

# ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2019



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### **AUTHORISED STATUS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Authorised status**

The Marlborough No 2 OEIC (the Company) is an investment company with variable capital incorporated under the Open Ended Investment Company (OEIC) Regulations 2001. It is a UCITS scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with the registration number IC000415 and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 21 October 2005. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The sub-funds of the Company are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime. In the event that one sub-fund in the Company is unable to meet its liabilities, the assets of another sub-fund within the Company will not be used to settle these liabilities.

The Company currently has three sub-Funds: Marlborough Far East Growth Fund; Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund; and Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund.

### Investment objective

### Marlborough Far East Growth Fund

The investment objective of Marlborough Far East Growth Fund is to provide long term capital growth from an actively managed portfolio of securities.

The sub-fund will invest primarily in securities in the Pacific Basin region, excluding Japan, in order to achieve long term capital growth.

The asset classes in which the sub-fund is permitted to invest includes transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, money market instruments and deposits as permitted for UCITS schemes and in accordance with the Company's investment powers as summarised in the Prospectus. The sub-fund may invest in derivative instruments and forward transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or hedging, as explained further in the Prospectus.

### Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund

The investment objective of Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund is to seek to generate an attractive and growing level of dividend income in addition to long term capital growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of equities predominantly listed in the UK.

The sub-fund will aim to achieve its objective by investing primarily in the shares of small to medium capitalisation companies where both capital and dividend growth are anticipated. From time to time the sub-fund may also hold the shares of large capitalisation companies as well as cash and money market instruments.

The sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities including, but not limited to, warrants and government and public securities, and units in collective investment schemes, near cash and deposits. The sub-fund may enter into derivatives and forward transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging), and may borrow and enter into stock lending arrangements.

It is intended that the sub-fund will be managed so that it is eligible for quotation within The Investment Association's UK Equity Income sector.

### Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund

The investment objective of Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund is to seek to provide capital growth in excess of that achieved by the FTSE SmallCap Index (excluding investment companies) over the long term.

The sub-fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in the shares of small, UK listed equities having a market capitalisation of £100 million or less at the time of investment. The sub-fund will be actively managed.

The sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities including, but not limited to, warrants and government and public securities, money market instruments, units/shares in collective investment schemes, cash and near cash, and deposits. The sub-fund is permitted to invest in derivatives and forward transactions for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including hedging), and may borrow and enter into stock lending arrangements in accordance with the Regulations.

The sub-fund will invest in very small companies which will have wider bid/offer spreads and may be more volatile than larger companies. This may impact on short term performance. Any investment in this sub-fund should be considered as long term (i.e. over 10 years).

### **AUTHORISED STATUS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Rights and terms attaching to each share class

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

### Changes in prospectus

With effect from 1 April 2019, the initial service charge that applied to class P shares was removed. An initial service charge will still be applied to class A and class B shares. Details of these charges can be found in the Prospectus.

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

### Cross holdings

No sub-funds had holdings in any other sub-funds of the Company at the end of the period.

### Remuneration policy

In line with the requirement of UCITS V, Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the European Securities and Markets Authority guidelines on sound remuneration policies under UCITS V. The remuneration policies are designed to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times and that the remuneration of its senior staff is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS funds it manages.

The quantitative remuneration disclosures as at 30 September 2018 are set out below:

	Number of identified staff	Total remuneration paid	Fixed remuneration paid	Variable remuneration paid
		£	£	£
Remuneration paid to staff of the Authorised Fund Manager (AFM) who have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company				
Senior management	8	676,276	489,569	186,707
Risk takers and other identified staff	14	2,593,224	1,049,670	1,543,554
Allocation of total remuneration of the employees of the AFM to the Company				
Senior management	1.34	192,379	139,267	53,112
Risk takers and other identified staff	11.05	2,475,167	952,266	1,522,901

The total number of staff employed by the AFM was 148 as at 30 September 2018. The total remuneration paid to those staff was £6,491,736, of which £3,831,649 is attributable to the AFM.

The allocation of remuneration to the AFM is based on Assets Under Management (AUM), as staff work for two AFM's. The allocation of remuneration to the OEIC is based on AUM where staff are not directly allocated to the OEIC. The way these disclosures are calculated may change in the future.

