective is an intended result but there is no guarantee that such a result will be achieved. There are no express or implied assurances as to the likelihood of achieving the Fund's investment objectives, as this will depend (in part) on evolving market conditions and the available investment opportunities over time.

The Fund's net asset value can be influenced by factors such as stock market fluctuations, political and economic events, corporate earnings reports and catastrophic events. This means that in any particular period, the Fund may suffer losses and should not be regarded as a short term investment.

In extreme liquidity conditions, redemptions in the underlying assets, and/or a Fund itself, may need to be deferred or suspended.

Economic factors such as changes in interest rates, inflation, deflation and supply and demand can affect the price of all investments, and so affect the value of your investment in the Fund. As with any investment, inflation will reduce the real value (i.e. purchasing power) of the capital over time.

The Fund is potentially exposed to adverse movements in equity, bond, commodity, currency and other market prices, indices or rates (market risk) or changes in the anticipated or calculated volatility of these movements (volatility risk). This could result in the Fund losing value.

The Fund may deduct charges from capital rather than income. Whilst this policy may allow more income to be distributed to unitholders, it may also have the effect of reducing capital and potential capital growth, as well as potentially increasing capital losses.

The Fund conducts transactions with various counterparties and there is a risk that a counterparty will not deliver an investment (for purchases by the Fund) or cash (for sales by the Fund) after the Fund has fulfilled its responsibilities.

This document is provided solely to enable investors to make their own investment decisions. It is not personal advice. These investments are not suitable for everyone. If you are in any doubt about suitability, you should seek expert advice. Please ensure you read the full Key Investor Information before placing any investment instruction.

### **Authorised Status**

The Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme under Section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

The Fund is a 'Non-UCITS Retail Scheme' under the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") Regulations.

The Fund is categorised as an alternative investment fund under Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8th June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and amending Directives 2003/41/EC and 2009/65/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 1095/2010 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of 19th December 2012 supplementing the AIFM Directive with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision (the "AIFMD"). The Manager undertakes portfolio and risk management for the Fund and is therefore an alternative investment fund manager (AIFM) within the terms of AIFMD. The Manager will manage the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the AIFMD, The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 and the FCA Rules.

## **Fund Information**

The Comparative Tables on pages 15 to 19 give the performance of each active unit class in the Fund.

The 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per unit divided by the opening net asset value per unit. It differs from the Fund's performance disclosed in the Manager's Investment report, which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a trust in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the Fund.

Direct transaction costs include broker commission and taxes. Broker commission includes the fee paid to a broker to execute the trades.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' — the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in the portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the Trust on each transaction, other types of investments (such as bonds, money instruments, derivatives, collective investment schemes) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

#### **Comparative Tables**

Class A Accumulation Units

<b></b>	30/09/24 (pence per	30/09/23 (pence per	30/09/22 (pence per
For the year ended	unit)	unit)	unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	206.28	180.77	201.47
Return before operating charges* Operating charges (calculated on average price)	33.18 (2.04)	27.72 (2.21)	(18.28) (2.42)
Return after operating charges*	31.14	25.51	(20.70)
Distributions Distributions on accumulation units	(8.99) 8.99	(8.72) 8.72	(8.03) 8.03
Closing net asset value per unit	237.42	206.28	180.77
* after direct transaction costs of **:	0.25	0.28	0.26
Performance			
Return after charges	15.10%	14.11%	(10.27)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	750,893	675,170	642,699
Closing number of units	316,276,419	327,312,018	355,526,886
Operating charges†	0.93%	1.09%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.14%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest mid price	240.51	214.51	212.08
Lowest mid price	195.39	179.07	179.83

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments/dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>†</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It includes the annual management fee as well as the administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. Due to a restructuring of the portfolio, initiated just prior to the financial year end, the ongoing charges figure as of 30/09/2024 was temporarily reduced. The full year average OCF for this fund was 1.07%.

Comparative Tables (continued)

Class M Accumulation Units

For the year ended	30/09/24^ (pence per unit)	30/09/23 (pence per unit)	30/09/22 (pence per unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	206.28	180.78	201.48
Return before operating charges* Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(1.99) (0.01)	27.71 (2.21)	(18.28) (2.42)
Return after operating charges*	(2.00)	25.50	(20.70)
Distributions Distributions on accumulation units	(0.72) 0.72	(8.72) 8.72	(8.03) 8.03
Last quoted unit price	204.28	_	
Closing net asset value per unit		206.28	180.78
* after direct transaction costs of **:	0.09	0.28	0.26
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.97)%	14.11%	(10.27)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	- - 0.09% -%	54,029 26,191,896 1.09% 0.14%	51,701 28,599,077 1.20% 0.13%
Prices Highest mid price Lowest mid price	205.03 195.39	214.51 179.08	212.09 179.83

<sup>^</sup> Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments/dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>†</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It includes the annual management fee as well as the administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. For Class M units, the prorated OCF for the current year is 0.09% since Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.

