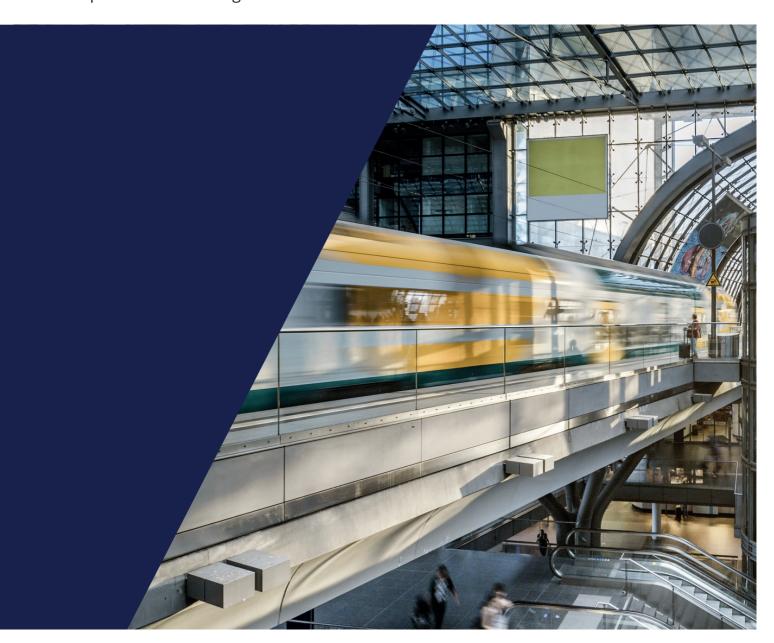


Interim Report

Standard Life Investment Company Interim Report & Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2018



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Company Information

Standard Life Investment Company						
Head Office	Director	Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)	Board of Directors of the ACD	Secretary of the ACD		
1 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2LL	The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) is Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited which is the sole director and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority for investment business.	Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited 1 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2LL	A S Acheson S Campbell S A Fitzgerald J Lowe L Scott D E Thomas S Wemyss	H.S. Kidd		
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Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") to prepare financial statements for each interim and annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net income and net gains or losses on the property of the Company for the period.

In preparing the financial statements the ACD is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland:
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Company and its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The ACD is Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited which is the sole director, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, for investment business.

Standard Life Investment Company ("the Company") is an Open-Ended Investment Company with variable capital under Regulation 12 (Authorisation) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the Regulations"). The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Standard Life Investment Company is structured as an umbrella company. Each sub-fund has the investment powers equivalent to those of a securities company.

Standard Life Investment Company is a protected cell company. As such the assets and liabilities of individual Sub-funds are ringfenced, with assets of a particular Sub-fund not to be used to discharge the liabilities of, or claims against, the Umbrella company or any other Sub-fund.

The following items within each sub-fund report form part of the Authorised Corporate Director's report: Investment Report, Comparative Tables, Ongoing Charges Figure, Portfolio Statement and Treatment by Corporate Shareholders.

Distributions are made from positive net revenue where gross revenue exceeds expenses and tax. The total return consists of investment and currency gains and losses in addition to net revenue. In situations where Sub-funds have a negative total return but a positive net revenue position, there will be a distribution.

Material differences may arise between a Sub-fund's net revenue after tax and its distribution if the ACD's periodic charge and transaction costs are borne by the capital property of the Sub-fund for distribution purposes. The expenses in the Statement of Total Return includes these expenses even if they are met from the capital property of the Sub-fund. In such cases, the amount a Sub-fund has to distribute will exceed its net revenue and this is detailed in the notes to the financial statements where it occurs.

Names and addresses of the ACD, Independent Auditor, Registrar and Investment Advisor are contained on page 2 of the Interim Report and Financial Statements. The investment objectives of each Sub-fund, how they were achieved and investment activities during the period are disclosed within the individual Sub-funds' reports.

The Prospectus for the Company is available online at standardlifeinvestments.com.

The ACD has elected to dispense with the holding of an Annual General Meeting for the Company for this and all future years. In the future, the Company may launch other Sub-funds.

I hereby certify the Interim Report and Financial Statements on behalf of the Directors of Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited.

Director

Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited, Edinburgh

26 October 2018

Investment Report

1 March 2018 - 31 August 2018

Global Overview

Global equities gained some ground during the six-month review period, albeit with marked regional variations. Investor sentiment was helped by robust US economic data and a raft of better-than-expected corporate earnings results. The former allowed the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to raise rates in June, with two more hikes likely this year.

Meanwhile, the oil price surpassed a four-year high in May on supply concerns. Perhaps the most significant talking point, though, was the deterioration in trade relations between the US and China, after each announced a series of new tariffs. Along with the rising US dollar, this had a particularly detrimental effect on emerging markets

UK equities delivered a mixed performance during the review period. Sterling weakness, which was partially Brexit induced, continued to benefit companies that make the bulk of their earnings overseas, pushing the FTSE 100 Index to record highs. In particular, oil firms were in the ascendency as crude reached nearly \$80 per barrel in May – its highest level in four years. Meanwhile, retailers were initially boosted by a combination of record-breaking temperatures and increased spending over the two bank holiday weekends; however, they then struggled as High Street trading became more challenging and we saw some disappointing profit projections. The Bank of England (BoE) hiked its benchmark interest rate to 0.75% in August, its highest level since the 2009 global financial crisis.

US equities recovered from an uneven start to the year, but these gains masked a certain amount of market volatility during the period. Wall Street began April in 'correctional' territory – meaning that its main stock markets had all fallen by more than 10% from their previous peak, which occurred in January of this year. Shares of large US companies then recovered their poise as we moved through May, with the S&P 500 Index rising by over 2%. Concerns about a US/China trade war were a recurring theme throughout the period, but that did not stop US equities from going on to hit record highs and deliver the longest bull-run in history. Economic data showed the US economy growing strongly and highlighted its divergence with the rest of the world. On top of this came impressive corporate results, with the majority of companies beating already elevated expectations.

European equities managed to retake some of the ground lost in the early stages of 2018, helped, in part, by reassurance from European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi that the central bank was willing to step in with additional support if required. However, European equities then retreated in May, with investors unnerved by uncertainty over Italy's political future and the prospect of a snap election in Spain after a no-confidence motion drove Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy from office. A crisis was also avoided in Italy when a government formed by the populist Five Star Movement and right-wing League party was appointed.

Indeed, continued political uncertainty, together with worries about global trade and mediocre economic data remained a vital driver of the FTSE World Europe (ex UK) Index throughout the review period. Meanwhile, the ECB reiterated its intention to stop its assetpurchase programme in December.

Japanese equities made steady progress; however, sales of Japanese shares by foreign investors did gather pace due to longer-term concerns about yen strength. Scandal also continued to swirl around embattled Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. More positively, the North Korea/US summit in Singapore raised hopes of lasting peace in the region. Second-quarter economic data was slightly disappointing, and inflation remained tepid. The Bank of Japan kept interest rates unchanged and continued its asset-purchase programme.

Meanwhile, the weaker yen was a boost to exporters, although autos missed out due to trade concerns. While Japan re-entered trade discussions with the US, it managed to sign a free-trade agreement with the EU. Finally, Prime Minister Abe was re-elected as the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party as expected.

Asia Pacific equities had a tricky start to the period, with concerns about the prospect of a trade war with the US troubling investors. Share prices were also depressed by mixed economic data and a stronger US dollar. President Trump's uneven approach to the highly anticipated summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un further dampened risk appetite, although Pyongyang's measured response soothed some market jitters. As we moved into the summer months, Asian markets recovered with positive sentiment, partially driven by a clear signal from China that it was prepared to act to keep its economy on an even keel. Upbeat statements from the US Federal Reserve about the health of the US economy further lifted Asian markets. On the downside, the Indian rupee fell to a record low against the US dollar due to concerns about India's trade deficit.

Bond markets

Fears of faster-than-expected US interest rate rises and escalating global trade tensions fuelled volatility in **corporate bond markets**. In addition, concerns surrounding the sustainability of the Italian budgetary position contributed to some periods of markedly risk-off sentiment. Despite such worries, the global economic and corporate backdrop remained resolutely supportive.

The primary influences on **global government bonds** were risk aversion and the move towards policy normalisation in the major economies. Investor fears were largely rooted in an escalation in the trade spat between the US and China. Against that, a slew of encouraging US economic data caused the market to price in two interest rate rises before the end of 2018 and pushed the 10-year Treasury yield decisively above the 3% mark.

Investment Report

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Outlook for equities

While there are grounds to remain positive on certain equity markets and sectors, we are unlikely to enjoy the stellar returns seen in prior years. The Federal Reserve has started to raise interest rates, while the US/China trade dispute has intensified. The strength of the US dollar is also posing problems, notably in those emerging markets with high dollar-denominated debt. Meanwhile, the EU and UK are running out of time to strike a deal on Brexit. Nonetheless, the overall economic backdrop is broadly supportive and, while valuations in many areas of the market look stretched, there remain numerous opportunities for stock pickers.

Outlook for bonds

We continue to see value in investment grade credit, given the sizeable market correction in the first half of 2018 and the strong fundamental backdrop for most corporates. However, the combination of trade tensions, continuing political uncertainty around Brexit and the US mid-term elections could increase near-term volatility. Meanwhile, the path and speed of interest rate changes will continue to determine the short-term outlook for government bond markets.

Ethical Funds Advisory Group Report

Aberdeen Standard Investments is responsible for managing several ethical funds. The Funds are managed according to clearly defined investment mandates and the range of available investments is underpinned by established policies and independent research data on their ethical credentials.

The Standard Life Ethical Funds Advisory Group

The Standard Life Ethical Funds Advisory Group is chaired by the Group Chief Operating Officer of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. It comprises of investors in Standard Life's ethical funds and senior Aberdeen Standard Investments group managers with involvement in managing and marketing the Funds and their associated products. The Group generally meets twice a year and is responsible for ensuring the ethical policy for these Funds is applied correctly, that the Policy continues to reflect the concerns of investors in the ethical funds and that the processes supporting the application of the Policy are robust.

This involves:

- considering current ethical issues and trends and the implications for the Funds
- reviewing investment and marketing reports
- ensuring that Standard Life Investment's process for ethical investment is observed
- reviewing and addressing customer queries and
- commissioning market and customer research on ethical issues

Funds' Criteria

The ethical funds are invested according to the positive and negative criteria set out in the ethical policy. The Funds do not invest in companies that fail the negative criteria and favour investment in companies that meet the positive criteria.

Issues Arising

The Group discussed a number of issues during the period relating to companies' individual approaches to corporate responsibility. Due consideration was given to reviewing the Group's Terms of Reference. Topics discussed by the Group included the 2018 annual investor survey, fossil fuels, garment supply chains, plastics, corporate governance and a number of specific company reviews.

Voting record – Standard Life Investments UK Ethical Fund

We voted against remuneration resolutions at the AGMs of Accesso, AVEVA, Melrose Industries, NMC Healthcare, Relx, and Telecom Plus. In the case of Melrose and Relx, we also voted against the re-election of the members of the Remuneration Committee to emphasise our views. In the case of Accesso, we also voted against the Chairman of the remuneration committee to underline our concerns.

At the AGM of Vodafone Group last year we voted against the re-appointment of the auditors PWC as we were aware that PWC took on the administration of Phones 4u knowing that they were to be appointed auditors of Vodafone. It was already clear then that there would be a conflict of interest as the Phones 4u case would involve a making significant claims against Vodafone. We believe that an auditor should take action to avoid such conflicts of interest as they have the potential to compromise the independence of the auditors and thus undermine their role in protecting the interests of shareholders. Given our concerns about their appointment as auditors in 2014 it seemed logical to vote against the resolution to approve their remuneration as auditors. We voted the same way this year as the issues are ongoing and unresolved.

At the AGM of Gamma Communications, we voted against the reelection of the Chair due to concerns over the number of this other directorships.

At the AGM of John Laing Group we voted against the resolution to approve the financial statements and statutory reports as we were concerned by poor disclosure on diversity. We were also aware that the Chief Executive had previously made a public commitment in this regard.

Investor opinion

Investors in the ethical funds continue to make a valuable contribution to the Groups understanding of ethical concerns, in particular, through participation of investors on the Advisory Group and the annual survey of investors' views. The 2018 investor survey focused on a number of issues, including fossil fuels, alcohol, employment issues, and environmental degradation. The survey continues to inform the policy of the ethical funds.

Further information

For any additional information, please write to Amanda Young, Secretary to the Ethical Funds Advisory Group, Standard Life Investments, 6 St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2AH or e-mail esg_investment@standardlife.com.

Amanda Young Secretary to the Ethical Funds Advisory Group 19 October 2018

AAA Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information					
Fund Manager	Daniel McKernan and Ross Hutchison				
Launch Date	6 April 1999				
Benchmark	iBoxx GBP Non-Gilts AAA rated Index				

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a competitive level of income. Capital appreciation is of secondary importance.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest in a portfolio consisting mostly of sterling fixed interest securities. Investment will predominantly be made in securities with a credit rating of "AAA" from major rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. Up to 20% of the Sub-fund may be invested in UK government bonds which are excluded from the rating criteria. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, moneymarket instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund tends to have quite a concentrated number of holdings, however the high credit quality nature of the portfolio affords investors a high degree of protection from the risk of default. Whilst the level of income provision is likely to be relatively stable, the investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of the investments, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of 3 to 5 years.

Performance

The AAA Income Fund returned 1.0% during the period, in comparison with the benchmark index (iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts AAA rated Index) return of 0.6%. Please note Sub-fund returns are net of fees, while benchmark returns are gross. (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid to bid basis. Benchmark source: Factset).

At an individual security level, by far the top contributor to relative performance in the six-month period was the Sub-fund's conviction overweight in Wellcome Trust, which is the UK's largest charitable foundation and one of the world's largest funders of medical research. The second top contributor over the period was the Sub-fund's overweight in UK-based property development and investment company, British Land. In addition, the Sub-fund benefitted from its off-benchmark exposure to UK gilts, which performed well in risk-off conditions, particularly in the latter months of the period.

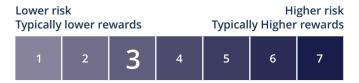
On the negative side, the worst performer for the Sub-fund in the period was its off-benchmark holdings in Trafford Centre, a large indoor shopping centre and leisure complex in Trafford in the UK. The Sub-fund's underweight in the European Investment Bank, which comprises well over a quarter of index weight, also detracted

from returns, as did off-benchmark exposure to US software giant Microsoft.

Investment Activity

Trading was relatively limited over the period. In the primary market, we participated in new issues from US insurer New York Life and the multilateral development bank, the Asian Development Bank and state-owned regional development German bank, L-Bank. In the secondary market, purchases included the bonds of Oxford University and Cambridge University and another state-owned German regional development bank, KfW. Sales in the period included the bonds of UK banks, Clydesdale Bank and Lloyds.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

AAA Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	94.41	94.89	91.08	90.36
Return before operating charges*	1.14	0.50	5.01	2.06
Operating charges**	(0.49)	(0.98)	(0.98)	(1.01)
Return after operating charges*	0.65	(0.48)	4.03	1.05
Distributions	(0.74)	(1.32)	(1.38)	(1.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.74	1.32	1.16	1.30
Closing net asset value per share	95.06	94.41	94.89	91.08
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.69%	-0.51%	4.42%	1.16%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,758	10,220	15,178	17,559
Closing number of shares	10,265,349	10,824,918	15,996,508	19,279,060
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.04%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	95.72	96.92	98.46	91.98
Lowest share price	94.19	93.85	90.28	87.81

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The Registrar fees of 0.08% ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

AAA Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	101.66	101.76	97.32	96.17
Return before operating charges*	1.22	0.53	5.35	2.20
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.63)	(0.62)	(0.60)
Return after operating charges*	0.91	(0.10)	4.73	1.60
Distributions	(1.01)	(1.85)	(1.90)	(2.22)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.01	1.85	1.61	1.77
Closing net asset value per share	102.57	101.66	101.76	97.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.89%	-0.10%	4.86%	1.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,338	9,247	17,399	16,779
Closing number of shares	8,129,041	9,095,565	17,098,285	17,240,634
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	103.2	104.2	105.4	97.99
Lowest share price	101.5	101.1	96.49	93.58

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AAA Income Fund

Comparative Tables

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income	perice per silare	perice per sitare	perice per share	perice per snare
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	56.50	57.57	55.95	56.31
Return before operating charges*	0.67	0.33	3.06	1.28
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	0.38	(0.27)	2.46	0.65
Distributions	(0.44)	(0.80)	(0.84)	(1.01)
Closing net asset value per share	56.44	56.50	57.57	55.95
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.67%	-0.47%	4.40%	1.15%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,675	2,826	3,126	4,036
Closing number of shares	4,738,859	5,001,772	5,429,353	7,214,343
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.04%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	57.15	58.50	60.28	57.38
Lowest share price	56.36	56.40	55.46	54.38

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The Registrar fees of 0.08% ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

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AAA Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income	perice per snare	perice per share	perice per snare	perice per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	56.87	57.96	56.32	56.69
Return before operating charges*	0.69	0.32	3.10	1.28
Operating charges**	(0.18)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.35)
Return after operating charges*	0.51	(0.04)	2.74	0.93
Distributions	(0.56)	(1.05)	(1.10)	(1.30)
Closing net asset value per share	56.82	56.87	57.96	56.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.90%	-0.07%	4.87%	1.64%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,237	8,970	50,801	36,798
Closing number of shares	14,496,839	15,771,866	87,654,799	65,336,120
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	57.59	58.96	60.72	57.78
Lowest share price	56.77	56.83	55.84	54.79

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AAA Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail CAT accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	95.21	95.65	91.79	90.97
Return before operating charges*	1.14	0.52	5.04	2.07
Operating charges**	(0.48)	(0.96)	(0.95)	(0.90)
Return after operating charges*	0.66	(0.44)	4.09	1.17
Distributions	(0.76)	(1.37)	(1.43)	(1.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.76	1.37	1.20	1.40
Closing net asset value per share	95.87	95.21	95.65	91.79
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.69%	-0.46%	4.46%	1.29%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,155	28,208	30,408	31,307
Closing number of shares	28,323,704	29,627,127	31,789,183	34,108,812
Operating charges****	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	96.54	97.72	99.24	92.61
Lowest share price	94.99	94.64	90.99	88.44

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.28	54.30	52.77	53.07
Return before operating charges*	0.65	0.25	2.86	1.21
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	0.64	0.23	2.84	1.18
Distributions	(0.68)	(1.25)	(1.31)	(1.48)
Closing net asset value per share	53.24	53.28	54.30	52.77
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.20%	0.42%	5.38%	2.22%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.03	55.30	56.95	54.12
Lowest share price	53.20	53.28	52.33	51.38

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail CAT income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	56.86	57.94	56.31	56.70
Return before operating charges*	0.69	0.32	3.08	1.26
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.58)	(0.58)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	0.40	(0.26)	2.50	0.70
Distributions	(0.45)	(0.82)	(0.87)	(1.09)
Closing net asset value per share	56.81	56.86	57.94	56.31
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.70%	-0.45%	4.44%	1.23%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,247	5,479	6,037	7,283
Closing number of shares	9,236,056	9,636,126	10,419,027	12,934,255
Operating charges****	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	57.53	58.89	60.67	57.78
Lowest share price	56.73	56.77	55.82	54.74

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Comparative Tables

Standard Life accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	74.32	74.02	70.49	69.38
Return before operating charges*	0.90	0.38	3.89	1.59
Operating charges**	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	0.86	0.30	3.80	1.50
Distributions	(0.93)	(1.73)	(1.75)	(1.95)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.93	1.73	1.48	1.56
Closing net asset value per share	75.18	74.32	74.02	70.49
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.16%	0.41%	5.39%	2.16%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	124	149	181	66
Closing number of shares	165,194	199,922	244,273	93,019
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	75.61	75.96	76.46	70.96
Lowest share price	74.26	73.79	69.90	67.60

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	74.16	74.08	70.73	69.78
Return before operating charges*	0.89	0.39	3.90	1.60
Operating charges**	(0.15)	(0.31)	(0.31)	(0.30)
Return after operating charges*	0.74	0.08	3.59	1.30
Distributions	(0.81)	(1.50)	(1.53)	(1.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.81	1.50	1.29	1.40
Closing net asset value per share	74.90	74.16	74.08	70.73
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.99%	0.11%	5.08%	1.86%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,922	3,803	5,092	8,002
Closing number of shares	5,236,406	5,128,376	6,873,651	11,314,077
Operating charges****	0.41%	0.41%	0.42%	0.43%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	75.37	75.91	76.64	71.21
Lowest share price	74.08	73.71	70.12	67.93

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Standard Life B accumulation ^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	76.40	75.99	72.29	71.04
Return before operating charges*	0.46	0.41	3.99	1.67
Operating charges**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return after operating charges*	0.46	0.41	3.99	1.67
Distributions	(0.48)	(1.85)	(1.88)	(2.10)
Retained distributions on				
accumulation share	0.48	1.85	1.59	1.68
Redemption value as at 7 June 2018	(76.86)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	76.40	75.99	72.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.60%	0.54%	5.52%	2.35%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	3	3	3
Closing number of shares	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Operating charges****	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	77.54	78.04	78.45	72.76
Lowest share price	76.35	75.76	71.68	69.25

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[^] Share class closed on 7 June 2018

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	60.03	60.11	57.52	56.87
Return before operating charges*	0.73	0.32	3.15	1.29
Operating charges**	(0.20)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.38)
Return after operating charges*	0.53	(0.08)	2.75	0.91
Distributions	(0.58)	(1.06)	(1.09)	(1.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.58	1.06	0.93	1.02
Closing net asset value per share	60.56	60.03	60.11	57.52
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.88%	-0.14%	4.78%	1.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,656	7,685	8,228	7,458
Closing number of shares	10,990,272	12,801,026	13,688,218	12,965,885
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.67%	0.68%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	60.95	61.52	62.26	57.91
Lowest share price	59.94	59.67	57.02	55.32

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.83	54.86	53.32	53.66
Return before operating charges*	0.65	0.29	2.92	1.22
Operating charges**	(0.18)	(0.36)	(0.37)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	0.47	(0.07)	2.55	0.86
Distributions	(0.52)	(0.96)	(1.01)	(1.20)
Closing net asset value per share	53.78	53.83	54.86	53.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.87%	-0.13%	4.78%	1.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,261	3,530	12,609	8,072
Closing number of shares	6,063,679	6,557,599	22,982,935	15,139,280
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.67%	0.68%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.51	55.81	57.48	54.69
Lowest share price	53.74	53.79	52.86	51.86

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.86	53.81	51.40	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.65	0.26	2.79	1.55
Operating charges**	(0.11)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	0.54	0.05	2.58	1.48
Distributions	(0.60)	(1.07)	(1.09)	(0.42)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.60	1.07	0.92	0.34
Closing net asset value per share	54.40	53.86	53.81	51.40
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.01%	0.10%	5.02%	2.96%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,055	6,200	1	12
Closing number of shares	9,292,422	11,511,712	2,200	23,795
Operating charges****	0.39%	0.39%	0.40%	0.41%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.74	55.12	55.69	51.74
Lowest share price	53.80	53.53	50.96	49.52

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S income	p	P P	P P	p
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	51.55	52.53	51.05	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.62	0.30	2.80	1.54
Operating charges**	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	0.52	0.09	2.59	1.47
Distributions	(0.57)	(1.07)	(1.11)	(0.42)
Closing net asset value per share	51.50	51.55	52.53	51.05
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.01%	0.17%	5.07%	2.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	97,326	94,522	44,842	20,797
Closing number of shares	188,967,858	183,354,619	85,358,318	40,736,005
Operating charges****	0.39%	0.39%	0.40%	0.41%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	52.23	53.47	55.06	51.65
Lowest share price	51.46	51.54	50.62	49.52

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
Bonds (96.31%)		172,970	97.3
Euro Denominated	Bonds (2.07%)	3,776	2.1
Corporate Bonds (1		2,836	1.6
between 5 and 10 ye			
1,300,000	Taurus 2015-2 Deu FRN 2026	1,054	0.6
between 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
	Microsoft 3.125% 2028	1,782	1.0
Government Bonds	(0.51%)	940	0.5
h -t			
between 5 and 10 ye 1,000,000	Temasek 1.5% 2028	940	0.5
Sterling Denominat	ed Ronds (90 02%)	161,160	90.6
Corporate Bonds (6		112,679	63.3
less than 5 years to n	naturity		
530,000	Aareal Bank 1% 2020	528	0.3
4,000,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1% 2022	3,964	2.2
7,571,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 5.375% 2021	8,431	4.7
4,000,000	Barclays 4.25% 2022	4,377	2.4
1,000,000	Coventry Building Society FRN 2020	1,002	0.5
1,000,000	KFW 0.375% 2020	985	0.5
1,390,000	KFW 0.875% 2022	1,376	0.7
2,600,000	KFW 5.55% 2021	2,915	1.6
	Lloyds Bank 1.75% 2022	953	0.5
	New York Life Global Funding 1% 2021	1,176	0.6
	New York Life Global Funding 1.75% 2022	1,952	1.1
1,000,000	Penarth Master Issuer 0.76281% 2022	999	0.5
750,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.125% 2021	745	0.4
	Wellcome Trust 4.75% 2021	5,500	3.0
1,440,000	Westpac Banking 1% 2022	1,418	8.0
between 5 and 10 ye			
4,141,000	Abbey National 5.75% 2026	5,264	2.9
1,803,000	Asian Development Bank 1.375% 2025	1,790	1.0
700,000	Bank of Scotland 4.875% 2024	829	0.4

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota
Corporate Bonds (co	Investment	£ 000	net asset
corporate borius (co	ontinueu)		
2,100,000	Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 2026	2,515	1.42
5,048,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 2026	5,489	3.0
2,320,000	Credit Foncier 5.5% 2027	2,977	1.6
675,000	Inter-American Development Bank 1.25% 2023	671	0.3
1,000,000	Johnson & Johnson 5.5% 2024	1,227	0.6
1,265,000	KFW 5.5% 2025	1,595	0.9
741,000	L-Bank 1.375% 2023	738	0.4
1,174,000	Lloyds Bank 4.875% 2027	1,444	0.8
2,000,000	Lloyds Bank 5.125% 2025	2,408	1.3
2,000,000	National Australia Bank 3% 2026	2,181	1.2
3,400,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.625% 2026	4,322	2.4
3,477,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 5.125% 2024	4,090	2.3
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
1,925,000	BL Superstores 4.482% 2030	814	0.4
800,000	Broadgate Financing 4.851% 2033	1,002	0.5
5,130,000	Broadgate Financing 4.949% 2031	3,678	2.0
1,595,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	448	0.2
2,200,000	KFW 5.75% 2032	3,260	1.8
1,700,000	KFW 6% 2028	2,394	1.3
2,380,000	Lloyds Bank 6% 2029	3,239	1.8
6,980,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	6,327	3.5
2,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 2032	2,802	1.5
990,000	Trafford Centre 6.5% 2033	1,121	0.6
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
610,000	Broadgate Financing 4.821% 2036	788	0.4
1,700,000	SLM Student Loan Trust 5.15% 2039	1,618	0.9
1,333,000	Temasek 5.125% 2040	1,943	1.0
3,000,000	Trafford Centre FRN 2038	2,742	1.5
1,300,000	Wellcome Trust 4.625% 2036	1,742	0.9
greater than 25 years			
801,000	Paragon 1.434% 2050	793	0.4
644,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	626	0.3
680,000	University of Cambridge 3.75% 2052	899	0.5
1,250,000	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117	1,194	0.6
	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	493	0.2
630,000	Wellcome Trust 4% 2059	895	0.5

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Government Bonds		48,481	27.2
	(27.5576)	10,101	
less than 5 years to r	naturity		
1,900,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2021	1,902	1.0
800,000	European Investment Bank 2.25% 2020	816	0.4
2,800,000	European Investment Bank 4.25% 2021	3,075	1.7
740,000	European Investment Bank 5.375% 2019	757	0.4
1,200,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 1.375% 2020	1,210	0.6
1,500,000	KFW 1.125% 2019	1,504	0.8
1,430,000	KFW 1.625% 2020	1,447	0.8
between 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
740,000	European Investment Bank 0.875% 2023	721	0.4
2,000,000	European Investment Bank 1% 2026	1,912	1.0
4,741,000	European Investment Bank 5.5% 2025	5,933	3.3
1,670,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	1,830	1.0
between 10 and 15 y	rears to maturity		
750,000	European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.625% 2028	1,023	0.5
2,250,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 2029	2,850	1.6
2,900,000	European Investment Bank 5.625% fixed to floating 2032	4,216	2.3
1,200,000	European Investment Bank 6% 2028	1,681	0.9
1,750,000	Tenn Valley Authority 5.625% 2032	2,396	1.3
980,000	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	1,414	0.7
between 15 and 25 y	rears to maturity		
3,210,000	European Investment Bank 3.875% 2037	4,168	2.3
3,000,000	European Investment Bank 5% 2039	4,525	2.5
greater than 25 years			
1,500,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 2044	2,234	1.2
1,700,000	European Investment Bank 4.625% fixed to floating 2054	2,867	1.6
US Dollar Denomina	ated Bonds (4.22%)	8,034	4.5
Corporate Bonds (4	.22%)	8,034	4.5
less than 5 years to n	naturity		
•	Aareal Bank 1.875% 2019	1,914	1.0
between 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Corporate Bonds (co	ontinued)		
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	Johnson & Johnson 5.95% 2037	3,187	1.79
	Microsoft 3.5% 2035	1,990	1.12
2,000,000	WIELOSOIL 3.3 /0 2033	1,550	1.12
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (2.35%)	5,416	3.05
742	Standard Life CNAV Euro Liquidity Fund	1	0.00
	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	5,415	3.05
3,113,130	Standard Life CIVIV Sterning Enquirity Faria	3,113	5.0.
Derivatives (0.10%)		535	0.30
Forward Currency C	ontracts (-0.16%)	(86)	(0.0
	Buy GBP 3,769,898 Sell EUR 4,227,552 09/11/2018	(24)	(0.0
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	Buy GBP 8,114,462 Sell USD 10,659,783 09/11/2018	(62)	(0.0
Futures (0.02%)		85	0.0
473	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 17/09/2018	114	0.00
(77)	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 17/09/2018	(33)	(0.00
` '	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2018	(4)	0.0
` '	Short Long Gilt Future 27/12/2018	13	0.0
	Short US 2 Year Note Future 31/12/2018	(6)	0.0
` ′	Short US 10 Year Note Future 19/12/2018	(4)	0.0
` ′	Short US Long Bond (CBT) Future 19/12/2018	5	0.0
ntorost Pato Swans	(0.2404)	536	0.3
nterest Rate Swaps	(0.2470)	330	0.50
SEK 13,650,000	Pay fixed 1.4175% receive floating SEK-STIBOR 08/07/2029	(8)	0.0
SEK 27,300,000	Pay fixed 1.4225% receive floating SEK-STIBOR 09/07/2029	(16)	(0.0)
SEK 13,650,000	Pay fixed 1.455% receive floating SEK-STIBOR 09/07/2029	(12)	(0.0)
AUD 13,524,752	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 2.8075% 07/03/2021	91	0.0
AUD 13,524,752	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 2.815% 07/03/2021	93	0.0
AUD 14,250,496	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 2.829% 08/03/2021	100	0.0
CAD 16,597,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.425% 10/01/2021	(20)	(0.0)
CAD 16,800,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.5% 25/01/2021	(7)	0.0
CAD 16,800,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.725% 23/05/2021	28	0.0
EUR 2,620,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.0785% 09/07/2029	6	0.0
EUR 1,310,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.0825% 08/07/2029	3	0.00
EUR 1,310,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.1075% 09/07/2029	6	0.00

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Interest Rate Swaps	(continued)		
GBP 4,000,000	Pay floating GBP-LIBOR receive fixed 2.6% 25/10/2023	272	0.15
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	178,921	100.66
Net other liabilities		(1,166)	(0.66)
Total Net Assets		177,755	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	value £'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	179,117
Investment liabilities	(196)
Net investment assets	178,921
Net other liabilities	(1,166)
Total Net Assets	177,755

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Financial Statements

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State	ment i	of Total	Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(159)		1,662
Revenue	2,350		2,423	
Expenses	(534)		(810)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,816		1,613	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		1,816		1,613
Total return before distributions		1,657		3,275
Distributions		(1,817)		(1,613)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(160)		1,662

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Au	gust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		180,843		193,906
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	8,252		59,279	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(11,730)		(62,079)	
		(3,478)		(2,800)
Dilution adjustment		0		(1)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		(160)		1,662
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		550		542
Unclaimed distributions		0		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	177,755	_	193,310

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
nvestment assets		179,117		179,033
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,543		3,036	
Cash and bank balances	290		206	
_		2,833		3,242
Fotal assets	_	181,950	_	182,275
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(196)		(432
Creditors	(3,366)		(337)	
Bank overdrafts	(6)		0	
Distribution payable	(627)		(663)	
_		(3,999)		(1,000
Total liabilities	_	(4,195)	_	(1,432
Net assets attributable to shareholders		177,755	_	180,843

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Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018	Equalisation 2018	Distribution paid 2018	Distribution pa
		pence per share		
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.3666	-	0.3666*	0.308
Group 2	0.2076	0.1590	0.3666*	0.308
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5030	-	0.5030*	0.440
Group 2	0.3051	0.1979	0.5030*	0.440
Retail income				
Group 1	0.2194	-	0.2194**	0.188
Group 2	0.0970	0.1224	0.2194**	0.188
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.2813	-	0.2813**	0.251
Group 2	0.1343	0.1470	0.2813**	0.251
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	0.3779	-	0.3779*	0.318
Group 2	0.2263	0.1516	0.3779*	0.318
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.3345	-	0.3345**	0.303
Group 2	-	-	-	
Retail CAT income				
Group 1	0.2257	-	0.2257**	0.193
Group 2	0.1302	0.0955	0.2257**	0.193
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.4622	_	0.4622*	0.414
Group 2	0.2898	0.1724	0.4622*	0.414

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Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	2017
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	0.4045	-	0.4045*	0.3585
Group 2	0.2245	0.1800	0.4045*	0.3585
Standard Life B accumulation				
Group 1	0.4845	-	0.4845*	0.4485
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.2894	-	0.2894*	0.2527
Group 2	0.1194	0.1700	0.2894*	0.2527
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.2595	-	0.2595**	0.2306
Group 2	0.1373	0.1222	0.2595**	0.2306
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.2965	-	0.2965*	0.2450
Group 2	0.1769	0.1196	0.2965*	0.2450
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.2838	_	0.2838**	0.2580
Group 2	0.1526	0.1312	0.2838**	0.2580

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

AAA Income Fund

Distribution Tables

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for the three months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.3699	-	0.3699*	0.301
Group 2	0.1672	0.2027	0.3699*	0.301
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5077	-	0.5077*	0.433
Group 2	0.2781	0.2296	0.5077*	0.433
Retail income				
Group 1	0.2205	-	0.2205**	0.181
Group 2	0.1089	0.1116	0.2205**	0.181
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.2827	-	0.2827**	0.246
Group 2	0.1419	0.1408	0.2827**	0.246
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	0.3812	-	0.3812*	0.313
Group 2	0.2446	0.1366	0.3812*	0.313
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.3445	-	0.3445**	0.297
Group 2	-	-	-	
Retail CAT income				
Group 1	0.2268	-	0.2268**	0.189
Group 2	0.1378	0.0890	0.2268**	0.189
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.4666	-	0.4666*	0.409
Group 2	0.1246	0.3420	0.4666*	0.409

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Distribution Tables

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation		Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	0.4086	_	0.4086*	0.3524
Group 2	0.0906	0.3180	0.4086*	0.3524
Standard Life B accumulation^				
Group 1	-	_	-	0.4395
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.2920	-	0.2920*	0.2477
Group 2	0.1169	0.1751	0.2920*	0.2477
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.2607	-	0.2607**	0.2249
Group 2	0.1356	0.1251	0.2607**	0.2249
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.2995	_	0.2995*	0.2454
Group 2	0.1425	0.1570	0.2995*	0.2454
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.2851	_	0.2851**	0.2510
Group 2	0.1224	0.1627	0.2851**	0.2510

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018 ^ Share class closed on 7 June 2018

American Equity Income Fund Investment Report

Fund Information		
Fund Manager	Scott Eun	
Launch Date	15 June 2016	
Benchmark	S&P 500 Index	

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to generate a combination of income and capital appreciation over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mainly in equities and equity type investments of companies incorporated or domiciled in the US or which, in the opinion of the ACD, derive a significant proportion of their revenue or profits from US operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. Additionally, the Sub-fund may also invest in equities and equity type investments of companies listed in the US or incorporated, domiciled or listed in Canada or Latin America. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for the purpose of efficient portfolio management (including hedging)) and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential for income and capital growth opportunities afforded by the main US markets. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 12.01%, compared to the IA North America sector return of 13.42% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

A positive for the Sub-fund's performance was a holding in US railroad operator CSX Corporation. It performed well after recent earnings results provided further evidence that the company continues to execute successfully its improvement programme. Margins were substantially higher in the last 12-18 months and management statements showed increased confidence on the back of accelerating industry volumes. Transaction processing specialist MasterCard also added value when its results, which were driven by healthy cross-border transactions in emerging markets, beat expectations. US managed healthcare provider, UnitedHealth continued its strong performance over the period when it announced good results. A well-received acquisition in August also added to its performance.

By contrast, a holding in General Dynamics was detrimental to performance. It declined amid a general malaise in defence stocks, with prices depressed by concerns that defence spending will slowdown. Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs came under pressure over its weaker trading outlook for 2018. Finally, not owning Amazon adversely affected the Sub-fund's performance. It performed strongly on the back of a well-received earnings report. Finding insight that is different from the consensus is proving a challenge. It was the biggest drag on the Sub-fund's performance. Technology companies Broadcom and Marvell Technology also dragged on the Sub-fund's return.

Investment Activity

In healthcare, we bought shares in Baxter International, as we are confident that its organic revenue will accelerate and margins will continue to beat expectations. We also added to another pharmaceutical company, Merck. The company's Keytruda franchise – used in cancer immunology therapy – should support top-line growth over the next few years.

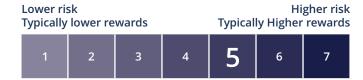
We removed biopharmaceutical company AbbVie following uncertainty about the value of its drug development pipeline. We also reduced PepsiCo because of increased worries about its North American beverage segment, which has been disappointing and no clear plan for improvement. Our convictions to Altria Group, the tobacco producer, decreased because of threats to its revenues.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future. Where the share class does not have a history of five years, an alternative share class or a representative benchmark has been used to show how the Sub-fund price may have behaved over the period.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Retail accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	63.66	63.74	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.43	0.78	14.52
Operating charges**	(0.46)	(0.86)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	7.97	(0.08)	13.74
Distributions	(0.24)	(0.37)	(0.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.24	0.37	0.24
Closing net asset value per share	71.63	63.66	63.74
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.06	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.52%	-0.13%	27.48%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	52	18	4
Closing number of shares	71,952	27,330	6,171
Operating charges****	1.35%	1.35%	1.34%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	72.22	66.19	63.84
Lowest share price	59.16	60.23	48.37

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

⁺⁺ Share class launched on 16 June 2016.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Institutional accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	64.16	63.95	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.50	0.77	14.46
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.56)	(0.51)
Return after operating charges*	8.21	0.21	13.95
Distributions	(0.40)	(0.66)	(0.43)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.40	0.66	0.43
Closing net asset value per share	72.37	64.16	63.95
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.06	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.80%	0.33%	27.90%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,160	29,159	28,999
Closing number of shares	38,911,802	45,445,743	45,345,254
Operating charges****	0.88%	0.88%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	72.97	66.67	64.05
Lowest share price	59.65	60.69	48.38

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Retail income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	61.70	62.94	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.13	0.79	14.49
Operating charges**	(0.42)	(0.84)	(0.77)
Return after operating charges*	7.71	(0.05)	13.72
Distributions	(0.65)	(1.19)	(0.78)
Closing net asset value per share	68.76	61.70	62.94
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.05	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.50%	-0.08%	27.44%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	8	1
Closing number of shares	6,653	12,698	2,200
Operating charges****	1.35%	1.35%	1.34%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	69.67	64.71	63.29
Lowest share price	57.36	58.60	48.37

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American Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Institutional income			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	62.17	63.13	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.19	0.75	14.40
Operating charges**	(0.28)	(0.55)	(0.50)
Return after operating charges*	7.91	0.20	13.90
Distributions	(0.65)	(1.16)	(0.77)
Closing net asset value per share	69.43	62.17	63.13
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.05	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.72%	0.32%	27.80%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22,136	24,208	24,836
Closing number of shares	31,882,385	38,941,637	39,342,021
Operating charges****	0.88%	0.88%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	70.34	64.92	63.48
Lowest share price	57.81	59.02	48.38

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American Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

Standard Life income	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	40.54	F0.00
Opening net asset value per share	48.54	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	6.42	(0.58)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	6.41	(0.60)
Distributions	(0.51)	(0.86)
Closing net asset value per share	54.44	48.54
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.04
Performance +		
Return after charges	13.21%	-1.20%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,093	10,786
Closing number of shares	22,215,109	22,223,059
Operating charges****	0.05%	0.05%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%
Prices		
Highest share price	55.15	50.59
Lowest share price	45.16	46.06

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 15 March 2017.

American Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	65.01	64.31	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.63	0.78	14.38
Operating charges**	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	8.59	0.70	14.31
Distributions	(0.66)	(1.15)	(0.96)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.66	1.15	0.96
Closing net asset value per share	73.60	65.01	64.31
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.06	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	13.21%	1.09%	28.64%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	69	71	28
Closing number of shares	93,932	109,605	43,243
Operating charges****	0.13%	0.13%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	74.20	67.49	64.41
Lowest share price	60.47	61.47	48.38

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American Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation	pence per share	perice per share	perice per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	64.13	63.94	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.49	0.78	14.47
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.59)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	8.18	0.19	13.94
Distributions	(0.38)	(0.63)	(0.43)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.38	0.63	0.43
Closing net asset value per share	72.31	64.13	63.94
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.06	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.76%	0.30%	27.88%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	145	69	11
Closing number of shares	200,425	107,901	16,816
Operating charges****	0.93%	0.93%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	72.91	66.64	64.04
Lowest share price	59.62	60.66	48.38

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Comparative Tables

Platform 1 income	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	62.14	63.14	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	8.19	0.74	14.46
Operating charges**	(0.30)	(0.58)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	7.89	0.16	13.93
Distributions	(0.62)	(1.16)	(0.79)
Closing net asset value per share	69.41	62.14	63.14
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.05	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.70%	0.25%	27.86%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35	9	2
Closing number of shares	49,789	14,526	3,562
Operating charges****	0.93%	0.93%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	70.28	64.93	63.50
Lowest share price	57.79	58.99	48.38

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American Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	58.56	58.24	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	7.78	0.76	8.65
Operating charges**	(0.23)	(0.44)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges*	7.55	0.32	8.24
Distributions	(0.44)	(0.73)	(0.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.44	0.73	0.30
Closing net asset value per share	66.11	58.56	58.24
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.05	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.89%	0.55%	16.48%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.76%	0.76%	0.75%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	66.69	60.83	58.32
Lowest share price	54.45	55.39	50.00

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Comparative Tables

Institutional S income	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	57.01	57.76	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	7.54	0.76	8.63
Operating charges**	(0.23)	(0.43)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges*	7.31	0.33	8.22
Distributions	(0.61)	(1.08)	(0.46)
Closing net asset value per share	63.71	57.01	57.76
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.05	0.01
Performance +			
Return after charges	12.82%	0.57%	16.44%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.76%	0.76%	0.75%
Direct transaction costs***	0.04%	0.09%	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	64.59	59.47	58.08
Lowest share price	53.02	54.12	50.00

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American Equity Income Fund

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
orth American Eq	uities (98.85%)	61,366	97.88
0.550	A	4 2 4 2	1.0
	Accenture	1,242	1.98
18,589	Activision Blizzard	1,031	1.69
18,069	All	739	1.18
6,794	Allegion	456	0.73
	Allergan	737	1.1
16,579	Allison Transmission	633	1.0
	American Tower	1,377	2.2
10,621	Anadarko Petroleum	526	0.8
4,669	Anthem	951	1.5
16,501		2,888	4.6
73,856	Bank of America	1,757	2.8
	Baxter International	861	1.3
7,701	Broadcom	1,298	2.0
9,130	Celanese	821	1.3
50,437	Centurylink	829	1.3
18,054		1,646	2.6
52,028	Cisco Systems	1,912	3.0
20,641	Citigroup	1,131	1.8
26,281	CMS Energy	995	1.5
27,658	Coca-Cola	948	1.5
39,872	Comcast	1,134	1.8
4,220	Constellation	675	1.0
22,401		1,278	2.0
25,135	DowDuPont	1,356	2.1
8,649	Eli Lilly	703	1.1
3,025	Equinix	1,015	1.6
3,704	Evercore Partners	302	0.4
12,072	First Republic Bank	944	1.5
4,051	General Dynamics	603	0.9
5,635	Goldman Sachs	1,031	1.6
7,314	Home Depot	1,130	1.8
56,297	Huntington Bancshares	702	1.1
15,864	Intercontinental Exchange	930	1.4
19,555	Johnson & Johnson	2,025	3.2
16,740	Kraft Heinz	750	1.2
4,187	Lear	523	0.8
3,809	Lockheed Martin	939	1.5
32,335	Marathon Oil	535	0.8
2.878	Martin Marietta Materials	440	0.7

American Equity Income Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Eq	uities (continued)		
49,161	Marvell Technology	781	1.25
11,290	MasterCard	1,871	2.98
16,005	Medtronic	1,187	1.89
-,	Merck & Co	860	1.37
	Microsoft	3,386	5.40
29,919	Mondelez	983	1.57
	NextEra Energy	1,465	2.34
12,786	Occidental Petroleum	786	1.25
53,740	Pfizer	1,716	2.74
5,850	Raytheon	897	1.43
20,782	Restaurant Brands International	918	1.46
11,729	Schlumberger	570	0.91
18,891	Schwab (Charles)	738	1.18
17,694	Steel Dynamics	622	0.99
5,876	TJX	497	0.79
8,657	United Health	1,787	2.85
33,120	Verizon Communications	1,385	2.21
24,997	Wells Fargo	1,124	1.79
Collective Investme	ent Schemes (1.21%)	214	0.34
213,644	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	214	0.34
Total investment as	sets	61,580	98.22
Net other assets		1,117	1.78
Total Net Assets		62,697	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or regulated Collective Investment Schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		7,219		(246)
Revenue	749		649	
Expenses	(227)		(234)	
Net revenue before taxation	522		415	
Taxation	(105)		(86)	
Net revenue after taxation		417		329
Total return before distributions		7,636		83
Distributions		(510)		(432)
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		7,126		(349)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augu	st 2018	31 Augu	ıst 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		64,330		53,883
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	395		2,040	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(9,324)	(0.000)	(1,954)	
		(8,929)		86
Dilution adjustment		1		0
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		7426		(2.40)
(see above)		7,126		(349)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		169		176
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		62,697		53,796

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
as at 51 August 2016				
	31 Augu	st 2018	28 Febru	ary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		61,580		64,371
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,580		172	
Cash and bank balances	773		23	
_		2,353		195
Total assets		63,933		64,566
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,072)		(104)	
Distribution payable	(164)		(132)	
_		(1,236)		(236
Total liabilities	_	(1,236)		(236
Net assets attributable to shareholders		62,697		64,330

American Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

for the three months ended	31 May	y 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation 2018	Distribution paid 2018	Distribution paid 2017
			pence per share	
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.1214	-	0.1214*	0.1130
Group 2	0.0665	0.0549	0.1214*	0.1130
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.1988	-	0.1988*	0.1886
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Retail income				
Group 1	0.3174	-	0.3174**	0.3219
Group 2	0.1803	0.1371	0.3174**	0.3219
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.3205	-	0.3205**	0.3167
Group 2	0.2439	0.0766	0.3205**	0.3167
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.2489	-	0.2489**	0.1952
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.3224	-	0.3224*	0.3108
Group 2	0.1908	0.1316	0.3224*	0.3108
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.1904	-	0.1904*	0.1815
Group 2	0.1028	0.0876	0.1904*	0.1815
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.3213	-	0.3213**	0.3201
Group 2	0.2270	0.0943	0.3213**	0.3201
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.2140	-	0.2140*	0.2052
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.2977	-	0.2977**	0.2939
Group 2	-	_	_	-
* Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018 ** Distribution paid on 31 July 2018				

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Distribution Tables

for the three months ended 31 Augus Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 20 Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2	18			
	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
Retail accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.1230	- -	0.1230	0.1236 -
Institutional accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.1992 0.1680	- 0.0312	0.1992* 0.1992*	0.1982 0.1982
Retail income Group 1 Group 2	0.3327 -	- -	0.3327** -	0.3281
Institutional income Group 1 Group 2	0.3320 0.2607	- 0.0713	0.3320** 0.3320**	0.3251 0.3251
Standard Life income Group 1 Group 2	0.2624	- -	0.2624**	0.2532
Standard Life accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.3367 0.2422	- 0.0945	0.3367* 0.3367*	0.3210 0.3210
Platform 1 accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.1915 0.1444	- 0.0471	0.1915 * 0.1915*	0.1920 0.1920
Platform 1 income Group 1 Group 2	0.2985 0.1696	- 0.1289	0.2985** 0.2985**	0.3280 0.3280
Institutional S accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.2268	- -	0.2268 * -	0.2127 0.2127
Institutional S income Group 1 Group 2	0.3145	-	0.3145**	0.2995 0.2995
* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 201 ** Distribution payable on 31 October 2018	8			

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Distribution Tables

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Treatment by Cor	porate S	hareh	olders
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Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

1st Interim Dividend Distribution 100.00% 100.00% 0.00%

Treat as a UK corporate dividend
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

American Equity Unconstrained Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Jeff Morris			
Launch Date	16 November 1998			
Benchmark	IA North America Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a US or Canadian stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the USA or Canada. Additionally, up to 20% of the Sub-fund may from time-to-time be invested in equities and equity type investments of companies which in the opinion of the ACD carry on a significant part of their operations in Latin America (including Central America). "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund will not be restricted by index weightings, sector constraints or company size. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by the main US markets. The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst affording proper diversification of mainly US Equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 8.74%, compared to the IA North America sector return of 13.42% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

A positive for the Sub-fund's performance was holding US railroad operator CSX Corporation. It performed well after recent earnings results provided further evidence that the company continues to execute successfully its improvement programme. Margins were substantially higher in the last 12-18 months and management statements showed increased confidence on the back of accelerating industry volumes. Boston Scientific, the medical device group, was another success for the Sub-fund during the period. It issued stronger-than-expected organic growth guidance and reported continued margin improvement across multiple business lines. Additional highlights included First Data, MasterCard and UnitedHealth.

On the downside, a position in Mohawk Industries suffered as it was hit by raw material inflation and the start-up costs associated with new capacity that will restrain margins for much of this year. There was a further negative impact from a holding in buildings materials business Owens Corning. While revenues from its roofing and insulation division progressed as expected, higher input and transportation costs reduced profit margins. Additional drags on the Sub-fund's return were positions in technology related companies Marvell Technology and Electronic Arts. Finally, not owning Amazon and Apple also weighed on relative performance.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in US defence contractor Raytheon. We believe that the valuation underestimates the sustainability of its earnings growth. The backdrop is the increasingly unpredictable geopolitical environment in some parts of the world. Given this, there is scope for an increase in US military expenditure as both sides of the political divide in the US are broadly supportive of an increase to the defence budget. This should improve the chances of Raytheon winning additional military contracts. CSX, Electronics Arts and First Data were also shares that we purchased.

We sold our position in lighting solutions company, Acuity Brands. Our thesis on pent-up demand-release in its non-residential business did not develop as expected. Another name we sold was US retailer, Dollar Tree. We lost confidence in the ability of management to improve revenues at its Family Dollar franchise. The recent strong rise in the company's share price gave us an opportunity to exit the position. Other disposals included Facebook and American International Group.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	140.57	142.42	103.12	101.81
Return before operating charges*	14.28	0.05	40.95	2.98
Operating charges**	(0.97)	(1.90)	(1.65)	(1.67)
Return after operating charges*	13.31	(1.85)	39.30	1.31
Closing net asset value per share	153.88	140.57	142.42	103.12
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.47%	-1.30%	38.11%	1.29%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,508	30,807	36,665	29,672
Closing number of shares	20,475,893	21,915,755	25,744,063	28,775,542
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.33%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%	0.04%
Prices				
Highest share price	155.9	149.1	143.0	108.0
Lowest share price	130.4	134.5	103.1	92.08

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
nstitutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	164.52	165.91	119.53	117.09
Return before operating charges*	16.74	0.05	47.62	3.47
Operating charges**	(0.73)	(1.44)	(1.24)	(1.03)
Return after operating charges*	16.01	(1.39)	46.38	2.44
Distributions	0.00	(0.59)	(0.30)	(0.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.59	0.30	0.24
Closing net asset value per share	180.53	164.52	165.91	119.53
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.12	0.07	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.73%	-0.84%	38.80%	2.08%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	83,040	100,804	113,245	71,138
Closing number of shares	45,997,895	61,270,507	68,255,146	59,515,101
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%	0.04%
Prices				
Highest share price	182.9	174.4	166.6	124.9
Lowest share price	152.7	157.3	119.5	106.7

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	69.59	70.50	51.05	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	7.07	0.03	20.27	1.46
Operating charges**	(0.48)	(0.94)	(0.82)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges*	6.59	(0.91)	19.45	1.05
Closing net asset value per share	76.18	69.59	70.50	51.05
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.47%	-1.29%	38.10%	2.10%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,060	1,083	1,171	1,131
Closing number of shares	1,391,144	1,556,474	1,661,470	2,215,965
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.33%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	77.18	73.79	70.80	53.47
Lowest share price	64.56	66.56	51.05	45.58

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 4 September 2015.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	145.40	147.17	106.09	104.16
Return before operating charges*	14.85	0.05	42.47	3.08
Operating charges**	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	14.83	0.01	42.43	3.04
Distributions	0.00	(1.78)	(1.35)	(1.11)
Closing net asset value per share	160.23	145.40	147.17	106.09
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.20%	0.01%	39.99%	2.92%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	3	2
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.04%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%	0.04%
Prices				
Highest share price	162.3	155.8	149.1	111.8
Lowest share price	134.9	140.7	106.0	95.66

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
tandard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	145.15	145.29	103.88	101.04
Return before operating charges*	14.80	0.01	41.55	2.96
Operating charges**	(80.0)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	14.72	(0.14)	41.41	2.84
Distributions	0.00	(1.62)	(1.21)	(0.98)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.62	1.21	0.98
Closing net asset value per share	159.87	145.15	145.29	103.88
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.14%	-0.10%	39.86%	2.81%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,954	2,000	1,668	511
Closing number of shares	1,222,569	1,378,064	1,148,155	491,552
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.11%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.06%	0.04%
Prices				
Highest share price	162.0	153.7	145.9	108.4
Lowest share price	134.8	138.8	103.9	92.70

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	121.59	122.68	88.43	86.70
Return before operating charges*	12.37	0.03	35.22	2.54
Operating charges**	(0.57)	(1.12)	(0.97)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	11.80	(1.09)	34.25	1.73
Distributions	0.00	(0.37)	(0.17)	(0.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.37	0.17	0.13
Closing net asset value per share	133.39	121.59	122.68	88.43
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.70%	-0.89%	38.73%	2.00%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	36,901	43,610	42,714	29,617
Closing number of shares	27,663,784	35,865,920	34,817,781	33,492,877
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.91%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices				
Highest share price	135.1	128.9	123.2	92.43
Lowest share price	112.8	116.3	88.43	78.94

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation			
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	65.80	66.29	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	6.72	0.03	16.68
Operating charges**	(0.27)	(0.52)	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	6.45	(0.49)	16.29
Distributions	0.00	(0.29)	(0.18)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.29	0.18
Closing net asset value per share	72.25	65.80	66.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.05	0.03
Performance +			
Return after charges	9.80%	-0.74%	32.58%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	1
Closing number of shares	2,965	2,965	2,200
Operating charges****	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.07%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	73.19	69.72	66.56
Lowest share price	61.07	62.91	49.60

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentage	
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset	
North American Eq		152,590	98.78	
Bermuda (0.00%)	unics (55.1070)	5,354	3.4	
Je. mada (0.0070)		3,33 1	3.1.	
336,815	Marvell Technology	5,354	3.4	
Canada (1.67%)		4,748	3.0	
25,252	Alimentation Couche-Tard 'B'	930	0.60	
86,463	Restaurant Brands International	3,818	2.4	
Jnited States (97.49	9%)	142,488	92.2	
27 804	Activision Blizzard	1,542	1.0	
	Adobe	1,339	0.8	
	Alphabet 'C'	6,137	3.9	
	American Tower	5,412	3.5	
	Anadarko Petroleum	1,290	0.8	
	Anthem	1,517	0.9	
	Bank of America	2,406	1.5	
	Baxter International	5,034	3.2	
5,575	Boeing	1,470	0.9	
2,075	Booking Holdings	3,116	2.0	
216,519	Boston Scientific	5,922	3.8	
	Broadcom	4,387	2.8	
8,402		1,087	0.7	
	Celanese	5,943	3.8	
	Cisco Systems	2,191	1.4	
	Citigroup	1,650	1.0	
	CMS Energy	3,128	2.0	
	Comcast	1,294	0.8	
9,578	Constellation	1,533	0.9	
93,590	CSX	5,339	3.4	
13,809	Deere & Co	1,528	0.9	
36,748	Delphi Technologies	996	0.6	
100,098	DowDuPont	5,399	3.4	
51,834	Electronic Arts	4,522	2.9	
15,128	EOG Resources	1,376	0.8	
17,795	Equinix	5,971	3.8	
15,111	Evercore Partners	1,234	0.8	
292,825	First Data	5,786	3.7	
75,929	First Republic Bank	5,935	3.8	

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £′000	Percentage of tota net assets
United States (cont			
18,275	FLIR	882	0.57
	General Dynamics	1,775	1.15
	Goldman Sachs	766	0.50
	Intercontinental Exchange	951	0.62
	Johnson & Johnson	1,687	1.10
	Kraft Heinz	1,027	0.66
22,880		2,856	1.8
	Marathon Oil	2,016	1.3
	Mastercard	5,447	3.5
	Microsoft	5,426	3.5
	Mohawk Industries	1,258	0.8
40,109	Mondelez	1,318	0.8
	Neurocrine Biosciences	996	0.6
	NextEra Energy	1,343	0.8
	NVIDIA	1,756	1.1
	Raytheon	5,823	3.7
	Schlumberger	1,347	0.8
	Schwab (Charles)	2,330	1.5
	Steel Dynamics	2,725	1.7
	United Health	5,403	3.5
6,148	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	872	0.5
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.80%)	164	0.1
164,278	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	164	0.1
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	152,754	98.8
Net other assets		1,714	1.1
Total Net Assets		154,468	100.0

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		14,238		5,217
Revenue	1,187		1,583	
Expenses	(789)		(929)	
Net revenue before taxation	398		654	
Taxation	(164)		(84)	
Net revenue after taxation		234		570
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		14,472		5,787

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		178,309		195,467
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,329		9,348	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(40,680)		(9,344)	
_		(38,351)		4
Dilution adjustment		38		2
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		14,472		5,787
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	154,468	_	201,260

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ıst 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		152,754		178,238
Current assets:				
Debtors	7,319		190	
Cash and bank balances	100		93	
_		7,419		283
Total assets	_	160,173	_	178,521
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(5,705)		(212)	
_		(5,705)		(212
Total liabilities		(5,705)		(212
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	154,468	_	178,309

Asian Pacific Growth Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information					
Fund Manager	Fiona Manning				
Launch Date	16 November 1998				
Benchmark	IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector				

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies other than Japanese companies listed on any stock exchange in the Asia/Pacific Basin Area or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a significant part of their operations in the Asia/Pacific Basin Area. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by the main Asian Pacific (currently excluding Japan) markets. The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst affording proper diversification of mainly Asian Pacific equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned -0.93% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared to the MSCI All Country Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index return of -0.11% (source: FactSet and Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

One of the major positives contributors to relative performance was Aristocrat Leisure, an Australian-listed gaming solutions company. It was re-rated after it reported impressive results that exceeded market expectations. In particular, there was strong momentum in its digital business. BHP Billiton also helped the Sub-fund's returns as the Australian miner benefited from recovering commodity prices. The self-help story continues to play out, with BHP's management remaining fully committed to divesting non-core assets. Other holdings that were helpful to performance included the Hong Kong-listed Texhong Textile, which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of yarn, fabrics and garments, and the Australian companies, FAR Ltd and Goodman.

