

# Investec Funds Series iv Semi-Annual Report and Accounts

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\* The above information collectively forms the Authorised Corporate Director's Report

# Diversified Growth Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term real returns (through a combination of income and capital growth). Real returns are returns in excess of UK inflation (currently measured by the increase in the UK Consumer Price Index). The Fund targets a performance return of UK CPI +5% (gross of fees) per annum over rolling 5-year periods and is therefore managed with reference to an index. The Fund's real returns and its performance target are not guaranteed over the long term or over any period of time and you may get back less than you invested.

The Fund invests around the world in shares of companies; bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times); property; commodities; other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party); derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset) and cash. Exposure to shares may be up to 85%. The bonds invested in are issued by governments or companies.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund. The portfolio's value at risk (risk of capital loss) will be managed relative to that of the MSCI World GBP Hedged Index. This index is not relevant for performance comparison purposes.

Investments may be directly in the assets themselves (excluding property and commodities) or indirectly through other investments and other funds (up to 100%).

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund cannot replicate the benchmark index (CPI consists of the prices of a shopping basket of consumer goods and services). The Investment Manager is free to choose the investments of the Fund and these will not resemble the components of the benchmark index.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Diversified Growth Fund 'I' accumulation shares	3.94*
Performance comparison index	3.05**
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return during the period under review and outperformed the performance comparison index.

## Factors helping performance

The main drivers of returns were Growth assets. The top contributor of returns was our core equity allocation, the 'total return equity strategy' – a basket of quality stocks developed by our Multi-Asset investment team that has a track record of resilient returns. There were two main causes for this performance. First, the in-depth security-level analysis undertaken by our sector-specialist analysts proved to be effective in unearthing securities with fundamental strength (such as the companies' finances being strong enough to withstand market shocks as was the case in August off the back of another trade war flare up). Second, actions taken by the US Federal Reserve Bank (Fed) and other central banks – moving to ease monetary policy in the shape of interest rate cuts – helped US businesses and consumers amid recession fears, which had a

positive impact on US equities and so this strategy. In addition, exposure to emerging market currencies was a healthy contributor to returns. For example, the short exposure (effectively betting against) to the Korean won and Taiwanese dollar added given the impact of trade war uncertainties on these currencies.

Among Defensive assets, positions in longer-dated US Treasuries added to returns given the significant fall in yields over the reporting period.

Among Uncorrelated assets, gold exposure was a contributor to positive returns during a period that saw investors favour the safe-haven asset amid uncertain macroeconomic conditions and some choppy returns across asset classes.

### **Factors hindering performance**

Throughout the period, the US yield curve 'flattened' i.e. the yield at longer maturities fell relative to yields at shorter maturities given recession fears and the market's view that interest rates would need cutting in the future. This therefore negatively impacted the 'steepener' position – an investment strategy designed to benefit from the reverse i.e. yields at longer bond maturities rising relative to yields at shorter maturities.

Two Defensive positions designed to provide explicit protection to the portfolio – the short semi-conductors equity position and US equity put options – detracted given the ultimately positive period for US equities. These positions did help to mitigate losses over the tricky month of August though.

Finally, the 'spin-off equity basket' struggled from its value bias during a period that favoured quality stocks. We closed this basket in August.

Within Defensive assets, our long Japanese yen exposure was another detractor. The common relationship of the yen acting as a safe haven during periods of market turmoil didn't hold as much as investors expected over this period. Overspill fears from the US-China trade war weighed on the currency as did the continued widening in the interest rate differential between the US and Japan, which contributed to the relative unattractiveness of the yen for some investors.

### **Portfolio activity**

#### **Significant purchases**

Canadian Government Bond 2% 01/05/2021; United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 1% 15/02/2049; Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030; Republic of South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026; Mexican Bonos 8.5% 31/05/2029; iShares Physical Gold ETC; Turkey Government Bond 12.4% 08/03/2028; Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029; Turkey Government International Bond 6% 25/03/2027; Indonesia Treasury Bond 6.5% 15/06/2025.

#### **Significant sales**

United States Treasury Bond 3% 15/05/2047; Bundesrepublik Deutschland Government Bond 0.5% 15/02/2028; Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.125% 15/05/2024; Canadian Government Bond 2% 01/05/2021; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 6.5% 28/02/2024; Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.25% 15/05/2029; Honeywell International; TRI Pointe; American Financial.

## **Outlook**

We remain in a binary environment whereby either weak manufacturing data and lagged effects of quantitative tightening have a negative impact on services, which could result in the economy rolling into recession, or more recent easing of monetary policy proves to be supportive of consumption, which could in turn lead to a cyclical upswing. Over the course of November, data such as that within trade and manufacturing has shown signs of improvement, reducing the probability of recession. However, the continued move towards deglobalisation increases uncertainty and impacts spending patterns. We believe it is important to continue to monitor the labour market and services sector. In the meantime, while we remain cautious, we have added to growth exposure on the back of increasing evidence that the risk of recession has diminished somewhat.

\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

\*\*Index (The Fund targets UK CPI + 5% p.a. (gross) over rolling 5 years) shown for performance comparison purposes only. For this Fund, there is no relevant peer group sector against which to measure Fund performance.

The opinions expressed herein are as at end of November 2019.

## Risk and Reward profile\*



This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.

The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the risk and reward indicator scale. This is because the mix of assets it invests in tends to produce returns which fluctuate more than those of cash funds but less than those of funds which solely invest in the shares of companies.

### The following risks may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

**Currency exchange:** Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Default:** There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Emerging market:** These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

**Equity investment:** The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

**Government securities exposure:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus.

**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

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The full list of the Fund's risks are contained in Appendix VII of the Investec Funds Series Omnibus prospectus.

# Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times) issued by governments, institutions or companies in emerging markets (countries that are in economic terms less developed than the major Western countries). These bonds are issued in either the currency of the country in which they are issued or in hard currencies (globally traded major currencies).

The Fund uses a currency hedging strategy that aims to reduce the impact of exchange rate movements between US dollars (USD) and the currency that the Fund's investments are valued in, sterling (GBP), consistent with the currency hedging in the Fund's performance comparison index.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is managed with reference to a benchmark composite index, the 50% JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified, 25% JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Hedged GBP, 25% JPMorgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Hedged GBP Index, because it uses this index for performance comparison and risk management.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It may at times hold assets similar to the index but the Investment Manager may also select assets which are not components of the index. The assets in the Fund therefore may be different from the index. However, the portfolio's value at risk (risk of capital loss) will be managed relative to that of the index.

The Investment Association Global Emerging Markets Bond Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund 'I' accumulation shares	3.61*
Performance comparison index	2.67**
Peer group sector average	2.80**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Total deemed income distributions per 'I' accumulation shares

6 Months to 30 November 2019	3.24 pence
6 Months to 30 November 2018	3.29 pence

The amount of income payable may rise or fall.

## Performance review

The Fund produced a positive return over the period, outperforming its performance comparison index and peer group sector average.

## Factors helping performance

Our positioning in the Egyptian pound as well as Egypt's local currency and hard currency bonds continued to boost performance. Egyptian markets performed well over the period; the country's positive economic progress coupled with the relatively high yield offered by its currency continued to attract investors. Interest rate cuts by Egypt's central bank gave a further boost to bond prices, since bond prices rise as interest rates fall.

In Russia, lower-than-expected inflation raised the prospect of interest rate cuts and this caused a bond-market rally. Our overweight positioning in Russia's local bonds boosted performance.

Within hard currency bond markets, our decision not to hold the Lebanese bonds cushioned against weakness there. Lebanon saw widespread nationwide protests, which led to the resignation of the Prime Minister and weighed on bond prices.

## Factors hindering performance

Being cautiously positioned in Turkish local bonds meant the Fund could not fully benefit from the strengthening of Turkish assets during the period. An upbeat inflation report from the new central bank governor allowed a cut in interest rates, which boosted bond prices, and inflation expectations continue to fall. However, we have concerns over the independence of the Turkish central bank – recent moves aimed at getting state banks to lend more seem to be driven by government pressure. Hence, we retain our underweight position.

Similarly, the Fund's underweight positioning in Mexican local bonds prevented it from benefiting fully from the bond price rise that followed an interest rate cut there. We retain our position in the bonds but have increased our exposure to the peso in view of persistently high real rates.

Within hard currency bonds markets, our overweight positioning in Ecuador detracted from returns. The failure of Ecuador's government to pass an important economic growth bill came as a negative surprise to investors. We continue to have a positive view on Ecuador's bonds. The government has now resubmitted the revenue side of the reform package and is working with the opposition party to ensure this goes through, and asset prices have since bounced off their lows.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Malaysia Government Bond 3.882% 10/03/2022; China Development Bank 3.48% 08/01/2029; Saudi Government International Bond 4.5% 26/10/2046; Peru Government Bond 5.4% 12/08/2034; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 7.95% 07/10/2026; United States Treasury Bond 2.875% 15/05/2049; Croatia Government International Bond 6% 26/01/2024; Bonos de la Tesoreria de la Republica en pesos 4.5% 01/03/2026; Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2025; Mexico Government International Bond 4.35% 15/01/2047.

### Significant sales

Mexican Bonos 7.5% 03/06/2027; Croatia Government International Bond 6% 26/01/2024; Israel Government Bond 5.5% 31/01/2042; Costa Rica Government International Bond 7.158% 12/03/2045; Colombian TES 7% 04/05/2022; Thailand Government Bond 3.775% 25/06/2032; Saudi Government International Bond 4.5% 26/10/2046; Oman Government International Bond 4.875% 01/02/2025; Oman Government International Bond 6% 01/08/2029; Bonos del Banco Central de Chile en pesos 6% 01/02/2021.



## **Outlook**

Recent positive developments in trade, growth and monetary policy direction prompted us to increase our overall risk exposure in early October.

Stronger Purchasing Managers' Index data points to positive dynamics in the global manufacturing sector, and the level of liquidity in markets has improved. However, the global growth backdrop remains fragile.

We expect the continued backdrop of low interest rates to boost emerging market currency strength by attracting investors to the higher yields they offer relative to many other markets. We also believe the trajectory for relative economic growth – with emerging market economies having relatively more room and potential to surprise on the upside than their developed market peers – can still support the asset class.

In local currency bonds, the risks seem quite balanced: local-yield valuations look quite stretched, although the soft growth and inflation environment provides ample scope for emerging market central banks to ease further monetary policy. This could boost bond prices given their inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates.

Within hard currency bond markets, we still see some value given improving credit fundamentals overall, particularly in non-oil exporting, high-yield reform stories. We are also encouraged by a recent shift within the International Monetary Fund to a more holistic approach to economic reform. However, recent market and heavy investor positioning in hard currency mean we have neutral positioning overall in this part of the asset class.

\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

\*\*Index (50% JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified, 30% JPMorgan EBMI Global Diversified Hedged GBP, 20% JPMorgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Hedged GBP) and peer group sector average (Investment Association Global Emerging Markets Bond sector) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

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**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

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# Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to grow the value of your investment over the long term.

The Fund invests primarily in the shares of companies either in emerging markets (countries that are in economic terms less developed than the major Western countries) or with material links to these markets.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is managed with reference to a benchmark index, the MSCI EM (Net Return) Index, because it uses this index for performance comparison and risk management.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It may at times hold assets similar to the index but the Investment Manager may also select assets which are not components of the index. The assets in the Fund therefore may be different from the index. However, the Investment Manager will manage the extent of any such differences.

The Investment Association Global Emerging Markets Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Emerging Markets Equity Fund 'I' accumulation shares	5.16*
Performance comparison index	3.17**
Peer group sector average	3.60**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive absolute return during the period under review and outperformed its performance comparison index and peer group sector average.

## Factors helping performance

The portfolio outperformed in technology and materials, largely due to positive stock picking. Within technology, our overweight in Taiwan Semiconductor performed well over the period given a brightening backdrop for the semiconductor market and particularly hopes for improving end-demand for the memory market. Strong demand in the second half of 2019 has come from the release of 5G networks which has increased consumer demand for smartphones. Our overweight holding in Broadcom also proved positive, benefiting from strength across each of Broadcom's key end-markets — namely data centres (cloud), 5G and smartphone demand. Novatek participated in the broad sector rise over the period. The rate of cuts in earnings estimates has been lessening, which has driven an improvement in the sector.

In materials, mining group Norilsk Nickel was boosted on rising prices in the commodity. Gold and silver miner Polymetal also advanced as strength in the gold price has provided a strong tailwind for the company performance. In October, the company announced that their third-quarter revenue was up 43% year-on-year.

In communication services, our underweight to Tencent Holdings added to relative returns as the share price continued to be weak on the back of concerns around PC games declining and a slowdown in advertising. Chinese communication services firm NetEase reported strong earnings and revealed a rich game pipeline, with approvals received for key new game Fantasy Westward Journey 3D.

Stock picking in China was once again a key driver of outperformance. This was helped by consumer discretionary company Alibaba who posted strong 'singles day' sales and had a successful secondary listing in Hong Kong, which was well received by the market. Chinese pharmaceutical company CSPC recovered after its first half revenue figures beat expectations, while its profit was in line due to high investment in marketing and research and development. The company was previously swept up in a sector-wide sell-off after Chinese policymakers announced that a pilot project aimed at curbing drug prices succeeded in securing large discounts for purchasers. This prompted investors to worry about the sector's margins going forward, but it has since emerged this has limited impact for CSPC.

## Factors hindering performance

Returns were hindered most of all by the financials and consumer discretionary sectors. Within financials, Banco do Brasil detracted. After a strong run year-to-date, Brazilian shares came off over dampened investor sentiment over the government's response to the Amazonian fires. Within consumer discretionary, Netherlands-listed Prosus, a spinoff from parent company Naspers, tumbled following a large profit miss from Chinese internet giant Tencent – one of its core holdings.

In terms of individual names, the portfolio's single largest stock-level detractor was Brazilian hypermarket Atacadao whose share price came off over concerns about the recovery of the Brazilian economy after a strong run in the year to date. Consumer staples company Ambev reported disappointing third-quarter results with weakness driven by Brazil beer volumes, while other divisions had better volume performance. The company lost market share in the quarter after two quarters of gaining share. China Telecom also underperformed, as revenue momentum in the Chinese telecom sector is deteriorating with irrational price competition from China Mobile increases.

Energy firm Exxaro Resources retreated as price catalysts weakened with hopes for swapping its stake in iron ore miner SIOC for shares in Kumba was off the cards, as discussions with Kumba's majority shareholder Anglo American appeared to be at an impasse. Moreover, cost control and project management are key, as management stressed the need to diversify away from coal. We have since closed the position.

Within materials, Indorama Ventures declined given the weak chemical cycle and pressure on spreads, while it has an inverse relationship to the strengthening Thai Baht. Weak selling prices are putting strain on revenues and earnings particularly for ethane-based crackers.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Naspers; Haier Smart Home; Ambev ADR; NetEase; Alibaba ADR; China Feihe; Samsung Electronics; Sands China; MediaTek; Kakao.

### Significant sales

Tencent; Infosys ADR; Yduqs; Tech Mahindra; Credicorp; Mondy; PTT; First Abu Dhabi Bank; Prosus; Malayan Banking.

## **Outlook**

The wax and wane of US-China trade tensions are a recipe for volatility, risk aversion and put pressure on higher risk asset classes (such as equities, and in particular emerging market equities). Historically periods of heightened risk aversion have tended to be short-lived. In addition, the increasing dovishness of central banks globally will provide some underpin for risk assets. This is an environment where in the short-term distinguishing 'signal' from 'noise' is going to be exceedingly difficult, but such periods can create opportunities. We find it interesting that our process is beginning to distinguish some companies that are beneficiaries of existing themes (and where valuations have been forced down to compelling levels) or companies that in our view could potentially benefit from some of the rapid changes to the economic environment. It is also worth noting that emerging market equities have been volatile from quarter to quarter in the past year, but have broadly traded within a relatively narrow range in that time. Why the resilience when faced with an epic trade war and a major global economic slowdown? Because the asset class is relatively cheap versus history and developed markets. Expectations are generally low (and pessimism high) and emerging market equities are generally lightly owned. This could be a recipe for much improved performance when the economic backdrop improves.

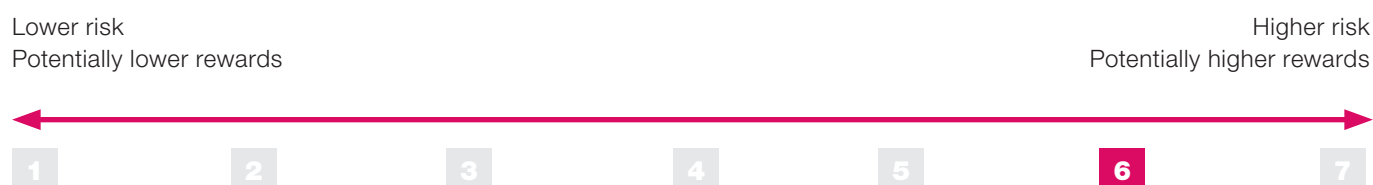
\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

\*\*Index (MSCI\*\*\* Emerging Markets NDR Index) and peer group sector average (Investment Association Global Emerging Markets) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

\*\*\*Source: MSCI. The MSCI data is comprised of a custom index calculated by MSCI for, and as requested by, Investec Asset Management Limited. The MSCI data is for internal use only and may not be redistributed or used in connection with creating or offering any securities, financial products or indices. Neither MSCI nor any other third party involved in or related to compiling, computing or creating the MSCI data (the "MSCI Parties") makes any express or implied warranties or representations with respect to such data (or the results to be obtained by the use thereof), and the MSCI Parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of originality, accuracy, completeness, merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose with respect to such data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall any of the MSCI Parties have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

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The Fund appears towards the higher end of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in the shares of companies, whose values tend to fluctuate more widely.

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# Global Franchise Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in the shares of companies.

The Fund focuses investment on companies deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality i.e. companies which have provided sustainably high levels of return on invested capital and free cash flow (a company's cash earnings after its capital expenditures have been accounted for), typically those associated with global brands or franchises.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Investment Association Global Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Global Franchise Fund 'I' accumulation shares	8.13*
Performance comparison index	9.24**
Peer group sector average	8.34**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return during the period under review, but underperformed its peer group sector average and performance comparison index.

## Factors hindering performance

The Fund's exposure to the consumer staples sector was the primary driver of relative underperformance. The main detractors included consumer goods companies Unilever, Reckitt Benckiser, Nestle and global skincare company Beiersdorf. While there were various stock-specific reasons for the underperformance – Unilever has lowered its outlook for Asia, Nestle has experienced slight margin pressure, Reckitt has had some operational issues – there was also a noticeable swing in consumer sentiment during the third quarter, which impacted these companies. Following central bank intervention in Europe and the US, we saw a rotation towards more cyclical equities, as expectations for a rebound in growth increased. This rotation meant high-quality sectors such as IT and consumer staples – held in the portfolio – lost out to the more cyclical sectors such as banks, materials, energy and industrials. This theme persisted for much of the latter portion of the year. Our allocation to consumer staples is a key foundation in the portfolio's defensive profile, which historically has offered good protection in market drawdowns.

Our position in internet domain registry firm Verisign was the leading detractor over the period. The shares performed well in the first half of 2019, but fell back as we headed into the second-half. At that time there were concerns as to whether the governing body ICANN would extend the terms of the current pricing agreement. Furthermore, the shares were also impacted by the rotation away from high-quality IT stocks.

### **Factors helping performance**

At a stock level, the largest contributor was lithography equipment manufacturer ASML. The company's shares reacted positively to updates from semiconductor manufacturers (ASML's customers) and their plans for increased capital expenditure, and implied increasing spend on lithography equipment. Other contributors included credit rating agencies Moody's and S&P Global, both of which posted stronger than expected results in the period.

Within financials, US asset manager Charles Schwab was a strong contributor to returns. Following its decision to cut online brokerage fees again in October, Schwab launched a bid to buy rival broker TD Ameritrade for US\$26 billion. The market reacted positively to the news, as this deal is expected to yield significant synergies and reinforce Schwab's already strong competitive position.

### **Portfolio activity**

#### **Significant purchases**

Visa; St James's Place; Booking; Philip Morris International; Fox; Charles Schwab; Microsoft; ASML; Check Point Software Technologies; VeriSign.

#### **Significant sales**

Visa; Microsoft; 3M; VeriSign; Booking; Moody's; Colgate-Palmolive, Nestle; Intuit; Johnson & Johnson.

### **Outlook**

The strength of markets in the latter part of 2019 can in part be attributed to accommodative central bank policy. In the US and Europe, 'easing' beginning in September appeared to spur another leg in the rally of risk assets; namely equities. Central bankers have had good reason to be patient with their plans to normalise monetary policy; as global GDP growth slowed in 2019, and growth expectations have been downgraded. In addition to slowing global growth there remains a long list of factors which weigh on investors' minds, not least: weakened consumer confidence in Europe, the continued industrial slump in Germany, concerns over the ability for the UK to negotiate a fast-track trade deal with the EU, and escalating tensions in the Middle East.

The current trade war truce and announcement of a 'phase one' trade deal between the US and China has also been taken positively by markets (the S&P 500 reaching record highs in early January). However this market confidence may be short-lived, as a number of triggers could see the return of trade tensions; notably Washington's satisfaction (or lack thereof) with Chinese intellectual property rights compliance. We also note the irony of Beijing insisting that the purchase of US agricultural produce is subject to market forces and WTO rules; and have not yet confirmed Mr Trump's figure of US\$40 billion per annum. Many businesses will remain cautious throughout 2020 as they watch the implementation of this 'mini-deal'.



Given the macroeconomic backdrop, equity markets are starting to look more vulnerable than they have for some time, especially given the strong recovery in valuations witnessed throughout 2019. We believe that in the face of these headwinds and exogenous risks, portfolio resilience is now more important than ever, and structural rather than cyclical growth will be the key to differentiated, defensive performance. The fortunes of external factors, such as commodity prices, interest rates, or the economy, cannot be relied upon to sustain growth. We maintain discipline by investing in high-quality companies at reasonable valuations, which continue to compound cashflows at attractive rates over time. Nothing has changed in terms of how quality companies can provide long-term outperformance, and thus we believe the opportunities provided by quality stocks remain attractive.

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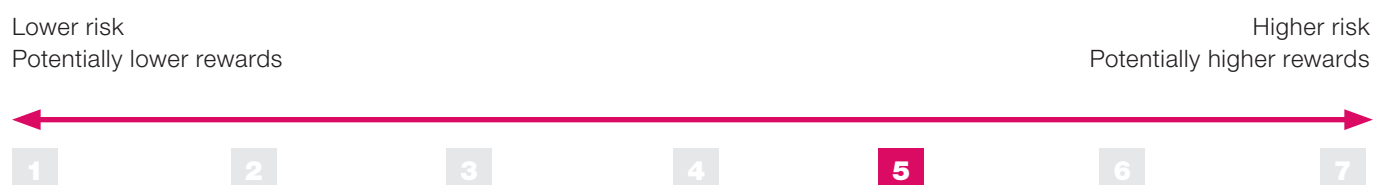
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The outlook of this fund is similar to that of the Global Quality Equity Income Fund.

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## Risk and Reward profile\*



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# Global Quality Equity Income Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in the shares of companies around the world with a focus on companies deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality i.e. companies which have provided sustainably high levels of return on invested capital and free cash flow (a company's cash earnings after its capital expenditures have been accounted for). The Fund may, at times, invest in a relatively small number of companies.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is managed with reference to a benchmark index, the MSCI AC World (Net Return) Index, because it uses this index for performance comparison.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It may at times hold assets similar to the index but the Investment Manager has full discretion to select assets which are not components of the index. The assets in the Fund therefore may be very different from the index.

The Investment Association Global Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Global Quality Equity Income Fund 'I' income-2 shares	8.63%*
Performance comparison index	9.24%**
Peer group sector average	7.34%**

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## Total deemed income distributions per 'I' income-2 share

6 Months to 30 November 2019	1.16 pence
6 Months to 30 November 2018	1.35 pence

The amount of income payable may rise or fall.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return during the period under review. The Fund underperformed its performance comparison index, but outperformed the peer group sector average.

## Factors hindering performance

The Fund's exposure to the consumer staples sector was the primary driver of relative underperformance. The main detractors included consumer goods companies Unilever and Reckitt Benckiser, and alcoholic beverage-related companies Anheuser-Busch InBev (ABI) and Diageo. While there were various stock-specific reasons for the underperformance – Unilever has lowered its outlook for Asia, Reckitt has had some operational issues, ABI has been impacted by lower shipments to China and the US – there was also a noticeable swing in consumer sentiment during the third quarter, which impacted these companies. Following central bank intervention in Europe and the US, we saw a rotation towards more cyclical equities, as expectations for a rebound in growth increased. This rotation meant high-quality sectors such as IT and consumer staples – held in the portfolio – lost out to the more cyclical sectors such as banks, materials, energy and industrials. This theme persisted for much of the latter portion of the year. Our allocation to consumer staples is a key foundation in the portfolio's defensive profile, which historically has offered good protection in market drawdowns.

Within IT, business software company Sage reported disappointing third-quarter numbers – overall organic revenue was lower than reported in the first half. Furthermore, the shares were also impacted by the rotation away from high-quality IT stocks. Sage has been a top performer over the past year and we retain the position.

## Factors helping performance

Stock selection in industrials was the leading contributor over the period, driven by our position in Rockwell Automation. Its shares rallied strongly in November on a better-than-expected quarterly earnings report and improved guidance. The positive results eased fears that the company's manufacturing customers were cutting, or at least delaying, capital spending.

At a stock level, the largest contributor was lithography equipment manufacturer ASML. The company's shares reacted positively to updates from semiconductor manufacturers (ASML's customers) and their plans for increased capital expenditure, and implied increasing spend on lithography equipment. Other IT contributors included software company Microsoft, which continued to benefit from strong sales for its cloud system, Azure.