Comparative Tables (continued)

Class A Income Units

·	30/09/24 (pence per	30/09/23 (pence per	30/09/22 (pence per
For the year ended	unit)	unit)	unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	89.01	81.42	94.52
Return before operating charges* Operating charges (calculated on average price)	14.01 (0.86)	12.42 (0.98)	(8.27) (1.12)
Return after operating charges*	13.15	11.44	(9.39)
Distributions on income units	(3.80)	(3.85)	(3.71)
Closing net asset value per unit	98.36	89.01	81.42
* after direct transaction costs of **:	0.11	0.12	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	14.77%	14.05%	(9.93)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,014,964	918,349	915,008
Closing number of units	1,031,874,919 1	1,031,789,809	1,123,781,196
Operating charges†	0.93%	1.09%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.14%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest mid price	100.04	95.33	98.68
Lowest mid price	84.00	80.66	81.71

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments/dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>†</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It includes the annual management fee as well as the administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. Due to a restructuring of the portfolio, initiated just prior to the financial year end, the ongoing charges figure as of 30/09/2024 was temporarily reduced. The full year average OCF for this fund was 1.07%.

Comparative Tables (continued)

Class M Income Units

·	30/09/24^ (pence per	30/09/23 (pence per	30/09/22 (pence per
For the year ended	unit)	unit)	unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	89.01	81.42	94.52
Return before operating charges* Operating charges (calculated on average price)	(0.88)	12.42 (0.98)	(8.27) (1.12)
Return after operating charges*	(0.88)	11.44	(9.39)
Distributions on income units	(0.31)	(3.85)	(3.71)
Last quoted unit price	87.82		
Closing net asset value per unit	_	89.01	81.42
* after direct transaction costs of **:	0.04	0.12	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.99)%	14.05%	(9.93)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	- 0.09% -%	89,229 100,249,896 1.09% 0.14%	91,439 112,305,897 1.20% 0.13%
Prices Highest mid price Lowest mid price	88.47 84.00	95.32 80.66	98.68 81.71

<sup>^</sup> Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments/dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>†</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It includes the annual management fee as well as the administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. For Class M units, the prorated OCF for the current year is 0.09% since Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.

#### Comparative Tables (continued)

Class Z Income Units

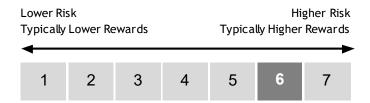
	30/09/24 (pence per	30/09/23^ (pence per
For the year ended	unit)	unit)
Opening net asset value per unit	89.20	89.10
Return before operating charges* Operating charges (calculated on average price)	14.07 (0.28)	1.90 (0.36)
Return after operating charges*	13.79	1.54
Distributions on income units	(3.75)	(1.44)
Closing net asset value per unit	99.24	89.20
* after direct transaction costs of **:	0.11	0.12
Performance		
Return after charges	15.46%	1.73%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges† Direct transaction costs	74,904 75,473,884 0.30% 0.11%	1,379 1,546,107 0.46% 0.14%
Prices		
Highest mid price Lowest mid price	100.84 84.23	95.33 85.28

<sup>^</sup> The unit class launched on 14th November 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments/dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

<sup>†</sup> Operating charges, otherwise known as the OCF is the ratio of the Fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the Fund. It includes the annual management fee as well as the administrative costs incurred by the Fund. Included within the OCF are synthetic costs which include the OCF of the underlying funds weighted on the basis of their investment proportion. Annualised figure due to unit class being launched less than 1 year.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI")



The Fund is ranked at 6 because trusts of this type have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past.

The Fund's risk category has been calculated using historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk and reward rating remain the same from the last reporting period.

The Fund's category is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

Even a fund in the lowest category is not a risk-free investment.

The value of your investment and any income you take from it may fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed.

# Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "COLL Sourcebook") requires the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual and interim accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Fund and of the net revenue and net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Manager is required to:

- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) relating to financial statements of UK Authorised Funds as issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017;
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (UK GAAP) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland';
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the Fund will continue in operation;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements, as prepared, comply with the above requirements.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Fund Deed, the Scheme Particulars and the COLL Sourcebook, and for ensuring that reasonable steps are taken for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities within its systems.

# Certification of the Financial Statements by Directors of the Manager

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, we hereby certify the financial statements on behalf of the Directors of Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited.

P A Dimambro (Director) 30th January 2025 **T Vaughan** (Director)

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders of the HL UK Income Fund (the "Fund") for the year ended 30th September 2024

The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of HL Multi-Manager Umbrella Trust must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, and, from 22 July 2014 the Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Fund and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Fund in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Fund's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Fund is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Fund are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Fund's assets is remitted to the Fund within the usual time limits:
- the Fund's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("the AIFM") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Scheme documents and the Regulations in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Fund.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Fund, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Fund, acting through the AIFM:

- has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Fund's units and the application of the Fund's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the fund, and
- has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Fund in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund.

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited
UK Trustee and Depositary Services
30th January 2025

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of the HL UK Income Fund

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of HLUK Income Fund (the "Fund") for the year ended 30th September 2024, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Fund, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 30th September 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of the HL UK Income Fund (continued)

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Trust Deed; and
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the Manager's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 21, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to wind up or terminate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

# Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of the HL UK Income Fund (continued)

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrators and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified a fraud risk in relation to the incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution. We tested the appropriateness of management's classification of material special dividends as either a capital or revenue return.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Ernst & Young LLP**Statutory Auditor

Edinburgh 30th January 2025

# **Statement of Total Return**

## For the year ended 30th September 2024

	Notes	30/09/24		30/09/23	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains	5		202,973		177,976
Revenue	7	75,747		79,432	
Expenses	8	(18,937)		(19,978)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(2)		(207)	
Net revenue before taxation		56,808		59,247	
Taxation	9	(613)	_	(517)	
Net revenue after taxation		_	56,195	_	58,730
Total return before distributions			259,168		236,706
Distributions	10	_	(74,366)	_	(77,987)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			184,802		158,719

