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## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

Issue date: 31st January 2019

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IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund

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## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund Report of the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)

## Constitution and Authorised Status

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (OEIC Regulations). The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number ICOOO357. The Company was authorised by an order made by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with effect from 30th November 2004 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 413889.

The Company currently has five sub-funds: IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund; IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund; IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund; IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund; and IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund

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

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

## Cross Holdings

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund held 506,620 shares valued at $£ 1,073,000$ in IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund as at 30th November 2018 (31st May 2018: 1,117,880 shares valued at $£ 2,370,000$ )

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund held 2,328,982 shares valued at $£ 4,930,000$ in IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund as at 30 th November 2018 (31st May 2018: 3,130,321 shares valued at $£ 6,636,000$ ).

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund held 1,617,094 shares valued at $£ 3,423,000$ in IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund as at 30th November 2018 (31st May 2018: 3,101,926 shares valued at $£ 6,576,000$ )

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund held 477,156 shares valued at $£ 1,010,000$ in IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund as at 30th November 2018 (31st May 2018: 618,949 shares valued at $£ 1,312,000$ )

## Important Information

There have been no significant changes to the Company since the last report.

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

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund <br> Authorised Corporate Director's Statement 

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

Allan Hamer
Joint Managing Director

Wayne D Green
Joint Managing Director
Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL)
Authorised Corporate Director of IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund

31st January 2019

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund <br> Investment Manager's Review - Summary of the Markets 

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

The start of the period was reasonably benign with areas such as US and Japan making robust gains as economic growth remained solid and corporate profitability increased. However, returns from Europe were tempered by adverse political events and UK market lost ground as fears lingered over the possibility of a no deal Brexit. Emerging markets also suffered as financial conditions globally started to tighten and protectionist trade policy from the US. Within sectors areas such as Technology performed well as companies such as Apple and Amazon became the first trillion-dollar corporations.

However, volatility picked up significantly as we entered the fourth quarter of 2018 as worries about slowing global growth were added to concerns about the monetary policy backdrop shifting towards quantitative tightening. The pressure on asset prices was broad based, with the vast majority of equity markets selling off heavily in October and November. The market sell-off began immediately at the start of October, after Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell suggested that US interest rates might have to rise further and more quickly than expected. US policymakers softened their rhetoric around the prospects for tighter monetary policy in November, helping markets find some stability. Ongoing concerns over trade protectionism added fuel to the fire and political events outside the US were also detrimental, with Brexit uncertainty increasing, Italy's government remaining at loggerheads with the EU over its budget spending and Angela Merkel coming under pressure after losses suffered by her coalition in a number of regional elections.

Against this backdrop, the US market experienced some of the greatest losses. The region was weighed by the underperformance of its large technology sector, which gave up some of its gains from recent years. Japanese equities also suffered amid concerns over the adverse effects that slower global growth will have on its large export sector. In the UK, sterling weakened and domestically-oriented stocks underperformed UK-based multinationals as fears of a no-deal Brexit increased. Emerging market equities performed slightly better than their developed world counterparts after underperforming earlier in the year but still lost ground in absolute terms.

Fixed income markets fared better, with some of the major sovereign bond markets making gains in absolute terms as demand for safe-haven assets increased. Investors have been watching the treasury yield curve closely to see if it 'inverts' (the yields on longer-dated issues move below those of their shorter-dated counterparts); historically, such a development has been a reliable predictor of US recessions. Lower growth projections and expectations of higher interest rates have caused some parts of the curve to invert temporarily, but the curve is yet to invert fully and given the strength of the consumer sector of the US economy we believe a US recession is still some time away.

Elsewhere within fixed income, corporate bond markets generally weakened as investors worried about the effects that slower growth would have on areas of the market where leverage is high and valuations have been elevated by central bank policy. Indeed, more risky high yield bonds generally underperformed their investment grade counterparts. The trend towards defensive assets was also reflected within equity markets, with utilities, telecoms and consumer staples outperforming. Stocks linked to our healthcare theme also did relatively well, with the global healthcare sector ending the year with gains in absolute terms.

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund Notes to the Interim Financial Statements

## Basis for Preparation

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

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

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

## Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2018 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The valuation point was 12 o'clock midday on 30th November 2018 being the last valuation point of the interim accounting period.

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to generate income over the long term by gaining an exposure to a defensive mix of assets.

## Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed and primarily invested in a variety of collective investment schemes that will include both UK and international equity exposure and substantial fixed income and other defensive assets to provide an overall defensive investment mix of income generating assets

The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, exchange traded funds, cash and cash deposits, as permitted in the Prospectus.

The use of derivatives and hedging transactions is only permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the sub-fund. Borrowing will be permitted on a temporary basis under the terms set out in the Prospectus, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI - all share classes)
$\overbrace{\text { Typically lower rewards }}^{\text {Lower risk }} \xrightarrow[\text { Typically higher rewards }]{\text { Higher risk }}$

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

The SRRI above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub-fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the sub-fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a sub-fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

As the SRRI is calculated based on historical data it may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The sub-fund has been measured as 3 because it has experienced low to moderate volatility historically. During the year the SRRI has remained unchanged.

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Investment Manager's Review <br> for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 

The sub-fund declined over the period in absolute terms although performance was ahead of the Investment Association 0-35\% equity benchmark Performance was varied with risk assets generally delivering strong returns until declining in October following a broad sell off in equities that affected global markets. However, international positions outperformed UK equities as sterling weakened and domestic companies were impacted by heightened concerns regarding Brexit. The funds underweight to UK equities and overweight to international positions were contributors to relative performance.

Fixed interest was generally flat over the period although international positions once again tended to outperform domestic debt. Our underweight to gilts was a slight positive as the asset class declined marginally over the period. Our alternatives exposure was also mixed - these assets are in the portfolio to provide returns with a low correlation to fixed interest and equity markets. They achieved this in October as markets came under pressure but lagged for much of the rest of the period and overall were a slight detractor from relative performance.

Activity within the sub-fund was fairly limited over the period. We remain concerned regarding the prospects for certain parts of the fixed interest market so we opted to reduce our exposure to high yield whilst adding in a fund that has a higher weighting to US treasuries. We also marginally increased our exposure to alternatives as volatility started to pick up in October. We slightly reduced our exposure to the IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund in favour of an alternative that provides a higher exposure to gilt backed structured notes. Our changes to equity positions were relatively limited although we did reduce exposure to infrastructure and UK in September whilst increasing cash.

Portfolio Changes

| Largest Purchases | Cost (£'000) | Largest Sales | Proceeds ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond 'M' Gross | 1,435 | AXA US Short Duration High Yield 'Z1' Gross GBP | 1,851 |
| AHFM Defined Returns 'I' Sterling | 1,100 | IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C' | 1,297 |
| Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies 'I5' GBP | 407 | Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure Equity 'A' GBP | 465 |
| Legg Mason WA Macro Opportunities Bond 'Premier' |  | JPM Unconstrained Bond 'I' Gross | 375 |
| GBP Hedged Plus (e) | 407 | Royal London UK Equity Income 'Z' | 350 |
| Royal London Sterling Credit 'Z' | 387 | Fidelity Index US 'P' | 345 |
| PIMCO UK Income Bond 'Inst' GBP | 330 | Artemis Strategic Bond 'I' GBP | 285 |
| JOHCM UK Equity Income 'Y' | 175 | Newton Global Income 'U' | 270 |
| Liontrust Special Situations 'Inst' | 96 | Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'A' GBP | 120 |
| Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure Equity 'A' GBP | 75 | Royal London UK Equity Income ' $\mathrm{M}^{\prime}$ | 115 |
| Artemis Strategic Bond 'I' GBP | 50 |  |  |
| Other purchases | 180 | Other sales | 585 |
| Total purchases for the period | 4,642 | Total sales for the period | 6,058 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Comparative Table

|  | A Income 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | A Income <br> 31st May 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Income <br> 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Income 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 117.74 | 121.17 | 113.36 | 118.06 |
| Return before operating charges* | (0.51) | 1.30 | 12.19 | 0.43 |
| Operating charges | (0.68) | (1.38) | (1.39) | (1.53) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.19) | (0.08) | 10.80 | (1.10) |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.72) | (3.35) | (2.99) | (3.60) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 114.83 | 117.74 | 121.17 | 113.36 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.01\%) | (0.07\%) | 9.53\% | (0.93\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 28,483 | 30,166 | 30,656 | 26,328 |
| Closing number of shares | 24,804,974 | 25,620,375 | 25,301,059 | 23,226,079 |
| Operating charges | 1.16\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.15\% | 1.19\% | 1.34\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 119.70 | 121.90 | 121.80 | 118.20 |
| Lowest share price | 115.10 | 115.60 | 111.60 | 109.30 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Comparative Table (continued)
$\left.\begin{array}{llrl} & \begin{array}{c}\text { B Income } \\ \text { 30th November 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{r}\text { B Income } \\ \text { 31st May 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { B Income } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array}\right\}$

A This represents the annualised operating charges to 30th November 2018.