The major underperformer was Australian copper and tin producer Metals X. The business suffered a hit when it lowered production forecasts from its principal copper mine. Another big drag on performance was Haitian International, a supplier of specialist machinery. It was affected by US-China trade tensions. Many mainland Chinese manufacturing customers are adopting a waitand-see stance before ordering new equipment. We believe Haitian has a leading position in its sector in China. When a new replacement cycle gets underway it should improve the company's market share and profitability. Chinese auto parts supplier Minth was also a negative over the review period. Results highlighted pressure on gross margins. Upfront costs in China from improving its automation and robotics capabilities weighed on returns. We view this situation as temporary and still consider Minth to be a supply-chain company with strong pricing power. Positions in AKR Coporindo, an Indonesia-based petroleum trading and distribution group, JD.com (on-line seller), and the Korean life company, ING Life Insurance, also disappointed.

Investment Activity

We added Australian auto parts distributor Bapcor to the portfolio. Growth in the business is driven by its ongoing trade-and-store rollout and synergy benefits from recent acquisitions. Additional purchases over the period included Tejas Network (India), and CK Asset (Hong Kong).

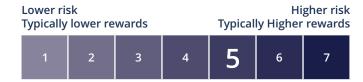
We sold Orient Overseas International after we became concerned about the completion of the Cosco deal. Additionally, we felt any further upside was limited given it was re-rated over the last year. Other sales included Indonesian mining and heavy equipment distributor United Tractor. We felt that profitability had reached a peak; a meeting with the firm's management reinforced our view. We also trimmed our holding in Thai energy and gas infrastructure group PTT. This move followed a period of strong outperformance driven by a higher-than-expected dividend growth and positive earnings from its principal subsidiaries. The Korean companies, SK Hynix and Samsung SDI completed the list of sales over the six months.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				Pro september
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	357.24	308.79	215.70	245.99
Return before operating charges*	(2.28)	53.53	96.86	(26.03)
Operating charges**	(2.66)	(5.08)	(3.77)	(4.26)
Return after operating charges*	(4.94)	48.45	93.09	(30.29)
Distributions	0.00	(2.55)	(3.17)	(2.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.55	3.17	2.62
Closing net asset value per share	352.30	357.24	308.79	215.70
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.63	0.93	0.93
Performance +				
Return after charges	-1.38%	15.69%	43.16%	-12.31%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,401	14,990	13,919	11,456
Closing number of shares	4,087,655	4,195,975	4,507,554	5,310,930
Operating charges****	1.49%	1.49%	1.50%	1.82%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	373.1	373.1	311.4	278.1
Lowest share price	304.6	304.6	215.7	198.7

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
nstitutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	408.86	351.75	244.50	276.78
Return before operating charges*	(2.60)	61.09	110.40	(29.45
Operating charges**	(2.09)	(3.98)	(3.15)	(2.83
Return after operating charges*	(4.69)	57.11	107.25	(32.28
Distributions	0.00	(4.74)	(5.10)	(4.93
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	4.74	5.10	4.93
Closing net asset value per share	404.17	408.86	351.75	244.50
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.72	1.07	1.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	-1.15%	16.24%	43.87%	-11.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,842	31,394	27,062	14,449
Closing number of shares	7,631,067	7,678,325	7,693,532	5,909,351
Operating charges****	1.02%	1.02%	1.03%	1.07%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	426.7	426.7	354.7	313.2
Lowest share price	347.2	347.2	244.5	224.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income	1			P P
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.11	73.23	51.69	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	(0.53)	12.69	23.19	2.26
Operating charges**	(0.63)	(1.21)	(0.90)	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	(1.16)	11.48	22.29	1.80
Distributions	0.00	(0.60)	(0.75)	(0.11)
Closing net asset value per share	82.95	84.11	73.23	51.69
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.15	0.22	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	-1.38%	15.68%	43.12%	3.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,360	1,437	1,345	1,799
Closing number of shares	1,639,360	1,708,776	1,837,054	3,481,442
Operating charges****	1.49%	1.49%	1.50%	1.82%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.34%	0.19%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.47	88.47	74.60	55.28
Lowest share price	72.28	72.28	51.69	48.22

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 7 September 2015.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Standard Life income^	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	148.45	129.12	90.98	105.16
Return before operating charges*	5.84	22.61	41.29	(11.20)
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	5.77	22.33	41.06	(11.44)
Distributions	0.00	(3.00)	(2.92)	(2.75)
Redemption value as at 7 June 2018	(154.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	148.45	129.12	90.97
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.27	0.40	0.40
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.89%	17.29%	45.13%	-10.88%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	3	3	2
Closing number of shares	-	2,115	2,115	2,115
Operating charges****	0.19%	0.19%	0.20%	0.24%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	157.9	157.9	133.1	119.1
Lowest share price	127.7	127.7	90.98	85.64

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[^] Share class closed on 7 June 2018.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	149.20	127.39	87.89	98.74
Return before operating charges*	(0.96)	22.20	39.81	(10.55)
Operating charges**	(0.20)	(0.39)	(0.31)	(0.30)
Return after operating charges*	(1.16)	21.81	39.50	(10.85)
Distributions	0.00	(2.78)	(2.67)	(2.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.78	2.67	2.47
Closing net asset value per share	148.04	149.20	127.39	87.89
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.26	0.39	0.38
Performance +				
Return after charges	-0.78%	17.12%	44.94%	-10.99%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	794	774	528	312
Closing number of shares	536,278	518,800	414,670	354,986
Operating charges****	0.27%	0.27%	0.28%	0.32%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	155.6	155.6	128.4	111.8
Lowest share price	125.9	125.9	87.89	80.35

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Comparative Tables

Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	107.41	92.46	64.30	72.83
Return before operating charges*	(0.68)	16.05	29.03	(7.75)
Operating charges**	(0.58)	(1.10)	(0.87)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	(1.26)	14.95	28.16	(8.53)
Distributions	0.00	(1.19)	(1.30)	(1.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.19	1.30	1.26
Closing net asset value per share	106.15	107.41	92.46	64.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.01	0.19	0.28	0.28
Performance +				
Return after charges	-1.17%	16.17%	43.79%	-11.71%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,797	10,630	10,325	8,546
Closing number of shares	9,228,934	9,896,216	11,166,191	13,289,835
Operating charges****	1.07%	1.07%	1.08%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.01%	0.19%	0.35%	0.40%
Prices				
Highest share price	112.1	112.1	93.23	82.41
Lowest share price	91.26	91.26	64.30	59.03

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Hong Kong (12.40%	Investment	7,236	12.6
Torig Korig (12.40%))	7,230	12.0
157,910	AIA	1,047	1.8
	Bank of China (Hong Kong)	728	1.2
424,000		0	0.0
147,000	China Metal Recycling**	0	0.0
86,273	China Mobile	624	1.0
241,093	China Resources Land	646	1.1
174,256	CK Asset Holdings	955	1.6
27,830	CK Hutchison	247	0.4
4,204,606	Dawnrays Pharmaceutical	886	1.5
184,307	Hang Lung Properties	280	0.4
2,570,134	Shun Tak	761	1.3
470,598	SITC	268	0.4
603,694	Texhong Textile	794	1.3
ndia (6.59%)		4,124	7.2
53,796	Axis Bank	379	0.6
8,679	Bajaj	293	0.5
103,381	Coal India	320	0.5
63,402	Cyient	501	0.8
198,800	ITC	689	1.2
49,036	Larsen & Toubro	729	1.2
130,213	Tejas Networks	408	0.7
120,526	Voltas	805	1.4
ndonesia (1.16%)		293	0.5
1,554,109	AKR Corporindo	293	0.5
Macau (1.00%)		542	0.9
144,501	Sands China	542	0.9
Singapore (4.08%)		2,300	4.0
352,136	Capitaland	678	1.1
49,275		690	1.2
	United Overseas Bank	932	1.6

Asian Pacific Growth Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

		Market value	Percentage of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net assets
South Korea (12.999	(12.99%) 7,325		12.8
4,531	Hyundai Motor (Preference)	267	0.4
15,136	ING Life Insurance Korea	361	0.63
17,975	KB Financial	642	1.13
22,427	KT	447	0.78
39,888	Nexen Tire	273	0.4
59,700	Samsung Electronics	1,997	3.4
37,500	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	1,029	1.8
	Samsung SDI	364	0.6
15,790	Shinhan Finance	475	0.8
16,613	SK Hynix	952	1.6
	Woory Industrial	518	0.9
Taiwan (8.85%)		5,357	9.3
329,935	Cathay Financial	434	0.70
	Formosa Plastic	411	0.7
	Hon Hai Precision	722	1.2
230,660	Macronix	191	0.3
71,952	President Chain Store	601	1.0
468,405	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	2,998	5.2
Thailand (4.07%)		2,158	3.7
180,070	Advanced Info Service	851	1.49
121,515	Kasikornbank	603	1.09
369,520		454	0.79
715,366	Star Petroleum Refining	250	0.4
Collective Investme	nt Scheme (2.30%)	1,038	1.83
1,038,228	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	1,038	1.8
Total Investment as	sets and liabilities	56,169	98.2
Net other assets		1,025	1.79
Total Net Assets		57,194	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended.

^{**} Delisted.

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Augu	st 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,459)		6,758
Revenue	1,141		897	
Expenses	(311)		(314)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	830		581	
Taxation	(85)		(54)	
Net revenue after taxation		745		527
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		(714)		7,285

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Augu	st 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		59,228		53,182
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	942		1,447	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,267)		(3,000)	
		(1,325)		(1,553)
Dilution adjustment		5		7
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		(714)		7,285
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		57,194		58,921

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Asian Pacific Growth Fund

Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ıst 2018	28 Febru	uary 2018
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		56,169		58,474
Current assets:				
Debtors	121		124	
Cash and bank balances	1,088		812	
		1,209		936
Total assets	_	57,378	_	59,410
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(184)		(171)	
Bank overdrafts	0		(1)	
Distribution payable	0		(10)	
		(184)		(182
Total liabilities		(184)		(182
Net assets attributable to shareholders		57,194		59,228

Corporate Bond Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Adam Walker			
Launch Date	23 October 2015			
Benchmark	IA £ Corporate Bond Sector			

Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a return from income and capital appreciation.

Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in sterling fixed interest securities issued by corporations. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for the purpose of efficient portfolio management (including hedging)) and collective investment schemes.

Risk Profile

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential return afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly investment grade corporate assets, with some exposure to higher yielding securities. The diversified nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors wishing to achieve a broad spread of mainly corporate bond exposure, which provides a degree of protection from default risk, and who do not desire a high degree of stock specific risk. Whilst the income generated should remain relatively stable, the investor must be able to accept some fluctuations in the income due to the higher risk nature of some of the securities held in the Sub-fund. The investor must also be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of the markets in which the Sub-fund invests, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Corporate Bond Fund returned 0.88% during the period, in comparison with the IA £ Corporate Bond Sector which returned 0.60%. Please note Sub-fund returns are net of fees, while benchmark returns are gross. (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid to bid basis. Benchmark returns: Factset).

The Sub-fund outperformed in the six-month period, primarily attributable to strong security selection. The Sub-fund's single biggest positive return contributor was its sizeable off-benchmark position in UK's biggest supermarket Tesco where confidence in the company's turnaround strategy has been burgeoning on the back of improving results. The second top performing holding for the Sub-fund was its overweight in another UK supermarket giant Sainsbury, which made a takeover bid for Walmart-owned rival Asda, which was very well received by both debt and equity investors. Also among the leading contributors was the Sub-fund's overweight in UK gilts, which benefited from risk-off sentiment which prevailed during much of the period, especially in the latter months.

On the negative side, by far the single biggest detractor for Sub-fund performance over the six-month period was its overweight in UK insurer, Direct Line. With the traditionally higher volatility insurance sector underperforming in risk-off conditions, a number of other UK insurers were also among the leading detractors, including the UK's Aviva and Prudential. The Sub-fund's overweight exposure to British American Tobacco detracted over the period amid continuing concerns that the company's efforts to grow its lower margin 'next generation' products (such e-cigarettes and heat-not-burn devices) might adversely affect its profitability.

Investment Activity

In the primary market, we bought the perpetual bonds of Spanish telecoms giant Telefonica, the 2021 bonds of Volkswagen Financial Services and the 2028 senior bonds of Energy Transfer Partners, a US natural gas and propane company.

In the secondary market, we added exposure to German pharmaceuticals giant Bayer, after spreads moved significantly wider on headlines regarding lawsuits in the US over claims that its subsidiary, Monsanto's weed killing product, 'Roundup', may cause cancer. We felt the market was overreacting and used the weakness to buy what we feel is a high quality credit name at a reasonable level. We also added some exposure to Aroundtown, the commercial and residential real estate company and Gatwick Funding, the funding arm of the UK's Gatwick Airport.

Turning to sales, having created overweight exposure to US cable giant Comcast in June, we reduced some of this in August following good performance and due to concerns that potential M&A activity might destabilise its credit profile. Following a period of improved performance, we trimmed some of our exposure to Tesco in June, although we retained our conviction overweight in the company. During the period we also reduced exposure to a number of US banks, including JP Morgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup.

Corporate Bond Fund

Investment Report

(Continued)

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future. As the Sub-fund does not have a five year price history, we have used an internally produced bespoke blended benchmark to show how the Sub-fund price may have behaved over the period prior to the launch of the Sub-fund.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation	perice per share	pence per snare	perice per siture	perice per siture
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	339.39	333.39	295.25	301.89++
Return before operating charges*	3.37	9.51	43.32	(4.50)
Operating charges**	(1.77)	(3.51)	(3.30)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	1.60	6.00	40.02	(5.73)
Distributions	(6.00)	(11.30)	(12.48)	(4.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	6.00	11.30	10.60	3.63
Closing net asset value per share	340.99	339.39	333.39	295.25
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.47%	1.80%	13.55%	-1.90%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	61,199	54,664	57,174	55,927
Closing number of shares	17,947,742	16,106,661	17,149,234	18,942,025
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.22%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	343.8	348.0	341.2	306.4
Lowest share price	338.7	333.4	297.9	294.5

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.10% to 1.00% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

⁺⁺ From the launch of the Sub-fund on 23 October 2015.

Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation	,			P P
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	56.72	55.48	48.91	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.57	1.59	7.20	(0.88)
Operating charges**	(0.18)	(0.35)	(0.32)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	0.39	1.24	6.88	(0.98)
Distributions	(1.00)	(1.88)	(2.07)	(0.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.00	1.88	1.76	0.43
Closing net asset value per share	57.11	56.72	55.48	48.91
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.68%	2.23%	14.07%	-1.96%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	113,474	112,647	120,701	100,650
Closing number of shares	198,704,464	198,603,341	217,540,007	205,774,920
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.60%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	57.57	58.12	56.66	50.69
Lowest share price	56.65	55.49	49.35	48.78

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Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	21 August 2019	20 Fabruary 2010	20 Fobruary 2017	20 February 2016
	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income	panas par anara	ponce per situate	pence per encire	panco par anara
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	103.40	104.99	96.05	99.42++
Return before operating charges*	1.02	3.01	14.01	(1.47)
Operating charges**	(0.54)	(1.09)	(1.06)	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	0.48	1.92	12.95	(1.87)
Distributions	(1.81)	(3.51)	(4.01)	(1.50)
Closing net asset value per share	102.07	103.40	104.99	96.05
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.46%	1.83%	13.48%	-1.88%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,497	39,096	43,138	48,269
Closing number of shares	28,898,380	37,810,618	41,087,437	50,252,895
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.22%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	104.3	108.1	110.1	100.6
Lowest share price	102.5	103.4	96.92	96.66

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	52.47	53.05	48.32	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.51	1.53	7.07	(0.82)
Operating charges**	(0.16)	(0.33)	(0.32)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	0.35	1.20	6.75	(0.92)
Distributions	(0.92)	(1.78)	(2.02)	(0.76)
Closing net asset value per share	51.90	52.47	53.05	48.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.67%	2.26%	13.97%	-1.84%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,653	5,800	13,923	10,053
Closing number of shares	10,891,860	11,055,336	26,243,677	20,804,811
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.60%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	52.97	54.72	55.52	50.51
Lowest share price	52.08	52.47	48.77	48.62

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	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Standard Life income	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.18	53.45	48.41	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.53	1.56	7.14	(0.81)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	0.52	1.54	7.09	(0.83)
Distributions	(0.94)	(1.81)	(2.05)	(0.76)
Closing net asset value per share	52.76	53.18	53.45	48.41
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.98%	2.88%	14.65%	-1.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,985	4,017	1	1
Closing number of shares	7,552,845	7,552,845	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.10%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	53.74	55.31	55.76	50.54
Lowest share price	52.88	53.19	48.85	48.71

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				Pro september
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.42	55.90	49.01	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.57	1.58	7.27	(0.82)
Operating charges**	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	0.54	1.52	7.22	(0.84)
Distributions	(1.02)	(1.91)	(2.13)	(0.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	1.02	1.91	1.80	0.61
Closing net asset value per share	57.96	57.42	55.90	49.01
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.95%	2.72%	14.73%	-1.68%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	45	9	6	1
Closing number of shares	77,352	16,138	10,695	2,200
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	58.42	58.79	56.89	50.72
Lowest share price	57.36	55.88	49.45	48.87

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	147.56	144.42	127.41	130.02++
Return before operating charges*	1.46	4.11	18.73	(1.93)
Operating charges**	(0.49)	(0.97)	(0.91)	(0.29)
Return after operating charges*	0.97	3.14	17.82	(2.22)
Distributions	(2.61)	(4.90)	(5.39)	(1.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.61	4.90	4.58	1.58
Closing net asset value per share	148.53	147.56	144.42	127.41
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.66%	2.17%	13.99%	-1.71%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,077	13,434	15,359	15,191
Closing number of shares	8,131,156	9,104,179	10,634,850	11,923,027
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.65%	0.67%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	149.7	151.2	147.5	132.0
Lowest share price	147.4	144.4	128.6	127.1

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	115.17	116.51	106.17	109.69++
Return before operating charges*	1.14	3.35	15.54	(1.62)
Operating charges**	(0.38)	(0.78)	(0.75)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	0.76	2.57	14.79	(1.86)
Distributions	(2.03)	(3.91)	(4.45)	(1.66)
Closing net asset value per share	113.90	115.17	116.51	106.17
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.66%	2.21%	13.93%	-1.70%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,541	13,659	15,583	11,750
Closing number of shares	11,010,742	11,860,227	13,374,729	11,067,320
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.65%	0.67%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	116.3	120.1	122.0	111.0
Lowest share price	114.3	115.2	107.1	106.8

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding		value	Percentage of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
Bonds (98.36%)		234,974	98.53
Euro Denominated I		3,293	1.38
Corporate Bonds (1.	66%)	3,293	1.38
ess than 5 years to m	naturity		
1,830,000	Platin 1426 5.375% 2023	1,611	0.6
between 10 and 15 ye	ears to maturity		
700,000	Bayer 2.125% 2029	629	0.20
Perpetual			
1,200,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	1,053	0.4
Sterling Denominate	ed Bonds (94.21%)	224,245	94.0
Corporate Bonds (88	3.40%)	212,700	89.1
less than 5 years to m	•	4.400	0.4
	AA Bond 2.75% 2023	1,180	0.4
	AA Bond 2.875% 2022	2,928	1.2
	Bank of Nova Scotia 1.25% 2022	1,260	0.5
	Barclays 10% 2021	1,783	0.7
	British American Tobacco 1.75% 2021	491	0.2
	CPUK 2.666% 2020	730	0.3
	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2020	2,588	1.0
	FCE Bank 2.727% 2022	344	0.1
	Heathrow Funding 6% 2020	2,136	0.9
	Highbury Finance 7.017% 2023 Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	1,630 1,568	0.6 0.6
	Merrill Lynch 5.5% 2021	2,211	0.0
	Severn Trent 1.125% 2021	415	0.5
	Telefonica Emisiones 5.289% 2022	1,701	0.7
	Tesco 6.125% 2022	2,257	0.9
	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021	586	0.2
	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2020	1,002	0.4
1,790,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2022	1,773	0.7
	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	400	0.1
	Wells Fargo 2.125% 2022	2,520	1.0
	Wells Fargo 5.25% 2023	1,689	0.7
	Yorkshire Water 6.5876% 2023	732	0.3
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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			1100 00000
petween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
	A.P. Moller-Maersk 4% 2025	1,036	0.4
956,000	Aroundtown 3.25% 2027	947	0.4
1,700,000	Asciano Finance 5% 2023	1,890	0.7
338,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	341	0.1
1,030,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	1,020	0.4
1,500,000	Bank of Ireland 3.125% 2027	1,451	0.6
2,120,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	2,119	0.8
2,000,000	Barclays 3.25% 2027	1,953	0.8
1,250,000	BP 2.03% 2025	1,255	0.5
640,000	British American Tobacco 2.125% 2025	620	0.2
1,700,000	CPUK 3.588% 2025	1,786	0.7
330,000	CYBG 3.125% 2025	324	0.1
	CYBG 5% 2026	1,439	0.6
	Enel 5.625% 2024	2,781	1.1
620,000	Experian 2.125% 2024	618	0.2
1,190,000	Go-Ahead 2.5% 2024	1,159	0.4
	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	2,447	1.0
	HSBC 2.625% 2028	2,343	0.9
2,000,000	Imperial Brands 5.5% 2026	2,354	0.9
1,750,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	1,868	0.7
1,750,000	Koninklijke KPN 5% 2026	2,019	0.8
149,000	Liberty Living 2.625% 2024	149	0.0
1,500,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	1,906	0.8
780,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 2024	752	0.3
500,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2026	508	0.2
960,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	946	0.4
	Morrison (Wm) 3.5% 2026	2,117	0.8
	Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 2028	1,094	0.4
	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	588	0.2
	Rabobank 5.25% 2027	1,739	0.7
1,328,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	1,301	0.5
1,500,000	Saga 3.375% 2024	1,425	0.6
1,710,000	Santander UK Group 3.625% 2026	1,769	0.7
890,000	Shaftesbury Chinatown 2.348% 2027	853	0.3
1,500,000	Society of Lloyd's 4.75% 2024	1,609	0.6
460,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	480	0.2
760,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	732	0.3
1,150,000	Thames Water 3.5% 2028	1,217	0.5

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
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700,000	Wells Fargo 2% 2025	671	0.2
1,400,000	Yorkshire Building Society 4.125% 2024	1,433	0.6
1,435,000	Yorkshire Power 7.25% 2028	2,013	0.8
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
	Abbey National 3.875% 2029	1,480	0.6
	America Movil 4.948% 2033	2,802	1.1
1,460,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 2029	1,407	0.5
560,000	Annington Funding 3.184% 2029	560	0.2
	Argiva 4.882% 2032	1,823	0.7
	Barclays 3.25% 2033	1,981	0.8
2,000,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	2,187	0.9
	Comcast 5.5% 2029	947	0.4
	CRH 4.125% 2029	562	0.2
	Delamare 5.5457% 2029	2,253	0.9
830,000	Digital Stout Holding 3.3% 2029	835	0.3
500,000	DONG Energy 4.875% 2032	610	0.2
	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	570	0.2
1,500,000	HSBC 6.75% 2028	1,914	0.0
	HSBC Bank 5.375% 2030	1,962	0.8
	Land Securities 2.399% 2029	582	0.2
1,500,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.25% 2029	1,444	0.6
	Longstone Finance 4.791% 2030	1,817	0.7
	Longstone Finance 4.896% 2031	4,173	1.7
	National Grid 2.125% 2028	1,053	0.4
	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	2,706	1.1
1,500,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	1,668	0.7
1,210,000	Severn Trent 2.75% 2031	1,194	0.5
528,507	Shaftesbury Carnaby 2.487% 2031	498	0.2
	Statoil 6.125% 2028	1,341	0.5
2,705,000	Telereal 6.1645% 2031	3,058	1.2
1,500,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	1,665	0.7
320,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	318	0.1
	Welltower 4.8% 2028	1,417	0.5
	Western Power 5.75% 2032	1,893	0.7
	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2028	1,414	0.5
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	1,536	0.6
	AT&T 5.2% 2033	2,384	1.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
1,510,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	1,689	0.7
1,000,000	British American Tobacco 6% 2034	1,329	0.5
1,750,000		1,439	0.6
446,000		542	0.2
	DONG Energy 5.75% 2040	1,416	0.5
1,000,000	E.ON Finance 5.875% 2037	1,357	0.5
2,500,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039	3,734	1.5
1,500,000	Enel 5.75% 2040	1,896	0.7
1,500,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	1,446	0.6
1,500,000	Eversholt 6.697% 2035	1,916	0.8
2,000,000	Gatwick 5.75% 2037	2,684	1.1
1,000,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.875% 2035	982	0.4
300,000	Land Securities 2.625% 2037	293	0.1
610,000	Libra (Longhurst) 3.25% 2043	611	0.2
570,000	Motability Operations 3.625% 2036	638	0.2
1,500,000	Munich Re 6.625% fixed to floating 2042	1,711	0.7
1,500,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	1,466	0.6
2,000,000	RWE 6.125% 2039	2,800	1.1
1,110,000	Segro 2.875% 2037	1,064	0.4
3,000,000	Southern Water 4.5% 2038	3,189	1.3
1,200,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	1,337	0.5
1,000,000	Thames Water 5.5% 2041	1,346	0.5
1,250,000	Yorkshire Water 6.375% 2039	1,894	0.7
reater than 25 years	s to maturity		
1,500,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	1,716	0.7
1,620,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	1,654	0.6
2,000,000	British American Tobacco 2.25% 2052	1,507	0.6
556,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	559	0.2
470,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	465	0.2
618,000	Clarion Housing 3.125% 2048	617	0.2
1,400,000	Dignity 4.6956% 2049	1,346	0.5
1,000,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	1,240	0.5
1,200,000	EDF 6% 2114	1,569	0.6
1,000,000	GlaxoSmithKline 4.25% 2045	1,248	0.5
450,000	Heathrow Funding 2.75% 2049	404	0.1
2,000,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	2,190	0.9
590,000	Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 2052	577	0.2
2,000,000	Prudential 5% 2055	2,131	0.8

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Corporate Bonds (c			
1 750 000	RL Finance 6.125% fixed to floating 2043	1,936	0.8
	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117	955	0.40
500,000	University of Southampton 2.25% 2057	452	0.19
	Vodafone 3% 2056	1,035	0.43
	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	492	0.2
Perpetual			
	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,188	0.9
	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,149	0.48
2,000,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual	1,744	0.73
1,500,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,493	0.63
2,000,000	EDF 6% Perpetual	2,051	0.80
1,500,000	ELM 6.3024% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,531	0.64
1,300,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,588	0.6
800,000	Lloyds Banking Group 7% fixed to floating Perpetual	821	0.3
990,000	Pennon 2.875% Perpetual	988	0.4
1,200,000	RWE 7% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,225	0.5
Government Bond	s (5.81%)	11,545	4.84
less than 5 years to r	naturity		
2,000,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	1,968	0.8
between 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
	LW/Cox+ of 2.25W 2022	2.6.40	1.1
2,500,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	2,649	1.1
2,500,000 between 10 and 15 y		2,649	1.1
between 10 and 15 y		2,649	
between 10 and 15 y	vears to maturity UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028		
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Corporate Bond Fund

Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (co	ontinued)		
Perpetual			
	HSBC 6% Perpetual	1,129	0.4
	HSBC 6.875% Perpetual	1,114	0.4
	Swedbank 5.5% Perpetual	921	0.3
	UBS 5% Perpetual	1,828	0.7
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.46%)	789	0.3
788,937	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	789	0.33
Derivatives (0.10%)		(358)	(0.1
Forward Currency C	ontracts (0.06%)	(358)	(0.1
	Buy EUR 191,123 Sell GBP 168,913 04/09/2018	2	0.0
	Buy EUR 302,537 Sell GBP 266,756 04/09/2018	4	0.0
	Buy EUR 1,764,112 Sell GBP 1,591,097 04/09/2018	(12)	0.0
	Buy EUR 3,589,393 Sell GBP 3,256,599 04/09/2018	(43)	(0.0
	Buy EUR 4,318,722 Sell GBP 3,851,446 04/09/2018	15	0.0
	Buy GBP 122,168 Sell EUR 137,403 04/09/2018	(1)	0.0
	Buy GBP 173,979 Sell EUR 197,200 04/09/2018	(3)	0.0
	Buy GBP 261,960 Sell EUR 297,429 04/09/2018	(4)	0.0
	Buy GBP 546,214 Sell EUR 603,345 04/09/2018	6	0.0
	Buy GBP 761,440 Sell EUR 866,552 04/09/2018	(14)	(0.0
	Buy GBP 881,759 Sell EUR 1,000,000 04/09/2018	(13)	0.0
	Buy GBP 1,123,363 Sell EUR 1,276,892 04/09/2018	(20)	(0.0)
	Buy GBP 5,092,647 Sell EUR 5,787,066 04/09/2018	(88)	(0.0)
	Buy GBP 91,346 Sell EUR 100,568 21/11/2018	1	0.0
		43	0.0
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Corporate Bond Fund

Portfolio Statement

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Holding Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (0.04%)	-	_
Total investment assets and liabilities	235,405	98.71
Net other assets	3,066	1.29
Total Net Assets	238,471	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	Market
	value
	£'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	235,894
Investment liabilities	(489)
Net investment assets	235,405
Net other assets	3,066
Total Net Assets	238,471

Corporate Bond Fund

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Augu	ıst 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,899)		5,582
Revenue	4,280		4,500	
Expenses	(932)		(1,030)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,348		3,470	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		3,348		3,470
Total return before distributions		1,449		9,052
Distributions		(4,246)		(4,467)
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		(2,797)		4,585

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aug	ust 2018	31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		243,326		265,885
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,053		1,438	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(14,356)		(9,831)	
_		(5,303)		(8,393)
Dilution adjustment		19		23
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(2,797)		4,585
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,226		3,242
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		238,471		265,342

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augi	ust 2018	28 February 2018	
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		235,894		240,929
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,020		3,508	
Cash and bank balances	2		1	
		4,022		3,509
Total assets	_	239,916	_	244,438
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(489)		(226
Creditors	(494)		(365)	
Distribution payable	(462)		(521)	
_		(956)		(886)
Total liabilities		(1,445)	_	(1,112
Net assets attributable to shareholders		238,471		243,326

Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

for the three months ended 3	31 May	y 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation	Distribution paid	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	2.9662	-	2.9662*	2.8731
Group 2	1.7798	1.1864	2.9662*	2.8731
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.4960	-	0.4960*	0.4784
Group 2	0.0821	0.4139	0.4960*	0.4784
Retail income				
Group 1	0.9037	-	0.9037**	0.9048
Group 2	0.3907	0.5130	0.9037**	0.9048
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4587	-	0.4587**	0.4575
Group 2	0.1480	0.3107	0.4587**	0.4575
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4654	-	0.4654**	0.4600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.5024	-	0.5024*	0.4830
Group 2	0.3779	0.1245	0.5024*	0.4830
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.2902	-	1.2902*	1.2452
Group 2	0.7576	0.5326	1.2902*	1.2452
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.0070	-	1.0070**	1.0045
Group 2	0.4072	0.5998	1.0070**	1.0045

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

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for the three months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation		Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	3.0366	-	3.0366*	2.834
Group 2	1.7303	1.3063	3.0366*	2.834
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5071	-	0.5071*	0.472
Group 2	0.0993	0.4078	0.5071*	0.472
Retail income				
Group 1	0.9090	-	0.9090**	0.885
Group 2	0.2894	0.6196	0.9090**	0.885
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4651	-	0.4651**	0.448
Group 2	0.4237	0.0414	0.4651**	0.448
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4723	-	0.4723**	0.460
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.5133	-	0.5133*	0.477
Group 2	0.0539	0.4594	0.5133*	0.477
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.3186	-	1.3186*	1.229
Group 2	0.7348	0.5838	1.3186*	1.229
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.0203	-	1.0203**	0.983
Group 2	0.4614	0.5589	1.0203**	0.983

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

Emerging Market Debt Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Kleran Curtis and Mark Baker			
Launch Date	24 October 2012			
Benchmark	JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a return from both capital appreciation and income.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest primarily in bonds issued by Emerging Market countries and companies listed on an emerging market stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in emerging market countries. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (including currency forwards, interest rate and credit default swaps) and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who are seeking exposure primarily from emerging market bonds. The investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of the emerging market bond markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Emerging Market Debt Fund returned 2.19% over the six months compared with a 3.35% return from the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index. Please note the Sub-fund return is net of charges, while the index return is gross (Sub-fund return source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, and index return source: Factset).

A relatively positive market environment for emerging market (EM) fixed income assets at the start of the year was superseded by a marked increase in volatility and less favourable conditions in the six-month review period. While numerous local factors compounded matters for individual EMs, by far the biggest driver of the adverse switch in investor risk sentiment was the combination of rising US bond yields and the strengthening US dollar, which in turn equated to a marked tightening in global liquidity conditions.

In order to support capital inflows and domestic currencies, many EM central banks were forced to raise policy interest rates quite aggressively in recent months, creating an challenging backdrop for emerging market bonds of all types but especially local currency bonds. Another notable negative external factor serving to increase investor risk aversion in recent months has been the escalating global trade war, which is widely seen as initiated by US president Donald Trump and focussed especially on US trade with China and to a lesser extent the European Union (EU).

As the US dollar strengthened, investors were negatively focused on those countries deemed more reliant on foreign portfolio inflows and particularly so on those instances where local factors were also problematic. The most notable examples of this were Argentina and Turkey. Unsurprisingly our overweight exposure to Argentina was the biggest underperformer; however, we benefited from an underweight position in Turkey. Elsewhere, an overweight position in Zambia struggled given investors remain unconvinced by the government's fiscal and debt trajectory. On the positive side however, among the leading return contributors for the Sub-fund were its off-benchmark exposure to Qatar, which benefitted from strong gas prices, and an underweight in China, which was adversely affected by growing trade tensions with the US, its biggest export market.

Investment Activity

In the primary market, we participated in new deals from Qatar and Eqypt, as well as a 2030 bond from Abu Dhabi National Energy. Sub-Saharan Africa is the Sub-fund's most significant regional overweight, and we still see good value in oil-exporting countries. Given this view, we participated in new deals from Angola and Ghana, and added to our position in Nigeria and Senegal via the secondary market.

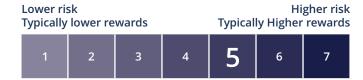
With global oil prices continuing to rise in the period, we also added some off-benchmark exposure to top global producer Saudi Arabia which also stands to benefit from inclusion in the JP Morgan indices in the near future. Other secondary market purchases included Tunisia, Georgia and Zambia. Given their weakness, we purchased some Turkey bonds, but remain markedly underweight compared to the index. We also trimmed some of our exposure to Argentine bonds, which were the worst performers over the period.

Emerging Market Debt Fund

Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	67.96	71.54	57.34	54.08
Return before operating charges*	1.55	(2.70)	15.26	4.48
Operating charges**	(0.43)	(0.88)	(0.81)	(0.80)
Return after operating charges*	1.12	(3.58)	14.45	3.68
Distributions	(1.36)	(2.37)	(2.50)	(2.12)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.36	2.37	2.25	1.70
Closing net asset value per share	69.08	67.96	71.54	57.34
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.64%	-5.00%	25.20%	6.80%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,422	1,901	1,976	873
Closing number of shares	3,506,266	2,796,510	2,762,034	1,522,540
Operating charges****	1.24%	1.24%	1.24%	1.48%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	71.48	73.18	73.60	58.10
Lowest share price	65.63	66.24	56.99	50.70

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	70.00	73.36	58.53	54.52
Return before operating charges*	1.60	(2.80)	15.63	4.92
Operating charges**	(0.27)	(0.56)	(0.52)	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	1.33	(3.36)	15.11	4.52
Distributions	(1.57)	(2.77)	(2.89)	(2.57)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.57	2.77	2.61	2.06
Closing net asset value per share	71.33	70.00	73.36	58.53
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.90%	-4.58%	25.82%	8.29%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,284	7,300	1,099	544
Closing number of shares	1,800,791	10,428,518	1,498,809	928,762
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.73%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	73.79	75.06	75.32	59.03
Lowest share price	67.64	68.22	58.18	51.58

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	55.18	60.10	52.34	50.82
Return before operating charges*	1.27	(2.87)	8.49	3.16
Operating charges**	(0.35)	(0.73)	(0.73)	(0.75)
Return after operating charges*	0.92	(3.60)	7.76	2.41
Distributions	(1.11)	(1.32)	0.00	(0.89)
Closing net asset value per share	54.99	55.18	60.10	52.34
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.67%	-5.99%	14.83%	4.74%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	1	1
Closing number of shares	5,386	5,386	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	1.24%	1.24%	1.24%	1.48%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	58.05	61.47	65.01	54.61
Lowest share price	53.30	54.70	52.00	47.72

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.98	63.17	52.28	50.75
Return before operating charges*	1.33	(2.33)	13.90	4.26
Operating charges**	(0.23)	(0.48)	(0.46)	(0.37)
Return after operating charges*	1.10	(2.81)	13.44	3.89
Distributions	(1.30)	(2.38)	(2.55)	(2.36)
Closing net asset value per share	57.78	57.98	63.17	52.28
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.90%	-4.45%	25.71%	7.67%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,951	1,912	25,226	9,403
Closing number of shares	3,376,463	3,297,876	39,933,727	17,987,082
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.73%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	61.12	64.60	66.17	54.57
Lowest share price	56.02	57.61	51.96	47.80

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income	pence per share	perice per siture	perice per siture	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.76	63.21	52.30	50.75
Return before operating charges*	1.33	(2.32)	13.94	4.28
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	0.00
Return after operating charges*	1.32	(2.34)	13.92	4.28
Distributions	(1.51)	(3.11)	(3.01)	(2.73)
Closing net asset value per share	57.57	57.76	63.21	52.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.29%	-3.70%	26.62%	8.43%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	3,365	2,785
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	5,323,927	5,323,927
Operating charges****	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.00%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	61.08	64.85	66.29	54.61
Lowest share price	55.84	57.66	52.00	47.96

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	71.99	74.95	59.45	55.32
Return before operating charges*	1.65	(2.87)	15.92	4.77
Operating charges**	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	1.61	(2.96)	15.84	4.73
Distributions	(1.86)	(3.33)	(3.40)	(2.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.86	3.33	3.06	2.37
Closing net asset value per share	73.60	71.99	74.95	59.45
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.24%	-3.95%	26.64%	8.55%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88,880	94,518	133,697	93,971
Closing number of shares	120,762,932	131,284,934	178,378,134	158,065,008
Operating charges****	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.08%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.11	76.95	76.77	59.96
Lowest share price	69.59	70.15	59.11	52.26

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	69.84	73.22	58.46	54.69
Return before operating charges*	1.59	(2.79)	15.59	4.71
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.59)	(0.55)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	1.30	(3.38)	15.04	4.28
Distributions	(1.55)	(2.73)	(2.84)	(2.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation	4.55	0.70	0.56	0.00
share	1.55	2.73	2.56	2.03
Closing net asset value per share	71.14	69.84	73.22	58.46
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.86%	-4.62%	25.73%	7.83%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,244	6,345	9,314	2,652
Closing number of shares	5,965,030	9,085,190	12,721,665	4,536,840
Operating charges****	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	0.78%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	73.60	74.90	75.20	58.94
Lowest share price	67.47	68.06	58.10	51.52

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	58.04	63.21	52.43	50.77
Return before operating charges*	1.33	(2.32)	13.81	4.40
Operating charges**	(0.24)	(0.51)	(0.49)	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	1.09	(2.83)	13.32	4.01
Distributions	(1.29)	(2.34)	(2.54)	(2.35)
Closing net asset value per share	57.84	58.04	63.21	52.43
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.88%	-4.48%	25.41%	7.90%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,435	4,388	3,250	1,119
Closing number of shares	5,939,716	7,559,876	5,140,846	2,133,722
Operating charges****	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	0.78%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	61.17	64.66	66.22	54.58
Lowest share price	56.08	57.66	52.00	47.83

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	68.91	72.11	57.45	53.66
Return before operating charges*	1.61	(2.75)	15.39	4.64
Operating charges**	(0.23)	(0.45)	(0.43)	(0.33)
Return after operating charges*	1.38	(3.20)	14.96	4.31
Distributions	(1.62)	(2.83)	(2.94)	(2.60)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.62	2.83	2.64	2.08
Closing net asset value per share	70.29	68.91	72.11	57.45
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.01%	-4.44%	26.04%	8.03%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	2	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	72.71	73.84	73.99	57.94
Lowest share price	66.59	67.17	57.11	50.60

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S income	Pro september			Pro september
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	58.06	63.24	52.33	50.76
Return before operating charges*	1.34	(2.32)	13.92	4.34
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.42)	(0.39)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges*	1.15	(2.74)	13.53	4.03
Distributions	(1.35)	(2.44)	(2.62)	(2.46)
Closing net asset value per share	57.86	58.06	63.24	52.33
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.98%	-4.33%	25.86%	7.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	61.24	64.69	66.25	54.59
Lowest share price	56.11	57.73	52.01	47.88

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

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		Market value	Percentage of tota
Holding	Investment	£'000	net assets
Bonds (91.75%)		96,812	94.71
Euro Denominated	Bonds (1.06%)	1,964	1.92
Government Bonds		1,964	1.92
land the a Francisco			
less than 5 years to n		000	0.0
1,327,000	Provincia de Buenos 5.375% 2023	986	0.97
between 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
524,000	Senegal(Republic of) 4.75% 2028	444	0.43
between 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
651,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 5.625% 2030	534	0.52
	nominated Bonds (2.12%)	-	
Government Bonds		-	
	nominated Bonds (0.80%)	-	
Government Bonds		-	
	ated Bonds (87.77%)	94,848	92.7
Corporate Bonds (3	.20%)	7,528	7.37
less than 5 years to n	naturity		
515,000	China National Chemical 4.625% 2023	400	0.39
1,250,000	Petroleos Mexicanos FRN 2022	1,022	1.00
between 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
	Central Bank of Tunisia 5.75% 2025	2,128	2.0
	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 2027	2,841	2.78
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between 10 and 15 y	Abu Dhabi National Energy 4.875% 2030	578	0.5
750,000	Abu Dhabi National Energy 4.675% 2050	5/6	0.5
between 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
3,547,000	Petróleos de Venezuela 5.5% 2037	559	0.5
Government Bonds	(84.57%)	87,320	85.42
less than 5 years to n	oaturity.		
•	Argentina (Republic of) 6.875% 2021	1,386	1.3
	Armenia (Republic of) 6.8 2020	201	0.2
	Croatia (Republic of) 5.5% 2023	2,461	2.4
	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 6.125% 2022	2,461	2.4
2,092,000	Laype (was nepublic of) 0.12370 2022	2,213	۷,۱(

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Government Bonds			
1,910,000	Georgia (Republic of) 6.875% 2021	1,544	1.5
1,790,000	Hungary (Republic of) 5.375% 2023	1,467	1.4
2,324,000	Kenya (Republic of) 5.875% 2019	1,796	1.7
1,833,000	Lebanon (Republic of) 6% 2023	1,207	1.1
1,389,000	Mongolia (Government of) 5.625% 2023	1,031	1.0
2,910,000	Morocco (Govt of) 4.25% 2022	2,247	2.2
944,000	Paraguay (Republic of) 4.625% 2023	742	0.7
1,580,000	Qatar (Govt of) 3.875% 2023	1,220	1.1
1,367,000	•	1,065	1.0
1,338,000	Serbia (Republic of) 7.25% 2021	1,123	1.1
2,593,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 8% 2022	2,239	2.1
2,573,000	Vietnam (Socialist Republic of) 6.75% 2020	2,061	2.0
petween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
4,762,000	Argentina (Republic of) 6.875% 2027	2,854	2.7
288,000	Armenia (Republic of) 7.15% 2025	233	0.2
1,381,000	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 4.625% 2028	941	0.9
1,000,000	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 6% 2026	774	0.7
3,018,000	Dominican Republic 5.5% 2025	2,331	2.2
1,600,000	Ecuador (Govt of) 7.95% 2024	1,118	1.0
3,623,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 5.875% 2025	2,625	2.5
1,200,000	Ghana (Republic of) 6.375% 2024	839	0.8
919,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 3.875% 2024	687	0.6
2,209,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 4.125% 2025	1,685	1.6
952,000	lvory Coast 5.375% 2024	687	0.6
2,198,000	Kazakhstan (Republic of) 4.85% 2027	1,665	1.6
2,011,000	Kenya (Republic of) 6.875% 2024	1,516	1.4
2,016,000	Lebanon (Republic of) 6.65% 2024	1,314	1.2
	Mexico (United Mexican States) 3.75% 2028	2,208	2.1
1,029,000	Namibia (Republic of) 5.25% 2025	743	0.7
2,337,000	Panama (Republic of) 3.875% 2028	1,790	1.7
3,153,000	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 4.55% 2026	2,432	2.3
1,200,000	Russian Foreign Bond 4.25% 2027	879	0.8
1,400,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 3.625% 2028	1,033	1.0
401,000	Senegal (Republic of) 6.25% 2024	308	0.3
1,699,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.85% 2025	1,297	1.2
647,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2023	483	0.4
2,319,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2026	1,643	1.6
2,774,700	Venezuela (Republic of) 11.75% 2026	554	0.5

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Government Bonds			
	Vietnam (Socialist Republic of) 4.8% 2024	595	0.5
1,839,000	Zambia (Govt of) 8.97% 2027	1,022	1.0
between 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
	Bahamas (Commonwealth of) 6% 2028	874	0.8
	Ivory Coast 6.125% 2033	1,366	1.3
	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 7.143% 2030	1,501	1.4
	Senegal (Republic of) 6.25% 2033	526	0.5
	South Africa (Republic of) 4.3% 2028	1,697	1.6
	Turkey (Govt of) 6.125% 2028	2,232	2.1
	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.375% 2032	1,788	1.7
between 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	Argentina (Republic of) 8.28% 2033	896	0.8
	Indonesia (Republic of) 5.25% 2042	1,644	1.6
	Peru (Republic of) 8.75% 2033	2,688	2.6
greater than 25 years	to maturity		
	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 5% 2045	735	0.7
2,690,000	Dominican Republic 7.45% 2044	2,217	2.1
	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 8.5% 2047	1,454	1.4
	Ghana (Republic of) 8.627% 2049	984	0.9
	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 7.625% 2047	864	0.8
	Oman (Government of) 6.75% 2048	1,287	1.2
	Qatar (Govt of) 5.103% 2048	1,012	0.9
	Russian Foreign Bond 5.25% 2047	2,336	2.2
	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.625% 2047	1,447	1.4
	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 5% 2049	335	0.3
	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.125% 2045	1,178	1.1
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.00%)	0	0.0
1	Standard Life CNAV Euro Liquidity Fund	0	0.0
73	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	0	0.0
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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Derivatives (0.00%)		1	0.00
Forward Currency C	ontracts (0.00%)	1	0.00
	Buy EUR 1,959,000 Sell USD 2,357,413 26/10/2018	(52)	(0.05)
	Buy INR 2,261,611 Sell USD 32,689 25/10/2018	(1)	0.00
	Buy USD 2,355,560 Sell EUR 1,959,000 26/10/2018	51	0.05
	Buy USD 2,955,947 Sell EUR 2,525,304 26/10/2018	3	0.00
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	96,813	94.71
Net other assets		5,410	5.29
Total Net Assets		102,223	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	value £′000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	96,866
Investment liabilities	(53)
Net investment assets	96,813
Net other assets	5,410
Total Net Assets	102,223

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(590)		242
Revenue	2,758		4,174	
Expenses	(120)		(217)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(10)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,637		3,947	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		2,637		3,947
Total return before distributions		2,047		4,189
Distributions		(2,637)		(3,947)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(590)		242

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		116,371		177,931
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,030		18,077	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(20,030)		(17,917)	
		(16,000)		160
Dilution adjustment		27		66
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		(590)		242
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,415		3,374
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	102,223	_	181,773

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Balance Sheet				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ıst 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		96,866		106,839
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,495		2,477	
Cash and bank balances	4,090		7,284	
_		5,585		9,76
Total assets	_	102,451	_	116,600
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(53)		(65
Creditors	(54)		(42)	
Distribution payable	(121)		(122)	
_		(175)		(164
Total liabilities		(228)		(229
Net assets attributable to shareholders		102,223		116,37

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Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Pence per share Pence penc				Distribution	
Pence per share Pence penc		Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pai
Retail accumulation Group 1		2018	2018	2018	201
Group 1 1.3637 - 1.3637* 1.22 Group 2 0.8528 0.5109 1.3637* 1.22 Institutional accumulation Group 1 1.5724 - 1.5724* 1.43 Group 2 0.9143 0.6581 1.5724* 1.43 Retail income Group 1 1.1134 - 1.1134** Group 2 - <th></th> <th>pence per share</th> <th>pence per share</th> <th>pence per share</th> <th>pence per shar</th>		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
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Distribution Tables

Institutional S accumulation	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
Group 1	1.6177	-	1.6177*	1.4650
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income	1 2454		1 7 45 4++	4 2750
•	1.3454	-	1.3454^^	
Group 1 Group 2	1.3454	-	1.3454**	1.2750

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018 ** Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

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Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Andrew Paisley			
Launch Date	1 November 2007			
Benchmark	Euromoney Smaller Europe excluding UK Index			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest primarily in equities and equity type investments of smaller companies listed on European markets (which might include emerging markets of Europe), excluding the UK, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for the purpose of efficient portfolio management (including hedging)) and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportshareies afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of primarily smaller companies from European equity markets (which might include emerging markets of Europe), excluding the UK. The focused nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of European equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 7.51% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared to the IA Europe (ex UK) sector return of 5.03% (source: Morningstar, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

Nemetschek, the German developer which creates software for architects, engineers and the construction industry, was the standout holding. The company announced an acquisition that increased its exposure to the building management and maintenance segment of the market. This is an area that should see good growth as owners of real estate look to technology for solutions to improve the cost efficiency of operating buildings. We continue to like the structural growth potential of the building information modelling software market. Shares in outsourced customer experience management firm Teleperformance climbed after it announced a significant acquisition. The deal increases the proportion of higher-margin specialist services within the overall group mix. The acquired business has an excellent track record, as well as exposure to quality markets. Additional highlights included Simcorp, Rational and Sixt.

Jungheinrich was relatively weak during the period, with several analysts disappointed by its guidance for 2018. However, we retain the holding given the strong structural growth trends in warehousing as retailers move online. A position in Italian clothing firm OVS weighed on relative Sub-fund returns. The business issued a downbeat trading update, which suggested that the exceptionally poor weather across Europe in January had an adverse impact on trading. For our part, we were concerned by the company's decision to cancel the dividend despite a solid balancesheet and so we closed our position. Holdings in Wessanen, Takkt and Banca Generali also disappointed.

Investment Activity

Turning to activity, we bought French-quoted perfumer Interparfums. We believe that market participants are underestimating the company's growth potential over the next couple of years following accelerated investment in several key brands. Interparfums also has a very strong balance-sheet, giving it the potential to launch significant new brand acquisitions. We also purchased shares in UK construction and regeneration group Morgan Sindall following its positive AGM trading update. Its fullyear results and profit growth, particularly from its core construction activities, are likely to be ahead of forecasts. The company's project pipeline is also encouraging.

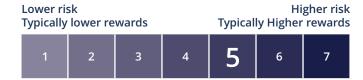
We reduced the holding in two automotive suppliers: Norma and Komax, given heightened concerns about the impact a global trade war would have on the automotive sector. We sold our remaining shares in debt collection group Intrum Justitia. A change in management has resulted in the implementation of a new business strategy, with a greater focus on merger & acquisition activity – an approach with which we are not particularly comfortable.

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation	F F			
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	291.08	244.11	196.36	186.75++
Return before operating charges*	23.75	50.84	50.84	10.65
Operating charges**	(2.07)	(3.87)	(3.09)	(1.04)
Return after operating charges*	21.68	46.97	47.75	9.61
Distributions	(2.74)	(2.80)	(2.39)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.74	2.80	2.39	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	312.76	291.08	244.11	196.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.16	0.17	(0.01)
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.45%	19.24%	24.32%	5.15%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,022	6,511	5,791	4,860
Closing number of shares	2,245,143	2,236,689	2,372,248	2,474,999
Operating charges****	1.38%	1.38%	1.37%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	-0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	317.5	304.5	250.6	203.6
Lowest share price	279.1	247.1	195.4	181.3

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

⁺⁺ From the launch of the Share class on 23 October 2015.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation	posterior por establish	parasa parasasa	P	
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	79.53	66.38	53.14	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	6.50	13.85	13.79	3.29
Operating charges**	(0.37)	(0.70)	(0.55)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges*	6.13	13.15	13.24	3.14
Distributions	(0.94)	(0.94)	(0.80)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.94	0.94	0.80	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	85.66	79.53	66.38	53.14
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.71%	19.81%	24.92%	6.28%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,990	17,005	11,197	13,289
Closing number of shares	21,001,393	21,382,004	16,866,638	25,008,088
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	-0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	86.94	83.16	68.03	55.04
Lowest share price	76.28	67.23	52.90	49.04

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	80.98	67.09	53.30	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	6.64	14.02	13.88	3.32
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	6.57	13.89	13.79	3.30
Distributions	(1.27)	(1.31)	(1.05)	(0.04)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.27	1.31	1.05	0.04
Closing net asset value per share	87.55	80.98	67.09	53.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	8.11%	20.70%	25.87%	6.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	875	752	389	1
Closing number of shares	999,932	929,088	579,447	2,200
Operating charges****	0.16%	0.16%	0.15%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	-0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.85	84.62	68.55	55.14
Lowest share price	77.73	68.01	53.07	49.17

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	312.25	260.77	208.84	198.16++
Return before operating charges*	25.51	54.37	54.21	11.31
Operating charges**	(1.54)	(2.89)	(2.28)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	23.97	51.48	51.93	10.68
Distributions	(3.62)	(3.60)	(3.08)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	3.62	3.60	3.08	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	336.22	312.25	260.77	208.84
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.09	0.17	0.19	(0.01)
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.68%	19.74%	24.87%	5.39%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40,320	37,775	28,419	16,937
Closing number of shares	11,992,031	12,097,728	10,898,444	8,110,113
Operating charges****	0.96%	0.96%	0.95%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	-0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	341.3	326.5	267.3	216.3
Lowest share price	299.5	264.1	207.9	192.7

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
European Equities (95.96%)	63,258	95.5
Austria (1.46%)		-	
Denmark (1.48%)		2,073	3.1
28,440	SimCorp	2,073	3.1
Finland (3.67%)		3,037	4.5
67,624	Kesko	3,037	4.5
France (16.08%)		13,346	20.1
10.621	Eurazeo	622	0.9
65,802	Interparfums	2,344	3.5
25,467		804	1.2
20,745		975	1.4
28,252		2,945	4.4
53,005	Plastic Omnium	1,619	2.4
27,401	Teleperformance	4,037	6.1
Germany (29.84%)		20,023	30.2
3,069	Cewe Stiftung & Co	217	0.3
13,265		454	0.6
17,639	Grenke	1,634	2.4
45,250	Jungheinrich	1,254	1.8
36,204	Nemetschek	4,557	6.8
34,119	NORMA	1,742	2.6
30,289	OHB	977	1.4
95,906	Patrizia Immobilien	1,539	2.3
3,114	Rational	1,911	2.8
18,257		1,806	2.7
58,561		786	1.1
	VIB Vermoegen	1,309	1.9
6,392	Xing	1,837	2.7
Ireland (5.84%)		3,802	5.7
1,959,741	Hibernia REIT	2,639	3.9
121,281	Irish Continental	592	0.8
114,808	Origin Enterprises	571	0.8

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Italy (16.27%)		8,592	12.9
	Diasorin	1,132	1.7
	DoBank	418	0.63
63,147		1,039	1.5
	FinecoBank	2,508	3.7
15,800		991	1.5
	Interpump	1,535	2.3
45,120	MARR	969	1.4
Luxembourg (2.92%		1,383	2.0
20,572	Stabilus	1,383	2.0
Netherlands (3.98%		2,383	3.6
46 755	Corbion	1,128	1.7
	Wessanen	1,255	1.9
Norway (1.07%)		707	1.0
96,396	Borregaard	707	1.0
Spain (1.06%)		1,259	1.9
22 129	CIE Automotive	524	0.7
62,623		735	1.1
Sweden (6.14%)		2,732	4.1
104,801	Bulten	943	1.4
	Troax	1,789	2.7
Switzerland (6.15%)		3,921	5.9
7,984		814	1.2
19,758	Implenia	968	1.4
8,274	Komax	2,139	3.2

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (3.79%)		2,872	4.34
567,169	Standard Life CNAV Euro Liquidity Fund	508	0.77
2,364,670	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	2,364	3.57
Total investment as	sets	66,130	99.88
Net other assets		77	0.12
Total Net Assets		66,207	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augus	st 2018	31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		4,069		8,238
Revenue	1,116		993	
Expenses	(304)		(259)	
Net revenue before taxation	812		734	
Taxation	(88)		(91)	
Net revenue after taxation		724		643
Total return before distributions		4,793		8,881
Distributions		(724)		(642)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,069		8,239

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augu	st 2018	31 Augu	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		62,043		45,796
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	3,732		6,721	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,341)		(2,277)	
		(609)		4,444
Dilution adjustment		(2)		19
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		4,069		8,239
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		706		681
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		66,207		59,179

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

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Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation	Distribution paid	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	2.7424	-	2.7424*	2.7983
Group 2	1.8583	0.8841	2.7424*	2.7983
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.9416	-	0.9416*	0.9366
Group 2	0.3181	0.6235	0.9416*	0.9366
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	1.2734	-	1.2734*	1.2263
Group 2	0.6425	0.6309	1.2734*	1.2263
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	3.6180	-	3.6180*	3.6015
Group 2	1.4676	2.1504	3.6180*	3.6015

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

Interim Dividend Distribution 100.00% 0.00%

Treat as a UK corporate dividend Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

European Equity Growth Fund

Investment Report

Fund Informat	ion
Fund Manager	Jonathan Fearon
Launch Date	16 November 1998
Benchmark	IA Europe Excluding UK Sector

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on the main European markets or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a significant part of their operations in Europe (including the UK). Up to 10% of the Sub-fund may be invested in smaller emerging European markets, as included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index from time-to-time. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors a focused investment approach, with an emphasis on stock selection whilst affording proper diversification of mainly European Equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 5.64%, compared to the IA Europe (ex UK) sector return of 5.46% (source: Morningstar, basic-rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

Strong performance came from our overweight position in Ambu, the Danish healthcare equipment maker. There is growing confidence in the potential for its single-use endoscopy product, particularly after the US Food and Drug Administration warned of the risk of cross-contamination from multi-use scopes. On the back of this support, the company increased earnings guidance. The German payment services provider Wirecard continued to outperform. It was boosted by strong growth in electronic payments and by its increased presence in the sector. Other highlights were Kering (owner of luxury brands), NSR Nederland (Dutch insurer), and a new holding Teleperformance (French telemarketer).