### **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

G R HITCHIN INVESTMENT DIRECTOR

C N Hitchin

MARLBOROUGH FUND MANAGERS LTD

18 September 2019

### STATEMENT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) requires the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of its net revenue and the net gains/(losses) for the year.

In preparing the Financial Statements the ACD is required to:

- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to UK Authorised Funds issued in May 2014;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable accounting standards;
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will
  continue in operation.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Company in accordance with the COLL rules, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The ACD is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for ensuring that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. It is the responsibility of the ACD to take all necessary steps as a director to familiarise itself with any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

### DEPOSITARY'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of The Marlborough No 2 OEIC ("the Company") for the period ended 31 July 2019

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

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

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

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

HSBC BANK PLC LONDON

18 September 2019

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Marlborough No 2 OEIC (the 'company') for the period ended 31 July 2019 which comprise the accounting, distribution and risk management policies of the company as described on pages 7 to 10 and the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements for each sub-fund. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2019 and of its net revenue and net capital gains or losses on the company property for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association, the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the authorised corporate director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the authorised corporate director has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the sub-funds' ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The authorised corporate director is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the report of the authorised corporate director for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- · we have been given all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE MARLBOROUGH NO 2 OEIC

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the report of the authorised corporate director.

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

- proper accounting records for the company have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

### Responsibilities of the authorised corporate director

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 3, the authorised corporate director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the authorised corporate director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the authorised corporate director is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the authorised corporate director either intends to liquidate the company or to cease activity, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

### Use of our report

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

Barlow Andrews LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Carlyle House 78 Chorley New Road Bolton

18 September 2019

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES OF THE COMPANY

### 1.1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

During the period under review the Marlborough No 2 OEIC consisted of three sub-funds: Marlborough Far East Growth Fund, Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund and Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund.

These accounting policies apply to all the sub-funds of the Company.

### a Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard (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 financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

### b Going concern

The authorised corporate director (ACD) has at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus it continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### c Revenue

Dividends from shares are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Stock dividends, received as shares to the extent that the value of such dividends is equal to the cash dividends, are treated as revenue.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis when determining if the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. The tax treatment follows the accounting treatment of the principal amount.

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an accruals basis. Accrued interest purchased and sold on debt securities is excluded from the capital cost of these securities and is treated as revenue. Interest earned from debt securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis. Effective yield is where the interest arising on the security that is purchased at a discount or premium to the maturity value is amortised and recognised at a consistent rate over the life of the security.

Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

### d Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged against revenue as shown in these accounts.

The ACD's periodic charge for Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund is treated as a capital expense. This may constrain capital growth.

### e Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

### Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on net revenue for the period. The taxable amount differs from net revenue as reported in the Statement of Total Return (SOTR) because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The sub-funds' liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted by the reporting end date.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient tax profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the SOTR. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when a sub-fund has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES OF THE COMPANY

### 1.1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### f Valuation of investments

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 31 July 2019. Fair value is normally the bid value of each security by reference to quoted prices from reputable sources; that is the market price. If the ACD believes that the quoted price is unreliable, or if no price exists, a valuation technique is used whereby fair value is the ACD's best estimate of a reasonable and fair value for that investment.

Investments in collective investment schemes have been valued at cancellation price for dual priced funds and the single price for single priced funds. These are the last available published prices at the period end.

### g Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in the net capital gains/(losses) for the period.

### h Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances include deposits held at call with banks. Bank overdrafts are shown within creditors in liabilities.

### i Financial assets

The ACD has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of the sub-funds' financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in a sub-fund's balance sheet when the sub-fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include amounts receivable for the issue of shares, accrued income and cash and bank balances are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost. Amortised cost is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition, less any reduction for impairment or uncollectability.

Basic financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the SOTR.

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

### j Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised in a sub-fund's balance sheet when the sub-fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial liabilities and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial liabilities, which include amounts payable for cancellation of shares and accrued expenses, are initially measured at transaction price. Other financial liabilities are measured at fair value.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, a sub-fund's obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES OF THE COMPANY

### 1.2 DISTRIBUTION POLICIES

### a Basis of distribution

The policy of each sub-fund is to distribute any net revenue shown as such in the statement of total return, except for the Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund. In respect of that sub-fund, the ACD's periodic charge, which is treated as a capital expense, is added back to net revenue in determining the distribution.

Revenue attributable to accumulation shareholders is retained at the end of each distribution period and represents a reinvestment of revenue.