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | $\begin{gathered} \text { B Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Pence per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | B Accumulation 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 107.03 | 107.73 | 98.87 | 100.35 |
| Return before operating charges* | (0.40) | 1.33 | 10.86 | 0.56 |
| Operating charges | (1.02) | (2.03) | (2.00) | (2.04) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.42) | (0.70) | 8.86 | (1.48) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.57) | (3.01) | (2.63) | (3.09) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.57 | 3.01 | 2.63 | 3.09 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 105.61 | 107.03 | 107.73 | 98.87 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.33\%) | (0.65\%) | 8.96\% | (1.47\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 3,686 | 3,841 | 4,308 | 3,320 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,490,591 | 3,588,893 | 3,999,142 | 3,358,099 |
| Operating charges | 1.91\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.90\% | 1.94\% | 2.09\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 108.70 | 108.70 | 107.70 | 100.40 |
| Lowest share price | 105.10 | 104.40 | 97.32 | 93.96 |


|  | B USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 108.59 | 108.04 | 98.91 | 100.18 |
| Return before operating charges* | 0.48 | 2.65 | 11.18 | 0.84 |
| Operating charges | (1.05) | (2.10) | (2.05) | (2.11) |
| Return after operating charges* | (0.57) | 0.55 | 9.13 | (1.27) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.55) | (2.95) | (2.58) | (3.02) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.55 | 2.95 | 2.58 | 3.02 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 108.02 | 108.59 | 108.04 | 98.91 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (0.52\%) | 0.51\% | 9.23\% | (1.27\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 1,810 | 1,762 | 1,537 | 1,168 |
| Closing net asset value (\$'000) | 2,308 | 2,349 | 1,973 | 1,707 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,136,805 | 2,163,528 | 1,826,419 | 1,725,811 |
| Operating charges | 1.96\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.95\% | 1.99\% | 2.09\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$) | 1.2753 | 1.3328 | 1.2837 | 1.4617 |
| Prices | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 110.70 | 109.80 | 108.00 | 100.30 |
| Lowest share price | 107.50 | 105.80 | 97.28 | 93.75 |


|  | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 102.71 | 104.51 | 97.20 | 99.51 |
| Return before operating charges* | (1.01) | 0.22 | 9.31 | (0.26) |
| Operating charges | (1.00) | (2.02) | (2.00) | (2.05) |
| Return after operating charges* | (2.01) | (1.80) | 7.31 | (2.31) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.47) | (2.82) | (2.48) | (2.97) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.47 | 2.82 | 2.48 | 2.97 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 100.70 | 102.71 | 104.51 | 97.20 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.96\%) | (1.72\%) | 7.52\% | (2.32\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 893 | 810 | 745 | 590 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 1,002 | 924 | 853 | 773 |
| Closing number of shares | 994,983 | 899,455 | 815,913 | 795,154 |
| Operating charges | 1.96\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.95\% | 1.99\% | 2.09\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.1449 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 104.10 | 105.10 | 104.50 | 99.60 |
| Lowest share price | 100.20 | 100.50 | 95.37 | 92.51 |

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Portfolio Statement

as at 30th November 2018


IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Statement of Total Return
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Income |  |  |  |  |
| Net capital losses |  | (723) |  | (505) |
| Revenue | 634 |  | 637 |  |
| Expenses | (139) |  | (145) |  |
| Net revenue before taxation | 495 |  | 492 |  |
| Taxation | (53) |  | (52) |  |
| Net revenue after taxation |  | 442 |  | 440 |
| Total return before distributions |  | (281) |  | (65) |
| Distributions |  | (540) |  | (540) |
| Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below) |  | (821) |  | (605) |

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders |  | 38,187 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 38,411 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 2,142 |  | 3,745 |  |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | $(3,473)$ |  | $(3,327)$ |  |
|  |  | $(1,331)$ |  | 418 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above) |  | (821) |  | (605) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares |  | 93 |  | 90 |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders |  | 36,128 |  | 38,314 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |

[^0]IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Income Fund Balance Sheet
as at 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 $£^{\prime} 000$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Fixed Assets: <br> Investment assets | 33,685 | 35,947 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Debtors | 77 | 1,297 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,934 | 2,698 |
| Total Assets | 36,696 | 39,942 |
| Liabilities <br> Investment liabilities | 6 | 3 |
| Creditors: |  |  |
| Distribution payable on income shares | 214 | 227 |
| Bank overdraft | 113 | 73 |
| Other creditors | 235 | 1,452 |
| Total Liabilities | 568 | 1,755 |
| Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders | 36,128 | 38,187 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide a combination of income and capital growth over the longer term by gaining an exposure to a balanced mix of asset classes.

## Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed and primarily invested in a variety of collective investment schemes that will include significant UK and international equity exposure together with fixed income and alternative investments to provide an overall balanced investment mix of growth assets.

The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, exchange traded funds, cash and cash deposits, as permitted in the Prospectus

The use of derivatives and hedging transactions is only permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the sub-fund. Borrowing will be permitted on a temporary basis under the terms set out in the Prospectus, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI - all share classes)


The SRRI above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub-fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the sub-fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a sub-fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

As the SRRI is calculated based on historical data it may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. During the year the SRRI has remained unchanged.

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund Investment Manager's Review <br> for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

The sub-fund declined over the period in absolute terms with performance was slightly behind that of the Investment Association 20-60\% equity benchmark. Risk assets generally delivered strong returns until declining in October following a broad sell off in equities that affected global markets. International positions outperformed UK equities as sterling weakened and domestic companies were impacted by heightened concerns regarding Brexit. Europe was an exception to this as heightened political concerns impacted performance. Asia and emerging markets also struggled as investor sentiment remained negative.

Asset allocation within the portfolio was positive - our underweight to UK and overweight to the US and global equities was a significant contributor to relative performance. However relative performance was impacted by some funds which declined further than the broader market, typically those invested in smaller companies but also those with a value style bias tended to underperform. The sub-fund's positions in alternatives and fixed interest provided some protection from the market declines endured towards the end of the period.

Activity within the sub-fund was fairly limited over the period. We slightly reduced our exposure to the IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund in favour of an alternative that provides a higher exposure to gilt backed structured notes.

## Portfolio Changes

| Largest Purchases | Cost ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | Largest Sales | Proceeds ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AHFM Defined Returns 'B' Sterling | 2,550 | IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C' | 1,950 |
| Artemis Global Income 'I' GBP | 850 | Fundsmith Equity 'l' | 300 |
| Fidelity Index US 'P' | 800 |  |  |
| Schroder Asian Total Return 'C' GBP | 750 |  |  |
| RWC Continental European Equity 'C' GBP | 650 |  |  |
| Schroder European Alpha Income 'Z' GBP Hedged | 600 |  |  |
| Goldman Sachs Japan Equity Partners 'I' GBP | 600 |  |  |
| Merian Global Equity Absolute Return 'R' GBP Hedged | 550 |  |  |
| Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities 'I' Sterling | 500 |  |  |
| PIMCO UK Income Bond 'Inst' GBP | 500 |  |  |
| Other purchases | 3,375 |  |  |
| Total purchases for the period | 11,725 | Total sales for the period | 2,250 |


|  | A Accumulation <br> 30th November 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Accumulation <br> 31st May 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Accumulation <br> 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| (Pence per Share) |  |  |  |


|  | B Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 210.29 | 198.26 | 169.31 | 177.97 |
| Return before operating charges* | (4.96) | 16.06 | 32.71 | (5.05) |
| Operating charges | (2.07) | (4.03) | (3.76) | (3.61) |
| Return after operating charges* | (7.03) | 12.03 | 28.95 | (8.66) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.64) | (0.89) | (1.00) | (0.55) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.64 | 0.89 | 1.00 | 0.55 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 203.26 | 210.29 | 198.26 | 169.31 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.05 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (3.34\%) | 6.07\% | 17.10\% | (4.87\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 15,566 | 12,464 | 6,405 | 4,543 |
| Closing number of shares | 7,658,231 | 5,926,858 | 3,230,843 | 2,682,816 |
| Operating charges | 1.97\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.98\% | 2.03\% | 2.14\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 216.10 | 212.00 | 198.40 | 177.90 |
| Lowest share price | 199.70 | 197.00 | 165.80 | 155.10 |


|  | B USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2018 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 121.82 | 113.17 | 96.89 | 102.21 |
| Return before operating charges* | (2.00) | 11.02 | 18.50 | (3.27) |
| Operating charges | (1.21) | (2.37) | (2.22) | (2.05) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.21) | 8.65 | 16.28 | (5.32) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.33) | (0.46) | (0.40) | (0.17) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.33 | 0.46 | 0.40 | 0.17 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 118.61 | 121.82 | 113.17 | 96.89 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.03 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.64\%) | 7.64\% | 16.80\% | (5.20\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 2,298 | 2,088 | 1,056 | 532 |
| Closing net asset value (\$'000) | 2,930 | 2,783 | 1,356 | 778 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,470,635 | 2,284,590 | 1,198,011 | 802,659 |
| Operating charges | 2.02\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 2.03\% | 2.08\% | 2.14\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$) | 1.2753 | 1.3328 | 1.2837 | 1.4617 |
| Prices | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 125.70 | 122.80 | 113.20 | 102.20 |
| Lowest share price | 116.50 | 112.70 | 94.67 | 88.94 |


|  | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016^{\mathrm{A}} \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 115.54 | 110.17 | 95.46 | 99.50 |
| Return before operating charges* | (3.35) | 7.65 | 16.84 | (2.06) |
| Operating charges | (1.15) | (2.28) | (2.13) | (1.98) |
| Return after operating charges* | (4.50) | 5.37 | 14.71 | (4.04) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.32) | (0.44) | (0.37) | (0.01) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.32 | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.01 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 111.04 | 115.54 | 110.17 | 95.46 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (3.89\%) | 4.87\% | 15.41\% | (4.06\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 841 | 703 | 442 | 497 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 944 | 802 | 506 | 652 |
| Closing number of shares | 849,734 | 694,429 | 459,521 | 682,873 |
| Operating charges | 2.02\% | 2.03\% | 2.08\% | 2.14\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.1449 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 118.40 | 116.50 | 110.50 | 100.00 |
| Lowest share price | 109.10 | 109.20 | 93.21 | 87.85 |
| A This share class launched on 20th March 2015 at <br> ${ }^{B}$ This represents the annualised operating charges <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction <br> D This represents the annualised operating charges to | cents [ $€$ ] and commenced <br> 31st May 2016. <br> s to 31st May 2016. <br> 30th November 2018. | g on 10th June 2015. |  |  |


|  | B SGD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [S\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 123.18 | 115.48 | 98.29 | 102.65 |
| Return before operating charges* | (2.37) | 10.11 | 19.40 | (2.29) |
| Operating charges | (1.22) | (2.41) | (2.21) | (2.07) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.59) | 7.70 | 17.19 | (4.36) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.33) | (0.45) | (0.38) | (0.17) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.33 | 0.45 | 0.38 | 0.17 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 119.59 | 123.18 | 115.48 | 98.29 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.91\%) | 6.67\% | 17.49\% | (4.25\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 442 | 478 | 493 | 674 |
| Closing net asset value (\$\$'000) | 772 | 852 | 874 | 1,358 |
| Closing number of shares | 645,871 | 691,505 | 757,076 | 1,381,715 |
| Operating charges | 2.02\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 2.03\% | 2.08\% | 2.14\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/S\$) | 1.7489 | 1.7838 | 1.7748 | 2.1054 |
| Prices | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$ per Share |
| Highest share price | 126.90 | 124.10 | 115.50 | 102.60 |
| Lowest share price | 117.50 | 114.90 | 96.16 | 90.07 |