On the downside, Danske Bank disappointed as it is embroiled in a money laundering investigation at its Baltic operations in Estonia. This risks tarnishing its reputation and the progress it has made in its core Danish business. Another drag on performance came from Signify, the Dutch lighting company. It suffered from a combination of challenging industry trends and poor execution of strategy by management in its consumer business. Others stocks that did not perform well included Banco Santander, Ryanair and AP Moeller-Maersk.

Investment Activity

Activity during the quarter included buying French industrial stock Schneider Electric. It looks set to benefit from global growth in industrial automation and a structural change to the auto market as governments seek to implement policies that favour electric vehicles. We also bought IT group Amadeus, as we think its recent acquisition of TravelClick should accelerate the opportunity in its hotel IT business. We also purchased Deutsche Post, Teleperformance and Tryg.

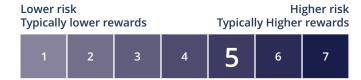
We exited our holding in Scandinavian financial services Nordea. This was because the prolonged revenue pressure weighing down on the company were more severe than we had previously thought. We believe there are better opportunities elsewhere. The position in Danish jewellery maker Pandora was closed. The company has experienced a slowdown in the crucial Chinese market. Other top sales during the period included Zurich Insurance Group, Assa Abloy and Michelin.

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Investment Report

(Continued)

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
etail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	200.91	177.36	141.84	148.35
Return before operating charges*	7.42	26.24	37.73	(4.08
Operating charges**	(1.39)	(2.69)	(2.21)	(2.43
Return after operating charges*	6.03	23.55	35.52	(6.51
Distributions	0.00	(3.33)	(2.98)	(1.22
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	3.33	2.98	1.22
Closing net asset value per share	206.94	200.91	177.36	141.84
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.09	0.27	0.21	0.16
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.00%	13.28%	25.04%	-4.39%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	41,944	40,637	37,016	32,48
Closing number of shares	20,268,413	20,227,024	20,870,914	22,898,934
Operating charges****	1.36%	1.36%	1.38%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.13%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	212.4	209.1	180.2	159.
Lowest share price	190.0	178.7	140.9	131.7

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

European Equity Growth Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	234.37	205.93	163.89	170.11
Return before operating charges*	8.67	30.49	43.72	(4.69)
Operating charges**	(1.06)	(2.05)	(1.68)	(1.53)
Return after operating charges*	7.61	28.44	42.04	(6.22)
Distributions	0.00	(4.95)	(4.36)	(2.66)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	4.95	4.36	2.66
Closing net asset value per share	241.98	234.37	205.93	163.89
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.32	0.24	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.25%	13.81%	25.65%	-3.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	49,939	60,307	49,460	63,173
Closing number of shares	20,637,641	25,731,533	24,018,034	38,546,640
Operating charges****	0.89%	0.89%	0.91%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.13%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	248.3	243.4	209.2	182.5
Lowest share price	221.7	207.7	163.0	152.2

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Comparative Tables

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
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Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	68.14	61.17	49.76	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	2.52	9.05	13.23	0.59
Operating charges**	(0.47)	(0.93)	(0.77)	(0.83)
Return after operating charges*	2.05	8.12	12.46	(0.24)
Distributions	0.00	(1.15)	(1.05)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	70.19	68.14	61.17	49.76
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.09	0.07	0.06
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.01%	13.27%	25.04%	-0.48%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	788	1,568	1,485	1,253
Closing number of shares	1,122,942	2,300,629	2,427,006	2,517,734
Operating charges****	1.36%	1.36%	1.38%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.12%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	72.04	72.08	63.22	52.77
Lowest share price	64.44	61.63	49.42	46.21

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 4 September 2015.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income^	p	P P	P P	P P
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	107.26	96.23	78.16	82.48
Return before operating charges*	2.77	14.31	20.97	(2.26)
Operating charges**	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	2.74	14.25	20.90	(2.32)
Distributions	0.00	(3.22)	(2.83)	(2.00)
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(110.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	107.26	96.23	78.16
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.15	0.12	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.56%	14.81%	26.74%	-2.81%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2	2	2
Closing number of shares	-	2,156	2,156	2,156
Operating charges****	0.06%	0.06%	0.08%	0.07%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.14%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	112.0	114.6	100.5	88.58
Lowest share price	101.5	97.16	77.90	74.40

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[^] Shareclass closed on 14 June 2018.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	171.34	149.42	118.02	121.59
Return before operating charges*	6.35	22.15	31.61	(3.39)
Operating charges**	(0.12)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.18)
Return after operating charges*	6.23	21.92	31.40	(3.57)
Distributions	0.00	(4.86)	(4.15)	(2.81)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	4.86	4.15	2.81
Closing net asset value per share	177.57	171.34	149.42	118.02
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.23	0.18	0.13
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.64%	14.67%	26.61%	-2.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,185	1,250	845	515
Closing number of shares	667,283	729,425	565,287	436,533
Operating charges****	0.14%	0.14%	0.16%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.13%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	182.2	177.8	151.6	130.6
Lowest share price	162.2	150.8	117.6	109.5

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	104.98	92.29	73.48	76.32
Return before operating charges*	3.89	13.66	19.61	(2.12)
Operating charges**	(0.50)	(0.97)	(0.80)	(0.72)
Return after operating charges*	3.39	12.69	18.81	(2.84)
Distributions	0.00	(2.17)	(1.91)	(1.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.17	1.91	1.15
Closing net asset value per share	108.37	104.98	92.29	73.48
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.14	0.11	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.23%	13.75%	25.60%	-3.72%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,149	10,144	8,604	7,723
Closing number of shares	9,365,290	9,662,134	9,322,855	10,510,109
Operating charges****	0.94%	0.94%	0.96%	0.95%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.14%	0.13%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	111.2	109.1	93.74	81.89
Lowest share price	99.31	93.05	73.07	68.23

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
European Equities (98.96%)	102,576	98.6
Austria (1.27%)		1,460	1.4
40,700	BAWAG Group	1,460	1.4
3elgium (2.39%)		2,041	1.9
47,474	Umicore	2,041	1.9
Denmark (7.04%)		7,141	6.8
56,354	Ambu	1,633	1.5
	Danske Bank	1,958	1.8
	Novo Nordisk	2,353	2.2
63,348		1,197	1.1
France (18.75%)		20,927	20.1
24,648	Airbus	2,345	2.2
38,342	Amundi	2,127	2.0
99,643	AXA	1,930	1.8
15,273	Essilor	1,692	1.6
6,077	Kering	2,546	2.4
120,501	Orange	1,504	1.4
15,790	ORPEA	1,646	1.5
27,768	Renault	1,844	1.7
30,583	Schneider Electric	1,923	1.8
10,602	Teleperformance	1,562	1.5
37,480	TOTAL	1,808	1.7
Germany (21.25%)		24,720	23.7
32,906	BASF	2,343	2.2
	Bayer	2,807	2.7
	Covestro	1,754	1.6
	Deutsche Post	2,039	1.9
201,383		1,648	1.5
	Fresenius	2,147	2.0
	Infineon Technology	1,278	1.2
17,875		1,444	1.3
	Scout24	1,133	1.0

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Portfolio Statement

		Market value	Percentag of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net asset
Germany (continue			
25 (27	Ciamana	2505	2.4
	Siemens Siltronic	2,565 403	0.3
		1,411	1.3
109,887	ThyssenKrupp	1,559	1.5
	Wirecard	2,189	2.1
12,771	Wilecard	2,109	۷. ۱
Ireland (6.64%)		6,952	6.6
75,064	CDLI	1,917	1.8
	Glanbia	1,212	1.0
19,160		1,679	1.6
	Paddy Power Betfair	1,209	1.0
	Ryanair		0.9
/3,86/	Ryanair	935	0.9
Italy (3.99%)		4,155	4.0
493,559	Enel	1,881	1.8
	Mediobanca	951	0.9
	Prysmian	1,323	1.2
Netherlands (8.18%		8,391	8.0
20,749	Akzo Nobel	1,495	1.4
16,735		2,631	2.5
53,260	ASR Nederland	1,957	1.8
28,266	Randstad	1,365	1.3
43,460	Signify	943	0.9
Portugal (1.43%)		1,417	1.3
90,944	Galp Energia	1,417	1.3
Spain (7.09%)		8,386	8.0
Spain (7.0370)		0,500	0.0
	Amadeus	1,407	1.3
662,020	Banco Santander	2,540	2.4
142,154	Bankinter	975	0.9
	Grupo ACS	1,444	1.3
86 609	Inditex	2,020	1.9

European Equity Growth Fund

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Sweden (7.75%)		3,969	3.82
72,285	Essity	1,446	1.39
	Swedbank	2,523	2.43
Switzerland (13.18%)		13,017	12.52
186,344	Credit Suisse	2,151	2.07
54,459	Nestle	3,525	3.39
2,705	Partners	1,637	1.58
13,909	Roche	2,664	2.56
208,569	UBS	2,510	2.41
2,259	Zurich	530	0.51
Collective Investment Schemes (1.44%)		1,118	1.07
1,118,015	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	1,118	1.07
Total investment assets		103,694	99.70
Net other assets		311	0.30
Total Net Assets		104,005	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augus	st 2018	31 Augu	ust 2017
	£'000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		1,392		13,289
Revenue	2,676		2,649	
Expenses	(574)		(581)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,102		2,067	
Taxation	(268)		251	
Net revenue after taxation		1,834		2,318
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		3,226		15,607

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018 31 Au		31 Augu	st 2017
	£′000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		113,908		97,412
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,307		6,607	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(15,475)		(3,008)	
		(13,168)		3,599
Dilution adjustment		39		9
Stamp duty reserve tax		0		(6)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		3,226		15,607
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	104,005	_	116,621

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

European Equity Growth Fund

Financial Statements

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	Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	104,005	_	113,90

European Equity Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Informat	Fund Information			
Fund Manager	Will James			
Launch Date	3 April 2009			
Benchmark	IA Europe (ex UK) Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income with some capital appreciation over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in high yielding equities and equity type investments of European Companies or companies which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in Europe. A significant proportion of the Sub-fund may also be invested in fixed interest securities. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. "European companies" will include companies incorporated in Europe or companies listed on a European stock exchange which may not be incorporated in Europe or have the majority of their economic activity in Europe.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, moneymarket instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the opportunity to achieve a high level of income with some capital appreciation over the longer term afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly European equities. The investor must be able to accept significant emporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 2.29%, compared to the IA Europe (ex UK) sector return of 3.59% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

Swedish Match was one of the successes for the Sub-fund over the period. It was rewarded for its organic growth potential, driven by the success of Zyn, its tobacco-free nicotine-pouch product. Ambu, the Danish healthcare equipment maker, produced sales growth that led the company to increase its earnings guidance. There is increasing confidence in the potential for its aScope, a single-use endoscopy product. ASR Nederland, the Dutch-listed insurer, was another bright spot. It announced better-than-expected results, primarily driven by improved investment margins in its life insurance business.

On the downside, Danske Bank disappointed. It is embroiled in a money laundering investigation into part of its Baltic operations, which risks tarnishing the progress it has made in its core Danish business. A position in UK-listed gambling firm Paddy Power Betfair was a major drag on performance. Despite positive developments in the US, the market instead focused on the impact of regulatory change and a one-off tax charge. In our view, these were well known but the market is skittish and downgrades are not taken kindly. Nonetheless, we retain the holding. The Sub-fund's exposure to Italy also weighed on performance, with the market particularly concerned about the banking industry. Uncertainty persists about the health of the sector, which includes our holding Mediobanca. We believe the reaction was overly aggressive as the fundamentals are reasonably supportive. We are monitoring the situation closely.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in Italian financial services firm Fineco Bank. Its revenue and profit forecasts look too low given various internal initiatives, including improvements to network efficiency and the launch of Fineco Asset management. The valuation reflects its current attractive position, but arguably not the quality and sustainability of growth. In addition, its strong market position and capital efficiency support an attractive dividend yield and dividend growth trajectory. We added to Wartsila when its share price dropped. The Finnish manufacturer of equipment for the energy and marine markets disappointed with its latest results. However, we see demand for its marine products improving. Elsewhere, we started a new holding in paints and coatings company AkzoNobel. We believe its margin targets are underappreciated by the market, while its revenue growth is extremely conservative. There is also the potential for cash to be returned to investors following the disposal of its speciality chemicals business.

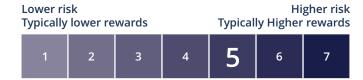
We sold French construction group Vinci, where we have limited non-consensus insight. Its dividend yield is also less attractive since the stock re-rated. We continued to reduce our holding in Danske Bank due to the aforementioned money laundering investigation. We also sold a holding in Nordea Bank. While it offers an extremely attractive dividend yield, poor revenue generation continues to drag on its earnings estimates. There are better opportunities elsewhere.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Retail accumulation	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share	122.72	118.42	96.88	98.88
Opening net asset value per share	132.73			
Return before operating charges*	2.81	16.04	22.99	(0.42)
Operating charges**	(0.89)	(1.73)	(1.45)	(1.58)
Return after operating charges*	1.92	14.31	21.54	(2.00)
Distributions	(2.64)	(3.12)	(3.06)	(2.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	2.64	3.12	3.06	2.08
Closing net asset value per share	134.65	132.73	118.42	96.88
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.23	0.21	0.15
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.45%	12.08%	22.23%	-2.02%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,498	11,322	12,272	12,658
Closing number of shares	7,796,641	8,530,134	10,363,333	13,065,708
Operating charges****	1.33%	1.33%	1.32%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.15%
Direct it disaction costs				
Prices				
	137.9	137.4	120.8	106.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	140.38	124.68	101.49	102.82
Return before operating charges*	2.97	16.89	24.17	(0.46)
Operating charges**	(0.61)	(1.19)	(0.98)	(0.87)
Return after operating charges*	2.36	15.70	23.19	(1.33)
Distributions	(3.12)	(3.92)	(3.78)	(2.83)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	3.12	3.92	3.78	2.83
Closing net asset value per share	142.74	140.38	124.68	101.49
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.24	0.22	0.16
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.68%	12.59%	22.85%	-1.29%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	311,192	360,986	235,219	222,818
Closing number of shares	218,009,781	257,153,773	188,662,761	219,536,428
Operating charges****	0.86%	0.86%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	146.2	145.3	127.2	110.8
Lowest share price	132.6	125.7	101.5	95.28

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European Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income	1			
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	92.19	85.36	72.90	77.10
Return before operating charges*	1.89	11.48	16.88	(0.26)
Operating charges**	(0.61)	(1.22)	(1.06)	(1.20)
Return after operating charges*	1.28	10.26	15.82	(1.46)
Distributions	(2.43)	(3.43)	(3.36)	(2.74)
Closing net asset value per share	91.04	92.19	85.36	72.90
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.16	0.16	0.12
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.39%	12.02%	21.70%	-1.89%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,228	2,674	3,598	4,347
Closing number of shares	2,446,972	2,900,990	4,215,305	5,962,312
Operating charges****	1.33%	1.33%	1.32%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.20%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	94.90	96.12	87.44	82.97
Lowest share price	87.05	86.01	70.98	68.78

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
nstitutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	97.85	90.18	76.64	80.44
Return before operating charges*	2.02	12.14	17.80	(0.29
Operating charges**	(0.42)	(0.84)	(0.72)	(0.67
Return after operating charges*	1.60	11.30	17.08	(0.96
Distributions	(2.58)	(3.63)	(3.54)	(2.84
Closing net asset value per share	96.87	97.85	90.18	76.64
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.17	0.16	0.12
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.64%	12.53%	22.29%	-1.199
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	557,923	597,881	503,374	574,099
Closing number of shares	575,952,540	610,995,938	558,175,031	749,124,351
Operating charges****	0.86%	0.86%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.159
Prices				
Highest share price	100.8	101.9	92.33	86.6
Lowest share price	92.43	90.92	74.75	72.29

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
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Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	105.32	96.29	80.46	83.76
Return before operating charges*	2.17	12.93	18.65	(0.38)
Operating charges**	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	2.15	12.90	18.63	(0.39)
Distributions	(2.77)	(3.87)	(2.80)	(2.91)
Closing net asset value per share	104.70	105.32	96.29	80.46
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.18	0.16	0.13
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.04%	13.40%	23.15%	-0.47%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,832	12,908	4	3
Closing number of shares	12,255,981	12,255,981	4,000	4,000
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.18%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	108.7	109.4	98.44	90.34
Lowest share price	99.57	97.20	55.52	75.85

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	149.22	131.56	106.12	106.78
Return before operating charges*	3.18	17.81	25.56	(0.55)
Operating charges**	(0.08)	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	3.10	17.66	25.44	(0.66)
Distributions	(3.90)	(5.23)	(4.97)	(3.65)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	3.90	5.23	4.97	3.65
Closing net asset value per share	152.32	149.22	131.56	106.12
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.07	0.25	0.21	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.08%	13.42%	23.97%	-0.62%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,488	21,820	22,157	1,385,435
Closing number of shares	977,047	14,622,355	16,842,286	1,305,474,768
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.17%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	156.0	154.3	134.0	115.2
Lowest share price	141.1	132.8	106.1	99.66

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	104.72	93.05	75.78	76.81
Return before operating charges*	2.21	12.61	18.04	(0.34)
Operating charges**	(0.48)	(0.94)	(0.77)	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	1.73	11.67	17.27	(1.03)
Distributions	(2.30)	(2.87)	(2.78)	(2.07)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.30	2.87	2.78	2.07
Closing net asset value per share	106.45	104.72	93.05	75.78
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.18	0.17	0.12
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.65%	12.54%	22.79%	-1.34%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	57,944	85,026	66,618	77,061
Closing number of shares	54,433,539	81,197,406	71,595,346	101,685,261
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.20%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	109.0	108.4	94.90	82.74
Lowest share price	98.92	93.80	75.78	71.14

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.54	77.95	66.28	69.61
Return before operating charges*	1.72	10.48	15.39	(0.26
Operating charges**	(0.38)	(0.76)	(0.66)	(0.61
Return after operating charges*	1.34	9.72	14.73	(0.87
Distributions	(2.23)	(3.13)	(3.06)	(2.46
Closing net asset value per share	83.65	84.54	77.95	66.28
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.15	0.14	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.59%	12.47%	22.22%	-1.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	51,086	66,948	67,972	63,329
Closing number of shares	61,069,650	79,189,716	87,195,532	95,552,791
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.15%
Prices				
Highest share price	87.09	88.02	79.81	74.99
Lowest share price	79.84	78.59	64.63	62.52

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	77.49	68.22	55.44	56.07
Return before operating charges*	1.17	9.84	13.24	(0.22)
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.57)	(0.46)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges*	0.88	9.27	12.78	(0.63)
Distributions	(1.91)	(5.81)	(2.17)	(1.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.91	5.81	2.17	1.62
Closing net asset value per share	78.37	77.49	68.22	55.44
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.13	0.12	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.14%	13.32%	23.05%	-1.12%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	2	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.74%	0.74%	0.73%	0.73%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	80.39	79.59	69.59	60.43
Lowest share price	72.74	68.79	55.42	52.04

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A income^	parrat par arms	position positions	P	P
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	62.85	60.16	51.03	53.51++
Return before operating charges*	1.47	6.06	11.91	(0.20)
Operating charges**	(0.50)	(1.01)	(0.41)	(0.38)
Return after operating charges*	0.97	5.05	11.50	(0.58)
Distributions	(1.40)	(2.36)	(2.37)	(1.90)
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(62.42)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	62.85	60.16	51.03
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.11	0.11	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.54%	8.39%	22.54%	-1.08%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.61%	1.61%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.19%	0.15%
Prices				
Highest share price	64.66	65.60	61.58	57.68
Lowest share price	59.33	58.81	49.81	48.14

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[^] Shareclass closed on 14 June 2018.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	65.45	58.37	49.94	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	1.14	10.11	11.61	0.12
Operating charges**	(0.24)	(0.49)	(0.88)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	0.90	9.62	10.73	0.05
Distributions	(1.72)	(2.54)	(2.30)	(0.11)
Closing net asset value per share	64.63	65.45	58.37	49.94
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.12	0.11	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.38%	16.46%	21.49%	0.10%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.74%	0.74%	0.73%	0.73%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.17%	0.20%	0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	67.35	68.05	59.79	51.45
Lowest share price	61.72	60.68	48.59	47.01

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
Bonds (2.08%)		9,844	0.98
Euro Denominated		9,844	0.9
Corporate Bonds (2.	08%)	9,844	0.9
ess than 5 years to m			
11,600,000	Bayer 5.625% Convertible 2019	9,844	0.9
European Equities (97.41%)	991,575	98.6
Austria (1.21%)		14,846	1.4
414,000	BAWAG Group	14,846	1.4
Belgium (4.34%)		38,627	3.8
168.117	Anheuser-Busch InBev	12,136	1.2
616,142		26,491	2.6
Denmark (11.95%)		114,466	11.3
474,155	Amhu	13,744	1.3
	Coloplast	22,276	2.2
	Danske Bank	10,775	1.0
	Novo Nordisk	28,517	2.8
	Scandinavian Tobacco Group	19,677	1.9
1,031,188		19,477	1.9
Finland (7.39%)		93,953	9.3
536,838	Kesko	24,105	2.4
370,469		15,434	1.5
4,119,906		17,688	1.7
	Nokian Renkaat	8,428	0.8
	Sampo	13,875	1.3
886,960	Wartsila	14,423	1.4
France (12.11%)		99,654	9.9
193,686	Airbus	18,424	1.8
	Amundi	9,804	0.9
623,688		12,082	1.2
	LVMH	15,614	1.5

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
France (continued)			
1,187,459	Orange	14,823	1.4
599,439		28,907	2.88
Germany (13.00%)		119,635	11.9
92,054	Adidas	17,692	1.70
	Covestro	9,663	0.9
	Deutsche Post	20,749	2.0
2,386,897		19,527	1.9
150,079		15,017	1.4
131,920		14,685	1.4
1,571,842		22,302	2.2
reland (4.27%)		36,511	3.6
544,388	CRH	13,903	1.3
	Paddy Power Betfair	22,608	2.2
taly (7.60%)		67,609	6.7
4,677,988	Enel	17,831	1.7
	FinecoBank	15,711	1.5
	Intesa Sanpaolo	3,943	0.3
479,222		10,296	1.0
	Mediobanca	19,828	1.9
Netherlands (6.41%		84,134	8.3
211.033	Akzo Nobel	15,207	1.5
182,332		28,668	2.8
	ASR Nederland	21,720	2.1
	CNH Industrial	18,539	1.8
Norway (1.88%)		32,205	3.2
911,877	DNB Bank	14,329	1.4
1,228,989		17,876	1.7

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Spain (7.27%)		78,003	7.76
102.062	Amadeus	7,302	0.73
	Banco Santander	13,365	1.33
	Bankinter	19,693	1.96
562,870		13,126	1.30
1,653,402		24,517	2.44
Sweden (12.71%)		140,199	13.95
620,777	Atlas Copco	13,636	1.36
925,793	·	7,391	0.74
517,715	· ·	10,359	1.03
	Svenska Cellulosa	11,787	1.17
	Swedbank	22,217	2.21
	Swedish Match	25,305	2.52
1,061,115		10,097	1.00
	Thule Group	15,174	1.51
1,825,935	·	24,233	2.41
Switzerland (7.27%)		71,733	7.14
153,753	Nestle	9,952	0.99
51,456	Partners	31,132	3.10
130,551	Zurich	30,649	3.05
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.07%)	2,523	0.25
2,191,803	Standard Life EUR CNAV Liquidity Fund	1,962	0.19
560,969	Standard Life GBP CNAV Liquidity Fund	561	0.06
Total investment as	sets	1,003,942	99.88
Net other assets		1,252	0.12
Total Net Assets		1,005,194	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(9,486)		107,093
Revenue	30,931		30,063	
Expenses	(4,545)		(4,589)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(16)		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	26,370		25,470	
Taxation	(1,833)		159	
Net revenue after taxation		24,537		25,629
Total return before distributions		15,051	_	132,722
Distributions		(27,218)		(28,322)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(12,167)		104,400

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aug	gust 2018	31 Aug	gust 2017
	£′000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,159,569		911,218
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	11,966		201,273	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(163,587)		(45,402)	
		(151,621)		155,871
Dilution adjustment		195		177
Stamp duty reserve tax		0		(4)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(12,167)		104,400
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		9,218		10,797
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,005,194	_	1,182,459

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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as at 21 August 2019				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	gust 2018	28 Feb	ruary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		1,003,942		1,154,41
Current assets:				
Debtors	6,581		16,461	
Cash and bank balances	431		2	
_		7,012		16,463
Total assets	_	1,010,954	_	1,170,87
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(3,192)		(8,078)	
Distribution payable	(2,568)		(3,227)	
_		(5,760)		(11,30
Total liabilities	_	(5,760)	_	(11,305
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,005,194	_	1,159,569

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Distribution Tables

for the	three	months	ended	31	May	2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

	Net Income		Distribution paid	
	2018	2018	2018	2017
Retail accumulation	pence per snare	pence per snare	pence per share	pence per snare
Group 1	2.5320		2.5320*	2.7165
Group 2	1.8729	0.6591	2.5320*	2.7165
Group 2	1.8729	0.0591	2.5320*	2./105
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	2.8417	-	2.8417*	3.0166
Group 2	1.4656	1.3761	2.8417*	3.0166
Retail income				
Group 1	2.0539	-	2.0539**	2.2517
Group 2	1.4724	0.5815	2.0539**	2.2517
Institutional income				
Group 1	2.1812	-	2.1812**	2.3802
Group 2	1.3851	0.7961	2.1812**	2.3802
Standard Life income				
Group 1	2.3461	-	2.3461**	2.5482
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	3.3032	-	3.3032*	3.4475
Group 2	2.3180	0.9852	3.3032*	3.4475
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	2.1066	-	2.1066*	2.2389
Group 2	1.4322	0.6744	2.1066*	2.2389
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.8842	-	1.8842**	2.0573
Group 2	1.0338	0.8504	1.8842**	2.0573

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Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	2017
Institutional S accumulation	1.6463		1.6463*	1.6762
Group 1 Group 2	1.0403	-	1.0403" -	-
Institutional A income	4 0000		4.000011	4.5.440
Group 1 Group 2	1.3990	-	1.3990**	1.5443 -
Institutional S income				
Group 1 Group 2	1.4600	- -	1.4600**	1.5934 -

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

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Distribution Tables

(Continued)

for the three months ended 3	31 August 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.1124	-	0.1124*	0.141
Group 2	-	0.1124	0.1124*	0.141
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.2744	-	0.2744*	0.314
Group 2	-	0.2744	0.2744*	0.314
Retail income				
Group 1	0.3745	-	0.3745**	0.402
Group 2	0.0719	0.3026	0.3745**	0.402
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.3990	-	0.3990**	0.426
Group 2	0.0941	0.3049	0.3990**	0.426
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4271	-	0.4271**	0.445
Group 2	-	-	-	0.445
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.5930	-	0.5930*	0.594
Group 2	0.1496	0.4434	0.5930*	0.594
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.1939	-	0.1939*	0.220
Group 2	-	0.1939	0.1939*	0.220
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.3420	-	0.3420**	0.367
Group 2	0.0786	0.2634	0.3420**	0.367
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.2659	-	0.2659*	0.198
Group 2	_	_	_	

European Equity Income Fund

Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

Distribution Tables

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			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional A income^				
Group 1	-	-	0.0000**	0.2719
Group 2	-	-	0.0000**	-
In editoral and Cinears				
Institutional S income	0.2626		0.2626++	0.3704
Group 1	0.2636	-	0.2636**	0.2781
Group 2	_	_	_	_
* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018 ** Distribution payable on 31 October 2018				
^ Shareclass closed on 14 June 2018				
Treatment by Corporate Shareholders				
Corporate shareholders should account for the cur	rent year's dividends	shown in the distrib	oution table as follov	vs:
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			Dividen	d Dividend
			Distribution	n Distribution
Treat as a UK corporate dividend			100.009	% 100.00%

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Investment Report

Fund Information					
Fund Manager	Multi Asset Investing Team				
Launch Date	Date 26 September 1990				
Benchmark	IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector				

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in global equities, equity type investments and fixed interest securities. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, moneymarket instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly UK and global equities, together with strategic holdings in fixed interest securities. The diversified nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors wishing to achieve a broad spread of equity and fixed interest exposure, and who do not desire a high degree of stock specific risk.

The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity, bond and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 4.72% compared with the benchmark return of 4.08% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, retail accumulation share class).

In the UK equity portfolio, strong results and news of a joint venture with MGM in the US helped boost shares in sports betting and gaming group GVC Holdings, while pharmaceuticals company Shire rose after receiving a bid from Japan's Takeda. Our off-benchmark position in Fevertree Drinks was rewarded, as the company again beat analysts' forecasts and announced improvements to its US distribution arrangements. Performance detractors included online gaming firm 888 Holdings which gave up previous gains on worries about the impact of higher UK Remote Gaming Duty. Spire

Healthcare tumbled after cost over-runs prompted a profits warning, while our zero-weighting in GlaxoSmithKline was penalised after the company's shares moved higher.

In the US, strong pricing and demand for high-margin coal allowed rail transport firm CSX Corp to improve profitability. Our off-index position in financial services company First Data was rewarded by the company's continued steady execution and upbeat guidance. Similarly, better-than-expected results and well-received acquisition news lifted shares in Boston Scientific Group. Among the negatives was our off-index holding of auto-parts manufacturer Lear. The firm missed consensus earnings forecasts for the first time in 17 quarters, with uncertainty over trade wars cited as one of the headwinds. An unfavourable regional sales mix and rising input costs led to disappointing results from materials manufacturer Owens Corning. Elsewhere, capacity constraints and cost pressures contributed to weak results from global flooring leader Mohawk.

In the European equity portfolio, shares in healthcare equipment provider Ambu benefited from strong sales of endoscopes and improving profitability. IT specialist Wirecard gained, with recent acquisitions contributing to above-forecast results. Similarly, solid execution and continued demand from the banking sector drove positive performance from fintech software provider Temenos. Performance detractors included Danske Bank and Banco Santander amid concerns over the exposure of European banks to Turkey's unfolding economic crisis. Lighting firm Signify ended lower on weakening demand for LEDs and negative newsflow from peers Osram and Philips.

The government bond portfolio delivered a small negative return during the review period. Shifting political landscapes and vacillations by central banks fuelled extreme volatility across bond markets, providing a difficult trading environment.

The Sub-fund had an overall short-duration position at the start of the review period, meaning that we expected the general direction of interest rates to be negative for bonds. While economic newsflow was supportive of this view, worries about global trade, the strengthening US dollar and Italian politics unnerved investors, who sought the relative safety of government bonds and other more defensive assets. As a result, government bond yields fell (bond prices rose), which was negative for our position.

However, within our overall short-duration position, our preference for Australian government bonds over US government bonds was rewarded, partially offsetting negatives elsewhere. US government bonds fell (yields rose) on expectations of further interest rate hikes, as domestic economic signals remained upbeat. By contrast, leading indicators in Australia pointed to rising risks in the housing market and consumer demand suppressed by weak wage growth. These factors and global trade concerns reinforced the Reserve Bank of Australia's "no change" stance. As result, Australian government bond prices remained stable.

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Investment Activity

In the UK, we added to our position in Barclays, as we believe there is potential for operational turnaround at the bank. Similarly, we bought shares in defence electronics company Ultra where there is scope for operational improvement under the firm's new CEO. We bought clothing retailer SuperGroup, which was trading at a significant discount relative to peers and whose longer-term growth prospects are, in our view, underestimated by the market. We pared back positions in NMC Health following strong outperformance, and Aviva where near-term upside looks limited. Likewise, we trimmed HSBC as the stock looked expensive relative to other

In the US, we moved to an overweight position in Microsoft, reflecting our growing confidence in the firm's Azure product and the potential for margin expansion. We added to global shipping company BAX, expecting revenue acceleration from innovation, and earnings upside from acquisitions and share buy backs. Similarly, we increased our position in travel firm Bookings Holdings, which is benefiting from the shift to online travel and alternative accommodation, while also accelerating returns to shareholders. We exited Dollar Tree on disappointing sales and profitability, and Pepsi whose dividend has become less attractive as interest rates rise. Additionally, secular trends in consumer preferences are evolving away from Pepsi's core products. We reduced pharmaceutical company AbbVie on concerns about competition and the impact of regulatory change.

In Europe, we added construction software company Nemetschek and medical devices/services provider Coloplast. In both cases, we believe the market is underestimating their superior product portfolio and growth potential. We also bought Finecobank on grounds its valuation does not fully reflect the company's low-cost expansion, product offering, quality of its cashflow or sustainable growth outlook. Sales included Swedish security firm Securitas and Lundin Petroleum, whose valuations had caught up with positive events. We also sold transport/logistics company AP Moller-Maersk, as industry consolidation has not been sufficient to drive up pricing, heralding earnings disappointment.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	170.99	161.12	132.74	139.14
Return before operating charges*	8.98	11.62	29.89	(4.54)
Operating charges**	(0.91)	(1.75)	(1.51)	(1.86)
Return after operating charges*	8.07	9.87	28.38	(6.40)
Distributions	(1.50)	(1.77)	(1.98)	(0.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.50	1.77	1.98	0.19
Closing net asset value per share	179.06	170.99	161.12	132.74
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.20	0.17	0.15
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.72%	6.13%	21.38%	-4.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	348,675	343,182	342,826	302,145
Closing number of shares	194,725,737	200,707,517	212,772,079	227,630,696
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	181.4	178.9	161.1	145.6
Lowest share price	165.1	160.2	132.4	122.3

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	190.94	179.17	146.94	152.88
Return before operating charges*	10.04	12.93	33.22	(5.02)
Operating charges**	(0.60)	(1.16)	(0.99)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges*	9.44	11.77	32.23	(5.94)
Distributions	(2.09)	(2.76)	(2.93)	(0.77)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.09	2.76	2.93	0.77
Closing net asset value per share	200.38	190.94	179.17	146.94
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.22	0.19	0.16
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.94%	6.57%	21.93%	-3.89%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,163	26,616	28,232	24,881
Closing number of shares	13,555,925	13,939,416	15,756,745	16,931,991
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	203.0	199.6	179.2	160.1
Lowest share price	184.4	178.2	146.6	135.3

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	113.40	107.97	90.10	95.28
Return before operating charges*	5.95	7.78	20.23	(3.78)
Operating charges**	(0.60)	(1.17)	(1.02)	(1.27)
Return after operating charges*	5.35	6.61	19.21	(5.05)
Distributions	(0.99)	(1.18)	(1.34)	(0.13)
Closing net asset value per share	117.76	113.40	107.97	90.10
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.12	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.72%	6.12%	21.32%	-5.30%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,732	1,626	1,575	1,209
Closing number of shares	1,471,038	1,434,162	1,458,283	1,342,427
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	120.3	119.0	108.0	99.71
Lowest share price	109.5	107.4	89.92	83.11

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	111.76	106.40	88.77	93.90
Return before operating charges*	5.87	7.69	19.98	(4.10)
Operating charges**	(0.35)	(0.69)	(0.59)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	5.52	7.00	19.39	(4.66)
Distributions	(1.22)	(1.64)	(1.76)	(0.47)
Closing net asset value per share	116.06	111.76	106.40	88.77
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.12	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.94%	6.58%	21.84%	-4.96%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	590	570	390	364
Closing number of shares	508,834	509,755	366,257	409,844
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	118.8	117.5	106.8	98.36
Lowest share price	107.9	105.9	88.62	82.17

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail CAT accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	129.30	121.81	100.30	104.77
Return before operating charges*	6.79	8.78	22.62	(3.43)
Operating charges**	(0.67)	(1.29)	(1.11)	(1.04)
Return after operating charges*	6.12	7.49	21.51	(4.47)
Distributions	(1.15)	(1.37)	(1.55)	(0.32)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.15	1.37	1.55	0.32
Closing net asset value per share	135.42	129.30	121.81	100.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.15	0.13	0.11
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.73%	6.15%	21.45%	-4.27%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	197,604	193,732	192,167	167,660
Closing number of shares	145,923,058	149,834,853	157,756,768	167,159,023
Operating charges****	1.01%	1.01%	1.01%	1.01%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	137.2	135.3	121.8	109.7
Lowest share price	124.8	121.1	100.1	92.38

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	79.60	74.36	60.68	62.87
Return before operating charges*	4.15	5.33	13.75	(2.12)
Operating charges**	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	4.10	5.24	13.68	(2.19)
Distributions	(1.04)	(1.50)	(1.55)	(0.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.04	1.50	1.55	0.44
Closing net asset value per share	83.70	79.60	74.36	60.68
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.09	0.08	0.07
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.15%	7.05%	22.54%	-3.48%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,480	2,368	2,222	1,647
Closing number of shares	2,962,466	2,975,576	2,987,920	2,714,536
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	84.80	83.18	74.36	65.87
Lowest share price	76.89	73.97	60.58	55.88

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	90.24	84.72	69.52	72.36
Return before operating charges*	4.75	6.11	15.71	(2.37)
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.59)	(0.51)	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	4.44	5.52	15.20	(2.84)
Distributions	(0.96)	(1.26)	(1.35)	(0.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.96	1.26	1.35	0.35
Closing net asset value per share	94.68	90.24	84.72	69.52
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.10	0.09	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.92%	6.52%	21.86%	-3.92%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,292	14,297	12,142	9,701
Closing number of shares	17,207,394	15,842,864	14,331,917	13,953,992
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	95.93	94.36	84.72	75.79
Lowest share price	87.14	84.27	69.37	64.02

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	81.95	78.02	65.09	68.85
Return before operating charges*	4.31	5.63	14.66	(2.99
Operating charges**	(0.28)	(0.54)	(0.47)	(0.45
Return after operating charges*	4.03	5.09	14.19	(3.44
Distributions	(0.88)	(1.16)	(1.26)	(0.32
Closing net asset value per share	85.10	81.95	78.02	65.09
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.10	0.09	0.0
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.92%	6.52%	21.08%	-5.00%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,409	1,238	1,121	83
Closing number of shares	1,655,402	1,510,487	1,436,941	1,285,61
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.12%	0.13%	0.109
Prices				
Highest share price	87.11	86.14	78.32	72.12
Lowest share price	79.14	77.65	64.98	60.23

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

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as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net asset
Bonds (10.14%)		60,656	10.1
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.06%)		368	0.06
Corporate Bonds (0		368	0.0
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ess than 5 years to เ	naturity		
100,000	Arion Banki HF 2.5% 2019	91	0.0
petween 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
100,000	UBS 4.75% 2026	97	0.0
petween 10 and 15 y	vears to maturity		
100,000	Bayer 2.125% 2029	90	0.0
Perpetual			
100,000	BNP Paribas 4.875% Perpetual	90	0.0
Sterling Denominated Bonds (8.38%)		49,726	8.3
Corporate Bonds (4	.18%)	25,052	4.2
ess than 5 years to r	•		
	AA Bond 2.75% 2023	94	0.0
100,000	Abbey National 1.875% 2020	101	0.0
33,000	Atlantia 6.25% 2022	35	0.0
150,000	Bank of America 6.125% 2021	170	0.0
	Bank of Scotland 9.375% 2021	47	0.0
	Barclays 4.25% 2022	109	0.0
	BASF 1.375% 2022	41	0.0
100,000	British American Tobacco 1.75% 2021	100	0.0
100,000	British Sky Broadcasting 2.875% 2020	103	0.0
100,000	BUPA 3.375% 2021	105	0.0
100,000	Close Brothers 3.875% 2021	105	0.0
60,000	Commerzbank 6.625% 2019	63	0.0
150,000	Co-Operative Bank 4.75% 2021	161	0.0
100,000	CPUK 2.666% 2020	101	0.0
100,000	Credit Suisse 3% 2022	103	0.0
140,000	Daimler 2.375% 2021	143	0.0
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2020	100	0.0
100,000	Enel 6.25% 2019	83	0.0
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80,000	First Hydro 9% 2021	120	()()
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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c		2000	not asset
174,000	General Electric 6.25% 2020	190	0.0
100,000	Global Switch 4.375% 2022	109	0.0
100,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	100	0.0
100,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 5.25% 2022	108	0.0
	John Lewis 8.375% 2019	78	0.0
100,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.875% 2020	101	0.0
50,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	56	0.0
75,000	London Stock Exchange 9.125% 2019	81	0.0
150,000	LVMH 1% 2022	148	0.0
100,000	National Australia Bank 1.375% 2022	99	0.0
150,000	New York Life Global Funding 1% 2021	148	0.0
60,000	Northern Powergrid 7.25% 2022	73	0.0
69,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	81	0.0
55,000	RCI Banque 3% 2019	56	0.0
100,000	RWE 5.5% 2022	114	0.0
100,000	Scania 1.875% 2022	100	0.0
100,000	SPI Australia Assets 5.125% 2021	108	0.0
62,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021	62	0.0
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.625% 2022	99	0.0
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	100	0.0
100,000	Wells Fargo 5.25% 2023	113	0.0
150,000	Western Power 5.25% 2023	171	0.0
72,000	Xstrata 7.375% 2020	79	0.0
etween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
100,000	A.P. Moller-Maersk 4% 2025	104	0.0
100,000	Abbey National 5.75% 2026	127	0.0
150,000	ABP 6.25% 2026	184	0.0
100,000	APT Pipelines 4.25% 2024	110	0.0
107,000	Aroundtown 3.25% 2027	106	0.0
50,000	AT&T 5.5% 2027	60	0.0
100,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	136	0.0
150,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	150	0.0
180,000	Barclays 3.25% 2027	176	0.0
115,000	Barclays 5.75% fixed to floating 2026	133	0.0
100,000	Bazalgette Finance 2.375% 2027	98	0.0
190,000	BP 2.03% 2025	191	0.0
70,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	82	0.0
100,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	116	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
100,000	Close Brothers 2.75% 2026	100	0.0
100,000		120	0.0
100,000	Credit Agricole 7.375% 2023	124	0.0
100,000	CYBG 3.125% 2025	98	0.0
210,000	Enel 5.625% 2024	243	0.0
100,000	Experian 2.125% 2024	100	0.0
100,000	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	120	0.0
100,000	Gatwick 6.125% 2026	124	0.0
203,000	Heathrow Funding 6.75% 2026	266	0.0
200,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	245	0.0
100,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	96	0.0
100,000	HSBC 2.625% 2028	98	0.0
50,000	lberdrola 7.375% 2024	63	0.0
200,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	214	0.0
100,000	Land Securities 2.375% 2029	101	0.0
100,000	Liberty Living 2.625% 2024	100	0.0
100,000	Lloyds Bank 4.875% 2027	123	0.0
153,000	Lloyds Bank 5.125% 2025	184	0.0
118,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	150	0.0
100,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2026	102	0.0
100,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	99	0.0
100,000	Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 2028	105	0.0
100,000		98	0.0
50,000	Orange 5.25% 2025	60	0.0
150,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 5.125% 2024	176	0.0
210,000		217	0.0
100,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	110	0.0
100,000	Shaftesbury Chinatown 2.348% 2027	96	0.0
100,000	Society of Lloyd's 4.75% 2024	107	0.0
117,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2023	134	0.0
100,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	104	0.0
100,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	96	0.0
100,000	Thames Water 3.5% 2028	106	0.0
94,000	Total Capital 1.75% 2025	93	0.0
100,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	99	0.0
89,000	United Utilities 5.625% 2027	113	0.0
69,000	Vodafone 5.625% fixed to floating 2025	83	0.0
100,000	Western Power Distribution 3.625% 2023	105	0.0
100,000	Yorkshire Building Society 4.125% 2024	102	0.0
50,000		70	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
petween 10 and 15 y			
	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 2029	270	0.0
	Annington Funding 3.184% 2029	100	0.0
	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030	104	0.0
	Arqiva 4.882% 2032	107	0.0
	AT&T 4.375% 2029	165	0.0
	Barclays 3.25% 2033	99	0.0
	BPCE 5.25% 2029	114	0.0
	Broadgate Financing 4.851% 2033	125	0.0
	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	10	0.0
	CRH 4.125% 2029	112	0.0
100,000	Digital Stout Holding 3.3% 2029	101	0.0
160,000	DONG Energy 4.875% 2032	195	0.0
150,000	E.On Finance 6.375% 2032	205	0.0
100,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	112	0.0
69,000	HSBC 5.375% 2033	84	0.0
209,000	HSBC Bank 5.375% 2030	241	0.0
110,000	Imperial Brands 4.875% 2032	126	0.0
100,000	Land Securities 2.399% 2029	100	0.0
97,000	McDonald's 5.875% 2032	128	0.0
100,000	National Grid 2.125% 2028	95	0.0
100,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	111	0.0
150,000	RWE 6.25% 2030	198	0.0
100,000	Shaftesbury Carnaby 2.487% 2031	94	0.0
100,000	South Eastern Power Networks 5.625% 2030	128	0.0
87,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2029	105	0.0
100,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.445% 2029	121	0.0
100,000	Telereal Secured 4.01% 2033	84	0.0
174,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	193	0.0
100,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	115	0.0
100,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	113	0.0
140,000	Western Power 5.75% 2032	183	0.0
100,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2028	94	0.0
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	Affinity Sutton 4.25% 2042	120	0.0
	Affordable Housing 2.893% 2043	114	0.0
	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	102	0.0
	Argiva 4.04% 2035	124	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
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111.000	Assira Defense 4 (740/ 2040/N	124	0.0
111,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 /A	124 66	0.0
59,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	145	0.0
100,000 200,000	AT&T 7% 2040	220	0.0
150,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041 British American Tobacco 6% 2034	199	0.0
	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	111	0.0
-,	Direct Line 9.25% 2042	146	0.0
	Dwr Cymru Financing 2.5% 2036	98	0.0
	E.ON Finance 5.875% 2037	204	0.0
	EDF 5.5% 2037	124	0.0
70,000	Enel 5.75% 2040	88	0.0
100,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	96	0.0
120,000	Eversholt 6.697% 2035	153	0.0
	Gatwick 5.75% 2037	134	0.0
50,000	General Electric 5.375% 2040	66	0.0
100,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2033	132	0.0
50,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2042	70	0.0
70,000	Greene King 5.702% fixed to floating 2034	65	0.0
161,000	Greene King FRN 2033	125	0.0
	HSBC 6% 2040	238	0.0
100,000	Innogy 4.75% 2034	119	0.0
100,000	John Lewis 4.25% 2034	97	0.0
110,000	Land Securities 2.625% 2037	107	0.0
150,000	Lloyds Bank 6.5% 2040	218	0.0
100,000	Motability Operations 3.625% 2036	112	0.0
100,000	Munich Re 6.625% fixed to floating 2042	114	0.0
100,000	National Grid 2.625% 2038	92	0.0
138,000	Northumbrian Water 5.125% 2042	182	0.0
131,000	Octagon Healthcare 5.333% 2035	135	0.0
139,000	Orange 5.625% 2034	182	0.0
54,076	Peel 8.375% 2040	79	0.0
129,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	139	0.0
41,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	40	0.0
	RSA Insurance 9.375% fixed to floating 2039	44	0.0
	SSE 6.25% fixed to floating 2038	146	0.0
	Telereal 4.0902% fixed to floating 2033	156	0.0
210,000	Thames Water 5.125% 2037	264	0.0
50,000	Vattenfall 6.875% 2039	79	0.0
	Veolia Environment 6.125% 2037	142	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
100,000	Wal-Mart 5.25% 2035	139	0.0
50,000	Wells Fargo 4.625% 2035	60	0.0
50,000	Western Power 5.75% 2040	70	0.0
greater than 25 years	s to maturity		
100,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	114	0.0
100,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	102	0.0
100,000	AXA 5.625% 2054	108	0.0
100,000	BPHA 4.816% 2044	128	0.0
100,000	British American Tobacco 2.25% 2052	75	0.0
100,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	100	0.0
100,000	Centrica 4.25% 2044	115	0.0
50,000	Channel Link 6.341% 2046	60	0.0
100,000	Clarion Housing 3.125% 2048	100	0.0
200,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	248	0.0
100,000	EDF 6% 2114	131	0.0
50,000	Engie 5% 2060	75	0.0
100,000	Heathrow Funding 2.75% 2049	90	0.0
100,000	Heathrow Funding 4.625% 2046	124	0.0
100,000	Legal & General 5.5% 2064	106	0.0
100,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	110	0.0
100,000	Optivo Finance 3.283% 2048	102	0.0
100,000	Paragon 3.625% 2047	107	0.0
100,000	Peabody Capital 4.625% 2053	130	0.0
100,000	Prudential 5.7% fixed to floating 2063	115	0.0
	RL Finance 6.125% fixed to floating 2043	122	0.0
	SSE 3.625% 2077	102	0.0
	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	97	0.0
	Vodafone 3% 2056	86	0.0
120,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	112	0.0
100,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	95	0.0
100,000	Wheatley 4.375% 2044	117	0.0
Perpetual			
100,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.416% fixed to floating Perpetual	102	0.0
105,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	109	0.0
111,000	Axa 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual	119	0.0
100,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	100	0.0
32,000	Legal & General 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	33	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
100,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	108	0.0
	Pennon 2.875% Perpetual	100	0.0
	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	102	0.0
Government Bonds	(4.20%)	24,674	4.1
ess than 5 years to r	naturity		
•	European Investment Bank 1.5% 2019	353	0.0
	KFW 1.375% 2021	379	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	484	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	398	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021	294	0.0
632,000		638	0.1
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	725	0.1
	UK (Govt of) 2% 2020	418	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2020	450	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021	525	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% Index-Linked 2019	1,369	0.2
	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	743	0.1
	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2019	380	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	611	0.1
petween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
•	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2027	415	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	472	0.0
518,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	547	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	24	0.0
473,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	518	0.0
613,000	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025	762	0.1
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	43	0.0
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032	840	0.1
599,773	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	818	0.1
367,000	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	529	0.0
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	277	0.0
544,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	755	0.1

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Government Bonds (continued) 545,000 UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039 452,152 UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040 812,000 UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034 482,613 UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042 549,781 UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038 greater than 25 years to maturity 555,927 UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047 176,000 UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071 312,228 UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057 400,263 UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065 487,797 UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044 493,065 UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045 377,016 UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068 418,610 UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052 394,032 UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	\$\frac{\mathbf{F}'000}{784} \\ 659 \\ 1,137 \\ 741 \\ 833 \\ \\ 522 \\ 177 \\ 320 \\ 515 \\ 632 \\ 669 \\ 669 \\ 667 \\ \end{args}	0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
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US Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.70%)	10,562	1.7
Corporate Bonds (0.13%)	720	0.1
between 5 and 10 years to maturity		
220,000 Charter Communications 4.908% 2025	173	0.0
200,000 UBS 4.125% 2026	154	0.0
between 15 and 25 years to maturity		
100,000 CVS Health 4.875% 2035	78	0.0
Perpetual		
200,000 HSBC 6.875% Perpetual	160	0.0
200,000 Swedbank 6% Perpetual	155	0.0
Government Bonds (1.57%)	9,842	1.6
between 5 and 10 years to maturity		
9,800,000 US Treasury 1.75% Index-Linked 2028	9,842	1.6

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Portfolio Statement

		Market value	Percentag of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net asset
Equities (63.52%)		377,813	63.4
European Equities (21.03%)	121,851	20.4
Belgium (0.30%)		1,708	0.2
39,725	Umicore	1,708	0.2
Denmark (1.51%)		10,191	1.7
90,337	Ambu	2,618	0.4
15,842	Coloplast	1,303	0.2
	Danske Bank	1,646	0.2
	Novo Nordisk	2,147	0.3
81,853	Tryg	1,546	0.2
	Vestas Wind Systems	931	0.1
France (3.25%)		15,943	2.6
25,173	Airbus	2,394	0.4
	Amundi	1,533	0.2
10,690		984	0.1
35,468		687	0.1
	Kering	1,461	0.2
105,457		1,316	0.2
11,537		1,203	0.2
	Plastic Omnium	842	0.1
9,874	Teleperformance	1,455	0.2
9,482	Thales	1,030	0.1
62,995	TOTAL	3,038	0.5
Germany (2.94%)		20,523	3.4
12,271	Allianz	2,016	0.3
24,116	Bayer	1,738	0.2
	Covestro	1,285	0.2
52,074	Deutsche Post	1,459	0.2
142,226	E.ON	1,164	0.1
23,611	Fresenius	1,387	0.2
79,980	Infineon Technology	1,568	0.2
13,934		1,126	0.1
8,451	Nemetschek	1,064	0.1
	Puma	537	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Germany (continue	d)		
39.772	Rocket Internet	1,060	0.1
	Scout24	950	0.1
	Siltronic	1,168	0.2
	ThyssenKrupp	1,414	0.2
	Wirecard	2,587	0.4
reland (1.46%)		7,502	1.2
12 908	Allegion	866	0.1
73,378		1,873	0.1
15,050		1,319	0.2
	Medtronic	1,811	0.3
	Paddy Power Betfair	633	0.1
	Ryanair	1,000	0.1
Italy (0.81%)		4,093	0.6
357,655		1,363	0.2
	FinecoBank	1,073	0.1
	Interpump	769	0.1
44,637	Prysmian	888	0.1
Luxembourg (0.18%		925	0.1
40,128	ArcelorMittal	925	0.1
Netherlands (3.66%		21,942	3.6
13.515	Akzo Nobel	974	0.1
16,925		2,661	0.4
	ASR Nederland	1,697	0.2
	Randstad	1,367	0.2
	RELX	1,186	0.2
191,575	Royal Dutch Shell 'A'	4,791	0.8
344,019	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	8,738	1.4
51,551		528	0.0

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Norway (0.21%)		1,004	0.1
69,034	Telenor	1,004	0.1
Portugal (0.10%)		663	0.1
42,561	Galp Energia	663	0.1
Spain (1.32%)		8,565	1.4
31,859	Amadeus	2,279	0.3
518,735	Banco Santander	1,990	0.3
	Bankinter	1,140	0.1
	CIE Automotive	795	0.1
35,594	Grupo ACS	1,143	0.1
52,249	Inditex	1,218	0.2
Sweden (1.30%)		6,274	1.0
71,035	Assa Abloy	1,116	0.1
	Svenska Cellulosa	1,130	0.1
91,439	Swedbank	1,637	0.2
55,857	Thule Group	1,020	0.1
103,334	Volvo	1,371	0.2
Switzerland (3.99%)		22,518	3.7
70,033	Coca-Cola HBC	1,847	0.3
129,826	Credit Suisse	1,499	0.2
927,160	Glencore	2,907	0.4
1,392,778		3,341	0.5
	Julius Baer	1,075	0.1
50,202		3,249	0.5
2,885	Partners	1,745	0.2
	Roche	2,403	0.4
	Temenos	1,364	0.2
117,654		1,416	0.2
7,120	Zurich	1,672	0.2

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		Market value	Percentag of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net asset
North American Eq	uities (18.52%)	120,050	20.1
Bermuda (0.16%)		1,559	0.2
98,096	Marvell Technology	1,559	0.2
Canada (0.19%)		2,455	0.4
23,132	Alimentation Couche-Tard 'B'	852	0.1
	Restaurant Brands International	1,603	0.2
Jnited States (18.1	7%)	116,036	19.4
	Activision Blizzard	1,164	0.2
	Adobe	964	0.1
	AIG	1,411	0.2
	Allergan	866	0.1
27,405	Allison Transmission	1,047	0.1
	Alphabet 'A'	5,975	1.0
2,848	Amazon.com	4,411	0.7
	American Tower	2,170	0.3
8,829 27,869	AmerisourceBergen 'A' Anadarko Petroleum	611 1,381	0.1 0.2
6,290	Anthem	1,281	0.2
24,192		4,234	0.2
	Bank of America	2,462	0.7
34,628	Baxter International	1,981	0.4
7,066	Boeing	1,863	0.3
1,299	Booking Holdings	1,950	0.3
	Boston Scientific	2,309	0.3
	Broadcom	1,791	0.3
	Burlington	690	0.3
28,680	Celanese	2,578	0.4
19,951	Chevron	1,819	0.3
	Cisco Systems	2,378	0.4
	Citigroup	1,784	0.3
59,351	CMS Energy	2,248	0.3
90,927	Comcast	2,587	0.4
4,269	Constellation	683	0.1
37,655		2,148	0.3
	Deere & Co	1,142	0.1

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	Evercore Partners	1,054	0.1
92,158 F		1,509	0.2
	First Data	1,821	0.3
	First Republic Bank	2,227	0.3
	General Dynamics	1,112	0.1
•	Goldman Sachs	1,511	0.2
13,988 I	ntercontinental Exchange	820	0.1
27,732 J	ohnson & Johnson	2,871	0.4
11,757 L	Lear	1,468	0.2
88,750 N	Marathon Oil	1,469	0.2
3,799 N	Martin Marietta Materials	581	0.1
19,783 N	Mastercard	3,279	0.5
12,695 N	McDonald's	1,584	0.2
57,303 N	Microsoft	4,952	0.8
4,632 N	Mohawk Industries	683	0.1
44,854 N	Mondelez	1,474	0.2
7,621 N	Neurocrine Biosciences	721	0.1
14,143 N	NextEra Energy	1,850	0.3
5,454 N		1,178	0.2
	Occidental Petroleum	932	0.1
	Owens Corning	583	0.1
	Pfizer	2,242	0.3
13,938 F		2,138	0.3
	Salesforce.com	1,223	0.2
	Schlumberger	1,304	0.2
	Schwab (Charles)	1,569	0.2
	Steel Dynamics	1,611	0.2
	SunTrust Banks	1,212	0.2
	IJX	1,089	0.1
	Jnited Health	3,600	0.6
	/erizon Communications	1,731	0.2
	/ertex Pharmaceuticals	868	0.2
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Portfolio Statement

		Market	Percentag
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	Investment	£'000	net asset
JK Equities (23.97%		135,912	22.8
Basic Materials (1.2	4%)	6,419	1.0
75,648	Anglo American	1,166	0.2
53,979	Johnson Matthey	1,887	0.3
1,215,797	Petra Diamonds	418	0.0
80,581	Rio Tinto	2,948	0.4
Consumer Goods (5	.05%)	24,474	4.1
59,221	Bellway	1,727	0.2
	Boohoo.com	2,168	0.3
	Bovis Homes	2,590	0.4
	British American Tobacco	6,310	1.0
	Countryside Properties	812	0.1
	Delphi Technologies	168	0.0
	Dixons Carphone	1,729	0.2
	Fever Tree Drinks	1,725	0.2
	Inchcape	779	0.1
	JD Sports	1,171	0.2
	Reckitt Benckiser	2,802	0.4
208,553		1,141	0.1
	SuperGroup	1,352	0.2
Consumer Services	(2.69%)	13,338	2.2
1 295 983	888 Holdings	3,017	0.5
1,882,868		2,934	0.4
533,626	•	5,875	0.9
941,674		1,512	0.2
	Ladbrokes Coral Rights	0	0.0
inancials (6.85%)		36,759	6.1
247.050	Avitra	1 - 14	0.3
317,858		1,541	0.2
1,501,608	Barclays	2,638	0.4
59,463	Close Brothers	948	0.1
746,078	CLS Holdings	1,686	0.2
896,208	Grainger	2,750	0.4
2,033,590	Hansteen REIT	2,031	0.3
1,298,051	HSBC	8,681	1.4

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
inancials (continue		2000	TICE 033CE
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	International Personal Finance	2,062	0.35
	John Laing Group	887	0.1
	London Stock Exchange	1,214	0.2
	Onesavings Bank	1,769	0.3
159,761		1,134	0.1
	Prudential	3,324	0.5
	Standard Chartered	1,744	0.2
1,310,182	Standard Life	4,350	0.7
Health Care (2.02%)		16,030	2.6
31,660	AstraZeneca	1,834	0.3
121,211	Clinigen	1,208	0.2
69,904	Genus	1,991	0.3
35,770	Hutchison China MediTech	1,620	0.2
167,352	Indivior	453	0.0
80,352	NMC Healthcare	3,151	0.5
84,508	Shire	3,801	0.6
2,078,262	Sinclair Pharma	573	0.1
812,709	Spire Healthcare	1,399	0.2
ndustrials (2.90%)		17,212	2.8
242,733	Aggreko	2,035	0.3
	Bodycote	804	0.1
	Essentra	1,815	0.3
	Mitie Group	2,849	0.4
	Polypipe	1,472	0.2
423,785		3,026	0.5
	Smith (DS)	2,585	0.4
97,228	Ultra Electronics	1,560	0.2
172,094	Vesuvius	1,066	0.1
Oil & Gas (2.14%)		15,372	2.5
1 [[0.074	DD.	0.530	1.1
	BP Coins Foots	8,530	1.4
	Cairn Energy	2,937	0.4
/UX 1/4	Hunting	1,735	0.2
413,974	Tullow Oil	964	0.1

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Technology (0.00%)		441	0.0
15,532	AVEVA	441	0.0
Telecommunication	ns (0.73%)	3,797	0.6
121,336	Inmarsat	660	0.1
	Vodafone	3,137	0.5
Utilities (0.35%)		2,070	0.3
255,545	National Grid	2,070	0.3
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (24.57%)	139,612	23.4
512.659	SLI Emerging Market Local Currency Debt SICAV	5,715	0.9
	SLI Global Bond SICAV	52,160	8.7
	SLI Global REIT Focus SICAV	3,077	0.5
	SLTM Japan Trust	38,875	6.5
	SLTM Pacific Basin Trust	39,785	6.6
Derivatives (0.15%)		(1,618)	(0.2
Credit Default Swap		(154)	(0.0)
USD 3,678,216	Sell CDX Emerging Markets Series 29 20/06/2023 1%	(154)	(0.0)
Forward Currency (Contracts (-0.06%)	(107)	(0.0)
	Buy GBP 91,062 Sell EUR 100,444 05/11/2018	1	0.0
	Buy GBP 285,344 Sell EUR 320,110 05/11/2018	(2)	0.0
	Buy GBP 106,537 Sell USD 137,086 05/11/2018	1	0.0
	Buy GBP 725,442 Sell USD 955,321 05/11/2018	(8)	0.0
	Buy GBP 9,641,565 Sell USD 12,696,804 05/11/2018	(99)	(0.0
- -utures (0.21%)		(1,357)	(0.2
90	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 17/09/2018	57	0.0
15	Long Canada 10 Year Bond Future 18/12/2018	3	0.0
538	Long E-mini Msci Emerging Market Index Future 21/09/2018	(1,652)	(0.2
32	Long SX5E - Euro Stoxx 50 Future 21/09/2018	(21)	0.0

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (continued)			
19	Long Topix Index Future 13/09/2018	(52)	(0.01
29	Long US 5 Year Note Future 31/12/2018	0	0.00
(13)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2018	(10)	0.00
(219)	Short FTSE 100 Future 21/09/2018	460	0.08
(43)	Short Long Gilt Future 27/12/2018	7	0.00
(33)	Short S&P 500 Index E-mini Future 21/09/2018	(148)	(0.03
(9)	Short US 10 Year Note Future 19/12/2018	0	0.00
(21)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Bond Future 19/12/2018	(1)	0.00
(2)	Short US Long Bond (CBT) Future 19/12/2018	0	0.00
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	576,463	96.73
Net other assets		19,482	3.27
Total Net Assets		595,945	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	value £'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	578,610
Investment liabilities	(2,147)
Net investment assets	576,463
Net other assets	19,482
Total Net Assets	595,945

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		22,224		35,533
Revenue	8,485		7,468	
Expenses	(2,910)		(2,899)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(6)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	5,569		4,567	
Taxation	(387)		(221)	
Net revenue after taxation		5,182		4,346
Total return before distributions		27,406		39,879
Distributions		(5,182)		(4,346)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		22,224		35,533

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aı	ugust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		583,629		580,675
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,447		4,560	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(19,462)		(23,733)	
		(15,015)		(19,173)
Dilution adjustment		36		48
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		22.224		35,533
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Retained distribution on accumulation shares	-	5,071		4,256
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	595,945		601,339

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augi	ust 2018	28 February 2018	
	£′000	£'000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		578,610		574,981
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,203		2,159	
Cash and bank balances	19,280		7,931	
_		21,483		10,090
Total assets	_	600,093	_	585,071
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(2,147)		(790)
Creditors	(1,966)		(637)	
Distribution payable	(35)		(15)	
_		(2,001)		(652)
Total liabilities		(4,148)		(1,442)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	595,945		583,629

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Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 August 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.4980	-	1.4980*	1.1933
Group 2	0.8422	0.6558	1.4980*	1.1933
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	2.0886	-	2.0886*	1.7205
Group 2	0.9869	1.1017	2.0886*	1.7205
Retail income				
Group 1	0.9935	-	0.9935**	0.8000
Group 2	0.5328	0.4607	0.9935**	0.8000
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.2225	-	1.2225**	1.0222
Group 2	0.7020	0.5205	1.2225**	1.0222
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	1.1474	-	1.1474*	0.9190
Group 2	0.6149	0.5325	1.1474*	0.9190
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	1.0385	-	1.0385*	0.8883
Group 2	0.3953	0.6432	1.0385*	0.8883
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.9637	-	0.9637*	0.7913
Group 2	0.4305	0.5332	0.9637*	0.7913
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.8750	-	0.8750**	0.7290
Group 2	0.3311	0.5439	0.8750**	0.7290
* Distribution assumulated on 21 August 2019				

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018 ** Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

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Distribution Tables

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Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

Interim Dividend Distribution

Treat as a UK corporate dividend Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20% 100.00% 0.00%

Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Matthew Williams			
Launch Date	28 May 2012			
Benchmark	IA Global Emerging Markets Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mainly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on an emerging market stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in emerging market countries. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, moneymarket instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of companies mainly from global emerging market countries. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of global equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned -9.60% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared with the IA Global Emerging Markets Sector, which returned -6.80% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

Shares in Azul and CVC Brasil both fell due to concerns around the domestic political and macroeconomic outlook. In addition, higher oil prices (an input cost for airlines) weighed on Azul, while CVC's valuation arguably became a little too expensive. Elsewhere, Panamanian airline Copa Holdings struggled despite delivering good results. Investors were concerned about three downward revisions to estimates. Positions in Mail.Ru, Vodacom Group and Sberbank of Russia also disappointed.