### b Apportionment to multiple share classes

The ACD's periodic charge is directly attributable to individual share classes. All other income and expenses are allocated to the share classes pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the income or expenses are recognised.

### c Equalisation

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

### 1.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

In pursuing the investment objectives as set out on page 1, the sub-funds hold a number of financial instruments. The sub-funds' financial instruments comprise securities, together with cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from their operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for issues and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued income.

The main risks arising from the sub-funds' financial instruments and the ACD's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. The ACD reviews (and agrees with the Depositary) the policies for managing each of these risks. The policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the period to which these financial statements relate.

### Market price risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of a sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments the sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss the sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

### Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of a sub-fund's investments can be affected by foreign currency translation movements as some or all of a sub-fund's assets and income may be denominated in currencies other than sterling which is the sub-fund's functional currency.

The ACD has identified three areas where foreign currency risk could impact the sub-funds. These are, movements in exchange rates affecting the value of investments, short term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movements in the period between when an investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs, and finally, movement in exchange rates affecting income received by a sub-fund. The sub-funds convert all receipts of income, received in currency, into sterling of the day of receipt.

To manage foreign currency risk the sub-funds are permitted to invest in forward foreign currency contracts for the purpose of reducing the exposure of the sub-funds to a foreign currency.

The foreign currency exposure within the sub-funds is monitored to ensure that this is manageable and sensible.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES OF THE COMPANY

### 1.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

### Credit and counterparty risk

Certain transactions in securities that the sub-funds enter into expose them to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the sub-funds have fulfilled their responsibilities. The sub-funds only buy and sell investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a sub-fund's investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates. The sub-fund's cash holdings are held in deposit accounts, whose rates are determined by the banks concerned on a daily basis.

### Liquidity risk

The sub-funds' assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities. The main liability of the sub-funds is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Assets of the sub-funds may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions. The liquidity of the sub-funds' assets is regularly reviewed by the ACD.

#### Concentration risk

Some of the underlying collective investment schemes invest solely in certain markets, such as UK shares or fixed interest securities. This allows them to focus on those markets' potential but means that they are not spread amongst a range of markets. Securities in the same market tend to be affected by the same factors, so the collective investment schemes may experience greater fluctuations in price. The asset allocations aim to minimise this risk whenever possible, whilst still meeting the objectives of the sub-funds.

The ACD is obliged through FCA rules to put in place a risk management policy which sets out how the ACD measures and monitors these risks.

### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

Percentage change and sector position to 31 July 2019

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	3 years	<u>5 years</u>
Marlborough Far East Growth Fund	7.33%	2.87%	37.86%	64.95%
Quartile Ranking*	4	4	3	2

<sup>\*</sup> Based on ranking within The Investment Association's Asia Pacific ex Japan sector. Launched 31 October 2005.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class P Inc - mid to mid, net income reinvested). Class P shares first priced on 2 January 2013. In the period to that date, past performance information for the Class A shares has been used.



Sally Macdonald Jing Liang

The last year has seen something of a rollercoaster in Asian and global market performance. It began against a backdrop of a self-inflicted and rapid economic slowdown in China and the start of the Sino-US trade war. China had (quite rightly) sought to limit the wild spread of Peer to Peer lending (P2P), but had been overly heavy-handed in the implementation, which inadvertently catalysed a dramatic credit crunch, starting in March 2018. A massive bureaucratic reorganisation then halted the licensing process for most industries, further limiting economic growth. By the time the period under review started at the end of June, it was already becoming apparent that this had effectively halted construction and consumer purchases of some larger-ticket items, whilst the uncertainty on import tariffs had brought the car markets to a standstill. In trying to help with a stimulus package worth some 1% of GDP, Beijing made things worse, as it directed already

over-extended local governments to increase their debt still further. This, along with a substantial tightening of Communist Party control throughout China, initiated a manufacturing diaspora, which has largely benefited the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) throughout this period. For North Asia, this dramatic weakening of the Chinese economy and the steadily increasing uncertainty caused by the trade wars, ate into exports, margins and supply chains and increased costs as they sought to shift production to safer locations. The revelations surrounding Huawei, and the subsequent ban on the use of its technology by many countries globally, further decimated the technology-heavy countries in the North of the region. The prospect that North Korea might open up briefly boosted South Korea substantially, but has since faded with the failure of the latest round of talks. India stood relatively aloof from the problems with China and the increasingly global trade wars for most of the period, but suffered its own credit-crunch, as the collapse of a large construction company, IL&FS, decimated the financial sector. Oil prices normalised at the start of 2019, but have since failed to match perceived risk after Iran seized three vessels in the Straits of Hormuz and fell over 12% in US Dollar terms this period.