|  | D Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | D Accumulation 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | D Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Pence per Share) | D Accumulation 31st May 2016 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 128.09 | 121.07 | 103.79 | 99.62 |
| Return before operating charges* | (3.02) | 9.78 | 19.88 | 4.85 |
| Operating charges | (1.42) | (2.76) | (2.60) | (0.68) |
| Return after operating charges* | (4.44) | 7.02 | 17.28 | 4.17 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.22) | (0.24) | (0.20) |  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.22 | 0.24 | 0.20 | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 123.65 | 128.09 | 121.07 | 103.79 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.01 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (3.47\%) | 5.80\% | 16.65\% | 4.19\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 3,002 | 3,516 | 3,287 | 787 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,428,181 | 2,745,118 | 2,715,186 | 758,562 |
| Operating charges | 2.22\% ${ }^{\text {D }}$ | 2.23\% | 2.28\% | 2.39\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 131.50 | 129.10 | 121.10 | 104.70 |
| Lowest share price | 121.50 | 120.20 | 101.40 | 95.23 |
| A This share class launched on 14th December 2015 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 25th January 2016 <br> ${ }^{\text {B }}$ This represents the annualised operating charges to 31st May 2016. <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction costs to 31st May 2016. <br> - This represents the annualised operating charges to 30th November 2018. |  |  |  |  |


|  | D EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { D EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { D EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [ } €] \text { per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { D EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 128.90 | 122.93 | 106.29 | 102.70 |
| Return before operating charges* | (3.74) | 8.83 | 19.34 | 4.47 |
| Operating charges | (1.45) | (2.86) | (2.70) | (0.88) |
| Return after operating charges* | (5.19) | 5.97 | 16.64 | 3.59 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.19) | (0.21) | (0.16) | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.16 | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 123.71 | 128.90 | 122.93 | 106.29 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.01 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (4.03\%) | 4.86\% | 15.66\% | 3.50\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 659 | 766 | 675 | 184 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 739 | 873 | 773 | 241 |
| Closing number of shares | 597,527 | 677,646 | 628,776 | 226,988 |
| Operating charges | 2.27\% | 2.28\% | 2.33\% | 2.39\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.1449 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 132.00 | 130.00 | 123.00 | 107.10 |
| Lowest share price | 121.60 | 121.80 | 103.90 | 97.40 |
| A This share class launched on 14th December 2015 at 100 pence and commenced pricing on 25th January 2016. <br> ${ }^{\text {B }}$ This represents the annualised operating charges to 31st May 2016. <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction costs to 31st May 2016. <br> D This represents the annualised operating charges to 30th November 2018. |  |  |  |  |

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

| Holding | Investment | Market Value $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alternatives (31st May 2018: 6.74\%) |  |  |
| 3,527,886 | Investec Diversified Income 'J Sterling | 3,550 | 2.92 |
| 2,871,549 | Merian Global Equity Absolute Return 'R' GBP Hedged | 4,688 | 3.85 |
|  |  | 8,238 | 6.77 |
|  | European Equity (31st May 2018: 5.85\%) |  |  |
| 40,304 | RWC Continental European Equity 'C' GBP | 3,760 | 3.09 |
| 1,893,342 | Schroder European Alpha Income 'Z' GBP Hedged | 3,516 | 2.89 |
|  |  | 7,276 | 5.98 |
|  | International Equity (31st May 2018: 18.90\%) |  |  |
| 5,040,700 | Artemis Global Income 'I' GBP | 4,816 | 3.96 |
| 924,049 | Fundsmith Equity 'I' | 3,707 | 3.05 |
| 108,163 | Polar Capital Global Technology 'I' Sterling | 3,617 | 2.97 |
| 117,283 | Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities 'I' Sterling | 4,519 | 3.71 |
| 5,955,176 | Standard Life Global Smaller Companies 'S Inst' | 6,098 | 5.01 |
|  |  | 22,757 | 18.70 |
|  | Japan, Far East \& Emerging Markets Equity (31st May 2018: 8.84\%) |  |  |
| 595,560 | Goldman Sachs Japan Equity Partners 'I' GBP | 6,051 | 4.97 |
| 14,343 | Schroder Asian Total Return 'C' GBP | 4,851 | 3.99 |
|  |  | 10,902 | 8.96 |
|  | UK Equity (31st May 2018: 21.94\%) |  |  |
| 3,334,438 | JOHCM UK Equity Income 'Y' | 4,258 | 3.50 |
| 1,215,773 | Liontrust Special Situations 'Inst' | 4,914 | 4.04 |
| 2,977,346 | Man GLG Undervalued Assets 'D' | 4,052 | 3.33 |
| 493,463 | River and Mercantile UK Equity Smaller Companies 'B' | 2,231 | 1.83 |
| 3,094,811 | Royal London UK Equity Income 'Z' | 3,593 | 2.95 |
| 47,884 | Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'Inst Plus' GBP | 5,911 | 4.86 |
|  |  | 24,959 | 20.51 |
|  | US Equity (31st May 2018: 12.00\%) |  |  |
| 5,691,442 | Fidelity Index US 'P' | 12,012 | 9.87 |
| 278,682 | Merian North American Equity 'R' GBP Hedged | 3,482 | 2.86 |
|  |  | 15,494 | 12.73 |
|  | UK Fixed interest (31st May 2018: 13.65\%) |  |  |
| 4,932,645 | Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income 'Y' | 5,835 | 4.79 |
| 4,042,448 | M\&G Optimal Income 'I' Sterling | 5,827 | 4.79 |
| 471,528 | PIMCO UK Income Bond 'Inst' GBP | 4,843 | 3.98 |
|  |  | 16,505 | 13.56 |
|  | Structured Return (31st May 2018: 5.73\%) |  |  |
| 1,848,157 | AHFM Defined Returns 'B' Sterling | 2,550 | 2.09 |
| 2,328,982 | IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C'A | 4,930 | 4.05 |
|  |  | 7,480 | 6.14 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund Portfolio Statement (continued)

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st May 2018: 0.12\%)

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy <br> Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BNP Paribas | EUR | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 1,789,404 | 1,607,975 | (11) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 21/12/2018 | 117,814 | 134,089 | (2) | - |
| BNP Paribas | SGD | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 860,064 | 479,851 | 12 | 0.01 |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | SGD | 21/12/2018 | 30,685 | 53,849 | (1) | - |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 3,159,938 | 2,404,953 | 70 | 0.06 |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 21/12/2018 | 182,875 | 673,673 | (5) | - |
| Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes |  |  |  |  |  | 63 | 0.06 |
| Portfolio of Investments ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 113,674 | 93.41 |
| Net Current Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 8,017 | 6.59 |
| Total Net Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 121,691 | 100.00 |

A A related party of IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund.
${ }^{\text {B }}$ Net of investment liabilities.
Portfolio Transactions
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 £ 200
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges
11.725

Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges2,250

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Balanced Fund Statement of Total Return
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Income |  |  |  |  |
| Net capital (losses)/gains |  | $(4,457)$ |  | 2,748 |
| Revenue | 1,161 |  | 938 |  |
| Expenses | (433) |  | (333) |  |
| Net revenue before taxation | 728 |  | 605 |  |
| Taxation | - |  | (4) |  |
| Net revenue after taxation |  | 728 |  | 601 |
| Total return before distributions |  | $(3,729)$ |  | 3,349 |
| Distributions |  | (728) |  | (601) |
| Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below) |  | $(4,457)$ |  | 2,748 |

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders |  | 115,849 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 90,137 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 15,118 |  | 13,038 |  |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | $(5,574)$ |  | $(4,563)$ |  |
|  |  | 9,544 |  | 8,475 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above) |  | $(4,457)$ |  | 2,748 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares |  | 755 |  | 630 |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders |  | 121,691 |  | 101,990 |

[^1]|  | 30th November 2018 $£^{\prime} 000$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Fixed Assets: |  |  |
| Investment assets | 113,693 | 108,635 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Debtors | 88 | 5,335 |
| Cash and bank balances | 8,434 | 12,377 |
| Total Assets | 122,215 | 126,347 |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Investment liabilities | 19 | 4 |
| Creditors: |  |  |
| Bank overdraft | 13 | 11 |
| Other creditors | 492 | 10,483 |
| Total Liabilities | 524 | 10,498 |
| Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders | 121,691 | 115,849 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide capital growth over the longer term by gaining an exposure to a cautious mix of assets. The defensive nature of the asset classes used to provide a cautious mix is likely to provide some investment income, however this is of secondary importance.

## Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed and primarily invested in a variety of collective investment schemes that will include UK and international equity as well as fixed income exposure to provide an overall cautious investment mix.

The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, exchange traded funds, cash and cash deposits, as permitted in the Prospectus

The use of derivatives and hedging transactions is only permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the sub-fund. Borrowing will be permitted on a temporary basis under the terms set out in the Prospectus, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI - all share classes)

| Lower risk |  |  |  |  | Higher risk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Typically lower rewards |  |  | Typically higher rewards |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 |  |

The SRRI above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub-fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the sub-fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a sub-fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

As the SRRI is calculated based on historical data it may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. During the year the SRRI has remained unchanged.

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Investment Manager's Review <br> for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 

The sub-fund declined over the period in absolute terms although performance was ahead of the Investment Association 20-60\% equity benchmark Performance was varied with risk assets generally delivering strong returns until declining in October following a broad sell off in equities that affected global markets. However, international positions outperformed UK equities as sterling weakened and domestic companies were impacted by heightened concerns regarding Brexit. One exception to this was the funds limited exposure to Europe which was impacted by ongoing political concerns. The sub-funds broad underweight to UK equities and overweight to international positions were contributors to relative performance

Fixed interest was generally flat over the period although international positions once again tended to outperform domestic debt. Our underweight to gilts was a slight positive as the asset class declined marginally over the period. Our alternatives exposure was also mixed - these assets are in the portfolio to provide returns with a low correlation to fixed interest and equity markets. They achieved this in October as markets came under pressure but lagged for much of the rest of the period and overall were a slight detractor from relative performance.