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

## For the year ended 30th September 2024

	30/09/24		30/09/23	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		1,738,156		1,700,847
Amounts receivable on issue of units	78,728		89,732	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transactions	95,662		-	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(286,399)		(243,227)	
		(112,009)		(153,495)
Dilution levy		18		39
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		184,802		158,719
Retained distribution on accumulation units		29,794		32,038
Unclaimed distributions		-		8
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders	_	1,840,761	_	1,738,156

# **Balance Sheet**

	Notes	30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
ASSETS		L 000	L 000
Fixed assets:			
Investments		1,828,166	1,711,938
Current assets:			
Debtors	11	7,768	11,636
Cash and cash equivalents	12	15,132	28,382
Total assets		1,851,066	1,751,956
LIABILITIES			
Investment liabilities		(28)	(59)
Creditors:			
Distribution payable on income units	10	(4,286)	(6,280)
Bank overdraft	12	(17)	(108)
Other creditors	13	(5,974)	(7,353)
Total liabilities		(10,305)	(13,800)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		1,840,761	1,738,156

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### For the year ended 30th September 2024

#### 1 Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (UK GAAP) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 as amended in June 2017.

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt about the Fund's ability to continue as going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorise for issue. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently are set below.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (b) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling, which is the Scheme's functional and presentation currency rounded to the nearest £'000.

#### (c) Valuation of Investments

Quoted investments have been valued at 10:30 pm on the 30th September 2024, being the last business day of the accounting period. Collective investment schemes are valued at cancellation prices or quoted bid prices for dual priced funds and at quoted prices for single priced funds.

Open forward currency contracts are valued based on the difference between the contract value and the market value adjusted by the prevailing spot rate and swap curve.

Investments which are not quoted, or suspended, are stated at the Manager's best estimate of fair value. The Manager's Fair Value Committee, which is independent of the Portfolio Manager's team, provides a recommendation of fair values based on the principles of fair value in accordance with FRS102 and recognised valuation techniques that take account of the cost of the investment, recent arm's length transactions in the same or similar investments, financial performance of the investment, latest dealing prices, achievement or not of key milestones and other relevant factors.

All realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are recognised as a net capital gain/loss in the Statement of Total Return. Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of investments for the year and from reversal of prior period's unrealised gains and losses for investments which were realised in the current year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between an investment's initial carrying amount and disposal amount. The cost of investments sold is accounted for on a weighted average basis.

#### (d) Foreign Exchange

The values of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been translated into GBP at the exchange rates prevailing at 10:30 pm on the balance sheet date. Foreign currency transactions are translated into GBP at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and those from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### (e) Revenue

Bank and other interest receivable is recognised on an accruals basis. All distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the investments are declared ex-dividend. Equalisation received on distributions from underlying collective investment schemes is recognised as a return of capital. The majority of underlying investments refund a percentage of their annual management fee to the Fund, and this is recognised on an accruals basis and included within either capital or revenue depending on the underlying collective investment schemes' distribution policy in relation to the annual management fee.

Dividends from quoted equity and non-equity shares are recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Special dividends are recognised as either revenue or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend. Special dividends recognised as revenue are included in the amounts available for distribution. The tax treatment follows that of the principal amount.

Ordinary stock dividends are recognised wholly as revenue and form part of distribution, and are based on the market value of the shares on the date they are quoted ex-dividend. Where an enhancement is offered, the amount by which the market value of the shares (on the date they are quoted ex-dividend) exceeds the cash dividend is taken to capital.

Dividends from suspended/unquoted holdings will be recognised when the right to receive payment is established

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund with reporting status from HMRC, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

#### (f) Expenses

All expenses (excluding those relating to the sale and purchase of investments) are charged initially against capital. All expenses are recognized on an accruals basis.

#### (a) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided at 20% on taxable revenue after deduction of allowable expenses.

#### (h) Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset. Deferred tax liabilities are not discounted.

#### 3 Distribution Policies

#### (a) Basis of Distribution

Revenue produced by the Fund's investment decisions accumulates during each accounting year. If, at the end of the accounting year, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the Fund is available to be distributed to unitholders. In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow to unitholders, interim distributions may be made at the Manager's discretion, up to a maximum of the revenue available for the period. All remaining revenue is distributed in accordance with the Regulations. All expenses were transferred to capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution. Distributions to accumulation unitholders are rolled up to increase the value of the accumulation units. The Manager elected to make monthly distributions from 1st October 2014. The distributions are paid as dividend distributions.

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#### 3 Distribution Policies (continued)

#### (b) Distributions from Collective Investment Schemes

Equalisation received on distributions from the underlying collective investment schemes is included in the distribution for the year. Non-dividend revenue from offshore reporting funds is recognised when declared as reportable income, and treated as revenue for taxation and distribution purposes.

#### (c) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

#### (d) Unclaimed Distributions

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by unitholders for over six years are credited to the capital property of the Fund.

#### (e) Apportionment to multiple unit classes

With the exception of the Manager's periodic charge, which is directly attributable to individual unit classes, all revenue and expenses are apportioned to the Fund's unit classes pro rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant unit class on the day the revenue or expense is recognised.