Other strong performers included athletic sports brand Nike which benefited from strong results. Nike's operating results bounced in the third quarter of 2019 versus the previous quarter, as its recent investment into product and digital started to shine through.

Within financials, US asset manager Charles Schwab was a strong contributor to returns. Following its decision to cut online brokerage fees again in October, Schwab launched a bid to buy rival broker TD Ameritrade for US\$26 billion. The market reacted positively to the news, as this deal is expected to yield significant synergies and reinforce Schwab's already strong competitive position.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Fox; Roche.

### Significant sales

Alcon.

## Outlook

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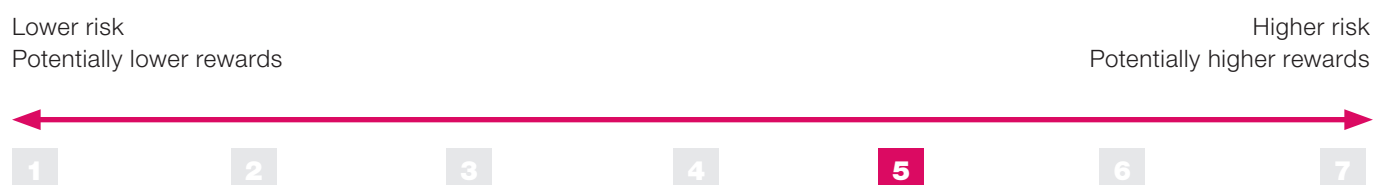
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# Global Special Situations Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in the shares of companies and currently uses a value-based, contrarian approach (investing in companies seen as undervalued where market sentiment is believed to be generally weak) in selecting investments.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

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The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

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The Investment Association Global Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Global Special Situations Fund 'I' accumulation shares	11.18*
Performance comparison index	9.24**
Peer group sector average	8.34**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return during the period under review, outperforming its peer group sector average and the performance comparison index.

## Factors helping performance

The Fund outperformed over the period. At the macroeconomic level, certain holdings within the portfolio benefited as the US and China made progress in trade talks, and on rosier expectations for the UK economy as Prime Minister Boris Johnson appeared close to brokering an agreement over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

At the stock level, the leading contributors to relative returns included Capita, whose share price advanced over the period, accelerating in August on solid first-half results before making further gains in September. The outsourcer and consulting

services business is pursuing a change programme begun almost two years ago aimed at focusing on core competencies, improving its culture and strengthening its balance sheet.

Other contributors benefited from a broad rotation back towards stocks exposed to the UK economy as a Brexit deal began to look more likely. Building materials company Travis Perkins, which has been weighed down by the slowdown in UK construction, was among them, gaining strongly in October as UK-EU talks advanced.

Progress in US-China trade negotiations during the period lifted US bank stocks, among others. Our holdings in Citigroup and Bank of America were among the top contributors to relative returns over the period. Other contributors included Japanese sportswear brand Asics, whose share price jumped in August on well-received results. It maintained its positive momentum in September and October.

## Factors hindering performance

The primary detractors from relative returns included automotive classified website cars.com, whose shares fell in August after the business lowered full-year guidance and announced that it had failed to find a buyer, as well as on refinancing concerns. US autoparts producer Delphi Technologies also delivered disappointing results in August, its shares declining largely on lower margins.

Business process services provider Conduent was another of the leading detractors, its shares again the victim of a poor update during the period under review. We sold out of Conduent to add to our position in IT outsourcer DXC, a similar business in some ways, in which we have more conviction.

Shares in Kangwon Land, which operates casinos in South Korea, declined on delays to the anticipated loosening of regulations on the Korean gambling industry. The share price of Helmerich & Payne, which supplies oil & gas drilling equipment and was also among the leading detractors in the period, declined on challenges in the US shale sector. Demands by lenders and investors for shale producers to exercise more cost discipline have led to a sharp contraction in industry spending.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Bayer; DXC Technology; GEA; easyJet; Continental; Ingredion; Cars.com; Tapestry; National Oilwell Varco; American Express.

### Significant sales

Western Union; Deere; MicroStrategy; Cia de Saneamento Basico do Estado de Sao Paulo; Asics; Cia de Saneamento de Minas Gerais; Conduent; Aldar Properties; Adecco; Kangwon Land.

## Outlook

The rotation back into value stocks towards the end of the period under review is a reminder of how quickly perceptions of unloved companies can change. The fact that some of these stocks can rally hard on very little news also underlines how extremely negative the consensus view on cyclically exposed businesses has become.

It is too early to say whether the recent reversal of investors' aversion to cyclical stocks will be more than temporary. But by the time we find out, it will likely be too late for investors without exposure to value businesses. As we have said on many occasions, it is difficult to time turnarounds and identify the catalysts that will spark a rally, but share prices can move very swiftly indeed once market sentiment towards a company shifts.



Even after this value rally, the valuation gap between cyclical and growth companies remains very wide relative to history. We believe that we have a portfolio that has rarely been cheaper, which is essentially fully invested, and that trades at a significant discount to the market even assuming no recovery in our stocks' earnings. We will continue to use market volatility and, in our view, irrational price moves to add to positions in which we have conviction.

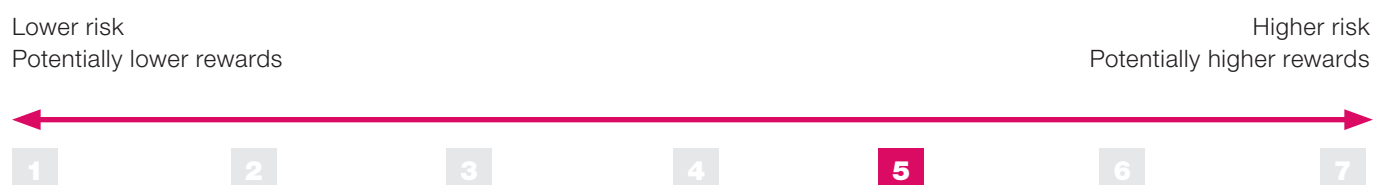
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# Multi-Asset Protector Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth and provide protection (the minimum amount you can expect to get back from your investment) at 80% of the Fund's highest ever share price.

The Fund invests around the world in shares of companies (up to 85%); bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times); property; commodities; cash (up to 100%); and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Investment may be directly in the assets themselves (excluding property and commodities) or indirectly through other funds (up to 100%).

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods) and other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund aims to provide the 80% protection by gradually switching from the investment portfolio to a cash portfolio when markets fall. As a further level of security the Fund will invest in a derivative contract with a single counterparty. Where this arrangement fails to support the protection level, the Fund will only be relying on its cash allocation policy to provide the protection.

The costs of providing the protection are between 0.15-0.5% and are charged to the Fund. These costs are in addition to the ongoing charge set out in the charges section.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark index, however performance of the Fund may be compared against a return of 5% per annum in GBP.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Multi-Asset Protector Fund 'A' accumulation shares	4.25*
Performance comparison index	Not applicable**
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return over the period.

## Factors helping performance

The Fund's allocation on both equities and fixed income produced positive returns.

Within equities, US equity positions made the most notable contribution to performance as the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy easing in the shape of interest rate cuts helped ease potential financial pressure on businesses and consumers. This helped the share prices of higher quality companies advance. This positively impacted our core equity allocation, the 'total return equity strategy' – a basket of quality stocks developed by our Multi-Asset investment team that has a track record of resilient returns. Small positive contributions also came from our positions in other regions – UK, Europe, Japan, Asia and emerging markets.

Fixed income positions also added to performance over the period – global growth continued to slow and the efforts by the Fed and a number of other major central banks continued as they either cut interest rates or conveyed that they expected to do so in the near future. The portfolio's allocation to longer-dated US Treasuries contributed notably as we fully exited a large allocation after a significant decline in US Treasury yields, driven by investor concerns for global growth. UK gilts also made a positive contribution.

Our gold exposure was another key contributor to positive returns during a period that saw investors favour the safe-haven asset amid uncertain macroeconomic conditions and some choppy returns across asset classes.

## Factors hindering performance

Although all asset classes produced a positive return over the period, temporary deterioration in trade talks between the US and China as well as the pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong caused Hong Kong's equity market to weaken sharply. This negatively impacted our exposure to Hong Kong equities.

We believe this to be temporary volatility that, over the reporting period, brought with it pricing discrepancies for attractive securities such as financial and real estate stocks. We decided to take advantage of this volatility and the attractive prices, adding new holdings to the Fund. This decision is supported by our ongoing macro research that analyses the long-term growth opportunity in Asian consumer demand.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Canadian Government Bond 1.75% 01/05/2021; United States Treasury Note 2.625% 15/02/2029; US Treasury Note 2.375% 15/05/2029; iShares Physical Gold; Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029; Turkey Government International Bond 7% 05/06/2020; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027; Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030; Turkey Government International Bond 6.25% 26/09/2022; JPMorgan Chase.

### Significant sales

United States Treasury Note 2.625% 15/02/2029; New Capital Wealthy Nations Bond Fund (GBP); United States Treasury Note 2.25% 15/08/2046; United States Treasury Note 3% 15/02/2047; United States Treasury Note 2.875% 15/11/2046; United States Treasury Note 3% 15/05/2045; United States Treasury Note 3% 15/05/2047; H2O Multibonds; iShares Physical Gold; Investec Diversified Income Fund.

## **Outlook**

There are early signs that the macroeconomic environment is stabilising, with leading indicators turning higher in China and no longer declining in the US and Europe. The Fund's equity allocation has increased as a result and we have scope to add further to the asset class should we begin to see evidence of growth improving. We would continue to note that the US economy has been growing at an unprecedented pace for a record amount of time, which remains a major concern for investors. We are therefore remaining vigilant; monitoring any signs of potential imbalances and recession risks (such as the housing bubble that caused the 2008 financial crisis) as we head into 2020.

Defensive allocations have declined through this year as we have fully exited US Treasury positions as mentioned above, but we maintain exposure to the Japanese yen and gold to provide some counterbalance to the portfolio's growth bias. We will continue to adjust the Fund's positioning as we obtain more evidence regarding the direction of the US and European economies.

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Lower risk  
Higher risk  
Potentially lower rewards  
Potentially higher rewards



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**Fund closure:** Where the Fund is unable to find a suitable counterparty to enable at least 80% of the value of the Fund to be protected or where only allocation to cash is feasible, the Fund may have to be closed with the proceeds returned to investors.

**Government securities exposure:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus. Currently, it is expected that the Fund will exceed this limit in securities issued by the UK government.

**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

**Large cash holding:** There is a risk that the Fund may hold large proportions of cash for considerable periods of time. This may lead to the Fund underperforming those markets where it is usually expected to invest.

**Protected value:** Whilst the Fund will endeavour to protect at least 80% of its value at all times this is not guaranteed.

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# Multi-Asset Protector Fund 2

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth and provide protection (the minimum amount you can expect to get back from your investment) at 80% of the Fund's highest ever share price.

The Fund invests around the world in shares of companies (up to 85%); bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times); property; commodities; cash (up to 100%); and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Investment may be directly in the assets themselves (excluding property and commodities) or indirectly through other funds (up to 100%).

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods) and other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund aims to provide the 80% protection by gradually switching from the investment portfolio to a cash portfolio when markets fall. As a further level of security the Fund will invest in a derivative contract with a single counterparty. Where this arrangement fails to support the protection level, the Fund will only be relying on its cash allocation policy to provide the protection.

The costs of providing the protection are between 0.15-0.5% and are charged to the Fund. These costs are in addition to the ongoing charge set out in the charges section.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark index, however performance of the Fund may be compared against a return of 5% per annum in GBP.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Multi-Asset Protector Fund 2 'I' accumulation shares	4.46*
Performance comparison index	Not applicable**
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

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## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return over the period.

## Factors helping performance

The Fund's allocation on both equities and fixed income produced positive returns.

Within equities, US equity positions made the most notable contribution to performance as the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy easing in the shape of interest rate cuts helped ease potential financial pressure on businesses and consumers. This helped the share prices of higher quality companies advance. This positively impacted our core equity allocation, the 'total return equity strategy' – a basket of quality stocks developed by our Multi-Asset investment team that has a track record of resilient returns. Small positive contributions also came from our positions in other regions – UK, Europe, Japan, Asia and emerging markets.

Fixed income positions also added to performance over the period – global growth continued to slow and the efforts by the Fed and a number of other major central banks continued as they either cut interest rates or conveyed that they expected to do so in the near future. The portfolio's allocation to longer-dated US Treasuries contributed notably as we fully exited a large allocation after a significant decline in US Treasury yields, driven by investor concerns for global growth. UK gilts also made a positive contribution.

Our gold exposure was another key contributor to positive returns during a period that saw investors favour the safe-haven asset amid uncertain macroeconomic conditions and some choppy returns across asset classes.

## Factors hindering performance

Although all asset classes produced a positive return over the period, temporary deterioration in trade talks between the US and China as well as the pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong caused Hong Kong's equity market to weaken sharply. This negatively impacted our exposure to Hong Kong equities.

We believe this to be temporary volatility that, over the reporting period, brought with it pricing discrepancies for attractive securities such as financial and real estate stocks. We decided to take advantage of this volatility and the attractive prices, adding new holdings to the Fund. This decision is supported by our ongoing macro research that analyses the long-term growth opportunity in Asian consumer demand.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Canadian Government Bond 1.75% 01/05/2021; United States Treasury Note 2.625% 15/02/2029; United States Treasury Note 2.375% 15/05/2029; iShares Physical Gold ETC; Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027; Turkey Government International Bond 7% 05/06/2020; Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030; JPMorgan Chase; Turkey Government International Bond 6.25% 26/09/2022.

### Significant sales

United States Treasury Note 2.625% 15/02/2029, New Capital Wealthy Nations Bond Fund (GBP); United States Treasury Note 3% 15/02/2047; United States Treasury Note 2.25% 15/08/2046; United States Treasury Note 3% 15/05/2045; United States Treasury Note 2.875% 15/11/2046; United States Treasury Note 3% 15/05/2047; H2O Multibonds; Investec Diversified Income Fund; Turkey Government International Bond 6.25% 26/09/2022.



## **Outlook**

There are early signs that the macroeconomic environment is stabilising, with leading indicators turning higher in China and no longer declining in the US and Europe. The Fund's equity allocation has increased as a result and we have scope to add further to the asset class should we begin to see evidence of growth improving. We would continue to note that the US economy has been growing at an unprecedented pace for a record amount of time, which remains a major concern for investors. We are therefore remaining vigilant; monitoring any signs of potential imbalances and recession risks (such as the housing bubble that caused the 2008 financial crisis) as we head into 2020.

Defensive allocations have declined through this year as we have fully exited US Treasury positions as mentioned above, but we maintain exposure to the Japanese yen and gold to provide some counterbalance to the portfolio's growth bias. We will continue to adjust the Fund's positioning as we obtain more evidence regarding the direction of the US and European economies.

\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

\*\*The fund is not managed with reference to a benchmark index, however performance of the Fund may be compared against a return of 5% per annum in GBP. For this Fund, there is no relevant peer group sector average against which to measure Fund performance. The opinions expressed herein are as at end of November 2019.

## Risk and Reward profile\*



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The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the risk and reward indicator scale. This is because the mix of assets it invests in tends to produce returns which fluctuate more than those of cash funds but less than those of funds which solely invest in the shares of companies.

### The following risks may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

**Currency exchange:** Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Equity investment:** The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

**Fund closure:** Where the Fund is unable to find a suitable counterparty to enable at least 80% of the value of the Fund to be protected or where only allocation to cash is feasible, the Fund may have to be closed with the proceeds returned to investors.

**Government securities exposure:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus. Currently, it is expected that the Fund will exceed this limit in securities issued by the UK government.

**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

**Large cash holding:** There is a risk that the Fund may hold large proportions of cash for considerable periods of time. This may lead to the Fund underperforming those markets where it is usually expected to invest.

**Protected value:** Whilst the Fund will endeavour to protect at least 80% of its value at all times this is not guaranteed.

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The full list of the Fund's risks are contained in Appendix VII of the Investec Funds Series Omnibus prospectus.

# Target Return Bond Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to produce a positive performance return above overnight GBP LIBOR (an interbank lending rate) over rolling 3 year periods regardless of market conditions. The Fund targets a return of overnight GBP LIBOR +2.5% (gross of fees) per annum over rolling 3 year periods. While the Fund aims to achieve a positive return and its performance target, there is no guarantee either will be achieved over rolling 3 year periods or over any period of time.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in a wide range of bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times) issued by companies, institutions or governments and in their related derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset). The Fund will not invest in shares or in their related derivatives.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and other derivatives.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

Returns could be from income or growth or a combination of the two.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund cannot replicate the benchmark index (LIBOR is an interbank lending rate). The Investment Manager is free to choose the investments of the Fund and these will not resemble the components of the benchmark index.

## Performance record

	6 months (%)
Investec Target Return Bond Fund 'I' accumulation shares	1.75*
Performance comparison index	1.49**
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed its performance comparison index during the period under review.

## Factors helping performance

Government bond holdings added value over the period. Positions in longer-dated US Treasuries were a significant driver of positive returns during a period where interest rates fell on recession fears (prices move inversely to rates). Positive contributions also came from other markets including Japan, Norway, Russia and South Korea. We remain upbeat about the western consumer/G10 countries' economies rebounding following the move from central banks to lower interest rates.

Within credit, positions in the US and emerging market hard currency bonds were the main contributors. Given that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates over the period, this encouraged consumers and businesses who might have been otherwise deterred to spend and seek lending given recessionary fears. This boosted the amount of liquidity in the credit markets, which had a positive impact on the Fund's holdings in the US, but also across emerging market hard currency bonds and selective corporate positions too. The in-depth analysis and security selection of our sector-specialist teams helped boost returns across a diverse set of credit positions as a result.

Within the currency portfolio, our active exposure to the Japanese yen helped returns during the tricky month of August when investors sought out safe-haven assets given the fresh trade war escalation that month. On the whole, given the state of the macroeconomic picture over the reporting period with trade war escalation, uncertainty around global economic growth and other idiosyncratic factors heating up such as a number of protests across the world, we ran low risk levels in currency positions. We believe this helped protect returns from some significant volatility over the six months.

### **Factors hindering performance**

Though the first half of the period saw both equities and developed market government bonds perform well, the latter gave back some of their gains with gilts leading the way with this negative performance. This had a negative impact on our short UK gilts exposure. This position's rationale is one of the core views we hold in rates; that UK gilt yields will rise as we get more certainty following the Conservative Party's majority defeat in the December election. This is based on our belief that there is much pent up demand in the UK economy following the Brexit uncertainty. There is still much uncertainty – the UK is now able to pass a European Union withdrawal bill, activating a transition period during which little will change until the end of 2020.

However, it was announced that it would be made law that there would be no extension to this transition period beyond the end of 2020, which gives the UK government a very short period of time to agree a free trade deal that avoids a hard Brexit. The consequence of this is much of the same in terms of uncertainty, which is why we believe our view – that UK gilt yields will rise is yet to play out.

Elsewhere, the only other negative performance of note was in a small allocation to emerging market corporate bonds, where political upheaval in Argentina saw a downgrade in Argentine sovereign debt which spilled over into the credit market. After leveraging our shared resource platform and consulting with the Emerging Market Fixed Income investment team within our firm, we continued to hold exposure to this small allocation which contributed positively to performance later in the period as the market recovered, but not enough to recoup earlier losses.

### **Portfolio activity**

#### **Significant purchases**

Ecuador Government International Bond 7.875% 23/01/2028; United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.5% 15/04/2024; Republic of South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026; Ecuador Government International Bond 10.75% 31/01/2029; Peru Government Bond 6.35% 12/08/2028, Egypt Government International Bond 8.5% 31/01/2047, Egypt Government International Bond 5.625% 16/04/2030; Nigeria Government International Bond 7.625% 28/11/2047; French Republic Government Bond OAT 2% 25/05/2048; French Republic Government Bond OAT 1.5% 25/05/2050.

#### **Significant sales**

United States Treasury Note 2.875% 30/11/2023; Ecuador Government International Bond 7.875% 23/01/2028; United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.5% 15/04/2024; Ukraine Government International Bond 7.75% 01/09/2027, Republic of South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026; Ecuador Government International Bond 10.75% 31/01/2029; Peru Government Bond 6.35% 12/08/2028; Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 7.7% 23/03/2033; Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 0.25% 15/02/2027; Egypt Government International Bond 5.625% 16/04/2030; Ukraine Government International Bond 9.75% 01/11/2028; Nigeria Government International Bond 7.625% 28/11/2047; French Republic Government Bond OAT 2% 25/05/2048.

## **Outlook**

We remain in a binary environment whereby either weak manufacturing data and lagged effects of quantitative tightening have a negative impact on services, which results in the economy rolling into recession, or more recent easing of monetary policy proves to be supportive of consumption and in turn a cyclical upswing. Over the course of the last month, data such as that within trade and manufacturing has shown signs of improvement, diminishing the tail risks and in turn reducing at the margin the probability of recession. However, the continued move towards deglobalisation increases uncertainty and impacts spending patterns. We believe it is important to continue to monitor the labour market and services sector. In the meantime, cautious positioning is prudent until more clarity is gained.

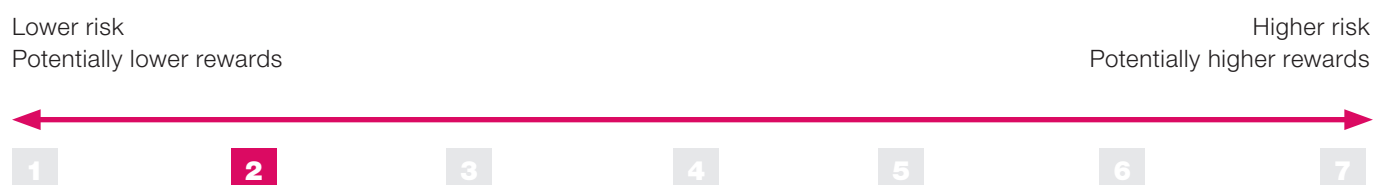
\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

\*\*Index (LIBOR GBP Overnight Rate) shown for performance comparison purposes only. For this Fund, there is no relevant peer group sector against which to measure Fund performance.

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The Target Return Bond Fund is due to close on 18 February 2020, a notice of closure was sent out to investors on 13 December 2019.

## Risk and Reward profile\*



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The Fund appears towards the lower end of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in bonds whose returns tend to fluctuate more than those of cash funds but less than those of funds which invest in the shares of companies.

### The following risks may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

**Currency exchange:** Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

**Default:** There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

**Derivatives:** The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

**Emerging market:** These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

**Government securities exposure:** The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus. Currently, it is expected that the Fund will exceed this limit in securities issued by the US government.

**Interest rate:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

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# UK Total Return Fund

## Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth.

While the Fund aims to achieve a positive return this is not guaranteed over any period of time, and you may get back less than you invested.

The Fund invests primarily in equities (e.g. shares of companies) and related derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset). At least 80% of the Fund's equity investments will be priced in sterling.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objectives by holding investments which, in combination, are considered over the long term to offer a level of risk lower than that of the FTSE All-Share Index (an index representing a broad spread of companies listed on the London Stock Exchange).

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and other derivatives.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund is managed with reference to a benchmark index, the FTSE All- Share (Total Return) Index, because it uses this index for performance comparison.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It may at times hold assets similar to the index but the Investment Manager has full discretion to select assets which are not components of the index. The assets in the Fund therefore may be very different from the index.

## Performance record

	<b>6 months (%)</b>
Investec UK Total Return Fund 'I' accumulation shares	8.60*
Performance comparison index	5.84*
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

## Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed the performance comparison index during the period under review.

## Factors helping performance

At the macro level, performance benefited in part from rosier expectations for the UK economy as Prime Minister Boris Johnson appeared close to brokering an agreement over the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. That altered the market's very gloomy view on the potential impacts of Brexit and sparked significant gains for some of the companies in the portfolio. In terms of broad positioning, the Fund profited from exposure to domestically focused UK businesses, which outperformed internationally oriented companies, and to value stocks, which outperformed quality stocks as investors rotated towards cyclical businesses partly on optimism that the US and China would strike a trade deal.

At the stock level, the leading contributors to relative returns included Capita, whose share price advanced strongly over the period, accelerating in August on solid first-half results before making further gains in September. The outsourcer and consulting services business is pursuing a change programme begun almost two years ago aimed at focusing on core competencies, improving its culture and strengthening its balance sheet.

Other contributors benefited from the broad shift towards stocks exposed to the UK economy as a Brexit deal began to look more likely. Building materials company Travis Perkins, which has been weighed down by the slowdown in UK construction, was among them, gaining strongly in October as UK-EU talks advanced. Airline easyJet also contributed, performing well along with other European airlines as the collapse of Thomas Cook in September meant that excess seat capacity would be removed.

Our holding in broker TP ICAP was another of the leading contributors, its shares rising during the period partly on broadly improving market sentiment and also on strong third-quarter results. Meanwhile, progress in US-China trade negotiations lifted US bank stocks, among others; our holding in Citigroup was among the top contributors to relative returns over the period.

## Factors hindering performance

The primary detractors from relative returns included Carpetright, whose shares suffered in the period as it continued to attempt a turnaround. In mid-November, the business agreed to be acquired by its largest shareholder for 5p a share, significantly below the price that the stock was trading at before the takeover announcement. We remain holders as the shares are now cheap and we remain optimistic that the new management team can get the turnaround back on track.

US autoparts producer Delphi Technologies detracted after delivering disappointing results in August, its shares declining largely on lower margins. We continue to think that Delphi's products are difficult to replicate, and that the company should benefit from increased content per vehicle over time.