Activity within the sub-fund was fairly limited over the period. We remain concerned regarding the prospects for certain parts of the fixed interest market so we opted to reduce our exposure to high yield whilst adding in a fund that has a higher weighting to US treasuries. We slightly reduced our exposure to the IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund in favour of an alternative that provides a higher exposure to gilt backed structured notes.

## Portfolio Changes

| Largest Purchases | Cost (£'000) |
| :--- | ---: |
| Merian Global Equity Absolute Return 'R' GBP Hedged | 4,750 |
| MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond 'M' Gross | 4,560 |
| AHFM Defined Returns 'I' Sterling | 3,500 |
| Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income 'Y' | 1,200 |
| Invesco Corporate Bond 'Z' | 775 |
| JOHCM UK Equity Income 'Y' | 600 |
| Legal \& General Asian Income 'C' | 400 |
| AXA US Short Duration High Yield 'ZI' Gross GBP | 365 |
| Royal London UK Equity Income 'Z' | 350 |
| Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'Inst Plus' GBP | 350 |
|  |  |
| Other purchases | 728 |

Total purchases for the period
Largest Sales
AXA US Short Duration High Yield 'Zl' Gross GBP 4,668
IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C' 3,150
Royal London UK Equity Income 'M' 405
Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'A' GBP 405
Aviva Multi-Strategy Target Income '2' GBP 22

Total sales for the period

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund

 Comparative Table|  | A Income 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | A Income <br> 31st May 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Income <br> 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Income 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 136.73 | 136.07 | 121.58 | 122.79 |
| Return before operating charges* | (1.74) | 4.73 | 17.85 | 2.12 |
| Operating charges | (0.79) | (1.54) | (1.55) | (1.56) |
| Return after operating charges* | (2.53) | 3.19 | 16.30 | 0.56 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.52) | (2.53) | (1.81) | (1.77) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 132.68 | 136.73 | 136.07 | 121.58 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.85\%) | 2.34\% | 13.41\% | 0.46\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 8,428 | 7,854 | 9,396 | 5,298 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,352,377 | 5,743,902 | 6,905,491 | 4,357,667 |
| Operating charges | 1.16\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.13\% | 1.19\% | 1.30\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 139.60 | 138.80 | 136.90 | 123.00 |
| Lowest share price | 132.80 | 132.00 | 120.20 | 113.70 |


|  | B Income 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Income 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Income <br> 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B Income } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 136.36 | 135.71 | 121.26 | 122.43 |
| Return before operating charges* | (1.63) | 4.87 | 18.14 | 3.77 |
| Operating charges | (1.30) | (2.55) | (2.52) | (2.45) |
| Return after operating charges* | (2.93) | 2.32 | 15.62 | 1.32 |
| Distributions on income shares | (1.11) | (1.67) | (1.17) | (2.49) |
| Closing net asset value per share | 132.32 | 136.36 | 135.71 | 121.26 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.15\%) | 1.71\% | 12.88\% | 1.08\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 2,134 | 2,320 | 1,729 | 1,099 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,613,043 | 1,701,430 | 1,273,913 | 906,523 |
| Operating charges | 1.91\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.88\% | 1.94\% | 2.05\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 139.00 | 138.10 | 136.10 | 122.90 |
| Lowest share price | 132.10 | 131.40 | 120.00 | 113.70 |


|  | A Accumulation <br> 30th November 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Accumulation <br> 31st May 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | A Accumulation <br> 31st May 2017 <br> (Pence per Share) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (Pence per Share) |  |  |  |


|  | B Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 147.08 | 144.59 | 128.05 | 126.65 |
| Return before operating charges* | (1.76) | 5.21 | 19.21 | 3.96 |
| Operating charges | (1.40) | (2.72) | (2.67) | (2.56) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.16) | 2.49 | 16.54 | 1.40 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (1.19) | (1.79) | (1.23) | (2.59) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.19 | 1.79 | 1.23 | 2.59 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 143.92 | 147.08 | 144.59 | 128.05 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.15\%) | 1.72\% | 12.92\% | 1.11\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 12,550 | 13,254 | 9,829 | 4,373 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,720,125 | 9,011,481 | 6,799,019 | 3,415,192 |
| Operating charges | 1.91\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.88\% | 1.94\% | 2.05\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 150.00 | 148.10 | 144.60 | 128.90 |
| Lowest share price | 142.40 | 140.90 | 126.70 | 118.90 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 117.16 | 113.96 | 100.17 | 100.26 |
| Return before operating charges* | (0.55) | 5.42 | 15.96 | 1.93 |
| Operating charges | (1.13) | (2.22) | (2.17) | (2.02) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.68) | 3.20 | 13.79 | (0.09) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.90) | (1.39) | (0.82) | (0.79) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.90 | 1.39 | 0.82 | 0.79 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 115.48 | 117.16 | 113.96 | 100.17 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.02 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.43\%) | 2.81\% | 13.77\% | (0.09\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 2,747 | 3,029 | 2,673 | 776 |
| Closing net asset value (\$'000) | 3,503 | 4,037 | 3,432 | 1,133 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,033,856 | 3,445,680 | 3,011,306 | 1,131,271 |
| Operating charges | 1.96\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.93\% | 1.99\% | 2.05\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$) | 1.2753 | 1.3328 | 1.2837 | 1.4617 |
| Prices | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 120.00 | 117.90 | 114.00 | 100.88 |
| Lowest share price | 114.30 | 112.10 | 99.12 | 93.35 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016^{\mathrm{A}} \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 114.28 | 113.78 | 102.10 | 99.95 |
| Return before operating charges* | (1.98) | 2.68 | 13.86 | 3.47 |
| Operating charges | (1.11) | (2.18) | (2.18) | (1.32) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.09) | 0.50 | 11.68 | 2.15 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.90) | (1.36) | (0.81) | (0.43) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.90 | 1.36 | 0.81 | 0.43 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 111.19 | 114.28 | 113.78 | 102.10 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.70\%) | 0.44\% | 11.44\% | 2.15\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 1,576 | 1,281 | 462 | 102 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 1,768 | 1,462 | 529 | 133 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,589,800 | 1,279,074 | 464,838 | 130,389 |
| Operating charges | 1.96\% | 1.93\% | 1.99\% | 2.05\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.1449 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 116.30 | 115.60 | 113.90 | 102.82 |
| Lowest share price | 110.10 | 109.80 | 110.49 | 95.25 |
| A This share class launched on 20th March 2015 at <br> ${ }^{B}$ This represents the annualised operating charges <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction <br> D This represents the annualised operating charges to | cents [ $€$ ] and commenced <br> 31st May 2016. <br> s to 31st May 2016. <br> 30th November 2018. | g on 19th August 2015. |  |  |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B SGD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [S\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | B SGD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Cents [S\$] per Share) | > B SGD (Hedged) Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Cents [S\$] per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 116.27 | 113.75 | 100.75 | 100.03 |
| Return before operating charges* | (0.86) | 4.72 | 15.15 | 2.72 |
| Operating charges | (1.12) | (2.20) | (2.15) | (2.00) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.98) | 2.52 | 13.00 | 0.72 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | (0.90) | (1.36) | (0.81) | (0.82) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.90 | 1.36 | 0.81 | 0.82 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 114.29 | 116.27 | 113.75 | 100.75 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.04 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.70\%) | 2.22\% | 12.90\% | 0.72\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 96 | 191 | 139 | 73 |
| Closing net asset value (\$ $\left.\mathbf{\$}^{\prime} 000\right)$ | 168 | 341 | 245 | 148 |
| Closing number of shares | 146,574 | 293,189 | 215,764 | 146,574 |
| Operating charges | 1.96\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.93\% | 1.99\% | 2.05\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.03\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/S\$) | 1.7489 | 1.7838 | 1.7748 | 2.1054 |
| Prices | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 118.80 | 117.00 | 113.80 | 101.00 |
| Lowest share price | 113.10 | 111.40 | 99.61 | 94.00 |

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

| Holding | Investment | Market Value $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alternatives (31st May 2017: 9.39\%) |  |  |
| 4,775,154 | Investec Diversified Income 'J Sterling | 4,806 | 4.19 |
| 2,699,241 | Merian Global Equity Absolute Return 'R' GBP Hedged | 4,407 | 3.84 |
| 563,491 | Neuberger Berman Uncorrelated Strategies 'I5' GBP | 5,669 | 4.94 |
|  |  | 14,882 | 12.97 |
|  | European Equity (31st May 2018: 4.37\%) |  |  |
| 3,243,804 | Schroder European Alpha Income 'L' GBP | 2,217 | 1.93 |
| 1,144,099 | Schroder European Alpha Income 'Z' GBP Hedged | 2,125 | 1.85 |
|  |  | 4,342 | 3.78 |
|  | International Equity (31st May 2018: 14.51\%) |  |  |
| 3,490,460 | Artemis Global Income 'I' GBP | 3,335 | 2.91 |
| 1,252,525 | Fundsmith Equity 'I' | 5,024 | 4.38 |
| 263,358 | Guinness Global Equity Income 'Y' GBP | 3,427 | 2.99 |
| 3,130,726 | Newton Global Income 'U' | 4,645 | 4.05 |
|  |  | 16,431 | 14.33 |
|  | Japan, Far East \& Emerging Markets Equity (31st May 2018: 4.11\%) |  |  |
| 6,667,942 | Legal \& General Asian Income 'C' | 4,629 | 4.04 |
|  |  | 4,629 | 4.04 |
|  | UK Equity (31st May 2018: 17.94\%) |  |  |
| 3,482,454 | JOHCM UK Equity Income 'Y' | 4,447 | 3.88 |
| 1,414,507 | Liontrust Special Situations 'Inst' | 5,717 | 4.99 |
| 3,844,516 | Royal London UK Equity Income 'Z' | 4,463 | 3.89 |
| 36,657 | Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'Inst Plus' GBP | 4,525 | 3.95 |
|  |  | 19,152 | 16.71 |
|  | US Equity (31st May 2018: 7.22\%) |  |  |
| 4,086,791 | Fidelity Index US 'P' | 8,626 | 7.52 |
|  |  | 8,626 | 7.52 |
|  | International Fixed Interest (31st May 2018: 7.81\%) |  |  |
| 404,394 | Jupiter Dynamic Bond 'I' GBP Hedged | 4,311 | 3.76 |
| 43,621 | MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond ' $M$ ' Gross | 4,490 | 3.91 |
|  |  | 8,801 | 7.67 |
|  | UK Fixed Interest (31st May 2018: 19.07\%) |  |  |
| 7,858,965 | Fidelity MoneyBuilder Income 'Y' | 9,297 | 8.11 |
| 3,001,488 | M\&G Optimal Income 'I' Sterling | 4,326 | 3.77 |
| 4,466,069 | Invesco Corporate Bond 'Z' | 9,126 | 7.96 |
|  |  | 22,749 | 19.84 |
|  | Structured Return (31st May 2018: 5.89\%) |  |  |
| 3,394,409 | AHFM Defined Returns 'I' Sterling | 3,464 | 3.02 |
| 1,617,094 | IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C'A | 3,423 | 2.98 |
|  |  | 6,887 | 6.00 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund Portfolio Statement (continued)