For most global investors, who measure Asian markets in Dollars, the regional markets have ended this period with a small loss of just over 2%, but for Sterling based investors, the Morningstar Open Index Project Asia ex Japan Net Return Index in Sterling rose by 4.95%. The Fund kept pace with this roller-coaster quite well in the first half of the period, before lagging in the second quarter of 2019. It ended the period up 2.87%.

Countries across the ASEAN proved the best performers this period, led by Indonesia and the Philippines, which rose 23.4% and 18.13 % respectively. In Indonesia, the successful conclusion of first the Asian games in Jakarta and a peaceful election allowed nervous bond-holders to take heart and the currency to firm. Benefiting both from the shift from China and the successful restructuring of the tax and monetary systems by the government and central bank, Indonesia stood out as a natural alternative to China. The Fund's holding in Bank Rakyat fared particularly well in this environment. We took profit after a 45% gain from the start of the period and switched into Bank Mandiri for its better digital policy and greater business-focus instead, which has since appreciated by 15% in Sterling terms.

In Thailand, the economy re-awoke from its hiatus around the death of the King and the long-promised elections finally took place. This lifted confidence in the country and underpinned decisions by Chinese companies to shift production to the established trading estates there. Although the country faces significant competition from Vietnam for much of its manufacturing sector, its pre-eminence in both automotive and medical products have helped attract huge volumes of enquiries at its industrial estates and the Fund's holding in Amata fared exceptionally well, rising by over 41% during this period in Sterling terms.

The Philippines also proved resilient in this period, rising by over 20% as President Duterte's TRAIN tax reforms rebalanced the economy in favour of private consumption and rate adjustments by the central bank gave investors new confidence.

### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

The poorest performing countries in the Fund this year have been Korea, which fell by more than 9% in Sterling terms and Malaysia, which fell by a little under 1%. The last three years have proved to be exceptionally poor for Korea. Not only has the economy had to face the ignominious decline of its heavy industrial sector, but relations with its neighbours have proved particularly damaging and deleterious. In this period, Korean trade with China has still not really recovered adequately after the damage done by the purchase of the US THAAD weapon systems in 2016 and 2017, but now, with the Chinese economy so weak, the electronics and tourist sectors, which had previously held up fairly well, have been hit too. The country travelled all year in the hope that North Korea would reach an agreement with the US to open up. As South Korea did not exist at the end of the Korean war, it is not a signatory to the armistice currently in place and cannot therefore sign a Peace Treaty without the consent of both China and the US. It has spent much of the last year trying to stimulate its economy by boosting the infrastructure which will be needed should the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) open, adding roads and train lines in preparation for good news. Sadly, however, at the time of writing, that news still remains delayed. The market fell 9.7% in Sterling terms and our weakest holdings have been Modetour Network and steel maker POSCO.

In the Spring of 2018, Malaysian elections swept to power a new coalition, Pakatan Harapan, led by former Prime Minister Mahathir and his erstwhile arch-rival, Anwar Ibrahim. One of the earliest actions taken by the new government was to cancel all the existing infrastructure contracts for China's Belt and Road Initiative. This decision caused chaos as Malaysia's foreign partners withheld or litigated on contracts for roads and rail and has hung over the country's fortunes all year.

The tightening in political control in China and the trade war have had a major impact on the two largest stocks in the region (and the portfolio) this year. Alibaba, the second largest online merchant globally after Amazon, has struggled with the weakness of the global economy and the general fall from grace of the tech sector, but its domestic arch rival, Tencent, which is China's second largest internet ecosystem and the dominant provider of online gaming and entertainment, was caught out by the political shift to the hard left this year. The reorganisation of all the major Chinese ministries in the second quarter of 2018 saw applications to launch new games pile up unattended and so some of their globally most profitable games went un-monetised in China. Once things did unfreeze, however, political insistence on less violent games produced less popular products and profits have lagged.