Marks & Spencer also underperformed, with the market continuing to have very little confidence in its recovery story. There was no noticeable improvement in trading in the period under review and management change continued. We acknowledge that there are doubts over the M&S recovery story, but we are encouraged that Chairman Archie Norman has fully grasped the nettle and is effectively conducting a private equity operation in public to engineer a turnaround. Other detractors included building supplies firms SIG and Grafton Group, both of whose shares sold off after the businesses warned of significant weakness in the UK construction sector.

## Portfolio activity

### Significant purchases

Tesco; Imperial Tobacco; British American Tobacco; Kingfisher; Marks & Spencer; Delphi Technologies; Tapestry; McCarthy & Stone.



**Significant sales**

United Kingdom Gilt 2% 22/07/2020; Capita; Green REIT; Wm Morrison Supermarkets; Next; Abercrombie & Fitch; Travis Perkins; Grafton; GlaxoSmithKline; SIG.

**Outlook**

We have argued for some time that the consensus view on the Brexit process was overly pessimistic, and that the UK market in general, could prove to be well positioned should those gloomy expectations change. Performance in the latter part of the period under review bears out the validity of that view, with investors rotating back towards stocks with UK exposure.

Following a period of pronounced weakness, during which it significantly lagged global indices, the UK equity market is starting to look quite attractive. Across various valuation metrics including price to earnings ratio (P/E), price to book multiple (P/B) and dividend yield, the UK equity market is not expensive against historic norms. Moreover, we believe some pockets of cheap stocks maybe emerging.

\*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

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**Geographic/Sector:** Investments may be primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors. This may mean that the resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

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# Diversified Growth Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 9.63% (31.05.19: 7.38%)</b>			
<b>NON-EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENT</b>			
iShares Physical Gold ETC	4,681,979	103,467	5.22
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
BBGI SICAV	9,094,342	15,142	0.76
3i Infrastructure	12,619,560	36,597	1.85
HICL Infrastructure	21,838,576	35,728	1.80
		<b>87,467</b>	<b>4.41</b>
<b>CORPORATE BONDS 9.37% (31.05.19: 7.47%)</b>			
Dell International 6.02% 15/06/2026	USD 4,000,000	3,545	0.18
Tenet Healthcare 4.875% 01/01/2026	USD 3,676,000	2,959	0.15
Telecom Italia 2.75% 15/04/2025	EUR 3,250,000	2,891	0.15
Telefonica Europe 4.375% Perpetual	EUR 2,700,000	2,537	0.13
Altice France 7.375% 01/05/2026	USD 3,050,000	2,520	0.13
Virgin Media Secured Finance 5% 15/04/2027	GBP 2,410,000	2,502	0.13
Cott 5.5% 01/07/2024	EUR 2,710,000	2,403	0.12
Berry Global 4.875% 15/07/2026	USD 2,932,000	2,376	0.12
Diamond Sports Group 5.375% 15/08/2026	USD 2,920,000	2,286	0.12
Bombardier 7.875% 15/04/2027	USD 2,800,000	2,185	0.11
CommScope 6% 01/03/2026	USD 2,661,000	2,158	0.11
Bausch Health 5.75% 15/08/2027	USD 2,560,000	2,150	0.11
HCA 4.75% 01/05/2023	USD 2,550,000	2,111	0.11
Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 674 mbH 6% 30/07/2026	EUR 2,269,000	2,085	0.11
Altice Financing 7.5% 15/05/2026	USD 2,410,000	1,989	0.10
United 4.875% 01/07/2024	EUR 2,210,000	1,954	0.10
Mauser Packaging Solutions 4.75% 15/04/2024	EUR 2,140,000	1,882	0.09
Alcoa Nederland 6.125% 15/05/2028	USD 2,250,000	1,881	0.09
MPT Operating Partnership 5% 15/10/2027	USD 2,284,000	1,861	0.09
Refinitiv US 4.5% 15/05/2026	EUR 2,000,000	1,850	0.09
Trivium Packaging Finance 3.75% 15/08/2026	EUR 2,053,000	1,842	0.09
TransDigm 6.25% 15/03/2026	USD 2,079,000	1,732	0.09
Newell Brands 4.2% 01/04/2026	USD 2,140,000	1,713	0.09
Prime Security Services Borrower 5.75% 15/04/2026	USD 2,097,000	1,698	0.09
Vodafone 7% 04/04/2079	USD 1,888,000	1,687	0.09
Telecom Italia 4% 11/04/2024	EUR 1,805,000	1,683	0.08
GLP Capital 5.75% 01/06/2028	USD 1,900,000	1,664	0.08
Petrobras Global Finance 5.093% 15/01/2030	USD 2,000,000	1,623	0.08
CCO Holdings 5.75% 15/02/2026	USD 1,940,000	1,590	0.08
Nexi 1.75% 31/10/2024	EUR 1,800,000	1,569	0.08
Reynolds 7% 15/07/2024	USD 1,950,000	1,564	0.08
TLG Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 1,700,000	1,503	0.08
Starfruit Finco 6.5% 01/10/2026	EUR 1,679,000	1,500	0.08
eircom Finance 3.5% 15/05/2026	EUR 1,686,000	1,498	0.08
IQVIA 5% 15/05/2027	USD 1,770,000	1,442	0.07
ARD Finance 5% 30/06/2027	EUR 1,692,308	1,437	0.07
ATF Netherlands 3.75% Perpetual	EUR 1,600,000	1,430	0.07
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 1.25% 31/03/2023	EUR 1,800,000	1,426	0.07
OCI 3.125% 01/11/2024	EUR 1,624,000	1,424	0.07
IHO Verwaltungs 3.75% 15/09/2026	EUR 1,600,000	1,420	0.07
CenturyLink 7.5% 01/04/2024	USD 1,600,000	1,397	0.07
Ziggo 4.25% 15/01/2027	EUR 1,505,000	1,379	0.07
Grifols 2.25% 15/11/2027	EUR 1,577,000	1,377	0.07
Hilcorp Energy I 5% 01/12/2024	USD 2,005,000	1,375	0.07
Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 1,500,000	1,349	0.07
Sirius XM Radio 5.375% 15/07/2026	USD 1,624,000	1,337	0.07
Logicor Financing 1.625% 15/07/2027	EUR 1,500,000	1,297	0.07
Orange 5% Perpetual	EUR 1,260,000	1,291	0.07
<b>DING</b>	<b>(£'000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	
<b>CORPORATE BONDS 9.37% (31.05.19: 7.47%) (continued)</b>			

Sprint 7.625% 01/03/2026	USD 1,513,000	1,284	0.06
Altice Luxembourg 10.5% 15/05/2027	USD 1,442,000	1,266	0.06
TOTAL 3.369% Perpetual	EUR 1,290,000	1,250	0.06
IQVIA 2.25% 15/01/2028	EUR 1,377,000	1,202	0.06
Elis 1.625% 03/04/2028	EUR 1,400,000	1,192	0.06
Schlumberger Finance Canada 2.65% 20/11/2022	USD 1,500,000	1,182	0.06
JPMorgan Chase 2.7% 18/05/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,182	0.06
National Australia Bank 2.8% 10/01/2022	USD 1,500,000	1,181	0.06
Altria 2.85% 09/08/2022	USD 1,500,000	1,179	0.06
Goldman Sachs 2.908% 05/06/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,178	0.06
UBS Group Funding Switzerland 2.859% 15/08/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,178	0.06
TWDC Enterprises 18 2.35% 01/12/2022	USD 1,500,000	1,177	0.06
Verisure Midholding 5.75% 01/12/2023	EUR 1,340,000	1,176	0.06
Lloyds Banking 2.907% 07/11/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,175	0.06
ING Bank 2.75% 22/03/2021	USD 1,500,000	1,174	0.06
Morgan Stanley 2.625% 17/11/2021	USD 1,500,000	1,173	0.06
Danske Bank 2.8% 10/03/2021	USD 1,500,000	1,170	0.06
Air Liquide Finance 2.25% 27/09/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,166	0.06
Mastercard 2% 21/11/2021	USD 1,500,000	1,164	0.06
Ford Motor Credit 2.681% 09/01/2020	USD 1,500,000	1,163	0.06
Deutsche Telekom International Finance 2.225% 17/01/2020	USD 1,500,000	1,163	0.06
Santander 2.125% 03/11/2020	USD 1,500,000	1,163	0.06
United Technologies 1.9% 04/05/2020	USD 1,500,000	1,162	0.06
Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 2% 15/09/2023	USD 1,500,000	1,158	0.06
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 1.875% 13/09/2021	USD 1,500,000	1,156	0.06
Spectrum Brands 4% 01/10/2026	EUR 1,280,000	1,153	0.06
Darling Global Finance 3.625% 15/05/2026	EUR 1,250,000	1,123	0.06
LYB International Finance II 1.875% 02/03/2022	EUR 1,250,000	1,103	0.06
Solvay Finance 5.869% Perpetual	EUR 1,100,000	1,097	0.06
Nationwide Building Society 1.125% 03/06/2022	EUR 1,250,000	1,096	0.06
HCA 5% 15/03/2024	USD 1,300,000	1,095	0.06
Verizon Communications 4.016% 03/12/2029	USD 1,262,000	1,094	0.06
BASF 1.875% 04/02/2021	EUR 1,250,000	1,091	0.06
CeramTec BondCo 5.25% 15/12/2025	EUR 1,213,000	1,078	0.05
Vodafone 0.375% 22/11/2021	EUR 1,250,000	1,074	0.05
GlaxoSmithKline Capital 0% 12/09/2020	EUR 1,250,000	1,067	0.05
Marathon Petroleum 4.75% 15/12/2023	USD 1,250,000	1,049	0.05
Yum! Brands 4.75% 15/01/2030	USD 1,300,000	1,045	0.05
Infineon Technologies 3.625% Perpetual	EUR 1,200,000	1,043	0.05
Connect Finco 6.75% 01/10/2026	USD 1,304,000	1,037	0.05
Svenska Handelsbanken 3.9% 20/11/2023	USD 1,250,000	1,032	0.05
Wells Fargo Bank 3.55% 14/08/2023	USD 1,250,000	1,014	0.05
CC Holdings GS V 3.849% 15/04/2023	USD 1,250,000	1,011	0.05
Omnicom Group 3.625% 01/05/2022	USD 1,250,000	1,001	0.05
Williams 3.7% 15/01/2023	USD 1,250,000	999	0.05
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 4.5% 11/01/2021	USD 1,250,000	995	0.05
Burlington Northern Santa Fe 3.05% 01/09/2022	USD 1,250,000	995	0.05
MPLX 3.5% 01/12/2022	USD 1,250,000	993	0.05
Comcast 2.75% 01/03/2023	USD 1,250,000	989	0.05
Walmart 2.55% 11/04/2023	USD 1,250,000	988	0.05
Bank of America 3.499% 17/05/2022	USD 1,250,000	988	0.05
EVOCA 4.25% 01/11/2026	EUR 1,141,000	983	0.05
Apple 2.4% 13/01/2023	USD 1,250,000	982	0.05
Australia & New Zealand Banking 2.625% 19/05/2022	USD 1,250,000	982	0.05
EMD Finance 2.95% 19/03/2022	USD 1,250,000	982	0.05
Swedbank 2.8% 14/03/2022	USD 1,250,000	979	0.05
BPCE 3% 22/05/2022	USD 1,250,000	978	0.05
Citibank 2.85% 12/02/2021	USD 1,250,000	977	0.05
Charter Communications Operating 3.579% 23/07/2020	USD 1,250,000	975	0.05
Stryker 2.625% 15/03/2021	USD 1,250,000	974	0.05
Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank (FRN) 2.7136% 03/10/2021	USD 1,250,000	972	0.05
ABN AMRO Bank 2.45% 04/06/2020	USD 1,250,000	971	0.05
American Express Credit 2.2% 03/03/2020	USD 1,250,000	969	0.05
OI European 2.875% 15/02/2025	EUR 1,111,000	963	0.05
Kraton Polymers 5.25% 15/05/2026	EUR 1,085,000	950	0.05
Equinor 5.625% 11/03/2021	EUR 1,000,000	915	0.05

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<b>CORPORATE BONDS 9.37% (31.05.19: 7.47%) (continued)</b>			
Linde Finance 3.875% 01/06/2021	EUR 1,000,000	905	0.05
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance 3.3% 01/02/2023	USD 1,104,000	886	0.04
McDonald's 1% 15/11/2023	EUR 1,000,000	883	0.04
Belden 3.375% 15/07/2027	EUR 1,000,000	882	0.04
Diamond BC 5.625% 15/08/2025	EUR 1,040,000	878	0.04
Thales 0.75% 07/06/2023	EUR 1,000,000	872	0.04
KBC 1% 26/04/2021	EUR 1,000,000	865	0.04
Total Capital International 0.25% 12/07/2023	EUR 1,000,000	863	0.04
HSBC France 0.2% 04/09/2021	EUR 1,000,000	857	0.04
Telefonica Emisiones 0.318% 17/10/2020	EUR 1,000,000	856	0.04
INEOS 5.375% 01/08/2024	EUR 940,000	829	0.04
La Financiere Atalian 4% 15/05/2024	EUR 1,280,000	812	0.04
Sirius XM Radio 5.5% 01/07/2029	USD 934,000	776	0.04
Adient Global 3.5% 15/08/2024	EUR 940,000	731	0.04
CCO 4.75% 01/03/2030	USD 900,000	714	0.04
Panther BF Aggregator 2 4.375% 15/05/2026	EUR 800,000	708	0.04
Transocean Sentry 5.375% 15/05/2023	USD 910,000	703	0.04
Smurfit Kappa Treasury 1.5% 15/09/2027	EUR 816,000	699	0.04
TeamSystem (FRN) 4% 15/04/2023	EUR 810,000	692	0.03
Barclays 2% 07/02/2028	EUR 800,000	688	0.03
Netflix 3.625% 15/05/2027	EUR 700,000	634	0.03
LABL Escrow Issuer 10.5% 15/07/2027	USD 699,000	544	0.03
APX 7.875% 01/12/2022	USD 700,000	539	0.03
APX 8.5% 01/11/2024	USD 700,000	538	0.03
Altice Luxembourg 8% 15/05/2027	EUR 550,000	520	0.03
Telecom Italia 3.625% 25/05/2026	EUR 555,000	518	0.03
Belden 4.125% 15/10/2026	EUR 500,000	452	0.02
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 6% 31/01/2025	EUR 492,000	437	0.02
Ardagh Packaging Finance 5.25% 15/08/2027	USD 507,000	407	0.02
APX 8.75% 01/12/2020	USD 500,000	381	0.02
United Rentals North America 5.875% 15/09/2026	USD 450,000	370	0.02
Freeport-McMoRan 4.55% 14/11/2024	USD 450,000	366	0.02
MPT Operating Partnership 5.5% 01/05/2024	USD 370,000	295	0.01
Intesa Sanpaolo 5.017% 26/06/2024	USD 350,000	281	0.01
Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	EUR 300,000	275	0.01
Guala Closures (FRN) 3.5% 15/04/2024	EUR 312,000	269	0.01
Level 3 Financing 4.625% 15/09/2027	USD 319,000	252	0.01
Motion Bondco 6.625% 15/11/2027	USD 300,000	237	0.01
MGM Resorts International 5.75% 15/06/2025	USD 250,000	216	0.01
Casino Guichard Perrachon 4.048% 05/08/2026	EUR 300,000	215	0.01
Post 5.75% 01/03/2027	USD 250,000	206	0.01
Grupo Antolin-Irausa 3.25% 30/04/2024	EUR 190,000	152	0.01
Rackspace Hosting 8.625% 15/11/2024	USD 200,000	150	0.01
Loxam SAS 3.75% 15/07/2026	EUR 170,000	149	0.01
Titan Acquisition 7.75% 15/04/2026	USD 200,000	147	0.01
Vertiv 9.25% 15/10/2024	USD 190,000	144	0.01
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 5% 15/02/2022	GBP 140,000	141	0.01
Sirius XM Radio 4.625% 15/07/2024	USD 162,000	132	0.01
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III 2.2% 21/07/2021	USD 130,000	97	—
		<b>184,951</b>	<b>9.37</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 29.33% (31.05.19: 37.91%)</b>			
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 6.5% 28/02/2024	RUB 7,398,718,000	90,698	4.57
Canadian Government Bond 2% 01/05/2021	CAD 139,672,000	81,573	4.11
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026	ZAR 1,345,707,056	78,823	3.97
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 1% 15/02/2049	USD 67,400,000	61,071	3.08
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.125% 15/05/2024	IDR 685,139,000,000	39,978	2.02
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030	ZAR 815,700,000	39,731	2.00
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027	RUB 2,819,981,000	37,753	1.90
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.25% 15/05/2029	IDR 521,581,000,000	30,882	1.56
Mexican Bonos 8.5% 31/05/2029	MXN 670,000,000	29,265	1.48
Turkey Government Bond 12.4% 08/03/2028	TRY 153,710,000	20,965	1.06
Turkey Government International Bond 6% 25/03/2027	USD 24,411,000	18,824	0.95
Indonesia Treasury Bond 6.5% 15/06/2025	IDR 337,484,000,000	18,551	0.94
Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029	USD 19,454,000	16,330	0.82

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 29.33% (31.05.19: 37.91%) (continued)</b>			
Turkey Government International Bond 5.125% 17/02/2028	USD 11,383,000	8,279	0.42
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 7.625% 22/04/2046	USD 16,121,000	5,266	0.27
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 7.125% 06/07/2036	USD 11,330,000	3,491	0.18
		<b>581,480</b>	<b>29.33</b>
<b>BASIC MATERIALS 3.78% (31.05.19: 2.12%)</b>			
<b>CHEMICALS</b>			
Hexpol	1,424,847	<b>10,082</b>	<b>0.51</b>
<b>MINING</b>			
Wheaton Precious Metals	516,412	10,916	0.55
Franco-Nevada	135,897	10,332	0.52
Anglo American	502,080	10,217	0.51
Rio Tinto	227,854	9,666	0.49
Glencore	2,517,211	6,212	0.31
Royal Gold	60,477	5,490	0.28
Barrick Gold	394,530	5,107	0.26
BHP	216,683	3,732	0.19
Boliden	156,397	3,130	0.16
		<b>64,802</b>	<b>3.27</b>
<b>CONSUMER GOODS 5.47% (31.05.19: 5.22%)</b>			
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; PARTS</b>			
Lear	76,210	<b>7,229</b>	<b>0.36</b>
<b>BEVERAGES</b>			
Kweichow Moutai	39,691	4,942	0.25
Wuliangye Yibin	340,189	4,784	0.24
		<b>9,726</b>	<b>0.49</b>
<b>FOOD PRODUCERS</b>			
China Mengniu Dairy	3,036,000	<b>8,991</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS &amp; HOME CONSTRUCTION</b>			
KB Home	361,799	9,776	0.49
DR Horton	224,641	9,626	0.49
Lennar	174,580	8,086	0.41
NVR	2,699	7,954	0.40
PulteGroup	250,300	7,724	0.39
Taylor Morrison Home	375,884	6,835	0.34
		<b>50,001</b>	<b>2.52</b>
<b>LEISURE GOODS</b>			
Hasbro	95,959	7,582	0.38
Thor Industries	66,386	3,345	0.17
		<b>10,927</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>PERSONAL GOODS</b>			
Unilever	151,549	6,936	0.35
Moncler	169,058	5,842	0.29
Estee Lauder	31,514	4,786	0.24
		<b>17,564</b>	<b>0.88</b>
<b>TOBACCO</b>			
Philip Morris International	69,854	<b>4,466</b>	<b>0.22</b>
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES 4.41% (31.05.19: 3.72%)</b>			
<b>FOOD &amp; DRUG RETAILERS</b>			
Axfood	350,327	<b>5,964</b>	<b>0.30</b>

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ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>GENERAL RETAILERS</b>			
Alibaba ADR	81,910	12,753	0.64
Home Depot	55,187	9,540	0.48
YDUQS Part	930,844	7,328	0.37
TJX	132,935	6,282	0.32
AutoZone	5,281	4,842	0.24
WH Smith	188,451	4,677	0.24
Dollar General	32,830	4,031	0.20
		<b>49,453</b>	<b>2.49</b>
<b>MEDIA</b>			
RELX	303,674	5,712	0.29
Walt Disney	43,168	5,069	0.26
		<b>10,781</b>	<b>0.55</b>
<b>TRAVEL &amp; LEISURE</b>			
Booking	8,286	12,245	0.62
Aristocrat Leisure	498,389	8,875	0.45
		<b>21,120</b>	<b>1.07</b>
<b>FINANCIALS 16.87% (31.05.19: 12.97%)</b>			
<b>BANKS</b>			
Lloyds Banking	20,443,983	12,675	0.64
HDFC Bank	753,781	10,385	0.52
BOC Hong Kong	2,262,500	5,961	0.30
JPMorgan Chase	49,914	5,109	0.26
Bank of America	195,194	5,058	0.25
Citigroup	86,147	5,057	0.25
Wells Fargo	117,545	4,951	0.25
		<b>49,196</b>	<b>2.47</b>
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>			
Essent	307,812	13,297	0.67
MGIC Investment	1,151,837	12,964	0.65
Partners	17,408	11,417	0.58
Visa	64,715	9,249	0.47
American Express	85,582	7,981	0.40
S&P Global	33,132	6,819	0.34
		<b>61,727</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>			
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China	1,392,000	12,229	0.62
AIA	1,226,000	9,520	0.48
		<b>21,749</b>	<b>1.10</b>
<b>NON-LIFE INSURANCE</b>			
Arch Capital	344,417	11,274	0.57
Tokio Marine	231,200	9,733	0.49
Chubb	80,856	9,532	0.48
Reinsurance Group of America	72,818	9,446	0.48
Intact Financial	115,093	9,213	0.46
Travelers	85,023	9,023	0.45
Hiscox	570,306	7,836	0.40
Beazley	1,264,459	6,866	0.35
Marsh & McLennan	61,911	5,200	0.26
		<b>78,123</b>	<b>3.94</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
CK Asset	1,479,500	7,627	0.38
ADO Properties	173,851	5,213	0.26
A-Living Services	1,999,750	4,991	0.25
		<b>17,831</b>	<b>0.89</b>

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS</b>			
Primary Health Properties	11,468,928	16,791	0.85
Tritax Big Box REIT	8,014,555	12,022	0.61
Hammerson	3,981,413	12,020	0.61
UNITE Group	935,362	11,692	0.59
Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield	88,150	10,628	0.54
Derwent London	265,484	9,945	0.50
Simon Property	73,600	8,627	0.43
Merlin Properties Socimi	668,170	7,375	0.37
Shaftesbury	766,775	7,047	0.35
Prologis	87,300	6,252	0.32
Digital Realty Trust	40,301	3,787	0.19
		<b>106,186</b>	<b>5.36</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE 1.90% (31.05.19: 1.23%)</b>			
<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
UnitedHealth	56,567	<b>12,307</b>	<b>0.62</b>
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; BIOTECHNOLOGY</b>			
Novo Nordisk	237,122	10,398	0.52
China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical	2,189,188	7,094	0.36
Johnson & Johnson	38,383	4,098	0.21
Sinopharm	1,482,000	3,787	0.19
		<b>25,377</b>	<b>1.28</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS 4.13% (31.05.19: 3.70%)</b>			
<b>AEROSPACE &amp; DEFENSE</b>			
Northrop Grumman	31,547	8,628	0.44
Lockheed Martin	21,884	6,687	0.34
		<b>15,315</b>	<b>0.78</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; MATERIALS</b>			
A.O. Smith	251,686	<b>9,507</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING</b>			
Ingersoll-Rand	105,696	10,797	0.54
Snap-on	76,987	9,688	0.49
		<b>20,485</b>	<b>1.03</b>
<b>INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION</b>			
CH Robinson Worldwide	141,009	8,498	0.43
Landstar System	92,583	8,073	0.41
		<b>16,571</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>			
Howden Joinery	1,308,719	8,355	0.42
Jack Henry & Associates	48,486	5,734	0.29
Accenture	36,377	5,675	0.29
		<b>19,764</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>OIL &amp; GAS 1.45% (31.05.19: 0.23%)</b>			
<b>OIL &amp; GAS PRODUCERS</b>			
Repsol	909,206	11,144	0.56
Royal Dutch Shell	484,164	10,729	0.54
Texas Pacific Land Trust	13,212	6,888	0.35
		<b>28,761</b>	<b>1.45</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY 3.24% (31.05.19: 2.34%)</b>			
<b>SOFTWARE &amp; COMPUTER SERVICES</b>			
NetEase ADR	42,739	10,571	0.53
Amadeus IT	138,833	8,553	0.43
Check Point Software Technologies	87,760	8,067	0.41
Microsoft	55,693	6,576	0.33
Amdocs	113,518	6,090	0.31
		<b>39,857</b>	<b>2.01</b>