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st May 2018: 0.16\%)

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy <br> Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BNP Paribas | EUR | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 1,825,250 | 1,641,221 | (13) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 21/12/2018 | 66,006 | 74,834 | (1) | - |
| BNP Paribas | SGD | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 344,371 | 192,134 | 5 | - |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | SGD | 21/12/2018 | 99,241 | 176,927 | (2) | - |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 3,869,343 | 2,943,490 | 87 | 0.08 |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 21/12/2018 | 287,645 | 376,905 | (7) | (0.01) |
| Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes |  |  |  |  |  | 69 | 0.06 |
| Portfolio of Investments ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 106,568 | 92.92 |
| Net Current Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 8,121 | 7.08 |
| Total Net Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 114,689 | 100.00 |

[^2]Portfolio Transactions

| for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 | $\mathrm{£}^{\prime} 000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total purchases costs, including transaction charges | 17,578 |
| Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges | 8,650 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund

## Statement of Total Return

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Income |  |  |  |  |
| Net capital losses |  | $(3,322)$ |  | (289) |
| Revenue | 1,672 |  | 1,387 |  |
| Expenses | (401) |  | (349) |  |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,271 |  | 1,038 |  |
| Taxation | (57) |  | (76) |  |
| Net revenue after taxation |  | 1,214 |  | 962 |
| Total return before distributions |  | $(2,108)$ |  | 673 |
| Distributions |  | $(1,214)$ |  | (962) |
| Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below) |  | $(3,322)$ |  | (289) |

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders |  | 111,711 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 96,971 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 11,677 |  | 14,091 |  |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | $(6,506)$ |  | $(6,725)$ |  |
|  |  | 5,171 |  | 7,366 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above) |  | $(3,322)$ |  | (289) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares |  | 1,129 |  | 905 |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders |  | 114,689 |  | 104,953 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |

[^3]|  | 30th November 2018 £'000 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Fixed Assets: |  |  |
| Investment assets | 106,591 | 101,068 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Debtors | 623 | 3,953 |
| Cash and bank balances | 8,037 | 12,945 |
| Total Assets | 115,251 | 117,966 |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Investment liabilities | 23 | 3 |
| Creditors: |  |  |
| Distribution payable on income shares | 114 | 79 |
| Bank overdraft | 54 | 28 |
| Other creditors | 371 | 6,145 |
| Total Liabilities | 562 | 6,255 |
| Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders | 114,689 | 111,711 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide long-term capital growth, primarily through investment in global equity markets.

## Investment Policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed and primarily invested in a variety of collective investment schemes investing in UK and international equities, with some exposure to fixed income as well as any other investments which carry a defined return such as preference shares, convertible bonds and other investment funds, some of which are designed to lessen the full equity market risk, in order to provide a mix of growth assets

The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, exchange-traded funds, cash and cash deposits, as permitted in the Prospectus

The use of derivatives and hedging transactions is only permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the sub-fund. Borrowing will be permitted on a temporary basis under the terms set out in the Prospectus, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI - all share classes)


The SRRI above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub-fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the sub-fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a sub-fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

As the SRRI is calculated based on historical data it may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. During the year the SRRI has remained unchanged.

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Investment Manager's Review 

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

The sub-fund declined over the period in absolute terms with performance was slightly behind that of the Investment Association Flexible benchmark. Risk assets generally delivered strong returns until declining in October following a broad sell off in equities that affected global markets. International positions outperformed UK equities as sterling weakened and domestic companies were impacted by heightened concerns regarding Brexit. Europe was an exception to this as heightened political concerns impacted performance. Asia and emerging markets also struggled as investor sentiment remained negative whilst Japan exposure was broadly neutral.

Asset allocation within the portfolio was positive - our underweight to UK and overweight to the US and global equities was a significant contributor to relative performance. However relative performance was impacted by some funds which declined further than the broader market, typically those invested in smaller companies with UK focussed mid and small cap coming under particular pressure. Those funds with a value style bias also tended to underperform. The sub-fund's exposure to certain themes was also a little mixed - having performed exceptionally well for much of the year technology declined heavily in October. The portfolios exposure to healthcare performed much better and was resilient in the recent market turbulence. The sub-fund's positions in alternatives provided some protection from the market declines endured towards the end of the period.

Activity within the sub-fund was fairly limited over the period. We remain concerned over the prospect for certain parts of the fixed interest market so opted to sell the exposure the High Yield credit - we would prefer to take risk exposure in other parts of the investment universe. We also used the weakness in emerging markets to slightly increase our exposure in August. We funded this purchase by selling the portfolio's position in US Smaller Companies as we became concerned regarding their degree of leverage. Lastly we sold the Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus as it soft closed but maintained our exposure to UK smaller companies by buying the Chelverton UK Growth

## Portfolio Changes

| Largest Purchases | Cost (£'000) |
| :--- | ---: |
| Morgan Stanley US Advantage 'F' GBP | 1,325 |
| Merian UK Mid Cap 'R' GBP | 1,081 |
| MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth 'B' | 718 |
| Fidelity Index US 'P' | 665 |
| Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Growth 'B' | 490 |
| Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust | 425 |
| Schroder Asian Total Return 'C' GBP | 360 |
| AHFM Defined Returns 'B' Sterling | 350 |
| Fundsmith Equity 'I' | 330 |
| Standard Life Global Smaller Companies 'Inst' | 330 |
|  |  |
| Other purchases | 3,460 |

Total purchases for the period 9,534

Largest Sales
Proceeds ( $£^{\prime} 000$ )
Hermes US SMID Equity 'L' Stg£ 1,352

Neuberger Berman Short Duration High Yield Bond 'I' GBP 1,223
Merian Mutual UK Dynamic Equity 'R' GBP 863
Merian UK Smaller Companies Focus 'R' GBP 662
IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C' 400
River and Mercantile Global Recovery 'B' 380
Fidelity Index US 'P' 100

Total sales for the period
4,980
$\left.\begin{array}{lrrr} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 30th November 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array}\right\}$

|  | B Accumulation <br> 30th November 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation <br> 31st May 2018 <br> (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation <br> 31st May 2017 <br> 31st May 2016 <br> (Pence per Share) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (Pence Share) |  |  |  |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2018 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 131.29 | 120.38 | 100.62 | 99.33 |
| Return before operating charges* | (2.05) | 13.51 | 22.28 | 2.56 |
| Operating charges | (1.33) | (2.60) | (2.52) | (1.27) |
| Return after operating charges* | (3.38) | 10.91 | 19.76 | 1.29 |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.02) | - | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.02 | - | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 127.91 | 131.29 | 120.38 | 100.62 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | - |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (2.57\%) | 9.06\% | 19.64\% | 1.31\% |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 1,528 | 1,868 | 982 | 232 |
| Closing net asset value (\$'000) | 1,948 | 2,489 | 1,261 | 340 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,523,267 | 1,895,859 | 1,047,318 | 337,799 |
| Operating charges | 2.06\% ${ }^{\text {D }}$ | 2.08\% | 2.21\% | 2.02\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.01\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$) | 1.2753 | 1.3328 | 1.2837 | 1.4617 |
| Prices | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 136.60 | 132.40 | 120.40 | 103.80 |
| Lowest share price | 124.30 | 120.10 | 105.80 | 90.90 |
| A This share class launched on 20th March 2015 at 100 cents [ $\$$ ] and commenced pricing on 15th October 20 <br> ${ }^{B}$ This represents the annualised operating charges to 31st May 2016. <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction costs to 31st May 2016. <br> D This represents the annualised operating charges to 30th November 2018. |  |  |  |  |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [€] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Cents [ } €] \text { per Share) } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 121.91 | 114.21 | 97.74 | 99.40 |
| Return before operating charges* | (3.42) | 10.15 | 18.81 | 5.26 |
| Operating charges | (1.24) | (2.45) | (2.34) | (1.34) |
| Return after operating charges* | (4.66) | 7.70 | 16.47 | (1.66) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.02) | (0.12) | - |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.02 | 0.12 | - |
| Closing net asset value per share | 117.25 | 121.91 | 114.21 | 97.74 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | - | - | - | 0.01 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (3.82\%) | 6.74\% | 16.85\% | (1.67\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 470 | 422 | 64 | 46 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 528 | 482 | 74 | 60 |
| Closing number of shares | 449,997 | 395,300 | 64,684 | 61,414 |
| Operating charges | 2.06\% ${ }^{\text {D }}$ | 2.08\% | 2.21\% | 2.02\% ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.01\% ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.5248 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 125.90 | 123.00 | 114.30 | 101.30 |
| Lowest share price | 114.20 | 113.40 | 94.62 | 88.60 |
| A This share class launched on 20th March 2015 at 100 cents [ $€$ ] and commenced pricing on 20th August 2015 <br> ${ }^{B} \quad$ This represents the annualised operating charges to 31st May 2016. <br> c This represents the annualised direct transaction costs to 31st May 2016. <br> D This represents the annualised operating charges to 30th November 2018. |  |  |  |  |