On a more positive note, Sea Inc, the ASEAN ecommerce & gaming platform, reported strong results with evidence of a higher take-rate and faster growth in its core ecommerce business. Anta Sports was another positive contributor following news that Q1 2018 sales momentum was favourable. This is supported by the company's formidable investment into R&D, which is now clearly represented in a stronger product offering. Not owning Itua benefited relative performance as the stock fell due to negative sentiment around Brazil's banks. Additional highlights included ITC, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company and Globaltrans.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in Chroma, attracted by its strong growth outlook. The company has developed its core power management capabilities to address new high-growth market segments including solar, 3D sensing and electric vehicles. As a result, we expect the 3.3% dividend yield to grow at a healthy 15% compound annual growth rate (CAGR). We purchased China Construction Bank, as government initiatives to improve the profitably of state-owned enterprise, move shadow banking back into official banking channels and a steep yield curve all point to an improving credit outlook. We forecast the 5% dividend yield will grow at 8-10% CAGR.

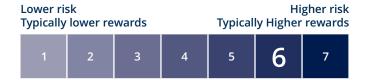
By contrast, we sold Medusa Mining after its CEO resigned, thereby reducing our belief that the company would be able to profitably mine its complex deep-vein assets. We exited Taiwan's Macronix, which makes memory chips for products in the communications, computing, automotive and networking sectors, and used the proceeds to add to our positions in Samsung and SK Hynix. Both companies have strong market shares and face barriers to entry. This is especially relevant because Chinese manufacturers are investing heavily in order to break into the lower-end memory market occupied by the likes of Macronix.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Investment Report

(Continued)

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	91.56	74.78	51.65	60.20
Return before operating charges*	(8.17)	17.96	24.05	(7.58
Operating charges**	(0.61)	(1.18)	(0.92)	(0.97
Return after operating charges*	(8.78)	16.78	23.13	(8.55
Distributions	0.00	(0.67)	(0.47)	(0.26
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.67	0.47	0.26
Closing net asset value per share	82.78	91.56	74.78	51.65
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.15	0.19	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	-9.59%	22.44%	44.78%	-14.20%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	51,340	54,194	27,491	16,288
Closing number of shares	62,016,582	59,186,585	36,760,921	31,538,374
Operating charges****	1.40%	1.40%	1.41%	1.72%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.18%	0.29%	0.25%
Prices				
Highest share price	93.25	94.08	75.92	67.42
Lowest share price	82.42	74.58	51.65	47.79

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^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	95.05	77.34	53.17	61.47
Return before operating charges*	(8.51)	18.52	24.80	(7.74)
Operating charges**	(0.42)	(0.81)	(0.63)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	(8.93)	17.71	24.17	(8.30)
Distributions	0.00	(1.07)	(0.82)	(0.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.07	0.82	0.75
Closing net asset value per share	86.12	95.05	77.34	53.17
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.16	0.19	0.13
Performance +				
Return after charges	-9.40%	22.90%	45.46%	-13.50%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	93,637	103,793	65,832	56,433
Closing number of shares	108,724,101	109,202,645	85,117,250	106,144,058
Operating charges****	0.93%	0.93%	0.94%	0.97%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.18%	0.28%	0.22%
Prices				
Highest share price	96.83	97.63	78.46	68.90
Lowest share price	85.73	77.13	53.17	48.98

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Comparative Tables

Standard Life accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.29	68.06	46.43	53.35
Return before operating charges*	(7.56)	16.37	21.74	(6.81)
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	(7.63)	16.23	21.63	(6.92)
Distributions	0.00	(1.52)	(1.16)	(1.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.52	1.16	1.00
Closing net asset value per share	76.66	84.29	68.06	46.43
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.14	0.17	0.12
Performance +				
Return after charges	-9.05%	23.85%	46.59%	-12.97%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,062	1,101	820	381
Closing number of shares	1,385,294	1,305,745	1,204,527	821,317
Operating charges****	0.18%	0.18%	0.19%	0.22%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.18%	0.29%	0.24%
Prices				
Highest share price	85.89	86.54	69.06	59.90
Lowest share price	76.29	67.96	46.43	42.66

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life B accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	99.65	80.35	54.74	62.76
Return before operating charges*	(8.95)	19.32	25.63	(7.98)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	(8.96)	19.30	25.61	(8.02)
Distributions	0.00	(1.90)	(1.47)	(1.25)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.90	1.47	1.25
Closing net asset value per share	90.69	99.65	80.35	54.74
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.17	0.20	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	-8.99%	24.02%	46.78%	-12.78%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	87,410	93,910	75,794	51,872
Closing number of shares	96,382,715	94,239,710	94,324,663	94,768,458
Operating charges****	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.06%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.18%	0.29%	0.24%
Prices				
Highest share price	101.6	102.3	81.53	70.47
Lowest share price	90.25	80.26	54.74	50.21

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	94.40	76.85	52.86	61.15
Return before operating charges*	(8.44)	18.40	24.65	(7.70)
Operating charges**	(0.44)	(0.85)	(0.66)	(0.59)
Return after operating charges*	(8.88)	17.55	23.99	(8.29)
Distributions	0.00	(1.02)	(0.78)	(0.71)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.02	0.78	0.71
Closing net asset value per share	85.52	94.40	76.85	52.86
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.16	0.19	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	-9.41%	22.84%	45.38%	-13.56%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,418	3,177	2,125	1,165
Closing number of shares	3,996,722	3,365,337	2,765,540	2,203,471
Operating charges****	0.98%	0.98%	0.99%	1.02%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.18%	0.28%	0.24%
Prices				
Highest share price	96.17	96.98	77.97	68.54
Lowest share price	85.13	76.64	52.86	48.71

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Portfolio Statement

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
Latin American Equ	ities (13.71%)	30,654	12.9
Brazil (8.11%)		15,296	6.4
119,139	Azul	1,542	0.6
	Banco Bradesco (Preference)	2,750	1.1
234,685	Banco do Brasil	1,319	0.5
355,872	Cielo	1,003	0.4
197,053	CVC Brasil Operadora	1,564	0.6
	Cyrela Brazil Realty	1,057	0.4
	T4F Entretenimento	1,301	0.5
	Telefonica Brasil (Preference)	1,174	0.5
358,334		3,586	1.5
Chile (0.93%)		2,527	1.0
21,993,308	Enel Americas	2,527	1.0
Mexico (2.54%)		7,647	3.2
505.000	55.46.	4000	4.0
585,309		4,309	1.8
	PLA Administradora Industrial	1,469	0.6
957,284	Unifin Financiera	1,869	0.7
Panama (0.87%)		1,751	0.7
28,477	Copa Holdings	1,751	0.7
Peru (1.26%)		3,433	1.4
20,474	Credicorp	3,433	1.4
Pacific Basin Equition	es (66.38%)	169,901	71.7
Australia (0.81%)		1,089	0.4
774,009	Syrah Resources	1,089	0.4
China (27.74%)		67,920	28.6
54.828	58.com	3,209	1.3
	Alibaba Group Holding ADR	11,095	4.6
82,408		11(19)	

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
China (continued)			
004106	ANITA Coarte Praducte	2.704	1.0
10,308,369	ANTA Sports Products China Construction Bank	3,784 7,013	1.6 2.9
	Ctrip.com ADR	2,952	1.2
	Dali Foods	2,932 2,317	0.9
	Goodbaby International	1,329	0.5
	Haitian International	2,466	1.0
	Huazhu Group	3,083	1.3
753,697	·	2,368	1.0
	Ping An Insurance	6,308	2.6
	Tencent	14,189	5.9
	Tianhe Chemicals*	0	0.0
	Weichai Power	2,143	0.9
	Xiabu Xiabu	2,252	0.9
	Zhuzhou CSR Times Electric	848	0.3
L K (2 C20/)		0.507	4.0
Hong Kong (2.62%)		9,597	4.0
123,300	ASM Pacific Technology	1,000	0.4
649,777	China Metal Recycling**	0	0.0
386,225	China Mobile	2,792	1.1
1,021,121	China Resources Land	2,738	1.1
2,044,000	SITC	1,166	0.4
2,735,185	United Laboratories	1,901	0.8
ndia (8.48%)		20,763	8.7
104074	Apollo Hospitals	1 2/12	0.5
	Apollo Hospitals Coal India	1,342 1,693	0.5
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Housing Development Finance	2,424	1.0
1,372,343	ITC	4,757	2.0
113,836	Kotak Mahindra Bank	1,589	0.6
	Larsen & Toubro	2,700	1.1
280,585	Tech Mahindra	2,331	0.9
621,489	Tejas Networks	1,946	0.9
296,671	•	1,981	0.8

Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Indonesia (1.06%)		1,021	0.43
5,414,256	AKR Corporindo	1,021	0.43
Macau (0.00%)		1,236	0.5
329,600	Sands China	1,236	0.5.
Singapore (0.58%)		-	
South Korea (13.489	%)	36,449	15.3
60.725	ING Life Insurance Korea	1.662	0.7
	KB Financial	1,663 4,406	1.8
	LG Chemical Preference KRW 5000	4,406 2,671	1.8
,	Nexen Tire	1,107	0.4
	POSCO	2,508	1.0
	Samsung Electronics	9,519	4.0
	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	5,275	2.2
	Shinhan Finance	2,389	1.0
	SK Hynix	5,454	2.3
	Woory Industrial	1,457	0.6
Taiwan (8.27%)		20,093	8.4
451,000	Chroma ATE	1,915	0.8
	Hon Hai Precision	2,295	0.9
247,524	President Chain Store	2,068	0.8
2,158,579	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	13,815	5.8
Thailand (3.34%)		11,733	4.9
808.068	Advanced Info Service	3,818	1.6
578,845		2,871	1.2
	PTT (Alien Market)	3,300	1.3
	Siam Cement	1,744	0.7

Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (3.82%)	987	0.42
986,672 Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	987	0.42
Total investment assets	232,963	98.35
Net other assets	3,905	1.65
Total Net Assets	236,868	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended

^{**} Delisted

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(27,295)		29,090
Revenue	4,561		3,245	
Expenses	(837)		(590)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(8)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,716		2,653	
Taxation	(454)		(261)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,262		2,392
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(24,033)		31,482

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000		
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		256,176		172,062		
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	8,273		15,160			
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,567)		(1,856)			
		4,706		13,304		
Dilution adjustment		19		43		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities						
(see above)		(24,033)		31,482		
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	236,868	_	216,891		

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		232,963		253,178
Current assets:				
Debtors	543		965	
Cash and bank balances	3,613		2,966	
		4,156		3,93
Total assets	_	237,119		257,109
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(251)		(934)	
		(251)		(934
Total liabilities		(251)		(934
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	236,868	_	256,175

Global Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information					
Fund Manager	Mathew Williams				
Launch Date	13 December 2012				
Benchmark	IA Global Emerging Markets Sector				

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income with some capital appreciation over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mainly in high yielding equities, equity type investments and fixed interest securities of companies listed on an emerging market stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in emerging market countries. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the opportunity to achieve a high level of income with some capital appreciation over the longer term afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly global emerging market equities. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of global equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund was down 8.24% (platform 1 accumulation), compared with the IA Global Emerging Markets Sector, which lost 6.80% (source: Morningstar basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

Anta Sports Products was the top positive contributor to performance following news that sales momentum was favourable. A stronger product offering is paying off its commitment to R&D. A holding in Russian rail freight services business Globaltrans also boosted the Sub-fund's return, as the company's second-half results highlighted strong earnings growth and free cash flow generation. Robust freight demand and effective control of capacity that drove rates higher have flowed through to its results. The boost to earnings led to a better-than-expected dividend. There was a strong positive contribution to performance from Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing. The company is poised to extend its dominance of the global contract manufacturing for

semiconductors after a key US-based rival quit developing leadingedge technology. A key customer of the rival is expected to hand its business to TSMC, boosting the company's sales.

Performance was held back by Smiles Fidelildade, the Brazilian loyalty program manager. It suffered a downgrade to its outlook after announcing poor results. It was one of the poorer performers over the period. Another was Haitian International, the Chinese plastic injection-moulding manufacturer. Despite releasing a robust set of half-yearly results and upbeat comments about achieving a full order book, investors were nervous that trade frictions would start to affect the business. With major competitors operating out of Europe and Japan, we believe it is unlikely that the US would instigate tariffs on the company's products. Meanwhile, Bank of Georgia slipped on liquidity concerns after it split its business into a core banking operation and a capital investment arm. ING Life Insurance (Korea) also weighed on the Sub-fund's return. A sale of a stake in the company collapsed as concerns rose that the valuation of the business was too high.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in Goodbaby, a leading baby brand manufacturer and retailer in China and Europe. Our investment case is based on the material cross-selling opportunity of highmargin products into a Chinese market that is formalising baby products. We also invested in Chroma ATE, attracted by its strong growth outlook. The company has developed its core power management capabilities to address new high-growth market segments including solar, 3D sensing and electric vehicles. As a result, we expect the dividend yield to grow at a healthy annual rate. We also bought Xiabu Xiabu, the leading 'hotpot' restaurant operator in China. The drivers of growth are improving menu choice and price, expansion into new areas and the development of its high-end restaurant brand, Cou Cou. While the stock has a modest dividend yield, we see it growing at a high rate.

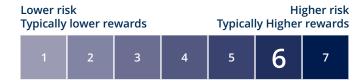
Meanwhile, we sold OTB Bank after we downgraded its prospects and to manage the size of our financial holdings. We also sold CUB Elecparts, the Taiwanese automobile component manufacturer. New competitors entering the market will temper the recent success of products based on its LIDAR system (a detection system that uses light from a laser). Additional sales included United Tractors (Indonesia), China Life Insurance (China) and Woolworths (South Africa).

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
etail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.43	68.06	48.21	55.16
Return before operating charges*	(6.37)	17.46	20.69	(6.05
Operating charges**	(0.56)	(1.09)	(0.84)	(0.90
Return after operating charges*	(6.93)	16.37	19.85	(6.95
Distributions	(1.21)	(1.10)	(1.02)	(1.05
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.21	1.10	1.02	1.05
Closing net asset value per share	77.50	84.43	68.06	48.21
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.12	0.18	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	-8.21%	24.05%	41.17%	-12.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,143	3,243	1,508	699
Closing number of shares	4,055,131	3,841,015	2,215,097	1,450,249
Operating charges****	1.39%	1.39%	1.40%	1.68%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.30%	0.34%
Prices				
Highest share price	85.81	86.32	70.10	61.48
Lowest share price	76.95	68.23	48.60	44.99

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	87.48	70.15	49.44	56.03
Return before operating charges*	(6.60)	18.07	21.28	(6.09)
Operating charges**	(0.38)	(0.74)	(0.57)	(0.50)
Return after operating charges*	(6.98)	17.33	20.71	(6.59)
Distributions	(1.46)	(1.51)	(1.33)	(1.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.46	1.51	1.33	1.38
Closing net asset value per share	80.50	87.48	70.15	49.44
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.19	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	-7.98%	24.70%	41.89%	-11.76%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	262,830	264,336	119,826	57,049
Closing number of shares	326,493,067	302,155,108	170,813,671	115,388,940
Operating charges****	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.31%	0.33%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.92	89.40	72.13	62.49
Lowest share price	79.82	70.41	49.84	45.82

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	72.67	60.07	43.84	51.81
Return before operating charges*	(5.42)	15.40	18.59	(5.58)
Operating charges**	(0.48)	(0.95)	(0.75)	(0.83)
Return after operating charges*	(5.90)	14.45	17.84	(6.41)
Distributions	(1.52)	(1.85)	(1.61)	(1.56)
Closing net asset value per share	65.25	72.67	60.07	43.84
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.11	0.16	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	-8.12%	24.06%	40.69%	-12.37%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	359	85	37	26
Closing number of shares	549,732	117,611	60,922	57,878
Operating charges****	1.39%	1.39%	1.40%	1.68%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.30%	0.34%
Prices				
Highest share price	73.88	74.62	62.43	57.69
Lowest share price	65.60	60.31	44.22	41.76

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	75.20	61.86	44.93	52.68
Return before operating charges*	(5.64)	15.88	19.09	(5.65)
Operating charges**	(0.33)	(0.64)	(0.51)	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	(5.97)	15.24	18.58	(6.12)
Distributions	(1.55)	(1.90)	(1.65)	(1.63)
Closing net asset value per share	67.68	75.20	61.86	44.93
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.11	0.17	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	-7.94%	24.64%	41.35%	-11.62%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,503	29,048	14,482	9,108
Closing number of shares	37,683,606	38,630,011	23,408,331	20,271,944
Operating charges****	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.31%	0.34%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.45	77.18	64.19	58.72
Lowest share price	67.96	62.15	45.32	42.62

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	78.38	63.95	46.06	53.58
Return before operating charges*	(5.89)	16.47	19.61	(5.80)
Operating charges**	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	(5.92)	16.40	19.55	(5.85)
Distributions	(1.62)	(1.97)	(1.66)	(1.67)
Closing net asset value per share	70.84	78.38	63.95	46.06
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.12	0.17	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	-7.55%	25.65%	42.44%	-10.92%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,446	8,239	1	1
Closing number of shares	10,511,712	10,511,712	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.30%	0.35%
Prices				
Highest share price	79.71	80.39	66.20	59.79
Lowest share price	71.09	64.33	46.46	43.51

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	90.48	72.01	50.41	56.74
Return before operating charges*	(6.84)	18.61	21.71	(6.23)
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	(6.91)	18.47	21.60	(6.33)
Distributions	(1.84)	(2.11)	(1.78)	(1.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.84	2.11	1.78	1.75
Closing net asset value per share	83.57	90.48	72.01	50.41
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.19	0.19
Performance +				
Return after charges	-7.64%	25.65%	42.85%	-11.16%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	399,056	432,014	343,786	240,645
Closing number of shares	477,498,054	477,458,683	477,401,155	477,350,532
Operating charges****	0.17%	0.17%	0.18%	0.18%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.30%	0.34%
Prices				
Highest share price	92.04	92.46	73.88	63.32
Lowest share price	82.76	72.39	50.82	46.53

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	87.18	69.95	49.32	55.92
Return before operating charges*	(6.58)	18.01	21.23	(6.07)
Operating charges**	(0.40)	(0.78)	(0.60)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	(6.98)	17.23	20.63	(6.60)
Distributions	(1.43)	(1.46)	(1.30)	(1.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.43	1.46	1.30	1.33
Closing net asset value per share	80.20	87.18	69.95	49.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.19	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	-8.01%	24.63%	41.83%	-11.80%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,237	25,189	8,218	5,924
Closing number of shares	31,468,785	28,892,663	11,748,944	12,010,606
Operating charges****	0.97%	0.97%	0.98%	0.98%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.31%	0.33%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.61	89.10	71.95	62.38
Lowest share price	79.53	70.20	49.72	45.72

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income	parrat par arrang	P P	P P	p
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	74.99	61.72	44.85	52.62
Return before operating charges*	(5.64)	15.88	19.07	(5.65)
Operating charges**	(0.34)	(0.69)	(0.54)	(0.49)
Return after operating charges*	(5.98)	15.19	18.53	(6.14)
Distributions	(1.54)	(1.92)	(1.66)	(1.63)
Closing net asset value per share	67.47	74.99	61.72	44.85
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.11	0.17	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	-7.97%	24.61%	41.32%	-11.67%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,854	22,727	5,325	1,788
Closing number of shares	32,391,533	30,308,721	8,627,680	3,987,310
Operating charges****	0.97%	0.97%	0.98%	0.98%
Direct transaction costs***	0.07%	0.16%	0.31%	0.34%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.24	76.97	64.06	58.64
Lowest share price	67.77	62.01	45.24	42.56

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
	t & Africa Equities (18.38%)	107,803	14.4
Curacao (0.88%)	t & Africa Equities (10.36%)	7,805	1.0
caracao (0.0070)		7,005	1.0
35,837,924	Safaricom	7,805	1.0
Georgia (0.92%)		6,757	0.9
275,853	Bank of Georgia	4,559	0.6
	Georgia Capital	2,198	0.3
Hungary (1.49%)		3,121	0.4
2,752,809	Magyar Telekom	3,121	0.4
ersey (0.26%)		_	
Nigeria (0.39%)		3,302	0.4
2,388,761	Seplat Petroleum Development	3,302	0.4
Romania (0.53%)		-	
Russia (5.87%)		48,804	6.5
1,351,749	Globaltrans Investment	11,274	1.5
73,925,087	Inter RAO	3,378	0.4
233,845	LUKOIL	12,414	1.6
388,628	MMC Norilsk Nickel	4,951	0.6
648,535	Rosneft Oil	3,211	0.4
3,125,947	Sberbank of Russia (Preference)	5,665	0.7
642,189	Severstal	7,911	1.0
South Africa (6.55%)	34,588	4.6
2,984,476	Firstrand	11,065	1.4
	Naspers	11,252	1.5
850,250	•	3,542	0.4
	Vodacom	8,729	1.1
Turkey (1.49%)		3,426	0.4

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		Market value	Percentage of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
Latin American Equ	lities (15.67%)	115,944	15.5
Argentina (0.51%)		1,633	0.2
48,815	Banco Macro	1,633	0.23
Brazil (9.05%)		59,325	7.9
1,329,570	AmBev	4,680	0.6
195,485		2,530	0.3
1,399,528	Banco Bradesco (Preference)	7,414	1.0
789,587		2,226	0.3
	CVC Brasil Operadora	3,527	0.4
	Cyrela Brazil Realty	2,368	0.3
2,931,637		5,245	0.7
	Petrobras Distribuidora	7,256	0.9
	Petrol Brasileiros (Preference)	3,238	0.4
	Smiles Fidelidade	3,694	0.5
1,213,014		4,551	0.6
	Telefonica Brasil (Preference)	2,191	0.2
1,039,758		10,405	1.4
Chile (0.99%)		6,471	0.8
56,312,824	Enel Americas	6,471	0.8
Mexico (3.50%)		33,304	4.4
904,516	FEMSA	6,658	0.8
	Grupo Financiero Banorte	8,630	1.1
	Grupo México	5,384	0.7
	PLA Administradora Industrial	9,104	1.2
	Unifin Financiera	3,528	0.4
Panama (0.40%)		5,027	0.6
81,736	Copa Holdings	5,027	0.6
Peru (1.22%)		10,184	1.3
	Credicorp		1.3

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Pacific Basin Equitie	s (63.77%)	498,752	66.9
Australia (0.31%)		1,786	0.2
1,268,642	Syrah Resources	1,786	0.24
China (27.83%)		192,755	25.8
217,151	Alibaba Group Holding ADR	29,238	3.9
	Angel Yeast	4,741	0.6
	ANTA Sports Products	11,744	1.5
	China Construction Bank	21,818	2.9
	China Merchants Bank	11,657	1.5
	China Petroleum	3,001	0.4
11,958,872		6,658	0.4
	Goodbaby International	3,947	0.5
4,884,209	Haitian International	7,545	1.0
366,484	Huazhu Group	9,702	1.3
2,123,021	Minth	6,670	0.8
	NetEase	3,786	0.5
	Ping An Insurance	20,958	2.8
	Red Star Macalline	2,673	0.3
484,008	Sunny Optical Technology	4,730	0.6
	Tencent	35,764	4.8
	Tianhe Chemicals*	0	0.0
	Weichai Power	5,121	0.6
	Xiabu Xiabu	3,002	0.4
Hong Kong (2.98%)		29,783	4.0
200.224	ACM Decide Technology	2457	0.4
	ASM Pacific Technology China Lumena New Materials*	3,157 0	0.4
			0.0
88,800 1,159,965	China Metal Recycling** China Mobile	0 8,386	0.0 1.1
3,115,853	China Resources Land	8,353	1.1
12,694,537	SITC	6,555 7,242	0.9
	Texhong Textile	2,645	0.9
ndia (6.04%)		40,391	5.4
271,158	Bajaj	9,162	1.2
1,790,311	Coal India	5,538	0.7

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
ndia (continued)			
2,060,000	IRB InvIT	1,691	0.23
1,617,618	ITC	5,607	0.7!
494,486	Larsen & Toubro	7,349	0.99
987,697	Voltas	6,594	0.8
1,196,267	Yes Bank	4,450	0.6
ndonesia (2.40%)		10,247	1.3
19,761,837	AKR Corporindo	3,726	0.5
18,223,842	Bank Mandiri	6,521	0.8
Macau (0.85%)		6,150	0.8
1,640,147	Sands China	6,150	0.8.
Malaysia (0.54%)		3,926	0.5
8,738,323	UOA Development	3,926	0.5
South Korea (10.379	%)	104,111	13.9
276,728	ING Life Insurance Korea	6,599	0.8
375,865	KB Financial	13,431	1.8
22,049	LG Chemical Preference KRW 5000	3,048	0.4
24,576	POSCO	5,538	0.7
413,070	Samsung Electronics	13,818	1.8
1,318,417	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	36,177	4.8
234,446	Shinhan Finance	7,049	0.9
290,140	SK Hynix	16,624	2.2
95,089	Woory Industrial	1,827	0.2
Taiwan (8.76%)		69,727	9.3
16,160	Chicony Electronics Co	26	0.0
1,377,000	Chroma ATE	5,846	0.7
3,500,209	Hon Hai Precision	7,049	0.9
	President Chain Store	5,370	0.7
1,613,940	Realtek	6,024	0.8
			ГС
6,616,091	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	42,343	5.6

Global Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Thailand (3.69%)		39,876	5.35
2,482,778	Advanced Info Service	11,731	1.57
703,625	Kasikornbank	3,490	0.47
6,879,600	PTT (Alien Market)	8,450	1.13
504,766	Siam Cement	5,339	0.72
18,862,836	Star Petroleum Refining	6,607	0.89
7,486,616	Supalai	4,259	0.57
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (1.18%)	1,339	0.18
1,338,570	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	1,339	0.18
Total investment as	sets	723,838	97.10
Net other assets		21,590	2.90
Total Net Assets		745,428	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended

^{**} Delisted

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augi	ust 2018	31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(76,355)		96,039
Revenue	18,408		12,135	
Expenses	(1,868)		(1,250)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	16,535		10,884	
Taxation	(1,718)		(983)	
Net revenue after taxation		14,817		9,901
Total return before distributions	_	(61,538)		105,940
Distributions		(15,037)		(10,015)
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		(76,575)		95,925

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Augu	ust 2018	31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		784,881		493,183
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	36,990		81,134	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(13,881)		(1,781)	
_		23,109		79,353
Dilution adjustment		100		355
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		(76,575)		95,925
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		13,913		9,716
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		745,428		678,532

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		723,838		777,004
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,878		2,616	
Cash and bank balances	21,302		7,318	
		23,180		9,93
Total assets	_	747,018	_	786,93
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(892)		(1,805)	
Distribution payable	(698)		(252)	
		(1,590)		(2,05
Total liabilities	_	(1,590)		(2,05
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	745,428		784,88

Global Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

for the three months ended	31 May	y 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

Net Income Equalisation D	Distribution paid	Distribution paid
2018 2018	2018	2017
pence per share pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
etail accumulation		
oup 1 0.5280 –	0.5280*	0.2498
roup 2 0.3931 0.1349	0.5280*	0.2498
stitutional accumulation		
oup 1 0.6422 -	0.6422*	0.3436
oup 2 0.3608 0.2814	0.6422*	0.3436
etail income		
oup 1 0.6801 –	0.6801**	0.4242
roup 2 0.3830 0.2971	0.6801**	0.4242
stitutional income		
oup 1 0.7009 –	0.7009**	0.4368
roup 2 0.3047 0.3962	0.7009**	0.4368
andard Life income		
oup 1 0.6702 -	0.6702**	0.4582
roup 2 – – –	-	-
andard Life accumulation		
oup 1 0.7779 -	0.7779*	0.4940
roup 2 0.3599 0.4180	0.7779*	0.4940
atform 1 accumulation		
oup 1 0.6247 -	0.6247*	0.3333
roup 2 0.3927 0.2320	0.6247*	0.3333
atform 1 income		
oup 1 0.6922 -	0.6922**	0.4357
oup 2 0.3631 0.3291	0.6922**	0.4357

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

Global Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

(Continued)

for the three months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation		Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
Data 9 - a manufaction	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation	0.6044		0.0011+	0.670
Group 1	0.6844	0.4434	0.6844*	0.678
Group 2	0.2410	0.4434	0.6844*	0.678
nstitutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.8192	_	0.8192*	0.792
Group 2	0.2481	0.5711	0.8192*	0.792
Retail income				
Group 1	0.8375	_	0.8375**	0.814
Group 2	0.4790	0.3585	0.8375**	0.814
nstitutional income				
Group 1	0.8453	-	0.8453**	0.837
Group 2	0.2587	0.5866	0.8453**	0.837
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.9466	-	0.9466**	0.821
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	1.0628	-	1.0628*	0.915
Group 2	0.5247	0.5381	1.0628*	0.915
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.8101	-	0.8101*	0.781
Group 2	0.3512	0.4589	0.8101*	0.781
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.8522	-	0.8522**	0.839
Group 2	0.3409	0.5113	0.8522**	0.839

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

Global Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

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Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

1st Interim 2nd Interim Dividend Dividend Distribution Distribution 100.00% 100.00% 0.00% 0.00%

Treat as a UK corporate dividend Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

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Fund Information		
Launch Date	21 October 2014	
Closure Date	14 January 2016	

All shares in the Sub-fund were redeemed and cancelled. The Sub-fund will formally terminate at a later date after all residual assets and liabilities are settled. The Sub-fund is not open to new investors.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation^	Closure 2016 pence per share	28 February 2015 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	49.17	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	(8.18)	0.17
Operating charges**	(0.91)	(1.00)
Return after operating charges*	(9.09)	(0.83)
Redemption value as at 14 January 2016	(40.08)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	49.17
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.00
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.20	0.11
Performance +		
Return after charges	-18.49%	-1.66%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200
Operating charges****	1.98%	1.99%
Direct transaction costs***	0.43%	0.22%
Prices		
Highest share price	54.64	52.03
Lowest share price	38.50	46.73

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties. In line with the requirements of the 2014 SORP for authorised Funds, direct transaction costs are stated after the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments in relation to direct transaction costs. Direct transaction costs, where expressed as a percentage of average NAV, reflect an equivalent annual period.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

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⁺⁺ From launch of the Sub-fund on 21 October 2014.

[^] To closure of the Sub-fund on 14 January 2016.

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Comparative Tables

	Closure 2016 pence per share	28 February 2015 pence per share
Institutional accumulation^ Change in net assets per share		
Opening net assets per share	49.32	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	(8.37)	(0.18)
Operating charges**	(0.45)	(0.50)
Return after operating charges*	(8.82)	(0.68)
Redemption value as at 14 January 2016	(40.50)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	49.32
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.03
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.11
Performance +		
Return after charges	-17.88%	-1.36%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	20,685
Closing number of shares	-	41,943,230
Operating charges****	0.98%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs***	0.45%	0.22%
Prices		
Highest share price	54.84	52.07
Lowest share price	38.77	46.79

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Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund

Comparative Tables

	Closure 2016	28 February 2015
Standard Life accumulation^	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	49.46	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	(8.48)	(0.44)
Operating charges**	(0.08)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	(8.56)	(0.54)
Redemption value as at 14 January 2016	(40.90)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	49.46
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.18
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.20	0.11
Performance +		
Return after charges	-17.31%	-1.08%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	18
Closing number of shares	-	35,982
Operating charges****	0.18%	0.19%
Direct transaction costs***	0.43%	0.22%
Prices		
Highest share price	55.05	52.12
Lowest share price	39.04	46.85

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Comparative Tables

Platform 1 accumulation^	Closure 2016 pence per share	28 February 2015 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	49.29	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	(8.33)	(0.09)
Operating charges**	(0.57)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	(8.90)	(0.71)
Redemption value as at 14 January 2016	(40.39)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	49.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.20	0.11
Performance +		
Return after charges	-18.06%	-1.42%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	41
Closing number of shares	-	83,855
Operating charges****	1.23%	1.24%
Direct transaction costs***	0.43%	0.22%
Prices		
Highest share price	54.80	52.07
Lowest share price	38.71	46.78

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
China (0.00%)		0	0.00
5,196,000	Tianhe Chemicals*	0	0.00
Total investment as	sets	0	0.00
Net other assets		0	0.00
Total Net Assets		0	0.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund

Financial Statements

	24 4	-+ 2010	24 4	ct 2017
	31 Augu: £'000	£'000	31 Augu £'000	est 2017 £'000
Income:	2000	2000	2000	2000
Net capital losses		0		(
Revenue	0		0	
Expenses	0		0	
Net revenue before taxation	0		0	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		0		(
Total return before distributions		0		(
Distributions		0		(
Shareholders from investment activities Statement of Change in Net Assets Attri	butable to Share	nolders		
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Assets Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank bala Total assets		31 Augus £'000	gust 2018 £'000	28 February 2 £'000 0 4	2018 £'00
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Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank bala		£'000 0	£'000	£'000	£'00
Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank bala		£'000 0	£'000	£'000	£'00
Current assets: Debtors Cash and bank bala		0	0	0	
Debtors Cash and bank bala					
Cash and bank bala					
				4	
Fotal assets					
Liabilities Creditors		0		(4)	
Lieuitors			0	(4)	(
Гotal liabilities			U		
Net assets attributab		_			(
	lders		0		(

Global Equity Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Informat	ion
Fund Manager	Dominic Byrne
Launch Date	1 May 1986
Benchmark	IA Global Equity Income Sector

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide income with some capital appreciation over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in a focused portfolio of high yielding global equities, equity type investments and fixed interest securities. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The diversified nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors wishing to achieve a broad spread of equity exposure at a country and sector level. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity markets and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Global Equity Income Fund returned 4.84% during the period (Platform 1 accumulation), in comparison with the IA Global Equity Income sector return of 6.07%. (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

US railroad operator CSX Corporation performed well. The company presented Q2 earnings results that provided further evidence that it continues to execute successfully its improvement programme, with margins substantially higher in the last 12-18 months. A position in US managed healthcare provider, UnitedHealth, also boosted the Sub-fund's returns. The stock price continued its strong performance after it announced good results in July, which received a boost from a small acquisition in August that was well received by the market. Additional highlights included Eli Lilly and Co, CMS Energy and Pfizer.

On the downside, shares in Brazilian bank Banco Bradesco slipped despite the lack of any company-specific news. Despite positive trends of stronger consumer loan growth and improving credit costs, this has been overshadowed by recent uncertainty of social unrest – in particular the truck strike and the government elections.

Nonetheless, we continue to believe Bradesco will benefit from falling credit costs and an improving economy brought about by the new government's structural reforms, and so the stock remains in the portfolio. Vodafone also had a negative impact on the performance of the Sub-fund. Worries about competitive pressures persisted and concern mounted about how the new CEO will perform. A holding in Paddy Power Betfair (now sold), and not owning Amazon nor Apple also weighed on relative returns.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in US defence contractor Raytheon. We believe that the valuation underestimates the sustainability of its earnings growth. The backdrop is the increasingly unpredictable geopolitical environment in some parts of the world. Given this, there is scope for an increase in US military expenditure as both sides of the political divide in the US are broadly supportive of an increase to the defence budget. This should heighten the chances of Raytheon winning more military contracts. Elsewhere, we purchased Danishlisted insurance company Tryg, where we see improvements in most of its end markets, including positive pricing dynamics in Denmark. We also believe that the recently acquired Alka (a smaller, privately owned insurer in Denmark) will help Tryg's growth initiatives and ultimately lead to higher free cash flow. This will in turn support dividend growth. Staying in the Nordics, we initiated a holding in Norwegian telecoms firm Telenor. The company has been investing heavily in its networks and operations in Norway and Asia which, once complete, should improve its balance sheet and allow it to pay an improved dividend.

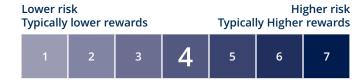
By contrast, we sold out of the position in Paddy Power Betfair, the UK-listed gambling company. It delivered disappointing results, which showed weakness in its core markets and a need to spend more on marketing to drive future growth. The potential for further earnings downgrades has increased. Elsewhere, we took profits from Australian investment management firm Challenger Limited. The government recently announced changes in the way annuities are treated, which was beneficial to Challenger's business. The stock climbed in response, meaning further upside is limited. Meanwhile, we exited Dutch lighting company Signify. It continues to struggle operationally and our conviction level has been sufficiently reduced to warrant us selling the position.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
letail accumulation - Founder				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	261.21	258.98	206.34	203.13
Return before operating charges*	14.93	5.01	55.16	5.43
Operating charges**	(1.39)	(2.78)	(2.52)	(2.22)
Return after operating charges*	13.54	2.23	52.64	3.21
Distributions	(3.15)	(4.28)	(4.91)	(4.03
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	3.15	4.28	4.91	4.03
Closing net asset value per share	274.75	261.21	258.98	206.34
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.13	0.35	0.36	0.24
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.18%	0.86%	25.51%	1.58%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88,771	87,965	95,292	83,119
Closing number of shares	32,309,883	33,675,927	36,794,983	40,282,194
Operating charges****	1.04%	1.04%	1.08%	1.08%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	280.2	276.1	258.8	216.9
Lowest share price	246.3	251.9	207.1	189.6

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Institutional accumulation - Founder Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	285.10	281.47	223.29	218.83
Return before operating charges*	16.32	5.44	59.77	5.86
Operating charges**	(0.91)	(1.81)	(1.59)	(1.40)
Return after operating charges*	15.41	3.63	58.18	4.46
Distributions	(4.06)	(5.88)	(6.42)	(5.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	4.06	5.88	6.42	5.35
Closing net asset value per share	300.51	285.10	281.47	223.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.14	0.38	0.39	0.26
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.41%	1.29%	26.06%	2.04%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,690	7,718	8,176	6,541
Closing number of shares	2,559,015	2,707,210	2,904,760	2,929,398
Operating charges****	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	306.4	301.2	281.5	233.7
Lowest share price	268.9	274.8	224.1	204.6

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Retail income - Founder	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	02.52	02.07	69.03	70.02
Opening net asset value per share	82.52	83.97		70.02
Return before operating charges*	3.52	1.68	18.18	1.86
Operating charges**	(0.44)	(0.89)	(0.83)	(0.75)
Return after operating charges*	3.08	0.79	17.35	1.11
Distributions	(1.41)	(2.24)	(2.41)	(2.10)
Closing net asset value per share	84.19	82.52	83.97	69.03
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.73%	0.94%	25.13%	1.59%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	885	861	811	620
Closing number of shares	1,051,153	1,043,788	965,803	898,658
Operating charges****	1.04%	1.04%	1.08%	1.08%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	87.64	88.15	84.36	74.76
Lowest share price	77.82	79.94	69.33	64.10

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Institutional income - Founder				
Change in net assets per share	0404	05.00	70.20	71.00
Opening net asset value per share	84.84	85.98	70.38	71.06
Return before operating charges*	4.82	1.69	18.55	1.91
Operating charges**	(0.27)	(0.55)	(0.49)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	4.55	1.14	18.06	1.46
Distributions	(1.45)	(2.28)	(2.46)	(2.14)
Closing net asset value per share	87.94	84.84	85.98	70.38
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.12	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.36%	1.33%	25.66%	2.05%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	250	261	624	662
Closing number of shares	284,264	307,376	726,255	940,629
Operating charges****	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	90.28	90.37	86.37	75.92
Lowest share price	80.04	82.16	70.68	65.35

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Standard Life income	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net assets per share	85.58	85.49	69.57	69.84
Return before operating charges*	4.86	2.27	18.36	1.85
Operating charges**	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.03)
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Return after operating charges*	4.84	2.23	18.32	1.82
Distributions	(1.56)	(2.14)	(2.40)	(2.09)
Closing net asset value per share	88.86	85.58	85.49	69.57
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.66%	2.61%	26.33%	2.61%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	14,756	12,007
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	17,260,431	17,260,431
Operating charges****	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%	0.05%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	91.19	90.43	85.89	74.66
Lowest share price	80.74	83.75	69.87	64.56

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	86.00	83.59	66.72	65.06
Return before operating charges*	4.92	2.52	16.97	1.75
Operating charges**	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	4.87	2.41	16.87	1.66
Distributions	(1.44)	(2.21)	(1.85)	(1.92)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.44	2.21	1.85	1.92
Closing net asset value per share	90.87	86.00	83.59	66.72
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.66%	2.88%	25.28%	2.55%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	360	400	379	242
Closing number of shares	396,585	465,580	453,131	362,224
Operating charges****	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	92.62	90.78	84.46	69.53
Lowest share price	81.15	82.75	66.97	60.99

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	97.12	96.58	77.19	76.41
Return before operating charges*	5.55	1.87	20.57	2.04
Operating charges**	(0.66)	(1.33)	(1.18)	(1.26)
Return after operating charges*	4.89	0.54	19.39	0.78
Distributions	(1.02)	(1.30)	(1.57)	(1.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation	1.02	1.20	1 57	1.00
share	1.02	1.30	1.57	1.09
Closing net asset value per share	102.01	97.12	96.58	77.19
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.13	0.13	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.04%	0.56%	25.12%	1.02%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,935	9,443	10,461	7,730
Closing number of shares	8,759,835	9,721,951	10,831,093	10,014,192
Operating charges****	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%	1.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	104.1	102.7	96.51	81.52
Lowest share price	91.57	93.67	77.48	71.11

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	101.31	100.28	79.75	78.35
Return before operating charges*	5.79	1.93	21.32	2.10
Operating charges**	(0.45)	(0.90)	(0.79)	(0.70)
Return after operating charges*	5.34	1.03	20.53	1.40
Distributions	(1.31)	(1.84)	(2.07)	(1.71)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	1.31	1.84	2.07	1.71
Closing net asset value per share	106.65	101.31	100.28	79.75
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.14	0.14	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.27%	1.03%	25.74%	1.79%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,679	7,143	5,080	2,614
Closing number of shares	5,324,445	7,050,840	5,065,519	3,277,574
Operating charges****	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%	0.88%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	108.8	107.1	100.2	83.67
Lowest share price	95.55	97.68	80.05	73.19

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	80.21	81.87	67.50	68.85
Return before operating charges*	3.42	1.61	17.73	1.83
Operating charges**	(0.55)	(1.12)	(1.01)	(1.12
Return after operating charges*	2.87	0.49	16.72	0.71
Distributions	(1.37)	(2.15)	(2.35)	(2.06
Closing net asset value per share	81.71	80.21	81.87	67.50
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.58%	0.60%	24.77%	1.03%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	364	325	719	567
Closing number of shares	445,534	405,525	878,112	839,443
Operating charges****	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%	1.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	85.08	85.86	82.24	73.47
Lowest share price	75.63	77.69	67.79	62.70

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	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	83.59	84.93	69.68	70.53
Return before operating charges*	4.74	1.67	18.36	1.88
Operating charges**	(0.37)	(0.75)	(0.68)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	4.37	0.92	17.68	1.26
Distributions	(1.43)	(2.26)	(2.43)	(2.11)
Closing net asset value per share	86.53	83.59	84.93	69.68
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.23%	1.08%	25.37%	1.79%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	768	907	1,376	765
Closing number of shares	887,000	1,085,499	1,619,975	1,098,556
Operating charges****	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%	0.88%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.84	89.19	85.32	75.33
Lowest share price	78.84	80.97	69.98	64.70

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	99.12	98.16	78.10	76.78
Return before operating charges*	5.68	1.89	20.88	2.04
Operating charges**	(0.47)	(0.93)	(0.82)	(0.72)
Return after operating charges*	5.21	0.96	20.06	1.32
Distributions	(1.26)	(1.75)	(1.98)	(1.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.26	1.75	1.98	1.64
Closing net asset value per share	104.33	99.12	98.16	78.10
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.13	0.14	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.26%	0.98%	25.69%	1.72%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,671	24,759	23,869	13,826
Closing number of shares	19,813,769	24,977,958	24,315,599	17,701,367
Operating charges****	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	106.4	104.8	98.09	81.98
Lowest share price	93.48	95.57	78.40	71.70

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Global Equity Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	83.24	84.61	69.45	70.33
Return before operating charges*	4.72	1.67	18.31	1.88
Operating charges**	(0.39)	(0.79)	(0.72)	(0.65)
Return after operating charges*	4.33	0.88	17.59	1.23
Distributions	(1.42)	(2.25)	(2.43)	(2.11)
Closing net asset value per share	86.15	83.24	84.61	69.45
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.11	0.12	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.20%	1.04%	25.33%	1.75%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,563	7,065	7,356	4,575
Closing number of shares	6,457,592	8,487,064	8,694,031	6,587,762
Operating charges****	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.15%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.46	88.85	85.00	75.12
Lowest share price	78.51	80.63	69.75	64.49

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation^	perice per siture	perice per siture	perice per sitaire	perice per siture
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	63.41	63.22	50.61	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	2.41	1.26	13.54	0.68
Operating charges**	(0.51)	(1.07)	(0.93)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	1.90	0.19	12.61	0.61
Distributions	(0.40)	(0.67)	(0.89)	(0.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,
share	0.40	0.67	0.89	0.06
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(65.31)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	63.41	63.22	50.61
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.09	0.09	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.00%	0.30%	24.92%	1.22%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.62%	1.62%	1.63%	1.63%
Direct transaction costs***	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.02%
Prices				
Highest share price	65.53	67.08	63.18	51.29
Lowest share price	59.78	61.17	50.80	46.76

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⁺⁺ Shareclass opened on 27 January 2016.

[^] Shareclass closed on 14 June 2018.

Global Equity Income Fund

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
Emerging Market E		775	0.5
Brazil (1.86%)	quities (1.80%)	775	0.5
D1 (211 (1.0070)		713	0.5
165,216	Banco Bradesco	775	0.5
European Equities (24.22%)	37,189	26.5
Belgium (0.00%)		798	0.5
18,564	Umicore	798	0.5
Denmark (2.73%)		2,917	2.0
78,705	Danske Bank	1,782	1.2
60,105		1,135	0.8
Finland (3.91%)		4,954	3.5
60,000	Kesko	2,694	1.9
54,256		2,260	1.6
France (3.87%)		1,865	1.3
149,411	Orange	1,865	1.33
Germany (1.87%)		4,755	3.4
86,094	Infineon Technology	1,688	1.2
	Siltronic	1,198	0.8
131,484	TUI	1,869	1.3
Ireland (1.72%)		4,457	3.1
92,000	CRH	2,348	1.6
	Medtronic	2,109	1.5
Italy (1.47%)		2,033	1.4
	Enel	2,033	1.4

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Netherlands (3.09%)	5,245	3.75
12,459	ASMI	1,959	1.40
	ASR Nederland	3,286	2.35
Norway (0.00%)		1,000	0.71
68,783	Telenor	1,000	0.71
Portugal (1.74%)		1,688	1.21
108,358	Galp Energia	1,688	1.21
Spain (0.00%)		1,526	1.09
397,743	Banco Santander	1,526	1.09
Sweden (2.56%)		2,350	1.68
131,241	Swedbank	2,350	1.68
Switzerland (1.26%)		3,601	2.57
18,713	Ferguson	1,156	0.82
10,414	Zurich	2,445	1.75
Japanese Equities(7.26%)	10,389	7.42
2,174	GLP J-REIT	1,677	1.20
381,880	JXTG Holdings	2,073	1.48
523,767	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	2,438	1.74
	Murata Manufacturing	2,113	1.51
168,462	Orix	2,088	1.49
North American Eq	uities (46.79%)	75,031	53.62
Bermuda (1.60%)		2,340	1.67
147,221	Marvell Technology	2,340	1.67
Canada (0.24%)		2,516	1.80
56,980	Restaurant Brands International	2,516	1.80

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
United States (44.95		70,175	50.1
26,282		1,075	0.7
	Alphabet 'A'	3,070	2.1
17,201		774	0.5
26,897	American Tower	3,085	2.2
96,877	Bank of America	2,305	1.6
15,777	Broadcom	2,659	1.9
	Celanese	1,685	1.2
	Chevron	2,363	1.6
80,874	Cisco Systems	2,972	2.1
	CMS Energy	3,185	2.2
	Coca-Cola	2,838	2.0
	Constellation	1,217	8.0
27,839		1,588	1.1
47,364	DowDuPont	2,555	1.8
24,718	Eli Lilly	2,008	1.4
7,856	Equinix	2,636	1.8
28,208	First Republic Bank	2,205	1.5
	Fortune Brands Home & Security	986	0.7
	Johnson & Johnson	3,924	2.8
	JPMorgan Chase	2,125	1.5
58,237		2,611	1.8
	McDonald's	1,991	1.4
	Merck & Co	1,538	1.1
	NextEra Energy	2,891	2.0
53,356	Occidental Petroleum	3,278	2.3
102,857	Pfizer	3,285	2.3
12,957	Philip Morris	776	0.5
	Raytheon	2,332	1.6
	United Health	3,434	2.4
66,559	Verizon Communications	2,784	1.9
Pacific Basin Equition	es (5.66%)	5,377	3.8
Australia (2.37%)		3,538	2.5
82,791	Aristocrat Leisure	1,453	1.0
196,910	Treasury Wine Estates	2,085	1.4

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Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
China (0.87%)		1,839	1.3
439,469	ANTA Sports Products	1,839	1.3
8,100,000	Tianhe Chemicals*	0	0.0
South Korea (0.87%))		
Taiwan (1.55%)		-	
UK Equities (12.67%)	10,684	7.6
Basic Materials (0.0	0%)	1,117	0.8
27,649	Rio Tinto	1,117	0.8
Consumer Goods (2	2.03%)		
Financials (1.87%)		2,705	1.9
155,953	Prudential	2,705	1.9
Industrials (4.94%)		1,505	1.0
304,682	Smith (DS)	1,505	1.0
Oil & Gas (2.14%)		2,830	2.0
517,262	BP	2,830	2.0
Telecommunication	s (1.69%)	2,527	1.8
1,536,327	Vodafone	2,527	1.8
Total investment as	sets	139,445	99.6
Net other assets		493	0.3
Total Net Assets		139,938	100.0

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended

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Financial Statements

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State	ment c	of Total	Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		5,177		6,570
Revenue	2,658		3,250	
Expenses	(706)		(784)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,951		2,465	
Taxation	(224)		(308)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,727		2,157
Total return before distributions		6,904		8,727
Distributions		(1,764)		(2,206)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,140		6,521

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		146,850		168,900
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,084		8,017	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(15,735)		(10,964)	
		(13,651)		(2,947)
Dilution adjustment		26		(3)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		5,140		6,521
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,573		1,756
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		139,938		174,227

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Balance Sheet				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		139,445		144,586
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,683		2,259	
Cash and bank balances	158		1,940	
		2,841		4,19
Total assets	_	142,286	_	148,78
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(2,295)		(1,887)	
Bank overdrafts	0		(3)	
Distribution payable	(53)		(45)	
		(2,348)		(1,93
Total liabilities		(2,348)	_	(1,93
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	139,938	_	146,850

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Distribution Tables

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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

	Net Income			Distribution paid Distribution paid		
	2018	2018	2018	201		
Datail accumulation Founday	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar		
Retail accumulation - Founder	1.0007		1.0007*	2,000		
Group 1 Group 2	1.9687 0.9856	0.9831	1.9687 * 1.9687 *	2.090 2.090		
G10up 2	0.3030	0.5051	1.5007	2.030		
Institutional accumulation - Founder						
Group 1	2.4481	-	2.4481*	2.573		
Group 2	1.1472	1.3009	2.4481*	2.573		
Retail income - Founder						
Group 1	0.8273	-	0.8273**	0.891		
Group 2	0.1774	0.6499	0.8273**	0.891		
Institutional income - Founder						
Group 1	0.8510	-	0.8510**	0.913		
Group 2	0.2587	0.5923	0.8510**	0.913		
Standard Life income						
Group 1	0.9465	-	0.9465**	0.908		
Group 2	-	-	-			
Standard Life accumulation						
Group 1	0.8460	-	0.8460*	0.881		
Group 2	0.5307	0.3153	0.8460*	0.881		
Retail accumulation						
Group 1	0.6593	-	0.6593*	0.705		
Group 2	0.5183	0.1410	0.6593*	0.705		
Institutional accumulation						
Group 1	0.8066	-	0.8066*	0.852		
Group 2	0.2698	0.5368	0.8066*	0.852		
Retail income						
Group 1	0.8040	-	0.8040**	0.869		
Group 2	0.4338	0.3702	0.8040**	0.869		

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Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018	Equalisation 2018	Distribution paid 2018	Distribution paid 2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.8383	-	0.8383**	0.9020
Group 2	0.3382	0.5001	0.8383**	0.9020
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.7769	-	0.7769*	0.8222
Group 2	0.3713	0.4056	0.7769*	0.8222
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.8347	-	0.8347**	0.8985
Group 2	0.5144	0.3203	0.8347**	0.8985
Institutional A accumulation				
Group 1	0.3986	-	0.3986*	0.4211
Group 2	-	-	-	-

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

Global Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

(Continued)

for the three months ended 31 August 2013	for the	three	months	ended 31	August 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payableDistr	ibution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share p	ence per share	pence per share pen	ce per shar
Retail accumulation - Founder				
Group 1	1.1857	-	1.1857*	1.082
Group 2	0.6286	0.5571	1.1857*	1.082
Institutional accumulation - Founder				
Group 1	1.6107	-	1.6107*	1.491
Group 2	0.6244	0.9863	1.6107*	1.491
Retail income - Founder				
Group 1	0.5856	-	0.5856**	0.567
Group 2	0.2060	0.3796	0.5856**	0.567
Institutional income - Founder				
Group 1	0.6031	-	0.6031**	0.577
Group 2	0.1900	0.4131	0.6031**	0.577
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.6115	-	0.6115**	0.567
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.5923	-	0.5923*	0.554
Group 2	0.3247	0.2676	0.5923*	0.554
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.3635	-	0.3635*	0.328
Group 2	0.0785	0.2850	0.3635*	0.328
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5026	-	0.5026*	0.470
Group 2	0.1690	0.3336	0.5026*	0.470
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5686	-	0.5686**	0.552
Group 2	0.2985	0.2701	0.5686**	0.552

Global Equity Income Fund

Distribution Tables

(Continued)

	Net Income	1.2			
	2018	2018	2018		
1. 10. 10.	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	
Institutional income					
Group 1	0.5914	-	0.5914**	0.5726	
Group 2	0.2968	0.2946	0.5914**	0.5726	
Platform 1 accumulation					
Group 1	0.4798	-	0.4798*	0.4418	
Group 2	0.1844	0.2954	0.4798*	0.4418	
Platform 1 income					
Group 1	0.5896	-	0.5896**	0.5720	
Group 2	0.2435	0.3461	0.5896**	0.5720	
Institutional A accumulation^					
Group 1	_	_	_	0.1607	
Group 2	-	_	_	_	

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	1st Interim	2nd Interim
	Dividend	Dividend
	Distribution	Distribution
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018 ** Distribution payable on 31 October 2018 ^ Share class closed on 14 June 2018

Global Equity Unconstrained Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Donal Reynolds			
Launch Date	16 November 1998			
Benchmark	IA Global Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in global equities and equity type investments. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund will not be restricted by index weightings, sector constraints or company size. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, with an emphasis on stock selection whilst affording proper diversification of mainly global equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 7.30% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared with the IA Global Equity sector, which returned 11.98% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

On the downside, shares in Brazilian bank Banco Bradesco slipped despite the lack of any company-specific news. Despite positive trends of stronger consumer loan growth and improving credit costs, this has been overshadowed by recent uncertainty of social unrest – in particular the truck strike and the government elections. Nonetheless, we continue to believe Bradesco will benefit from falling credit costs and an improving economy brought about by structural reforms. We retain confidence in the stock. Another underperformer was Japanese commodity and electronic materials company, Mitsui Mining & Smelting. There was a significant downgrade to its forecast earnings after it announced its disappointing results. It suffered from a combination of a revaluation of its inventories, in the wake of falling commodity prices, and a big drop in expected demand for high-end smart phones. Our investment thesis is based on the company's ability to supply phone manufacturers outside its primary customer, Apple.