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<b>TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
Midea	1,726,078	10,332	0.52
F5 Networks	59,237	6,687	0.34
Zhejiang Sup	506,780	4,008	0.20
China Tower	21,830,000	3,438	0.17
		<b>24,465</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS 0.00% (31.05.19: 5.82%)</b>			
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT 0.85% (31.05.19: 1.98%)</b>			
Sumitomo Trust And Banking 0.01% 14/01/2020	5,000,000	4,996	0.25
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking 0.83% 25/02/2020	4,000,000	4,001	0.20
Bank Of Tokyo Mitsubishi 0.8% 25/02/2020	4,000,000	4,000	0.20
Mizuho Bank 0.01% 25/02/2020	4,000,000	3,991	0.20
		<b>16,988</b>	<b>0.85</b>
<b>COMMERCIAL PAPERS 1.81% (31.05.19: 1.62%)</b>			
The Korea Development Bank 18/12/2019	16,000,000	15,993	0.81
Allianz 23/01/2020	10,000,000	9,990	0.50
Nordea Bank 31/01/2020	10,000,000	9,986	0.50
		<b>35,969</b>	<b>1.81</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – FUTURES 1.54% (31.05.19: (1.33%))</b>			
Nikkei 225 Index Futures 12/12/2019	1,300	17,544	0.88
EURO STOXX 50 Futures 20/12/2019	6,703	10,933	0.55
US MSCI Emerging Market Index Futures 20/12/2019	2,900	3,513	0.18
HSCEI 9900 Put FSO Futures 27/02/2020	1,637	105	0.01
HSCEI 8800 Put FSO Futures 27/02/2020	(1,637)	84	–
US 10 Years Note (CBT) 20/03/2020	1,633	(205)	(0.01)
US Ultra Bond Futures 20/03/2020	(559)	(282)	(0.01)
Australian 10 Year Treasury Note Futures 16/12/2019	(1,732)	(1,103)	(0.06)
		<b>30,589</b>	<b>1.54</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – OPTIONS 1.06% (31.05.19: 1.92%)</b>			
Nikkei 225 23250 Put Option 11/12/2020	443	5,171	0.26
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3500 Put Option 21/02/2020	9,608	2,981	0.15
Nikkei 225 21250 Put Option 11/12/2020	433	2,650	0.13
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3500 Put Option 18/12/2020	1,559	2,506	0.13
Nikkei 225 21500 Put Option 11/09/2020	434	2,272	0.11
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3600 Put Option 18/12/2020	1,117	2,181	0.11
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3450 Put Option 18/12/2020	1,390	2,022	0.10
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3200 Put Option 18/12/2020	1,390	1,232	0.06
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3350 Put Option 19/06/2020	1,117	711	0.04
S&P 500 Index 2850 Put Option 17/01/2020	587	350	0.02
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3550 Put Option 18/12/2020	130	231	0.01
S&P 500 Index 2800 Put Option 20/12/2019	1,233	134	0.01
S&P 500 Index 2750 Put Option 20/12/2019	1,100	90	–
S&P 500 Index 2450 Put Option 20/12/2019	(1,100)	(9)	–
S&P 500 Index 2500 Put Option 20/12/2019	(1,233)	(14)	–
S&P 500 Index 2550 Put Option 17/01/2020	(587)	(66)	–
Nikkei 225 24125 Call Option 13/12/2019	(1,300)	(147)	(0.01)
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3150 Put Option 23/10/2020	(9,608)	(606)	(0.03)
EURO STOXX 50 PR 3775 Call Option 20/12/2019	(6,703)	(651)	(0.03)
		<b>21,038</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – INTEREST RATE SWAPS (0.31%) (31.05.19: (0.06%))</b>			
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap receive 2.56% 08/01/2021	1,703,500,000	20,988	1.06
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap receive 8.27% 30/01/2024	2,969,000,000	6,871	0.35
JP Morgan Interest Rate Swap receive 1.9% 05/06/2021	802,400,000	4,596	0.23
HSBC Bank Interest Rate Swap receive 2.208% 29/05/2021	404,100,000	4,178	0.21
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap receive 2.604% 04/03/2021	255,120,000	2,387	0.12
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap receive 8.15% 26/02/2021	3,459,178,000	1,935	0.09
HSBC Bank Interest Rate Swap receive 1.975% 18/04/2021	1,753,300,000	1,130	0.05
Citi Interest Rate Swap receive 1.922% 25/10/2021	250,880,000	121	–
Citi Interest Rate Swap receive 1.72% 23/10/2029	1,000,000	3	–
Citi Interest Rate Swap pay 1.72% 23/10/2029	(1,000,000)	(3)	–

ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
DERIVATIVES – INTEREST RATE SWAPS (0.31%) (31.05.19: (0.06%)) (continued)					
Citi Interest Rate Swap pay 1.666% 29/10/2029			(71,080,000)	(99)	(0.01)
Citi Interest Rate Swap pay 1.605% 29/10/2021			(141,980,000)	(108)	(0.01)
HSBC Bank Interest Rate Swap pay 2.274% 29/05/2029			(19,700,000)	(896)	(0.05)
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap pay 8.388% 16/02/2029			(914,860,000)	(3,808)	(0.19)
JP Morgan Interest Rate Swap pay 2.046% 05/06/2029			(157,400,000)	(4,567)	(0.23)
HSBC Bank Interest Rate Swap pay 2.222% 18/04/2029			(300,900,000)	(5,334)	(0.27)
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap pay 8.635% 30/01/2024			(1,803,300,000)	(8,710)	(0.44)
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap pay 2.6240% 08/01/2029			(156,550,000)	(10,680)	(0.54)
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap pay 2.719% 04/03/2029			(190,000,000)	(13,443)	(0.68)
				(5,439)	(0.31)
DERIVATIVES – TOTAL RETURN SWAPS 0.00% (31.05.19: 0.10%)					
FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS 2.77% (31.05.19: (2.01%))					
FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS					
Australian Dollar					
Buy AUD	122,218,351	for GBP	(67,649,093)	(3,477)	(0.18)
Canadian Dollar					
Buy CAD	126,580,000	for GBP	(74,290,009)	(504)	(0.03)
Sell CAD	(367,858,000)	for GBP	227,328,088	12,896	0.65
Danish Krone					
Sell DKK	(77,017,000)	for GBP	9,383,940	592	0.03
Euro					
Buy EUR	26,367,000	for GBP	(22,953,717)	(468)	(0.02)
Sell EUR	(343,948,799)	for GBP	309,750,260	16,427	0.83
Hong Kong Dollar					
Buy HKD	30,360,000	for GBP	(2,993,280)	11	–
Sell HKD	(623,781,000)	for GBP	63,374,328	1,673	0.08
Hungarian Forint					
Buy HUF	55,978,605,434	for GBP	(153,762,032)	(10,735)	(0.54)
Japanese Yen					
Buy JPY	58,097,703,112	for GBP	(452,945,292)	(41,740)	(2.10)
Sell JPY	(3,935,144,000)	for GBP	29,091,018	1,239	0.06
Mexican Peso					
Sell MXN	(767,350,000)	for GBP	31,005,225	525	0.03
New Zealand Dollar					
Sell NZD	(168,304,566)	for GBP	87,445,789	3,577	0.18
Polish Zloty					
Sell PLN	(648,639,202)	for GBP	134,510,775	6,723	0.34
South African Rand					
Sell ZAR	(1,649,452,258)	for GBP	88,336,512	1,266	0.06
Swedish Krona					
Buy SEK	72,440,000	for GBP	(5,953,035)	(73)	–
Sell SEK	(282,058,137)	for GBP	23,768,466	872	0.04
Swiss Franc					
Sell CHF	(93,619,544)	for GBP	78,313,716	5,703	0.29
Turkish Lira					
Sell TRY	(185,362,049)	for GBP	24,923,415	63	–
US Dollar					
Buy USD	143,814,728	for GBP	(115,016,959)	(3,609)	(0.18)
Sell USD	(1,731,337,448)	for GBP	1,409,052,575	67,845	3.42
				58,806	2.96
FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS					
Buy ARS	617,470,000	for USD	(8,666,246)	692	0.03
Buy AUD	189,351,000	for USD	(127,646,243)	538	0.03
Buy BRL	23,295,000	for USD	(5,495,270)	45	–
Buy CHF	25,273,000	for JPY	(2,717,000,851)	371	0.02
Buy CNH	234,114,971	for USD	(33,393,332)	(73)	–
Buy EUR	167,684,062	for HUF	(55,954,796,000)	36	–
Buy EUR	98,417,000	for JPY	(11,708,208,040)	1,063	0.05
Buy IDR	275,056,028,000	for USD	(19,061,402)	311	0.02
Buy JPY	2,838,973,000	for EUR	(23,833,003)	(231)	(0.01)
Buy JPY	18,737,416,956	for USD	(173,386,323)	(1,696)	(0.09)
Buy KRW	106,689,598,000	for USD	(89,317,370)	918	0.05
Buy NZD	20,641,000	for USD	(13,099,565)	138	0.01

# Portfolio Statement continued

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)</b>					
Buy PLN	648,748,000	for EUR	(151,260,119)	(1,187)	(0.06)
Buy RUB	419,518,000	for USD	(6,490,891)	22	–
Buy TRY	180,799,000	for USD	(27,615,460)	2,425	0.12
Buy USD	13,101,861	for AUD	(19,107,000)	117	0.01
Buy USD	11,049,484	for BRL	(46,590,000)	(26)	–
Buy USD	127,575,000	for CAD	(169,859,989)	(187)	(0.01)
Buy USD	31,257,712	for CNH	(223,216,000)	(381)	(0.02)
Buy USD	187,479,366	for EUR	(169,131,467)	997	0.05
Buy USD	23,000,491	for IDR	(332,426,100,000)	(404)	(0.02)
Buy USD	186,310,000	for JPY	(20,064,355,106)	2,316	0.12
Buy USD	88,030,740	for KRW	(106,432,686,000)	(1,746)	(0.09)
Buy USD	76,349,971	for RUB	(5,157,326,000)	(2,935)	(0.15)
Buy USD	299,448,186	for TWD	(9,322,420,935)	(4,935)	(0.25)
Buy USD	13,024,650	for ZAR	(193,874,000)	(144)	(0.01)
Buy ZAR	114,490,000	for USD	(7,568,986)	180	0.01
				<b>(3,776)</b>	<b>(0.19)</b>
Portfolio of investments^				1,929,867	97.30
Net other assets*				53,464	2.70
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>1,983,331</b>	<b>100.00</b>

^ Including derivative liabilities.

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Fixed interest securities are traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated. Stocks shown as FRNs represent Floating Rate Notes – debt instruments that pay a floating rate of interest, usually based on an accepted market benchmark rate such as LIBOR.

The collective investment schemes investments, interest rate swaps and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

The value of collateral held in relation to swap contracts is £2,100 (31.05.19: £42,930).

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

# Portfolio Analysis

As at 30 November 2019

## Portfolio Analysis

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
Bonds	766,431	38.70	982,520	45.38
Certificates of Deposit	16,988	0.85	42,969	1.98
Commercial Papers	35,969	1.81	34,970	1.62
Collective Investment Schemes	190,934	9.63	159,704	7.38
Derivatives	46,188	2.29	14,146	0.63
Equities	818,327	41.25	682,025	31.53
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	55,030	2.77	(43,552)	(2.01)
Government Treasury Bills	–	–	126,259	5.82
Net other assets	53,464	2.70	165,983	7.67
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,983,331</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,165,024</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Credit Breakdown\*

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
AAA	142,644	7.19	457,842	21.15
AA	13,118	0.66	13,372	0.65
A	58,316	2.96	29,450	1.33
BBB	251,154	12.67	350,984	16.22
BB	198,427	10.02	82,985	3.82
B	82,645	4.17	37,087	1.72
CCC	20,127	1.03	10,800	0.49
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>766,431</b>	<b>38.70</b>	<b>982,520</b>	<b>45.38</b>

\*Bond ratings are Investec approximations.

# Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>CORPORATE BONDS 23.42% (31.05.19: 16.91%)</b>			
China Development Bank 3.48% 08/01/2029	CNH 32,810,000	3,547	2.48
Chinalco Capital 4.1% Perpetual	USD 1,726,000	1,349	0.94
JPMorgan Chase Bank 8.375% 19/04/2039	IDR 20,934,000,000	1,228	0.86
Koc 6.5% 11/03/2025	USD 1,473,000	1,194	0.83
Eskom 6.35% 10/08/2028	USD 1,448,000	1,187	0.83
Kosmos Energy 7.125% 04/04/2026	USD 1,217,000	985	0.69
Standard Chartered Bank 7.5% 19/05/2038	IDR 17,364,000,000	945	0.66
MAF Global Securities 5.5% Perpetual	USD 1,050,000	825	0.58
Qatar Reinsurance 4.95% Perpetual	USD 1,005,000	790	0.55
Empresa Nacional del Petroleo 3.75% 05/08/2026	USD 975,000	765	0.53
Petrobras Global Finance 6.9% 19/03/2049	USD 859,000	762	0.53
America Movil 4.375% 22/04/2049	USD 795,000	711	0.50
Huarong Finance 2017 4.75% 27/04/2027	USD 845,000	702	0.49
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.84% 23/01/2030	USD 851,000	692	0.48
KazMunayGas 5.375% 24/04/2030	USD 775,000	691	0.48
Pertamina Persero 4.7% 30/07/2049	USD 849,000	688	0.48
Pampa Energia 9.125% 15/04/2029	USD 1,129,000	685	0.48
Mexico City Airport Trust 5.5% 31/07/2047	USD 881,000	683	0.48
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile 3% 30/09/2029	USD 891,000	680	0.47
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 31/01/2030	USD 904,000	677	0.47
CNAC HK Finbridge 3.375% 19/06/2024	USD 855,000	672	0.47
Suzano Austria 5% 15/01/2030	USD 830,000	660	0.46
GTH Finance 7.25% 26/04/2023	USD 700,000	607	0.42
Turk Telekomunikasyon 6.875% 28/02/2025	USD 725,000	599	0.42
Export-Import Bank of Korea 8.4% 30/11/2021	IDR 10,300,000,000	581	0.41
OCP 6.875% 25/04/2044	USD 550,000	532	0.37
Alfa 6.875% 25/03/2044	USD 550,000	503	0.35
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 6.45% 13/12/2022	IDR 8,859,600,000	488	0.34
Eskom 7.5% 15/09/2033	ZAR 11,900,000	473	0.33
Ooredoo International Finance 3.75% 22/06/2026	USD 520,000	423	0.30
IHS Netherlands 8% 18/09/2027	USD 435,000	358	0.25
Alpek 4.25% 18/09/2029	USD 445,000	345	0.24
Perusahaan Listrik Negara 5.375% 25/01/2029	USD 385,000	342	0.24
Tencent 3.975% 11/04/2029	USD 410,000	341	0.24
Perusahaan Listrik Negara 4.125% 15/05/2027	USD 420,000	341	0.24
Turkiye Is Bankasi 5% 30/04/2020	USD 435,000	339	0.24
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 10/01/2028	USD 440,000	336	0.23
Bharti Airtel 4.375% 10/06/2025	USD 430,000	335	0.23
China Life Insurance 4% 03/07/2075	USD 430,000	334	0.23
FirstRand Bank 6.25% 23/04/2028	USD 405,000	333	0.23
MHP Lux 6.25% 19/09/2029	USD 445,000	326	0.23
Vanke Real Estate 3.975% 09/11/2027	USD 405,000	325	0.23
Medco Oak Tree 7.375% 14/05/2026	USD 411,000	324	0.23
Gerdau Trade 4.875% 24/10/2027	USD 371,000	303	0.21
Gohl Capital 4.25% 24/01/2027	USD 375,000	303	0.21
Standard Chartered Bank 8.75% 15/05/2031	IDR 4,949,000,000	301	0.21
America Movil 7.125% 09/12/2024	MXN 7,740,000	299	0.21
Petkim Petrokimya 5.875% 26/01/2023	USD 383,000	295	0.21
Transnet 9.5% 13/05/2021	ZAR 5,540,000	294	0.21
Industrias Penoles 5.65% 12/09/2049	USD 364,000	289	0.20
Standard Chartered Bank 8.25% 17/05/2029	IDR 4,735,000,000	280	0.20
OCP 5.625% 25/04/2024	USD 300,000	255	0.18
European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 9.25% 02/12/2020	IDR 4,180,000,000	236	0.16
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile 4.375% 05/02/2049	USD 261,000	220	0.15
Financiera de Desarrollo Territorial 7.875% 12/08/2024	COP 856,000,000	200	0.14
Standard Chartered Bank 8.375% 15/03/2024	IDR 2,954,000,000	174	0.12
KazTransGas 4.375% 26/09/2027	USD 200,000	162	0.11
European Investment Bank 8.5% 17/09/2024	ZAR 2,150,000	120	0.08
Standard Chartered Bank 6.125% 17/05/2028	IDR 2,246,000,000	115	0.08
		<b>33,549</b>	<b>23.42</b>

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 70.37% (31.05.19: 77.23%)</b>			
Malaysia Government Bond 3.882% 10/03/2022	MYR 23,538,000	4,446	3.10
Thailand Government Bond 2.125% 17/12/2026	THB 111,497,000	2,978	2.08
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 7.95% 07/10/2026	RUB 194,546,000	2,575	1.80
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8.875% 28/02/2035	ZAR 49,406,846	2,412	1.68
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2021	BRL 1,233,800	2,403	1.68
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2023	BRL 10,683,000	2,196	1.53
Qatar Government International Bond 4% 14/03/2029	USD 2,497,000	2,157	1.51
Peru Government Bond 5.4% 12/08/2034	PEN 8,403,000	2,008	1.40
Hungary Government Bond 3% 27/10/2027	HUF 695,780,000	1,974	1.38
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027	RUB 122,078,000	1,634	1.14
United States Treasury Bond 2.875% 15/05/2049	USD 1,826,100	1,627	1.13
Bonos de la Tesoreria de la Republica en pesos 4.5% 01/03/2026	CLP 1,435,000,000	1,526	1.07
Serbia International Bond 7.25% 28/09/2021	USD 1,760,000	1,488	1.04
Mexico Government International Bond 4.35% 15/01/2047	USD 1,845,000	1,485	1.04
Hungary Government International Bond 7.625% 29/03/2041	USD 1,150,000	1,453	1.01
Bonos de la Tesoreria de la Republica en pesos 4.7% 01/09/2030	CLP 1,280,000,000	1,415	0.99
Dominican Republic International Bond 6.85% 27/01/2045	USD 1,600,000	1,361	0.95
Ecuador Government International Bond 8.875% 23/10/2027	USD 2,070,000	1,275	0.89
Colombian TES 7.75% 18/09/2030	COP 5,249,100,000	1,263	0.88
Serbia Treasury Bonds 3.75% 17/01/2022	RSD 169,110,000	1,262	0.88
Indonesia Government International Bond 7.75% 17/01/2038	USD 1,081,000	1,250	0.87
Saudi Government International Bond 3.25% 26/10/2026	USD 1,419,000	1,135	0.79
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/07/2020	BRL 5,971,000	1,076	0.75
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 7.75% 16/09/2026	RUB 81,758,000	1,071	0.75
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/07/2021	BRL 6,000,000	1,027	0.72
Egypt Government International Bond 8.5% 31/01/2047	USD 1,245,000	1,020	0.71
Saudi Government International Bond 4.5% 26/10/2046	USD 1,182,000	1,018	0.71
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2025	BRL 4,735,000	1,005	0.70
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 9% 31/01/2040	ZAR 20,932,957	996	0.70
Thailand Government Bond 3.4% 17/06/2036	THB 31,405,000	979	0.68
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 7.625% 22/04/2046	USD 2,992,000	977	0.68
Romania Government Bond 4.85% 22/04/2026	RON 5,100,000	932	0.65
Hungary Government Bond 2.75% 22/12/2026	HUF 329,690,000	923	0.64
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/01/2020	BRL 5,000,000	920	0.64
Russian Foreign Bond – Eurobond 5.1% 28/03/2035	USD 1,000,000	913	0.64
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie B 6% 15/05/2045	BRL 1,059,000	885	0.62
Zambia Government International Bond 8.5% 14/04/2024	USD 1,738,000	869	0.61
Zambia Government International Bond 8.97% 30/07/2027	USD 1,707,000	852	0.59
Serbia Treasury Bonds 5.875% 08/02/2028	RSD 95,180,000	833	0.58
Czech Republic Government Bond 0.25% 10/02/2027	CZK 26,870,000	824	0.58
Ghana Government International Bond 7.625% 16/05/2029	USD 1,069,000	821	0.57
Egypt Government Bond 17.7% 07/08/2025	EGP 14,379,000	785	0.55
Czech Republic Government Bond 1% 26/06/2026	CZK 23,990,000	777	0.54
Russian Foreign Bond – Eurobond 5.25% 23/06/2047	USD 800,000	761	0.53
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie B 6% 15/08/2050	BRL 880,000	758	0.53
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8.5% 31/01/2037	ZAR 16,332,323	757	0.53
Egypt Government Bond 18.35% 09/10/2023	EGP 13,819,000	747	0.52
Czech Republic Government Bond 2% 13/10/2033	CZK 20,790,000	731	0.51
Thailand Government Bond 2.4% 17/12/2023	THB 27,325,000	730	0.51
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026	ZAR 12,449,891	729	0.51
Turkey Government International Bond 4.875% 16/04/2043	USD 1,163,000	711	0.50
Czech Republic Government Bond 2.75% 23/07/2029	CZK 19,020,000	706	0.49
Malaysia Government Bond 3.906% 15/07/2026	MYR 3,661,000	702	0.49
Qatar Government International Bond 3.375% 14/03/2024	USD 867,000	702	0.49
Ecuador Government International Bond 10.75% 31/01/2029	USD 1,080,000	702	0.49
Angolan Government International Bond 9.125% 26/11/2049	USD 905,000	700	0.49
Costa Rica Government International Bond 7.158% 12/03/2045	USD 895,000	699	0.49
Angolan Government International Bond 8% 26/11/2029	USD 905,000	699	0.49
Ukraine Government International Bond 31/05/2040	USD 976,000	690	0.48
Russian Foreign Bond – Eurobond 4.75% 27/05/2026	USD 800,000	687	0.48
Uruguay Government International Bond 4.975% 20/04/2055	USD 738,095	673	0.47
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/10/2020	BRL 3,674,000	654	0.46
Mexican Udibonos 4% 15/11/2040	MXN 2,370,000	649	0.45
Serbia Treasury Bonds 4.5% 11/01/2026	RSD 81,080,000	636	0.44
Mexican Udibonos 4% 03/11/2050	MXN 2,165,800	610	0.43
Republic of Poland Government Bond 2.5% 25/07/2026	PLN 2,935,000	601	0.42
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030	ZAR 12,000,000	585	0.41
Indonesia Treasury Bond 9% 15/03/2029	IDR 9,527,000,000	581	0.41

# Portfolio Statement continued

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ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 70.37% (31.05.19: 77.23%) (continued)</b>			
Panama Notas del Tesoro 3.75% 17/04/2026	USD 710,000	576	0.40
Turkey Government International Bond 5.75% 11/05/2047	USD 867,000	575	0.40
Egypt Government International Bond 6.875% 30/04/2040	USD 757,000	568	0.40
Romania Government Bond 4.5% 17/06/2024	RON 3,140,000	568	0.40
Mexican Bonos 10% 05/12/2024	MXN 12,456,300	559	0.39
Hungary Government Bond 2.5% 24/10/2024	HUF 203,210,000	558	0.39
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 6.9% 23/05/2029	RUB 44,137,000	556	0.39
Malaysia Government Bond 4.16% 15/07/2021	MYR 2,925,000	552	0.39
Thailand Government Bond 3.3% 17/06/2038	THB 17,607,000	550	0.38
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/04/2020	BRL 300,000	546	0.38
Mexican Bonos 6.5% 10/06/2021	MXN 13,556,600	538	0.38
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 7.05% 19/01/2028	RUB 42,428,000	537	0.37
El Salvador Government International Bond 8.625% 28/02/2029	USD 588,000	535	0.37
Ecuador Government International Bond 9.5% 27/03/2030	USD 829,000	526	0.37
Russian Foreign Bond – Eurobond 4.25% 23/06/2027	USD 600,000	504	0.35
Brazil Letras do Tesouro Nacional 01/01/2022	BRL 3,000,000	497	0.35
Ukraine Government International Bond 7.75% 01/09/2025	USD 600,000	492	0.34
Mexican Bonos 6.5% 09/06/2022	MXN 12,263,700	485	0.34
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.375% 15/03/2034	IDR 8,164,000,000	480	0.34
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 7.125% 06/07/2036	USD 1,503,000	463	0.32
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8.25% 31/03/2032	ZAR 9,639,505	462	0.32
Ecuador Government International Bond 7.875% 23/01/2028	USD 758,000	456	0.32
Kenya Government International Bond 8% 22/05/2032	USD 553,000	452	0.32
Hungary Government Bond 3% 26/06/2024	HUF 157,070,000	442	0.31
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2027	BRL 2,000,000	435	0.30
Mexican Bonos 7.75% 13/11/2042	MXN 10,140,000	421	0.29
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 7.7% 23/03/2033	RUB 31,464,000	418	0.29
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 7.25% 10/05/2034	RUB 32,106,000	412	0.29
Czech Republic Government Bond 4.2% 04/12/2036	CZK 8,580,000	397	0.28
Indonesia Government International Bond 4.125% 15/01/2025	USD 475,000	393	0.27
Colombian TES 6% 28/04/2028	COP 1,789,200,000	388	0.27
Malaysia Government Bond 4.048% 30/09/2021	MYR 2,029,000	383	0.27
Colombia Government International Bond 7.375% 18/09/2037	USD 350,000	381	0.27
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.25% 15/05/2036	IDR 6,051,000,000	351	0.25
Indonesia Treasury Bond 7.5% 15/08/2032	IDR 6,295,000,000	345	0.24
Mexican Bonos 8% 07/12/2023	MXN 7,858,800	325	0.23
Colombian TES 4.75% 04/04/2035	COP 4,488,000	325	0.23
Ghana Government International Bond 8.627% 16/06/2049	USD 430,000	321	0.22
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 6.5% 28/02/2041	ZAR 8,600,000	311	0.22
Colombian TES 7.5% 26/08/2026	COP 1,256,300,000	299	0.21
Egypt Government International Bond 7.903% 21/02/2048	USD 375,000	292	0.20
Malaysia Government Bond 3.733% 15/06/2028	MYR 1,527,000	289	0.20
Kenya Government International Bond 7% 22/05/2027	USD 357,000	288	0.20
El Salvador Government International Bond 7.1246% 20/01/2050	USD 354,000	278	0.19
Colombian TES 6.25% 26/11/2025	COP 1,214,300,000	273	0.19
Costa Rica Government International Bond 6.125% 19/02/2031	USD 344,000	269	0.19
Ukraine Government International Bond 6.75% 20/06/2026	EUR 280,000	259	0.18
Ecuador Government International Bond 5.625% 13/12/2026	USD 375,000	239	0.17
Colombia Government International Bond 6.125% 18/01/2041	USD 240,000	238	0.17
Provincia de Buenos Aires 7.875% 15/06/2027	USD 811,000	213	0.15
Malaysia Government Bond 3.885% 15/08/2029	MYR 938,000	180	0.13
Provincia de Cordoba 7.125% 10/06/2021	USD 325,000	176	0.12
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.75% 15/05/2031	IDR 2,869,000,000	174	0.12
Indonesia Government International Bond 4.75% 08/01/2026	USD 200,000	172	0.12
Malaysia Government Bond 3.62% 30/11/2021	MYR 896,000	168	0.12
Egypt Government International Bond 5.625% 16/04/2030	EUR 175,000	149	0.10
Ecuador Government International Bond 10.75% 28/03/2022	USD 200,000	136	0.09
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.375% 15/04/2039	IDR 2,264,000,000	133	0.09
Bonos de la Tesoreria de la Republica en pesos 5% 01/03/2035	CLP 110,000,000	126	0.09
Mexican Bonos 7.5% 03/06/2027	MXN 2,520,000	103	0.07
Romania Government Bond 5% 12/02/2029	RON 525,000	96	0.07
Republic of Poland Government Bond 2.75% 25/04/2028	PLN 306,000	64	0.04
Czech Republic Government Bond 2.5% 25/08/2028	CZK 1,400,000	51	0.04
China Government Bond 2.69% 07/03/2022	CNH 100,000	11	0.01
Uruguay Government International Bond 4.375% 23/01/2031	USD 4,555	4	–
		<b>100,789</b>	<b>70.37</b>



ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS 0.84% (31.05.19: 5.58%)</b>			
Egypt Treasury Bill 07/01/2020	EGP 25,375,000	1,200	0.84
		<b>1,200</b>	<b>0.84</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – FUTURES 0.00% (31.05.19: 0.00%)</b>			
Germany Euro-BUND Futures 06/12/2019	(1)	4	–
South Africa R208 BOND Futures 06/02/2020	134	1	–
Germany Euro-BOBL Futures 06/12/2019~	(2)	–	–
		<b>5</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS 0.08% (31.05.19: (0.05%))</b>			
Citibank Turkey Government International Bond 1% 20/12/2024	875,000	66	0.05
Goldman Sachs Turkey Government International Bond 1% 20/12/2024	610,000	46	0.03
		<b>112</b>	<b>0.08</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – INTEREST RATE SWAPS (0.05%) (31.05.19: (0.08%))</b>			
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap Pay 9.32% 14/01/2046	300,000	(2)	–
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap Pay 9.3121% 15/01/2046	500,000	(3)	–
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap Pay 9.3685% 19/01/2046	500,000	(3)	–
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap Pay 2.7535% 19/12/2028	170,843,071	(73)	(0.05)
		<b>(81)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – TOTAL RETURN SWAPS 0.58% (31.05.19: 0.61%)</b>			
Citi Total Return Swap 10.25% 15/07/2022	5,000,000,000	301	0.21
Citi Total Return Swap 10.25% 15/07/2027	3,500,000,000	227	0.16
Deutsche Bank – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.75% 15/05/2031	2,002,000,000	123	0.09
Standard Chartered G1 Total Return Swap 9% 15/03/2029	1,037,000,000	64	0.04
Deutsche Bank – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.375% 15/09/2026	1,017,000,000	61	0.04
Deutsche Bank – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.375% 15/09/2026	464,000,000	28	0.02
Standard Chartered – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.75% 15/05/2031	219,000,000	13	0.01
Deutsche Bank – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.375% 15/09/2026	217,000,000	13	0.01
Standard Chartered – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.375% 15/09/2026	41,000,000	3	–
Standard Chartered – Indonesia Government Total Return Bond Swap Rec 8.375% 15/09/2026	37,000,000	2	–
		<b>835</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS 1.39% (31.05.19: (2.35%))</b>			
<b>FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>			
US Dollar			
Buy USD	3,520,323	for GBP	(2,736,681)
Sell USD	(93,019,440)	for GBP	74,630,732
			(9)
			2,607
			<b>2,598</b>
<b>FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>			
Buy BRL	29,484,499	for USD	(6,978,832)
Buy CLP	5,019,054,877	for USD	(6,920,758)
Buy COP	25,233,110,458	for USD	(7,496,980)
Buy CZK	7,460,000	for USD	(318,304)
Buy EUR	7,666,192	for USD	(8,515,154)
Buy IDR	59,408,678,070	for USD	(4,212,256)
Buy ILS	7,890,000	for USD	(2,235,278)
Buy MXN	151,887,849	for USD	(7,671,267)
Buy MYR	8,620,000	for USD	(2,060,616)
Buy NGN	305,729,527	for USD	(809,274)
Buy PEN	15,382,157	for USD	(4,579,407)
Buy PHP	228,148,593	for USD	(4,363,975)
Buy PLN	31,485,542	for USD	(8,003,694)
Buy RON	6,288,807	for USD	(1,460,607)
Buy RUB	183,693,580	for USD	(2,792,601)
Buy THB	156,057,184	for USD	(5,152,383)
Buy TRY	27,978,937	for USD	(4,766,858)
Buy TWD	164,418,899	for USD	(5,410,296)
Buy USD	13,976,570	for BRL	(58,993,912)
Buy USD	4,326,031	for CLP	(3,131,286,483)
Buy USD	4,849,634	for CNH	(34,328,000)
Buy USD	4,422,106	for COP	(15,386,882,447)
			39
			(483)
			(247)
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			(59)
			(6)
			29
			92
			2
			25
			(39)
			94
			6
			(12)
			48
			11
			60
			(13)
			(43)
			310
			(26)
			24



# Portfolio Statement continued

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ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)</b>					
Buy USD	10,203,097	for EUR	(9,172,733)	79	0.06
Buy USD	461,238	for HUF	(138,450,229)	4	–
Buy USD	832,767	for IDR	(11,780,688,224)	(1)	–
Buy USD	2,299,471	for ILS	(8,060,000)	(17)	(0.01)
Buy USD	4,482,351	for INR	(326,867,611)	(54)	(0.04)
Buy USD	9,139,690	for KRW	(10,929,788,220)	(99)	(0.07)
Buy USD	2,608,691	for NGN	(1,001,007,681)	(58)	(0.04)
Buy USD	2,559,967	for PEN	(8,678,625)	4	–
Buy USD	4,435,569	for PHP	(227,729,300)	(32)	(0.02)
Buy USD	4,246,022	for PLN	(16,677,518)	4	–
Buy USD	1,802,771	for RON	(7,804,982)	7	–
Buy USD	171,241	for RUB	(11,137,477)	(2)	–
Buy USD	6,905,047	for SGD	(9,509,760)	(42)	(0.03)
Buy USD	294,690	for THB	(8,995,449)	(3)	–
Buy USD	896,534	for TRY	(6,109,282)	(125)	(0.09)
Buy USD	5,365,101	for TWD	(164,418,899)	(22)	(0.02)
Buy USD	10,560,082	for ZAR	(158,634,233)	(193)	(0.13)
Buy ZAR	87,499,945	for USD	(5,795,731)	129	0.09
				<b>(606)</b>	<b>(0.42)</b>
Portfolio of investments^				138,401	96.63
Net other assets*				4,830	3.37
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>143,231</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

^ Including derivative liabilities.

~ The market value of the holding is below £500 and is therefore rounded down to £0.

The value of collateral held in relation to swap contracts is £822,000 (31.05.19: £3,258,000).

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The credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

# Portfolio Analysis

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## Portfolio Analysis

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
Bonds	134,338	93.79	125,045	94.14
Derivatives	871	0.61	632	0.48
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	1,992	1.39	(3,119)	(2.35)
Government Treasury Bills	1,200	0.84	7,416	5.58
Net other assets	4,830	3.37	2,860	2.15
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>143,231</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>132,834</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Credit Breakdown\*

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
AAA	2,471	1.71	356	0.27
AA	8,341	5.84	7,165	5.39
A	23,454	16.39	15,230	11.46
BBB	48,018	33.51	43,556	32.82
BB	30,299	21.16	36,017	27.11
B	17,696	12.35	22,721	17.09
CCC	4,059	2.83	–	–
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>134,338</b>	<b>93.79</b>	<b>125,045</b>	<b>94.14</b>

\*Bond ratings are Investec approximations.

# Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Portfolio Statement

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ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>AUSTRIA 1.22% (31.05.19: 0.60%)</b>			
Erste Group Bank	77,022	2,150	1.22
<b>BRAZIL 8.71% (31.05.19: 10.27%)</b>			
Petroleo Brasileiro ADR	355,223	4,072	2.31
Itausa Preference Shares	1,308,319	3,199	1.81
Ambev ADR	721,937	2,362	1.34
Banco do Brasil	247,687	2,177	1.23
Engie Brasil Energia	188,500	1,615	0.92
Atacadao Distribuicao Comercio e Industria	426,678	1,474	0.84
Cia de Transmissao de Energia Eletrica Paulista Preference Shares	64,553	262	0.15
Ambev	58,229	194	0.11
		<b>15,355</b>	<b>8.71</b>
<b>CHINA 27.82% (31.05.19: 24.33%)</b>			
Alibaba ADR	85,689	13,341	7.57
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China	530,000	4,656	2.64
China Construction Bank	5,689,000	3,505	1.99
NetEase	14,148	3,499	1.99
Tencent	99,500	3,268	1.86
China Merchants Bank	570,000	2,086	1.18
Anhui Conch Cement	387,567	1,957	1.11
Weichai Power	1,458,000	1,932	1.10
CSPC Pharmaceutical	1,090,000	1,922	1.09
Sands China	472,400	1,729	0.98
China Life Insurance	883,000	1,728	0.98
Wuliangye Yibin	120,300	1,692	0.96
Want Want China	2,427,000	1,620	0.92
58.com Inc ADR	32,107	1,547	0.88
China Telecom	4,670,000	1,364	0.77
Li Ning	457,000	1,134	0.64
Air China	1,604,000	1,130	0.64
China Feihe	1,279,000	915	0.52
		<b>49,025</b>	<b>27.82</b>
<b>COLOMBIA 1.02% (31.05.19: 0.79%)</b>			
Bancolombia ADR	48,292	1,808	1.02
<b>DENMARK 1.00% (31.05.19: 0.90%)</b>			
Carlsberg	15,683	1,756	1.00
<b>HONG KONG 8.39% (31.05.19: 6.76%)</b>			
AlA	440,800	3,423	1.94
Haier Smart Home	1,580,934	2,975	1.69
China Resources Land	736,000	2,464	1.40
Techtronic Industries	338,500	1,971	1.12
Galaxy Entertainment	275,000	1,393	0.79
China Resources Gas	262,000	1,130	0.64
Kunlun Energy	1,484,000	973	0.55
Kerry Properties	183,194	458	0.26
		<b>14,787</b>	<b>8.39</b>
<b>HUNGARY 1.15% (31.05.19: 1.27%)</b>			
MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	165,556	1,250	0.71
Richter Gedeon	51,461	770	0.44
		<b>2,020</b>	<b>1.15</b>
<b>INDIA 4.88% (31.05.19: 5.76%)</b>			
ITC	643,973	1,711	0.97
State Bank of India	427,279	1,579	0.90
Shriram Transport Finance	120,720	1,470	0.83
HDFC Bank	106,058	1,461	0.83

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>INDIA 4.88% (31.05.19: 5.76%) (continued)</b>			
Bharat Electronics	1,178,074	1,307	0.74
Zee Entertainment	345,766	1,067	0.61
		<b>8,595</b>	<b>4.88</b>
<b>INDONESIA 3.22% (31.05.19: 3.72%)</b>			
Astra International	5,125,100	1,831	1.04
Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero	7,244,600	1,561	0.88
Bank Negara Indonesia	3,202,100	1,315	0.75
Perusahaan Gas Negara	9,212,500	969	0.55
		<b>5,676</b>	<b>3.22</b>
<b>JERSEY 1.23% (31.05.19: 0.95%)</b>			
Polymetal International	137,522	1,593	0.91
En+ GDR	83,332	568	0.32
		<b>2,161</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>LUXEMBOURG 0.53% (31.05.19: 1.27%)</b>			
Ternium ADR	56,352	942	0.53
<b>MALAYSIA 0.43% (31.05.19: 1.39%)</b>			
Genting	708,000	765	0.43
<b>MEXICO 2.46% (31.05.19: 3.50%)</b>			
Wal-Mart de Mexico	1,162,426	2,511	1.43
Grupo Mexico	882,422	1,818	1.03
		<b>4,329</b>	<b>2.46</b>
<b>PERU 0.00% (31.05.19: 1.22%)</b>			
<b>POLAND 0.82% (31.05.19: 0.79%)</b>			
Powszechna Kasa Oszczednosci Bank Polski	200,161	1,442	0.82
<b>RUSSIA 3.76% (31.05.19: 2.48%)</b>			
Lukoil ADR	45,844	3,382	1.92
MMC Norilsk Nickel ADR	103,870	2,154	1.22
X5 Retail	42,302	1,088	0.62
		<b>6,624</b>	<b>3.76</b>
<b>SOUTH AFRICA 5.03% (31.05.19: 4.59%)</b>			
Naspers	28,161	3,129	1.78
Bid	101,139	1,718	0.98
RMB	309,006	1,321	0.75
Old Mutual	1,131,318	1,116	0.63
Sasol	74,042	1,045	0.59
SPAR	49,193	537	0.30
		<b>8,866</b>	<b>5.03</b>
<b>SOUTH KOREA 9.76% (31.05.19: 6.12%)</b>			
Samsung Electronics	347,211	11,461	6.50
Kakao	18,344	1,866	1.06
Hyundai Motor	20,604	1,629	0.93
Hana Financial	65,578	1,537	0.87
Samsung Life Insurance	14,941	702	0.40
		<b>17,195</b>	<b>9.76</b>
<b>SWITZERLAND 0.00% (31.05.19: 0.51%)</b>			
<b>TAIWAN 10.50% (31.05.19: 6.21%)</b>			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	299,589	12,514	7.10
MediaTek	219,000	2,342	1.33
Novatek Microelectronics	271,000	1,539	0.87
Delta Electronics	370,000	1,316	0.75
Largan Precision	7,000	789	0.45
		<b>18,500</b>	<b>10.50</b>

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ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>THAILAND 2.28% (31.05.19: 5.07%)</b>			
Advanced Info Service	279,900	1,522	0.87
Indorama Ventures	1,453,300	1,286	0.73
Bangkok Bank NVDR	207,000	938	0.53
Bangkok Bank	47,600	216	0.12
Kasikornbank	9,300	37	0.02
Kasikornbank NVDR	3,800	15	0.01
		<b>4,014</b>	<b>2.28</b>
<b>TURKEY 1.23% (31.05.19: 0.83%)</b>			
TAV Havalimanlari	317,722	1,155	0.66
Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi	3,140,608	1,012	0.57
		<b>2,167</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 1.44% (31.05.19: 2.88%)</b>			
Emaar Properties	1,548,303	1,343	0.76
Aldar Properties	2,382,906	1,091	0.62
Abu Dhabi National Oil for Distribution	196,621	113	0.06
		<b>2,547</b>	<b>1.44</b>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM 1.29% (31.05.19: 2.32%)</b>			
Anglo American	111,864	<b>2,277</b>	<b>1.29</b>
<b>UNITED STATES 1.29% (31.05.19: 1.27%)</b>			
Broadcom	9,187	<b>2,267</b>	<b>1.29</b>
Portfolio of investments		175,268	99.46
Net other assets*		952	0.54
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>176,220</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

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Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

Stocks shown as GDRs represent Global Depositary Receipts.

# Global Franchise Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>BELGIUM 1.17% (31.05.19: 1.39%)</b>			
Anheuser-Busch InBev ADR	20,657	1,258	1.17
<b>CHINA 1.68% (31.05.19: 0.96%)</b>			
NetEase ADR	7,327	1,812	1.68
<b>GERMANY 3.45% (31.05.19: 3.65%)</b>			
Beiersdorf	41,399	3,711	3.45
<b>IRELAND 2.38% (31.05.19: 1.34%)</b>			
Medtronic	17,540	1,529	1.42
ICON	8,150	1,033	0.96
		<b>2,562</b>	<b>2.38</b>
<b>ISRAEL 3.21% (31.05.19: 2.85%)</b>			
Check Point Software Technologies	37,582	3,454	3.21
<b>NETHERLANDS 3.78% (31.05.19: 2.39%)</b>			
ASML	19,184	4,070	3.78
<b>SOUTH KOREA 1.71% (31.05.19: 1.41%)</b>			
Samsung Electronics GDR	2,220	1,843	1.71
<b>SPAIN 1.78% (31.05.19: 1.85%)</b>			
Amadeus IT	31,030	1,912	1.78
<b>SWITZERLAND 8.52% (31.05.19: 8.47%)</b>			
Nestle	57,360	4,621	4.30
Roche	19,032	4,543	4.22
		<b>9,164</b>	<b>8.52</b>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM 9.50% (31.05.19: 8.72%)</b>			
Unilever	69,770	3,193	2.97
Reckitt Benckiser	48,867	2,982	2.77
St James's Place	200,112	2,165	2.01
Imperial Tobacco	110,360	1,884	1.75
		<b>10,224</b>	<b>9.50</b>
<b>UNITED STATES 58.91% (31.05.19: 58.19%)</b>			
Visa	68,740	9,824	9.13
Microsoft	69,828	8,245	7.67
Moody's	34,661	6,082	5.66
VeriSign	39,835	5,923	5.51
Booking	3,810	5,630	5.24
Philip Morris International	70,818	4,528	4.21
Johnson & Johnson	39,050	4,170	3.88
Intuit	18,518	3,763	3.50
Charles Schwab	92,656	3,580	3.33
S&P Global	14,413	2,966	2.76
Becton Dickinson	12,930	2,610	2.43
Factset Research Systems	11,848	2,404	2.24
FOX	79,059	2,193	2.04
Altria	36,404	1,404	1.31
		<b>63,322</b>	<b>58.91</b>
Portfolio of investments		103,332	96.09
Net other assets*		4,208	3.91
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>107,540</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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# Global Quality Equity Income Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>CONSUMER GOODS 27.01% (31.05.19: 29.61%)</b>			
<b>BEVERAGES</b>			
Diageo	15,145	482	2.55
Anheuser-Busch	4,572	282	1.49
		<b>764</b>	<b>4.04</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS &amp; HOME CONSTRUCTION</b>			
Reckitt Benckiser	11,206	684	3.62
Procter & Gamble	5,991	565	2.99
		<b>1,249</b>	<b>6.61</b>
<b>PERSONAL GOODS</b>			
Nike	8,600	627	3.32
Unilever	11,560	529	2.80
		<b>1,156</b>	<b>6.12</b>
<b>TOBACCO</b>			
Philip Morris International	10,664	682	3.61
British American Tobacco	15,742	484	2.56
Swedish Match	11,234	421	2.23
Imperial Tobacco	20,356	347	1.84
		<b>1,934</b>	<b>10.24</b>
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES 4.87% (31.05.19: 4.26%)</b>			
<b>MEDIA</b>			
Fox	10,154	282	1.49
<b>TRAVEL &amp; LEISURE</b>			
Booking	232	343	1.82
Sands China	80,400	294	1.56
		<b>637</b>	<b>3.38</b>
<b>FINANCIALS 11.59% (31.05.19: 11.78%)</b>			
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>			
Visa	7,973	1,139	6.03
Charles Schwab	12,889	498	2.64
CME	2,309	360	1.91
		<b>1,997</b>	<b>10.58</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS</b>			
Growthpoint Properties Australia	82,047	190	1.01
<b>HEALTH CARE 20.22% (31.05.19: 20.49%)</b>			
<b>HEALTH CARE EQUIPMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
Becton Dickinson	2,887	583	3.09
Medtronic	5,207	454	2.40
Coloplast	4,371	401	2.12
		<b>1,438</b>	<b>7.61</b>
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; BIOTECHNOLOGY</b>			
Novartis	11,266	805	4.26
Roche	2,790	666	3.53
Johnson & Johnson	4,893	522	2.76
GlaxoSmithKline	22,161	389	2.06
		<b>2,382</b>	<b>12.61</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS 15.26% (31.05.19: 15.43%)</b>			
<b>INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING</b>			
Kone	16,940	821	4.35
Rockwell Automation	3,690	562	2.98
		<b>1,383</b>	<b>7.33</b>

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>			
Experian	25,633	657	3.48
Automatic Data Processing	4,072	541	2.87
Broadridge Financial Solutions	3,120	298	1.58
		<b>1,496</b>	<b>7.93</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY 17.86% (31.05.19: 17.23%)</b>			
<b>SOFTWARE &amp; COMPUTER SERVICES</b>			
Microsoft	12,467	1,472	7.80
Amadeus IT	11,069	682	3.61
Sage	61,089	465	2.46
		<b>2,619</b>	<b>13.87</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
ASML	2,327	494	2.62
Samsung Electronics Preference	9,688	259	1.37
		<b>753</b>	<b>3.99</b>
Portfolio of investments		18,280	96.81
Net other assets*		602	3.19
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>18,882</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

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# Global Special Situations Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>BRAZIL 3.68% (31.05.19: 6.53%)</b>			
Cielo	3,283,226	4,690	2.31
Cia de Saneamento do Parana	165,273	2,780	1.37
		<b>7,470</b>	<b>3.68</b>
<b>GERMANY 6.56% (31.05.19: 0.00%)</b>			
Bayer	112,350	6,592	3.25
GEA	151,895	3,787	1.87
Continental	28,659	2,918	1.44
		<b>13,297</b>	<b>6.56</b>
<b>IRELAND 2.05% (31.05.19: 2.37%)</b>			
Grafton	497,931	4,168	2.05
<b>JAPAN 2.98% (31.05.19: 4.13%)</b>			
Resona	1,048,500	3,437	1.69
Japan Steel Works	145,700	2,324	1.15
Asics	22,200	285	0.14
		<b>6,046</b>	<b>2.98</b>
<b>LUXEMBOURG 0.99% (31.05.19: 1.26%)</b>			
Tenaris	242,973	2,007	0.99
<b>SOUTH KOREA 2.14% (31.05.19: 3.08%)</b>			
Kangwon Land	225,919	4,351	2.14
<b>SWEDEN 3.06% (31.05.19: 2.83%)</b>			
SKF	419,497	6,211	3.06
<b>SWITZERLAND 3.15% (31.05.19: 3.43%)</b>			
Adecco	133,351	6,391	3.15
<b>TURKEY 3.85% (31.05.19: 4.01%)</b>			
TAV Havalimanlari	2,149,224	7,814	3.85
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 1.36% (31.05.19: 2.13%)</b>			
Aldar Properties	6,032,449	2,762	1.36
<b>UNITED KINGDOM 24.17% (31.05.19: 23.18%)</b>			
Capita	5,593,829	9,020	4.44
Travis Perkins	560,490	8,859	4.37
Lloyds Banking	9,855,895	6,111	3.01
Barclays	3,517,720	6,102	3.01
Royal Bank of Scotland	1,713,036	3,935	1.94
Delphi Technologies	405,606	3,917	1.93
Next	53,230	3,645	1.80
easyJet	236,435	3,203	1.58
Rolls-Royce	302,075	2,164	1.07
Virgin Money	1,145,192	2,048	1.01
Rolls-Royce 'C' Shares	12,929,542	13	0.01
		<b>49,017</b>	<b>24.17</b>
<b>UNITED STATES 43.15% (31.05.19: 45.64%)</b>			
Bank of America	417,386	10,816	5.33
American Express	111,720	10,419	5.13
Citigroup	150,129	8,813	4.34
Walmart	515,628	6,767	3.34
McKesson	54,158	6,141	3.03
DXC Technology	211,704	6,062	2.99
Northern Trust	71,765	5,988	2.95
AutoNation	113,658	4,578	2.26
Adient	256,032	4,457	2.20
Cars.com	440,225	4,351	2.14

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>UNITED STATES 43.15% (31.05.19: 45.64%) (continued)</b>			
Tapestry	161,557	3,384	1.67
Mohawk Industries	29,108	3,187	1.57
Deere	22,834	2,992	1.47
Ingredion	45,201	2,984	1.47
Franklin Resources	114,266	2,468	1.22
National Oilwell Varco	120,919	2,135	1.05
Helmerich & Payne	64,104	2,010	0.99
		<b>87,552</b>	<b>43.15</b>
Portfolio of investments		197,086	97.14
Net other assets*		5,806	2.86
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>202,892</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