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Portfolio Statement

as at 30th November 2018

| Holding | Investment | Market Value $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alternatives (31st May 2017: 5.14\%) |  |  |
| 1,016,747 | Investec Diversified Income 'J Sterling | 1,023 | 3.00 |
| 618,464 | Merian Global Equity Absolute Return 'R' GBP Hedged | 1,010 | 2.96 |
|  |  | 2,033 | 5.96 |
|  | European Equity (31st May 2018: 6.24\%) |  |  |
| 841,674 | JOHCM Continental European ' $Y$ ' GBP Hedged | 993 | 2.91 |
| 622,373 | LF Miton European Opportunities 'F' | 1,035 | 3.03 |
|  |  | 2,028 | 5.94 |
|  | International Equity (31st May 2018: 18.88\%) |  |  |
| 375,007 | Fundsmith Equity 'I' | 1,504 | 4.40 |
| 28,948 | Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities 'I' Sterling | 1,115 | 3.27 |
| 549,194 | River and Mercantile Global Recovery 'S' | 1,248 | 3.65 |
| 260,812 | Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust | 1,294 | 3.79 |
| 1,597,727 | Standard Life Global Smaller Companies 'S Inst' | 1,636 | 4.79 |
|  |  | 6,797 | 19.90 |
|  | Japan, Far East \& Emerging Markets Equity (31st May 2018: 13.89\%) |  |  |
| 185,606 | Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Growth 'B' | 1,371 | 4.02 |
| 24,542 | Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies 'B' | 1,141 | 3.34 |
| 102,505 | Goldman Sachs Japan Equity Partners 'I' GBP | 1,042 | 3.05 |
| 5,037 | Schroder Asian Total Return 'C' GBP | 1,704 | 4.99 |
|  |  | 5,258 | 15.40 |
|  | UK Equity (31st May 2018: 24.85\%) |  |  |
| 1,054,944 | JOHCM UK Equity Income ' $\mathrm{Y}^{\prime}$ | 1,347 | 3.94 |
| 334,852 | Liontrust Special Situations 'Inst' | 1,353 | 3.96 |
| 641,797 | Majedie UK Income 'X' | 985 | 2.88 |
| 957,422 | Man GLG Undervalued Assets 'D' | 1,303 | 3.82 |
| 328,038 | Merian UK Mid Cap 'R' GBP | 892 | 2.61 |
| 326,611 | MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth 'B' | 662 | 1.94 |
| 13,704 | Vanguard FTSE UK All Share Index 'Inst Plus' GBP | 1,692 | 4.96 |
|  |  | 8,234 | 24.11 |
|  | US Equity (31st May 2018: 17.93\%) |  |  |
| 1,972,405 | Fidelity Index US 'P' | 4,163 | 12.19 |
| 83,493 | Merian North American Equity 'R' GBP Hedged | 1,043 | 3.05 |
| 95,914 | Morgan Stanley US Advantage 'F' GBP | 1,292 | 3.78 |
|  |  | 6,498 | 19.02 |
|  | International Fixed Interest (31st May 2018: 3.23\%) |  |  |
|  | Structured Return (31st May 2018: 4.32\%) |  |  |
| 253,767 | AHFM Defined Returns 'B' Sterling | 350 | 1.03 |
| 477,156 | IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital 'C'A | 1,010 | 2.96 |
|  |  | 1,360 | 3.99 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Portfolio Statement (continued)

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes (31st May 2018: (0.34)\%)

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy <br> Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BNP Paribas | EUR | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 551,735 | 495,776 | (3) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 21/12/2018 | 28,909 | 32,908 | - | - |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 21/12/2018 | 516,223 | 682,959 | (19) | (0.06) |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 21/12/2018 | 2,607,673 | 1,985,219 | 57 | 0.17 |
| Net Unrealised Gains on Forward Currency Exchange Contracts on Hedged Share Classes |  |  |  |  |  | 35 | 0.10 |
| Portfolio of Investments ${ }^{\text {B }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 32,243 | 94.42 |
| Net Current Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 1,907 | 5.58 |
| Total Net Assets |  |  |  |  |  | 34,150 | 100.00 |

[^4]Portfolio Transactions
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Statement of Total Return
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Income |  |  |  |  |
| Net capital (losses)/gains |  | $(1,028)$ |  | 1,056 |
| Revenue | 217 |  | 154 |  |
| Expenses | (113) |  | (82) |  |
| Net revenue before taxation | 104 |  | 72 |  |
| Taxation | - |  | - |  |
| Net revenue after taxation |  | 104 |  | 72 |
| Total return before distributions |  | (924) |  | 1,128 |
| Distributions |  | (104) |  | (72) |
| Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below) |  | $(1,028)$ |  | 1,056 |

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders |  | 30,386 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 21,141 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 6,656 |  | 4,549 |  |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | $(1,980)$ |  | $(1,458)$ |  |
|  |  | 4,676 |  | 3,091 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above) |  | $(1,028)$ |  | 1,056 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares |  | 116 |  | 81 |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders |  | 34,150 |  | 25,369 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |

[^5]IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund Balance Sheet
as at 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 | 31st May 2018 $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Fixed Assets: |  |  |
| Investment assets | 32,265 | 28,814 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Debtors | 21 | 1,192 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,035 | 2,607 |
| Total Assets | 34,321 | 32,613 |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Investment liabilities | 22 | 3 |
| Creditors: |  |  |
| Other creditors | 149 | 2,224 |
| Total Liabilities | 171 | 2,227 |
| Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders | 34,150 | 30,386 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Fund Information

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to achieve consistent long-term capital growth and positive absolute returns over rolling three year periods through a portfolio of defined return assets, such as preference shares, loan notes, convertibles, structured notes and other defined return investments, including collective investment schemes and transferable securities, that do not require market growth to provide a positive capital return and are supported by significant underlying asset cover. Returns are not guaranteed over any time period therefore capital is at risk

## Investment Policy

The portfolio will be actively managed and will normally remain fully invested save for such operational liquidity as is required from time to time. However, it may include cash or near cash from time to time, but this will not normally exceed $30 \%$ of the value of the property of the sub-fund

The sub-fund may use derivatives for investment purposes and for the purposes of efficient portfolio management.

Borrowing will be permitted on a temporary basis under the terms of the Regulations, at the discretion of the Investment Manager.

The sub-fund will not invest more than 10\% of its property in aggregate in the units of other UCITS Schemes or other collective investment schemes.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI - all share classes)


The SRRI above aims to provide you with an indication of the overall risk and reward profile of the sub-fund. It is calculated based on the volatility of the sub-fund using weekly historic returns over the last five years. If five years data is not available for a sub-fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

As the SRRI is calculated based on historical data it may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

The sub-fund has been measured as 3 because it has experienced low to moderate volatility historically. During the year the SRRI has remained unchanged.

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Investment Manager's Review <br> for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 

The sub-fund continues to invest the majority of its capital into defensive, defined return securities with a fixed life and high levels of asset cover. These securities include defensive structured notes, preference shares, convertible bonds and other bond and loan assets, as well as discounted assets where securities trade at appreciable discounts to their net asset value. The sub-fund had a total return over the period of $-0.14 \%$ (C shares). This compares with a total return of MSCI UK equities of $-7.6 \%$.

Contribution by asset class was mixed. Fixed and variable structures performed less well in the risk off environment while convertibles, preference shares, bond and loan and discounted assets were stable and real assets made a positive contributions. We remained cautious on capital markets over the period given the large number of downside tail risk events that were ahead of us coupled with rich valuations, particularly equity markets. Equity and bond markets both suffered volatility and large price falls, and as a result our hedges provided a positive contribution to performance.

We continued to pivot the sub-fund towards assets with less market correlation and lower market sensitivity. We also continued to protect the downside of the sub-fund through the purchase of new out-of-the-money put spreads on the S\&P500 and the Eurostoxx indices.

During the period we have continued to position the sub-fund more defensively than normal, seeking to reduce both its sensitivity and correlation to markets. We have also increased level of currency hedging. As a result of the sub-fund's defensive positioning, it protected capital in a difficult environment.

We believe the sub-fund is well positioned to continue generating good risk-adjusted defensive returns over the medium term, while providing downside protection in what we continue to see as an increasingly challenging environment for risk assets.

## Portfolio Changes

| Largest Purchases | Cost ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | Largest Sales | Proceeds ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United Kingdom Treasury 0\% 11.03.19 | 14,948 | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 5.5\% 09.08.23 | 11,000 |
| United States TIPS 0.75\% 15.02.45 | 10,384 | Kunlun Energy 1.625\% 25.07.19 | 8,101 |
| Societe Generale 0\% 09.08.24 | 10,000 | Marine Harvest 0.125\% 05.11.20 | 6,126 |
| HSBC Bank 0\% 13.09.24 | 8,000 | Petropavlovsk 9\% 18.03.20 | 5,709 |
| HSBC Bank 0\% 31.07.24 | 8,000 | Societe Generale 0\% 21.07.23 | 5,375 |
| Hipgnosis Songs Fund | 8,000 | Schroders Non-Voting | 5,021 |
| Sony 0\% 30.09.22 | 7,239 | United Kingdom Treasury 0\% 22.10.18 | 5,000 |
| JPMorgan 0\% 15.08.24 | 6,000 | UBS 0\% 28.07.21 | 4,420 |
| UBS 0\% 18.06.24 | 6,000 | Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies | 4,135 |
| Endeavour Mining 3\% 15.02.23 | 5,668 | Pantheon International | 4,076 |
| Other purchases | 71,008 | Other sales | 44,074 |
| Total purchases for the period | 155,247 | Total sales for the period | 103,038 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Comparative Table

$\left.\begin{array}{lrrr} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 30th November 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2018 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { A Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array} \\ \text { (Pence per Share) }\end{array}\right\}$