There are a wide range of Chinese indices and share types available, from A shares (quoted in Rmb on domestic exchanges) and H shares (quoted in Hong Kong in HK\$) to ADR's listed in New York in US Dollars. This year saw the major global provider of indices, MSCI, announce an accelerated inclusion of the domestic A shares into its wider series. As most foreign investors had previously been unable to access this wider Chinese market – and indeed still are – whether for reasons of regulation, custodial technicalities or corporate governance, many did not react when the indices changed at the start of the period under review. However, in January, after Chinese shares had had such a poor year, investors started to buy. So, when MSCI then announced a rapid acceleration of the index weightings, this catalysed a substantial rally in Chinese stocks. The Fund lagged somewhat in this, as we remained cautious on the outlook for the Chinese economy and the potential for further significant damage from the trade war. Nevertheless, we have seen very strong performance from some of our Chinese holdings in the period under review, with property Developer Longfor up over 48% in the period and Nagacorp, a Cambodian casino operator quoted in HK, rising by more than 51%.

As mentioned above, India has trodden quite a different path this year from the rest of Asia. Falling in price terms over the period and beset by first a banking crisis and then scandals over pledged shares, the country eked out a total return of just over 1%. Analyst expectations proved far away from the reality of trading conditions and most mis-read the election, with few predicting the historic victory of Mahendra Modi. Despite these conditions, the Fund has seen strong returns from its Indian portfolio this period. ICICI Bank led the pack with a rise of over 49%, but was closely followed by IT company Infosys (+30%), Power Grid (+29%) and gold lender Manappuram Finance (+17%).

Looking forward, it is with great sadness that we have to report that the protests currently underway in Hong Kong have turned to violence. At the time of writing, the Mainland government has shown considerable restraint in only showing videos of riot police practising their manoeuvres and troops massing for "exercises" in Shenzhen. It is hard to see an easy way out of the impasse at present, as the protesters have escalated their demands from the easily grantable withdrawal of the proposed extradition treaty to a call for universal suffrage, which neither China, nor the HK Executive will ever grant. Moves like these create buying opportunities for investors, but, at the time of writing, we feel that extreme caution should still be exercised. Beijing will want to settle the problem before the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on 1<sup>st</sup> October, so we remain optimistic.

Markets are being roiled globally now by poor economic data, led by Germany and Asia. Corporates generally still remain reluctant to spend more in capital expenditure, principally because of the uncertainty currently being caused by Brexit and trade wars, but that has brought about a rapid supply response in several industries (most notably semiconductors) and improved pricing. By the year end, the UK should have finally either exited the EU, or revoked Article 50, which should generate greater certainty – indeed, some Asian companies are even starting to tell us that they are buying businesses in the UK now. We still face trade wars, the need for North Korean talks to end well and for a resolution to the terrible situation in Hong Kong. Global interest rates have been forced down too far and with recession signals flashing, all seems bleak. But that is not the view from Asia.

### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

Asian governments have announced (and begun to implement) vast stimulus packages, now worth over USD3 trillion in aggregate. This amount equates to more than the combined amounts of the giant Chinese package of 2009, plus all of the first quarter, second quarter and part of the third quarter combined. For China, that money is evenly distributed between consumer and corporate VAT tax reductions and infrastructure projects. In India, its USD1.4trn programme aims to boost farm incomes, improve infrastructure and restructure taxation. Indonesia has aimed at infrastructure and may finally press the button on the relocation of its sinking capital. Thailand, Korea and Malaysia are all targeting rail and roads and the Philippines is restructuring taxation in favour of the consumer. It is inconceivable that this money can be spent without any benefit at all to profits and economies appearing in share prices. Indeed, economic data across Asia have already responded with a faint glimmer of improvement and discussions we have with companies are starting to back that up. Valuations now stand only 6% above the lowest book values seen in 2008 for Asia's regional indices. The darkest hour is always before the dawn.

Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd 14 August 2019

### **Distributions** (pence per share)

	Year 2019	Year 2018	Year 2017	<u>Year 2016</u>
Class A Income			·	
Income paid 31 March	0.8407	0.6772	0.0000	0.9217
Income paid 30 September	2.3885	2.1885	2.3910	3.9215
Class A Accumulation				
Accumulation paid 31 March	1.0115	0.8120	0.0000	1.0603
Accumulation paid 30 September	2.8864	2.6120	2.8216	4.5263
Class B Income				
Income paid 31 March	1.4182	1.2658	0.4622	1.4360
Income paid 30 September	3.7660	2.8357	2.9999	4.4674
Class B Accumulation				
Accumulation paid 31 March	1.6976	1.5482	0.5056	1.5276
Accumulation paid 30 September	3.6191	3.3642	3.5244	4.6726
Class P Income				
Income paid 31 March	1.6762	1.6105	0.7043	1.5143
Income paid 30 September	3.2461	3.1114	3.2589	4.5396
Class P Accumulation				
Accumulation paid 31 March	1.9271	1.8172	0.7791	1.6221
Accumulation paid 30 September	3.7640	3.5305	3.6230	4.9133

### Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	Cost (£)	Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Want Want China Holdings Ltd	972,764	Bank Rakyat Indonesia (Persero) TBK	726,077
NagaCorp Ltd	931,734	Sands China Ltd	704,566
AAC Technologies Holdings Inc	869,676	D&L Industries Inc	677,594
AMATA Corp NVDR	846,975	China Life Insurance Co Ltd	635,537
Xinyi Glass Holdings Ltd	675,039	DBS Group Holdings Ltd	595,070
Kalbe Farma Tbk	589,763	Samsung Life Insurance Co Ltd	471,092
MODETOUR Network Inc	564,207	PTT Global Chemical PLC - FOR	451,625
Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk	509,649	China Railway Signal & Comm Corp Ltd 'H'	427,722
51job Inc	506,846	Wijaya Karya Beton Tbk PT	426,605
AKR Corporindo Tbk	436,052	Nexen Tire Corp	405,518
Other purchases	5,832,727	Other sales	3,218,498
Total purchases for the year	12,735,432	Total sales for the year	8,739,904

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class A and Class B, income and accumulation shares were launched at 100p on 31 October 2005. Class P, income and accumulation shares became available for purchase on 31 December 2012.

<u>Class A income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2019	Year to 31.07.2018	Year to 31.07.2017
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	234.20	237.97	181.11
Return before operating charges*	8.47	3.29	63.00
Operating charges	(3.72)	(4.19)	(3.75)
Return after operating charges*	4.75	(0.90)	59.25
Distributions on income shares	(3.23)	(2.87)	(2.39)
Closing net asset value per share	235.72	234.20	237.97
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.46	0.53
Performance			
Return after charges	2.03%	-0.38%	32.71%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£5,641,258	£4,448,433	£3,483,967
Closing number of shares	2,393,187	1,899,432	1,464,058
Operating charges	1.66%	1.70%	1.74%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.19%	0.24%
Prices			
Highest share price	240.64p	262.20p	243.35p
Lowest share price	203.19p	230.01p	179.60p
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### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

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Change in het assets per share	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	241.63	245.38	186.80
Return before operating charges*	10.08	3.41	64.78
Operating charges	(2.69)	(3.06)	(2.74)
Return after operating charges*	7.39	0.35	62.04
Distributions on income shares	(5.18)	(4.10)	(3.46)
Closing net asset value per share	243.84	241.63	245.38
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* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.48	0.54
Performance			
Return after charges	3.06%	0.14%	33.21%
Other information	00.400	04.000	04.000
Closing net asset value	£2,438	£1,008	£1,002
Closing number of shares	1,000 1.16%	417 1.20%	408 1.24%
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.19%	0.24%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.19%	0.24%
Prices			
Highest share price	250.23p	271.07p	251.50p
Lowest share price	209.81p	237.75p	185.22p
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### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class P income shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	234.54	238.32	181.31
Return before operating charges*	8.55	3.29	63.12
Operating charges	(2.05)	(2.35)	(2.15)
Return after operating charges*	6.50	0.94	60.97
Distributions on income shares	(4.92)	(4.72)	(3.96)
Closing net asset value per share	236.12	234.54	238.32
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.47	0.53
Performance			
Return after charges	2.77%	0.39%	33.63%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£5,241,092	£5,851,638	£6,199,934
Closing number of shares	2,219,645	2,494,978	2,601,527
Operating charges	0.91%	0.95%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.19%	0.24%
Prices			
Highest share price	241.90p	263.57p	244.53p
Lowest share price	203.79p	231.11p	179.82p
Lowest share price	200.1 <i>9</i> p	231.11β	179.02β
Class P accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	269.71	268.77	201.14
Return before operating charges*	9.96	3.61	69.99
Operating charges	(2.37)	(2.67)	(2.36)
Return after operating charges*	7.59	0.94	67.63
Distributions on accumulation shares	(5.69)	(5.35)	(4.40)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.69	5.35	4.40
Closing net asset value per share	277.30	269.71	268.77
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25	0.53	0.58
Performance			
Return after charges	2.81%	0.35%	33.62%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£9,526,929	£8,619,642	£7,802,713
Closing number of shares	3,435,559	3,195,904	2,903,141
Operating charges	0.91%	0.95%	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.19%	0.24%
Prices			
Highest share price	280.24p	297.25p	272.05p
Lowest share price	234.33p	262.29p	199.43p