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# Multi-Asset Protector Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>ALTERNATIVES 5.33% (31.05.19: 3.43%)</b>			
iShares Physical Gold ETC	201,062	4,443	2.80
3i Infrastructure	480,493	1,394	0.88
BBGI SICAV	798,298	1,329	0.84
HICL Infrastructure	784,674	1,284	0.81
		<b>8,450</b>	<b>5.33</b>
<b>EQUITIES 28.28% (31.05.19: 21.08%)</b>			
<b>GLOBAL EQUITIES 5.56% (31.05.19: 4.47%)</b>			
Investec GSF Asian Equity Fund †	193,881	4,875	3.07
Investec GSF All China Equity Fund †	165,392	3,574	2.25
Japan TOPIX Index Futures 12/12/2019	33	410	0.26
US MSCI Emerging Markets Index Futures 20/12/2019	56	42	0.03
Hang Seng Index Futures 30/12/2019	30	(38)	(0.02)
HSCEI Futures 30/12/2019	39	(43)	(0.03)
		<b>8,820</b>	<b>5.56</b>
<b>SECTOR THEMATIC 11.22% (31.05.19: 6.14%)</b>			
<b>COMMODITY ROYALTY EQUITY</b>			
Franco-Nevada	4,482	341	0.21
Wheaton Precious Metals	14,633	309	0.19
Royal Gold	2,000	182	0.11
Texas Pacific Land Trust	307	160	0.10
		<b>992</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>EMERGING MARKETS CONSUMER</b>			
Alibaba ADR	2,463	383	0.24
Midea	59,801	358	0.23
HDFC Bank ADR	6,847	336	0.21
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China	37,500	329	0.21
Wuliangye Yibin	23,021	324	0.20
China Tower	1,872,000	295	0.19
YDUQS Part	28,602	225	0.14
NetEase ADR	894	221	0.14
AIA	24,800	193	0.12
China Mengniu Dairy	64,000	190	0.12
Kweichow Moutai	1,468	183	0.12
Sinopharm	68,400	175	0.11
China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical	47,199	153	0.10
A-Living Services	50,500	126	0.08
Zhejiang Supor Cookware	15,808	125	0.08
Sands China	29,600	108	0.07
		<b>3,724</b>	<b>2.36</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Arch Capital	12,786	418	0.26
Essent	9,623	416	0.26
Tokio Marine	9,200	387	0.24
MGIC Investment	33,830	381	0.24
Travelers	3,548	377	0.24
Reinsurance Group of America	2,780	361	0.23
Chubb	2,895	341	0.21
Intact Financial	3,744	300	0.19
Beazley	46,980	255	0.16
Hiscox	17,406	239	0.15
		<b>3,475</b>	<b>2.18</b>

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>MINERS</b>			
Glencore	145,954	360	0.23
BHP	20,731	357	0.22
Rio Tinto	8,390	356	0.22
Barrick Gold	27,217	352	0.22
Anglo American	17,245	351	0.22
Boliden	16,719	335	0.21
		<b>2,111</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>TOBACCO</b>			
British American Tobacco	20,846	641	0.40
Altria	16,512	637	0.40
Imperial Tobacco	28,550	487	0.31
		<b>1,765</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>US BANKS</b>			
JPMorgan Chase	6,030	617	0.39
Bank of America	23,506	609	0.38
Citigroup	10,357	608	0.38
Wells Fargo	14,022	591	0.37
		<b>2,425</b>	<b>1.52</b>
<b>US HOMEBUILDERS</b>			
DR Horton	17,254	739	0.47
PulteGroup	18,294	565	0.36
KB Home	19,912	538	0.34
NVR	180	531	0.33
Lennar	10,708	496	0.31
Taylor Morrison Home	26,683	485	0.31
		<b>3,354</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<b>TOTAL RETURN EQUITY 10.45% (31.05.19: 9.75%)</b>			
Philip Morris International	15,189	971	0.61
Partners	1,104	724	0.46
UnitedHealth	3,179	692	0.43
Visa	4,391	628	0.40
Ingersoll-Rand	5,600	572	0.36
Home Depot	2,987	516	0.33
Novo Nordisk	11,764	516	0.33
Booking	347	513	0.32
Aristocrat Leisure	28,442	507	0.32
Hexpol	69,437	491	0.31
Amadeus IT	7,777	479	0.30
Northrop Grumman	1,655	453	0.29
Check Point Software Technologies	4,909	451	0.28
A. O. Smith	11,529	435	0.27
S&P Global	1,967	405	0.26
F5 Networks	3,511	396	0.25
WH Smith	15,723	390	0.25
Lear	3,812	362	0.23
Moncler	9,981	345	0.22
Jack Henry & Associates	2,905	344	0.22
Hasbro	4,295	339	0.21
American Express	3,622	338	0.21
Dollar General	2,745	337	0.21
Landstar System	3,801	331	0.21
Lockheed Martin	1,064	325	0.20
Marsh & McLennan	3,801	319	0.20
Accenture	2,014	314	0.20
TJX	6,585	311	0.20
AutoZone	338	310	0.20
Walt Disney	2,629	309	0.19
Howden Joinery	47,985	306	0.19
CH Robinson Worldwide	4,905	296	0.19
RELX	15,130	285	0.18
Johnson & Johnson	2,659	284	0.18
Axfood	16,457	280	0.18
Unilever	5,940	272	0.17

# Portfolio Statement continued

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>TOTAL RETURN EQUITY 10.45% (31.05.19: 9.75%) (continued)</b>			
Microsoft	2,109	249	0.16
Amdocs	4,631	248	0.16
Nasdaq	2,970	240	0.15
Estee Lauder	1,527	232	0.15
Thor Industries	4,478	226	0.14
Snap-On	1,702	214	0.13
		<b>16,555</b>	<b>10.45</b>
<b>UK EQUITIES 1.05% (31.05.19: 0.72%)</b>			
Land Securities**	35,490	343	0.22
Lloyds Banking	545,534	338	0.21
GVC	37,226	322	0.20
British Land**	49,313	288	0.18
Barclays	97,774	170	0.11
Royal Bank of Scotland	57,911	133	0.08
FTSE 100 Index Futures 20/12/2019	89	78	0.05
		<b>1,672</b>	<b>1.05</b>
<b>FIXED INCOME 36.43% (31.05.19: 43.66%)</b>			
<b>CORPORATE HIGH YIELD 3.22% (31.05.19: 5.84%)</b>			
Investec Diversified Income Fund †	1,926,547	3,322	2.09
Investec GSF Global Total Return Credit Fund †	113,173	1,797	1.13
		<b>5,119</b>	<b>3.22</b>
<b>EMERGING MARKETS DEBT 6.96% (31.05.19: 6.82%)*</b>			
Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029	USD 2,840,000	2,384	1.50
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.25% 15/05/2029	IDR 37,889,000,000	2,243	1.41
Investec GSF Emerging Markets Corporate Debt†	68,678	1,817	1.15
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027	RUB 121,800,000	1,631	1.03
Turkey Government International Bond 7% 05/06/2020	USD 2,039,000	1,611	1.02
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030	ZAR 26,400,000	1,286	0.81
New Capital Wealthy Nations Bond Fund (GBP)	531	61	0.04
		<b>11,033</b>	<b>6.96</b>
<b>EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY 0.00% (31.05.19: 0.00%)*</b>			
<b>GOVERNMENT BOND 26.25% (31.05.19: 31.00%)</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 1.5% 22/01/2021	GBP 9,637,789	9,731	6.13
United Kingdom Gilt 2% 22/07/2020	GBP 9,614,112	9,692	6.11
Canadian Government Bond 1.75% 01/05/2021	CAD 12,870,000	7,517	4.74
United Kingdom Gilt 0.5% 22/07/2022	GBP 6,562,654	6,567	4.14
United States Treasury Note 2.375% 15/05/2029	USD 5,930,000	4,838	3.05
Canadian Government Bond 1% 01/06/2027	CAD 5,847,000	3,295	2.08
		<b>41,640</b>	<b>26.25</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS 27.03% (31.05.19: 24.54%)</b>			
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 13/01/2020	GBP 9,000,000	8,992	5.67
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 20/01/2020	GBP 6,000,000	5,994	3.78
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 10/02/2020	GBP 5,000,000	4,992	3.14
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 03/02/2020	GBP 4,000,000	3,995	2.52
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 02/12/2019	GBP 3,847,688	3,847	2.42
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 16/12/2019	GBP 3,000,000	2,999	1.89
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 27/01/2020	GBP 3,000,000	2,996	1.89
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 09/12/2019	GBP 2,800,000	2,799	1.76
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 17/02/2020	GBP 2,000,000	1,997	1.26
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 24/02/2020	GBP 2,000,000	1,996	1.26
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 23/12/2019	GBP 1,000,000	1,000	0.63
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 06/01/2020	GBP 1,000,000	999	0.63
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 02/03/2020	GBP 286,164	286	0.18
		<b>42,892</b>	<b>27.03</b>
<b>PROPERTY 1.43% (31.05.19: 1.30%)</b>			
Investec GSF Global Real Estate Securities Fund †	138,358	2,265	1.43

ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (0.06%) (31.05.19: (0.52%))</b>					
<b>FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>					
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>					
Sell CAD	(18,730,000)	for GBP	10,963,793	57	0.03
<b>Euro</b>					
Sell Euro	(2,150,064)	for GBP	1,856,854	21	0.01
<b>Hong Kong Dollar</b>					
Sell HKD	(43,710,000)	for GBP	4,295,679	(23)	(0.01)
<b>US Dollar</b>					
Sell USD	(46,332,760)	for GBP	35,697,524	(146)	(0.09)
				<b>(91)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>
Portfolio of investments <sup>^</sup>				156,201	98.44
Net other assets <sup>*</sup>				2,470	1.56
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>158,671</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

<sup>†</sup> A related party to the Fund.

<sup>\*</sup>The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).

‡Investec GSF Emerging Markets Corporate Debt is now included in Emerging Markets Debt, therefore prior year figures have been restated.

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The collective investment schemes and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

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# Portfolio Analysis

As at 30 November 2019

## Portfolio Analysis

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)*	PERCENTAGE OF OF NET ASSETS (%)*
Bonds	50,795	32.02	53,722	32.95
Collective Investment Schemes	26,161	16.49	33,417	20.50
Derivatives	449	0.29	(918)	(0.57)
Equities	35,995	22.67	27,036	16.59
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	(91)	(0.06)	(841)	(0.52)
Government Treasury Bills	42,892	27.03	39,986	24.54
Net other assets	2,470	1.56	10,620	6.51
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>158,671</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>163,022</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Credit Breakdown\*

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
AAA	15,650	9.87	24,440	14.99
AA	25,990	16.38	26,091	16.01
BBB	3,874	2.44	2,500	1.53
BB	1,286	0.81	691	0.42
B	3,995	2.52	–	–
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>50,795</b>	<b>32.02</b>	<b>53,722</b>	<b>32.95</b>

\* Bond ratings are Investec approximations.

‡ Prior year comparatives restated.

# Multi-Asset Protector Fund 2

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>ALTERNATIVES 5.28% (31.05.19: 3.23%)</b>			
iShares Physical Gold ETC	135,158	2,987	3.10
3i Infrastructure	253,528	735	0.76
BBGI SICAV	417,120	695	0.72
HICL Infrastructure	414,026	677	0.70
		<b>5,094</b>	<b>5.28</b>
<b>EQUITIES 27.14% (31.05.19: 20.97%)</b>			
<b>GLOBAL EQUITIES 5.43% (31.05.19: 4.53%)</b>			
Investec GSF Asian Equity Fund †	119,565	3,006	3.11
Investec GSF All China Equity Fund †	92,486	1,999	2.07
Japan TOPIX Index Futures 12/12/2019	21	261	0.27
US MSCI Emerging Markets Futures 20/12/2019	34	26	0.03
Hang Seng Index Futures 30/12/2019	18	(23)	(0.02)
HSCEI Futures 30/12/2019	23	(25)	(0.03)
		<b>5,244</b>	<b>5.43</b>
<b>SECTOR THEMATIC 10.97% (31.05.19: 6.22%)</b>			
<b>COMMODITY ROYALTY EQUITY</b>			
Franco-Nevada	2,654	202	0.21
Wheaton Precious Metals	8,665	183	0.19
Royal Gold	1,184	107	0.11
Texas Pacific Land Trust	182	95	0.10
		<b>587</b>	<b>0.61</b>
<b>EMERGING MARKETS CONSUMER</b>			
Alibaba ADR	1,463	228	0.24
Midea	35,532	213	0.22
HDFC Bank ADR	4,097	201	0.21
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China	22,500	198	0.20
Wuliangye Yibin	13,679	192	0.20
China Tower	1,112,000	175	0.18
YDUQS Part	16,995	134	0.14
NetEase ADR	531	131	0.13
AIA	14,800	115	0.12
China Mengniu Dairy	38,000	113	0.12
Kweichow Moutai	873	109	0.11
Sinopharm	40,800	104	0.11
China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical	28,099	91	0.09
A-Living Services	30,500	76	0.08
Zhejiang Supor Cookware	9,392	74	0.08
Sands China	17,600	64	0.07
		<b>2,218</b>	<b>2.30</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
Arch Capital	7,628	250	0.26
Essent	5,465	236	0.24
Tokio Marine	5,500	231	0.24
MGIC Investment	19,213	216	0.22
Reinsurance Group of America	1,659	215	0.22
Travelers	2,015	214	0.22
Chubb	1,727	204	0.21
Intact Financial	2,234	179	0.19
Beazley	28,029	152	0.16
Hiscox	10,385	143	0.15
		<b>2,040</b>	<b>2.11</b>



# Portfolio Statement continued

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>MINERS</b>			
BHP	12,556	216	0.22
Rio Tinto	5,081	215	0.22
Glencore	86,732	214	0.22
Anglo American	10,445	213	0.22
Barrick Gold	16,252	210	0.22
Boliden	10,126	203	0.21
		<b>1,271</b>	<b>1.31</b>
<b>TOBACCO</b>			
British American Tobacco	12,353	380	0.39
Altria	9,785	377	0.39
Imperial Tobacco	16,919	289	0.30
		<b>1,046</b>	<b>1.08</b>
<b>US BANKS</b>			
JPMorgan Chase	3,652	374	0.39
Bank of America	14,239	369	0.38
Citigroup	6,272	368	0.38
Wells Fargo	8,492	358	0.37
		<b>1,469</b>	<b>1.52</b>
<b>US HOMEBUILDERS</b>			
DR Horton	10,446	448	0.46
PulteGroup	10,726	331	0.34
KB Home	11,675	316	0.33
NVR	105	309	0.32
Lennar	6,278	291	0.30
Taylor Morrison Home	15,644	284	0.29
		<b>1,979</b>	<b>2.04</b>
<b>TOTAL RETURN EQUITY 9.75% (31.05.19: 9.49%)</b>			
Philip Morris International	8,553	547	0.57
Partners	595	390	0.40
UnitedHealth	1,785	388	0.40
Visa	2,491	356	0.37
Ingersoll-Rand	3,177	324	0.34
Aristocrat Leisure	17,823	317	0.33
Home Depot	1,740	301	0.31
Booking	192	284	0.29
Novo Nordisk	6,337	278	0.29
Hexpol	37,401	265	0.27
Northrop Grumman	945	258	0.27
Amadeus IT	4,189	258	0.27
Check Point Software Technologies	2,644	243	0.25
A. O. Smith	6,210	235	0.24
WH Smith	9,098	226	0.23
Accenture	1,411	220	0.23
S&P Global	1,059	218	0.23
F5 Networks	1,891	213	0.22
AutoZone	232	213	0.22
TJX	4,414	209	0.22
Lear	2,053	195	0.20
Landstar System	2,233	195	0.20
Dollar General	1,557	191	0.20
Lockheed Martin	618	189	0.20
Moncler	5,376	186	0.19
Jack Henry & Associates	1,565	185	0.19
Hasbro	2,314	183	0.19
American Express	1,951	182	0.19
Marsh & McLennan	2,157	181	0.19
Walt Disney	1,492	175	0.18
Axfood	10,229	174	0.18
CH Robinson Worldwide	2,881	174	0.18
Howden Joinery	26,505	169	0.17
RELX	8,584	161	0.17

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>TOTAL RETURN EQUITY 9.75% (31.05.19: 9.49%) (continued)</b>			
Johnson & Johnson	1,508	161	0.17
Unilever	3,370	154	0.16
Nasdaq	1,798	145	0.15
Microsoft	1,197	141	0.15
Amdocs	2,627	141	0.15
Estee Lauder	866	131	0.13
Snap-On	966	122	0.13
Thor Industries	2,412	122	0.13
		<b>9,400</b>	<b>9.75</b>
<b>UK EQUITIES 0.99% (31.05.19: 0.73%)</b>			
Land Securities**	19,826	192	0.20
GVC	22,041	191	0.20
Lloyds Banking	296,945	184	0.19
British Land**	28,544	166	0.17
Barclays	54,517	94	0.10
Royal Bank of Scotland	32,474	75	0.08
FTSE 100 Index Futures 20/12/2019	53	47	0.05
		<b>949</b>	<b>0.99</b>
<b>FIXED INCOME 65.00% (31.05.19: 71.54%)</b>			
<b>CORPORATE HIGH YIELD 2.92% (31.05.19: 5.55%)</b>			
Investec Diversified Income Fund †	1,068,325	1,842	1.91
Investec GSF Global Total Return Credit Fund †	61,643	979	1.01
		<b>2,821</b>	<b>2.92</b>
<b>EMERGING MARKETS DEBT 6.63% (31.05.19: 6.53%)</b>			
Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029	USD 1,690,000	1,419	1.47
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.25% 15/05/2029	IDR 22,605,000,000	1,338	1.39
Investec GSF Emerging Markets Corporate Debt †	37,241	985	1.02
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 8.15% 03/02/2027	RUB 71,900,000	963	1.00
Turkey Government International Bond 7% 05/06/2020	USD 1,160,000	916	0.95
Republic of South Africa Government Bond 8% 31/01/2030	ZAR 15,000,000	731	0.76
New Capital Wealthy Nations Bond Fund (GBP)	302	35	0.04
		<b>6,387</b>	<b>6.63</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT BOND 24.35% (31.05.19: 30.57%)</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 1.5% 22/01/2021	GBP 5,336,960	5,388	5.58
United Kingdom Gilt 2% 22/07/2020	GBP 5,317,719	5,361	5.56
Canadian Government Bond 1.75% 01/05/2021	CAD 7,539,000	4,403	4.56
United Kingdom Gilt 0.5% 22/07/2022	GBP 3,644,603	3,647	3.78
United States Treasury Note 2.375% 15/05/2029	USD 3,460,000	2,823	2.93
Canadian Government Bond 1% 01/06/2027	CAD 3,321,000	1,872	1.94
		<b>23,494</b>	<b>24.35</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS 31.10% (31.05.19: 28.89%)</b>			
United Kindom Treasury Bill 13/01/2020	GBP 6,000,000	5,995	6.21
United Kindom Treasury Bill 10/02/2020	GBP 5,000,000	4,992	5.17
United Kindom Treasury Bill 03/02/2020	GBP 4,000,000	3,996	4.14
United Kindom Treasury Bill 20/01/2020	GBP 2,500,000	2,497	2.59
United Kindom Treasury Bill 24/02/2020	GBP 2,500,000	2,495	2.59
United Kindom Treasury Bill 09/12/2019	GBP 2,000,000	2,000	2.07
United Kindom Treasury Bill 16/12/2019	GBP 2,000,000	1,999	2.07
United Kindom Treasury Bill 02/12/2019	GBP 1,547,688	1,548	1.60
United Kindom Treasury Bill 27/01/2020	GBP 1,500,000	1,498	1.55
United Kindom Treasury Bill 23/12/2019	GBP 1,000,000	999	1.04
United Kindom Treasury Bill 06/01/2020	GBP 1,000,000	999	1.04
United Kindom Treasury Bill 17/02/2020	GBP 1,000,000	998	1.03
		<b>30,016</b>	<b>31.10</b>
<b>PROPERTY 1.37% (31.05.19: 1.36%)</b>			
Investec GSF Global Real Estate Securities Fund †	80,760	1,322	1.37

# Portfolio Statement continued

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ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (0.05%) (31.05.19: (0.47%))</b>					
<b>FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>					
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>					
Sell CAD	(10,730,000)	for GBP	6,280,913	33	0.03
<b>Euro</b>					
Sell EUR	(1,340,138)	for GBP	1,157,380	13	0.01
<b>Hong Kong Dollar</b>					
Sell HKD	(23,713,000)	for GBP	2,330,438	(12)	(0.01)
<b>US Dollar</b>					
Sell USD	(25,785,582)	for GBP	19,866,862	(81)	(0.08)
				<b>(47)</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>
Portfolio of investments <sup>^</sup>				95,290	98.74
Net other assets <sup>*</sup>				1,215	1.26
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>96,505</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

<sup>†</sup> A related party to the Fund.

<sup>\*</sup>The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).

Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

The collective investment schemes and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

# Portfolio Analysis

As at 30 November 2019

## Portfolio Analysis

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
Bonds	28,861	29.92	29,716	32.48
Collective Investment Schemes	15,262	15.81	18,191	19.88
Derivatives	286	0.30	(517)	(0.57)
Equities	20,912	21.66	14,994	16.42
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	(47)	(0.05)	(434)	(0.47)
Government Treasury Bills	30,016	31.10	26,450	28.89
Net other assets	1,215	1.26	3,085	3.37
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>96,505</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>91,485</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Credit Breakdown\*

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
AAA	9,098	9.43	13,518	14.77
AA	14,396	14.92	14,452	15.80
BBB	2,301	2.39	1,364	1.49
BB	731	0.76	382	0.42
B	2,335	2.42	–	–
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>28,861</b>	<b>29.92</b>	<b>29,716</b>	<b>32.48</b>

\*Bond ratings are Investec approximations.

# Target Return Bond Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>CORPORATE BONDS 17.94% (31.05.19: 31.02%)</b>			
Kaisa 11.95% 22/10/2022	USD 205,000	163	1.33
Morgan Stanley (FRN) 3.336% 24/10/2023	USD 202,000	160	1.30
Santander UK 2.125% 03/11/2020	USD 203,000	157	1.28
UBS 2.45% 01/12/2020	USD 202,000	157	1.28
JPMorgan Chase (FRN) 3.166% 24/10/2023	USD 198,000	156	1.27
Bank of America (FRN) 0.298% 25/04/2024	EUR 177,000	152	1.24
Petrobras Global Finance 6.85% 05/06/2115	USD 90,000	78	0.64
Hughes Satellite Systems 7.625% 15/06/2021	USD 90,000	75	0.61
Citigroup (FRN) 2.955% 08/12/2021	USD 90,000	71	0.58
Cablevision Systems 5.875% 15/09/2022	USD 82,000	68	0.55
T-Mobile USA 4% 15/04/2022	USD 85,000	68	0.55
NGPL PipeCo 4.375% 15/08/2022	USD 84,000	67	0.55
Yum! Brands 3.875% 01/11/2020	USD 85,000	66	0.54
CenturyLink 6.45% 15/06/2021	USD 78,000	63	0.51
Lennar 2.95% 29/11/2020	USD 81,000	63	0.51
Fibria Overseas Finance 5.25% 12/05/2024	USD 75,000	63	0.51
Iron Mountain 4.375% 01/06/2021	USD 72,000	56	0.46
CommScope 6% 01/03/2026	USD 69,000	56	0.46
Prime Security Services Borrower 5.75% 15/04/2026	USD 69,000	56	0.46
Tenet Healthcare 4.875% 01/01/2026	USD 69,000	56	0.46
Berry Global 4.875% 15/07/2026	USD 66,000	53	0.43
Bausch Health 6.5% 15/03/2022	USD 67,000	53	0.43
Sirius XM Radio 5.5% 01/07/2029	USD 64,000	53	0.43
Diamond Sports 5.375% 15/08/2026	USD 67,000	52	0.42
Ball 5% 15/03/2022	USD 58,000	47	0.38
Reynolds 5.75% 15/10/2020	USD 43,610	34	0.28
YPF 6.95% 21/07/2027	USD 48,000	28	0.23
GLP Capital 5.375% 15/04/2026	USD 29,000	25	0.20
Continental Resources 5% 15/09/2022	USD 8,000	6	0.05
		<b>2,202</b>	<b>17.94</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS 13.72% (31.05.19: 33.86%)</b>			
Russian Federal Bond – OFZ 6.9% 23/05/2029	RUB 37,012,000	466	3.79
Egypt Government International Bond 8.5% 31/01/2047	USD 467,000	383	3.11
Turkey Government International Bond 7.625% 26/04/2029	USD 363,000	305	2.48
French Republic Government Bond OAT 1.5% 25/05/2050	RUT 249,057	257	2.09
Peru Government Bond 6.15% 12/08/2032	SOL 584,000	150	1.22
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 1% 15/02/2049	USD 140,000	127	1.03
		<b>1,688</b>	<b>13.72</b>
<b>GOVERNMENT TREASURY BILLS 22.20% (31.05.19: 0.00%)</b>			
United States Treasury Bill 09/01/2020	USD 1,751,500	1,355	11.03
United States Treasury Bill 23/01/2020	USD 1,650,000	1,276	10.39
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 02/03/2020	GBP 95,388	95	0.78
		<b>2,726</b>	<b>22.20</b>
<b>CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT 0.00% (31.05.19: 3.76%)</b>			
<b>COMMERCIAL PAPERS 0.00% (31.05.19: 4.70%)</b>			
<b>DERIVATIVES – FUTURES (0.04%) (31.05.19: (0.14%))</b>			
South Korea 3 Year Bond Futures 17/12/2019	15	1	0.01
US Ultra Bond Futures 20/03/2020	(1)	(1)	(0.01)
Euro-BUXL 30 Years Bond Futures 06/12/2019	(2)	(3)	(0.02)
Long Gilt Futures 27/03/2020	(6)	(3)	(0.02)
		<b>(6)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>

ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>DERIVATIVES – CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS 1.27% (31.05.19: 0.24%)</b>					
Goldman Sachs CDX High Yield 5% 20/12/2024			1,387,691	93	0.76
J.P. Morgan MARKIT ITRX XCOVER 5% 20/12/2024			314,629	38	0.31
Goldman Sachs MARKIT CDX NA IG 1% 20/12/2024			889,718	18	0.15
J.P. Morgan MARKIT ITRX Europe 1% 20/12/2024			730,000	18	0.15
J.P. Morgan MARKIT ITRX Asia IG 1% 20/12/2024			815,000	(12)	(0.10)
				<b>155</b>	<b>1.27</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES – INTEREST RATE SWAPS (0.01%) (31.05.19: 0.25%)</b>					
~Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap receive 2.67% 10/06/2021			100,000	–	–
Goldman Sachs Interest Rate Swap pay 2.89% 20/11/2024			13,447,000	(2)	(0.01)
				<b>(2)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>
<b>FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (2.11%) (31.05.19: (2.09%))</b>					
<b>FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>					
<b>Australian Dollar</b>					
~Buy AUD	50,000.00	for GBP	(26,348)	–	–
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>					
Sell CAD	(100,000.00)	for GBP	61,458	3	0.02
<b>Euro</b>					
Buy EUR	10,684,278.00	for GBP	(9,195,832)	(84)	(0.68)
Sell EUR	(11,086,651.00)	for GBP	9,967,534	513	4.18
<b>Japanese Yen</b>					
Buy JPY	141,197,404.00	for GBP	(1,106,858)	(107)	(0.87)
<b>Mexican Peso</b>					
~Buy MXN	1,370,000.00	for GBP	(54,677)	–	–
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>					
~Sell NZD	(10,000.00)	for GBP	5,167	–	–
<b>Norwegian Krone</b>					
Buy NOK	6,232,000.00	for GBP	(528,892)	(4)	(0.03)
<b>South African Rand</b>					
Buy ZAR	106,170,000.00	for GBP	(5,400,850)	204	1.66
Sell ZAR	(106,650,000.00)	for GBP	5,640,351	11	0.09
<b>Turkish Lira</b>					
~Buy TRY	170,000.00	for GBP	(22,817)	–	–
<b>US Dollar</b>					
Buy USD	134,367,581.00	for GBP	(105,484,417)	(1,395)	(11.36)
Sell USD	(144,664,388.00)	for GBP	112,765,867	699	5.69
				<b>(160)</b>	<b>(1.30)</b>
<b>FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>					
Buy AUD	3,940,113	for CAD	(3,575,580)	(16)	(0.13)
Buy AUD	2,013,000	for USD	(1,377,599)	(10)	(0.08)
Buy CAD	3,466,795	for AUD	(3,895,000)	(24)	(0.20)
~Buy CAD	209,000	for USD	(157,046)	–	–
Buy CLP	1,979,693,000	for USD	(2,679,379)	(153)	(1.25)
~Buy EUR	153,881	for NOK	(1,557,000)	–	–
Buy EUR	874,126	for USD	(970,222)	(6)	(0.05)
Buy ILS	4,805,769	for EUR	(1,235,731)	19	0.15
Buy ILS	4,938,542	for USD	(1,403,770)	15	0.12
Buy JPY	294,721,000	for USD	(2,723,547)	(24)	(0.20)
Buy KRW	2,820,432,000	for USD	(2,380,079)	10	0.08
Buy MXN	25,091,000	for USD	(1,299,408)	(10)	(0.08)
Buy NOK	24,933,000	for USD	(2,718,261)	(5)	(0.04)
Buy PLN	8,096,000	for SGD	(2,840,952)	(15)	(0.12)
Buy PLN	13,367,000	for USD	(3,425,696)	(21)	(0.17)
Buy SEK	1,477,000	for EUR	(139,911)	1	0.01
Buy SGD	4,466,000	for USD	(3,257,602)	8	0.07
Buy TRY	8,200,000	for USD	(1,393,492)	20	0.16
Buy TWD	100,381,000	for USD	(3,278,030)	12	0.10
Buy USD	1,368,210	for AUD	(1,980,000)	20	0.16
~Buy USD	10,104	for CHF	(10,000)	–	–
Buy USD	2,594,435	for CLP	(1,979,693,000)	87	0.71
~Buy USD	14,500	for CNH	(102,000)	–	–
~Buy USD	359,521	for EUR	(326,000)	–	–

# Portfolio Statement continued

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ASSET			HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>FORWARD CROSS CURRENCY CONTRACTS (continued)</b>					
Buy USD	2,493,734	for ILS	(8,607,000)	11	0.09
Buy USD	3,701,816	for JPY	(398,673,000)	46	0.37
Buy USD	2,702,055	for KRW	(3,198,418,000)	(9)	(0.07)
Buy USD	1,369,228	for MXN	(26,351,000)	14	0.11
Buy USD	3,165,860	for NOK	(28,892,000)	18	0.15
Buy USD	5,243,192	for PLN	(20,819,000)	(40)	(0.33)
Buy USD	458,493	for RUB	(29,440,000)	1	0.01
Buy USD	1,360,018	for SGD	(1,852,000)	4	0.03
Buy USD	1,385,881	for TRY	(8,380,000)	(50)	(0.41)
~Buy USD	3,458,434	for TWD	(105,442,200)	–	–
~Buy ZAR	472,000	for USD	(32,001)	–	–
				<b>(97)</b>	<b>(0.81)</b>
Portfolio of investments <sup>^</sup>				6,506	52.97
Net other assets <sup>*</sup>				5,777	47.03
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>12,283</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<sup>^</sup> Including derivative liabilities.

~ The market value of the holding is below £500 and is therefore rounded down to £0.

<sup>\*</sup> The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

The credit default swaps, interest rate swaps and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

The value of collateral held in relation to swap contracts is £830k (31.05.19: £650k).

Fixed interest securities are traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated. Stocks shown as FRNs represent Floating Rate Notes – debt instruments that pay a floating rate of interest, usually based on an accepted market benchmark rate such as LIBOR.

# Portfolio Analysis

As at 30 November 2019

## Portfolio Analysis

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
Bonds	3,890	31.66	68,734	64.88
Certificates of Deposit	–	–	3,998	3.76
Commercial Papers	–	–	4,994	4.70
Derivatives	147	1.22	375	0.34
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	(257)	(2.11)	(2,217)	(2.09)
Government Treasury Bills	2,726	22.20	–	–
Net other assets	5,777	47.03	30,109	28.41
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>12,283</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>105,993</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Credit Breakdown\*

ASSET	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
AAA	127	1.03	24,300	22.94
AA	414	3.37	2,308	2.18
A	846	6.89	8,333	7.87
BBB	627	5.10	7,401	6.98
BB	635	5.17	9,932	9.37
B	1,213	9.87	14,921	14.10
CCC	28	0.23	1,539	1.44
<b>Total Bonds</b>	<b>3,890</b>	<b>31.66</b>	<b>68,734</b>	<b>64.88</b>

\*Bond ratings are Investec approximations.



# UK Total Return Fund

## Portfolio Statement

As at 30 November 2019

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>BONDS 4.68% (31.05.19: 7.71%)</b>			
<b>GOVERNMENT BONDS</b>			
United Kingdom Gilt 2% 22/07/2020	GBP 7,864,812	7,929	4.68
<b>CONSUMER GOODS 15.74% (31.05.19: 11.36%)</b>			
<b>AUTOMOBILES &amp; PARTS</b>			
Delphi Technologies	350,315	3,383	2.00
<b>HOUSEHOLD GOODS &amp; HOME CONSTRUCTION</b>			
McCarthy & Stone	3,630,835	5,087	3.00
Welbilt	220,044	2,888	1.71
Headlam	586,749	2,605	1.54
		10,580	6.25
<b>PERSONAL GOODS</b>			
SuperGroup	603,934	3,083	1.82
Tapestry	138,289	2,896	1.71
		5,979	3.53
<b>TOBACCO</b>			
British American Tobacco	114,500	3,521	2.08
Imperial Tobacco	186,250	3,179	1.88
		6,700	3.96
<b>CONSUMER SERVICES 19.74% (31.05.19: 19.68%)</b>			
<b>FOOD &amp; DRUG RETAILERS</b>			
Tesco	1,823,519	4,276	2.53
J Sainsbury	1,662,953	3,639	2.15
		7,915	4.68
<b>GENERAL RETAILERS</b>			
Marks & Spencer	2,821,479	5,598	3.31
Kingfisher	2,229,937	4,768	2.82
Topps Tiles	3,049,811	2,245	1.33
ScS	911,635	2,051	1.21
Next	24,755	1,695	1.00
Dixons Carphone	832,774	1,024	0.60
Abercrombie & Fitch	46,474	603	0.35
Carpetright	7,640,838	372	0.22
		18,356	10.84
<b>TRAVEL &amp; LEISURE</b>			
J D Wetherspoon	227,398	3,641	2.15
easyJet	259,216	3,511	2.07
		7,152	4.22
<b>FINANCIALS 20.57% (31.05.19: 21.54%)</b>			
<b>BANKS</b>			
Citigroup	102,439	6,013	3.55
Royal Bank of Scotland	2,500,245	5,743	3.39
Standard Chartered	661,525	4,637	2.74
Barclays	2,254,085	3,910	2.31
Virgin Money UK	1,117,346	1,998	1.18
		22,301	13.17
<b>EQUITY INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS</b>			
Hipgnosis Songs	2,059,983	2,225	1.31
<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>			
Tullett Prebon	1,136,657	4,411	2.61

ASSET	HOLDING	MARKET VALUE (£'000)	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS (%)
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT &amp; SERVICES</b>			
LSL Property Services	833,492	1,959	1.16
Countrywide	31,731,586	1,685	0.99
		<b>3,644</b>	<b>2.15</b>
<b>REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS</b>			
Land Securities	232,187	<b>2,245</b>	<b>1.33</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE 4.26% (31.05.19: 4.15%)</b>			
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; BIOTECHNOLOGY</b>			
GlaxoSmithKline	410,916	<b>7,216</b>	<b>4.26</b>
<b>INDUSTRIALS 30.56% (31.05.19: 30.83%)</b>			
<b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; MATERIALS</b>			
Forterra	1,429,585	4,217	2.49
CRH	96,572	2,855	1.69
		<b>7,072</b>	<b>4.18</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>			
Travis Perkins	745,012	11,775	6.95
Capita	7,260,880	11,708	6.92
Grafton	995,041	8,328	4.92
SIG	4,568,270	5,633	3.33
Aggreko	622,406	5,201	3.07
Kin & Carta	2,143,747	2,011	1.19
		<b>44,656</b>	<b>26.38</b>
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS 0.97% (31.05.19: 1.11%)</b>			
<b>FIXED LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS</b>			
BT	856,197	<b>1,646</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>DERIVATIVES (0.32%) (31.05.19: (0.14%))</b>			
<b>DERIVATIVES – FUTURES</b>			
FTSE 100 Index Futures 20/12/2019	(236)	(199)	(0.12)
FTSE 250 Index Futures 20/12/2019	(183)	(344)	(0.20)
		<b>(543)</b>	<b>(0.32)</b>
<b>FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (0.60%) (31.05.19: 0.50%)</b>			
<b>FORWARD CURRENCY CONTRACTS</b>			
Buy USD 24,160,625.00 for GBP	19,736,348	<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(0.60)</b>
Portfolio of investments^		161,847	95.60
Net other assets*		7,456	4.40
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>169,303</b>	<b>100.00</b>

^ Including derivative liabilities.

\* The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

# Authorised Corporate Director's Report

## **Authorised Corporate Director's report**

The Authorised Corporate Director (the "ACD") of Investec Funds Series iv (the "Company") is Investec Fund Managers Limited. The ACD is the sole director of the Company.

## **Authorised status**

The Company is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC392 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") (formerly the Financial Services Authority) with effect from 10 June 2005.

The Company is structured as an umbrella company in that different sub-funds (the "Funds") may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. The Company currently comprises ten Funds.

The Company (and therefore the Funds) has been certified by the FCA as complying with the conditions necessary for it to enjoy rights conferred by the EC Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"). The Company has an unlimited duration.

The assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that Fund. Investment of the assets of each of the Funds must comply with the FCA's Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook ("COLL") and the investment objective and policy of the relevant Fund.

Under English law, the Funds are segregated portfolios of assets and the assets of a Fund belong exclusively to that Fund. The assets of a Fund shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company and any other Fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

Subject to the above, each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges of the Company attributable to that Fund, and within each Fund charges will be allocated between share classes in accordance with their terms of issue. Any assets, liabilities, expenses, costs or charges not attributable to a particular Fund may be allocated by the ACD in a manner which it believes is fair to the shareholders generally. This will normally be pro rata to the net asset value of the relevant Funds.

## **Accounting period covered by these accounts**

The accounting period covered in these accounts is from 1 June 2019 to 30 November 2019

## **Changes during the accounting period**

### **Changes made following required notice:**

After consultation with the Depositary and in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.3 of COLL, shareholders were given notice of the following:

On 7 August 2019:

- (a) the benchmark(s) used by each Fund and an explanation of why each benchmark was chosen. This information was provided as part of the FCA's Asset Management Market Study's remedies and, in particular, Policy Statement 19/4 dated April 2019; and
- (b) the termination of the Global Dividend Fund.

On 27 September 2019:

- (a) the lowering of the 'R' share class minimum initial subscription and minimum holding from £100,000 to £1,000 and the lowering of the minimum subsequent subscription and minimum redemption from £25,000 to £500;
- (b) changes to the Regular Savings Plan ("RSP") wording to reflect the fact that Investec Fund Managers Limited will be offering RSPs on "R" shares on certain Funds; and
- (c) the compulsory conversion of some shareholders in to another share class where it is in their interests and the rights attaching to said share class are the same.

There were no fundamental changes to the Funds that required shareholder approval.

#### **Other changes made:**

#### **Share class launches and closures:**

##### **The following share classes were closed on 7 August 2019:**

Global Dividend, S, Accumulation, GBP

Global Dividend, A, Income-2, GBP

Global Dividend, I, Income-2, GBP

Global Dividend, S, Accumulation, GBP

Global Dividend, S, Accumulation, GBP

Global Dividend, S, Accumulation, GBP

Global Dividend, S, Accumulation, GBP

##### **The following share class was closed on 27 September 2019:**

Target Return Bond, A, Income, GBP

The Prospectus was updated on 7 August 2019 to reflect the addition of Michael Ryder Richardson as a director of the ACD.

On 13 December 2019 a notice of closure was sent out to investors of The Target Return Bond Fund, which is due to close on 18 February 2020.

**K. McFarland**

Director of the ACD

31 January 2020

**D. Aird**

Director of the ACD

# Diversified Growth Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	106	146	206	167	408	401	486	557
Closing number of shares	81,806	116,697	160,844	129,584	291,013	296,382	348,994	394,453
Closing net asset value per share (p)	129.47	124.90	128.10	129.04	140.24	135.28	139.36	141.14
Operating charges	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%	1.61%	1.60%	1.59%	1.60%	1.61%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,386,297	1,457,620	1,713,260	1,578,587	272,270	433,742	469,247	315,276
Closing number of shares	1,011,149,969	1,105,387,845	1,274,895,478	1,173,170,825	216,261,328	358,204,629	376,181,989	249,516,462
Closing net asset value per share (p)	137.10	131.87	134.38	134.56	125.90	121.09	124.74	126.35
Operating charges	0.86%	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%

	'J' Class (Accumulation shares)				'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,820	591	518	433	17	8	9	8
Closing number of shares	15,471,157	504,948	434,948	363,385	12,754	6,250	6,877	6,250
Closing net asset value per share (p)	121.65	116.94	119.08	119.14	130.03	125.19	127.83	128.25
Operating charges	0.76%	0.74%	0.75%	0.76%	1.10%	1.08%	1.10%	1.12%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (EUR Hedged Accumulation shares) <sup>(1)</sup>			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)/(EUR'000)	305,413	272,516	229,253	183,593	–	–	–	61,493
Closing number of shares	168,979,372	157,235,944	130,579,004	105,061,242	–	–	–	50,613,598
Closing net asset value per share (p)/(c)	180.74	173.32	175.57	174.75	–	–	–	121.50
Operating charges	0.11%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%	–	–	–	0.16%

(1) Closed 17 October 2017.

# Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	622	754	129	175	90	93	83	91
Closing number of shares	505,666	633,372	110,237	146,981	106,423	111,774	94,311	94,364
Closing net asset value per share (p)	122.95	119.03	116.93	119.14	84.80	84.34	87.79	96.90
Operating charges	1.64%	1.64%	1.65%	1.70%	1.64%	1.65%	1.65%	1.70%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	100,516	90,987	85,069	75,516	25,488	25,043	13,781	8,299
Closing number of shares	70,262,742	65,943,524	63,231,465	55,512,863	28,469,434	28,233,515	15,038,667	8,266,658
Closing net asset value per share (p)	143.06	137.98	134.54	136.03	89.53	88.70	91.64	100.40
Operating charges	0.89%	0.90%	0.90%	0.90%	0.89%	0.90%	0.90%	0.95%

	'J' Class (Accumulation shares)				'J' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,011	2,738	590	435	738	1,043	1,933	325
Closing number of shares	2,204,932	2,079,479	460,056	335,793	752,303	1,073,767	1,929,084	296,429
Closing net asset value per share (p)	136.56	131.65	128.17	129.47	98.09	97.11	100.23	109.70
Operating charges	0.79%	0.80%	0.80%	0.86%	0.79%	0.80%	0.80%	0.85%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'R' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14	8	8	8	7	7	7	7
Closing number of shares	10,724	6,358	6,358	6,358	8,298	8,073	7,617	7,131
Closing net asset value per share (p)	125.27	120.96	118.27	119.82	86.78	86.08	89.14	97.90
Operating charges	1.14%	1.14%	1.15%	1.21%	1.12%	1.14%	1.15%	1.21%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)							
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,745	12,161	10,508	9,035				
Closing number of shares	8,934,144	8,871,485	7,921,835	6,786,145				
Closing net asset value per share (p)	142.65	137.07	132.66	133.13				
Operating charges	0.14%	0.15%	0.15%	0.21%				

# Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	855	814	862	552	174,632	167,946	167,895	137,050
Closing number of shares	580,822	579,165	573,050	406,204	111,853,864	113,125,626	106,579,724	97,193,685
Closing net asset value per share (p)	147.23	140.60	150.47	135.85	156.12	148.46	157.53	141.01
Operating charges	1.90%	1.90%	1.94%	1.99%	1.05%	1.05%	1.09%	1.14%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	86	49	69	179	647	532	1,146	24,153
Closing number of shares	59,366	36,002	47,137	136,522	389,279	337,831	692,361	16,460,879
Closing net asset value per share (p)	144.22	137.38	146.28	131.40	166.22	157.35	165.43	146.73
Operating charges	1.40%	1.40%	1.44%	1.49%	0.15%	0.15%	0.19%	0.24%

# Global Franchise Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)					'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17		30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,227	21,597	19,445	21,244		54,424	63,725	33,369	30,709
Closing number of shares	7,397,618	9,442,444	9,686,709	10,805,238		20,913,337	26,478,404	15,917,522	15,070,023
Closing net asset value per share (p)	246.39	228.72	200.74	196.61		260.24	240.67	209.64	203.78
Operating charges	1.58%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%		0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.84%

	K' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(1)</sup>					'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17		30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,114	1	–	–		11,072	5,593	5,052	5,449
Closing number of shares	15,795,159	1,000	–	–		4,372,712	2,385,646	2,467,200	2,730,981
Closing net asset value per share (p)	114.68	105.92	–	–		253.21	234.46	204.75	199.53
Operating charges	0.58%	0.40%	–	–		1.09%	1.08%	1.09%	1.09%

	S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,703	16,086	13,115	11,861	
Closing number of shares	2,079,087	6,365,269	6,002,612	5,626,854	
Closing net asset value per share (p)	274.30	252.72	218.49	210.79	
Operating charges	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%	

(1) Launched 4 March 2019.



# Global Quality Equity Income Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income-2 shares) <sup>(1)</sup>			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25	23	25	6	–	–	62	60
Closing number of shares	17,469	17,469	21,138	4,669	–	–	55,639	50,566
Closing net asset value per share (p)	142.22	131.41	117.71	122.28	–	–	111.18	118.77
Operating charges	1.62%	1.59%	1.61%	1.62%	–	–	1.61%	1.62%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	488	334	279	363	1,131	885	576	339
Closing number of shares	334,126	248,312	233,381	294,772	846,423	713,268	509,525	282,993
Closing net asset value per share (p)	145.99	134.39	119.48	123.20	133.59	124.05	113.13	119.94
Operating charges	0.87%	0.84%	0.86%	0.87%	0.87%	0.83%	0.86%	0.87%

	'J' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(1)</sup>				'J' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	–	–	207	257	26	42	297	317
Closing number of shares	–	–	172,716	208,825	19,366	33,782	262,014	263,945
Closing net asset value per share (p)	–	–	119.70	123.29	133.95	124.36	113.32	120.01
Operating charges	–	–	0.76%	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.76%	0.77%

	'K' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(2)</sup>				'K' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	–	–	14,741	13,054	4,267	76,836
Closing number of shares	1,000	1,000	–	–	12,127,200	11,583,360	4,163,639	70,939,464
Closing net asset value per share (p)	117.37	106.14	–	–	121.55	112.70	102.49	108.31
Operating charges	0.39%	0.41%	–	–	0.57%	0.52%	0.56%	0.57%

	'L' Class (Income-2 shares)				'L' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(3)</sup>			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,735	1,652	12,444	6,700	735	919	897	–
Closing number of shares	1,434,356	1,472,343	12,199,162	6,212,899	610,950	830,800	914,800	–
Closing net asset value per share (p)	120.97	112.17	102.01	107.83	120.39	110.66	98.08	–
Operating charges	0.57%	0.57%	0.56%	0.57%	0.57%	0.54%	0.56%	–

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(1)</sup>							
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	–	–	796	846				
Closing number of shares	–	–	656,640	681,640				
Closing net asset value per share (p)	–	–	121.23	124.06				
Operating charges	–	–	0.11%	0.12%				

(1) Closed 4 March 2019.

(2) Launched 7 December 2018.

(3) Launched 14 December 2017.

# Global Special Situations Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,507	4,536	5,960	5,428	65	156	173	177
Closing number of shares	1,589,996	1,772,900	2,125,303	2,198,648	29,608	78,211	78,209	90,509
Closing net asset value per share (p)	283.46	255.86	280.43	246.88	220.43	198.98	220.70	194.93
Operating charges	1.58%	1.63%	1.66%	1.69%	1.58%	1.63%	1.66%	1.69%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,374	29,644	22,204	15,490	4,219	4,343	2,874	727
Closing number of shares	9,183,151	10,668,705	7,345,769	5,864,744	1,902,070	2,177,207	1,298,186	371,863
Closing net asset value per share (p)	308.98	277.86	302.27	264.12	221.82	199.49	221.41	195.50
Operating charges	0.83%	0.88%	0.91%	0.94%	0.83%	0.88%	0.91%	0.94%

	'K' Class (Accumulation shares) <sup>(1)</sup>				'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	149,291	111,916	–	–	475	142	113	1
Closing number of shares	152,703,299	127,581,924	–	–	205,825	68,113	49,833	675
Closing net asset value per share (p)	97.77	87.72	–	–	231.00	207.99	226.82	198.61
Operating charges	0.38%	0.43%	–	–	1.09%	1.13%	1.16%	1.19%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (Income shares) <sup>(2)</sup>			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,960	23,887	25,803	21,873	1	1	1	–
Closing number of shares	4,728,136	7,898,693	7,902,914	7,724,580	20	20	20	–
Closing net asset value per share (p)	337.55	302.42	326.50	283.16	5,577.22	4,996.04	5,547.92	–
Operating charges	0.09%	0.13%	0.16%	0.19%	0.03%	0.07%	0.16%	–

(1) Launched 21 September 2018.

(2) Launched 7 July 2017.

# Multi-Asset Protector Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	158,671	163,022	188,046	224,067
Closing number of shares	86,535,463	92,681,527	107,515,176	130,929,537
Closing net asset value per share (p)	183.36	175.90	174.90	171.14
Operating charges	1.68%	1.76%	1.82%	1.91%

# Multi-Asset Protector Fund 2

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	96,505	91,485	79,792	60,881
Closing number of shares	63,373,638	62,755,401	55,415,395	43,415,794
Closing net asset value per share (p)	152.28	145.78	143.99	140.23
Operating charges	0.89%	0.97%	1.03%	1.12%

# Target Return Bond Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income shares) <sup>(1)</sup>			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23	35	2,696	2,874	–	14	14	15
Closing number of shares	23,108	35,397	2,650,951	2,725,701	–	15,885	15,885	15,885
Closing net asset value per share (p)	100.50	99.25	101.71	105.46	–	86.23	89.17	93.26
Operating charges	1.39%	1.33%	1.34%	1.35%	–	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,295	2,306	2,855	2,869	9	10	89,434	138,218
Closing number of shares	2,214,495	2,260,996	2,746,996	2,678,358	10,114	11,204	100,352,189	148,292,147
Closing net asset value per share (p)	103.65	102.00	103.93	107.11	86.45	86.06	89.12	93.21
Operating charges	0.79%	0.74%	0.74%	0.75%	0.81%	0.74%	0.74%	0.75%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6	6	6	6	9,944	13,673	19,976	15,460
Closing number of shares	6,471	6,377	6,377	6,275	7,711,244	10,809,716	15,600,231	11,791,234
Closing net asset value per share (p)	94.43	92.78	94.80	97.76	128.95	126.49	128.05	131.12
Operating charges	0.87%	0.81%	0.84%	0.84%	0.14%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%

	'S' Class (USD Hedge Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (USD'000)	6	113,160	211,458	169,267
Closing number of shares	5,454	99,005,136	186,028,523	147,348,791
Closing net asset value per share (c)	117.29	114.30	113.67	114.88
Operating charges	0.16%	0.12%	0.13%	0.15%

(1) Closed 29 September 2019.

# UK Total Return Fund

## Comparative Tables

As at 30 November 2019

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,306	22,583	25,947	28,633	29,612	28,994	31,829	31,446
Closing number of shares	6,096,131	9,740,276	10,799,546	12,273,717	19,672,217	20,913,520	22,278,273	22,798,377
Closing net asset value per share (p)	251.08	231.85	240.26	233.29	150.53	138.64	142.87	137.93
Operating charges	1.32%	1.33%	1.33%	1.36%	0.72%	0.73%	0.73%	0.76%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17	30.11.19	31.05.19	31.05.18	31.05.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,088	456	375	402	116,297	114,756	130,714	144,483
Closing number of shares	5,727,954	350,495	279,038	309,772	9,568,870	10,283,928	11,439,104	13,181,370
Closing net asset value per share (p)	141.19	130.10	134.21	129.70	1,215.37	1,115.88	1,142.70	1,096.12
Operating charges	0.82%	0.83%	0.83%	0.86%	0.07%	0.08%	0.08%	0.11%

# Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

For the period ended 30 November 2019

## Accounting policies

The semi-annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2019 and are described in those annual financial statements.