#### (f) Tax relief on capital expenses

Tax relief on expenses charged to capital is applied and transferred between the revenue and capital property of the Fund.

#### 4 Risk Management Policies

In pursuing its investment objectives, the Fund holds financial instruments which comprise collective investment schemes and transferrable securities, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations. The Manager reviews (and agrees with the Trustee) policies for managing the risks associated with these instruments and they are summarised below.

#### **Market Price Risk**

The primary risk facing the Fund is market price risk, being the risk that the value of investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or currency movement. The Manager's policies for managing the market price risk are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year.

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored daily by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy set out on page 1. Adherence to the investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Scheme Particulars and in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of investment or issuer and ultimately the market risk.

#### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flow of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the foreign exchange rate.

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#### 4 Risk Management Policies (continued)

#### Currency Risk (continued)

The Fund has three principal areas where it has exposure to foreign currency risk:

- i) Movements in exchange rates affecting the value of investments (being: 1) either the collective investment schemes in which the funds invest where these are denominated in a currency other than GBP, 2) the underlying investments of those collective investment schemes where denominated in a currency other than GBP or 3) transferable securities held directly by the funds where denominated in a currency other than GBP);
- ii) Short-term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movement during the period between when a purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs; and
- iii) Movements in exchange rates affecting revenue received in foreign currency and converted into GBP on the day of receipt.

At the year end date, a portion of the net assets of the Fund were denominated in currencies other than GBP with the effect that the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Total Return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Currency risk comes from exposure to underlying collective investment schemes not denominated in GBP. The currency risk is not actively managed by the Manager but where it is indirectly exposed the currency risk is managed by the underlying collective investment scheme managers. Where there is exposure to funds not denominated in GBP the exposure to these funds is measured and monitored daily.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The underlying collective investment schemes may expose the Fund indirectly to interest rate risk, as part of their investment strategy which is monitored and managed by the investment managers of those underlying collective investment schemes.

The Fund has minimal direct interest rate risk which only applies to bank balances and overdrafts. Interest on the Fund's bank balances/overdraft is calculated at a variable rate by reference to GBP bank deposit/overdraft rates or the international equivalent.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or cash equivalents.

The main obligation of the Fund is the redemption of any units that investors wish to sell. The Fund's assets comprise collective investment schemes and direct holdings in transferable securities, the majority of which can be readily sold.

The Fund has little exposure to cash flow risk. A cash balance is held within the Fund to deal with typical redemptions and on a daily basis, the Manager is aware of the cash movements within the Fund. The Fund has the ability to borrow money, up to 10% of its NAV, and the Manager retains an overdraft facility which can be used to borrow money to help with short term liquidity.

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#### 4 Risk Management Policies (continued)

#### Liquidity Risk (continued)

The Fund adopted enhanced liquidity risk management procedures during the financial year. Liquidity of the Fund is monitored and tested on a daily basis by assessing the liquidity of underlying fund holdings (using data provided monthly by the external managers of these funds) and directly held assets. This includes the estimated liquidity of Fund assets over various time periods (based on recent market volumes) and the time required to fully liquidate all Fund assets. Investor redemption activity is also monitored daily and analysed over various intervals of up to two years. Stress testing is undertaken periodically to identify where significant liquidity risks may exist and how changes in investor redemption behaviour and prevailing market conditions may affect the ability to readily realise the sale of Fund assets.

The Manager has the ability to defer or suspend redemptions in severe liquidity crisis scenarios.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

Certain transactions in investments that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Fund only buys and sells investments through Fund Managers which have been approved by the Manager as an acceptable counterparty. These are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty will be unable to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk, in the event that the counterparties fail to perform their obligations as of 30th September 2024, in relation to each class of recognised financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets in the balance sheet. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of financial instruments and trade counterparties.

#### 5 Net Capital Gains

	30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	200,183	175,141
Currency losses	(380)	(160)
Forward currency contracts	3,184	3,036
Transaction charges	(14)	(24)
Annual management charge rebates		(17)
Total Net Capital Gains	202,973	177,976

The net capital gains figure above includes movement of unrealised gains and realised gains/(losses) of £94,860,485 and £105,322,185 respectively. (30th September 2023: £185,857,361 and £(10,717,382) respectively).

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#### 6 Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

The following table shows portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs, please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 14.

#### Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30th September 2024:

	Principal 0 2024 £'000	Commissions 2024 £'000	Taxes 2024 £'000	Total Cost 2024 £'000	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
<b>Purchases</b> Equities	1,719,677	37	1,738	1,721,452	-	0.10
Transaction cost % of purchases		_	0.10			
<b>Sales</b> Equities	1,786,928	(40)	(262)	1,786,626	-	0.01
Transaction cost % of sales		_	0.01			
Total cost of the Fund's average NAV (%)		-	0.11			

Analysis of direct transaction costs for the year ended 30th September 2023:

Purchases	Principal 2023 £'000	Commissions 2023 £'000	Taxes 2023 £'000	Total Cost 2023 £'000	Commissions % of principal 0.01	Taxes % of principal 0.18
Equities	1,229,882	120	2,154	1,232,150	0.01	0.10
Transaction cost % of purchases		0.01	0.12			
<b>Sales</b> Equities	1,363,131	(148)	(134)	1,362,849	0.01	0.01
Transaction cost % of sales		0.01	0.01			
Total cost of the Fund's average NAV (%)		0.01	0.13			

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.07% (30th September 2023: 0.16%). This spread represents the difference between the values determined by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments at 10:30 pm on the last business day of the accounting period, expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price. Please note that in practice where the Fund owns dual-priced investments, it deals at cancellation and creation prices rather than bid and offer prices, and so the figure above is not fully representative of the Fund's actual dealing spread.