Performance was also held back by holdings in Knight-Swift Transportation and Ryanair. Not owning Apple also hit the Fund.

A positive for the Sub-fund was US railroad operator CSX Corporation. It performed well after its Q2 earnings results provided further evidence that the company continued to execute successfully its improvement programme, with margins substantially higher in the last 12-18 months. Another to perform well was Boston Scientific. Our thesis for the medical device manufacturer is it will exceed growth expectations given its full pipeline of promising new products that are about to come on stream. Others that had a positive effect on performance included Shire Pharmaceutical (now sold), MasterCard and UnitedHealth.

Investment Activity

We bought shares in US defence contractor Raytheon. We believe that the valuation underestimates the sustainability of its earnings growth. The backdrop is the increasingly unpredictable geopolitical environment. Given this, there is scope for an increase in US military expenditure as both sides of the political divide in the US are broadly supportive of an increase to the defence budget. This should heighten the chances of Raytheon winning more military contracts. We also purchased shares in Equinix, TechnipFMC and Shenzhou International.

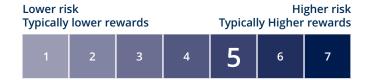
On the other side of the ledger, we exited holding in Scandinavian financial services Nordea. This was because the prolonged revenue pressures weighing down on the company were more severe than we had previously thought. We believe there are better opportunities elsewhere. The position in Danish jewellery maker Pandora was closed. The company has experienced a slowdown in the crucial Chinese market. We also sold shares in Celgene, Comcast and Glanbia

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	129.12	125.60	101.19	101.81
Return before operating charges*	8.37	5.33	25.98	1.14
Operating charges**	(0.92)	(1.81)	(1.57)	(1.76)
Return after operating charges*	7.45	3.52	24.41	(0.62)
Distributions	0.00	(0.07)	(0.02)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.07	0.02	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	136.57	129.12	125.60	101.19
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.25	0.21	0.21
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.77%	2.80%	24.12%	-0.61%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,467	21,234	26,232	21,469
Closing number of shares	12,789,945	16,445,186	20,885,808	21,216,138
Operating charges****	1.38%	1.38%	1.38%	1.72%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.18%	0.21%
Prices				
Highest share price	139.0	136.6	125.5	108.9
Lowest share price	122.8	122.2	101.3	91.48

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	146.04	141.40	113.36	113.14
Return before operating charges*	9.47	5.99	29.21	1.27
Operating charges**	(0.69)	(1.35)	(1.17)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges*	8.78	4.64	28.04	0.22
Distributions	0.00	(0.77)	(0.51)	(0.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.77	0.51	0.45
Closing net asset value per share	154.82	146.04	141.40	113.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.13	0.29	0.23	0.23
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.01%	3.28%	24.74%	0.19%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,673	35,225	43,192	38,100
Closing number of shares	17,227,983	24,119,704	30,546,058	33,610,097
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.18%	0.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	157.5	154.4	141.4	121.5
Lowest share price	139.0	137.7	113.5	102.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	64.94	63.20	50.92	50.00
Return before operating charges*	4.20	2.69	13.08	1.36
Operating charges**	(0.46)	(0.91)	(0.79)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	3.74	1.78	12.29	0.92
Distributions	0.00	(0.04)	(0.01)	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	68.68	64.94	63.20	50.92
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.76%	2.82%	24.14%	1.84%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,111	1,169	998	522
Closing number of shares	1,618,232	1,800,393	1,578,522	1,025,620
Operating charges****	1.38%	1.38%	1.38%	1.72%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.19%	0.10%
Prices				
Highest share price	69.89	68.75	63.20	54.64
Lowest share price	61.77	61.50	50.95	46.03

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	125.18	120.23	95.62	94.67
Return before operating charges*	8.14	5.09	24.73	1.06
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	8.07	4.95	24.61	0.95
Distributions	0.00	(1.67)	(1.29)	(1.14)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.67	1.29	1.14
Closing net asset value per share	133.25	125.18	120.23	95.62
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.25	0.20	0.19
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.45%	4.12%	25.74%	1.00%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,474	4,353	4,598	2,775
Closing number of shares	3,357,207	3,477,046	3,824,593	2,902,285
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.18%	0.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	135.5	132.2	120.2	102.3
Lowest share price	119.2	117.2	95.71	86.19

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share	120.20	125.73	100.39	99.80
Opening net asset value per share	130.39			
Return before operating charges*	8.47	5.33	25.92	1.11
Operating charges**	(0.35)	(0.67)	(0.58)	(0.52)
Return after operating charges*	8.12	4.66	25.34	0.59
Distributions	0.00	(1.22)	(0.90)	(0.80)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	1.22	0.90	0.80
Closing net asset value per share	138.51	130.39	125.73	100.39
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.26	0.21	0.20
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.23%	3.71%	25.24%	0.59%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	81,791	93,641	107,010	74,092
Closing number of shares	59,050,186	71,817,992	85,108,939	73,803,761
Operating charges****	0.51%	0.51%	0.51%	0.52%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.19%	0.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	140.9	137.8	125.7	107.5
Lowest share price	124.1	122.5	100.5	90.68

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	106.04	102.76	82.47	82.39
Return before operating charges*	6.88	4.37	21.23	0.92
Operating charges**	(0.56)	(1.09)	(0.94)	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	6.32	3.28	20.29	0.08
Distributions	0.00	(0.46)	(0.28)	(0.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.46	0.28	0.24
Closing net asset value per share	112.36	106.04	102.76	82.47
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.09	0.21	0.17	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.96%	3.19%	24.60%	0.10%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	49,615	59,414	68,168	63,244
Closing number of shares	44,158,491	56,032,293	66,333,207	76,691,451
Operating charges****	1.01%	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.18%	0.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	114.3	112.1	102.8	88.38
Lowest share price	100.9	100.1	82.53	74.52

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	65.06	62.96	50.45	50.00
Return before operating charges*	4.22	2.67	13.00	0.89
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.57)	(0.49)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	3.93	2.10	12.51	0.45
Distributions	0.00	(0.38)	(0.25)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.38	0.25	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	68.99	65.06	62.96	50.45
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.04%	3.34%	24.80%	0.90%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,854	13,585	14,012	7,111
Closing number of shares	7,035,716	20,880,448	22,256,548	14,095,434
Operating charges****	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.19%	0.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	70.18	68.79	62.96	54.05
Lowest share price	61.91	61.31	50.49	45.58

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Institutional A accumulation^	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	63.55	62.00	50.09	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	3.26	2.67	12.87	0.16
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(1.12)	(0.96)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	2.95	1.55	11.91	0.09
Distributions	0.00	0.00	(0.01)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation			(3.3.7)	
share	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(66.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	63.55	62.00	50.09
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.13	0.10	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.64%	2.50%	23.78%	0.18%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	_	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.71%	1.71%	1.71%	1.72%
Direct transaction costs***	0.17%	0.19%	0.18%	0.02%
Prices				
Highest share price	67.03	67.30	62.00	50.84
Lowest share price	60.43	60.32	50.12	45.28

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 25 January 2016.

[^] Share class closed on 14 June 2018.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
Holding Investment		£′000	net asset
Emerging Market E	quities (1.95%)	3,403	1.8
Brazil (1.95%)		3,403	1.8
725,701	Banco Bradesco	3,403	1.8
European Equities (35.43%)	43,968	23.6
Belgium (1.25%)		3,478	1.8
80,883	Umicore	3,478	1.8
Denmark (2.66%)		-	
Finland (1.92%)		4,340	2.3
104,175	Kone	4,340	2.3
France (4.35%)		8,530	4.5
161,786	Orange	2,019	1.0
	ORPEA	3,718	2.0
	Ubisoft Entertainment	2,793	1.5
Germany (5.40%)		4,099	2.2
102,680	Scout24	4,099	2.2
Ireland (9.25%)		3,651	1.9
142,940	CRH	3,651	1.9
Italy (2.56%)		5,128	2.7
257,814	Prysmian	5,128	2.7
Netherlands (2.82%)	10,620	5.7
26,530	ASML	4,171	2.2
	ASR Nederland	6,449	3.4
Sweden (2.78%)		-	

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Switzerland (2.44%)		4,122	2.2
66.705	-	4422	2.2
66,705	Ferguson	4,122	2.2
apanese Equities (4	.35%)	8,710	4.6
1,085,761	JXTG Holdings	5,894	3.1
127,430	Mitsui Mining & Smelting	2,816	1.5
North America Equi	ties (49.03%)	103,150	55.4
Bermuda (2.39%)		6,802	3.6
427,899	Marvell Technology	6,802	3.6
Canada (2.03%)		3,670	1.9
83,115	Restaurant Brands International	3,670	1.9
United States (44.61	%)	92,678	49.8
6,508	Alphabet 'C'	6,100	3.2
57,444	American Tower	6,589	3.5
74,580	Baxter International	4,267	2.2
189,745	Boston Scientific	5,190	2.7
33,338	Broadcom	5,618	3.0
57,918	Celanese	5,206	2.8
93,528	Citigroup	5,124	2.7
83,656	CSX	4,772	2.5
31,313	Electronic Arts	2,732	1.4
19,161	Equinix	6,429	3.4
49,251	First Republic Bank	3,850	2.0
97,808	Kraft Heinz	4,385	2.3
24,174	Martin Marietta Materials	3,696	1.9
33,298	Mastercard	5,518	2.9
44,169	NextEra Energy	5,778	3.1
29,193	Raytheon	4,477	2.4
31,980	United Health	6,600	3.5
16,668	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	2,365	1.2
53,384	Worldpay	3,982	2.1

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Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Pacific Basin Equition	es (5.15%)	20,582	11.06
Australia (2.69%)		6,145	3.30
580,373	Treasury Wine Estates	6,145	3.30
China (0.43%)		14,437	7.76
982,000	Anta Sports Products	4,110	2.21
166,485	Ctrip.com ADR	5,015	2.70
526,642	Shenzhou	5,312	2.85
23,966,000	Tianhe Chemicals*	0	0.00
Hong Kong (0.00%)		0	0.00
1,055,400	China Metal Recycling**	0	0.00
South Korea (2.03%		-	
UK Equities (4.61%)		3,881	2.09
Financials (2.54%)		3,881	2.09
223,761	Prudential	3,881	2.09
Health Care (2.07%)			_
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.97%)	4,344	2.34
4,343,628	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	4,344	2.34
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	188,038	101.10
Net other liabilities		(2,053)	(1.10)
Total Net Assets		185,985	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} Suspended

^{**} Delisted.

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Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		9,276		16,381
Revenue	2,601		2,306	
Expenses	(801)		(1,081)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,799		1,224	
Taxation	(186)		160	
Net revenue after taxation		1,613		1,384
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,889		17,765

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		228,622		264,210
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	3,750		16,539	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(57,402)		(27,813)	
_		(53,652)		(11,274)
Dilution adjustment		126		27
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		10.889		17.765
,	_	10,005	_	17,703
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		185,985		270,728

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Global Equity Unconstrained Fund

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		188,038		232,019
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,958		10,892	
Cash and bank balances	1,975		5	
		4,933		10,897
Total assets	_	192,971	_	242,916
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(6,986)		(14,290)	
Bank overdrafts	0		(3)	
Distribution payable	0		(1)	
		(6,986)		(14,294)
Total liabilities	_	(6,986)		(14,294)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	185,985	_	228,622

Global Smaller Companies Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information			
Fund Manager	Alan Rowsell		
Launch Date	19 January 2012		
Benchmark	IA Global Sector		

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mainly in global smaller company equities (excluding Investment Trusts) and equity type investments. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly smaller companies from global equity markets. The focused nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of global equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 19.17% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared with the IA Global Sector, which returned 7.95% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

Grubhub performed well on the back of excellent results, as an increasing number of diners are attracted to its online food ordering and delivery platform in the US. The number of active diners rose 70% to 15.6 million, which helped to drive revenues up 51% and earnings-per-share up 104%. We see lots more growth ahead as this trend continues. Abiomed is a US company that has developed breakthrough technology in the field of heart pumps for people with chronic conditions. It posted strong results, as adoption of the technology among heart surgeons accelerated, both in its core US market and internationally. Additional highlights included Monotaro, Paylocity and HMS Holdings

On the downside, Japan Lifeline underperformed. The company specialises in the manufacturing and distribution of cardiovascular medical devices for people with heart problems. Its shares fell due to below-forecast pacemaker sales, combined with the launch of a competing product in drug-eluding stents. Nonetheless, we still see good long-term prospects for the group and it remains in the portfolio. LKQ, the US auto parts distributor, also hurt relative returns. Bad winter weather in Europe and the US led to fewer cars on the road and logistical difficulties for the company. LKQ also had software problems at a new distribution centre, which impacted sales. However, we believe these issues are transitory and we have held onto our position. Holdings in Jungheinrich, Disco and Sunny Optical also disappointed.

Investment Activity

Turning to recent activity, we started a new position in Rotork, a UK manufacturer that is the market leader in actuators for flow control industries such as oil & gas, power generation, water & sewage and mining. End markets are improving, with orders strengthening, while the company is also focused on lifting its margins. We bought Dentium, a Korean dental implants company. It is gaining market share thanks to its strong relationships with dentists and a highquality, competitively priced product offering. We also initiated a position in TCI, Taiwan's largest manufacturer of supplements for health foods, sports drinks and skincare products. It supplies patented formulations to multiple brands, supported by a wellresourced R&D function and a library of 200 patents.

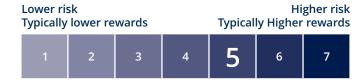
We removed Hain Celestial from the Fund. This is the US natural/organic food manufacturer that has seen disappointing sales in recent quarters. While it has several strong brands that continue to deliver good sales growth, it has also had problems with certain brands that have required additional investment to turn them around. This has lowered our expectation for the earnings potential of the business, so we sold our position. We also exited Cantel Medical, a US medical sterilization company, after it posted disappointing results that confirmed a sharp slowdown in organic growth. This suggested the company was suffering from heightened competition.

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	420.02	407.54	70.45	75.07
Opening net asset value per share	128.93	107.54	79.45	75.07
Return before operating charges*	26.03	23.17	29.48	5.79
Operating charges**	(1.04)	(1.78)	(1.39)	(1.41)
Return after operating charges*	24.99	21.39	28.09	4.38
Closing net asset value per share	153.92	128.93	107.54	79.45
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.15	0.09	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	19.38%	19.89%	19.89%	5.83%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	225,685	145,052	105,843	77,633
Closing number of shares	146,629,190	112,501,094	98,418,296	97,709,121
Operating charges****	1.47%	1.47%	1.48%	1.81%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.18%
Prices				
Highest share price	153.8	131.8	108.2	82.53
Lowest share price	126.4	105.6	79.45	71.91

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

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^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.70% to 1.45% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

Global Smaller Companies Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	135.00	112.02	82.30	77.10
Return before operating charges*	27.29	24.19	30.65	5.98
Operating charges**	(0.71)	(1.21)	(0.93)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	26.58	22.98	29.72	5.20
Distributions	0.00	0.00	(0.13)	(0.03)
Retained distributions on accumulation	0.00	0.00	0.40	0.00
share	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.03
Closing net asset value per share	161.58	135.00	112.02	82.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.16	0.10	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	19.69%	20.51%	36.11%	6.74%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	283,431	173,783	96,400	54,817
Closing number of shares	175,416,569	128,729,440	86,059,286	66,603,122
Operating charges****	0.95%	0.95%	0.96%	0.96%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.17%
Prices				
Highest share price	161.4	137.9	112.7	84.86
Lowest share price	132.4	110.1	82.30	74.16

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	142.37	117.14	85.34	79.27
Return before operating charges*	28.84	25.37	31.91	6.16
Operating charges**	(0.08)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	28.76	25.23	31.80	6.07
Distributions	0.00	(1.06)	(1.00)	(0.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.06	1.00	0.74
Closing net asset value per share	171.13	142.37	117.14	85.34
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.17	0.10	0.15
Performance +				
Return after charges	20.20%	21.54%	37.26%	7.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88,859	49,909	23,863	10,305
Closing number of shares	51,924,894	35,055,625	20,371,898	12,075,210
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.18%
Prices				
Highest share price	170.9	145.3	117.8	87.33
Lowest share price	139.7	115.3	85.34	76.56

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share	129.83	107.84	70.21	7427
Opening net asset value per share			79.31	74.37
Return before operating charges*	26.23	23.27	29.52	5.77
Operating charges**	(0.75)	(1.28)	(0.99)	(0.83)
Return after operating charges*	25.48	21.99	28.53	4.94
Distributions	0.00	0.00	(0.03)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	155.31	129.83	107.84	79.31
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.15	0.09	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	19.63%	20.39%	35.97%	6.64%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	310,723	163,376	88,789	35,368
Closing number of shares	200,070,057	125,842,301	82,337,004	44,591,353
Operating charges****	1.05%	1.05%	1.06%	1.06%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.18%
Prices				
Highest share price	155.1	132.7	108.5	81.84
Lowest share price	127.3	106.0	79.31	71.50

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Global Smaller Companies Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	99.18	82.16	60.27	56.36
Return before operating charges*	20.06	17.75	22.45	4.38
Operating charges**	(0.43)	(0.73)	(0.56)	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	19.63	17.02	21.89	3.91
Distributions	0.00	(0.12)	(0.22)	(0.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.12	0.22	0.13
Closing net asset value per share	118.81	99.18	82.16	60.27
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.12	0.07	0.10
Performance +				
Return after charges	19.79%	20.72%	36.32%	6.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	546,996	312,360	159,682	77,384
Closing number of shares	460,389,597	314,935,186	194,358,447	128,406,109
Operating charges****	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.17%
Prices				
Highest share price	118.7	101.3	82.63	62.04
Lowest share price	97.25	80.77	60.27	54.26

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Global Smaller Companies Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.35	70.54	52.27	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	11.85	15.22	19.38	2.35
Operating charges**	0.00	(1.41)	(1.11)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	11.85	13.81	18.27	2.27
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(96.20)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	84.35	70.54	52.27
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.10	0.06	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	14.05%	19.58%	34.95%	4.54%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2	2	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.80%	1.80%	1.81%	1.81%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.13%	0.10%	0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	96.20	86.27	70.97	52.74
Lowest share price	82.65	69.27	52.27	48.02

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 25 January 2016.

[^] Share class closed on 14 June 2018.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentage
		value	of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
European Equities (19.60%)	218,914	15.04
France (2.09%)		38,776	2.6
263,167	Teleperformance	38,776	2.6
Germany (6.31%)		90,387	6.2
408,356	Grenke	37,834	2.6
	Jungheinrich	21,361	1.4
	Nemetschek	31,192	2.1
Ireland (1.16%)		12,317	0.8
9,148,707	Hibernia REIT	12,317	0.8
Italy (8.12%)		52,249	3.5
1,482,990	DoBank	12,399	0.8
	FinecoBank	23,634	1.6
	Interpump	16,216	1.1
Netherlands (1.62%)	11,668	0.8
1,139,349	Wessanen	11,668	0.8
Spain (0.00%)		13,517	0.9
571,113	CIE Automotive	13,517	0.9
Sweden (0.30%)			
Japanese Equities (11.95%)	128,736	8.8
110,000	Disco	15,166	1.0
381,718	GMO Payment Gateway	34,988	2.4
	Japan Lifeline	16,685	1.1
	MonotaRO	31,413	2.1
821,204		30,484	2.0

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Portfolio Statement

		Market value	Percentage of tota
	Investment	£′000	net assets
North American Equ		646,396	44.40
United States (39.61	%)	646,396	44.40
100 107	ADIOMED	33,836	2.32
	ABIOMED Alarm.com	35,010	2.32
	Align Technology	33,214	2.40
	Aspen Technology	45,673	3.14
211,788	Balchem	18,012	1.24
669,837		27,726	1.2
	Evolent Health	32,214	2.2
	Forum Energy Technologies	15,023	1.03
	GrubHub	47,786	3.28
	HEICO	39,293	2.70
1,385,725		34,159	2.3
737,251	LKQ	19,581	1.3
	MarketAxess Holdings	17,919	1.23
	MAXIMUS	24,031	1.6
	Paylocity	34,300	2.3
	ServiceMaster	39,425	2.7
	Superior Energy Services	11,436	0.7
	Texas Capital Bank	31,392	2.10
162,976	·	13,841	0.99
399,527		33,290	2.29
	Wageworks	25,811	1.7
	Wintrust	33,424	2.30
Pacific Basin Equitie	s (10.58%)	203,531	13.98
Australia (2.04%)		28,346	1.9
5,769,381	ALS	28,346	1.99
China (7.07%)		114,427	7.80
421,076	51ioh	25,046	1.72
364,820	Noah Holdings	13,197	0.9
3,881,971	Shenzhou	39,156	2.69
	Sunny Optical Technology	19,810	1.30
	Xiabu Xiabu	17,218	1.1
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Global Smaller Companies Fund

Portfolio Statement

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		Market value	Percentage of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net assets
South Korea (0.00%)		18,182	1.25
281,051	Dentium	18,182	1.25
Taiwan (1.47%)		42,576	2.9
2,101,009	TCI	29,419	2.0
1,002,394	Voltronic Power Technology	13,157	0.9
UK Equities (13.27%))	180,892	12.4
Consumer Goods (5	.12%)	78,864	5.4
1,117,288	Fever Tree Drinks	41,586	2.8
7,341,113		37,278	2.5
Consumer Services	(4.28%)	38,752	2.6
1,934,081	CVS	17,668	1.2
7,247,935	Domino's Pizza	21,084	1.4
Industrials (2.02%)		40,315	2.7
5,225,696	Rotork	17,658	1.2
4,877,734	RWS	22,657	1.5
Technology (1.85%)		22,961	1.5
3,673,769	GB	22,961	1.5
Collective Investmen	nt Schemes (3.14%)	55,419	3.8
55,418,998	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	55,419	3.8
Total investment ass	sets	1,433,888	98.5
Net other assets		21,806	1.5
Total Net Assets		1,455,694	100.0

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

Global Smaller Companies Fund

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		200,867		86,285
Revenue	6,156		3,843	
Expenses	(5,267)		(2,678)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(10)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	879		1,162	
Taxation	(366)		182	
Net revenue after taxation		513		1,344
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	201,380		87,629

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		844,482		474,579
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	416,010		103,312	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,492)		(12,392)	
_		408,518		90,920
Dilution adjustment		1,314		343
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		201,380		87,629
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,455,694	_	653,471

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Global Smaller Companies Fund

Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	gust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		1,433,888		828,868
Current assets:				
Debtors	9,740		7,204	
Cash and bank balances	14,048		9,959	
		23,788		17,163
Total assets	_	1,457,676	_	846,03
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,982)		(1,549)	
_		(1,982)		(1,549
Total liabilities	_	(1,982)	_	(1,549
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,455,694		844,482

Higher Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Fraser Duff			
Launch Date	7 February 2000			
Benchmark	BofA ML Eur/GBP Fixed & Floating Non Fin High Yd 3% Const Index (hedged to GBP)			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income. Capital appreciation is of secondary importance.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in Sterling and Euro denominated high yielding corporate bonds to give a significantly higher income than that generally available on UK Government bonds. The Sub-fund may also invest in Government and public securities and other interest bearing securities anywhere in the world as well as other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential to achieve a high level of income through exposure to a portfolio of mainly high yielding corporate bonds. The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst affording proper diversification of mainly high yield corporate bond exposure, with an emphasis on individual credit analysis. Due to the volatile nature of the assets held and the corresponding risk of default, the investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses to their capital and the possibility of fluctuations in the income level, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Higher Income Fund returned 1.22% during the period, in comparison with the benchmark index (Bank of America EUR/GBP Fixed & Floating Non-Fin High Yield 3% Const. Index hedged to GBP) which returned 0.53%. Please note the Sub-fund return is net of charges, while the index return is gross. (Sub-fund return source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis, and index return source: Factset).

By far the top performer for the Sub-fund was its zero exposure to benchmark constituent Rallye, the owner of French grocery retailer Casino, whose bonds collapsed during the period after investors, including shorting specialist hedge fund, Muddy Waters Capital, raised probing questions about the company's complicated financial arrangements and worrying debt levels. The Sub-fund also benefitted from its underweight exposure to Spanish telecoms giant Telefonica, which came under pressure owing to its sizeable exposure to the Argentinian telecoms market. Also featuring among the leading contributors was the Sub-fund's high conviction

position in Argiva Group, a company whose main business is managing and owning radio and television sites across the UK.

On the negative side, the Sub-fund's single biggest relative return detractor over the six-month period was its underweight position in the strong performing Hong Kong-based conglomerate CK Hutchison. The Sub-fund's zero-weighting in UK fashion retailer New Look also detracted from returns over the period, as did an off-benchmark position in Bank of New York Mellon, one of the world's leading custody banks.

Investment Activity

The increased market volatility and risk aversion had a noticeable impact on the new issue market in latter months. A handful of deals were pulled either due to lack of investor appetite or because the required pricing was beyond the company's expectations. Towards the end of the period, the deals that did arrive frequently came with a sizeable new issue discount and this led also to a re-pricing of the existing company's bonds and/or similar bonds in the same sector. We felt a number of new issues provided attractive opportunities to reinvest cash, including in two Netherlands-based companies, OCI NV (a natural gas-based fertiliser producer) and InterXion (a data centre operator), as well as Spain's Cirsa (casinos).

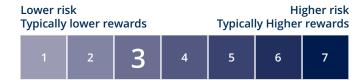
Through more recent months in the secondary market, we have sought to exploit some weaknesses and re-align in those areas which could be susceptible to either duration-led weakness or market re-pricing in the new issues market. On occasion, market conditions have provided opportunities to enter into some new positions in existing issuers at more attractive valuations. For example, we added off-benchmark exposure to US retail drugstore company Rite Aid and Latin American telecoms giant America Movil. On the sell side, we sold our entire position in the senior secured bonds of packaging company Ardagh. As we became increasingly concerned about certain low-yielding hybrid bonds, we sold the bonds of KPN and Telefonica. We also further reduced exposure to subordinated bank financial bonds.

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation	pondo por sinar o	pance per annu	ponce per snare	pondo por onaro
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	132.22	128.17	113.23	117.03
Return before operating charges*	2.02	5.40	17.00	(1.44)
Operating charges**	(0.69)	(1.35)	(1.25)	(1.30)
Return after operating charges*	1.33	4.05	15.75	(2.74)
Distributions	(1.87)	(4.03)	(5.19)	(5.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.87	4.03	4.38	4.22
Closing net asset value per share	133.55	132.22	128.17	113.23
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.00%	3.16%	13.91%	-2.34%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	97,317	101,617	111,071	112,174
Closing number of shares	72,871,848	76,854,653	86,659,908	99,064,656
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	134.1	133.7	128.1	118.5
Lowest share price	131.9	128.1	113.6	116.1

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	140.22	135.49	119.37	122.97
Return before operating charges*	2.15	5.72	17.95	(1.51)
Operating charges**	(0.51)	(0.99)	(0.91)	(0.88)
Return after operating charges*	1.64	4.73	17.04	(2.39)
Distributions	(2.21)	(4.71)	(5.90)	(6.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.21	4.71	4.98	4.84
Closing net asset value per share	141.86	140.22	135.49	119.37
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.17%	3.49%	14.27%	-1.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,598	22,356	23,587	22,445
Closing number of shares	15,225,343	15,943,301	17,409,176	18,803,026
Operating charges****	0.71%	0.71%	0.70%	0.71%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	142.5	141.7	135.4	124.5
Lowest share price	140.1	135.5	119.7	122.2

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
etail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	48.77	48.75	44.61	47.82
Return before operating charges*	0.74	2.04	6.65	(0.55
Operating charges**	(0.25)	(0.51)	(0.49)	(0.53
Return after operating charges*	0.49	1.53	6.16	(1.08
Distributions	(0.69)	(1.51)	(2.02)	(2.13
Closing net asset value per share	48.57	48.77	48.75	44.61
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.00%	3.14%	13.81%	-2.26%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	54,797	59,415	71,985	74,966
Closing number of shares	112,822,531	121,821,600	147,664,768	168,028,922
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.02%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	49.21	49.93	49.05	48.41
Lowest share price	48.34	48.74	44.75	46.81

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	48.79	48.76	44.63	47.83
Return before operating charges*	0.74	2.05	6.62	(0.54)
Operating charges**	(0.18)	(0.35)	(0.33)	(0.34)
Return after operating charges*	0.56	1.70	6.29	(0.88)
Distributions	(0.77)	(1.67)	(2.16)	(2.32)
Closing net asset value per share	48.58	48.79	48.76	44.63
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.15%	3.49%	14.09%	-1.84%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,886	33,078	36,352	29,872
Closing number of shares	63,570,705	67,801,187	74,550,707	66,938,974
Operating charges****	0.71%	0.71%	0.70%	0.71%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	49.25	49.97	49.10	48.44
Lowest share price	48.37	48.76	44.76	46.83

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	49.73	49.79	45.56	48.83
Return before operating charges*	0.75	2.02	6.80	(0.56)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	0.74	2.00	6.79	(0.57)
Distributions	(0.96)	(2.06)	(2.56)	(2.70)
Closing net asset value per share	49.51	49.73	49.79	45.56
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.49%	4.02%	14.90%	-1.17%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	4,424	42,647	39,026
Closing number of shares	2,000	8,895,749	85,660,288	85,660,288
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	50.27	51.00	50.20	49.49
Lowest share price	49.32	49.73	45.70	47.81

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	113.20	108.73	95.31	97.71
Return before operating charges*	1.72	4.59	14.35	(1.21)
Operating charges**	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	1.66	4.47	14.25	(1.32)
Distributions	(2.14)	(4.46)	(5.35)	(5.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.14	4.46	4.52	4.33
Closing net asset value per share	114.86	113.20	108.73	95.31
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.47%	4.11%	14.95%	-1.35%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	145,318	99,104	66,236	40,076
Closing number of shares	126,522,213	87,545,460	60,918,174	42,048,753
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.10%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	115.3	114.4	108.7	99.01
Lowest share price	113.3	108.7	95.59	97.34

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation Change in net assets per share				
Opening net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	204.23	196.75	172.90	177.68
Return before operating charges*	3.12	8.31	26.01	(2.20)
Operating charges**	(0.43)	(0.83)	(0.75)	(0.73)
Return after operating charges*	2.69	7.48	25.26	(2.93)
Distributions	(3.54)	(7.46)	(9.12)	(9.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	3.54	7.46	7.71	7.43
Closing net asset value per share	206.92	204.23	196.75	172.90
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.32%	3.80%	14.61%	-1.65%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40,159	40,845	43,244	44,441
Closing number of shares	19,407,572	19,999,402	21,979,079	25,703,639
Operating charges****	0.41%	0.41%	0.40%	0.41%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	207.8	206.4	196.7	180.0
Lowest share price	204.2	196.8	173.4	176.8

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Standard Life B accumulation ^	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	95.99	92.11	80.68	82.64
Return before operating charges*	0.87	3.88	12.14	(1.02)
Operating charges**	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	0.87	3.88	12.14	(1.03)
Distributions	(0.90)	(3.87)	(4.61)	(4.66)
Retained distributions on accumulation	(5.5.5)	(=:=:)	()	()
share	0.90	3.87	3.90	3.73
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(96.86)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	95.99	92.11	80.68
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.91%	4.21%	15.05%	-1.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_	4	4	3
Closing number of shares	_	4,000	4,000	4,000
Operating charges****	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	97.05	96.97	92.08	83.74
Lowest share price	96.15	92.13	80.91	82.36

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[^] Share class closed on 14 June 2018.

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Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	73.72	71.27	62.82	64.74
Return before operating charges*	1.13	3.01	9.44	(0.80)
Operating charges**	(0.28)	(0.56)	(0.51)	(0.49)
Return after operating charges*	0.85	2.45	8.93	(1.29)
Distributions	(1.15)	(2.44)	(3.07)	(3.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.15	2.44	2.59	2.52
Closing net asset value per share	74.57	73.72	71.27	62.82
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.16%	3.44%	14.22%	-1.99%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,687	36,946	34,401	28,482
Closing number of shares	42,496,324	50,113,614	48,267,563	45,341,576
Operating charges****	0.76%	0.76%	0.75%	0.76%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	74.88	74.52	71.24	65.55
Lowest share price	73.63	71.26	63.00	64.33

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.58	57.55	52.67	56.45
Return before operating charges*	0.87	2.42	7.84	(0.64)
Operating charges**	(0.22)	(0.44)	(0.42)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	0.65	1.98	7.42	(1.07)
Distributions	(0.89)	(1.95)	(2.54)	(2.71)
Closing net asset value per share	57.34	57.58	57.55	52.67
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.13%	3.44%	14.09%	-1.90%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	43,374	47,891	49,111	41,905
Closing number of shares	75,640,792	83,172,570	85,335,487	79,564,734
Operating charges****	0.76%	0.76%	0.75%	0.76%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	58.13	58.98	57.95	57.17
Lowest share price	57.08	57.55	52.83	55.27

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	63.51	61.30	53.97	55.52
Return before operating charges*	0.89	2.58	8.09	(0.65)
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.37)	(0.34)	(0.33)
Return after operating charges*	0.70	2.21	7.75	(0.98)
Distributions	(1.05)	(2.22)	(2.74)	(2.82)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.05	2.22	2.32	2.25
Closing net asset value per share	64.21	63.51	61.30	53.97
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.11%	3.61%	14.36%	-1.77%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.59%	0.59%	0.58%	0.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	64.56	64.17	61.28	56.24
Lowest share price	63.47	61.30	54.13	55.22

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	52.81	52.79	48.30	51.78
Return before operating charges*	0.77	2.23	7.20	(0.58)
Operating charges**	(0.16)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges*	0.61	1.91	6.90	(0.89)
Distributions	(0.89)	(1.89)	(2.41)	(2.59)
Closing net asset value per share	52.53	52.81	52.79	48.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.16%	3.62%	14.29%	-1.72%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.59%	0.59%	0.58%	0.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	53.35	54.07	53.16	52.46
Lowest share price	52.37	52.79	48.44	50.70

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.75	56.37	49.63	50.00
Return before operating charges*	0.66	2.02	7.68	(0.27)
Operating charges**	(0.32)	(0.64)	(0.59)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	0.34	1.38	7.09	(0.32)
Distributions	(0.38)	(1.72)	(2.24)	(0.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.38	1.72	1.89	0.21
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(58.09)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	57.75	56.37	49.63
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.58%	2.45%	14.29%	-0.64%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.11%	1.11%	1.10%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	58.26	58.39	56.00	50.21
Lowest share price	57.69	56.01	49.78	49.01

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A income ^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	54.60	54.05	49.43	50.00
Return before operating charges*	0.63	3.37	7.42	(0.26)
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.61)	(0.58)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	0.32	2.76	6.84	(0.31)
Distributions	(0.37)	(2.21)	(2.22)	(0.26)
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(54.55)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	54.60	54.05	49.43
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.59%	5.11%	13.84%	-0.62%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	13	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	24,766	2,200
Operating charges****	1.11%	1.11%	1.10%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	55.08	55.35	54.48	50.21
Lowest share price	54.17	54.01	49.58	49.01

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
Bonds (92.98%)		433,951	93.2
	enominated Bonds (0.63%)	1,596	0.3
Corporate Bonds ((1,596	0.3
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ess than 5 years to			
2,850,000	Anglo American Capital 5.75% 2018	1,596	0.3
Government Bond	s (0.26%)	0	0.0
Euro Denominated	Bonds (57.96%)	300,373	64.5
Corporate Bonds (5	57.96%)	300,373	64.5
ess than 5 years to	maturity		
	ADLER Real Estate 1.5% 2021	4,693	1.0
3,500,000	America Movil 0% 2020	3,075	0.6
1,840,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.125% 2023	1,717	0.3
1,400,000	Areva 3.25% 2020	1,307	0.2
1,805,000	Ball 3.5% 2020	1,735	0.3
5,350,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 2.875% 2021	5,109	1.1
1,575,000	Crown European 2.25% 2023	1,437	0.3
4,660,000	DEA Finance 7.5% 2022	4,478	0.9
2,400,000	Dufry 4.5% 2023	2,226	0.4
4,990,000	Eagle Intermediate 5.375% 2023	4,495	0.9
1,400,000	EC Finance 2.375% 2022	1,261	0.2
4,775,000	eDreams ODIGEO 8.5% 2021	4,350	0.9
3,150,000	Fiat Chrysler 4.75% 2022	3,155	0.6
1,100,000	FMC Finance VIII 5.25% 2019	1,030	0.2
3,140,000	FMC Finance VIII 6.5% 2018	2,816	0.6
6,600,000	IHO Verwaltungs 2.75% 2021	5,987	1.2
4,790,000	Ineos Finance 4% 2023	4,378	0.9
2,880,000	IPD 3 4.5% 2022	2,630	0.5
1,395,000	IPD 3 FRN 2022	1,261	0.2
2,000,000	K+S 3% 2022	1,859	0.4
2,010,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 SCA 8.5% 2023	1,355	0.2
4,000,000	Matterhorn Telecom 3.875% 2022	3,646	0.7
650,000	Merlin Entertainments 2.75% 2022	605	0.1
8,370,000	MPT Operating Partnership 4% 2022	8,174	1.7
3,982,000	OCI 5% 2023	3,745	0.8
3,960,000	O-I 6.75% 2020	4,014	0.8
	Platin 1426 5.375% 2023	2,994	0.6

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			1100 03500
	Platin 1426 6.875% 2023	519	0.1
	Safari 5.375% 2022	3,305	0.7
	Sappi Papier 3.375% 2022	4,412	0.9
	Schaeffler Finance 2.5% 2020	2,017	0.4
	Senvion 3.875% 2022	2,750	0.5
	SMCP 5.875% 2023	1,374	0.3
	Smurfit Kappa 4.125% 2020	2,834	0.6
	TDC 3.75% 2022	4,990	1.0
	Telecom Italia 1.125% 2022	2,554	0.5
	Tesco 1.375% 2019	814	0.1
	Tesco 2.125% 2020	1,993	0.4
	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.25% 2023	8,616	1.8
	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.25% 2022	333	0.0
	Thomas Cook Finance 2 3.875% 2023	1,212	0.2
	UniCredit 6.95% 2022	3,333	0.7
5,513,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 4.5% 2023	4,817	1.0
	Verisure 6% 2022	2,510	0.5
	Volvo 3.25% 2021	2,107	0.4
1,900,000	Wind Tre 2.625% 2023	1,624	0.3
2,750,000	Worldpay 3.75% 2022	2,660	0.5
1,900,000	ZF North America Capital 2.25% 2019	1,725	0.3
etween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
2,500,000	Adient 3.5% 2024	2,092	0.4
2,000,000	Altice 6.25% 2025	1,708	0.3
1,850,000	Ardagh Packaging 6.75% 2024	1,789	0.3
1,550,000	Arena 2.75% 2023	1,384	0.3
5,750,000	Avantor 4.75% 2024	5,277	1.1
2,108,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	1,856	0.4
4,906,000	Blitz F18-674 6% 2026	4,414	0.9
2,933,000	BWAY 4.75% 2024	2,696	0.5
600,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% 2024	471	0.1
1,155,000	Catalent Pharma Solutions 4.75% 2024	1,087	0.2
2,090,000	Crown 3.375% 2025	1,939	0.4
	CTC BondCo 5.25% 2025	1,703	0.3
4,550,000		4,195	0.9
2,595,000	Equinix 2.875% 2024	2,337	0.5
	Equinix 2.875% 2025	1,783	0.3
3,400,000	Federal-Mogul 5% 2024	3,222	0.6

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
4,040,000	Grifols 3.2% 2025	3,622	0.7
1,405,000	IHO Verwaltungs 3.25% 2023	1,290	0.2
2,849,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024	2,575	0.5
5,455,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	5,082	1.0
1,620,000	Intralot Capital 5.25% 2024	1,102	0.2
940,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	815	0.1
1,209,000	La Financiere Atalian 5.125% 2025	1,064	0.2
1,850,000	LGE 7.125% 2024	1,775	0.3
1,249,000	LHMC 6.25% 2023	1,150	0.2
2,980,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.325% 2025	2,745	0.5
6,315,000	Nassa Topco 2.875% 2024	5,908	1.2
2,650,000	Nemak 3.25% 2024	2,427	0.5
1,150,000	Netflix 3.625% 2027	1,010	0.2
2,660,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024	2,367	0.5
3,260,000	Nomad Foods Bondco 3.25% 2024	2,942	0.6
3,481,000	Nyrstar 6.875 % 2024	2,766	0.6
1,190,000	Paprec 3.5% 2025	1,074	0.2
4,115,000	Paprec 4% 2025	3,717	0.8
2,527,000	ProGroup 3% 2026	2,264	0.4
4,330,000	Quintiles 3.25% 2025	3,916	0.8
2,720,000	Quintiles IMS 3.5% 2024	2,496	0.5
1,160,000	Samsonite 3.5% 2026	1,022	0.2
1,695,000	Smurfit Kappa 2.75% 2025	1,585	0.3
3,635,000	Superior Industries 6% 2025	3,281	0.7
4,453,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025	3,536	0.7
10,495,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.125% 2024	8,279	1.7
2,635,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025	2,273	0.4
5,872,000	Unitymedia 3.5% 2027	5,539	1.1
6,600,000	Unitymedia 3.75% 2027	6,236	1.3
5,305,000	Unitymedia 4% 2025	4,986	1.0
847,000	Verisure 5.75% 2023	763	0.1
8,335,000	Wind Tre 2.75% 2024	7,031	1.5
2,000,000	Ziggo 4.25% 2027	1,789	0.3
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
6,300,000	Telecom Italia 7.75% fixed to floating 2033	7,685	1.6
3,185,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.625% 2028	2,294	0.4
1,542,000	Unitymedia 6.25% 2029	1,402	0.3

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
Perpetual			
2,400,000	Societe Generale 9.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,336	0.50
4,600,000	Solvay 5.118% Perpetual	4,476	0.9
1,000,000	Solvay 5.869% Perpetual	1,007	0.2
2,200,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	1,816	0.3
3,300,000	Volkswagen International Finance 4.625% Perpetual	2,946	0.6
Sterling Denominat	ed Bonds (27.42%)	108,436	23.3
Corporate Bonds (2	7.42%)	108,436	23.3
ess than 5 years to n		0.072	2.4
	Arqiva 9.5% 2020	9,873	2.1.
	B&M European Value Retail 4.125% 2022	5,078	1.0
	Barclays 10% 2021	3,031	0.6
	British Land White 2015 0% 2020	2,387	0.5
400,000	Co-Operative 6.875% 2020	427	0.0
2,015,000		2,007	0.4
149,000	El Group 6.5% 2018	150	0.0
	El Group 6.875% 2021	335	0.0
6,288,000	Entertainment One 6.875% 2022	6,578	1.4
	Heathrow Funding 5.375% 2019	4,752	1.0
	Moto Finance 4.5% 2022	1,596	0.3
	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022	4,180	0.9
	Telecom Italia 5.875% 2023	551	0.1
	Telecom Italia 6.375% 2019	2,069	0.4
	Tesco 5% 2023	3,862	0.8
	Tesco 5.5% 2019	951	0.2
	Tesco 6.125% 2022	4,795 751	1.0
	Travis Perkins 4.375% 2021	751	0.1
2,200,000	Unique Pub Finance 6.452% 2021	976	0.2
petween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
1,550,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024	1,420	0.3
1,671,000	Mitchells & Butlers 5.965% 2025	549	0.1
3,063,000	Pinnacle Bidco 6.375% 2025	3,137	0.6
4,280,000	Saga 3.375% 2024	4,066	0.8
1,166,000	Spirit Issuer FRN 2027	827	0.1
2,250,000	Travis Perkins 4.5% 2023	2,292	0.49
1 400 000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	1,374	0.3

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (continued)		
4,890,000	Virgin Media 5.5% 2025	4,501	0.9
	Virgin Media 6% 2025	5,386	1.1
petween 10 and 15	years to maturity		
	Telereal FRN 2033	950	0.2
petween 15 and 25	years to maturity		
1,825,000	Allied Irish Bank 12.5% 2035	1,319	0.2
1,300,000	Tesco 6.0517% 2039	1,323	0.2
greater than 25 year	s to maturity		
5,643,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	6,405	1.3
770,000	Enel 6.625% fixed to floating 2076	834	0.1
1,800,000	Enel 7.75% 2075	1,970	0.4
Perpetual			
1,500,000	Bank of Scotland 12% Perpetual	1,875	0.4
2,800,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	2,851	0.6
700,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,197	0.2
773,000	Lloyds Bank FRN Perpetual	1,007	0.2
3,020,000	Pennon 2.875% Perpetual	3,013	0.6
3,000,000	RWE 7% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,061	0.6
1,040,000	Santander UK Group 7.375% Perpetual	1,090	0.2
3,400,000	Telefonica 6.75% Perpetual	3,640	0.7
US Dollar Denomi	nated Bonds (6.97%)	23,546	5.0
Corporate Bonds (6.97%)	23,546	5.0
ess than 5 years to	maturity		
2,300,000	Fresenius Medical Care 4.125% 2020	1,780	0.3
2,281,000	IHO Verwaltungs 4.125% 2021	1,744	0.3
500,000	Jaguar Land Rover 4.125% 2018	384	0.0
2,600,000	Jaguar Land Rover 4.25% 2019	1,991	0.4
1,860,000	Rite Aid 6.125% 2023	1,286	0.2
3,000,000	Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Systems 4.875% 2021	2,302	0.5
1,000,000	Tullow Oil 6.25% 2022	759	0.1
1.250.000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 6.5% 2022	997	0.2
.,250,000			0.3

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Portfolio Statement

		Market value	Percentage of tota
Holding		£′000	net asset
Corporate Bonds (co	ontinued)		
between 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
	Altice 8.125% 2024	1,161	0.2
	SixSigma Networks 7.5% 2025	1,354	0.29
	Tullow Oil 7% 2025	725	0.1
3,500,000	UPCB Finance 5.375% 2025	2,659	0.5
1,650,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 7% 2024	1,339	0.2
greater than 25 years	to maturity		
3,350,000	BHP Billiton 6.25% 2075	2,703	0.5
Perpetual			
1,000,000	UBS 7.125% Perpetual	810	0.1
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (5.04%)	16,994	3.6
145,892	Standard Life CNAV Euro Liquidity Fund	131	0.0
16,863,382	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	16,863	3.6
Derivatives (-0.31%)		1,960	0.4
Forward Currency C	ontracts (-0.36%)	2,074	0.4
	Buy EUR 130,825 Sell GBP 118,049 28/09/2018	(1)	0.0
	Buy EUR 1,014,486 Sell GBP 918,529 28/09/2018	(9)	0.0
	Buy GBP 1,636,911 Sell AUD 2,890,134 28/09/2018	31	0.0
	Buy GBP 266,391 Sell EUR 295,444 28/09/2018	2	0.0
	Buy GBP 154,324,939 Sell EUR 171,155,403 28/09/2018	966	0.2
	Buy GBP 157,581,882 Sell EUR 175,000,000 28/09/2018	778	0.1
	Buy GBP 24,201,582 Sell USD 31,092,813 28/09/2018	307	0.0

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Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (0.05%)		(114)	(0.02
(52)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/09/2018	(110)	(0.02)
(17)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2018	(10)	0.00
(40)	Short Long Gilt Future 27/12/2018	6	0.00
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	452,905	97.37
Net other assets		12,234	2.63
Total Net Assets		465,139	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	Warket
	value
	£'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	453,035
Investment liabilities	(130)
Net investment assets	452,905
Net other assets	12,234
Total Net Assets	465,139

Higher Income Fund

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return				
for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018	3			
	31 August 2018 31 A			ust 2017
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(2,144)		3,619
Revenue	8,742		10,534	
Expenses	(1,450)		(1,588)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(9)	_	(43)	
Net revenue before taxation	7,283		8,903	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		7,283		8,903
Total return before distributions		5,139		12,522
Distributions		(7,283)		(8,903
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Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(2.144)		2 610
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Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Higher Income Fund

Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	ıst 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:		453,035		437,137
Investment assets				
Current assets:				
Debtors	9,456		6,047	
Cash and bank balances	6,473		7,071	
		15,929		13,118
Total assets		468,964		450,255
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(130)		(1,638
Creditors	(2,694)		(1,835)	
Distribution payable	(1,001)		(1,098)	
		(3,695)		(2,933
Total liabilities		(3,825)		(4,571
Net assets attributable to				
shareholders		465,139		445,684

Higher Income Fund

Distribution Tables

	Net Income	Equalication	Distribution paid	Distribution nai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.8999	-	0.8999*	1.077
Group 2	0.5372	0.3627	0.8999*	1.077
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.0684	-	1.0684*	1.249
Group 2	0.6336	0.4348	1.0684*	1.249
Retail income				
Group 1	0.3319	-	0.3319**	0.409
Group 2	0.1607	0.1712	0.3319**	0.409
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.3717	-	0.3717**	0.449
Group 2	0.1562	0.2155	0.3717**	0.449
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4651	-	0.4651**	0.545
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	1.0355	-	1.0355*	1.169
Group 2	0.3248	0.7107	1.0355*	1.169
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	1.7121	_	1.7121*	1.964
Group 2	0.8331	0.8790	1.7121*	1.964
Standard Life B accumulation				
Group 1	0.8980	-	0.8980*	1.013
Group 2	-	-	-	
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.5524	_	0.5524*	0.648

Higher Income Fund

Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	2017
Platform 1 income	0.424.4		0.424.444	0.5222
Group 1	0.4314	- 0.2024	0.4314**	0.5233
Group 2	0.2283	0.2031	0.4314**	0.5233
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.5109	-	0.5109*	0.5900
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income Group 1 Group 2	0.4259	- -	0.4259 * * -	0.5350 -
Institutional A accumulation				
Group 1	0.3845	-	0.3845*	0.4750
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A income Group 1 Group 2	0.3659	-	0.3659** -	0.7063 -

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018 ** Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

Higher Income Fund

Distribution Tables

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June	2018 and 31 August 2018		B1 - 11 - 11	
	Net Income	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.9722	-	0.9722*	1.090
Group 2	0.4388	0.5334	0.9722*	1.090
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.1463	-	1.1463*	1.266
Group 2	0.7102	0.4361	1.1463*	1.266
Retail income				
Group 1	0.3561	-	0.3561**	0.411
Group 2	0.1377	0.2184	0.3561**	0.411
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.3957	-	0.3957**	0.451
Group 2	0.1877	0.2080	0.3957**	0.451
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4935	-	0.4935**	0.548
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	1.1012	-	1.1012*	1.187
Group 2	0.9383	0.1629	1.1012*	1.187
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	1.8273	-	1.8273*	1.993
Group 2	1.0379	0.7894	1.8273*	1.993
Standard Life B accumulation ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.028
Group 2	-	-	-	
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.5932	-	0.5932*	0.656
Group 2	0.3400	0.2532	0.5932*	0.656

Higher Income Fund

Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4599	-	0.4599**	0.5257
Group 2	0.2101	0.2498	0.4599**	0.5257
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.5372	-	0.5372*	0.5850
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4600	-	0.4600**	0.5250
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.4850
Group 2	-	-	_	-
Institutional A income ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7350
Group 2	-	-	-	-

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

[^] Share class closed on 14 June 2018

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information	
Fund Manager	Daniel McKernan and Mark Munro
Launch Date	20 September 1998
Benchmark	iBoxx Sterling Corporate and Collateralised Index

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income which is compatible with maintaining the security of capital.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in sterling fixed interest securities issued by corporations. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst diversification across mainly investment grade corporate bond exposure provides a degree of protection from the risk of default. Whilst the level of income provision is likely to be relatively stable, the investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of the bond markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund returned 0.72% during the period, in comparison with the benchmark index (iBoxx Sterling Corporate & Collateralised Index) which returned 0.6%. Please note Sub-fund returns are net of fees, while benchmark returns are gross. (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid to bid basis. Benchmark returns: Factset).

The top relative performer for the Sub-fund over the period was its conviction overweight in Arqiva Group, a company whose main business is managing and owning radio and television sites across the UK. The second top performer for the Sub-fund was its overweight in Getlink, the Channel Tunnel operator formerly known as Groupe Eurotunnel. Less positive was our exposure to subordinated financials and senior non-preferred debt. Issuers such as HSBC, Lloyds and Barclays struggled in the risk-off market. The latter's senior non-preferred debt has not been helped by the fact the bank issued earlier in the year, creating a negative overhang for its debt. The single biggest detractor over the period however was the Sub-fund's underexposure to largely state-owned French utility EDF, which outperformed over the period.

Investment Activity

In the primary market, we took part in a euro-denominated deal from Bayer maturing in 2026. The deal was aimed at helping to finance Bayer's acquisition of Monsanto and we viewed the spread on the bonds as an attractive entry point for a quality credit. We also participated in sterling-denominated deals from Close Brothers and Experian. Elsewhere, we purchased a 60-year deal from AAA rated Cambridge University.