K. McFarland  
Director of the ACD

31 January 2020

D. Aird  
Director of the ACD

# Diversified Growth Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		66,037		(160,790)
Revenue	31,288		22,290	
Expenses	(7,626)		(8,891)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(459)		(322)	
Net revenue before taxation	23,203		13,077	
Taxation	(3,917)		(1,111)	
Net revenue after taxation		19,286		11,966
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>85,323</b>		<b>(148,824)</b>
Distribution		(1,207)		(28)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>84,116</b>		<b>(148,852)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>2,165,024</b>		<b>2,412,979</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	116,145		169,729	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(381,954)		(157,447)	
		(265,809)		12,282
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		84,116		(148,852)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>1,983,331</b>		<b>2,276,409</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		2,055,149		2,165,786
Current assets				
Debtors	72,975		392,763	
Cash and bank balances	112,438		216,077	
Total other assets		185,413		608,840
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,240,562</b>		<b>2,774,626</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		125,282		166,745
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	82,280		49,094	
Distribution payable	—		4,675	
Other creditors	49,669		389,088	
Total other liabilities		131,949		442,857
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>257,231</b>		<b>609,602</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>1,983,331</b>		<b>2,165,024</b>



# Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,731		(5,967)
Revenue	3,808		3,488	
Expenses	(572)		(473)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(16)		(9)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,220		3,006	
Taxation	(42)		(76)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,178		2,930
<b>Total return before distributions</b>		<b>4,909</b>		<b>(3,037)</b>
Distributions		(3,299)		(3,016)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>1,610</b>		<b>(6,053)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>132,834</b>		<b>112,108</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	11,865		15,228	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,695)		(2,664)	
		6,170		12,564
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,610		(6,053)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2,617		2,491
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>143,231</b>		<b>121,110</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		140,067		134,544
Current assets				
Debtors	8,249		3,941	
Cash and bank balances	1,659		3,759	
Total other assets		9,908		7,700
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>149,975</b>		<b>142,244</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		1,666		4,570
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	723		1,699	
Distribution payable	343		385	
Other creditors	4,012		2,756	
Total other liabilities		5,078		4,840
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>6,744</b>		<b>9,410</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>143,231</b>		<b>132,834</b>

## Distribution Tables

For the period ended 30 November 2019

### Interim distribution paid 31 October 2019

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 June 2019

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 June and 31 August 2019

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 31.10.19 pence	Distribution paid 31.10.18 pence
<b>'A' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.2369	–	1.2369	1.2745
Group 2	0.7272	0.5097	1.2369	1.2745
<b>'A' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.2381	–	1.2381	1.2999
Group 2	0.1955	1.0426	1.2381	1.2999
<b>'I' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.7080	–	1.7080	1.7051
Group 2	0.8215	0.8865	1.7080	1.7051
<b>'I' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.3022	–	1.3022	1.3606
Group 2	0.5414	0.7608	1.3022	1.3606
<b>'J' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.6647	–	1.6647	1.6575
Group 2	0.7332	0.9315	1.6647	1.6575
<b>'J' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.4257	–	1.4257	1.4772
Group 2	0.7701	0.6556	1.4257	1.4772
<b>'R' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.4129	–	1.4129	1.4223
Group 2	1.4129	–	1.4129	1.4223
<b>'R' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.2579	–	1.2579	1.3179
Group 2	0.3245	0.9334	1.2579	1.3179
<b>'S' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.9705	–	1.9705	1.9321
Group 2	0.7435	1.2270	1.9705	1.9321

# Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund continued

## Distribution Tables

For the period ended 30 November 2019

### Interim distribution payable 31 January 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 September 2019

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 September and 30 November 2019

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.01.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.01.19 pence
<b>'A' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.0838	–	1.0838	1.1645
Group 2	0.7321	0.3517	1.0838	1.1645
<b>'A' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.1046	–	1.1046	1.1982
Group 2	0.0946	1.0100	1.1046	1.1982
<b>'I' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.5289	–	1.5289	1.5880
Group 2	0.2839	1.2450	1.5289	1.5880
<b>'I' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.1660	–	1.1660	1.2552
Group 2	0.5500	0.6160	1.1660	1.2552
<b>'J' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.4931	–	1.4931	1.5644
Group 2	0.6455	0.8476	1.4931	1.5644
<b>'J' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.2773	–	1.2773	1.3732
Group 2	0.6624	0.6149	1.2773	1.3732
<b>'R' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.2772	–	1.2772	1.3130
Group 2	1.2772	–	1.2772	1.3130
<b>'R' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.1467	–	1.1467	1.2135
Group 2	0.3892	0.7575	1.1467	1.2135
<b>'S' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.7904	–	1.7904	1.8119
Group 2	0.7821	1.0083	1.7904	1.8119

## Equalisation

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

# Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital (losses)/gains		7,008		(15,559)
Revenue	2,986		2,976	
Expenses	(902)		(834)	
Interest payable and similar charges	–		–	
Net revenue before taxation	2,084		2,142	
Taxation	(298)		(268)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,786		1,874
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>8,794</b>		<b>(13,685)</b>
Distribution		(23)		28
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>8,771</b>		<b>(13,657)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>169,341</b>		<b>169,972</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	3,388		8,356	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,280)		(5,202)	
		(1,892)		3,154
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,771		(13,657)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>176,220</b>		<b>159,469</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		175,268		162,225
Current assets				
Debtors	419		604	
Cash and bank balances	1,037		7,545	
Total other assets		1,456		8,149
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>176,724</b>		<b>170,374</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	49		–	
Other creditors	455		1,033	
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>504</b>		<b>1,033</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>176,220</b>		<b>169,341</b>

# Global Franchise Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains		8,178		5,624
Revenue	841		633	
Expenses	(488)		(345)	
Interest payable and similar charges	–		–	
Net revenue before taxation	353		288	
Taxation	(29)		(48)	
Net revenue after taxation		324		240
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>8,502</b>		<b>5,864</b>
Distribution		(44)		(1)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>8,458</b>		<b>5,863</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>107,002</b>		<b>70,981</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	33,102		5,553	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(41,039)		(5,082)	
		(7,937)		471
Dilution adjustment		17		–
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,458		5,863
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>107,540</b>		<b>77,315</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		103,332		97,605
Current assets				
Debtors	555		617	
Cash and bank balances	3,978		9,317	
Total other assets		4,533		9,934
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>107,865</b>		<b>107,539</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors				
Other creditors	325		537	
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>325</b>		<b>537</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>107,540</b>		<b>107,002</b>

# Global Quality Equity Income Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains		1,394		1,120
Revenue	173		236	
Expenses	(51)		(46)	
Interest payable and similar charges	–		–	
Net revenue before taxation	122		190	
Taxation	(10)		(16)	
Net revenue after taxation		112		174
<b>Total return before distributions</b>		<b>1,506</b>		<b>1,294</b>
Distributions		(158)		(218)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>1,348</b>		<b>1,076</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>16,910</b>		<b>19,850</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	1,585		2,044	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(968)		(3,435)	
		617		(1,391)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,348		1,076
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		7		21
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>18,882</b>		<b>19,556</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		18,280		16,707
Current assets				
Debtors	188		311	
Cash and bank balances	603		979	
Total other assets		791		1,290
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>19,071</b>		<b>17,997</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	152		226	
Other creditors	37		861	
Total other liabilities		189		1,087
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>189</b>		<b>1,087</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>18,882</b>		<b>16,910</b>

# Global Quality Equity Income Fund continued

## Distribution Table

For the period ended 30 November 2019

### Interim distribution payable 31 January 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 June 2019

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 June and 30 November 2019

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.01.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.01.19 pence
<b>'A' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.1320	–	0.1320	0.4568
Group 2	0.1320	–	0.1320	0.4568
<b>'A' Class (Income-2 shares)<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Group 1	–	–	–	1.4581
Group 2	–	–	–	1.4581
<b>'I' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.6720	–	0.6720	0.9382
Group 2	0.5381	0.1339	0.6720	0.9382
<b>'I' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.1554	–	1.1554	1.3533
Group 2	0.5128	0.6426	1.1554	1.3533
<b>'J' Class (Accumulation shares)<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Group 1	–	–	–	1.0031
Group 2	–	–	–	1.0031
<b>'J' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.1922	–	1.1922	1.3544
Group 2	0.8638	0.3284	1.1922	1.3544
<b>'K' Class (Accumulation shares)<sup>(2)</sup></b>				
Group 1	1.0200	–	1.0200	n/a
Group 2	1.0200	–	1.0200	n/a
<b>'K' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.0512	–	1.0512	1.2301
Group 2	0.6716	0.3796	1.0512	1.2301
<b>'L' Class (Income-2 shares)</b>				
Group 1	1.0448	–	1.0448	1.2241
Group 2	0.7635	0.2813	1.0448	1.2241
<b>'L' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.7277	–	0.7277	0.9264
Group 2	0.1857	0.5420	0.7277	0.9264
<b>'S' Class (Accumulation shares)<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Group 1	–	–	–	1.4301
Group 2	–	–	–	1.4301

(1) Closed 4 March 2019.

(2) Launched 7 December 2018.

## Equalisation

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

# Global Special Situations Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		18,729		(17,307)
Revenue	1,694		815	
Expenses	(440)		(256)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,253		558	
Taxation	(144)		(49)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,109		509
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>19,838</b>		<b>(16,798)</b>
Distribution		59		596
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>19,897</b>		<b>(16,202)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>174,625</b>		<b>57,128</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	27,085		133,509	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(18,759)		(2,027)	
		8,326		131,482
Dilution adjustment		44		235
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,897		(16,202)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>202,892</b>		<b>172,643</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		197,086		172,164
Current assets				
Debtors	278		795	
Cash and bank balances	6,548		2,013	
Total other assets		6,826		2,808
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>203,912</b>		<b>174,972</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	–		90	
Other creditors	1,020		257	
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,020</b>		<b>347</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>202,892</b>		<b>174,625</b>



# Multi-Asset Protector Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		6,670		(4,074)
Revenue	1,500		1,517	
Expenses	(1,355)		(1,501)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(8)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	137		14	
Taxation	(37)		(17)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		100		(3)
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>6,770</b>		<b>(4,077)</b>
Distribution		(8)		(48)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>6,762</b>		<b>(4,125)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>163,022</b>		<b>188,046</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	1,267		187	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(12,380)		(14,852)	
		(11,113)		(14,665)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		6,762		(4,125)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>158,671</b>		<b>169,256</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		156,451		154,202
Current assets				
Debtors	459		2,040	
Cash and bank balances	3,964		12,772	
Total other assets		4,423		14,812
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>160,874</b>		<b>169,014</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		250		1,800
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	917		391	
Other creditors	1,036		3,801	
Total other liabilities		1,953		4,192
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,203</b>		<b>5,992</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>158,671</b>		<b>163,022</b>

# Multi-Asset Protector Fund 2

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		3,753		(1,941)
Revenue	793		666	
Expenses	(404)		(374)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	386		291	
Taxation	(31)		(8)	
Net revenue after taxation		355		283
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>4,108</b>		<b>(1,658)</b>
Distribution		(1)		25
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>4,107</b>		<b>(1,633)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>91,485</b>		<b>79,792</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	4,534		10,809	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,621)		(1,634)	
		913		9,175
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,107		(1,633)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>96,505</b>		<b>87,334</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		95,431		89,373
Current assets				
Debtors	293		588	
Cash and bank balances	1,798		5,909	
Total other assets		2,091		6,497
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>97,522</b>		<b>95,870</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		141		973
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	510		211	
Other creditors	366		3,201	
Total other liabilities		876		3,412
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,017</b>		<b>4,385</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>96,505</b>		<b>91,485</b>

# Target Return Bond Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,202)		1,368
Revenue	1,220		2,273	
Expenses	(85)		(319)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(13)		(119)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,122		1,835	
Taxation	–		(180)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,122		1,655
<b>Total return before distributions</b>		<b>(80)</b>		<b>3,023</b>
Distributions		(1,122)		(1,655)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>(1,202)</b>		<b>1,368</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>105,993</b>		<b>273,663</b>
Inspecie transfer*		(58,227)		–
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	677		1,439	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(35,847)		(78,779)	
		(35,170)		(77,340)
Dilution adjustment		12		28
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,202)		1,368
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		877		1,331
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>12,283</b>		<b>199,050</b>

#Relating to the transfer of assets to the GSF Target Return Bond Fund.

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		8,500		81,900
Current assets				
Debtors	303		8,016	
Cash and bank balances	5,697		30,483	
Total other assets		6,000		38,499
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>14,500</b>		<b>120,399</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		1,994		6,016
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	82		200	
Other creditors	141		8,190	
Total other liabilities		223		8,390
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,217</b>		<b>14,406</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>12,283</b>		<b>105,993</b>

## Distribution Table

For the period ended 30 November 2019

### Interim distribution paid 31 October 2019

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 June 2019

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 June and 31 August 2019

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 31.10.19 pence	Distribution paid 31.10.18 pence
<b>'A' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.4819	–	0.4819	–
Group 2	0.0338	0.4481	0.4819	–
<b>'A' Class (Income shares)<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Group 1	0.0193	–	0.0193	0.1303
Group 2	0.0193	–	0.0193	0.1303
<b>'I' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.6156	–	0.6156	0.3068
Group 2	0.2193	0.3963	0.6156	0.3068
<b>'I' Class (Income shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.5124	–	0.5124	0.2631
Group 2	0.2135	0.2989	0.5124	0.2631
<b>'R' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.5344	–	0.5344	0.2684
Group 2	0.0580	0.4764	0.5344	0.2684
<b>'S' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.9702	–	0.9702	0.5874
Group 2	0.4432	0.5270	0.9702	0.5874
	Net Income US cent	Equalisation US cent	Distribution paid 31.10.19 US cent	Distribution paid 31.10.18 US cent
<b>'S' Class (USD Hedge Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.8341	–	0.8341	0.5017
Group 2	0.8341	–	0.8341	0.5017

# Target Return Bond Fund continued

## Distribution Table

For the period ended 30 November 2019

### Final distribution payable 31 January 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 September 2019

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 September and 30 November 2019

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.01.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.01.19 pence
<b>'A' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.3471	–	0.3471	–
Group 2	0.3471	–	0.3471	–
<b>'A' Class (Income shares)<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	–
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	–
<b>'I' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.5743	–	0.5743	0.1472
Group 2	0.5301	0.0442	0.5743	0.1472
<b>'I' Class (Income shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.4769	–	0.4769	0.1245
Group 2	0.4589	0.0180	0.4769	0.1245
<b>'R' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.4956	–	0.4956	0.1127
Group 2	0.4956	–	0.4956	0.1127
<b>'S' Class (Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.9205	–	0.9205	0.3859
Group 2	0.7552	0.1653	0.9205	0.3859
	Net Income US cent	Equalisation US cent	Distribution payable 31.01.20 US cent	Distribution paid 31.01.19 US cent
<b>'S' Class (USD Hedge Accumulation shares)</b>				
Group 1	0.8244	–	0.8244	0.3317
Group 2	0.6838	0.1406	0.8244	0.3317

(1) Closed 29 September 2019.

## Equalisation

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

# UK Total Return Fund

## Statement of Total Return

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income</b>				
Net capital gains/(losses)		11,243		(8,501)
Revenue	2,946		2,350	
Expenses	(291)		(328)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		–	
Net revenue before taxation	2,653		2,022	
Taxation	(29)		(37)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,624		1,985
<b>Total return before distribution</b>		<b>13,867</b>		<b>(6,516)</b>
Distribution		(67)		(3)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities</b>		<b>13,800</b>		<b>(6,519)</b>

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the period ended 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		30.11.18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>166,789</b>		<b>188,865</b>
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	709		950	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(11,995)		(3,199)	
		(11,286)		(2,249)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,800		(6,519)
<b>Closing net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>169,303</b>		<b>180,097</b>

## Balance Sheet

As at 30 November 2019

	30.11.19		31.05.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Investments assets		163,410		161,588
Current assets				
Debtors	1,704		1,788	
Cash and bank balances	6,938		5,478	
Total other assets		8,642		7,266
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>172,052</b>		<b>168,854</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Investment liabilities		1,563		228
Creditors				
Other creditors	1,186		1,837	
Total other liabilities		1,186		1,837
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,749</b>		<b>2,065</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to shareholders</b>		<b>169,303</b>		<b>166,789</b>

# Securities Financing Transactions ('SFTs')

As at 30 November 2019

## GLOBAL DATA

Assets engaged in SFTs and total return swaps	Fund assets under management (AUM) £'000	
Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund	143,231	
Absolute value of assets engaged in total return swaps:	Underlying exposure value £'000	% of net assets
Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund	835	0.58%

## CONCENTRATION DATA

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Underlying exposure value £'000	Settlement and clearing
<b>Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund</b>			
Citi	UK	528	Bi-lateral
Deutsche Bank	Germany	225	Bi-lateral
Standard Chartered	UK	82	Bi-lateral

## AGGREGATE TRANSACTION DATA

## Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral

Type	Quality	Currencies
<b>Total return swaps</b>		
Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund		
n/a	n/a	n/a

## Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity)

	Less than one day £'000	One day to one week £'000	One week to one month £'000	One to three months £'000	Three months to one year £'000	Above one year £'000	Open transactions £'000	Total £'000
<b>Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund</b>								
Total return swaps	–	–	–	–	–	835	–	835

## RETURN AND COST

	Collective Investment Undertaking £'000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £'000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £'000	Total £'000
<b>Emerging Markets Blended Debt Fund</b>				
<b>Total return swaps</b>				
Gross return	20	–	–	20
% of total gross return	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
Cost	–	–	–	–

## Other Information

### ISA status

During the period under review, the shares of the funds met the requirements for eligibility to be held in a stocks and shares ISA as determined by the regulations which govern ISAs.

Investec Fund Managers Limited offer the 'A' shares of the funds through its own ISA plan.

\* Please note that while the Multi Asset Protector Fund became a qualifying investment for a stocks and shares ISA as of 1 January 2011, this may change over time. Please refer to the section of the Supplementary Information Document titled 'ISA investment in the Multi Protector Fund' for further information.

### Distributions

Where a distribution is to be paid, it has been calculated as at 30 November 2019 and will be distributed to shareholders, where applicable, on 31 January 2020. For accumulations shares income distribution payments are deemed to be paid on 31 January 2020.

### Telephone calls

Telephone calls may be recorded for training and quality assurance purposes.

### Cross holding table

There were no cross holdings between sub-funds in Investec Funds Series iv as at 30 November 2019.



# Glossary

## Active management

An active investment approach is one where a portfolio manager aims to beat the market through research, analysis and his/her judgement. (See also passive management).

## Asset allocation

A fund's allotment to different asset classes.

## Asset class

The main types of investment available. The traditional asset classes are equities, bonds and cash.

## Bear market

A market where prices fall consistently over a long period of time. Investors are referred to as 'bearish' if they believe prices are going to fall.

## Benchmark

A comparative performance index.

## Bond

A form of loan issued by a government or company. Typically, an investor should receive a regular coupon and the return of the principal originally lent when the bond matures. Note: Not all bonds are interest bearing (see zero coupon bond), and not all bonds are fixed rate (e.g. index linked, floating rate and stepped rate bonds).

## Bottom-up investing

An investment approach that concentrates on the analysis of individual companies and considers the company's history, management and potential as more important than macroeconomic trends.

## Bull market

A market where prices rise consistently over a long period of time. Investors are referred to as 'bullish' if they believe prices are going to rise.

## Cash

The most liquid form in which to store capital. While it is regarded as a safe asset class, over time the purchasing power of cash tends to be eroded by inflation.

## Central bank base rate

The basic rate of interest set by a central bank that determines the cost of borrowing.

## Commodities

An asset class which comprises physical assets such as oil, base and precious metals and agricultural produce.

## Credit rating agency

An institution that assigns credit ratings to debt issuers, such as companies and governments. Standard & Poor's and Moody's are well-known examples.

## Credit risk

The risk that a bond issuer or borrower will be unable to meet their contractual obligations.

## Credit spread

The differences in yield between 'risk-free' bonds, such as gilts or US treasuries, and non-treasury (or gilt) bonds, which are identical in all respects except for the quality of their rating. Corporate bonds tend to offer additional yield to compensate investors for the potential risk of default.

## Currency risk

The risk of incurring losses of foreign assets due to adverse movements in exchange rates between domestic and foreign currencies.

## Deflation

As opposed to inflation, it describes conditions in which there is a widespread, consistent decline in prices. It conveys the rarer occurrence of the money in one's pocket actually increasing in buying power, rather than the more usual opposite.

## Derivatives

An instrument whose value depends on the performance of an underlying security or rate which requires no initial exchange of principal. Options, futures and swaps are all examples of derivatives.

## Developed markets

Refers to industrialised countries with relatively high levels of economic productivity, high standards of living and stable economies.

## Disinflation

Refers to a slowing down in price growth, as opposed to deflation where prices are already falling.

## Diversification

Holding a range of assets to reduce risk.

## Dividend

The portion of company net profits paid out to shareholders.

**Dividend yield**

The annual dividend per share divided by the current share price.

**Duration**

A measure of a bond investment's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. The longer the duration, the more sensitive it is. Calculating 'duration' for a fixed income investment such as a bond is a complicated sum. It takes into account the current value of the bond, the coupon or interest payment, the book cost, and the number of years the bond has left to run. Put simply, the higher the duration number the higher the potential return (and the greater the risk).

**Emerging markets**

Countries in the process of industrialising which tend to have rapidly growing economies.

**Emerging market debt**

Debt issued by governments and corporates in emerging markets.

**Equity**

Refers to shares. A share in a company provides an investor with part ownership of that company.

**Fixed Income**

An investment that provides a return in the form of fixed periodic payments and the eventual return of principal at maturity.

**Future**

An obligation to buy or sell an asset on a specific date in the future at an agreed price.

**Gilt**

A bond that is issued by the British government which is generally considered low risk. Bonds issued by South African and Irish governments are also referred to as gilts.

**Hedging**

A technique seeking to offset or minimise the exposure to specific risk by entering an opposing position.

**High yield bond**

A below investment grade rated bond, providing the investor with greater returns due to its higher default risk. (See Junk bond).

**Index-linked bonds**

Bonds whose coupons and principal payment are linked to movements in inflation.

**Inflation**

Describes conditions in which there have been a consistent rise in prices.

**Initial public offering (IPO)**

The first public sale of a company's equity resulting in a quoted stock price on a stock exchange.

**Interest**

The return earned on funds which have been deposited, loaned, or invested.

**Investment grade bonds**

Bonds considered of the highest quality by credit rating agencies. The threshold credit rating for Standard & Poor's is BBB and Baa3 for Moody's.

**Liabilities**

Financial obligations that must be met.

**Liquidity**

The ease with which an asset can be sold at a reasonable price for cash.

**Long dated bond**

A bond with usually 15 years or more remaining before redemption, at which point the principal is paid to the holder.

**Long-term investment**

Holding an asset for an extended period of time. Depending on the security, a long-term asset can be held for as little as one year or for as long as 30 years.

**Macroeconomic**

Refers to the big trends in an economy as a whole, such as inflation and unemployment, while microeconomic forces refer to the factors affecting individual situations or companies.

**Market capitalisation**

The total value of a company's equity, calculated by the number of shares multiplied by their market price.

# Glossary continued

## Maturity

With regards to bonds, maturity refers to the time at which the principal of the bond is repayable and it ceases to exist. In terms of a pension fund, it conveys the average age of the membership and the time until benefits are payable.

## Outperformance

The return of a fund in excess of the comparative performance index.

## Overweight

When a fund has greater exposure to an asset than the comparative performance index.

## Peer group

A group of funds that can be compared with one another for performance purposes. A peer group will usually be based on the funds' investment scope, for example UK equities.

## Performance

The results of an investment over a given period.

## Portfolio

A grouping of financial assets, such as equities, bonds and cash equivalents. Portfolios are held directly by investors and/or managed by financial professionals.

## Rally

A swift rise.

## Real estate

An asset class comprising buildings and land.

## Risk premium

The extra return expected by an investor in compensation for holding a risky asset.

## Security

A general term for a tradable financial instrument.

## Short-term investment

Investments that are held for or mature in 12 months or less.

## Standard deviation

A measure of risk, deriving from the historic volatility of a particular asset.

## Top-down investing

Contrasting with bottom-up analysis, a top-down approach to investment analysis begins with an assessment of macroeconomic factors, then business cycles before moving on to look at individual sectors and companies.

## Treasuries

Debt securities issued by the US government. Treasuries fall under three categories: treasury bills (T-bills), treasury notes (T-notes) and treasury bonds (T-bonds).

## Underweight

When a fund has less exposure to an asset than the benchmark.

## Volatility

Price movements. Standard deviation is a measure of an asset's historic volatility.

## Year-to-date (YTD)

Refers to the period extending from the beginning of the current calendar year to the present date.

## Yield

A measure of the income return earned on an investment. In the case of a share the yield expresses the annual dividend payment as the percentage of the market price of the share. In the case of a property, it is the rental income as a percentage of the capital value. In the case of a bond the running yield (or flat or current yield) is the annual interest payable as a percentage of the current market price. The redemption yield (or yield to maturity) allows for any gain or loss of capital which will be realised at the maturity date.

## Yield curve

A graphical representation of all the yields of bonds of the same quality with maturities ranging from the shortest to the longest available.

## Yield spread

The difference in yield between different bonds.

## Yield to maturity

The annualised return (internal rate of return) that would be earned on a bond if held to maturity.

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