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## 7 Revenue

		30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
	Bank interest	670	1,136
	Distributions from underlying funds	164	_
	Franked PID revenue	435	197
	Franked UK dividends	55,551	60,998
	Offshore dividend CIS revenue	6,514	1,677
	Offshore interest CIS revenue	448	-
	Overseas dividends	9,363	12,753
	Unfranked PID revenue	2,602	2,671
	Total Revenue	75,747	79,432
8	Expenses		
		30/09/24	30/09/23
	5 11 1 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	£'000	£'000
	Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and		
	agents of either of them:	40.046	11.004
	Manager's periodic charge	10,916	11,604
	Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents		
	of either of them:		
	Trustee and Depositary's fee	160	188
	Safe custody fee	47	43
		207	231
	Other expenses:		
	Audit fee	13	8
	VAT on audit fee	2	1
	Accounting and administration fee	76	78
	Automated transaction provider fee	20	25
	Monthly distribution fee	65	65
	Publication costs	5	17
	Registrar fees	10	(73)
	Sub-adviser fee	7,623	8,022
		7,814	8,143
	Total Expenses	18,937	19,978

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#### 9 Taxation

(c)

(a)	Analysis of charge for the year	30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
	Overseas withholding tax	613	517
	Total current tax charge (note 9b)	613	517
	Deferred tax (note 9c)	-	_
	Total Taxation	613	517

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised fund (20%) (2023: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	30/09/24	30/09/23
Net revenue before taxation	£'000 <b>56,808</b>	<b>£'000</b> 59,247
Corporation Tax at 20%	11,362	11,849
Effects of:		
Excess management expenses not utilised	3,029	3,293
Excess non trade loans deficits	-	(5)
Non-taxable dividends	(12,506)	(12,557)
Non-taxable overseas dividends	(1,876)	(2,568)
Overseas withholding tax	613	517
Tax payable in different periods	(9)	(9)
Capital rebate reversal		(3)
Total tax charge for the year (note 9a)	613	517
Deferred tax charge for the year		
Provision at the start of the year	-	_
Deferred tax charge in the year		
Provision at the end of the year	_	_

The Fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £27,978,834 (30th September 2023: £24,949,919) as a result of excess management expenses of £139,894,168 (30th September 2023: £124,749,593). These expenses are not expected to be utilised in the foreseeable future unless the nature of the Fund or its investment objective changes.

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#### 10 Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of units and revenue deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	30/09/24	30/09/23
	£'000	£'000
Interim accumulations	26,793	27,521
Interim distributions	40,116	39,377
Final accumulation	3,001	4,517
Final distribution	4,286	6,280
	74,196	77,695
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	244	445
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(73)	(153)
Deduct: Revenue received on in-specie transactions	(1)	_
Net distribution for the year	74,366	77,987
The difference between net revenue after taxation and the amount	s distributed comprise	2:
Net revenue after taxation	56,195	58,730
Equalisation uplift on unit conversions	2	_
Expenses offset against capital	18,937	19,978
Revenue brought forward	1	_
Revenue carried forward	(1)	(1)
Tax effect on expenses offset against capital	(768)	(720)
	74,366	77,987

Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the distribution tables on pages 43 to 54.

#### 11 Debtors

	30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
Amounts receivable for issue of units	704	418
Bank interest receivable	2	91
Franked REIT income receivable	10	-
Franked UK dividends receivable	4,902	5,954
Overseas dividends receivable	353	987
Overseas tax recoverable	831	520
PID tax recoverable	4	7
Sales awaiting settlement	488	3,230
Unfranked PID recoverable	474	429
Total Debtors	7,768	11,636

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#### 12 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	30/09/24 £'000	30/09/23 £'000
Bank balances	8,518	28,177
Overseas balances	100	205
Cash equivalents	6,514	_
Total bank balances	15,132	28,382
Bank overdrafts	(17)	(108)
Total bank overdrafts	(17)	(108)
13 Other Creditors		
	30/09/24	30/09/23
	£'000	£'000
Accrued expenses	1,646	2,825
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	2,177	3,174
Currency deals awaiting settlement	1	_
Purchases awaiting settlement	2,150	1,354
Total Other Creditors	5,974	7,353

#### 14 Contingent Liabilities and Outstanding Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (30th September 2023: £Nil).

#### 15 Related Parties

Hargreaves Lansdown Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") is a related party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of the operations of the Fund. It also acts as a principal in respect of all transactions of units in the Fund.

Management fees paid during the year or due to the Manager are shown in note 8 and note 13. Management fee rebates received during the year or due from the Manager are shown in note 5, note 7 and note 11. Details of the units issued and cancelled by the Manager are shown in the Statement of Change in Net Asset Attributable to Unitholders and amounts due to or from the Manager in respect to unit transactions as at the balance sheet date are disclosed under note 11 and note 13. The balance due to the Manager at the year end in respect of management fees was £920,811 (30th September 2023: £1,833,663).