In secondary trading, a notable purchase was a sterlingdenominated Comcast bond. Prior to the purchase, we had zero exposure to Comcast in the portfolio; however, as its spreads widened by some 40 basis points in response to its battle with Disney for the acquisition of 21st Century Fox, we chose to close our underweight position. By the end of August however, with the bidding war continuing, we had returned to underweight in Comcast. Selling activity included the continued reduction of our General Electric exposure, given our increasingly negative view. We also used some spread tightening to reduce our position in AT&T given that we felt much of the upside potential of the bonds had already been captured.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	151.16	149.83	134.29	138.90
Return before operating charges*	1.26	2.89	17.65	(2.26)
Operating charges**	(0.78)	(1.56)	(1.47)	(1.50)
Return after operating charges*	0.48	1.33	16.18	(3.76)
Distributions	(1.98)	(4.01)	(4.23)	(4.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.98	4.01	3.59	3.42
Closing net asset value per share	151.64	151.16	149.83	134.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.32%	0.89%	12.05%	-2.71%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	94,850	101,050	123,395	130,231
Closing number of shares	62,547,990	66,848,383	82,358,563	96,979,685
Operating charges****	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	153.0	155.4	154.4	142.1
Lowest share price	150.5	150.0	134.1	133.0

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The Registrar fees of 0.08% ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	162.57	160.45	143.29	147.64
Return before operating charges*	1.37	3.10	18.86	(2.43)
Operating charges**	(0.49)	(0.98)	(0.92)	(0.87)
Return after operating charges*	0.88	2.12	17.94	(3.30)
Distributions	(2.48)	(4.95)	(5.18)	(5.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.48	4.95	4.40	4.24
Closing net asset value per share	163.45	162.57	160.45	143.29
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.54%	1.32%	12.52%	-2.24%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	92,283	78,174	356,671	322,644
Closing number of shares	56,460,592	48,085,444	222,287,009	225,161,925
Operating charges****	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	164.9	167.0	165.0	151.0
Lowest share price	162.1	160.2	143.1	141.9

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Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

Parts II In a sure	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	62.31	63.41	58.23	61.78
Return before operating charges*	0.52	1.23	7.63	(1.00)
Operating charges**	(0.32)	(0.65)	(0.63)	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	0.20	0.58	7.00	(1.66)
Distributions	(0.81)	(1.68)	(1.82)	(1.89)
Closing net asset value per share	61.70	62.31	63.41	58.23
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.32%	0.91%	12.02%	-2.69%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,021	31,957	36,053	38,104
Closing number of shares	48,658,572	51,286,468	56,861,501	65,437,393
Operating charges****	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	62.79	65.15	66.54	63.19
Lowest share price	61.78	62.32	58.17	58.04

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Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	62.07	63.16	58.00	61.53
Return before operating charges*	0.52	1.23	7.60	(0.99)
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.38)	(0.37)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	0.33	0.85	7.23	(1.35)
Distributions	(0.94)	(1.94)	(2.07)	(2.18)
Closing net asset value per share	61.46	62.07	63.16	58.00
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.53%	1.35%	12.47%	-2.19%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	130,940	141,799	124,272	97,190
Closing number of shares	213,048,753	228,440,123	196,750,215	167,562,223
Operating charges****	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	62.57	64.97	66.33	62.96
Lowest share price	61.55	62.08	57.94	57.87

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Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	50.56	51.45	47.24	50.13
Return before operating charges*	0.43	1.00	6.21	(0.82)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	0.42	0.99	6.20	(0.83)
Distributions	(0.92)	(1.88)	(1.99)	(2.06)
Closing net asset value per share	50.06	50.56	51.45	47.24
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.83%	1.92%	13.12%	-1.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,473	20,677	41,009	37,657
Closing number of shares	40,896,870	40,896,870	79,707,426	79,707,426
Operating charges****	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	51.02	53.00	54.08	51.30
Lowest share price	50.14	50.56	47.20	47.18

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	88.30	86.72	77.11	79.14
Return before operating charges*	0.73	1.67	10.17	(1.31)
Operating charges**	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	0.69	1.58	10.09	(1.39)
Distributions	(1.57)	(3.15)	(3.21)	(3.23)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.57	3.15	2.73	2.59
Closing net asset value per share	88.99	88.30	86.72	77.11
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.78%	1.82%	13.09%	-1.76%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	268	344	223	256
Closing number of shares	301,598	388,929	257,452	331,864
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	89.74	90.65	88.96	80.98
Lowest share price	88.11	86.61	77.03	76.35

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share	151.40	1.40.22	122.04	126.07
Opening net asset value per share	151.49	149.23	133.04	136.87
Return before operating charges*	1.27	2.87	17.54	(2.27)
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.61)	(0.57)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	0.96	2.26	16.97	(2.80)
Distributions	(2.47)	(4.95)	(5.11)	(5.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.47	4.95	4.33	4.14
Closing net asset value per share	152.45	151.49	149.23	133.04
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.64%	1.51%	12.76%	-2.05%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,125	1,236	1,428	1,351
Closing number of shares	737,664	815,908	956,484	1,015,129
Operating charges****	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	153.7	155.6	153.3	140.0
Lowest share price	151.1	149.0	132.9	131.7

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life B accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	88.31	86.64	76.99	78.96
Return before operating charges*	0.74	1.67	10.14	(1.31)
Operating charges**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return after operating charges*	0.74	1.67	10.14	(1.31)
Distributions	(1.62)	(3.23)	(3.29)	(3.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.62	3.23	2.80	2.64
Closing net asset value per share	89.05	88.31	86.64	76.99
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.84%	1.92%	13.17%	-1.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,482	2,626	2,882	5,558
Closing number of shares	2,787,733	2,974,079	3,326,293	7,219,727
Operating charges****	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	89.79	90.65	88.84	80.76
Lowest share price	88.14	86.53	76.88	76.20

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
latform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	68.40	67.55	60.35	62.21
Return before operating charges*	0.58	1.30	7.95	(1.02
Operating charges**	(0.23)	(0.45)	(0.42)	(0.40
Return after operating charges*	0.35	0.85	7.53	(1.42
Distributions	(1.03)	(2.07)	(2.15)	(2.20
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.03	2.07	1.82	1.76
Closing net asset value per share	68.75	68.40	67.55	60.35
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.52%	1.26%	12.48%	-2.28%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22,426	24,929	25,648	20,966
Closing number of shares	32,618,716	36,443,885	37,968,755	34,740,466
Operating charges****	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	69.34	70.28	69.48	63.64
Lowest share price	68.17	67.44	60.28	59.76

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	57.60	58.61	53.82	57.10
Return before operating charges*	0.48	1.15	7.06	(0.92)
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.39)	(0.37)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	0.29	0.76	6.69	(1.28)
Distributions	(0.86)	(1.77)	(1.90)	(2.00)
Closing net asset value per share	57.03	57.60	58.61	53.82
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.50%	1.30%	12.43%	-2.24%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,522	16,732	17,096	17,339
Closing number of shares	27,216,842	29,047,825	29,168,512	32,214,215
Operating charges****	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%	0.65%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	58.06	60.28	61.54	58.42
Lowest share price	57.11	57.60	53.77	53.69

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	62.32	61.39	54.74	56.28
Return before operating charges*	0.45	1.20	7.22	(0.87)
Operating charges**	(0.14)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	0.31	0.93	6.97	(1.11)
Distributions	(1.03)	(1.98)	(2.10)	(2.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.03	1.98	1.78	1.74
Closing net asset value per share	62.63	62.32	61.39	54.74
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.50%	1.51%	12.73%	-1.97%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	63.25	64.03	63.07	57.56
Lowest share price	62.15	61.31	54.66	54.18

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
t in the second second	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional S income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	54.00	54.95	50.46	53.52
Return before operating charges*	0.39	1.09	6.63	(0.82)
Operating charges**	(0.12)	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.22)
Return after operating charges*	0.27	0.85	6.40	(1.04)
Distributions	(0.88)	(1.80)	(1.91)	(2.02)
Closing net asset value per share	53.39	54.00	54.95	50.46
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.50%	1.55%	12.68%	-1.94%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	0.43%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.45	56.54	57.71	54.76
Lowest share price	53.54	54.00	50.41	50.36

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	55.89	55.55	49.77	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.27	0.96	6.61	(0.15)
Operating charges**	(0.31)	(0.62)	(0.59)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	(0.04)	0.34	6.02	(0.20)
Distributions	(0.37)	(1.47)	(1.25)	(0.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.37	1.47	1.01	0.14
Redemption value as at 7 June 2018	(55.85)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	55.89	55.55	49.77
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	-0.07%	0.60%	12.10%	-0.40%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	56.31	57.47	57.18	50.16
Lowest share price	55.65	55.30	49.67	49.25

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[^] Share class closed on 7 June 2018.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A income ^	p p	posses por essent	P P	
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.08	54.01	49.60	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	0.35	1.07	6.23	(0.18)
Operating charges**	(0.30)	(0.60)	(0.58)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	0.05	0.47	5.65	(0.23)
Distributions	(0.35)	(1.40)	(1.24)	(0.17)
Redemption value as at 7 June 2018	(52.78)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	53.08	54.01	49.60
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.09%	0.87%	11.39%	-0.46%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	53.49	55.51	56.68	50.16
Lowest share price	52.71	53.08	49.55	49.25

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
Bonds (98.83%)	investment	404,202	98.5
Euro Denominated	Bonds (1 35%)	5,092	1.2
Corporate Bonds (5,092	1.2
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petween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
1,000,000	Akelius Residential Property 1.75% 2025	883	0.2
900,000	Bayer 1.5% 2026	804	0.2
893,000	UBS 4.75% 2026	868	0.2
petween 10 and 15 y	rears to maturity		
1,200,000	Bayer 2.125% 2029	1,079	0.2
Perpetual			
1,616,000	BNP Paribas 4.875% Perpetual	1,458	0.3
	red Bonds (94.97%)	389,831	94.9
Corporate Bonds (9	3.61%)	381,720	93.0
ess than 5 years to r		0.54	0.0
	AA Bond 2.75% 2023	861	0.2
	AA Bond 2.875% 2022	1,792	0.4
	Atlantia 6.25% 2022	999	0.2
	Bank of Scotland 9.375% 2021	769	0.1
	Barclays 4.25% 2022	798	0.1
	BASF 1.375% 2022	643	0.1
	British American Tobacco 1.75% 2021	2,235	0.5
	BUPA 3.375% 2021	1,341	0.3
	Close Brothers 3.875% 2021	1,883	0.4
	Co-Operative Bank 4.75% 2021	1,820	0.4
	Coventry 5.875% 2022	1,775	0.4
	CPUK 2.666% 2020	2,544	0.6
	Credit Suisse 3% 2022	1,693	0.4
	Daimler 2.375% 2021	1,825	0.4
	Danske Bank 5.375% fixed to floating 2021	1,575	0.3
	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2020	2,687	0.6
	ENW Finance 6.125% 2021	1,303	0.3
	FCE Bank 2.727% 2022	505	0.1
	First Hydro 9% 2021	2,420	0.5
1 ()4 / ()()()	Friends Life 8.25% 2022	1,260	0.3
	G4S 7.75% fixed to floating 2019	1,116	0.2

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Portfolio Statement

Section Sect	Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
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Corporate Bonds (c			
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831,000	BP 2.03% 2025	834	0.2
1,474,000	British American Tobacco 7.25% 2024	1,839	0.4
	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	2,087	0.5
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 2026	2,044	0.5
	Credit Agricole 7.375% 2023	1,611	0.3
	CYBG 3.125% 2025	2,261	0.5
	Enel 5.625% 2024	2,750	0.6
	Eversholt 6.359% 2025	3,246	0.7
	Experian 2.125% 2024	1,092	0.2
	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	1,459	0.3
700,000	Gatwick 6.125% 2026	868	0.2
1,384,000	Go-Ahead 2.5% 2024	1,348	0.3
3,000,000	Heathrow Funding 6.75% 2026	3,934	0.9
	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	2,184	0.5
·	HSBC 2.256% 2026	282	0.0
	HSBC 2.625% 2028	1,047	0.2
2,509,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	2,679	0.6
1,786,000	Intu Debenture 5.562% 2027	1,746	0.4
262,000	Liberty Living 2.625% 2024	262	0.0
	Lloyds Bank 5.125% 2025	2,308	0.5
1,715,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	1,818	0.4
2,948,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	3,746	0.9
800,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 2024	771	0.1
1,161,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2026	1,179	0.2
700,000	MetLife Global Funding I 3.5% 2026	772	0.1
	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	1,988	0.4
1,346,000	Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 2028	1,412	0.3
826,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	810	0.2
1,080,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 2.5% 2025	1,106	0.2
1,866,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	1,828	0.4
3,042,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 5.125% 2024	3,578	0.8
3,500,000	Santander UK Group 3.625% 2026	3,622	0.8
1,099,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	1,204	0.2
1,375,000	Shaftesbury Chinatown 2.348% 2027	1,318	0.3
1,000,000	Society of Lloyd's 4.75% 2024	1,073	0.2
810,000	SP Manweb 4.875% 2027	964	0.2
1,482,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	1,547	0.3
1,461,000	Telereal 4.9741% 2033	1,103	0.2
1,120,000	Thames Water 1.875% 2024	1,092	0.2

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Corporate Bonds (co		2000	Het asset
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1,500,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	1,445	0.3
1,600,000	Thames Water 3.5% 2028	1,694	0.4
1,050,000	THPA Finance 7.127% 2024	624	0.1
1,488,000	Total Capital 1.75% 2025	1,478	0.3
860,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	854	0.2
1,300,000	United Utilities 5.625% 2027	1,644	0.4
1,518,000	Wells Fargo 2% 2025	1,456	0.3
1,956,000	Western Power Distribution 3.625% 2023	2,055	0.5
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
730,000	Abbey National 3.875% 2029	800	0.2
895,000	Anglian Water 6.625% 2029	1,223	0.3
2,822,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 2029	2,720	0.6
2,515,000	Annington Funding 3.184% 2029	2,516	0.6
2,152,000	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030	2,238	0.5
1,223,000	Arqiva 4.882% 2032	1,311	0.3
2,130,000	Arqiva 5.34% 2030	2,492	0.6
2,633,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	2,371	0.5
1,300,000	BPCE 5.25% 2029	1,488	0.3
1,115,000	Broadgate Financing 4.821% 2036	1,441	0.3
2,675,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	2,924	0.7
1,035,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	291	0.0
364,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	409	0.1
2,400,000	Digital Stout Holding 3.3% 2029	2,416	0.5
300,000	DONG Energy 4.875% 2032	366	0.0
1,616,000	E.On Finance 6.375% 2032	2,208	0.5
900,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	1,006	0.2
700,000	Greater Gabbard 4.137% 2032	696	0.1
1,518,000	HSBC 5.375% 2033	1,842	0.4
3,044,000	HSBC Bank 5.375% 2030	3,513	0.8
846,000	Koninklijke KPN 5.75% 2029	1,045	0.2
3,627,000	Land Securities 2.399% 2029	3,638	0.8
100,000	Lloyds Bank 6% 2029	136	0.0
1,515,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	1,373	0.3
895,000	National Grid 2.125% 2028	849	0.2
1,018,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.75% 2032	1,102	0.2
550,000	Orange 8.125% 2028	815	0.2
1,375,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	1,529	0.3
1,564,000	RWE 6.25% 2030	2,069	0.5

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Corporate Bonds (co			
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2,367,000	Severn Trent 2.75% 2031	2,336	0.5
1,200,000	Shaftesbury Carnaby 2.487% 2031	1,131	0.28
1,443,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2029	1,735	0.4
1,200,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.445% 2029	1,456	0.3
1,535,000	Telereal 5.5534% 2033	1,464	0.3
1,071,000	Telereal FRN 2033	1,018	0.2
1,599,000	Telereal Secured 4.01% 2033	1,346	0.3
1,607,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	1,842	0.4
1,400,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	1,587	0.3
1,787,000	Western Power 5.75% 2032	2,332	0.5
1,212,000	Westfield America Management Ltd 2.625% 2029	1,194	0.2
2,150,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2028	2,027	0.4
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
1,938,000	Affinity Water 3.278% 2042	2,074	0.5
1,339,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 2037	1,292	0.3
1,241,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	1,271	0.3
1,558,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'A'	1,739	0.4
1,384,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	1,545	0.3
1,475,000	AT&T 4.25% 2043	1,548	0.3
2,800,000	AT&T 7% 2040	4,060	0.9
2,050,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	2,293	0.5
2,224,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	2,441	0.5
1,300,000	British American Tobacco 5.75% 2040	1,747	0.4
626,000	British American Tobacco 6% 2034	832	0.2
360,000	Canary Wharf Finance 5.952% 2037	511	0.1
	Citigroup 6.8% 2038	1,216	0.3
	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	864	0.2
	Direct Line 9.25% 2042	2,176	0.5
1,577,000	DONG Energy 5.75% 2040	2,233	0.5
976,000	Dwr Cymru Financing 2.5% 2036	957	0.2
2,150,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039	3,211	0.7
900,000	EDF 5.5% 2037	1,117	0.2
1,384,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	1,717	0.4
1,554,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	1,498	0.3
320,000	Eversholt 6.697% 2035	409	0.1
1,000,000	Gatwick 4.625% 2034	1,186	0.2
1,439,000	Gatwick 5.75% 2037	1,931	0.4
400,000	GE Capital 8% 2039	676	0.1

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Corporate Bonds (co		2000	Tiet asset
2,500,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2033	3,311	0.8
2,224,000	Greene King 5.702% fixed to floating 2034	2,072	0.5
2,117,000	Greene King FRN 2033	1,643	0.4
911,000	Gwynt y Môr 2.778% 2034	834	0.2
200,000	Heathrow Funding 5.875% 2041	281	0.0
2,950,000	HSBC 6% 2040	3,742	0.9
1,098,000	John Lewis 4.25% 2034	1,069	0.2
2,005,000	Lloyds Bank 6.5% 2040	2,911	0.7
893,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 4.625% 2033	1,080	0.2
1,400,000	Munich Re 6.625% fixed to floating 2042	1,597	0.3
2,429,000	National Grid 2.625% 2038	2,236	0.5
1,340,000	Northumbrian Water 5.125% 2042	1,765	0.4
2,000,000	Octagon Healthcare 5.333% 2035	2,055	0.5
1,873,000	Orange 5.625% 2034	2,456	0.6
766,759	Peel 8.375% 2040	1,123	0.2
2,957,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	3,191	0.7
1,875,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	1,832	0.4
1,050,000	RWE 6.125% 2039	1,470	0.3
1,701,000	SSE 6.25% fixed to floating 2038	2,481	0.6
600,000	Standard Chartered 4.375% 2038	662	0.1
1,054,000	Telereal 4.0902% fixed to floating 2033	1,098	0.2
790,000	Thames Water 4.375% 2034	909	0.2
1,500,000	Thames Water 5.5% 2041	2,019	0.4
1,071,000	Time Warner Cable 5.25% 2042	1,181	0.2
998,000	Vattenfall 6.875% 2039	1,574	0.3
1,850,000	Veolia Environment 6.125% 2037	2,625	0.6
	Verizon Communications 3.125% 2035	872	0.2
2,254,000	Wal-Mart 5.625% 2034	3,189	0.7
reater than 25 years	s to maturity		
•	Aviva 5.125% 2050	2,027	0.4
	AXA 5.625% 2054	967	0.2
	BPHA 4.816% 2044	1,600	0.3
	British American Tobacco 2.25% 2052	597	0.1
*	British American Tobacco 4% 2055	432	0.1
1,187,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	1,193	0.2
569,000	Centrica 4.25% 2044	655	0.1
	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	2,178	0.5
884,000	Channel Link 6.341% 2046	1,060	0.2

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Corporate Bonds (1100 00000
983,000		1,341	0.3
1,600,000		1,984	0.4
2,600,000		3,401	0.8
300,000	~ ~	448	0.1
2,420,000		2,994	0.7
400,000	9	432	0.1
400,000		423	0.1
1,634,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	1,789	0.4
1,107,000		1,351	0.3
536,000	Optivo Finance 3.283% 2048	548	0.1
626,000	Paragon 2.08044% 2050	617	0.1
1,671,000	Peabody Capital 4.625% 2053	2,177	0.5
1,161,000	Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 2052	1,136	0.2
1,000,000	Prudential 5% 2055	1,066	0.2
2,200,000	RL Finance 6.125% fixed to floating 2043	2,433	0.5
820,000	SSE 3.625% 2077	833	0.2
1,442,000	Tolkien Funding Sukuk 1.43283% 2052	1,374	0.3
750,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	729	0.1
1,187,000	Vodafone 3% 2056	1,023	0.2
1,720,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	1,610	0.3
887,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	839	0.2
870,000	Wheatley 4.375% 2044	1,018	0.2
Perpetual			
1,400,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.269% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,407	0.3
1,048,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,092	0.2
3,000,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,282	0.8
1,598,000	Axa 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,718	0.4
1,900,000	EDF 6% Perpetual	1,948	0.4
1,353,000	Legal & General 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,375	0.3
800,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual	868	0.2
2,474,000	Pennon 2.875% Perpetual	2,469	0.6
1,938,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,976	0.4
Government Bond	s (1.36%)	8,111	1.9
petween 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	2,114	0.5

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Government Bonds	Investment	£ 000	net asset
dovernment bonds	s (continued)		
between 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032	665	0.16
233,000	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	336	0.08
between 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
2,357,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	3,300	0.80
500,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	768	0.19
greater than 25 years	to maturity		
600,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	928	0.23
US Dollar Denomina	ated Bonds (2.51%)	9,279	2.2
Corporate Bonds (2.	51%)	9,279	2.2
between 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
•	Charter Communications 4.908% 2025	706	0.1
	Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025	571	0.1
	UBS 4.125% 2026	1,073	0.2
Perpetual			
	HSBC 6% Perpetual	1,486	0.3
	SEB 5.75% Perpetual	1,738	0.4
	Swedbank 5.5% Perpetual	1,228	0.3
	Swedbank 6% Perpetual	2,477	0.6
Collective Investme	ent Schemes (0.05%)	1,000	0.2
260	Standard Life CNAV Euro Liquidity Fund	0	0.0
	Standard Life CNAV Euro Equidity Fund Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	1,000	0.2
Derivatives (-0.04%)		(109)	(0.0)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.08%)		(82)	(0.0)
	Buy GBP 273,741 Sell EUR 301,477 09/11/2018	3	0.0
	Buy GBP 273,741 Sell EUR 301,477 09/11/2018 Buy GBP 820,648 Sell EUR 905,073 09/11/2018	9	0.0
	Buy GBP 4,115,085 Sell EUR 4,614,643 09/11/2018		0.0
	Buy GBP 4, 113,083 Sell EUR 4,614,643 09/11/2018 Buy GBP 192,411 Sell USD 247,672 09/11/2018	(26) 2	0.0
	Duy OUF 192,411 Jell USD 241,012 USH 1/12010	_	0.0
	Buy GBP 9,175,190 Sell USD 12,053,236 09/11/2018	(70)	(0.0)

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (0.04%)		(27)	(0.01
114	Long Long Gilt Future 27/12/2018	(4)	0.00
(11)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2018	(22)	(0.01)
(40)	Short US 10 Year Note Future 19/12/2018	(1)	0.00
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	405,093	98.71
Net other assets		5,299	1.29
Total Net Assets		410,392	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	Market value £′000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	405,216
Investment liabilities	(123)
Net investment assets	405,093
Net other assets	5,299
Total Net Assets	410,392

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Financial Statements

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State	ment (of Total	Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(4,103)		10,878
Revenue	7,651		13,825	
Expenses	(1,490)		(2,476)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	6,161		11,348	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		6,161		11,348
Total return before distributions		2,058		22,226
Distributions		(6,160)		(11,348)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(4,102)		10,878

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aı	31 August 2018		August 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		419,528		728,681
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	25,538		38,258	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(33,716)		(23,454)	
		(8,178)		14,804
Dilution adjustment		62		(27)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		(4,102)		10,878
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,081		7,654
Unclaimed distributions		1		2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		410,392		761,992

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Financial Statements

Balance Sheet				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 August 2018		28 February 2018	
	£'000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		405,216		415,018
Current assets:				
Debtors	7,381		6,892	
Cash and bank balances	335		233	
_		7,716		7,125
Total assets	_	412,932	_	422,143
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(123)		(354
Creditors	(923)		(682)	
Bank overdrafts	(2)		0	
Distribution payable	(1,492)		(1,579)	
_		(2,417)		(2,26
Total liabilities	_	(2,540)	_	(2,61
Net assets attributable to shareholders		410,392	_	419,528

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018	Equalisation 2018	Distribution paid 2018	Distribution pa
			pence per share	
Retail accumulation	1			
Group 1	0.9994	-	0.9994*	1.023
Group 2	0.6207	0.3787	0.9994*	1.023
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.2481	-	1.2481*	1.268
Group 2	0.2880	0.9601	1.2481*	1.268
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4120	-	0.4120**	0.433
Group 2	0.2084	0.2036	0.4120**	0.433
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4765	-	0.4765**	0.499
Group 2	0.1788	0.2977	0.4765**	0.499
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4627	-	0.4627**	0.483
Group 2	_	_	_	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.7877	-	0.7877*	0.796
Group 2	0.5098	0.2779	0.7877*	0.796
Institutional regulated accumulation	1 2200		1 2200+	1.256
Group 1 Group 2	1.2399	_	1.2399*	1.230
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Standard Life B accumulation Group 1	0.8132		0.8132*	0.817
Group 1	0.5730	0.2402	0.8132*	0.817

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	2017
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.5164	-	0.5164*	0.5255
Group 2	0.2515	0.2649	0.5164*	0.5255
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4349	-	0.4349**	0.4560
Group 2	0.2310	0.2039	0.4349**	0.4560
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.5172	-	0.5172*	0.5300
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4463	-	0.4463**	0.4750
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A accumulation				
Group 1	0.3718	-	0.3718*	0.3845
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A income				
Group 1	0.3472	_	0.3472**	0.3700
Group 2	-	-	-	-

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

	Net Income 2018	Equalisation 2018	Distribution payable 2018	Distribution pai
		pence per share		
Retail accumulation	perice per share	perice per siture	perice per share	perice per situr
Group 1	0.9827	_	0.9827*	1.010
Group 2	0.5110	0.4717	0.9827*	1.010
nstitutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.2320	-	1.2320*	1.257
Group 2	1.0509	0.1811	1.2320*	1.257
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4024	-	0.4024**	0.424
Group 2	0.2262	0.1762	0.4024**	0.424
nstitutional income				
Group 1	0.4667	-	0.4667**	0.491
Group 2	0.2518	0.2149	0.4667**	0.491
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.4544	-	0.4544**	0.475
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.7827	-	0.7827*	0.792
Group 2	0.4980	0.2847	0.7827*	0.792
nstitutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	1.2254	-	1.2254*	1.247
Group 2	-	-	-	1.247
Standard Life B accumulation				
Group 1	0.8061	-	0.8061*	0.814
Group 2	0.5530	0.2531	0.8061*	

Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation		Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.5094	-	0.5094*	0.5205
Group 2	0.2634	0.2460	0.5094*	0.5205
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4259	-	0.4259**	0.4482
Group 2	0.2293	0.1966	0.4259**	0.4482
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.5136	-	0.5136*	0.4929
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4331	-	0.4331**	0.4450
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Group 1	-	-	_	0.3850
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A income ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.3631
Group 2	-	-	_	-

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018 ^ Share class closed on 7 June 2018

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank			
Launch Date	16 November 1998			
Benchmark	IA Japan Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a Japanese stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in Japan. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares.

The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst affording proper diversification of mainly Japanese Equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity and currency markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

For the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 3.35% (Platform 1 accumulation), compared to a return of 5.19% from the IA Japan sector benchmark (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-to-bid basis).

Electronics giant TDK found its shares in demand after it was upgraded by analysts, who cited better growth potential for the company's battery and electric parts operations. A tightening electric parts market also resulted in higher-than-expected earnings expectations for TDK. Elsewhere, Sony's shares performed well after it announced robust games sales for its PlayStation console, while a deal between Disney and Fox raised the market's evaluation of Sony's intellectual property and content. Additional highlights included Recruit Holdings, Yamato and NTT Data

On the downside, shares in Nintendo fell on lower-than-expected sales momentum for the Nintendo Switch; a disappointing business update at E3 Expo also weighed on the stock. Machinery components manufacturer THK struggled after it was downgraded on expectations that the order cycle has peaked. In addition, intensifying trade tensions have hit stocks with sizeable exposure to China, such as THK. Similar concerns also hurt general machinemaker Komatsu. Positions in Furukawa Electric, Sumco Corporation and Shima Seiki also disappointed.

Investment Activity

Looking at recent activity, we purchased Optorun, which is enjoying rising demand for its optical film production equipment from numerous sectors, including smartphones, surveillance cameras, automobiles and LEDs. We bought shares in Nomura Research Institute, as we expect its IT consulting businesses to continue to deliver solid growth. The company should also benefit from increasing domestic IT investment demand caused by labour shortages and the advancement of IT technology. Kurita Water Industries makes water treatment chemicals and facilities. It is benefiting from the replacement cycle in the industrials sector and the expansion of its water processing businesses, notably around semiconductors. There is also an opportunity for margins to improve as management increasingly focuses on profitability.

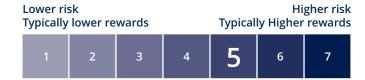
By contrast, we exited semiconductor firm Renesas Electronics due to concerns about increasing inventories. Staying in the sector, we reduced our holding in precision tools-maker Disco, as the company is facing declining demand from the memory and smartphone sectors. Meanwhile, we took profits from computer games publisher Koei Tecmo. It shares climbed after it released robust earnings results, driven by increased royalties from its original game content and greater sales for its collaborative titles with Nintendo.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	106.99	90.59	71.22	69.51
Return before operating charges*	3.13	17.71	20.47	2.88
Operating charges**	(0.71)	(1.31)	(1.10)	(1.17)
Return after operating charges*	2.42	16.40	19.37	1.71
Distributions	0.00	(0.09)	(0.05)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.09	0.05	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	109.41	106.99	90.59	71.22
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.08
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.26%	18.10%	27.20%	2.46%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,960	6,027	3,694	2,958
Closing number of shares	5,446,932	5,632,797	4,078,189	4,152,483
Operating charges****	1.34%	1.34%	1.34%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.06%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	110.2	111.7	92.55	76.92
Lowest share price	98.96	88.22	71.11	64.12

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	125.25	105.55	82.60	80.01
Return before operating charges*	3.67	20.68	23.78	3.32
Operating charges**	(0.54)	(0.98)	(0.83)	(0.73)
Return after operating charges*	3.13	19.70	22.95	2.59
Distributions	0.00	(0.64)	(0.52)	(0.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.64	0.52	0.38
Closing net asset value per share	128.38	125.25	105.55	82.60
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.10	0.11	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.50%	18.66%	27.78%	3.24%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	157,635	153,258	141,051	96,213
Closing number of shares	122,783,864	122,365,074	133,630,422	116,481,947
Operating charges****	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs***	0.06%	0.09%	0.12%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	129.3	130.7	107.7	88.62
Lowest share price	115.9	102.9	82.52	74.33

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Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income ^				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	74.82	63.33	49.76	48.41
Return before operating charges*	0.45	12.48	14.40	2.03
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	0.44	12.46	14.38	2.01
Distributions	0.00	(0.97)	(0.81)	(0.66)
Redemption value as at 14 June 2018	(75.26)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	74.82	63.33	49.76
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.06	0.07	0.06
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.59%	19.67%	28.90%	4.15%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,286	2,286	2,286
Operating charges****	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
Direct transaction costs***	0.06%	0.09%	0.12%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.20	78.98	65.24	53.68
Lowest share price	69.27	61.78	49.75	42.25

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[^] Shareclass closed on 14 June 2018.

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	81.27	67.98	52.80	50.76
Return before operating charges*	2.40	13.37	15.25	2.10
Operating charges**	(0.05)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	2.35	13.29	15.18	2.04
Distributions	0.00	(0.97)	(0.80)	(0.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.97	0.80	0.63
Closing net asset value per share	83.62	81.27	67.98	52.80
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.06
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.89%	19.55%	28.75%	4.02%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	196,084	194,847	159,708	123,169
Closing number of shares	234,501,920	239,763,994	234,944,925	233,269,640
Operating charges****	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.06%	0.09%	0.11%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	84.18	84.69	69.17	56.27
Lowest share price	75.23	66.31	52.79	47.42

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Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	114.25	96.33	75.41	73.09
Return before operating charges*	3.35	18.85	21.72	3.02
Operating charges**	(0.52)	(0.93)	(0.80)	(0.70)
Return after operating charges*	2.83	17.92	20.92	2.32
Distributions	0.00	(0.46)	(0.44)	(0.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.46	0.44	0.30
Closing net asset value per share	117.08	114.25	96.33	75.41
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.09	0.10	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	2.48%	18.60%	27.74%	3.17%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	888	1,366	6,674	5,283
Closing number of shares	758,114	1,195,173	6,928,080	7,005,365
Operating charges****	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs***	0.06%	0.09%	0.11%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	117.9	119.2	98.29	80.95
Lowest share price	105.7	93.86	75.34	67.87

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Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
apanese Equities		354,423	98.3
288,500		10,033	2.7
	Asahi Intecc	6,343	1.7
220,500	Chugai Pharmaceutical	9,838	2.7
720,600		10,580	2.9
303,900	Daiwa House Industry	7,140	1.9
17,500	Disco	2,413	0.6
1,655,000	Fuji Electric	10,266	2.8
249,800	Fuji Oil	5,858	1.6
50,100	Furukawa Electric	1,328	0.3
591,200	JGC	9,176	2.5
	JXTG Holdings	8,326	2.3
	Koei Tecmo Holdings	813	0.2
454,600	Komatsu	9,967	2.7
298,200	Kurita Water Industries	6,818	1.8
322,300	Kyowa Hakko Kirin	4,399	1.2
202,500	Kyudenko	5,936	1.6
211,700	M3	7,183	1.9
368,600	Marui	6,269	1.7
477,900	Mitsubishi	10,511	2.9
3,230,600	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	15,034	4.′
477,400	Mitsui Fudosan	8,427	2.3
89,200	Nissan Chemical	3,274	0.9
234,200	Nomura Research Institute	8,970	2.4
914,000	NTT Data	9,043	2.5
126,600	Optorun	2,890	8.0
91,500	Pola Orbis	2,486	0.6
537,900	Recruit	12,626	3.5
1,666,800		7,284	2.0
841,300	Ricoh	6,795	1.8
139,200	ROHM Semiconductor	9,668	2.6
19,100	Ryohin Keikaku	4,367	1.2
465,700	Seibu Holdings	6,469	1.7
69,300	Shima Seiki Manufacturing	2,491	0.6
250,500	Shionogi	11,214	3.1
180,800	Showa Denko	6,624	1.8
208,500	Softbank	14,886	4.1
417,100	Sony	18,363	5.0
255,500	SUMCO	3,515	0.9
809,000	Sumitomo Bakelite	6,147	1.7

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Japanese Equities (continued)		
209,900	Suzuki Motor	10,522	2.92
297,800	Taiyo Yuden	6,757	1.87
132,800	TDK	11,490	3.19
208,800	THK	4,310	1.20
64,400	Tokyo Electron	8,427	2.34
283,600	Yamaha	10,409	2.89
381,500	Yamato Holdings	8,738	2.42
Derivatives (0.00%)		0	0.00
Forward Currency C	Contracts (0.00%)	0	0.00
	Buy GBP 5,912 Sell JPY 832,413 12/09/2018	0	0.00
Total investment as	sets	354,423	98.30
Net other assets		6,144	1.70
Total Net Assets		360,567	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Augu	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		7,390		19,829
Revenue	3,382		2,940	
Expenses	(799)		(737)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,583		2,203	
Taxation	(331)		(302)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,252		1,901
Total return		9,642	_	21,730
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,642		21,730

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		355,500		311,271
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	3,329		11,080	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,903)		(15,440)	
_		(4,574)		(4,360)
Dilution adjustment		(1)		6
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		9,642		21,730
			_	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		360,567		328,647

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Japanese Equity Growth Fund

Financial Statements

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ed assets:				
nvestment assets		354,423		349,755
rent assets:				
)ebtors	3,377		1,596	
Cash and bank balances	5,781		5,541	
		9,158		7,13
al assets	_	363,581	_	356,892
bilities:				
editors	(3,014)		(1,392)	
		(3,014)		(1,392
al liabilities	_	(3,014)	_	(1,392
t assets attributable to shareholders	_	360,567	_	355,500
t assets attributable to shareholders	_	300,307	_	333,300

Short Duration Credit Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Daniel McKernan and Mark Munro			
Launch Date	1 May 2003			
Benchmark	Barclays Sterling Collateralised & Corporate Index (hedged to 2 year duration)			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a total return from income and capital appreciation.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in fixed interest securities issued by corporations. The Sub-fund may also invest in Government and public securities and other interest bearing securities anywhere in the world as well as other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes. The ACD will use derivatives to reduce the Sub-fund's exposure to interest rate risk with the aim of reducing duration exposure to around two years.

Risk

The diversified nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors wishing to achieve a broad spread of mainly corporate bond exposure, which provides a degree of protection from default risk, and who do not desire a high degree of stock specific risk. Whilst the income generated should remain relatively stable, the investor must be able to accept some fluctuations in the income due to the higher risk nature of some of the securities held in the Sub-fund. The investor must also be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of bond markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

The Short Duration Credit Fund returned 0.4% during the period, compared with a 0.6% return for the IA £ Corporate Bond Sector. Please note Sub-fund returns are net of fees, while benchmark returns are gross (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid-tobid basis).

At an individual security level, the biggest performance detractor in the six-month period was the UK bank Barclays. Given the generally 'risk-off' backdrop, the traditionally higher volatility insurance sector underperformed, with UK insurer Direct Line the second biggest detractor for the Sub-fund and Italy's Generali also featuring among the top detractors. Italian credits generally underperformed in the period owing to the country's continuing political woes, with the Sub-fund's off-benchmark exposure to Unicredit also among the leading detractors.

On the positive side, the three top performers for the Sub-fund were its overweight positions in Thames Water, followed by Vodafone and FGP Topco, the latter being the consortium which owns Heathrow airport through Heathrow Airport Holdings, formerly known as BAA.

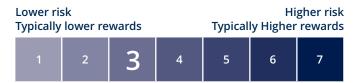
Investment Activity

In the primary market, we bought the 2023 senior unsecured bonds of HSBC, the 2021 bonds of Volkswagen Financial Services and the 2039 bonds of Connect Plus, the project company that manages the M25 road network around London.

In the secondary market we added exposure to German pharmaceuticals giant Bayer, after spreads moved significantly wider on headlines regarding lawsuits in the US over claims that its subsidiary, Monsanto's weed killing product, 'Roundup', causes cancer. We felt the market was overreacting and used the weakness to buy what we feel is a high quality credit at a reasonable level. We also bought Spanish Bank BBVA, which we feel has been excessively penalised for its ownership stake in Turkey's Garanti Bank.

Turning to sales, we exited Comcast due to fears around potential M&A activity that could destabilise its credit profile. We also reduced our off-benchmark exposure to Italian bank Unicredit in favour of other European banks, where we think the risk-return balance is preferable, including Germany's Deutsche Bank and Denmark's Danske Bank.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Short Duration Credit Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation	posses por essent	posses per essent	P P	P
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	88.32	86.39	79.67	83.43
Return before operating charges*	0.32	2.84	7.82	(2.53)
Operating charges**	(0.46)	(0.91)	(0.87)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges*	(0.14)	1.93	6.95	(3.45)
Distributions	(0.74)	(1.13)	(1.46)	(1.56)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.74	1.13	1.23	1.25
Closing net asset value per share	88.18	88.32	86.39	79.67
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	-0.16%	2.24%	8.72%	-4.14%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,343	12,128	13,640	13,019
Closing number of shares	13,997,921	13,732,668	15,789,150	16,341,487
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.61	89.34	87.05	84.31
Lowest share price	87.92	86.71	80.34	79.78

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Short Duration Credit Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	93.26	90.84	83.47	87.07
Return before operating charges*	0.34	2.99	8.21	(2.67)
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.57)	(0.54)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	0.05	2.42	7.67	(3.20)
Distributions	(0.98)	(1.58)	(1.91)	(2.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.98	1.58	1.61	1.60
Closing net asset value per share	93.31	93.26	90.84	83.47
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.06%	2.67%	9.19%	-3.68%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	164,330	153,601	176,086	185,003
Closing number of shares	176,105,491	164,704,343	193,837,930	221,636,428
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	93.71	94.30	91.53	88.02
Lowest share price	92.97	91.18	84.17	83.58

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Comparative Tables

Retail income	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	54.05	53.55	50.11	53.26
Return before operating charges*	0.20	1.76	4.89	(1.61)
Operating charges**	(0.28)	(0.56)	(0.54)	(0.58)
Return after operating charges*	(0.08)	1.20	4.35	(2.19)
Distributions	(0.45)	(0.70)	(0.91)	(0.96)
Closing net asset value per share	53.52	54.05	53.55	50.11
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	-0.15%	2.24%	8.68%	-4.11%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,203	4,534	5,210	5,862
Closing number of shares	7,852,952	8,388,567	9,727,711	11,699,103
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.23	54.83	54.20	53.75
Lowest share price	53.64	53.75	50.53	50.35

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	53.99	53.47	50.04	53.20
Return before operating charges*	0.19	1.77	4.89	(1.62)
Operating charges**	(0.17)	(0.33)	(0.32)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges*	0.02	1.44	4.57	(1.94)
Distributions	(0.56)	(0.92)	(1.14)	(1.22)
Closing net asset value per share	53.45	53.99	53.47	50.04
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.04%	2.69%	9.13%	-3.65%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,823	18,628	27,864	28,726
Closing number of shares	33,341,806	34,504,839	52,107,430	57,405,687
Operating charges****	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	54.20	54.80	54.18	53.76
Lowest share price	53.59	53.67	50.46	50.35

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income	perice per share	perice per siture	perice per siture	perice per siture
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	31.65	31.37	29.08	30.91
Return before operating charges*	0.13	0.99	2.53	(0.94)
Operating charges**	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	0.13	0.98	2.52	(0.95)
Distributions	(0.43)	(0.70)	(0.23)	(0.88)
Closing net asset value per share	31.35	31.65	31.37	29.08
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.41%	3.12%	8.67%	-3.07%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	3,692
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	12,697,297
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	31.81	32.14	31.61	31.26
Lowest share price	31.42	31.49	29.32	29.29

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Comparative Tables

Standard Life accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	94.83	91.88	84.08	87.37
Return before operating charges*	0.33	3.05	8.27	(2.71)
Operating charges**	(0.05)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	0.28	2.95	8.17	(2.80)
Distributions	(1.23)	(2.07)	(2.37)	(2.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.23	2.07	2.00	1.96
Closing net asset value per share	95.11	94.83	91.88	84.08
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.29%	3.21%	9.72%	-3.20%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	57	227	59	103
Closing number of shares	60,014	239,295	63,963	122,565
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	95.50	95.85	92.59	88.35
Lowest share price	94.64	92.23	84.78	84.14

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	64.14	62.51	57.46	59.97
Return before operating charges*	0.23	2.05	5.65	(1.85)
Operating charges**	(0.21)	(0.42)	(0.40)	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	0.02	1.63	5.25	(2.24)
Distributions	(0.66)	(1.05)	(1.29)	(1.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.66	1.05	1.09	1.08
Closing net asset value per share	64.16	64.14	62.51	57.46
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.04%	2.60%	9.14%	-3.74%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,398	22,960	21,723	14,990
Closing number of shares	41,142,011	35,796,026	34,751,705	26,085,029
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	64.44	64.86	62.98	60.62
Lowest share price	63.93	62.74	57.94	57.53

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⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	55.78	55.26	51.70	54.96
Return before operating charges*	0.21	1.81	5.07	(1.67)
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.37)	(0.36)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	0.02	1.44	4.71	(2.03)
Distributions	(0.57)	(0.92)	(1.15)	(1.23)
Closing net asset value per share	55.23	55.78	55.26	51.70
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	0.04%	2.61%	9.11%	-3.69%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,406	11,034	8,406	7,697
Closing number of shares	18,841,083	19,780,460	15,210,706	14,887,335
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%	0.66%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	55.99	56.61	55.97	55.55
Lowest share price	55.37	55.47	52.14	52.02

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of; fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net asset
Bonds (90.40%)	Investment	214,537	91.0
Euro Denominated	Bonds (5.02%)	12,333	5.2
Corporate Bonds (5		12,333	5.2
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ess than 5 years to r			
	Islandsbanki 1.75% 2020	972	0.4
		525	0.2
	Landsbankinn 1.625% 2021	723	0.3
1,100,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	965	0.4
petween 5 and 10 ye	ears to maturity		
800,000	CaixaBank 3.5% 2027	752	0.3
800,000	CaixaBank 5% 2023	722	0.3
500,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024	445	0.1
	Quintiles 3.25% 2025	882	0.3
	Quintiles IMS 3.5% 2024	734	0.3
	Unitymedia 4% 2025	486	0.2
petween 10 and 15 y	years to maturity		
	Bayer 2.125% 2029	809	0.3
greater than 25 year	s to maturity		
1,230,000	AXA 3.25% 2049	1,081	0.4
Perpetual			
·	Aareal Bank 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	750	0.3
	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	1,050	0.4
	BBVA 6.75% Perpetual	736	0.3
750,000	Danske Bank 7.5% Perpetual	701	0.3
Sterling Denomina	ted Bonds (82.65%)	196,511	83.4
Corporate Bonds (8		195,757	83.1
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ess than 5 years to r			
	AA Bond 2.75% 2023	375	0.1
	AA Bond 2.875% 2022	754	0.3
	Abbey National 1.875% 2020	1,176	0.5
	AIG 5% 2023	1,456	0.6
185,000	Arqiva 9.5% 2020	190	0.0
,	Bank of America 6.125% 2021	1,187	0.5

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
orporate Bonds (c			
1 150 000	Bank of Montreal 1.375% 2021	1,144	0.4
	Bank of Nova Scotia 1.25% 2022	1,575	0.6
· · · · · ·	Bank of Scotland 9.375% 2021	947	0.4
900,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.375% 2021	894	0.3
	Barclays 9.5% 2021	533	0.2
	BASF 1.375% 2022	354	0.1
	BMW 0.875% 2022	388	0.1
	British American Tobacco 1.75% 2021	1,041	0.4
	BUPA 3.375% 2021	945	0.4
*	Close Brothers 3.875% 2021	844	0.3
,	Co-operative Bank 4.75% 2021	536	0.2
710,000	Coventry Building Society 1% 2020	705	0.3
	CPUK 2.666% 2020	1,024	0.4
	Credit Suisse 3% 2022	827	0.3
	Daimler 2.375% 2021	869	0.3
	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2020	1,592	0.6
	E.ON Finance 6% 2019	369	0.1
	Electricity Supply Board 6.5% 2020	1,363	0.5
	FCE Bank 2.727% 2022	202	0.0
	First Hydro 9% 2021	659	0.2
	Friends Life 8.25% 2022	1,174	0.5
	GE Capital 5.125% 2023	1,320	0.5
800,000	GE Capital 5.875% 2020	872	0.3
1,000,000	Global Switch 4.375% 2022	1,094	0.4
	HSBC 2.175% 2023	1,672	0.7
	Iberdrola 6% 2022	1,095	0.4
	Imperial Brands 7.75% 2019	840	0.3
	Innogy 6.5% 2021	1,784	0.7
	John Lewis 8.375% 2019	1,580	0.6
770,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	859	0.3
1,910,000	Lloyds Bank 1.75% 2022	1,936	0.8
400,000	Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	515	0.2
370,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2019	370	0.1
360,000	London Power Networks 5.125% 2023	411	0.1
700,000	London Stock Exchange 9.125% 2019	760	0.3
630,000	LVMH 1% 2022	622	0.2
540,000	Marks & Spencer 6.125% 2021	608	0.2
	Merrill Lynch 5.5% 2021	309	0.1
500,000	Metlife 5.25% 2020	534	0.2

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (co			1100 03500
800,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	792	0.3
840,000	MetLife Global Funding I 2.625% 2022	876	0.3
670,000	National Australia Bank 0.875% 2020	664	0.2
2,000,000	National Grid 1.125% 2021	1,977	0.8
800,000	New York Life Global Funding 1% 2021	790	0.3
524,000	OP Corporate Bank 2.5% 2022	541	0.2
392,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	462	0.2
700,000	RELX 2.75% 2019	706	0.3
802,000	Santander UK 1.625% 2021	800	0.3
580,000	Scania 1.875% 2022	578	0.2
800,000	Scentre 2.375% 2022	818	0.3
640,000	Severn Trent 1.125% 2021	632	0.2
1,020,000	Swedbank 1.25% 2021	1,009	0.4
650,000	Thames Water 2.375% 2023	634	0.2
1,000,000	Thames Water 7.75% 2019	1,031	0.4
1,200,000	Unique Pub Finance 6.452% 2021	533	0.2
580,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021	576	0.2
1,000,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.625% 2022	990	0.4
880,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2020	882	0.3
400,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	400	0.1
650,000	Western Power 5.25% 2023	740	0.3
1,110,000	Westpac Banking 2.625% 2022	1,150	0.4
etween 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
350,000	A.P. Moller-Maersk 4% 2025	363	0.1
1,090,000	ABP 6.25% 2026	1,334	0.5
600,000	APT Pipelines 4.25% 2024	658	0.2
931,000	Aroundtown 3.25% 2027	922	0.3
200,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024	183	0.0
329,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	332	0.1
900,000	AT&T 5.5% 2027	1,079	0.4
660,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	653	0.2
500,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	678	0.2
700,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	688	0.2
860,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	859	0.3
1,259,000	Barclays 3.25% 2027	1,229	0.5
880,000	BP 2.03% 2025	883	0.3
640,000	British American Tobacco 2.125% 2025	620	0.2
440,000	BUPA 2% 2024	437	0.1

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
orporate Bonds (c		2000	net asset
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500,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	586	0.2
1,000,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	1,161	0.4
380,000	Close Brothers 2.75% 2026	380	0.1
1,100,000	Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 2026	1,317	0.5
650,000	Credit Agricole 7.375% 2023	806	0.3
1,800,000	CYBG 5% 2026	1,851	0.7
600,000	Digital Stout 4.75% 2023	663	0.2
454,000	Enel 5.625% 2024	526	0.2
545,000	Eversholt 6.359% 2025	667	0.2
602,000	Experian 2.125% 2024	600	0.2
750,000	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	900	0.3
585,000	GlaxoSmithKline 3.375% 2027	642	0.2
960,000	Go-Ahead 2.5% 2024	935	0.4
1,590,000	Heathrow Funding 6.75% 2026	2,085	0.0
500,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	612	0.2
1,471,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	1,414	0.6
800,000	HSBC 2.625% 2028	781	0.3
720,000	Imperial Brands 5.5% 2026	847	0.3
1,260,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	1,345	0.5
604,000	John Lewis 6.125% 2025	694	0.2
900,000	Koninklijke KPN 5% 2026	1,038	0.4
285,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	302	0.1
790,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 2024	762	0.3
1,900,000	Mitchells & Butlers 5.965% 2025	624	0.2
900,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	887	0.3
600,000	Nationwide Building Society 3.25% 2028	630	0.2
438,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	429	0.1
340,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 2.5% 2025	348	0.1
540,000	Northumbrian Water 1.625% 2026	503	0.2
493,000	Orange 5.25% 2025	590	0.2
400,000	Porterbrook Rail 7.125% 2026	518	0.2
359,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 2023	354	0.1
1,042,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	1,021	0.4
820,000	Saga 3.375% 2024	779	0.3
1,000,000	Santander UK Group 3.625% 2026	1,035	0.4
249,000	Severn Trent 6.125% 2024	299	0.1
	South Eastern Power Networks 5.5% 2026	420	0.1
	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2023	696	0.3
700,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	731	0.3

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			
1,150,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.375% 2026	1,346	0.5
1,210,000	Thames Water 3.5% 2028	1,281	0.5
600,000	Thames Water 4% 2025	657	0.2
600,000	THPA Finance 7.127% 2024	356	0.1
820,000	Total Capital 1.75% 2025	814	0.3
500,000	Unique Pub Finance 5.659% 2027	413	0.1
800,000	Unite (USAF) II 3.921% 2025	883	0.3
610,000	United Utilities 5.625% 2027	772	0.3
350,000	Vicinity Centres 3.375% 2026	366	0.1
1,000,000	Wells Fargo 2% 2025	959	0.4
1,480,000	Western Power Distribution 3.625% 2023	1,555	0.6
1,326,000	Yorkshire Building Society 4.125% 2024	1,358	0.5
petween 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
654,000	America Movil 5.75% 2030	832	0.3
400,000	Anglian Water 6.293% 2030	545	0.2
930,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 2029	896	0.3
440,000	Annington Funding 3.184% 2029	440	0.1
984,000	AT&T 4.375% 2029	1,082	0.4
1,917,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	1,726	0.7
1,200,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2033	1,312	0.5
323,000	Centrica 4.375% 2029	367	0.1
510,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	573	0.2
830,000	Digital Stout Holding 3.3% 2029	835	0.3
1,040,000	DONG Energy 4.875% 2032	1,270	0.5
1,644,000	E.On Finance 6.375% 2032	2,246	0.9
390,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	436	0.1
1,787,000	Heathrow Funding 6.45% fixed to floating 2033	2,474	1.0
900,000	HSBC 5.375% 2033	1,092	0.4
300,000	HSBC 6.75% 2028	383	0.1
820,000	Integrated Accommodation Services 6.48% 2029	634	0.2
600,000	Legal & General 5.875% 2031	795	0.3
880,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.25% 2029	847	0.3
800,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	725	0.3
550,000	Orange 8.125% 2028	815	0.3
326,000	Prudential 5.875% 2029	441	0.1
500,000	Rabobank 4.55% 2029	597	0.2
380,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	423	0.1
	RI Finance Bonds No 3 6.125% 2028	659	0.2

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Corporate Bonds (c			Tiet doset
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815,000	RWE 6.25% 2030	1,078	0.46
550,000	Telereal FRN 2033	523	0.2
640,000	Telereal Secured 4.01% 2033	539	0.2
367,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	407	0.1
260,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	259	0.1
850,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	963	0.4
505,000	Western Power 5.75% 2032	659	0.2
605,000	Westfield America Management Ltd 2.625% 2029	596	0.2
840,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2028	792	0.3
petween 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
480,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	492	0.2
947,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	1,057	0.4
1,040,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	1,141	0.4
1,454,000	Arqiva 4.04% 2035	1,503	0.6
900,000	British American Tobacco 5.75% 2040	1,209	0.5
950,000	British American Tobacco 6% 2034	1,263	0.5
484,000	Citigroup 7.375% 2039	781	0.3
478,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	483	0.2
1,245,000	Direct Line 9.25% 2042	1,513	0.6
500,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	634	0.2
600,000	EDF 6.125% 2034	799	0.3
240,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	298	0.1
1,000,000	Enel 5.75% 2040	1,264	0.5
610,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	588	0.2
950,000	Eversholt 6.697% 2035	1,214	0.5
1,250,000	Gatwick 4.625% 2034	1,483	0.6
400,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.875% 2035	393	0.1
1,870,000	Greene King FRN 2033	1,452	0.6
	HSBC 6% 2040	1,142	0.4
500,000	Land Securities 2.625% 2037	488	0.2
400,000	Lloyds Bank 6.5% 2040	581	0.2
	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 4.625% 2033	605	0.2
	Marston's 5.641% 2035	266	0.1
1,000,000	Munich Re 6.625% fixed to floating 2042	1,141	0.4
1,400,000	National Grid 2.625% 2038	1,289	0.5
	Northumbrian Water 5.125% 2042	659	0.2
	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	1,618	0.6
	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	1,159	0.4
	RWE 6.125% 2039	1,260	0.5

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Corporate Bonds (c			1100 03500
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300,000	Severn Trent 4.875% 2042	384	0.16
960,000	Southern Water 4.5% 2038	1,020	0.43
500,000	SSE 6.25% fixed to floating 2038	729	0.3
750,000	Standard Chartered 4.375% 2038	827	0.3
295,000	Telereal 4.0902% fixed to floating 2033	307	0.13
1,200,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	1,337	0.5
50,000	Vattenfall 6.875% 2039	79	0.0
greater than 25 years	s to maturity		
1,600,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	1,830	0.7
950,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	970	0.4
642,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	645	0.2
700,000	Centrica 4.25% 2044	805	0.3
1,021,000	Dignity 4.6956% 2049	982	0.4
	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	736	0.3
	Paragon 1.43044% 2050	968	0.4
590,000	Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 2052	577	0.2
660,000	Prudential 5% 2055	703	0.3
	RL Finance 6.125% fixed to floating 2043	553	0.2
	RMAC 1.54306% 2046	996	0.4
600,000	Sanctuary Capital 5% 2047	815	0.3
	SSE 3.625% 2077	366	0.1
760,000	Tolkien Funding Sukuk 1.43283% 2052	724	0.3
1,300,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	1,217	0.5
560,000	Wheatley 4.375% 2044	655	0.2
Perpetual			
	Assicurazioni Generali 6.416% fixed to floating Perpetual	817	0.3
500,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	547	0.2
571,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	656	0.2
1,114,000	AXA 6.772% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,169	0.5
900,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual	785	0.3
700,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	697	0.3
1,099,000	HBOS 6.461% Perpetual	1,108	0.4
450,000	Lloyds Bank FRN Perpetual	586	0.2
425,000	Lloyds Banking Group 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	467	0.2
2,000,000	National Capital Trust I 5.62% Perpetual	2,020	0.8
460,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	499	0.2
990,000	Pennon 2.875% Perpetual	988	0.4
800,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	816	0.3

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Portfolio Statement

		Market	Percentage
Holding	Investment	value £'000	of tota net assets
Government Bonds		754	0.32
between 15 and 25 y			
500,000	European Investment Bank 5% 2039	754	0.32
US Dollar Denomina	ated Bonds (2.73%)	5,693	2.42
Corporate Bonds (2	.73%)	5,693	2.42
ess than 5 years to n	naturity		
•	CVS Health 3.5% 2022	917	0.39
	Glencore 4.125% 2023	737	0.3
<i>'</i>	UBS 2.45% 2020	623	0.26
	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 6.5% 2022	343	0.15
notwoon F and 10 vs	are to maturity		
between 5 and 10 ye 720 000	SPCM 4.875% 2025	532	0.23
*	Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025	304	0.2.
Perpetual 1 100 000	Credit Agricole 7.875% Perpetual	898	0.38
	HSBC 6.875% Perpetual	641	0.27
	Societe Generale 7.375% Perpetual	698	0.30
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (7.04%)	15,279	6.49
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	SLI Total Return Credit SICAV	11,082	4.7
	Standard Life CNAV EUR Liquidity Fund	1	0.00
4,196,207	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	4,196	1.78
Derivatives (-2.45%)		(5,550)	(2.36
Credit Default Swap	os (-0.41%)	(613)	(0.20
EUR 7,000,000	Buy iTraxx Europe Series 29 20/06/2023 0%	(613)	(0.26
Forward Currency C	Contracts (0.06%)	(313)	(0.1
	Buy EUR 506,253 Sell GBP 454,368 17/10/2018	0	0.0
	Buy EUR 606,103 Sell GBP 542,212 17/10/2018	1	0.0
	Buy EUR 725,857 Sell GBP 656,113 17/10/2018	(5)	0.00
	Buy GBP 182,288 Sell EUR 200,908 17/10/2018	2	0.00
	Buy GBP 638,065 Sell EUR 703,790 17/10/2018	7	0.00

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
	ontracts (continued)		
	Din/CDD 720 0E2 Call ELID 00.4 C27 17/40/2010	9	0.00
	Buy GBP 730,053 Sell EUR 804,627 17/10/2018	0	0.0
	Buy GBP 759,819 Sell EUR 847,273 17/10/2018		
	Buy GBP 11,646,516 Sell EUR 13,162,017 17/10/2018 Buy GBP 6,494,552 Sell USD 8,700,763 17/10/2018	(155) (187)	(0.0) (0.0)
	Buy USD 1,200,000 Sell GBP 906,897 17/10/2018	15	0.0
nterest Rate Swaps	: (-2 10%)	(4,624)	(1.9
nterest Rate Swaps	(2.1070)	(4,024)	(1.5
GBP 3,000,000	Pay fixed 0.9175% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 06/09/2034	317	0.1
GBP 12,000,000	Pay fixed 0.943% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 06/06/2021	73	0.0
GBP 7,200,000	Pay fixed 1.022% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 14/06/2027	291	0.1
GBP 5,250,000	Pay fixed 1.2775% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 25/03/2020	(29)	(0.0)
GBP 18,500,000	Pay fixed 1.329% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 14/04/2020	(106)	(0.0)
GBP 9,000,000	Pay fixed 1.335% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 06/06/2026	82	0.0
GBP 5,000,000	Pay fixed 1.3742% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 10/11/2027	58	0.0
GBP 1,750,000	Pay fixed 1.4075% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 03/04/2042	89	0.0
GBP 2,140,000	Pay fixed 1.4475% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 17/12/2019	(16)	(0.0)
GBP 4,900,000	Pay fixed 1.521% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 18/02/2020	(35)	(0.0)
GBP 2,000,000	Pay fixed 1.5777% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 03/05/2028	(11)	0.0
GBP 1,900,000	Pay fixed 1.595% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 25/03/2025	(27)	(0.0)
GBP 2,700,000	Pay fixed 1.59625% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 21/05/2020	(31)	(0.0)
GBP 8,300,000	Pay fixed 1.608% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 28/08/2020	(82)	(0.0)
GBP 1,400,000	Pay fixed 1.8986% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 11/02/2019	(7)	0.0
GBP 160,000	Pay fixed 1.9025% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 25/03/2045	(9)	0.0
GBP 2,200,000	Pay fixed 1.906% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 18/02/2025	(67)	(0.0)
GBP 7,300,000	Pay fixed 1.945% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/01/2019	(38)	(0.0
GBP 2,190,000	Pay fixed 1.995% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 08/04/2019	(24)	(0.0)
GBP 3,300,000	Pay fixed 2.035% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 21/05/2025	(140)	(0.0)
GBP 1,500,000	Pay fixed 2.045% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/04/2019	(18)	(0.0)
GBP 5,100,000	Pay fixed 2.135% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 05/08/2019	(59)	(0.0)
GBP 330,000	Pay fixed 2.2275% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 17/12/2034	(29)	(0.0)
GBP 260,000	Pay fixed 2.258% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 18/02/2045	(35)	(0.0)
GBP 140,000	Pay fixed 2.275% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 17/12/2044	(20)	(0.0)
GBP 600,000	Pay fixed 2.6075% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 10/11/2034	(87)	(0.0)
GBP 280,000	Pay fixed 2.6675% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 10/11/2044	(64)	(0.0)
GBP 3,200,000	Pay fixed 2.68875% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 05/08/2024	(240)	(0.1
GBP 1,150,000	Pay fixed 2.761% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/04/2024	(94)	(0.0)
GBP 7,050,000	Pay fixed 2.78% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/01/2024	(531)	(0.2
GBP 6,000,000	Pay fixed 2.78% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 26/03/2024	(504)	(0.2

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
nterest Rate Swaps	s (continued)		
GBP 6,300,000	Pay fixed 2.955% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 09/01/2024	(539)	(0.23
GBP 600,000	Pay fixed 3.07125% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 05/08/2044	(186)	(0.08
GBP 3,200,000	Pay fixed 3.253% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/01/2034	(725)	(0.31
GBP 160,000	Pay fixed 3.275% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 17/06/2044	(57)	(0.02
GBP 250,000	Pay fixed 3.276% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/04/2044	(90)	(0.04
GBP 2,600,000	Pay fixed 3.31% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 30/01/2044	(928)	(0.39
GBP 2,900,000	Pay fixed 3.365% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 09/01/2034	(706)	(0.30
otal investment as	sets and liabilities	224,266	95.21
let other assets		11,295	4.79
otal Net Assets		235,561	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	Market value £'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	230,760
Investment liabilities	(6,494)
Net investment assets	224,266
Net other assets	11,295
Total Net Assets	235,561

Short Duration Credit Fund

Financial Statements

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State	ment (of Total	Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(2,344)		3,616
Revenue	3,132		4,059	
Expenses	(752)		(1,813)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,380		2,245	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		2,380		2,245
Total return before distributions		36		5,861
Distributions		(2,380)		(2,244)
Change in net assets attributable to				
shareholders from investment activities		(2,344)		3,617

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Au	gust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		223,113		252,989
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	20,384		8,782	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,720)		(14,807)	
		12,664		(6,025)
Dilution adjustment		39		(5)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(2.244)		2.617
(see above)		(2,344)		3,617
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,088		1,893
Unclaimed distributions		1		0
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		235,561	_	252,469

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

Balance Sheet				
as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		230,760		218,621
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,675		4,009	
Cash and bank balances	8,038		7,552	
		11,713		11,56
Total assets	_	242,473	_	230,182
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(6,494)		(6,692
Creditors	(216)		(250)	
Bank overdrafts	(3)		(1)	
Distribution payable	(199)		(126)	
		(418)		(377
Total liabilities	_	(6,912)	_	(7,069
Net assets attributable to shareholders		235,561		223,113

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Distribution Tables

for the three months ended	31 May	y 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

2018 2018 2018 pence per share Retail accumulation 0.2771 - 0.2771* Group 2 0.1015 0.1756 0.2771*	2017 per share 0.3121 0.3121 0.4255
Retail accumulation 0.2771 - 0.2771*	0.3121 0.3121
Group 1 0.2771 - 0.2771*	0.3121
	0.3121
0.1015 0.1756 0.2771+	
Group 2 0.1015 0.1756 0.2771*	0.4255
Institutional accumulation	0.4255
Group 1 0.3916 - 0.3916*	0.1233
Group 2 0.1485 0.2431 0.3916*	0.4255
Retail income	
Group 1 0.1696 - 0.1696**	0.1934
Group 2 0.0955 0.0741 0.1696**	0.1934
Institutional income	
Group 1 0.2267 - 0.2267**	0.2504
Group 2 0.1354 0.0913 0.2267**	0.2504
Standard Life income	
Group 1 0.1835 - 0.1835**	0.2060
Group 2 – – – – –	-
Standard Life accumulation	
Group 1 0.5181 - 0.5181*	0.5475
Group 2 0.4195 0.0986 0.5181*	0.5475
Platform 1 accumulation	
Group 1 0.2612 - 0.2612*	0.2848
Group 2 0.1032 0.1580 0.2612*	0.2848
Platform 1 income	
Group 1 0.2272 - 0.2272**	0.2518
Group 2 0.1155 0.1117 0.2272**	0.2518

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018 ** Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

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Distribution Tables

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for the three months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation		Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
Retail accumulation	pence per snare	pence per share	pence per snare	pence per snare
	0.4602		0.4602+	0.2001
Group 1	0.4603	- 2020	0.4603*	0.2885
Group 2	0.1675	0.2928	0.4603*	0.2885
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5857	-	0.5857*	0.4022
Group 2	0.3920	0.1937	0.5857*	0.4022
Retail income				
Group 1	0.2808	-	0.2808**	0.1783
Group 2	0.2263	0.0545	0.2808**	0.1783
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.3376	-	0.3376**	0.2356
Group 2	0.1966	0.1410	0.3376**	0.2356
Standard Life income				
Group 1	0.2475	_	0.2475**	0.1690
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.7156	_	0.7156*	0.5263
Group 2	0.4271	0.2885	0.7156*	0.5263
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.3947	-	0.3947*	0.2686
Group 2	0.2152	0.1795	0.3947*	0.2686
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.3418	-	0.3418**	0.2366
·	0.2074	0.1344	0.3418**	0.2366

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

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Investment Report

Fund Information					
Fund Manager	Andrew Millington				
Launch Date	1 May 1986				
Benchmark	IA UK All Companies Sector				

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The concentrated nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 6.71% compared with the IA UK All Companies sector average return of 5.96% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

A top performer was Fever-Tree Drinks. The UK-listed premium mixers company remains popular with the market for its continued long-term growth opportunity. Up to now, the story has largely been about UK gin & tonic but increasingly it is about international growth and mixers for dark spirits, such as whisky and rum. It delivered results that were well ahead of market expectations. The share price of Shire rose by more than a third as it was the subject of a takeover bid by Japanese pharmaceutical company, Takeda. GVC, the sports betting company, did well during the review period. Synergies from the Ladbrokes Coral integration, growth in its digital business and US prospects drove performance. JD Sports finalised its takeover of Finish Line in the US. This gives it a US retail store footprint and furthers its plan to become a global partner for the major sportswear brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma. Recent results were impressive, beating even the highest estimate.