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Pence per Share) | B Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 196.30 | 195.72 | 175.55 | 178.86 |
| Return before operating charges* | 0.56 | 3.64 | 23.15 | (0.55) |
| Operating charges | (1.56) | (3.06) | (2.98) | (2.76) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.00) | 0.58 | 20.17 | (3.31) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.64) | (1.34) | (1.10) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.64 | 1.34 | 1.10 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 195.30 | 196.30 | 195.72 | 175.55 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (0.51\%) | 0.30\% | 11.49\% | (1.85\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 7,815 | 8,276 | 9,051 | 5,296 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,001,472 | 4,215,815 | 4,624,162 | 3,016,777 |
| Operating charges | 1.57\% ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1.55\% | 1.57\% | 1.58\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04\% | 0.04\% | 0.03\% | 0.01\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 200.20 | 199.90 | 197.00 | 179.70 |
| Lowest share price | 195.70 | 193.80 | 174.00 | 166.80 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Comparative Table (continued)

|  | B USD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2017 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B USD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May 2016 } \\ \text { (Cents [\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 109.93 | 108.55 | 96.99 | 99.02 |
| Return before operating charges* | 1.13 | 3.14 | 13.26 | (0.50) |
| Operating charges | (0.88) | (1.76) | (1.70) | (1.53) |
| Return after operating charges* | 0.25 | 1.38 | 11.56 | (2.03) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.30) | (0.70) | (0.55) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.30 | 0.70 | 0.55 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 110.18 | 109.93 | 108.55 | 96.99 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | 0.23\% | 1.27\% | 11.92\% | (2.05\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 754 | 685 | 596 | 394 |
| Closing net asset value (\$'000) | 962 | 913 | 765 | 576 |
| Closing number of shares | 872,891 | 830,205 | 704,450 | 594,454 |
| Operating charges | 1.62\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.60\% | 1.62\% | 1.58\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04\% | 0.04\% | 0.03\% | 0.01\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/\$) | 1.2753 | 1.3328 | 1.2837 | 1.4617 |
| Prices | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share | Cents [\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 112.60 | 111.40 | 109.30 | 99.50 |
| Lowest share price | 110.30 | 108.30 | 96.07 | 92.16 |


|  | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [€] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [ } €] \text { per Share) } \end{array}$ | B EUR (Hedged) Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Cents [ $€$ ] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B EUR (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [ } €] \text { per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 105.65 | 106.53 | 96.97 | 99.53 |
| Return before operating charges* | (0.28) | 0.83 | 11.26 | (1.03) |
| Operating charges | (0.86) | (1.71) | (1.70) | (1.53) |
| Return after operating charges* | (1.14) | (0.88) | 9.56 | (2.56) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.26) | (0.65) | (0.57) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.26 | 0.65 | 0.57 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 104.51 | 105.65 | 106.53 | 96.97 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (1.08\%) | (0.83\%) | 9.86\% | (2.57\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 326 | 325 | 143 | 42 |
| Closing net asset value ( $€^{\prime} 000$ ) | 366 | 371 | 163 | 56 |
| Closing number of shares | 349,928 | 351,446 | 153,326 | 57,352 |
| Operating charges | 1.62\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.60\% | 1.62\% | 1.58\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04\% | 0.04\% | 0.03\% | 0.01\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/€) | 1.1215 | 1.1411 | 1.1449 | 1.3107 |
| Prices | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $¢$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share | Cents [ $€$ ] per Share |
| Highest share price | 107.50 | 108.10 | 107.20 | 100.10 |
| Lowest share price | 104.80 | 104.60 | 95.95 | 92.49 |


|  | B SGD (Hedged) Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Cents [S\$] per Share) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2017 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { B SGD (Hedged) } \\ \text { Accumulation } \\ \text { 31st May } 2016 \\ \text { (Cents [S\$] per Share) } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 111.23 | 110.71 | 98.96 | 100.05 |
| Return before operating charges* | 0.80 | 2.31 | 13.48 | 0.46 |
| Operating charges | (0.89) | (1.79) | (1.73) | (1.55) |
| Return after operating charges* | (0.09) | 0.52 | 11.75 | (1.09) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (0.32) | (0.71) | (0.55) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 0.32 | 0.71 | 0.55 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 111.14 | 111.23 | 110.71 | 98.96 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.07 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (0.08\%) | 0.47\% | 11.87\% | (1.09\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 71 | 86 | 184 | 52 |
| Closing net asset value (\$\$'000) | 125 | 153 | 326 | 105 |
| Closing number of shares | 112,364 | 137,364 | 294,243 | 106,059 |
| Operating charges | 1.62\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 1.60\% | 1.62\% | 1.58\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.06\% | 0.04\% | 0.03\% | 0.01\% |
| Foreign currency exchange rate (£/S\$) | 1.7489 | 1.7838 | 1.7748 | 2.1054 |
| Prices | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share | Cents [S\$] per Share |
| Highest share price | 113.70 | 113.10 | 111.40 | 100.40 |
| Lowest share price | 111.30 | 109.80 | 97.50 | 93.94 |


|  | C Accumulation 30th November 2018 (Pence per Share) | C Accumulation 31st May 2018 (Pence per Share) | C Accumulation 31st May 2017 (Pence per Share) | C Accumulation 31st May 2016 (Pence per Share) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Change in Net Assets per Share |  |  |  |  |
| Opening net asset value per share | 210.66 | 208.02 | 184.97 | 186.91 |
| Return before operating charges* | 0.58 | 3.90 | 24.29 | (0.79) |
| Operating charges | (0.66) | (1.26) | (1.24) | (1.15) |
| Return after operating charges* | (0.08) | 2.64 | 23.05 | (1.94) |
| Distributions on accumulation shares | - | (2.72) | (3.12) | (2.68) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | - | 2.72 | 3.12 | 2.68 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 210.58 | 210.66 | 208.02 | 184.97 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |
| Return after charges | (0.04\%) | 1.27\% | 12.46\% | (1.04\%) |
| Other Information |  |  |  |  |
| Closing net asset value ( $£^{\prime} 000$ ) | 358,203 | 346,211 | 245,252 | 173,287 |
| Closing number of shares | 170,105,528 | 164,347,659 | 117,900,098 | 93,683,222 |
| Operating charges | 0.62\% ${ }^{\text {A }}$ | 0.60\% | 0.62\% | 0.63\% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04\% | 0.04\% | 0.03\% | 0.01\% |
| Prices | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share | Pence per Share |
| Highest share price | 215.40 | 213.70 | 209.40 | 187.70 |
| Lowest share price | 210.90 | 207.50 | 183.50 | 175.40 |

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges figure (OCF) and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund.

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as at 30th November 2018

| Holding | Investment | Market Value $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Autocalls (31st May 2018: 16.61\%) |  |  |
| 5,760,000 | Argentum Capital 0\% 13.08.21 | 7,184 | 1.22 |
| 8,000,000 | Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 0\% 12.03.24 | 7,812 | 1.32 |
| 3,000,000 | Citigroup Global Markets Luxembourg 0\% 15.02.23 | 3,451 | 0.58 |
| 610,000 | Credit Suisse 0\% 01.06.21 | 809 | 0.14 |
| 8,000,000 | Goldman Sachs 0\% 08.04.24 | 8,184 | 1.39 |
| 8,000,000 | HSBC Bank 0\% 13.09.24 | 7,761 | 1.31 |
| 7,000,000 | HSBC Bank 0\% 23.01.24 | 6,876 | 1.16 |
| 8,000,000 | HSBC Bank 0\% 31.07.24 | 7,670 | 1.30 |
| 5,000,000 | Investec Bank 0\% 20.04.23 | 5,009 | 0.85 |
| 6,000,000 | JPMorgan 0\% 15.08.24 | 5,740 | 0.97 |
| 6,000,000 | Morgan Stanley 0\% 17.10.24 | 4,596 | 0.78 |
| 9,000,000 | Santander 0\% 12.04.23 | 9,506 | 1.61 |
| 8,000,000 | Santander 0\% 15.03.23 | 8,771 | 1.48 |
| 5,000,000 | Santander 0\% 27.06.23 | 5,171 | 0.88 |
| 10,000,000 | Societe Generale 0\% 09.08.24 | 9,685 | 1.64 |
| 7,000,000 | Societe Generale 0\% 12.10.22 | 7,067 | 1.20 |
| 6,000,000 | Societe Generale 0\% 20.02.24 | 6,216 | 1.05 |
| 6,000,000 | UBS 0\% 18.06.24 | 5,599 | 0.95 |
|  |  | 117,107 | 19.83 |
|  | Convertibles (31st May 2018: 20.56\%) |  |  |
| 7,810,000 | ANI Pharmaceuticals 3\% 01.12.19 | 6,413 | 1.09 |
| 600 | APQ Global 3.5\% 30.09.24 | 2,850 | 0.48 |
| 9,500,000 | BioMarin Pharmaceutical 1.5\% 15.10.20 | 8,960 | 1.52 |
| 7,536,000 | Booking Holdings 0.9\% 15.09.21 | 6,743 | 1.14 |
| 6,550,000 | Ctrip.com International 1\% 01.07.20 | 4,768 | 0.81 |
| 7,000,000 | DP World 1.75\% 19.06.24 | 5,220 | 0.88 |
| 7,500,000 | Endeavour Mining 3\% 15.02.23 | 5,241 | 0.89 |
| 3,100,000 | Ennoconn 0\% 10.03.22 | 2,610 | 0.44 |
| 7,800,000 | Glencore Funding 0\% 27.03.25 | 5,300 | 0.90 |
| 4,600,000 | Gunma Bank 0\% 11.10.19 | 3,485 | 0.59 |
| 8,000,000 | Hurricane Energy 7.5\% 24.07.22 | 8,064 | 1.36 |
| 2,500,000 | Illumina 0.5\% 15.06.21 | 2,763 | 0.47 |
| 7,621,000 | Innoviva 2.5\% 15.08.25 | 7,213 | 1.22 |
| 7,000,000 | Jazz Investments I 1.5\% 15.08.24 | 5,267 | 0.89 |
| 388,609 | JZ Capital Partners 6\% 30.07.21 | 3,944 | 0.67 |
| 2,200,000 | Macquarie Infrastructure 2.875\% 15.07.19 | 1,715 | 0.29 |
| 4,000,000 | Microchip Technology 1.625\% 15.02.27 | 3,158 | 0.54 |
| 8,000,000 | PT Jersey 0.5\% 19.11.19 | 6,978 | 1.18 |
| 6,200,000 | Royal Gold 2.875\% 15.06.19 | 4,844 | 0.82 |
| 810,000 | Shanta Gold 8.5\% 13.04.19 | 627 | 0.11 |
| 800,000,000 | Sony 0\% 30.09.22 | 7,127 | 1.21 |
| 10,000,000 | STMicroelectronics 0.25\% 03.07.24 | 7,914 | 1.34 |
|  |  | 111,204 | 18.84 |
|  | Discounted Assets (31st May 2018: 10.46\%) |  |  |
| 4,000,000 | AVI Japan Opportunity Trust | 4,160 | 0.70 |
| 704,355 | British Empire Trust | 5,043 | 0.85 |
| 650,000 | Fondul Proprietatea 'Reg S' | 5,810 | 0.98 |
| 232,000 | Hansa Trust | 2,297 | 0.39 |
| 125,000 | Hansa Trust 'A' Non-Vtg | 1,212 | 0.21 |
| 415,000 | HarbourVest Global Private Equity | 5,710 | 0.97 |
| 655,401 | JZ Capital Partners | 3,080 | 0.52 |
| 5,270,230 | NB Distressed Debt Investment Fund | 4,401 | 0.74 |
| 3,000,000 | NB Distressed Debt Investment Fund 'Extended Life' | 2,188 | 0.37 |
| 348,333 | NB Private Equity Partners | 3,762 | 0.64 |
| 3,645,000 | Origo Partners Pref. | 372 | 0.06 |
| 2,012,201 | Phoenix Spree Deutschland | 7,143 | 1.21 |
| 486,000 | Third Point Offshore Investors | 5,354 | 0.91 |
| 2,695,000 | UIL | 4,582 | 0.78 |
| 318,000 | Vivendi | 6,232 | 1.05 |
|  |  | 61,346 | 10.38 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Portfolio Statement (continued)