Hargreaves Lansdown Nominees Limited, a fellow subsidiary of the Manager held units in the Fund as follows:

	30/09/2024 30/09/202	3
Class A Accumulation units	<b>98.81%</b> 98.82%	6
Class A Income units	<b>99.47%</b> 99.449	6
Class Z Income units	<b>100.00%</b> 0.00%	6

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#### 15 Related Parties (continued)

Hargreaves Lansdown Nominees Limited is a non-trading company which holds investments on behalf of clients of the Hargreaves Lansdown Group of Companies.

As at year end, the Manager has four third party sub-advisors appointed to provide investment management and advisory services to the Manager in respect of the Fund. The sub-adviser fees paid to these sub-advisors are disclosed in note 8 and amounts due to sub-advisors as the balance sheet are disclosed under note 13.

#### 16 Unit Classes

The Fund currently has two classes of units: Class A and Class Z. The distribution per unit is given in the distribution tables on pages 43 to 54. All units have the same rights on winding up.

The Manager's service charge is calculated using the following tiered rates.

Less than £1 billion	0.65%
Equal to or greater than £1 billion but less than £2 billion	0.60%
Equal to or greater than £2 billion but less than £3 billion	0.55%
Equal to or greater than £3 billion	0.50%

The following table shows the units in issue during the year:

	Opening	Units	Units	Units	Closing
Class	Units	Created	Liquidated	Converted	Units
Class A Accumulation	327,312,018	8,460,988	(44,773,821)	25,277,234	316,276,419
Class M Accumulation*	26,191,896	70,529	(1,016,685)	(25,245,740)	_
Class A Income	1,031,789,809	62,760,975	(158,850,352)	96,174,487	1,031,874,919
Class M Income*	100,249,896	268,570	(4,264,967)	(96,253,499)	_
Class Z Income	1,546,107	111,703,345	(37,775,568)	_	75,473,884

<sup>\*</sup>Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.

#### 17 Risk Disclosures

#### **Market Price Risk**

Market price risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32.

A 5% increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £91,349,641 (30th September 2023: £85,593,937). A 5% decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32.

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#### 17 Risk Disclosures (continued)

#### Currency Risk (continued)

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2024

		Non-	
	Monetary	Monetary	
	Exposure	Exposure	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Euro	511	69,936	70,447
Japanese Yen	67	11,119	11,186
Norwegian Krone	3	_	3
Sterling	11,604	1,692,567	1,704,171
Swiss Franc	321	13,864	14,185
US dollar	117	40,652	40,769
	12,623	1,828,138	1,840,761

Currency exposure as at 30th September 2023

Euro	Monetary Exposure £'000 204	Non- Monetary Exposure £'000 58,390	<b>Total</b> <b>£'000</b> 58,594
Japanese Yen	105	11,541	11,646
Norwegian Krone	3	_	3
Sterling	25,477	1,567,961	1,593,438
Swiss Franc	215	14,886	15,101
US dollar	273	59,101	59,374
	26,277	1,711,879	1,738,156

A 5% increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £6,829,333(30th September 2023: £7,235,816). A 5% decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32

The Fund has minimal direct interest rate risk which only applies to bank balances and overdrafts. Interest on the Fund's bank balances/overdraft is calculated at a variable rate by reference to GBP bank deposit/overdraft rates or the international equivalent.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32.

The Manager monitors the Fund's liquidity position on a regular basis with regard to maintaining a reasonable level of liquidity. Investments in managed funds may not be readily realisable due to lock-up periods, extended settlement periods, withdrawal notice periods, or in extraordinary cases periods in which redemptions are suspended due to adverse market conditions.

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#### 17 Risk Disclosures (continued)

#### Liquidity Risk (continued)

In order to manage its liquidity under such circumstances, the Fund utilises its borrowing facility which allows it to borrow up to 10% of its NAV and the Manager retains an overdraft facility which can be used to borrow money to help with short term liquidity.

As discussed in note 4, the Manager assesses how much of the investments can be realised in one day, under normal and stressed market conditions based on average daily volume for the previous 30 days for each investment. Normal conditions assume the ability to participate on 20% of daily volume for each investment whilst stressed conditions assume the ability to participate on only 10% of daily volume.

#### **Counterparty Risk**

Counterparty risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32.

	30/09/2024	30/09/2023
Counterparty Name	£'000	£'000
Forward Currency Contracts		
Northern Trust	1,145	(54)
Total	1,145	(54)

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk - risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 4 on pages 30 to 32.

The Fund's maximum exposure to credit in the event that the counterparties fail to perform their obligations as at 30th September 2024 in relation to each class of recognised financial assets including derivatives, is the carrying amount of those assets in the Balance Sheet.

The Fund will be exposed to credit risk of the Depository, regarding cash balances held. In the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depository, the Fund will be treated as general creditors of the Trustee.

The Fund only transacts with counterparties that are regulated entities subject to prudential supervision, or with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The long term credit rating of the parent company of the Trustee and Depository, Northern Trust Corporation, as at 30th September 2024 was AA- (30th September 2023: AA-) (Standard & Poor's rating).

#### Fair Value

Fair value - in the opinion of the Manager, there is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet and their fair value. Investments are carried at their fair value while other financial assets and liabilities are valued at amortised cost which materially equates to their fair value.