Standard Chartered held back performance, as its emerging markets exposure suffered from the impact of a strong US dollar. Another negative on relative performance was opioid addiction treatment specialist, Indivior. It was marked down when it reported profits that fell by almost a fifth and when it was also unable to provide guidance for the year. It is battling adverse US market conditions, and is struggling to retain market share. The company came under pressure from the launch of a generic rival to the company's opioid addiction treatment. BAT's share price weakened early in the period before recovery during the summer, but overall it held back performance. Sentiment turned negative towards the industry when the outlook for two of its competitors was downgraded. The Sub-fund continues to hold the company as it is in a leading position to benefit from the replacement of cigarettes for vaping. Moreover, it has an attractive dividend yield that is well covered.

Activity

We bought clothing company SuperGroup at what we believed was an attractive entry point after its share price weakened when it announced disappointing in-store sales. In our view, this price reaction was overdone; strong online sales and geographical expansion suggest the business is still growing at a considerable rate. We started a position in investment manager Ashmore Group, which has a pre-eminent position in emerging market debt. The strength of its investment team and the efforts it has made developing a distribution infrastructure across markets underpins momentum in fund flows. Ashmore Group's robust balance sheet has also allowed it to pay a good dividend, invest and acquire selectively, and grow from a position of strength.

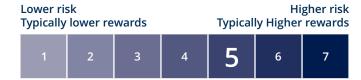
The only major sale during the period was taking a profit in the JD Sports position. While a recent deal to acquire Finish Line in the US adds scale, it is likely to dilute margins in the short term.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	336.66	320.79	279.57	305.07
Return before operating charges*	24.57	20.31	45.07	(20.77)
Operating charges**	(2.37)	(4.44)	(3.85)	(4.73)
Return after operating charges*	22.20	15.87	41.22	(25.50)
Distributions	0.00	(7.45)	(7.77)	(5.90)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	7.45	7.77	5.90
Closing net asset value per share	358.86	336.66	320.79	279.57
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.23	0.77	0.43	0.40
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.59%	4.95%	14.74%	-8.36%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	99,888	97,856	102,038	99,831
Closing number of shares	27,834,825	29,067,158	31,808,234	35,708,486
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.32%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.15%	0.14%
Prices				
Highest share price	375.9	361.5	323.0	315.7
Lowest share price	324.8	318.5	246.2	252.6

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of: fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period. The ACD periodic charge was reduced from 1.50% to 1.30% which became effective on 1 April 2016. The Registrar fees of 0.08% also ceased to be charged effective 1 April 2016.

⁺ The performance figures are calculated by taking the value of the shareclass per the financial statements compared to the value per the financial statements in the prior year. This figure may differ from the performance figure quoted in the Investment Report. The Investment Report performance figure is calculated using the last available published price for a given shareclass in the period compared to the equivalent for the prior period. The published price may contain an adjustment for dilution in accordance with the Sub-fund pricing policy, while the price per the financial statements values the Sub-fund on a bid-price basis. The financial statements shareclass valuation is based on close of business market prices on the last day of the period, again this may differ from the intra-day pricing point of the Sub-fund which is used in the published shareclass price.

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	394.00	373.67	324.06	350.97
Return before operating charges* Operating charges**	28.77 (1.79)	23.67 (3.34)	52.49 (2.88)	(24.01) (2.90)
Return after operating charges*	26.98	20.33	49.61	(26.91)
Distributions	0.00	(10.54)	(10.71)	(9.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	10.54	10.71	9.37
Closing net asset value per share	420.98	394.00	373.67	324.06
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.27	0.90	0.49	0.44
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.85%	5.44%	15.31%	-7.67%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	120,874	114,211	112,234	107,976
Closing number of shares	28,712,348	28,987,527	30,034,976	33,319,754
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.14%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	440.3	422.8	376.2	363.9
Lowest share price	380.3	371.2	285.9	292.7

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	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Chandand Life in some	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share	60.26	66.50	50.26	66.25
Opening net asset value per share	68.26	66.53	59.36	66.25
Return before operating charges*	4.99	4.23	9.68	(4.56)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	4.98	4.21	9.67	(4.57)
Distributions	0.00	(2.48)	(2.50)	(2.32)
Closing net asset value per share	73.24	68.26	66.53	59.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.16	0.09	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.30%	6.33%	16.29%	-6.90%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.14%	0.11%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.40	75.83	69.46	68.83
Lowest share price	65.90	66.18	52.52	55.69

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Comparative Tables

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Standard Life accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	128.34	120.81	103.98	111.78
Return before operating charges*	9.38	7.66	16.94	(7.69)
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	9.31	7.53	16.83	(7.80)
Distributions	0.00	(4.37)	(4.27)	(3.81)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	4.37	4.27	3.81
Closing net asset value per share	137.65	128.34	120.81	103.98
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.09	0.29	0.16	0.15
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.25%	6.23%	16.19%	-6.98%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,906	1,875	1,795	1,558
Closing number of shares	1,384,524	1,460,721	1,485,592	1,498,694
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.15%	0.14%
Prices				
Highest share price	143.7	137.6	121.6	116.1
Lowest share price	123.9	120.1	91.98	93.89

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Comparative Tables

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Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	122.32	115.52	99.72	107.52
Return before operating charges*	8.92	7.29	16.22	(7.38)
Operating charges**	(0.26)	(0.49)	(0.42)	(0.42)
Return after operating charges*	8.66	6.80	15.80	(7.80)
Distributions	0.00	(3.80)	(3.80)	(3.36)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	3.80	3.80	3.36
Closing net asset value per share	130.98	122.32	115.52	99.72
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.28	0.15	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.08%	5.89%	15.84%	-7.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	2	2
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.14%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	136.8	131.2	116.3	111.6
Lowest share price	118.1	114.8	88.13	90.05

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	79.94	75.85	65.81	71.32
Return before operating charges*	5.83	4.81	10.66	(4.89)
Operating charges**	(0.38)	(0.72)	(0.62)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	5.45	4.09	10.04	(5.51)
Distributions	0.00	(2.10)	(2.14)	(1.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.10	2.14	1.87
Closing net asset value per share	85.39	79.94	75.85	65.81
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.18	0.10	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.82%	5.39%	15.26%	-7.73%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,081	11,368	11,948	10,885
Closing number of shares	12,976,867	14,220,474	15,751,888	16,538,292
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.15%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	89.33	85.79	76.36	73.93
Lowest share price	77.15	75.35	58.06	59.45

^{***} The direct transaction costs are made up of: fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges as well as transfer taxes and duties.

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Comparative Tables

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
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Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	60.88	58.17	50.83	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	6.02	3.68	8.19	0.90
Operating charges**	(0.51)	(0.97)	(0.85)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	5.51	2.71	7.34	0.83
Distributions	0.00	(1.18)	(1.28)	(0.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	1.18	1.28	0.13
Redmption value as at 14 June 2018	(66.39)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	60.88	58.17	50.83
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.14	0.08	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.05%	4.66%	14.44%	1.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.13%	0.23%	0.15%	0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	67.94	65.41	58.57	50.93
Lowest share price	58.74	57.74	44.74	45.92

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⁺⁺ Share class launched on 25 January 2016.

[^] Share class closed on 14 June 2018.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
	Investment	£′000	net asset
UK Equities (98.48%		232,147	99.3
Basic Materials (10.	J6%)	21,057	9.0
161,833	Anglo American	2,495	1.0
239,990	BHP Billiton	3,945	1.6
1,305,958	Glencore	4,094	1.7
78,059	Johnson Matthey	2,728	1.1
182,973	Rio Tinto	6,694	2.8
131,932	Vedanta Resources	1,101	0.4
Consumer Goods (1	8.05%)	35,326	15.1
132,051	Rollway	3,852	1.6
	Boohoo.com	3,852 1,256	0.5
	British American Tobacco	10,826	4.6
464,849		1,563	0.6
646,377			
	•	1,068	0.4
	Fever Tree Drinks	4,218	1.8
	Imperial Brands	2,868	1.2
	Reckitt Benckiser	6,960	2.9
218,997		1,198	0.5
127,400	SuperGroup	1,517	0.6
Consumer Services	(6.13%)	12,857	5.5
822,379	888 Holdings	1,915	0.8
480,521	Cineworld	1,490	0.6
260,585	GVC	2,869	1.2
347,126	Mitchells & Butlers	884	E.0
234,647	RELX	4,011	1.7
343,070	Rightmove	1,688	0.7
Financials (22.03%)		48,598	20.7
202.420	Ashmara	4.075	0
302,429	Ashmore	1,075	0.4
523,089	Aviva	2,537	1.0
1,997,017	Barclays	3,508	1.5
201,242	Close Brothers	3,210	1.3
684,957	Hansteen REIT	684	0.2
2,034,001	HSBC	13,604	5.8
1,004,193	John Laing Group	3,163	1.3

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		Market value	Percentage of total
Holding	Investment	£′000	net assets
inancials (continue	ed)		
42.917	London Stock Exchange	1,984	0.8
501,149	Onesavings Bank	2,081	0.8
	Phoenix	3,162	1.3
	Prudential	7,425	3.1
	Standard Chartered	4,594	1.9
	Virgin Money	1,571	0.6
Health Care (13.61%	5)	36,745	15.7
iculti care (15.017	.,	30,743	13.7
102,538	AstraZeneca	5,941	2.5
176,260	Clinigen	1,757	0.7
69,897	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	2,179	0.9
134,470	Genus	3,830	1.6
464,388	GlaxoSmithKline	7,245	3.1
543,130	Indivior	1,469	0.6
99,516	NMC Healthcare	3,903	1.6
201,188	Shire	9,050	3.8
796,060	Spire Healthcare	1,371	0.5
ndustrials (8.49%)		23,361	10.0
102.040	Accepte	1.610	0.6
192,949		1,618	0.6
	BAE Systems	2,070	0.8
176,225 113,335	Bodycote	1,672	0.7
		2,892	1.2
	Ferguson	2,846	1.2
930,272		2,232	0.9
212,661	Polypipe	2,017 1,852	0.8 0.7
251,189		1,793	0.7 1.2
581,210	Vesuvius	2,871 1,498	0.6
241,876	vezuvidz	1,498	0.6
Oil & Gas (13.99%)		39,971	17.1
2,503,627	BP	13,700	5.8
750,525		1,792	0.7
	Kosmos Energy	2,240	0.9
322,063	NOSITIOS LITERBY	2,240	0.5

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Oil & Gas (continue	d)		
273,335	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	6,943	2.97
767,036	Tullow Oil	1,785	0.76
	Wood Group	2,732	1.17
Technology (1.54%)		1,938	0.83
25,992	AVEVA	738	0.32
1,233,133	IQE	1,200	0.51
Telecommunication	ns (2.91%)	9,001	3.85
294,498	Inmarsat	1,603	0.69
118,972	Telecom Plus	1,218	0.52
3,757,125	Vodafone	6,180	2.64
Utilities (1.67%)		3,293	1.41
406,612	National Grid	3,293	1.41
Collective Investme	ent Schemes (1.16%)	1,269	0.54
1,269,237	Standard Life GBP CNAV Liquidity Fund	1,269	0.54
Total investment as	sets	233,416	99.86
Net other assets		337	0.14
Total Net Assets		233,753	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		11,123		7,692
Revenue	5,209		5,019	
Expenses	(1,250)		(1,223)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,959		3,796	
Taxation	(31)		(30)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,928		3,766
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	15,051	_	11,458

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£'000	£'000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		225,315		228,019
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	918		1,766	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,554)		(8,721)	
_		(6,636)		(6,955)
Dilution adjustment		23		23
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		15,051		11,458
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		233,753		232,545

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	ust 2018	28 February 2018	
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£′00
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		233,416		224,49
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,490		1,101	
Cash and bank balances	2		69	
_		1,492		1,17
Total assets	_	234,908	_	225,66
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,155)		(354)	
_		(1,155)		(35
Fotal liabilities		(1,155)	_	(35
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	233,753	_	225,31

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Frederik Nassauer			
Launch Date	31 January 1992			
Benchmark	IA UK All Companies Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to maximise returns whilst maintaining a balance between capital appreciation and income.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in UK equities and equity type investments of companies listed on the UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in fixed interest securities as well as in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly UK equities. The diversified nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors wishing to achieve a broad spread of UK equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 4.49%, compared to the IA UK All Companies sector average return of 5.96% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

The Sub-fund delivered a positive return over the six-month period, but underperformed the sector average.

GVC, the sports betting company, did well during the review period. Synergies from the Ladbrokes Coral integration, growth in its digital business and US prospects drove performance. The share price of Shire rose by more than a third as it was the subject of a takeover bid by Japanese pharmaceutical company, Takeda. The Sub-fund's overweight position in El Group, the UK pub company, also contributed to returns over the period. The group benefitted from a very sunny summer across the UK, underpinned by England's performance during the FIFA World Cup, which supported earnings on a like-for-like basis.

The biggest negative on relative performance was opioid addiction treatment specialist, Indivior. It was marked down when it reported profits that fell by almost a fifth and disappointed on guidance for the year. The company is under some pressure from the launch of a generic rival to the its opioid addiction treatment although we believe the impact will be less pronounced than the market is anticipating. RPC Group, a plastic-packaging manufacturer, was another stock that held back performance. Investors grew concerned about increased inventory and higher capital expenditure. The structural shift of the business away from plastics to consumables also weighed on sentiment towards the stock. Not owning GSK was another drag on the Sub-fund. The company has a weak pipeline of new drugs, but was rewarded for finally acknowledging this and for highlighting a move to re-focus its R&D effort. In our view, however, the latter is a potential negative as it could drive costs up. Notwithstanding this, what concerns us the most is the level of debt on its balance sheet, the potential for costly corporate activity and the risk the dividend is cut.

Activity

Activity during the last six months included adding to our position in Barclays. Conduct costs are reducing, which should allow higher future returns and increased potential for dividend growth. We also bought clothing company SuperGroup at what we believed was an attractive entry point after its share price weakened when it announced disappointing in-store sales. In our view, this price reaction was overdone; strong online sales and geographical expansion suggest the business is still growing at a considerable rate.

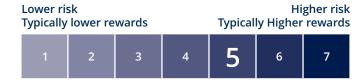
We took profits in JD Sports. While a recent deal to acquire Finish Line in the US adds scale, it is likely to dilute margins in the short term. We initially trimmed and later sold out of Mitchells & Butlers, the managed restaurants and pub operator. We grew concerned about increased operational expenditure and the challenge of meeting earnings targets. We also noted that its competitors are saying they are increasingly cautious about the current trading environment.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation	F	P	P P	F
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	221.35	201.76	176.36	186.08
Return before operating charges*	11.43	22.42	27.83	(6.74)
Operating charges**	(1.55)	(2.83)	(2.43)	(2.98)
Return after operating charges*	9.88	19.59	25.40	(9.72)
Distributions	(5.94)	(6.10)	(5.86)	(5.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	5.94	6.10	5.86	5.44
Closing net asset value per share	231.23	221.35	201.76	176.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.36	1.29	1.43	0.84
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.46%	9.71%	14.40%	-5.22%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	93,533	57,513	56,504	54,097
Closing number of shares	40,450,272	25,982,641	28,005,376	30,675,269
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.32%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.45%
Prices				
Highest share price	247.4	235.9	201.8	198.8
Lowest share price	213.9	201.2	156.4	156.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	225.02	204.14	177.56	185.90
Return before operating charges*	11.62	22.73	28.16	(6.74)
Operating charges**	(1.02)	(1.85)	(1.58)	(1.60)
Return after operating charges*	10.60	20.88	26.58	(8.34)
Distributions	(5.97)	(6.19)	(5.91)	(5.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	5.97	6.19	5.91	5.45
Closing net asset value per share	235.62	225.02	204.14	177.56
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.37	1.31	1.45	0.82
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.71%	10.23%	14.97%	-4.49%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	116,663	108,606	102,202	94,964
Closing number of shares	49,513,816	48,265,529	50,063,989	53,483,528
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	251.8	239.7	204.1	199.0
Lowest share price	217.5	203.9	153.9	157.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	101.87	95.55	86.17	93.58
Return before operating charges*	5.39	10.50	13.38	(3.22)
Operating charges**	(0.71)	(1.32)	(1.17)	(1.48)
Return after operating charges*	4.68	9.18	12.21	(4.70)
Distributions	(2.05)	(2.86)	(2.83)	(2.71)
Closing net asset value per share	104.50	101.87	95.55	86.17
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.17	0.61	0.69	0.40
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.59%	9.61%	14.17%	-5.02%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,468	47,248	46,761	45,348
Closing number of shares	10,973,731	46,379,591	48,937,297	52,623,096
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.32%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	113.9	109.0	96.06	99.77
Lowest share price	98.44	94.49	73.63	76.83

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income	1			
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	74.42	69.47	62.35	67.19
Return before operating charges*	3.87	7.65	9.72	(2.32)
Operating charges**	(0.33)	(0.62)	(0.55)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	3.54	7.03	9.17	(2.89)
Distributions	(1.96)	(2.08)	(2.05)	(1.95)
Closing net asset value per share	76.00	74.42	69.47	62.35
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.12	0.44	0.50	0.30
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.76%	10.12%	14.71%	-4.30%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	718	702	692	498
Closing number of shares	944,697	942,915	995,511	799,531
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.45%
Prices				
Highest share price	83.26	79.54	69.80	71.77
Lowest share price	71.93	68.81	53.37	55.57

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income	P	P P	p p	p
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	118.86	110.05	97.65	104.37
Return before operating charges*	6.19	12.18	15.75	(3.65)
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	6.18	12.15	15.73	(3.68)
Distributions	(3.14)	(3.34)	(3.33)	(3.04)
Closing net asset value per share	121.90	118.86	110.05	97.65
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.19	0.74	0.77	0.47
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.20%	11.04%	16.11%	-3.53%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,142	7,939	2	2,076
Closing number of shares	6,679,128	6,679,128	2,000	2,126,410
Operating charges****	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.76%	0.45%
Prices				
Highest share price	133.2	126.9	110.5	111.7
Lowest share price	115.0	109.3	84.07	86.99

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^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

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UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
tandard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	265.31	238.89	206.22	214.35
Return before operating charges*	13.69	26.68	32.89	(7.89
Operating charges**	(0.14)	(0.26)	(0.22)	(0.24
Return after operating charges*	13.55	26.42	32.67	(8.13
Distributions	(7.05)	(7.26)	(6.89)	(6.30
Retained distributions on accumulation share	7.05	7.26	6.89	6.30
Closing net asset value per share	278.86	265.31	238.89	206.22
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.44	1.54	1.69	0.98
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.11%	11.06%	15.84%	-3.79%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	541	512	432	422
Closing number of shares	194,112	193,167	181,035	204,832
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.46%
Prices				
Highest share price	297.3	282.3	238.2	229.9
Lowest share price	256.6	239.2	179.2	182.1

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UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
latform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	101.89	92.48	80.48	84.32
Return before operating charges*	5.26	10.30	12.76	(3.07
Operating charges**	(0.49)	(0.89)	(0.76)	(0.77
Return after operating charges*	4.77	9.41	12.00	(3.84
Distributions	(2.70)	(2.80)	(2.68)	(2.47
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.70	2.80	2.68	2.47
Closing net asset value per share	106.66	101.89	92.48	80.48
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.17	0.60	0.65	0.38
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.68%	10.18%	14.91%	-4.55%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,588	10,594	9,571	9,162
Closing number of shares	9,927,094	10,397,625	10,349,773	11,384,316
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.77%	0.459
Prices				
Highest share price	114.0	108.5	92.48	90.20
Lowest share price	98.48	92.34	69.73	71.36

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	86.02	80.34	72.14	77.79
Return before operating charges*	4.47	8.85	11.24	(2.69)
Operating charges**	(0.41)	(0.76)	(0.67)	(0.70)
Return after operating charges*	4.06	8.09	10.57	(3.39)
Distributions	(2.26)	(2.41)	(2.37)	(2.26)
Closing net asset value per share	87.82	86.02	80.34	72.14
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.14	0.51	0.58	0.35
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.72%	10.07%	14.65%	-4.36%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,970	2,058	2,046	1,837
Closing number of shares	2,243,621	2,392,256	2,545,980	2,546,676
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs***	0.31%	0.60%	0.78%	0.46%
Prices				
Highest share price	96.23	91.95	80.73	83.08
Lowest share price	83.14	79.56	61.74	64.29

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UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market	Percentag
		value	of tota
Holding Invest	Investment	£′000	net assets
JK Equities (97.58%		232,493	95.4
Basic Materials (9.4	7%)	22,543	9.2
167,754	Anglo American	2,586	1.0
290,371	BHP Billiton	4,773	1.9
1,961,138	Glencore	6,148	2.5
5,981,753	Petra Diamonds	2,055	0.8
190,806	Rio Tinto	6,981	2.8
Consumer Goods (2	1.70%)	46,625	19.1
173,331	Bellway	5,056	2.0
	British American Tobacco	5,623	2.3
	Coca-Cola HBC	3,172	1.3
	Crest Nicholson	3,870	1.5
	Dixons Carphone	6,502	2.6
256,255		2,721	1.1
140,792	Imperial Brands	3,863	1.5
682,438	Inchcape	4,719	1.9
42,395	Lookers	45	0.0
262,147		1,434	0.5
	SuperGroup	5,598	2.3
	Tate & Lyle	4,022	1.6
Consumer Services	(13.86%)	31,125	12.7
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	888 Holdings Cineworld	4,801	1.9
	El Group	3,765 5,630	1.5 2.3
1,128,254	·	12,422	5.1
793,387		1,274	0.5
421,848		3,233	1.3
	Ladbrokes Coral Rights	5,255	1.0
Financials (19.54%)		48,237	19.8
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	Ashmore	1,860	0.7
1,164,513	Aviva	5,647	2.3
3,120,565	Barclays	5,482	2.2
173,376		2,765	1.1
780,573	Hastings Group	2,106	0.8

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Financials (continu	ed)		
788,442	HSBC	5,273	2.1
1,308,683		5,434	2.2
	Phoenix	1,579	0.6
	Prudential	8,146	3.3
	Purplebricks	3,858	1.5
	Standard Chartered	6,087	2.5
Health Care (3.94%)	18,306	7.5
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67,790	Hutchison China MediTech	3,071	1.2
1,253,995		3,391	1.3
263,333		11,844	4.8
ndustrials (10.46%		17,574	7.2
	Rhi Magnesita	2,840	1.1
1,271,951		9,082	3.7
	Smith (DS)	2,615	1.0
490,148	Vesuvius	3,037	1.2
Oil & Gas (12.69%)		33,427	13.7
2,100,654	BP	11,494	4.7
668,653	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	16,984	6.9
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	Wood Group	3,978	1.6
Technology (0.00%)		2,973	1.2
104,774	AVEVA	2,973	1.2
Telecommunication	ns (3.57%)	7,905	3.2
4,805,981	Vodafone	7,905	3.2
Utilities (2.35%)		3,778	1.5

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (1.07%)	9,982	4.10
9,982,435 Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	9,982	4.10
Total investment assets and liabilities	242,475	99.53
Net other assets	1,148	0.47
Total Net Assets	243,623	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Financial Statements

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for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		5,866		7,189
Revenue	6,216		3,952	
Expenses	(1,274)		(1,196)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,942		2,756	
Taxation	(5)		(14)	
Net revenue after taxation		4,937		2,742
Total return before distributions		10,803		9,931
Distributions		(6,183)		(3,916)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,620		6,015

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aug	ust 2018	31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		235,172		218,210
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	41,917		2,114	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(43,184)		(6,188)	
		(1,267)		(4,074)
Dilution adjustment		11		14
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		4,620		6,015
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		5,087		3,031
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		243,623		223,196

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

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	(848)		(565
otal liabilities	(848)		(565
let assets attributable to shareholders	243,623		235,172

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Distribution Tables

for the three months ended	31 May	y 2018
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 May 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation	Distribution paid	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	3.3296	-	3.3296*	1.7237
Group 2	1.4055	1.9241	3.3296*	1.7237
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	3.3865	-	3.3865*	1.7451
Group 2	1.4598	1.9267	3.3865*	1.7451
Retail income				
Group 1	1.5312	-	1.5312**	0.8159
Group 2	0.5529	0.9783	1.5312**	0.8159
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.1190	-	1.1190**	0.5937
Group 2	0.3525	0.7665	1.1190**	0.5937
Standard Life income				
Group 1	1.7891	-	1.7891**	0.9431
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	3.9962	-	3.9962*	2.0443
Group 2	2.8065	1.1897	3.9962*	2.0443
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.5333	-	1.5333*	0.7904
Group 2	0.6576	0.8757	1.5333*	0.7904
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.2935	-	1.2935**	0.6864
Group 2	0.6370	0.6565	1.2935**	0.6864

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2018

^{**} Distribution paid on 31 July 2018

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Distribution Tables

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for the three months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	2.6064	-	2.6064*	1.939
Group 2	1.7570	0.8494	2.6064*	1.939
nstitutional accumulation				
Group 1	2.5828	-	2.5828*	1.966
Group 2	1.5097	1.0731	2.5828*	1.966
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5200	-	0.5200**	0.911
Group 2	0.2367	0.2833	0.5200**	0.911
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.8427	-	0.8427**	0.663
Group 2	0.4966	0.3461	0.8427**	0.663
Standard Life income				
Group 1	1.3503	-	1.3503**	1.059
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	3.0558	-	3.0558*	2.308
Group 2	1.7711	1.2847	3.0558*	2.308
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.1660	-	1.1660*	0.890
Group 2	0.7063	0.4597	1.1660*	0.890
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.9703	-	0.9703**	0.767
Group 2	0.6404	0.3299	0.9703**	0.767

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

UK Equity High Alpha Fund

Distribution Tables

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Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

1st Interim 2nd Interim Dividend Dividend **Distribution** Distribution 100.00% 100.00% 0.00% 0.00%

Treat as a UK corporate dividend Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

UK Equity High Income Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	lain Pyle			
Launch Date	1 May 1986			
Benchmark	IA UK Equity Income Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income with some capital appreciation over the longer term.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest in the UK mostly in high yielding equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. A significant proportion of the Sub-fund may be invested in fixed interest securities. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the opportunity to achieve a high level of income with the potential of some capital appreciation afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly high yielding UK equities. The concentrated nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a moderate degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 3.63% compared to the IA UK Equity Income sector average return of 4.85% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

The Sub-fund delivered a positive return over the six-month period, but underperformed the sector average.

Not holding pharmaceutical company Shire had a significant impact on holding back the Sub-fund's return after it was the subject of a takeover bid. Vodafone also had a negative impact on performance. Worries about competitive pressures persisted and concerns mounted about how the new CEO will perform but it is worth noting that the dividend is well covered. Standard Chartered held back performance, as its emerging markets exposure suffered from the impact of a strong US dollar.

Stocks that performed well during the six-month period included a holding in GVC, the sports betting company. Synergies from the Ladbroke Coral integration, growth in its digital business and US prospects drove the share price higher. Drinks company Fever-Tree was also positive. It announced good results, with the UK business performing particularly well. Management also highlighted the scope for growth in the US. Another positive contributor was Cineworld. Its shares rose after delivering results that vindicated its recent acquisition of Regal Entertainment in the US - revenues and earnings grew at a double-digit pace, resulting in substantial upgrades to earnings forecasts.

Activity

Activity during the last six months included adding to our position in Barclays. Conduct costs are reducing, which should allow higher future returns and increased potential for dividend growth. We also bought clothing company SuperGroup at what we believed was an attractive entry point after its share price weakened when it announced disappointing in-store sales. In our view, this price reaction was overdone; strong online sales and geographical expansion suggest the business is still growing at a considerable rate. We also opened a position in 888 Casino, which has an attractive yield and is well-positioned to take advantage of sports gambling in the US. An opportunity was also taken to add to Standard Chartered, given its trend for improving returns and revenue growth.

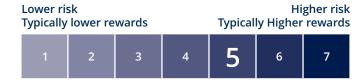
Sales included reducing a position in HSBC, as we foresee better value elsewhere in the banking sector. We also took profits in JD Sports. While a recent deal to acquire Finish Line in the US adds scale, it is likely to dilute margins in the short term. Finally, we reduced our holding in Dixons Carphone after strong performance and ahead of a profit warning from the new CEO.

UK Equity High Income Fund

Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

UK Equity High Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	251.52	238.36	213.87	228.53
Return before operating charges*	10.66	16.45	27.38	(11.09)
Operating charges**	(1.73)	(3.29)	(2.89)	(3.57)
Return after operating charges*	8.93	13.16	24.49	(14.66)
Distributions	(7.51)	(9.96)	(10.03)	(9.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	7.51	9.96	10.03	9.41
Closing net asset value per share	260.45	251.52	238.36	213.87
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.29	0.38	0.32	0.14
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.55%	5.52%	11.45%	-6.41%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	111,138	68,077	75,943	84,469
Closing number of shares	42,672,129	27,066,578	31,860,354	39,495,594
Operating charges****	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	276.6	269.8	238.6	236.4
Lowest share price	242.7	237.6	189.1	196.5

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	281.70	265.72	237.24	251.56
Return before operating charges*	11.94	18.35	30.54	(12.23)
Operating charges**	(1.24)	(2.37)	(2.06)	(2.09)
Return after operating charges*	10.70	15.98	28.48	(14.32)
Distributions	(8.43)	(11.13)	(11.16)	(10.40)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	8.43	11.13	11.16	10.40
Closing net asset value per share	292.40	281.70	265.72	237.24
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.32	0.42	0.36	0.15
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.80%	6.01%	12.00%	-5.69%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	219,013	195,927	145,063	149,301
Closing number of shares	74,902,757	69,550,690	54,593,197	62,931,362
Operating charges****	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	310.1	302.0	265.9	260.8
Lowest share price	271.9	265.0	210.1	217.9

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	85.07	83.91	78.72	87.84
Return before operating charges*	3.60	5.77	9.89	(4.19)
Operating charges**	(0.58)	(1.14)	(1.05)	(1.35)
Return after operating charges*	3.02	4.63	8.84	(5.54)
Distributions	(2.55)	(3.47)	(3.65)	(3.58)
Closing net asset value per share	85.54	85.07	83.91	78.72
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.55%	5.52%	11.23%	-6.31%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,837	72,420	76,307	79,129
Closing number of shares	32,543,872	85,131,399	90,939,439	100,523,376
Operating charges****	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	93.54	92.77	85.44	90.92
Lowest share price	82.09	83.65	69.58	73.63

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	95.27	93.53	87.30	96.67
Return before operating charges*	4.04	6.44	11.04	(4.62)
Operating charges**	(0.42)	(0.82)	(0.75)	(0.79)
Return after operating charges*	3.62	5.62	10.29	(5.41)
Distributions	(2.85)	(3.88)	(4.06)	(3.96)
Closing net asset value per share	96.04	95.27	93.53	87.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.15	0.13	0.06
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.80%	6.01%	11.79%	-5.60%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,837	36,939	41,165	121,961
Closing number of shares	37,315,161	38,771,540	44,012,526	139,702,048
Operating charges****	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	104.9	103.8	95.22	100.3
Lowest share price	91.97	93.30	77.31	81.63

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income	p	P P		p
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	68.95	67.13	62.14	68.26
Return before operating charges*	2.92	4.62	7.90	(3.31)
Operating charges**	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	2.92	4.61	7.89	(3.32)
Distributions	(2.07)	(2.79)	(2.90)	(2.80)
Closing net asset value per share	69.80	68.95	67.13	62.14
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.23%	6.87%	12.70%	-4.86%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	44,411	50,320	80,860	74,848
Closing number of shares	63,625,773	72,979,527	120,456,846	120,456,846
Operating charges****	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.14%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	76.04	75.07	68.32	70.90
Lowest share price	66.60	67.04	55.17	58.08

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	165.76	155.19	137.51	144.80
Return before operating charges*	7.02	10.72	17.81	(7.16)
Operating charges**	(0.08)	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	6.94	10.57	17.68	(7.29)
Distributions	(4.97)	(6.52)	(6.49)	(6.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	4.97	6.52	6.49	6.00
Closing net asset value per share	172.70	165.76	155.19	137.51
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.19	0.25	0.21	0.09
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.19%	6.81%	12.86%	-5.03%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	569	656	570	229
Closing number of shares	329,658	395,824	367,557	166,622
Operating charges****	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	182.8	177.5	155.3	150.3
Lowest share price	160.1	155.0	122.1	126.3

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	310.66	291.72	259.28	273.71
Return before operating charges*	13.16	20.15	33.49	(13.37)
Operating charges**	(0.64)	(1.21)	(1.05)	(1.06)
Return after operating charges*	12.52	18.94	32.44	(14.43)
Distributions	(9.31)	(12.24)	(12.22)	(11.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	9.31	12.24	12.22	11.33
Closing net asset value per share	323.18	310.66	291.72	259.28
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.36	0.46	0.39	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.03%	6.49%	12.51%	-5.27%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	51,621	51,500	56,194	57,908
Closing number of shares	15,972,663	16,577,787	19,263,296	22,333,918
Operating charges****	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	342.3	332.8	291.9	284.1
Lowest share price	300.0	291.1	229.9	238.1

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share	00.05	0.4.00	75.00	00.47
Opening net asset value per share	89.95	84.89	75.83	80.47
Return before operating charges*	3.81	5.86	9.76	(3.93)
Operating charges**	(0.42)	(0.80)	(0.70)	(0.71)
Return after operating charges*	3.39	5.06	9.06	(4.64)
Distributions	(2.69)	(3.55)	(3.57)	(3.32)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.69	3.55	3.57	3.32
Closing net asset value per share	93.34	89.95	84.89	75.83
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.77%	5.96%	11.95%	-5.77%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37,378	39,597	42,734	43,099
Closing number of shares	40,044,909	44,022,322	50,342,377	56,837,141
Operating charges****	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.14%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	99.00	96.43	84.96	83.40
Lowest share price	86.83	84.66	67.14	69.66

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	71.34	70.07	65.44	72.53
Return before operating charges*	3.03	4.83	8.26	(3.49)
Operating charges**	(0.33)	(0.65)	(0.59)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	2.70	4.18	7.67	(4.12)
Distributions	(2.14)	(2.91)	(3.04)	(2.97)
Closing net asset value per share	71.90	71.34	70.07	65.44
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.11	0.10	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.78%	5.97%	11.72%	-5.68%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,453	36,126	40,364	54,599
Closing number of shares	46,528,896	50,637,905	57,602,045	83,429,856
Operating charges****	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.06%
Prices				
Highest share price	78.52	77.76	71.34	75.18
Lowest share price	68.87	69.90	57.94	61.19

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	67.87	63.97	57.09	60.51
Return before operating charges*	2.80	4.42	7.34	(2.96)
Operating charges**	(0.27)	(0.52)	(0.46)	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	2.53	3.90	6.88	(3.42)
Distributions	(2.03)	(2.69)	(2.69)	(2.51)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.03	2.69	2.69	2.51
Closing net asset value per share	70.40	67.87	63.97	57.09
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.73%	6.10%	12.05%	-5.65%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.07%
Prices				
Highest share price	74.74	72.73	64.03	62.73
Lowest share price	65.53	63.82	50.59	52.47

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	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Institutional S income	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net assets value per share	56.12	55.06	51.32	57.03
	2.31	3.78	6.53	
Return before operating charges* Operating charges**				(2.95)
, , ,	(0.22)	(0.44)	(0.40)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	2.09	3.34	6.13	(3.38)
Distributions	(1.58)	(2.28)	(2.39)	(2.33)
Closing net asset value per share	56.63	56.12	55.06	51.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.04
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.72%	6.07%	11.94%	-5.93%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	90,042	97,835	1
Closing number of shares	2,200	160,439,922	177,696,746	2,200
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.07%
Prices				
Highest share price	61.79	61.16	56.05	58.92
Lowest share price	54.18	54.93	45.49	48.00

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Change in net assets per share	50.04	56.40	50.75	50.00
Opening net asset value per share	59.34	56.40	50.75	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	4.97	3.88	6.48	0.82
Operating charges**	(0.49)	(0.94)	(0.83)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	4.48	2.94	5.65	0.75
Distributions	0.00	(2.36)	(2.38)	(0.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.36	2.38	0.28
Redemption value as at 7 June 2018	(63.82)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	59.34	56.40	50.75
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.55%	5.21%	11.13%	1.50%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.15%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	65.22	63.70	56.46	51.67
Lowest share price	57.26	56.20	44.83	46.64

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

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⁺⁺ Share class launched 27 January 2016.

[^] Share class closed on 7 June 2018.

UK Equity High Income Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A income	parrac par arrang	posses por essent	P P	
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	54.26	53.66	50.47	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	2.30	3.71	6.34	0.82
Operating charges**	(0.45)	(0.89)	(0.81)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	1.85	2.82	5.53	0.75
Distributions	(1.62)	(2.22)	(2.34)	(0.28)
Closing net asset value per share	54.49	54.26	53.66	50.47
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.41%	5.26%	10.96%	1.50%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	84	84	83	1
Closing number of shares	154,848	154,848	154,848	2,200
Operating charges****	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs***	0.22%	0.15%	0.16%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	59.63	59.20	54.65	51.67
Lowest share price	52.35	53.48	44.59	46.64

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset	
UK Equities (99.35%		552,533	98.43	
Basic Materials (11.		41,322	7.3	
225 1.41	Angle American	2.470	0.0	
	Anglo American	3,470	0.6	
3,898,097		12,221	2.1	
	Johnson Matthey Rio Tinto	4,476 21,155	0.8 3.7	
370,233	NO TITLE	21,133	5.7	
Consumer Goods (1	8.92%)	101,606	18.1	
374,734	Rellway	10,931	1.9	
	Bovis Homes	3,366	0.6	
	British American Tobacco	31,403	5.5	
	Countryside Properties	5,283	0.9	
	Dixons Carphone	6,020	1.0	
	Fever Tree Drinks	8,715	1.5	
	Galliford Try	4,380	0.7	
529,512	Imperial Brands	14,527	2.5	
	Inchcape	3,993	0.7	
	Persimmon	7,343	1.3	
	SuperGroup	7,545 5,645	1.0	
Consumer Services	(11.31%)	48,009	8.5	
1,592,254	888 Holdings	3,707	0.6	
3,858,122	Cineworld	11,960	2.1	
181,508	Go-Ahead	3,046	0.5	
1,533,457	GVC	16,883	3.0	
2,559,359	ITV	4,110	0.7	
6,406,920	Ladbrokes Coral Rights	0	0.0	
6,558,240	Saga	8,303	1.4	
Financials (24.36%)		136,124	24.2	
	Ashmore	2,553	0.4	
3,146,793	Aviva	15,259	2.7	
6,066,399	Barclays	10,658	1.9	
	Close Brothers	7,801	1.3	
1,534,865	Direct Line	5,077	0.9	
359,085		969	0.1	
5,488,026	HSBC	36,704	6.5	

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Financials (continue		2000	Het asset
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1,158,723	John Laing Group	3,650	0.6
	Legal & General	4,929	0.8
899,380	Onesavings Bank	3,734	0.6
1,245,851	Phoenix	8,839	1.5
1,129,789	Prudential	19,596	3.4
1,005,496	Purplebricks	2,968	0.5
2,135,122	Standard Chartered	13,387	2.3
Health Care (5.78%)		43,062	7.6
242,038	AstraZeneca	14,024	2.5
549,418	Clinigen	5,478	0.9
1,252,876	GlaxoSmithKline	19,547	3.4
1,484,102	Indivior	4,013	0.7
ndustrials (7.41%)		43,400	7.7
134,959		1,131	0.2
428,165	Bodycote	4,061	0.7
	Ferguson	6,412	1.1
847,277		8,036	1.4
982,913		3,635	0.6
640,447		4,573	0.8
	Senior	4,095	0.7
	Smith (DS)	5,513	0.9
959,407	Vesuvius	5,944	1.0
Oil & Gas (11.73%)		98,284	17.5
6,952,247	BP	38,043	6.7
1,169,976	Royal Dutch Shell 'A'	29,261	5.2
661,062	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	16,791	2.9
6,586,998	Savannah Petroleum	1,699	0.3
1,923,345	Tullow Oil	4,478	0.8
1,115,292	Wood Group	8,012	1.4
Technology (0.54%)		2,674	0.4
	AVEVA	2,674	0.4

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Telecommunication	is (4.48%)	22,657	4.04
13,774,720	Vodafone	22,657	4.04
Utilities (3.46%)		15,395	2.74
1,900,890	National Grid	15,395	2.74
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.98%)	9,985	1.78
9,984,495	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	9,985	1.78
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	562,518	100.21
Net other liabilities		(1,174)	(0.21)
Total Net Assets		561,344	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Financial Statements

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for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		11,176		24,386
Revenue	17,696		15,627	
Expenses	(2,609)		(2,671)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	15,086		12,954	
Taxation	(82)		(77)	
Net revenue after taxation		15,004		12,877
Total return before distributions		26,180		37,263
Distributions		(17,551)		(15,505)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,629		21,758

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		641,690		657,120
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	64,773		59,351	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(166,221)		(62,082)	
		(101,448)		(2,731)
Dilution adjustment		369		401
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		0.620		24.750
(see above)		8,629		21,758
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		12,102		8,511
Unclaimed distributions		2		2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	561,344	_	685,061

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018					
as at 51 August 2016					
	31 Augu	ıst 2018	28 Febr	28 February 2018	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000	
Assets:					
Fixed assets:					
Investment assets		562,518		643,820	
Current assets:					
Debtors	4,537		3,627		
Cash and bank balances	3		2		
		4,540		3,629	
Total assets	_	567,058		647,449	
Liabilities:					
Creditors	(1,507)		(1,023)		
Distribution payable	(4,207)		(4,736)		
		(5,714)		(5,759	
Total liabilities		(5,714)		(5,759	
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	561,344	_	641,690	

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Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pai
	2018	2018	2018	201
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	7.5128	-	7.5128*	5.857
Group 2	2.8530	4.6598	7.5128*	5.857
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	8.4307	-	8.4307*	6.538
Group 2	1.8059	6.6248	8.4307*	6.538
Retail income				
Group 1	2.5544	-	2.5544**	2.062
Group 2	1.4663	1.0881	2.5544**	2.062
Institutional income				
Group 1	2.8515	-	2.8515**	2.301
Group 2	1.4075	1.4440	2.8515**	2.301
Standard Life income				
Group 1	2.0679	-	2.0679**	1.655
Group 2	-	-	-	
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	4.9693	-	4.9693*	3.826
Group 2	2.7934	2.1759	4.9693*	3.826
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	9.3079	-	9.3079*	7.186
Group 2	4.8923	4.4156	9.3079*	7.186
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	2.6921	-	2.6921*	2.088
Group 2	1.4561	1.2360	2.6921*	2.088

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Distribution Tables

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	Net Income 2018	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	2018	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
Platform 1 income	pence per snare	perice per siture	pence per snare	pence per snare
Group 1	2.1351	-	2.1351**	1.7241
Group 2	1.1011	1.0340	2.1351**	1.7241
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	2.0345	-	2.0345*	1.5781
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional S income				
Group 1	1.5813	-	1.5813**	1.3550
Group 2	-	-	0.0000**	1.3550
Institutional A accumulation ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.3904
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Institutional A income				
Group 1	1.6212	-	1.6212**	1.3180
Group 2	-	-	_	-

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

Interim **Dividend** Distribution

Treat as a UK corporate dividend

Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

100.00% 0.00%

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

[^] Share class closed on 7 June 2018

UK Equity Recovery Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information		
Fund Manager	Andrew Hunt	
Launch Date	6 March 2009	
Benchmark	IA UK All Companies Sector	

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of UK companies or companies which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. "UK companies" will include companies incorporated in the UK or companies listed on a UK stock exchange which may not be incorporated in the UK or have the majority of their economic activity in the UK. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential for capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly "recovery" UK equities. The concentrated nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of sector or stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of equity markets and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 1.81% compared to the IA UK All Companies sector average return of 5.96% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

While the Sub-fund's return over the period was below the sector average, longer-term performance remains strong. The Sub-fund is highly differentiated, with a contrarian style, so investors should expect marked deviation from market indices. We take a long-term view and see short-term volatility as a source of opportunity.

At a stock level, plastic window and door manufacturer, SafeStyle, was the biggest drag on the Fund's performance. The company suffered from increased competition and a profits warning. Energy consultancy Utilitywise was another that had a negative impact. The share price dropped following a series of announcements by the new management on need to improve the company's business model. Despite this, the core business is performing well. We remain confident in the long-term recovery potential of both these companies. Another underperformer was Thomas Cook. It announced a profits warning as margins came under pressure from increased competition and rising costs. Further downward pressure on its profitability came from falling demand for its holidays that resulted from the sustained hot weather in the UK.

Kurdistan focused oil exploration and production company, Genel Energy, added to the Fund's return. It was helped by a rising oil price and the delivery of operational improvements in oil production. Meanwhile, the holding in Petrofac performed well. It provides services to the energy industry, and is therefore operationally leveraged to the price of oil. Hence, the company has benefited from a rising oil price and the winning of new contracts as a consequence.

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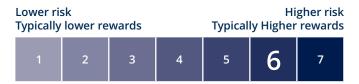
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Activity

The only major new purchase during the period was McCarthy & Stone. The company builds retirement houses, which are typically in the form of retirement villages. Following a series of profit warnings, the price of the company reached a level we felt was inconsistent with its underlying value as all the recent uncertainty around the company is now fully discounted. At the current price, the company is an attractive asset. Moreover, its compelling long-term growth story is underpinned by a new management team with vision of how to improve the company, the prospect of the resolution of the law on ground rents from the government and a pick-up in housing activity as older people downsize their homes.

The two major sales were Virgin Money and Genel. Virgin was reduced after the company was bid for by Clydesdale Bank. The stock had risen to a fair valuation that captured both the risks and opportunities of the merger. The Sub-fund completely sold out of Genel, as the share price had nearly trebled since December. Other sales included exiting Plus500 and a reduction in the investments of Anglo American and Ei Group. All of these companies have performed well and were sold to make way for more compelling opportunities.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	234.93	230.74	146.27	168.03
Return before operating charges*	9.58	7.48	87.12	(19.07)
Operating charges**	(1.74)	(3.29)	(2.65)	(2.69)
Return after operating charges*	7.84	4.19	84.47	(21.76)
Distributions	0.00	(2.37)	(1.50)	(1.69)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.37	1.50	1.69
Closing net asset value per share	242.77	234.93	230.74	146.27
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.70	0.76	1.48	0.67
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.34%	1.82%	57.75%	-12.95%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,342	8,307	13,273	4,669
Closing number of shares	3,435,990	3,536,192	5,752,228	3,192,262
Operating charges****	1.40%	1.40%	1.40%	1.73%
Direct transaction costs***	0.57%	0.32%	0.78%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	272.3	260.6	238.9	175.6
Lowest share price	228.8	219.5	145.7	124.9

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
nstitutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	250.49	244.89	154.47	176.03
Return before operating charges*	10.22	7.93	92.28	(20.04)
Operating charges**	(1.22)	(2.33)	(1.86)	(1.52)
Return after operating charges*	9.00	5.60	90.42	(21.56
Distributions	0.00	(3.75)	(2.59)	(3.08
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	3.75	2.59	3.08
Closing net asset value per share	259.49	250.49	244.89	154.47
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.74	0.81	1.53	0.70
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.59%	2.29%	58.54%	-12.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,905	3,632	21,314	13,596
Closing number of shares	9,597,929	1,450,022	8,703,435	8,800,926
Operating charges****	0.93%	0.93%	0.93%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs***	0.57%	0.32%	0.76%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	290.6	277.6	253.5	184.3
Lowest share price	244.0	233.3	153.8	131.8

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	221.67	219.96	140.02	162.90
Return before operating charges*	9.01	7.04	83.99	(18.59)
Operating charges**	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	8.95	6.93	83.91	(18.67)
Distributions	0.00	(5.22)	(3.97)	(4.21)
Closing net asset value per share	230.62	221.67	219.96	140.02
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.67	0.73	1.40	0.65
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.04%	3.15%	59.93%	-11.46%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,791	8,450	5,044	3,211
Closing number of shares	3,811,752	3,811,752	2,293,217	2,293,217
Operating charges****	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Direct transaction costs***	0.57%	0.32%	0.76%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	257.7	251.3	231.7	170.8
Lowest share price	216.1	210.2	139.4	123.0

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	269.29	261.18	163.44	184.76
Return before operating charges*	10.97	8.46	98.01	(21.10)
Operating charges**	(0.19)	(0.35)	(0.27)	(0.22)
Return after operating charges*	10.78	8.11	97.74	(21.32)
Distributions	0.00	(6.10)	(4.46)	(4.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	6.10	4.46	4.63
Closing net asset value per share	280.07	269.29	261.18	163.44
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.81	0.87	1.49	0.74
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.00%	3.11%	59.80%	-11.54%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,326	1,263	1,155	9,931
Closing number of shares	473,488	469,084	442,293	6,076,580
Operating charges****	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs***	0.57%	0.32%	0.70%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	313.0	298.2	270.3	193.7
Lowest share price	262.5	249.5	162.8	139.4

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	125.08	122.41	77.31	88.18
Return before operating charges*	5.09	3.96	46.13	(10.03)
Operating charges**	(0.68)	(1.29)	(1.03)	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	4.41	2.67	45.10	(10.87)
Distributions	0.00	(1.71)	(1.19)	(1.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.71	1.19	1.46
Closing net asset value per share	129.49	125.08	122.41	77.31
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.37	0.40	0.85	0.35
Performance +				
Return after charges	3.53%	2.18%	58.34%	-12.33%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,221	21,628	27,764	1,443
Closing number of shares	16,387,670	17,291,663	22,680,694	1,867,239
Operating charges****	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs***	0.57%	0.32%	0.84%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	145.1	138.7	126.7	92.30
Lowest share price	121.8	116.6	77.00	66.00

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

Holding UK Equities (98.81%) Basic Materials (16.8	Investment	value £'000	of tota
UK Equities (98.81%)	Investment	E'OOO	
			net asset
Basic Materials (16.8		63,599	98.4
	6%)	9,679	14.9
1,524,767	Acacia Mining	1,676	2.6
28,247	Anglo American	435	0.6
	BHP Billiton	828	1.2
474,637	Ferrexpo	736	1.1
343,827	•	1,078	1.6
	Petra Diamonds	1,326	2.0
22,673		830	1.2
	Sylvania Platinum	422	0.6
	Vedanta Resources	2,348	3.6
Consumer Goods (8.5	52%)	8,475	13.1
		5,5	
12,353,203	Accrol	2,458	3.8
9,216,712	Debenhams	1,207	1.8
270,630	Dixons Carphone	447	0.6
197,828	Marks & Spencer	597	0.9
250,660	McBride	326	0.5
1,844,050	McCarthy & Stone	2,052	3.1
2,181,739	Topps Tiles	1,388	2.1
Consumer Services (14.76%)	11,510	17.8
246.646		204	٥٢
246,616	·	384	0.5
340,985	•	302	0.4
1,601,347		665	1.0
127,992		2,148	3.3
	N Brown Group	151	0.2
1,288,946		888	1.3
	SafeStyle	3,097	4.7
	Saga	2,039	3.1
2,198,502	Thomas Cook	1,836	2.8
Financials (23.02%)		10,873	16.8
215,272	Aviva	1,044	1.6
	Barclays	260	0.4
	CMC Markets	132	0.4
	Hastings Group	932	1.4

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net asset
Financials (continue		2000	Tiet asset
·			
	International Personal Finance	1,385	2.1
	Intu Properties	1,789	2.7
	John Laing Group	951	1.4
' '	Just	1,056	1.6
	Provident Financial	1,141	1.7
348,164	Standard Chartered	2,183	3.3
Health Care (1.64%)		1,028	1.5
22,853	Shire	1,028	1.5
Industrials (8.93%)		8,637	13.3
93,843	Aggreko	787	1.2
273,474	Babcock International	1,950	3.0
1,889,276	Interserve	1,254	1.9
1,304,718	Mitie Group	1,935	2.9
139,313	Sthree	490	0.7
7,840,618	Utilitywise	2,221	3.4
Oil & Gas (25.08%)		13,397	20.7
1,838,299	BowLeven	620	0.9
296,628	Cairn Energy	708	1.0
4,893,594	Gulf Marine Services	2,207	3.4
2,504,818	Lamprell	1,676	2.5
1,021,352	Nostrum Oil & Gas	2,594	4.0
4,565,024	Ophir Energy	1,869	2.8
374,952	Petrofac	2,459	3.8
543,050	Tullow Oil	1,264	1.9
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (1.93%)	973	1.5
972,687	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	973	1.5
Total investment as	sets	64,572	99.9
Net other assets		13	0.0
Total Net Assets		64,585	100.0

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		646		1,897
Revenue	742		622	
Expenses	(216)		(218)	
Net revenue before taxation	526		404	
Taxation	(27)		0	
Net revenue after taxation		499		404
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,145		2,301

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August	
	£′000	£'000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		43,280		68,550
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	24,211		5,455	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,234)		(35,339)	
		19,977		(29,884)
Dilution adjustment		183		171
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				0.004
(see above)		1,145		2,301
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	64,585	_	41,138

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current

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as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	set 2018	28 Febru	uary 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		64,572		43,599
Current assets:				
Debtors	122		114	
Cash and bank balances	22		22	
		144		13
Total assets	_	64,716	_	43,73
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(131)		(256)	
Distribution payable	0		(199)	
		(131)		(45)
Total liabilities		(131)	_	(45
Net assets attributable to shareholders		64,585		43,28

UK Ethical Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Lesley Duncan			
Launch Date	ch Date 20 September 1998			
Benchmark	IA UK All Companies Ethical Subsector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital appreciation. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. Investments will comply with certain ethical criteria. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The ethical criteria applicable to the Sub-fund are set out in an Ethical Policy and may be amended from time-to-time as considered necessary. In addition to excluding such companies which fail to meet the prescribed ethical standards, the ACD will seek to include companies whose business activities are regarded as making a positive contribution in terms of preserving the environment or improving the quality and safety of human life. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes that each comply with the ethical criteria.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly UK equities that comply with certain ethical criteria. The nature of the portfolio affords investors a focused investment approach, whilst affording proper diversification across ethically acceptable mainly UK equity exposure. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to both the volatile nature of equity markets, and the potentially restricted investment universe enforced by ethical criteria, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 5.44% compared to the IA UK All Companies sector average return of 5.96% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

A positive for the Sub-fund was Fever-Tree Drinks. The UK-listed premium mixers company remains popular with the market for its continued long-term growth opportunity. Up to now, the story has largely been about UK gin & tonic but increasingly it is about international growth and mixers for dark spirits, such as whisky and rum. It delivered results that were well ahead of market expectations. Cineworld also made a positive contribution. The shares soared after their results appeared to vindicate the recent acquisition of Regal Entertainment. The US business grew revenues and earnings at a double-digit pace, resulting in substantial upgrades to group earnings. The shares of AVEVA, the engineering software developer, performed well after delivering a very solid trading update, which highlighted strong growth in both rentals and licences for its software products.