| Holding | Investment | Market Value $£^{\prime} 000$ | Percentage of Total Net Assets \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fixed Return (31st May 2018: 9.85\%) |  |  |
| 2,195,358 | Aberforth Split Level Income Trust ZDP | 2,261 | 0.38 |
| 1,126,124 | Acorn Income Fund Red. ZDP | 1,689 | 0.29 |
| 1,500,000 | EJF Investments 2022 ZDP | 1,590 | 0.27 |
| 2,770,000 | HSBC Bank 0\% 22.06.20 | 3,702 | 0.63 |
| 1,493,300 | Inland ZDP | 2,285 | 0.39 |
| 830,124 | JZ Capital Partners 2022 ZDP | 3,570 | 0.60 |
| 5,000,000 | NB Private Equity Partners 2024 ZDP | 5,175 | 0.88 |
| 1,198,514 | PGIT Securities 2020 ZDP | 1,378 | 0.23 |
| 4,754,385 | Raven Property Group 6.5\% Conv. Cum. Red. Pref. | 5,563 | 0.94 |
| 1,869,000 | Regional REIT ZDP | 2,392 | 0.40 |
| 1,085,000 | RM ZDP | 1,096 | 0.19 |
| 1,500,000 | Royal Bank of Canada 0\% 20.11.19 | 2,157 | 0.37 |
| 1,025,250 | SDV 2025 ZDP | 1,118 | 0.19 |
| 59,499 | Stratton Street UCITS Next Generation Global Bond 'Q' GBP Hedged | 5,634 | 0.95 |
| 15,011 | Stratton Street UCITS Renminbi Bond 'I' USD | 1,196 | 0.20 |
| 4,774,356 | UIL Finance 2022 ZDP | 6,016 | 1.02 |
| 2,697,000 | UIL Finance 2024 ZDP | 2,886 | 0.49 |
| 2,500,000 | UIL Finance 2026 ZDP | 2,550 | 0.43 |
|  |  | 52,258 | 8.85 |
|  | Hedges (31st May 2018: 4.00\%) |  |  |
| 246,352 | BH Macro | 5,740 | 0.97 |
| 622,200 | Boussard \& Gavaudan Holding | 9,931 | 1.68 |
| 55,000 | Citigroup Global Markets Luxembourg 0\% 20.12.19 | 1,706 | 0.29 |
| 100,000 | Citigroup Global Markets Luxembourg 0\% 20.12.19 | 2,046 | 0.35 |
| 75,000 | Citigroup Global Markets Luxembourg 0\% 21.12.18 | 1,743 | 0.29 |
| 106,383 | Deutsche Bank 0\% 15.02.19 | 506 | 0.09 |
| 28,169 | JPMorgan 0\% 18.01.19 | 132 | 0.02 |
| 53,788,349 | UBS 0\% 21.06.19 | 584 | 0.10 |
| 14,177,000 | United States TIPS 0.75\% 15.02.45 | 10,546 | 1.78 |
|  |  | 32,934 | 5.57 |
|  | Liquidity (31st May 2018: 0.92\%) |  |  |
| 15,000,000 | United Kingdom Treasury 0\% 11.03.19 | 14,968 | 2.53 |
|  |  | 14,968 | 2.53 |
|  | Other Structured Notes (31st May 2018: 3.16\%) |  |  |
| 2,000,000 | Credit Suisse 0\% 17.07.20 | 2,591 | 0.44 |
| 3,300,000 | Credit Suisse 0\% 27.01.22 | 3,390 | 0.57 |
| 3,000,000 | JPMorgan 0\% 03.01.20 | 3,361 | 0.57 |
|  |  | 9,342 | 1.58 |
|  | Other (31st May 2018: 0.97\%) |  |  |
| 6,000,000 | Societe Generale 0\% 25.10.22 | 4,908 | 0.83 |
|  |  | 4,908 | 0.83 |
|  | Real Assets (31st May 2018: 11.24\%) |  |  |
| 7,005,615 | Amedeo Air Four Plus | 7,426 | 1.26 |
| 4,060,000 | Doric Nimrod Air Three Pref | 4,101 | 0.69 |
| 3,550,000 | Doric Nimrod Air Two Pref | 7,526 | 1.27 |
| 3,950,000 | DP Aircraft I Pref | 3,159 | 0.53 |
| 6,147,760 | Greencoat UK Wind | 7,918 | 1.34 |
| 4,728,591 | Ground Rents Income Fund | 5,154 | 0.87 |
| 8,000,000 | Hipgnosis Songs Fund | 8,520 | 1.44 |
| 8,050,000 | John Laing Environmental Assets Group | 8,453 | 1.43 |
| 140,000 | Macquarie Infrastructure | 4,506 | 0.76 |
| 14,500,000 | Nomura International 0\% 01.01.24 | 10,405 | 1.76 |
| 6,124,761 | The Renewables Infrastructure Group | 6,896 | 1.17 |
| 120 | UBS 0\% 21.06.22 | 265 | 0.04 |
|  |  | 74,329 | 12.56 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Portfolio Statement (continued)


A Net of investment liabilities.
Portfolio Transactions

| for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018 | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total purchases costs, including transaction charges | 155,247 |
| Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges | 103,038 |

IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Statement of Total Return
for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Income |  |  |  |  |
| Net capital Losses |  | $(4,673)$ |  | $(2,363)$ |
| Revenue | 5,671 |  | 3,968 |  |
| Expenses | $(1,955)$ |  | $(1,479)$ |  |
| Net revenue before taxation | 3,716 |  | 2,489 |  |
| Taxation | (76) |  | 5 |  |
| Net revenue after taxation |  | 3,640 |  | 2,494 |
| Total return before distributions |  | $(1,033)$ |  | 131 |
| Distributions |  | 253 |  | 260 |
| Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders from Investment Activities (see below) |  | (780) |  | 391 |

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period from 1st June 2018 to 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 |  | 30th November 2017 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ | $£^{\prime} 000$ |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders |  | 542,143 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 380,642 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | 77,392 |  | 102,539 |  |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | $(27,889)$ |  | $(10,807)$ |  |
|  |  | 49,503 |  | 91,732 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above) |  | (780) |  | 391 |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders |  | 590,866 |  | 472,765 |

A These figures are not the same because the comparative figures are from the preceding interim period and not the latest annual accounts.

# IFSL Brooks Macdonald Defensive Capital Fund Balance Sheet 

as at 30th November 2018

|  | 30th November 2018 $£^{\prime} 000$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 31st May } 2018 \\ £^{\prime} 000 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Fixed Assets: |  |  |
| Investment assets | 557,576 | 507,749 |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Debtors | 2,900 | 6,709 |
| Cash and bank balances | 36,472 | 41,483 |
| Total Assets | 596,948 | 555,941 |
| Liabilities |  |  |
| Investment liabilities | 4 | 1,116 |
| Creditors: |  |  |
| Bank overdraft | 274 | 232 |
| Other creditors | 5,804 | 12,450 |
| Total Liabilities | 6,082 | 13,798 |
| Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders | 590,866 | 542,143 |

## IFSL Brooks Macdonald Fund General Information

It is important to remember that the price of shares, and the income from them, can fall as well as rise and it is not guaranteed that investors will get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Changes in the rate of exchange of currencies, particularly where overseas securities are held, may also affect the value of your investment. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term. You should always regard an investment company with variable capital (ICVC) investment as long term.

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## Publication of Prices

The prices of shares in the sub-funds are currently quoted daily on the following web pages:

## www.fundlistings.com <br> www.ifslfunds.com

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[^2]:    A A related party of IFSL Brooks Macdonald Cautious Growth Fund
    B Net of investment liabilities

[^3]:    A These figures are not the same because the comparative figures are from the preceding interim period and not the latest annual accounts.

[^4]:    A A related party of IFSL Brooks Macdonald Strategic Growth Fund
    B Net of investment liabilities.

[^5]:    A These figures are not the same because the comparative figures are from the preceding interim period and not the latest annual accounts.