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#### 17 Risk Disclosures (continued)

Fair Value (continued)

Valuation	technique as	at 30th S	eptember 2024
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valuation technique as at 30th Septem	Del 2024			
	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Assets	2 000	2 000	2 000	2000
Collective Investment Schemes	_	_	3,345	3,345
Equities	1,820,090	_	3,558	1,823,648
Forward Currency Contracts	-	1,173	5,550	1,173
•				
Total	1,820,090	1,173	6,903	1,828,166
Liabilities				
Forward Currency Contracts	-	(28)	-	(28)
Total		(28)	_	(28)
Valuation technique as at 30th Septem	ber 2023			
, ,	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Collective Investment Schemes	_	_	3,302	3,302
Equities	1,708,631	_	_	1,708,631
Forward Currency Contracts	_	5	_	5
Total	1,708,631	5	3,302	1,711,938
Liabilities				
Forward Currency Contracts	_	(59)	-	(59)
Total		(59)	_	(59)

The Fund invests into collective investment schemes which are not exchange traded. Investments in collective investment schemes are valued based on the NAV per unit/share published by their administrators and are classified as Level 2.

The Fund invested in a collective investment scheme, LF Equity Income Fund (formerly LF Woodford Equity Income Fund), which has been suspended and is categorised within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. The Fund's valuation is based on the NAV per unit/share published by the Authorised Corporate Director of the collective investment scheme available at the close of business valuation point on 30th September 2024 which has been adjusted to reflect the relevant developments since the suspension of the collective investment scheme and other factors pertinent to the valuation.

#### Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

#### Level 2

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e., developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

#### Level 3

Inputs are unobservable (i.e., for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

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#### 18 Post Balance Sheet Events

#### Market price movements

The impact of latest published NAV per unit classes as at the close of business on 20th January 2025 compared to the published NAV per unit classes as at year-end is shown below.

	Unit Price	Unit Price	Movement
Unit Class	30th September 2024	20th January 2025	%
Class A Accumulation	237.50	245.76	3.48
Class A Income	98.79	100.86	2.10
Class Z Income	99.60	101.95	2.36

# **Distribution Tables**

## For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## First interim distribution for the period ended 31st October 2023

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7185 0.3198	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.3987	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Nov 2023</b> 0.7185 0.7185	<b>Paid 30th Nov 2022</b> 0.6660 0.6660
Class M Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7185 0.4072	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.3113	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Nov 2023</b> 0.7185 0.7185	<b>Paid 30th Nov 2022</b> 0.6661 0.6661
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.1465	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.1635	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Nov 2023</b> 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 30th Nov 2022 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.1368	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.1732	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Nov 2023</b> 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 30th Nov 2022 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3108 0.3086	Equalisation - 0.0022	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Nov 2023</b> 0.3108 0.3108	Paid 30th Nov 2022 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st October 2023 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st October 2023

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Second interim distribution for the period ended 30th November 2023

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7211 0.5887	Equalisation - 0.1324	<b>Paid 29th Dec 2023</b> 0.7211 0.7211	<b>Paid 30th Dec 2022</b> 0.6684 0.6684
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation - -	Paid 29th Dec 2023 – –	Paid 30th Dec 2022 0.6684 0.6684
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.3100 0.2474	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.0626	Paid 29th Dec 2023 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 30th Dec 2022 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 29th Dec 2023 – –	Paid 30th Dec 2022 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3110 0.3110	Equalisation — —	Paid 29th Dec 2023 0.3110 0.3110	Paid 30th Dec 2022 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st November 2023 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st November 2023

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Third interim distribution for the period ended 31st December 2023

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7237 0.5515	Equalisation	<b>Paid</b> <b>31st Jan 2024</b> 0.7237 0.7237	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2023</b> 0.6707 0.6707
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 31st Jan 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2023</b> 0.6707 0.6707
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.2751	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.0349	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 31st Jan 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3112 0.3112	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 31st Jan 2024</b> 0.3112 0.3112	Paid 31st Jan 2023 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st December 2023 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st December 2023

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Fourth interim distribution for the period ended 31st January 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7261 0.7261	Equalisation _ _ _	<b>Paid 29th Feb 2024</b> 0.7261 0.7261	<b>Paid 28th Feb 2023</b> 0.6729 0.6729
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 29th Feb 2024 – –	<b>Paid 28th Feb 2023</b> 0.6729 0.6729
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.3100	Equalisation _ _ _	<b>Paid 29th Feb 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 28th Feb 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 29th Feb 2024 – –	Paid 28th Feb 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3113 0.3113	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 29th Feb 2024</b> 0.3113 0.3113	Paid 28th Feb 2023 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st January 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st January 2024

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## In pence per unit

## Fifth interim distribution for the period ended 29th February 2024

	Net		Paid	Paid
Class A Accumulation Units	Income	Equalisation	28th Mar 2024	31st Mar 2023
Group 1	0.7286	_	0.7286	0.6750
Group 2	0.7286	_	0.7286	0.6750
	Net		Paid	Paid
Class M Accumulation Units**	Income	Equalisation	28th Mar 2024	31st Mar 2023
Group 1	_	· –	_	0.6751
Group 2	_	_	_	0.6751
	Net		Paid	Paid
Class A Income Units	Income	Equalisation	28th Mar 2024	31st Mar 2023
Group 1	0.3100	<i>.</i> –	0.3100	0.3000
Group 2	0.3100	_	0.3100	0.3000
	Net		Paid	Paid
Class M Income Units**	Income	Equalisation	28th Mar 2024	31st Mar 2023
Group 1	_	<i>'</i> –	_	0.3000
Group 2	_	_	_	0.3000
	Net		Paid	Paid
Class Z Income Units*	Income	Equalisation	28th Mar 2024	31st Mar 2023
Group 1	0.3114	_	0.3114	_
Group 2	0.3114	_	0.3114	_