The two major UK listed oil stocks – Royal Dutch Shell and BP – are both stocks that fail our ethical screening process, resulting in exclusion from the Sub-fund's investable universe. During the period under review, the oil price strengthened due to concerns about supply, which led to these companies performing well. Given the Sub-fund's structural underweight to this sector, there was a detrimental impact on its performance. Not owning the GlaxoSmithKline was another drag on performance. The company has a weak pipeline of new drugs, but was rewarded for finally acknowledging this and for highlighting a move to re-focus its R&D effort. In our view, however, the latter is a potential negative as it could drive costs up. Notwithstanding this, what concerns us the most is the level of debt on its balance sheet, the potential for costly corporate activity and the risk the dividend is cut. SuperGroup, a holding in the Sub-fund, also held back performance as its share price weakened when it announced disappointing in-store sales. In our view, this price reaction was overdone; strong online sales and geographical expansion suggest the business is still growing at a considerable rate.

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Investment Report

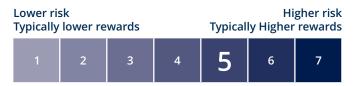
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Activity

We started a new position in Greggs, the high street food on-the-go retailer, after a good meeting with the management who demonstrated robust ESG principles. The company is implementing a range of operational measures to improve efficiency that should support its growth and improvement in its margins. Another new addition was Clinigen, a beneficiary of the trend by big pharmaceutical companies to outsource sales in non-core regions of the world for unlicensed medicines. We see this as a structural growth opportunity that is not reflected in the company's valuation. Vesuvius develops and manufactures high-technology products and solutions for the steel and castings industries. The company's management is unlocking value across its business and finding ways to mitigate the volatility of the business by 'rightsizing' its manufacturing base in Europe. We expect management to do this in their North America operations. The current valuation does not factor in this potential benefit, and we decided to invest in the business.

Selling activity included eliminating the position in Dunelm, the homewares specialist. This investment was based on the company restructuring itself, but this is proving to be more challenging than expected given the backdrop of a tough consumer market. We also sold the position in Nostrum Oil & Gas, as production targets started to fall. Another significant sale was Howden Joinery. It has performed well, and with its valuation reflecting this, we decided to sell it as its market environment was becoming more competitive.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

UK Ethical Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
etail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	175.81	153.91	135.50	135.00
Return before operating charges*	10.04	24.17	20.26	2.74
Operating charges**	(1.21)	(2.27)	(1.85)	(2.24
Return after operating charges*	8.83	21.90	18.41	0.50
Distributions	0.00	(1.65)	(1.92)	(1.43
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.65	1.92	1.43
Closing net asset value per share	184.64	175.81	153.91	135.50
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.10	0.17	0.22	0.18
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.02%	14.23%	13.59%	0.37%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	67,271	65,819	65,856	66,438
Closing number of shares	36,433,834	37,437,581	42,788,565	49,032,249
Operating charges****	1.32%	1.32%	1.32%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.16%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	190.3	185.4	153.5	148.4
Lowest share price	170.2	155.7	116.5	126.3

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	197.62	172.19	150.85	149.18
Return before operating charges*	11.30	27.07	22.67	2.99
Operating charges**	(0.88)	(1.64)	(1.33)	(1.32)
Return after operating charges*	10.42	25.43	21.34	1.67
Distributions	0.00	(2.75)	(2.91)	(2.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.75	2.91	2.75
Closing net asset value per share	208.04	197.62	172.19	150.85
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.12	0.19	0.25	0.19
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.27%	14.77%	14.15%	1.12%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	80,416	73,555	64,951	62,622
Closing number of shares	38,654,162	37,219,549	37,719,481	41,512,514
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.16%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	214.2	208.3	171.7	164.9
Lowest share price	191.5	174.2	129.9	140.6

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	64.53	57.02	50.80	51.17
Return before operating charges*	3.69	8.97	7.65	1.02
Operating charges**	(0.29)	(0.55)	(0.45)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	3.40	8.42	7.20	0.57
Distributions	0.00	(0.91)	(0.98)	(0.94)
Closing net asset value per share	67.93	64.53	57.02	50.80
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.07
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.27%	14.77%	14.17%	1.11%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,606	4,775	2,048	95
Closing number of shares	12,668,826	7,400,286	3,590,880	186,068
Operating charges****	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.15%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	69.92	68.98	57.83	56.58
Lowest share price	62.51	57.71	43.76	48.23

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	220.75	190.91	165.99	162.93
Return before operating charges*	12.63	30.06	25.09	3.23
Operating charges**	(0.12)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.17)
Return after operating charges*	12.51	29.84	24.92	3.06
Distributions	0.00	(4.67)	(4.49)	(4.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	4.67	4.49	4.28
Closing net asset value per share	233.26	220.75	190.91	165.99
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.13	0.21	0.27	0.21
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.67%	15.63%	15.01%	1.88%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	751	677	526	383
Closing number of shares	321,820	306,542	275,465	230,643
Operating charges****	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.16%	0.12%
Prices				
Highest share price	239.7	232.5	190.3	181.2
Lowest share price	214.0	193.2	143.3	154.7

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	131.97	114.47	99.83	98.28
Return before operating charges*	7.55	18.01	15.05	1.96
Operating charges**	(0.28)	(0.51)	(0.41)	(0.41)
Return after operating charges*	7.27	17.50	14.64	1.55
Distributions	0.00	(2.41)	(2.39)	(2.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	2.41	2.39	2.27
Closing net asset value per share	139.24	131.97	114.47	99.83
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.13	0.16	0.13
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.51%	15.29%	14.66%	1.58%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,936	29,855	25,963	30,339
Closing number of shares	22,218,217	22,623,290	22,681,220	30,389,982
Operating charges****	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.15%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	143.2	139.0	114.1	109.0
Lowest share price	127.9	115.8	86.11	93.04

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	109.02	95.04	83.30	82.42
Return before operating charges*	6.23	14.94	12.52	1.65
Operating charges**	(0.51)	(0.96)	(0.78)	(0.77)
Return after operating charges*	5.72	13.98	11.74	0.88
Distributions	0.00	(1.47)	(1.56)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	1.47	1.56	1.47
Closing net asset value per share	114.74	109.02	95.04	83.30
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.11	0.14	0.11
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.25%	14.71%	14.09%	1.07%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	128,209	117,020	93,729	80,152
Closing number of shares	111,736,208	107,333,852	98,616,894	96,215,186
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.16%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	118.1	114.9	94.77	91.09
Lowest share price	105.6	96.18	71.74	77.65

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	64.51	57.01	50.80	51.17
Return before operating charges*	3.69	8.96	7.63	1.03
Operating charges**	(0.30)	(0.58)	(0.47)	(0.48)
Return after operating charges*	3.39	8.38	7.16	0.55
Distributions	0.00	(0.88)	(0.95)	(0.92)
Closing net asset value per share	67.90	64.51	57.01	50.80
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.07
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.25%	14.70%	14.09%	1.07%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,889	4,624	2,361	893
Closing number of shares	8,674,178	7,167,920	4,141,545	1,757,929
Operating charges****	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.15%	0.13%
Prices				
Highest share price	69.90	68.93	57.79	56.55
Lowest share price	62.49	57.69	43.74	48.21

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	65.20	57.24	50.52	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	3.73	8.98	7.55	0.59
Operating charges**	(0.55)	(1.02)	(0.83)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	3.18	7.96	6.72	0.52
Distributions	0.00	(0.43)	(0.58)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.43	0.58	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	68.38	65.20	57.24	50.52
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.01
Performance +				
Return after charges	4.88%	13.91%	13.30%	1.04%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	208	182	186	1
Closing number of shares	303,527	279,456	324,724	2,200
Operating charges****	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs***	0.11%	0.10%	0.15%	0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	70.50	68.78	57.08	51.67
Lowest share price	63.12	57.90	43.41	47.11

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⁺⁺ Share class launched 25 January 2016.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market value	Percentag of total
	Investment	£′000	net asset
UK Equities (95.04%)	313,928	97.4
Consumer Goods (2	2.41%)	69,551	21.5
342,224	Bellway	9,983	3.1
	Boohoo.com*	8,414	2.6
1,512,711		5,086	1.5
	Dixons Carphone	2,858	0.8
	Fever Tree Drinks*	15,041	4.6
351,835	Greggs	3,736	1.1
773,728	Inchcape	5,350	1.6
787,950	JD Sports	4,001	1.2
	Lookers	110	0.0
2,569,045	McCarthy & Stone	2,859	0.8
1,278,410		6,993	2.′
289,475	SuperGroup	3,448	1.0
	Ted Baker	1,672	0.5
Consumer Services	(12.91%)	43,915	13.6
	(1-1-1-1-1)	10,000	
1,663,924	Centaur Media	737	0.2
	Cineworld	5,905	1.8
363,534	CVS*	3,321	1.0
1,770,145	Entertainment One	6,472	2.0
458,706	Hollywood Bowl	963	0.3
5,174,708	ITE	4,326	1.3
1,139,291	ITV	1,830	0.5
1,017,265	Joules*	3,072	0.9
372,088	Just Eat	2,852	0.8
1,009,628	Mitchells & Butlers	2,573	0.0
137,663		2,353	0.7
745,520	Rightmove	3,668	1.1
264,804	TUI	3,764	1.1
1,137,548	Wilmington	2,079	0.6
inancials (16.28%)		55,061	17.0
1,143,778	Aviva	5,546	1.7
926,995			
	Chesnara Close Brothers	3,499	1.0
480,699		7,667 2.215	2.3
1,080,352	Grainger Intermediate Capital	3,315 1,610	1.0 0.5
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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Financials (continue			
707.000		4.640	0.5
	International Personal Finance	1,619	0.5
	John Laing Group	2,013	0.6
	Onesavings Bank	5,025	1.5
	Phoenix	2,642	0.8
	Prudential	9,051	2.8
	St James's Place	2,759	8.0
	Standard Chartered	4,887	1.5
1,422,410	Virgin Money	5,428	1.6
Health Care (5.03%)		17,292	5.3
245,199	Clinigen	2,444	0.7
508,584	Georgia Healthcare	1,165	0.3
	NMC Healthcare	13,683	4.2
ndustrials (23.38%		76,242	23.6
	Aggreko	1,378	0.4
513,251	Bodycote	4,868	1.5
59,267	DCC	4,119	1.2
286,156	Diploma	4,164	1.2
28,938	Ferguson	1,788	0.5
473,362	Grafton	3,633	1.1
1,578,486	Howdens Joinery	7,776	2.4
143,679	IMI	1,734	0.5
1,598,912	IWG	3,836	1.1
690,338	Marshalls	3,113	0.9
1,116,766	Melrose Industries	2,488	0.7
653,315	Midwich*	4,377	1.3
1,621,220	Mitie Group	2,404	0.7
1,334,122	Polypipe	4,934	1.5
302,056	Porvair	1,462	0.4
217,590	Ricardo	1,706	0.5
587,031	Robert Walters	4,285	1.3
	Sanne Group	6,159	1.9
	Smith (DS)	8,822	2.7
1,786,092			

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Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Oil & Gas (1.53%)		5,321	1.65
740,727	Wood Group	5,321	1.65
Technology (9.32%)		34,177	10.60
207,788	Accesso*	5,735	1.78
231,214		6,562	2.04
71,045	Blue Prism	1,616	0.50
234,917	EMIS*	2,262	0.70
444,939	FDM	4,200	1.3
507,315	Kainos	1,979	0.6
176,973	Micro Focus	2,309	0.72
800,011	Sage	4,762	1.48
906,915	Sophos	4,752	1.4
Telecommunication	is (4.18%)	12,369	3.84
262,162	Gamma Communication*	2,233	0.69
288,547	Inmarsat	1,570	0.49
220,769	Telecom Plus	2,261	0.70
3,833,200	Vodafone	6,305	1.96
Total investment as	sets	313,928	97.41
Net other assets		8,358	2.59
Total Net Assets		322,286	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} AIM listed.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		12,235		32,322
Revenue	4,932		3,846	
Expenses	(1,462)		(1,279)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,470		2,566	
Taxation	0		(39)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,470		2,527
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,705		34,849

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£'000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		296,507		255,620
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	20,193		15,866	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(10,207)		(22,860)	
_		9,986		(6,994)
Dilution adjustment		88		33
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		15,705		34,849
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	322,286	_	283,508

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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as at 31 August 2018					
	31 Augu	31 August 2018		28 February 2018	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000	
Assets:					
Fixed assets:					
Investment assets		313,928		281,79 ⁻	
Current assets:					
Debtors	1,360		554		
Cash and bank balances	7,786		14,525		
		9,146		15,079	
Total assets	_	323,074	_	296,87	
Liabilities:					
Creditors	(788)		(239)		
Distribution payable	0		(130)		
		(788)		(369	
Total liabilities	_	(788)	_	(369	
Net assets attributable to shareholders		322,286		296,50	

UK Gilt Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information		
Fund Manager	Philip Laing and Liam O'Donnell	
Launch Date	18 September 1998	
Benchmark	IA UK Gilt Sector	

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide a high level of income with capital appreciation being of secondary importance.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in UK Government securities. The Sub-fund may also invest in other fixed interest securities, other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to achieve a competitive level of income from investing predominantly in UK Government securities. Whilst the level of income provision is likely to be relatively stable, the investor must be able to accept temporary capital losses due to the volatile nature of the investments, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of 3 to 5 years.

Performance

The UK Gilt Fund returned 1.78% over the six months, in comparison with the IA UK Gilt sector which returned 1.98%. Please note the Fund return is net of fees, while the benchmark return is gross. (Source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, bid to bid basis. Benchmark source: Factset)

The portfolio's exposure to short-dated Australian rates was a strong positive contributor over the period, as was a profitable curve-steepening trade on the Australian yield curve. Duration positioning added to returns, benefiting from a substantial short in US duration which remained the weakest of the core bond markets. Positioning on the UK yield curve helped performance. The UK curve re-steepened as aggressive rate hikes became less likely against a backdrop of negative Brexit headlines.

Having exposure to short-dated Canadian rates was initially profitable, as trade concerns escalated. However, towards the end of the reporting period this exposure proved negative as the shortdated end of the Canadian curve priced in higher rates in response to unexpectedly strong economic data. Being short of 5-year UK inflation proved detrimental, as energy price rises pushed inflation expectations higher. The US yield curve continued to flatten and our positioning between 5-year and 10-year rates was also negative for returns

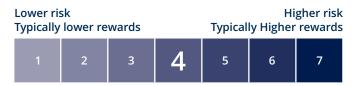
Investment Activity

Tactical trading in gilts early in the period involved identifying stretched valuation levels at which to sell gilt yields versus other markets, specifically German bunds and US Treasuries. We also took a short position in Japanese government bond futures, anticipating increased expectations of a change in the central bank's yield curve control policy. The Fund's overall short duration positioning was scaled back as markets sold-off in April and gradually reinstated throughout May and June, following the market reaction to the election in Italy.

After a period of pronounced curve flattening, particularly in the US, we implemented a curve steepening position between 5-year and 10-year US Treasuries. We increased our position in Canadian rates and tactically reduced positioning in Australian rates. This tactical switch proved beneficial and was subsequently unwound. A strategy between 2-year and 5-year issues on the European curve was added in June. This was in anticipation of an end to European Central Bank bond buying, and what it would mean for interest rates in 2019.

The Fund's overweight exposure to Australian bonds was increased in July through a yield curve steeping strategy between 3-year and 10-year issues. We added to a position in short-dated Canadian rates, as the market continued to price for more aggressive hikes in interest rates. Ten-year German bund yields rallied in response to continuing political uncertainty in Italy and concerns over trade wars. We took the opportunity to move the overall portfolio underweight duration by selling German bund futures.

Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	75.20	76.79	72.94	70.45
Return before operating charges*	1.39	(0.77)	4.67	3.40
Operating charges**	(0.41)	(0.82)	(0.79)	(0.79)
Return after operating charges*	0.98	(1.59)	3.88	2.61
Distributions	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.23)	(0.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.02	0.01	0.20	0.50
Closing net asset value per share	76.18	75.20	76.79	72.94
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.31%	-2.07%	5.32%	3.70%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,135	5,511	4,390	5,651
Closing number of shares	6,740,815	7,327,607	5,717,216	7,747,402
Operating charges****	1.08%	1.08%	1.05%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	77.12	77.87	81.23	73.60
Lowest share price	74.89	74.13	71.27	68.21

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UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
nstitutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	78.91	80.24	75.79	72.91
Return before operating charges*	1.47	(0.80)	5.01	3.54
Operating charges**	(0.27)	(0.53)	(0.49)	(0.46
Return after operating charges*	1.20	(1.33)	4.52	3.08
Distributions	(0.19)	(0.34)	(0.69)	(1.01
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.19	0.34	0.62	0.81
Closing net asset value per share	80.11	78.91	80.24	75.79
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.52%	-1.66%	5.96%	4.22%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,756	7,245	9,253	20,988
Closing number of shares	8,434,254	9,181,687	11,530,869	27,691,766
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.63%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	81.05	81.54	84.54	76.46
Lowest share price	78.65	77.77	74.10	70.70

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UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	47.68	48.70	46.36	45.09
Return before operating charges*	0.88	(0.49)	2.99	2.18
Operating charges**	(0.26)	(0.52)	(0.50)	(0.51)
Return after operating charges*	0.62	(1.01)	2.49	1.67
Distributions	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.15)	(0.40)
Closing net asset value per share	48.29	47.68	48.70	46.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.30%	-2.07%	5.37%	3.70%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,325	1,429	1,928	2,312
Closing number of shares	2,743,143	2,997,042	3,959,192	4,986,079
Operating charges****	1.08%	1.08%	1.05%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	48.90	49.38	51.63	46.94
Lowest share price	47.48	47.01	45.30	43.67

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UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	47.69	48.70	46.36	45.08
Return before operating charges*	0.88	(0.48)	2.99	2.18
Operating charges**	(0.16)	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.28)
Return after operating charges*	0.72	(0.80)	2.69	1.90
Distributions	(0.11)	(0.21)	(0.35)	(0.62)
Closing net asset value per share	48.30	47.69	48.70	46.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.51%	-1.64%	5.80%	4.21%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	267	450	556	9,606
Closing number of shares	552,857	944,112	1,141,405	20,722,445
Operating charges****	0.66%	0.66%	0.63%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	48.99	49.41	51.70	47.02
Lowest share price	47.53	47.11	45.32	43.71

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

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UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	86.14	87.15	82.07	78.64
Return before operating charges*	1.61	(0.87)	5.31	3.82
Operating charges**	(0.07)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	1.54	(1.01)	5.20	3.72
Distributions	(0.42)	(0.81)	(1.05)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.42	0.81	0.93	1.18
Closing net asset value per share	87.68	86.14	87.15	82.07
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.78%	-1.16%	6.34%	4.73%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,878	1,887	1,538	904
Closing number of shares	2,141,309	2,189,815	1,764,338	1,101,696
Operating charges****	0.16%	0.16%	0.13%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	88.66	88.81	91.70	82.78
Lowest share price	85.92	84.89	80.28	76.35

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	58.29	59.30	56.12	54.01
Return before operating charges*	1.08	(0.59)	3.62	2.61
Operating charges**	(0.21)	(0.42)	(0.39)	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	0.87	(1.01)	3.23	2.25
Distributions	(0.12)	(0.23)	(0.40)	(0.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.12	0.23	0.35	0.58
Closing net asset value per share	59.16	58.29	59.30	56.12
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.49%	-1.70%	5.76%	4.17%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,492	7,418	9,694	7,253
Closing number of shares	10,974,129	12,726,899	16,347,876	12,924,236
Operating charges****	0.71%	0.71%	0.68%	0.67%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	59.86	60.25	62.58	56.61
Lowest share price	58.09	57.45	54.86	52.36

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UK Gilt Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	54.97	56.14	53.44	51.98
Return before operating charges*	1.03	(0.56)	3.45	2.50
Operating charges**	(0.20)	(0.40)	(0.37)	(0.35)
Return after operating charges*	0.83	(0.96)	3.08	2.15
Distributions	(0.12)	(0.21)	(0.38)	(0.69)
Closing net asset value per share	55.68	54.97	56.14	53.44
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	1.51%	-1.71%	5.76%	4.14%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,466	1,812	2,359	2,363
Closing number of shares	2,632,346	3,296,797	4,202,417	4,422,099
Operating charges****	0.71%	0.71%	0.68%	0.67%
Direct transaction costs***	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	56.46	56.95	59.60	54.19
Lowest share price	54.79	54.29	52.24	50.39

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

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^{****} The operating charges percentage is the equivalent of the ongoing charges figure per the prior year accounts. It shows the annualised operating expenses of the share class as a percentage of the average net asset value of the class over the same period.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market value	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	g Investment	£'000	
Bonds (98.88%)	HYCSCHICH	23,016	98.69
Sterling Denominated Bonds (98.88%)		23,016	98.69
Government Bonds		23,016	98.69
less than 5 years to n	naturity		
354,000	European Investment Bank 1.5% 2019	355	1.52
400,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	394	1.69
,	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	311	1.33
	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021	567	2.43
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2019	667	2.86
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	544	2.33
	UK (Govt of) 2% 2020	565	2.42
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2020	446	1.91
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021	578	2.48
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% Index-Linked 2019	508	2.18
	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	752	3.22
	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2019	666	2.86
	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	599	2.57
	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021	484	2.07
between 5 and 10 ye	ars to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2027	234	1.00
	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	466	2.00
	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	498	2.13
	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	69	0.30
	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	518	2.22
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2027	296	1.27
	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025	791	3.39
between 10 and 15 y	ears to maturity		
*	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032	785	3.37
	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	764	3.28
	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	499	2.14
between 15 and 25 y	ears to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	229	0.98
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	745	3.19
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	591	2.53
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	526	2.26
	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	767	3.29
	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	734	3.15
	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	673	2.89

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Portfolio Statement

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Government Bonds			
greater than 25 years	s to maturity		
	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	563	2.4
	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071	170	0.73
	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	281	1.2
	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	426	1.8
	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	589	2.5
	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	624	2.6
	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	541	2.3
	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	596	2.5
	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	743	3.1
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	596	2.5
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	527	2.2
	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2045	739	3.1
432,403	ON (GOVE 01) 4.23% 2033	739	5.1
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (0.29%)	946	4.0
			4.0
945,904	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	946	4.0
945,904 Derivatives (0.08%)	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	946	4.00 0.0 °
	Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund		0.0
Derivatives (0.08%)		14	0.0
Derivatives (0.08%) Futures (0.01%)	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 17/09/2018	14 (11)	0.0 (0.0
Derivatives (0.08%) Futures (0.01%)	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 17/09/2018 Long US 5 Year Note Future 31/12/2018	14 (11) 0 0	0.0 (0.0 0.0 0.0
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Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £′000	Percentage of total net assets
nterest Rate Swaps	s (continued)		
AUD 2,236,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 2.545% 30/07/2022	4	0.02
AUD 4,252,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 2.5825% 27/07/2022	9	0.04
CAD 2,300,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.5% 12/07/2021	(2)	(0.01
CAD 2,370,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.503% 30/01/2021	(2)	0.00
CAD 2,642,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.51% 03/07/2021	(2)	(0.01
CAD 958,260	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.69% 08/08/2021	1	0.00
CAD 841,740	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.695% 08/08/2021	1	0.00
CAD 965,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.775% 17/05/2021	2	0.0
CAD 965,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 2.78% 17/05/2021	2	0.01
EUR 798,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 0.84183% 15/08/2027	5	0.02
EUR 290,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.086% 18/07/2029	1	0.00
EUR 440,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.136% 30/07/2029	3	0.0
Total investment as	sets and liabilities	23,976	102.82
Net other liabilities		(657)	(2.82
Total Net Assets		23,319	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

	value £'000
Reconciliation of assets and liabilities to the balance sheet	
Investment assets as per the Balance Sheet	23,997
Investment liabilities	(21)
Net investment assets	23,976
Net other liabilities	(657)
Total Net Assets	23,319

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State	ment	of Tota	l Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		330		155
Revenue	142		152	
Expenses	(94)		(105)	
Net revenue before taxation	48		47	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		48		47
Total return before distributions		378		202
Distributions		(48)		(48)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		330		154

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		25,752		29,718
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,229		1,527	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,034)		(3,658)	
_		(2,805)		(2,131)
Dilution adjustment		2		2
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		330		154
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		40		41
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		23,319	_	27,784

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

as at 31 August 2018				
	31 Augu	st 2018	28 Febru	uary 2018
	£'000	£′000	£'000	£′000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		23,997		25,609
Current assets:				
Debtors	203		219	
Cash and bank balances	73		41	
		276		260
Total assets	_	24,273		25,869
Liabilities:				
nvestment liabilities		(21)		(51
Creditors	(917)		(49)	
Bank overdrafts	(12)		(12)	
Distribution payable	(4)		(5)	
		(933)		(66
Total liabilities	_	(954)	_	(117
Net assets attributable to shareholders		23,319		25,752

UK Gilt Fund

Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 201	31 August 2018	31	ended	months	six	for the	1
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Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2018 and 31 August 2018

			Distribution	
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution paid
	2018	2018	2018	2017
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.0172	-	0.0172*	-
Group 2	-	0.0172	0.0172*	-
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.1872	-	0.1872*	0.1640
Group 2	0.0973	0.0899	0.1872*	0.1640
Retail income				
Group 1	0.0109	-	0.0109**	-
Group 2	0.0012	0.0097	0.0109**	-
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.1129	-	0.1129**	0.0995
Group 2	0.0491	0.0638	0.1129**	0.0995
Standard Life accumulation				
Group 1	0.4247	-	0.4247*	0.3986
Group 2	0.1696	0.2551	0.4247*	0.3986
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.1236	-	0.1236*	0.1062
Group 2	0.0607	0.0629	0.1236*	0.1062
Division Advisory				
Platform 1 income	0		0.446=11	0.40=
Group 1	0.1165	_	0.1165**	0.1007
Group 2	0.0636	0.0529	0.1165**	0.1007

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

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Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Abby Glennie			
Launch Date	25 November 2002			
Benchmark	FTSE All Share Index (excluding FTSE 100 and Inv. Trusts)			

Investment objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital growth over the longer term mainly through investment in small and medium size UK companies. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly small and medium size UK companies. The focused nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of the UK equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 6.38% compared with the FTSE All-Share (ex 100 ex IT) Index return of 6.15% (source: Factset and Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

The Sub-fund performance was marginally ahead of its benchmark in the six-month period.

The top positions in the Sub-fund are dominated by companies that continue to prove themselves as long-term winners. The Sub-fund currently favours companies that have high overseas earnings, which have revenues that are resilient to a more challenging economic environment and those that invest in their businesses.

A top performer for the period under review was Fever-Tree Drinks, the UK-listed premium mixers maker, which remains popular with the market for its continued long-term growth opportunity. Up to now, the story has largely been about UK gin & tonic but increasingly it is about international growth and mixers for dark spirits, such as whisky and rum. It delivered results that were well ahead of market expectations. First Derivatives, the data solutions provider, was another company that was a positive for performance. The group continues to impress with its growth and it is becoming increasingly successful with a wide array of clients. JD Sports was another positive for the Sub-fund. The company finalised its takeover of Finish Line in the US. This gives it a US retail store footprint and furthers its plan to become a global partner for the major sportswear brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma. Recent results were impressive, beating even the highest estimate.

A weak performer during the review period was Hostelworld. The company provides a hostel-focused online booking platform, connecting young travellers with hostels around the world. It was hit by a combination of the departures of its CFO and CEO, weak bookings during the summer and the decision to offer a free cancellation policy that reduced revenues that led its earnings being downgraded. Another major drag on performance was a profits warning from Alfa Financial Software. The company was hit when one of its largest customers delayed a major project. This followed previously reported delays to other IT ventures. Relative performance was also held back by Ocado, which is not in Sub-fund. The company was the beneficiary of deal with Kroger in the US to use its warehouse logistics technology.

Activity

A new holding in meat packaging company, Hilton Food, was established. The company is a quality growth business, with high revenue predictability, and strong global customer base. A recent acquisition provides further growth opportunities. We participated in the initial public offering of Team17. The company is a diversified video games developer. The industry has significantly improved the sustainability of revenues and margin potential. Team17 is run by the founder who was very impressive. A new position was established in Cineworld. After the successful integration of US peer, Regal Entertainment, management has identified a similar opportunity. We believe this has the same potential to improve earnings and cashflow as the Regal Entertainment deal. This should accelerate deleveraging of its balance sheet and warrants a higher valuation. We also took the opportunity to add to investments in On the Beach and Hostelworld Group given the recent fall of their share prices. The fundamentals of these businesses are good, and we believe they will recover.

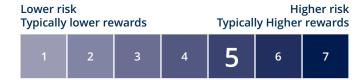
The Sub-fund eliminated its position in Halma and trimmed holdings in NMC Healthcare, Just Eat, GVC, Melrose Industries.

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer to the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	255.75	202.09	169.60	190.57
Return before operating charges*	18.71	56.80	34.90	(17.88)
Operating charges**	(1.76)	(3.14)	(2.41)	(3.09)
Return after operating charges*	16.95	53.66	32.49	(20.97)
Distributions	(0.79)	(0.97)	(0.68)	(0.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.79	0.97	0.68	0.38
Closing net asset value per share	272.70	255.75	202.09	169.60
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.11	0.27	0.52	0.85
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.63%	26.55%	19.16%	-11.00%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,436	27,409	24,713	26,058
Closing number of shares	10,427,383	10,717,251	12,228,414	15,364,672
Operating charges****	1.33%	1.33%	1.33%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	272.9	259.2	203.4	211.3
Lowest share price	245.6	205.5	151.0	160.7

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	287.88	226.42	189.07	210.87
Return before operating charges*	21.10	63.74	39.09	(19.97)
Operating charges**	(1.29)	(2.28)	(1.74)	(1.83)
Return after operating charges*	19.81	61.46	37.35	(21.80)
Distributions	(1.59)	(1.79)	(1.59)	(1.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.59	1.79	1.59	1.35
Closing net asset value per share	307.69	287.88	226.42	189.07
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.13	0.30	0.58	0.94
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.88%	27.14%	19.75%	-10.34%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,126	8,968	7,244	7,344
Closing number of shares	3,940,909	3,115,232	3,199,274	3,884,185
Operating charges****	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	307.9	291.7	227.9	234.3
Lowest share price	276.6	230.2	168.6	179.1

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	234.47	186.04	156.70	176.42
Return before operating charges*	17.16	52.20	32.19	(16.51)
Operating charges**	(1.62)	(2.88)	(2.22)	(2.86)
Return after operating charges*	15.54	49.32	29.97	(19.37)
Distributions	(0.72)	(0.89)	(0.63)	(0.35)
Closing net asset value per share	249.29	234.47	186.04	156.70
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.10	0.25	0.48	0.78
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.63%	26.51%	19.13%	-10.98%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	839	793	741	909
Closing number of shares	336,649	338,039	398,252	580,119
Operating charges****	1.33%	1.33%	1.33%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	250.2	237.7	187.3	195.6
Lowest share price	225.2	189.1	139.5	148.5

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income	panco par anara	ponce per snare	ponce per snare	panco por snanc
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	239.81	189.86	159.76	179.27
Return before operating charges*	17.57	53.37	32.91	(16.82)
Operating charges**	(1.07)	(1.91)	(1.47)	(1.55)
Return after operating charges*	16.50	51.46	31.44	(18.37)
Distributions	(1.32)	(1.51)	(1.34)	(1.14)
Closing net asset value per share	254.99	239.81	189.86	159.76
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.10	0.25	0.49	0.79
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.88%	27.10%	19.68%	-10.25%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	934	1,014	817	1,048
Closing number of shares	366,318	422,785	430,431	655,972
Operating charges****	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	256.5	243.1	191.3	199.2
Lowest share price	230.4	193.1	142.5	151.4

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	105.37	83.39	70.15	78.75
Return before operating charges*	7.75	23.49	14.47	(7.40)
Operating charges**	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	7.73	23.46	14.45	(7.42)
Distributions	(1.04)	(1.48)	(1.21)	(1.18)
Closing net asset value per share	112.06	105.37	83.39	70.15
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.11	0.22	0.35
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.34%	28.13%	20.60%	-9.42%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	2	1
Closing number of shares	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Operating charges****	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	113.2	107.2	84.34	87.68
Lowest share price	101.3	84.81	62.74	66.74

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Standard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	313.10	244.42	202.58	224.24
Return before operating charges*	22.99	69.00	42.08	(21.41)
Operating charges**	(0.18)	(0.32)	(0.24)	(0.25)
Return after operating charges*	22.81	68.68	41.84	(21.66)
Distributions	(2.95)	(4.11)	(3.35)	(3.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.95	4.11	3.35	3.15
Closing net asset value per share	335.91	313.10	244.42	202.58
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.14	0.33	0.63	1.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.29%	28.10%	20.65%	-9.66%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	665	600	394	314
Closing number of shares	197,851	191,798	161,185	154,941
Operating charges****	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	336.1	317.0	245.9	249.6
Lowest share price	301.0	248.5	181.1	191.8

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	203.68	159.47	132.57	147.19
Return before operating charges*	14.94	44.98	27.48	(14.01)
Operating charges**	(0.43)	(0.77)	(0.58)	(0.61)
Return after operating charges*	14.51	44.21	26.90	(14.62)
Distributions	(1.60)	(2.11)	(1.76)	(1.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	1.60	2.11	1.76	1.62
Closing net asset value per share	218.19	203.68	159.47	132.57
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.09	0.21	0.41	0.65
Performance +				
Return after charges	7.12%	27.72%	20.29%	-9.93%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	85,415	81,184	69,326	68,835
Closing number of shares	39,147,258	39,859,492	43,471,885	51,923,342
Operating charges****	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.44%
Prices				
Highest share price	218.3	206.3	160.5	163.7
Lowest share price	195.7	162.1	118.4	125.5

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Platform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	116.32	91.53	76.47	85.33
Return before operating charges*	8.53	25.77	15.81	(8.08)
Operating charges**	(0.55)	(0.98)	(0.75)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	7.98	24.79	15.06	(8.86)
Distributions	(0.61)	(0.67)	(0.60)	(0.50)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.61	0.67	0.60	0.50
Closing net asset value per share	124.30	116.32	91.53	76.47
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.12	0.23	0.37
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.86%	27.08%	19.69%	-10.38%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,394	16,482	10,857	9,888
Closing number of shares	14,797,837	14,169,086	11,861,412	12,929,741
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.28%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	124.4	117.9	92.12	94.79
Lowest share price	111.7	93.06	68.20	72.43

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Platform 1 income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	111.54	88.32	74.32	83.39
Return before operating charges*	8.18	24.81	15.30	(7.82)
Operating charges**	(0.53)	(0.94)	(0.72)	(0.76)
Return after operating charges*	7.65	23.87	14.58	(8.58)
Distributions	(0.58)	(0.65)	(0.58)	(0.49)
Closing net asset value per share	118.61	111.54	88.32	74.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.05	0.12	0.23	0.36
Performance +				
Return after charges	6.86%	27.03%	19.62%	-10.29%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,613	1,715	1,030	960
Closing number of shares	1,360,301	1,537,274	1,166,544	1,291,766
Operating charges****	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.43%
Prices				
Highest share price	119.3	113.1	88.99	92.64
Lowest share price	107.2	89.82	66.28	70.40

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation ^	perice per sitare	perice per share	perice per sitare	perice per snare
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	73.23	58.01	48.82	50.00 ++
Return before operating charges*	4.35	16.31	10.03	(1.11)
Operating charges**	(0.60)	(1.09)	(0.84)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	3.75	15.22	9.19	(1.18)
Distributions	0.00	(0.19)	(0.14)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	0.19	0.14	0.00
Redemption value as at 21 June 2018	(76.98)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	0.00	73.23	58.01	48.82
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.08	0.15	0.02
Performance +				
Return after charges	5.12%	26.24%	18.82%	-2.36%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,200	2,200	2,200
Operating charges****	1.61%	1.61%	1.61%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs***	0.08%	0.11%	0.29%	0.04%
Prices				
Highest share price	77.74	74.24	58.39	50.82
Lowest share price	70.30	58.98	43.43	46.26

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⁺⁺ Share class launched 26 January 2016.

[^] Share class closed on 21 June 2018.

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Portfolio Statement

as at 31 August 2018

		Market value	Percentag of tota
Holding	Investment	£′000	net asset
UK Equities (98.13%		141,704	95.4
Consumer Goods (1	7.64%)	30,915	20.8
74,519	Bellway	2,174	1.4
413,708	Countryside Properties	1,391	0.9
116,317	Cranswick	3,754	2.5
157,489	Fever Tree Drinks*	5,862	3.9
312,520	Hilton Food	2,850	1.9
788,730	Hotel Chocolat*	2,737	1.8
1,273,716	JD Sports	6,468	4.3
1,019,957	Joules*	3,080	2.0
1,106,143	Team17	2,599	1.7
Consumer Services	(24.01%)	35,369	23.8
179 784	4Imprint	3,847	2.5
	Auto Trader	3,883	2.6
	Cineworld	4,869	3.2
401,030		3,663	2.4
291,694		3,212	2.1
	Hollywood Bowl	822	0.5
	Hostelworld	2,594	1.7
465,986		3,571	2.4
	Next Fifteen Communications*	2,541	1.7
	On the Beach	4,929	3.3
9,870,319		.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0.0
	YouGov*	1,438	0.9
Financials (3.22%)		4,182	2.8
925 104	Purplebricks*	2,436	1.6
	Workspace	1,746	1.1
Health Care (13.28%	S)	18,085	12.1
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217,938	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	6,795	4.5
293,545	Eco Animal Health*	1,521	1.0
309,146	Georgia Healthcare	708	0.4
29,062	Hutchison China MediTech*	1,316	0.8
1,423,111	Medica	2,189	1.4
141,653	NMC Healthcare	5,556	3.7

UK Opportunities Fund

Portfolio Statement

(Continued)

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of tota net assets
Industrials (27.30%)		34,094	22.97
588,605	Costain	2,499	1.68
126,210	Hill & Smith	1,338	0.90
	Keywords Studios*	5,136	3.40
	Marshalls	2,634	1.78
666,003	Melrose Industries	1,484	1.0
737,952	Midwich*	4,944	3.33
464,156	Porvair	2,247	1.5
388,284	RPC	2,772	1.8
915,235	RWS*	4,251	2.8
578,567	Sanne Group	3,552	2.3
1,438,986	Severfield	1,091	0.7
70,123	XP Power	2,146	1.4
Oil & Gas (0.69%)		1,209	0.8
506,140	Cairn Energy	1,209	0.8
Technology (11.99%)	17,850	12.0
103,961	Accesso*	2,869	1.9
318,747	Alfa Financial Software	532	0.30
193,119	Blue Prism*	4,393	2.9
386,634	FDM	3,650	2.4
123,274	First Derivatives*	5,215	3.5
190,495	GB*	1,191	0.8
Collective Investme	nt Schemes (1.92%)	6,577	4.4
6,577,194	SLI GBP CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	6,577	4.4
Total investment as	sets	148,281	99.9
Net other assets		143	0.10
Total Net Assets		148,424	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

^{*} AIM listed

^{**} Suspended

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Financial Statements

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for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Augu	ust 2017
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		8,688		19,351
Revenue	1,366		1,376	
Expenses	(491)		(437)	
Net revenue before taxation	875		939	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		875		939
Total return before distributions		9,563		20,290
Distributions		(875)		(939)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,688		19,351

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 Aug	ust 2018	31 Aug	ust 2017
	£′000	£'000	£′000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		138,169		115,125
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	8,204		6,277	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,548)	_	(11,305)	
		656		(5,028)
Dilution adjustment		44		30
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		8,688		19,351
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		867		910
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		148,424		130,388

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

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Financial Statements

Balance Sheet				
s at 31 August 2018				
	31 Aug	ust 2018	28 Febr	uary 2018
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′00
Assets:				
ixed assets:				
Investment assets		148,281		138,24
Current assets:				
Debtors	430		55	
Cash and bank balances	33		30	
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otal assets	_	148,744		138,32
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iabilities:				
Creditors	(304)		(157)	
Distribution payable	(16)		(1)	
	(/	(320)		(15
otal liabilities	_	(320)		(15)
	_		_	
Net assets attributable to shareholders	_	148,424	_	138,169

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Distribution Tables

for the six months ended 31 August 2018

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

			Distribution				
	Net Income	Equalisation	payable	Distribution pa			
	2018	2018	2018	201			
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per shar			
Retail accumulation							
Group 1	0.7857	-	0.7857*	0.966			
Group 2	0.2889	0.4968	0.7857*	0.966			
Institutional accumulation							
Group 1	1.5890	-	1.5890*	1.683			
Group 2	0.3227	1.2663	1.5890*	1.683			
Retail income							
Group 1	0.7181	-	0.7181**	0.891			
Group 2	0.5752	0.1429	0.7181**	0.891			
Institutional income							
Group 1	1.3249	-	1.3249**	1.413			
Group 2	0.3684	0.9565	1.3249**	1.413			
Standard Life income							
Group 1	1.0385	-	1.0385**	1.016			
Group 2	-	-	-				
Standard Life accumulation							
Group 1	2.9520	-	2.9520*	2.856			
Group 2	1.9363	1.0157	2.9520*	2.856			
Institutional regulated accumulation							
Group 1	1.6002	-	1.6002*	1.592			
Group 2	1.0302	0.5700	1.6002*	1.592			
Platform 1 accumulation							
Group 1	0.6109	-	0.6109*	0.655			
Group 2	0.2418	0.3691	0.6109*	0.655			

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Distribution Tables

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	Net Income	Equalisation 2018	Distribution payable 2018	Distribution paid
		pence per share		
Platform 1 income	pence per share	perice per share	perice per share	perice per siture
Group 1	0.5816	-	0.5816**	0.6328
Group 2	0.4255	0.1561	0.5816**	0.6328
nstitutional A accumulation ^				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.1913
Group 2	-	-	_	

^{*} Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

Interim Dividend Distribution 100.00%

Treat as a UK corporate dividend

Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%

0.00%

^{**} Distribution payable on 31 October 2018

[^] Share class closed on 21 June 2018

UK Smaller Companies Fund

Investment Report

Fund Information				
Fund Manager	Harry Nimmo			
Launch Date	6 January 1997			
Benchmark	IA UK Smaller Companies Sector			

Investment Objective

The objective of the Sub-fund is to provide capital growth over the longer term through investment in smaller companies in the UK Equity market. It is intended that income will not be a prime consideration.

Investment Policy

The investment policy of the Sub-fund is to invest mostly in smaller companies in the UK Equity market (excluding Investment Trusts). Investments can be made in equities and equity type investments of companies listed on a UK stock exchange or which, in the opinion of the ACD, carry on a substantial part of their operations in the UK. "Equity type investments" will include convertible stocks, stock exchange listed warrants, Depositary Receipts and any other such investments which entitle the holder to subscribe for or convert into the equity of the company and/or where the share price performance is, in the opinion of the ACD, influenced significantly by the stock market performance of the company's ordinary shares. The Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money-market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives and collective investment schemes.

Risk

The Sub-fund is intended for investors who wish to participate in the potential capital growth opportunities afforded by investing in an actively managed portfolio of mainly small companies in the UK equity market. The focused nature of the portfolio makes it suitable for investors who are willing to accept a relatively high degree of stock specific risk. The investor must be able to accept significant temporary losses due to the volatile nature of this area of the UK equity markets, and should therefore have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years.

Performance

During the period under review, the Sub-fund returned 9.77%, compared with the IA UK Smaller Companies sector average return of 7.39% (source: Morningstar, basic rate taxpayer, platform one share class, bid-to-bid basis).

Top-performing holdings for the six months were Fever-Tree Drinks, GB Group, JD Sports and Dechra Pharmaceuticals – all delivered robust results, with each confirming a strong trading environment.

Fever-Tree Drinks, the UK-listed premium mixers company, remains popular with the market for its continued long-term growth opportunity. Up to now, the story has largely been about UK gin & tonic but increasingly it is about international growth and mixers for dark spirits, such as whisky and rum. It delivered results that were well ahead of market expectations. JD Sports finalised its takeover of Finish Line in the US. This gives it a US retail store footprint and furthers its plan to become a global partner for the major sportswear brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma. Recent results were impressive, beating even the highest estimate. Identity management specialist GB Group and Dechra Pharmaceuticals, a veterinary pharmaceuticals developer, also lifted relative returns, with each reporting positive trading conditions.

The major drag on performance over the six months was Alfa Financial Software, the asset finance software firm, which was hit after one of its largest customers delayed a major project. This followed previously reported two additional delays to IT ventures, resulting in it issuing a profits warning. CVS Group, the integrated veterinary services firm, also saw its shares slide after its earnings marginally missed expectations. Shares in Ted Baker also fell after its results were a little light in what is a challenging retail environment. Investors focused on comments by the company confirming that trading conditions were "challenging". Nonetheless, it is doing better than many other names in this space and we continue to hold the stock.

Activity

We continued to build our holding in Boohoo, the online fashion retailer aimed at 16-30 year olds. The company is trading strongly, with sales at its Nasty Gal brand a notable highlight. The company also scored well on the Matrix (our quant-based proprietary research tool). The Sub-fund also bought JTC, an independent provider of fund, corporate and private wealth services. This is a vibrant market, within which JTC enjoys a competitive position.

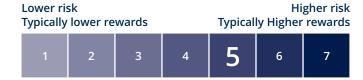
We continued to trim NMC Health, which operates hospitals and clinics in the UAE. The company has been a strong performer thanks to a number of growth-enhancing deals. Its success has been so formidable that NMC now trades on the FTSE 100 Index and is therefore no longer suitable for our small-cap Fund. However, this perfectly illustrates part of our investment ethos, whereby we seek to identify tomorrow's successful companies while they are still relatively small. The position in the aforementioned Alfa Financial Software was also sold down. This process was underway before it announced a profits warning as one of its largest customers had delayed a major project. It also scored poorly on the Matrix. We also trimmed Telecoms Plus, the utility service provider, in order to lock-in profits after a good run for the group.

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Investment Report

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Synthetic Risk & Reward Indicator



This indicator reflects the volatility of the Sub-fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Sub-fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication of the future.

The current rating, which is the same for all share classes, is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Sub-fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk

All investment involves risk. This Sub-fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Sub-fund's objective will be attained.

For further information on the risks that may not be fully captured by the risk and reward indicator, please refer the current Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

Cautionary note

It should be remembered that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of investments may go down as well as up and, therefore, investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
Retail accumulation	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	721.57	580.09	500.23	438.17
Return before operating charges*	75.33	150.52	87.00	70.21
Operating charges**	(5.22)	(9.04)	(7.14)	(8.15)
Return after operating charges*	70.11	141.48	79.86	62.06
Distributions	0.00	(2.79)	(3.49)	(2.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation	0.00	(2.73)	(3.43)	(2.54)
share	0.00	2.79	3.49	2.54
Closing net asset value per share	791.68	721.57	580.09	500.23
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.19	0.28	0.46	0.43
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.72%	24.39%	15.96%	14.16%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	226,807	206,287	182,052	202,591
Closing number of shares	28,649,002	28,588,576	31,383,591	40,499,660
Operating charges****	1.36%	1.36%	1.36%	1.69%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	797.3	738.7	581.9	531.5
Lowest share price	712.3	587.2	451.5	431.9

^{**} The operating charges include all costs borne by the Sub-fund, except for direct transaction costs.

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	850.02	680.15	583.50	507.04
Return before operating charges*	88.82	176.82	102.11	81.44
Operating charges**	(4.03)	(6.95)	(5.46)	(4.98)
Return after operating charges*	84.79	169.87	96.65	76.46
Distributions	0.00	(6.94)	(7.15)	(7.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	6.94	7.15	7.45
Closing net asset value per share	934.81	850.02	680.15	583.50
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.23	0.33	0.53	0.50
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.98%	24.98%	16.56%	15.08%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	372,570	346,824	326,267	335,775
Closing number of shares	39,855,328	40,802,002	47,969,757	57,545,271
Operating charges****	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	940.9	869.8	682.2	619.1
Lowest share price	839.4	688.7	527.6	500.0

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UK Smaller Companies Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018	28 February 2018	28 February 2017	29 February 2016
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Retail income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	70.03	57.23	50.32	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	7.30	14.85	8.71	0.75
Operating charges**	(0.50)	(0.89)	(0.72)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	6.80	13.96	7.99	0.32
Distributions	0.00	(1.16)	(1.08)	(0.43)
Closing net asset value per share	76.83	70.03	57.23	50.32
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.03
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.71%	24.39%	15.88%	0.64%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,650	8,389	6,769	6,640
Closing number of shares	7,354,122	11,979,379	11,826,530	13,194,522
Operating charges****	1.36%	1.36%	1.36%	1.69%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.05%
Prices				
Highest share price	77.38	72.88	58.49	53.93
Lowest share price	69.11	57.93	45.42	47.95

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⁺⁺ Share class launched 4 September 2016.

UK Smaller Companies Fund

Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	92.65	75.36	65.89	58.50
Return before operating charges*	9.67	19.60	11.51	9.39
Operating charges**	(0.44)	(0.78)	(0.62)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	9.23	18.82	10.89	8.82
Distributions	0.00	(1.53)	(1.42)	(1.43)
Closing net asset value per share	101.88	92.65	75.36	65.89
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.06
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.96%	24.97%	16.53%	15.08%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,361	13,638	8,363	5,170
Closing number of shares	18,021,636	14,721,013	11,097,979	7,846,096
Operating charges****	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	102.6	96.36	77.01	71.43
Lowest share price	91.47	76.30	59.57	57.67

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
tandard Life income				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	210.17	169.45	146.84	129.21
Return before operating charges*	21.95	44.14	25.76	20.81
Operating charges**	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01
Return after operating charges*	21.94	44.12	25.75	20.80
Distributions	0.00	(3.40)	(3.14)	(3.17
Closing net asset value per share	232.11	210.17	169.45	146.84
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.06	0.08	0.14	0.13
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.44%	26.04%	17.54%	16.109
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,693	8,538	13,558	10,744
Closing number of shares	3,745,287	4,062,296	8,001,149	7,317,155
Operating charges****	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.019
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	233.4	218.4	173.1	158.9
Lowest share price	207.7	171.7	133.1	127.4

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
tandard Life accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	299.44	237.72	202.36	174.43
Return before operating charges*	31.28	61.97	35.55	28.10
Operating charges**	(0.14)	(0.25)	(0.19)	(0.17)
Return after operating charges*	31.14	61.72	35.36	27.93
Distributions	0.00	(4.61)	(4.20)	(4.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	4.61	4.20	4.13
Closing net asset value per share	330.58	299.44	237.72	202.36
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.08	0.12	0.19	0.17
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.40%	25.96%	17.47%	16.01%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,991	6,271	4,541	3,115
Closing number of shares	2,114,798	2,094,218	1,910,423	1,539,526
Operating charges****	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	332.4	306.2	238.4	214.4
Lowest share price	295.9	240.8	183.4	172.1

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	428.43	341.45	291.81	252.56
Return before operating charges*	44.81	88.91	51.14	40.62
Operating charges**	(1.12)	(1.93)	(1.50)	(1.37)
Return after operating charges*	43.69	86.98	49.64	39.25
Distributions	0.00	(5.07)	(4.81)	(4.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	5.07	4.81	4.84
Closing net asset value per share	472.12	428.43	341.45	291.81
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.12	0.17	0.27	0.25
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.20%	25.47%	17.01%	15.54%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	396,953	353,379	303,353	300,310
Closing number of shares	84,078,730	82,481,385	88,842,529	102,914,484
Operating charges****	0.49%	0.49%	0.49%	0.49%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	475.0	438.2	342.5	309.4
Lowest share price	423.3	345.8	264.2	249.1

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Comparative Tables

	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
latform 1 accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	125.98	100.90	86.67	75.39
Return before operating charges*	13.15	26.23	15.13	12.10
Operating charges**	(0.66)	(1.15)	(0.90)	(0.82)
Return after operating charges*	12.49	25.08	14.23	11.28
Distributions	0.00	(0.91)	(0.97)	(1.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation				
share	0.00	0.91	0.97	1.02
Closing net asset value per share	138.47	125.98	100.90	86.67
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.07
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.91%	24.86%	16.42%	14.96%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	231,245	209,379	173,718	147,767
Closing number of shares	166,994,808	166,203,721	172,163,127	170,488,602
Operating charges****	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	139.4	128.9	101.2	91.98
Lowest share price	124.4	102.2	78.34	74.34

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	92.18	73.67	63.14	54.80
Return before operating charges*	9.64	19.16	11.04	8.81
Operating charges**	(0.38)	(0.65)	(0.51)	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	9.26	18.51	10.53	8.34
Distributions	0.00	(0.85)	(0.85)	(0.88)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.85	0.85	0.88
Closing net asset value per share	101.44	92.18	73.67	63.14
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.05%	25.13%	16.68%	15.22%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	320,989	266,107	195,925	206,704
Closing number of shares	316,440,708	288,679,049	265,946,108	327,394,185
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	102.1	94.31	73.89	66.98
Lowest share price	91.04	74.60	57.11	54.04

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional S income	1			
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	84.69	68.80	60.08	53.29
Return before operating charges*	8.85	17.90	10.50	8.55
Operating charges**	(0.35)	(0.61)	(0.49)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	8.50	17.29	10.01	8.10
Distributions	0.00	(1.40)	(1.29)	(1.31)
Closing net asset value per share	93.19	84.69	68.80	60.08
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.05
Performance +				
Return after charges	10.04%	25.13%	16.66%	15.20%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,337	35,934	36,955	14,190
Closing number of shares	42,210,932	42,430,306	53,711,127	23,617,804
Operating charges****	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	93.79	88.08	70.30	65.12
Lowest share price	83.62	69.67	54.34	52.54

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	31 August 2018 pence per share	28 February 2018 pence per share	28 February 2017 pence per share	29 February 2016 pence per share
Institutional A accumulation				
Change in net assets per share				
Opening net asset value per share	73.40	59.20	51.21	50.00++
Return before operating charges*	7.65	15.35	8.90	1.28
Operating charges**	(0.66)	(1.15)	(0.91)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	6.99	14.20	7.99	1.21
Distributions	0.00	(0.06)	(0.19)	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation share	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	80.39	73.40	59.20	51.21
* after direct transaction costs of:***	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.00
Performance +				
Return after charges	9.52%	23.99%	15.60%	2.42%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	318	294	330	1
Closing number of shares	394,992	400,769	557,155	2,200
Operating charges****	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%	1.69%
Direct transaction costs***	0.05%	0.04%	0.09%	0.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	81.00	75.16	59.39	52.03
Lowest share price	72.43	59.91	46.18	48.38

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⁺⁺ Shareclass launched 25 January 2016.

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Portfolio Statement

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eysupermarket.com	11,031	0.6
prpoint	16,457	1.0
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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentag of tota net asset
Health Care (14.58%		213,518	13.1
4,143,631	Abcam*	62,776	3.8
2,502,963	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	78,042	4.7
2,730,633	Eco Animal Health*	14,145	0.8
1,492,982	NMC Healthcare	58,555	3.6
ndustrials (24.60%)		367,205	22.5
2,791,005	Costain	11,848	0.7
2,989,998		43,505	2.6
	Fisher (J) & Sons	28,457	1.7
	Gooch & Housego*	23,836	1.7
	Hill & Smith	30,014	1.4
6,464,594		29,155	1.7
4,547,916		30,471	1.7
		18,979	1.0
2,023,382 2,765,819		21,684	1.1
8,280,177		38,462	2.3
		35,147	2.5
	Sanne Group	15,224	0.9
1,321,020	Smart Metering Systems* XP Power	40,423	2.4
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Technology (12.95%)	229,385	14.0
1,173,356	Accesso*	32,385	1.9
566,424	Blue Prism	12,886	0.7
4,144,625	FDM	39,125	2.4
1,633,178	First Derivatives*	69,084	4.2
8,430,466	GB*	52,690	3.2
5,952,502	Kainos	23,215	1.4
Telecommunication	s (4.92%)	67,531	4.1
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Holding Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (2.24%)	51,974	3.19
51,973,998 Standard Life CNAV Sterling Liquidity Fund	51,974	3.19
Total investment assets	1,625,247	99.84
Net other assets	2,667	0.16
Total Net Assets	1,627,914	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2018.

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Statement of Total Return

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 August 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£′000	£′000
Income:				
Net capital gains		136,276		172,213
Revenue	16,680		15,202	
Expenses	(6,549)		(5,631)	
Net revenue before taxation	10,131	_	9,571	
Taxation	0		0	
Net revenue after taxation		10,131		9,571
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		146,407		181,784

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	31 August 2018		31 Aug	gust 2017
	£'000	£′000	£′000	£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,455,040		1,251,831
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	72,002		36,240	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(45,407)		(93,812)	
_		26,595		(57,572)
Dilution adjustment		(128)		371
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities				
(see above)		146,407		181,784
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	1,627,914	_	1,376,414

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current

UK Smaller Companies Fund

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Further Information

Report and financial statements

The Interim Report is available online at standardlifeinvestments.com. The annual accounting year for the Funds finishes on the last day of February and the interim accounting period finishes on 31 August.

Prospectus

The Prospectus for Standard Life Investment Company is available online at standardlifeinvestments.com.

Prices

The most recent share prices are published daily online at standardlifeinvestments.com.

Cancellation Rights

Under certain circumstances, investors will have the right to cancel a deal. Please refer to the Prospectus for full details.

Buying and Selling Shares

Investors wishing to invest in any of the Sub-funds can contact their usual Financial Adviser or telephone the ACD's Customer Information Team on 0345 113 6966 (or +44 (0)1268 44 5488 from outwith the UK) for information in how to invest.

Applications for shares can be made by sending a completed application form together with a cheque (a cheque need not be provided if paying by direct debit as below) made payable to the ACD at the address: Standard Life Investments (Mutual Funds) Limited, PO Box 12233, Chelmsford CM99 2EE. Applications for shares can also be made by telephone and must be followed by sending an application form and cheque (the latter need not be provided if paying by direct debit as below) made payable to the ACD at the address above.

Holders can sell some or all of their shares through their usual financial adviser or by writing to the ACD at the above address. In either case the holder's account number must be guoted and the request must be signed by the holder or all the joint holders if the shares are held in joint names.

Shares can also be sold by telephone, on any day that the ACD is open for business, on 0345 113 6966 (+44 (0)1268 44 5488), although the request must be confirmed in writing. Shares will be sold on a forward pricing basis and the investor will receive the price at the relevant valuation point on the day after the ACD receives the instructions (verbal or written, as the case may be).

Please refer to the Prospectus for full details.

Minimum Investment

The minimum initial investment in shares varies from Sub-fund to Sub-fund. Please refer to the Prospectus for full details.

Minimum Redemption

It is possible to sell all or part of a holding at any time. Please refer to the Prospectus for full details.

Switching

At any time, an investor may switch some or all of the shares in one class/Sub-fund for shares in another class/Sub-fund. Switching instructions can either be given by accessing your investments online at www.myaccountonline.co.uk/sli or by calling us on 0345 113 6966 (+44 (0) 1268 445 488).

UCITS

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