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st February 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st February 2024

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Sixth interim distribution for the period ended 31st March 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.7311 0.7311	Equalisation _ _ _	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Apr 2024</b> 0.7311 0.7311	<b>Paid 28th Apr 2023</b> 0.6772 0.6772
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation – –	Paid 30th Apr 2024 – –	<b>Paid 28th Apr 2023</b> 0.6772 0.6772
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.3100	Equalisation _ _ _	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Apr 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 28th Apr 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 30th Apr 2024 – –	Paid 28th Apr 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3116 0.3116	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Apr 2024</b> 0.3116 0.3116	Paid 28th Apr 2023 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st March 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st March 2024

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Seventh interim distribution for the period ended 30th April 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7335 0.5902	Equalisation	<b>Paid</b> <b>31st May 2024</b> 0.7335 0.7335	<b>Paid 31st May 2023</b> 0.6794 0.6794
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation – –	Paid 31st May 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st May 2023</b> 0.6795 0.6795
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.3100 0.2626	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.0474	Paid 31st May 2024 0.3100 0.3100	<b>Paid 31st May 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 31st May 2024 – –	Paid 31st May 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3118 0.3118	Equalisation — —	Paid 31st May 2024 0.3118 0.3118	Paid 31st May 2023 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st April 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st April 2024

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## In pence per unit

## Eighth interim distribution for the period ended 31st May 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.7359 0.5183	Equalisation - 0.2176	<b>Paid 28th Jun 2024</b> 0.7359 0.7359	<b>Paid 30th Jun 2023</b> 0.6817 0.6817
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 28th Jun 2024 – –	<b>Paid 30th Jun 2023</b> 0.6817 0.6817
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.1622	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.1478	<b>Paid 28th Jun 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	<b>Paid 30th Jun 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 28th Jun 2024 – –	<b>Paid 30th Jun 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3119 0.3119	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 28th Jun 2024</b> 0.3119 0.3119	Paid 30th Jun 2023 – –

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st May 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st May 2024

# For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Ninth interim distribution for the period ended 30th June 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7383 0.3655	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.3728	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2024</b> 0.7383 0.7383	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2023</b> 0.6840 0.6840
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 31st Jul 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2023</b> 0.6840 0.6840
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.1087	Equalisation – 0.2013	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation _ _ _	Paid 31st Jul 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3121 0.3121	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2024</b> 0.3121 0.3121	<b>Paid 31st Jul 2023</b> 0.3001 0.3001

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st June 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st June 2024

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## In pence per unit

## Tenth interim distribution for the period ended 31st July 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7407 0.1679	Equalisation – 0.5728	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Aug 2024</b> 0.7407 0.7407	<b>Paid 31st Aug 2023</b> 0.6863 0.6863
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 30th Aug 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Aug 2023</b> 0.6863 0.6863
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.3100 0.0698	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.2402	<b>Paid 30th Aug 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	Paid 31st Aug 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 30th Aug 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Aug 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3122 0.3122	Equalisation — —	Paid 30th Aug 2024 0.3122 0.3122	Paid 31st Aug 2023 0.3002 0.3002

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st July 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st July 2024

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## In pence per unit

## Eleventh interim distribution for the period ended 31st August 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.7429 0.4912	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.2517	<b>Paid</b> <b>30th Sep 2024</b> 0.7429 0.7429	<b>Paid 29th Sep 2023</b> 0.6886 0.6886
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 30th Sep 2024 – –	<b>Paid 29th Sep 2023</b> 0.6886 0.6886
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3100 0.2188	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.0912	<b>Paid 30th Sep 2024</b> 0.3100 0.3100	<b>Paid 29th Sep 2023</b> 0.3000 0.3000
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 30th Sep 2024 – –	Paid 29th Sep 2023 0.3000 0.3000
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3124 0.3124	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 30th Sep 2024</b> 0.3124 0.3124	<b>Paid 29th Sep 2023</b> 0.3004 0.3004

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st August 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st August 2024

## For the year ended 30th September 2024

## In pence per unit

## Final distribution for the year ended 30th September 2024

Class A Accumulation Units Group 1 Group 2	<b>Net Income</b> 0.9488 0.3716	Equalisation - 0.5772	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2024</b> 0.9488 0.9488	Paid 31st Oct 2023 1.2783 1.2783
Class M Accumulation Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income - -	Equalisation – –	Paid 31st Oct 2024 – –	Paid 31st Oct 2023 1.2722 1.2722
Class A Income Units Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3918 0.1471	<b>Equalisation</b> - 0.2447	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2024</b> 0.3918 0.3918	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2023</b> 0.5543 0.5543
Class M Income Units** Group 1 Group 2	Net Income – –	Equalisation — —	Paid 31st Oct 2024 – –	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2023</b> 0.5514 0.5514
Class Z Income Units* Group 1 Group 2	Net Income 0.3223 0.3223	Equalisation — —	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2024</b> 0.3223 0.3223	<b>Paid 31st Oct 2023</b> 0.5365 0.5365

Group 1 - Units created prior to 1st September 2024 Group 2 - Units created on or after 1st September 2024

<sup>\*</sup> No comparative figures shown as the unit class launched on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class M units have been converted to Class A units on 21st November 2023.



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