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges 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 subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk High				gher risk				
Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards				rewards				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

The synthetic risk and reward indicator 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 fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 6 because it has experienced high volatility historically. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator changed from 5 to 6.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2019

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>CHINA/HONG KONG</b> (45.81%, July 2018 - 42.26%)	~	70
8.000	51job Inc	523,426	1.09
	AAC Technologies Holdings Inc	682,357	1.43
	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd - SP ADR	1,788,899	3.74
	ASM Pacific Technology Ltd	939,659	1.96
	Bank of China Ltd 'H'	1,230,553	2.57
	China Construction Bank Corp 'H'	743,272	1.55
	China Everbright International Ltd	840,106	1.76
	China Life Insurance Co Ltd 'H'	641,135	1.34
,	China Overseas Land & Investment Ltd	1,386,966	2.90
1,917,000	China Railway Signal & Communication Corp Ltd 'H'	1,054,837	2.20
	Chow Sang Sang Holdings International Ltd	623,644	1.30
	CIMC Enric Holdings Ltd	1,040,296	2.17
	Haitong International Securities Group Ltd	360,465	0.75
	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd 'H'	801,439	1.67
243,250	Johnson Electric Holdings Ltd	362,211	0.76
	Longfor Group Holdings Ltd	957,873	2.00
	NagaCorp Ltd	1,172,453	2.45
6,667,000	Pacific Basin Shipping Ltd	1,134,169	2.37
	PetroChina Co Ltd 'H'	744,381	1.56
531,255	PICC Property & Casualty Co Ltd 'H'	522,727	1.09
	Sunny Optical Technology (Group) Co Ltd	658,831	1.38
39,400	Tencent Holdings Ltd	1,523,394	3.18
	Want Want China Holdings Ltd	898,624	1.88
756,000	Xinyi Glass Holdings Ltd	627,958	1.31
74,105	Xtrackers Harvest CSI300 UCITS ETF '1D' USD	669,418	1.40
	Total China/Hong Kong	21,929,093	45.81
	INDIA (10.81%, July 2018 - 9.55%)		
	Gujarat State Petronet Ltd	1,040,547	2.17
	ICICI Bank Ltd - SPON ADR	1,026,380	2.14
	India Capital Growth Fund Ltd	173,700	0.36
	Infosys Ltd - SP ADR	988,504	2.07
	Manappuram Finance Ltd	528,788	1.11
•	NIIT Technologies Ltd	453,206	0.95
380,000	Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd	960,324	2.01
	Total India	5,171,449	10.81
4 = 40 0==	INDONESIA (3.39%, July 2018 - 1.79%)	***	<b>-</b>
	AKR Corporindo Tbk	360,322	0.75
	Bank Mandiri (Persero) Tbk	564,641	1.18
8,118,000	Kalbe Farma Tbk	697,403	1.46
	Total Indonesia	1,622,366	3.39
	MALAYSIA (1.46%, July 2018 - 3.46%)		
	Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd	295,182	0.62
748,000	Muhibbah Engineering (M) Bhd	400,797	0.84
	Total Malaysia	695,979	1.46
	<b>PHILIPPINES</b> (0.82%, July 2018 - 1.46%)		
2,356,000	D&L Industries Inc	391,444	0.82
	Total Philippines	391,444	0.82

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31 July 2019

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>SINGAPORE</b> (3.33%, July 2018 - 3.58%)		
316,000	ComfortDelGro Corp	514,282	1.07
167,000	Keppel Corp	640,859	1.34
63,351	Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp	439,041	0.92
	Total Singapore	1,594,182	3.33
	<b>SOUTH KOREA</b> (12.92%, July 2018 - 18.61%)		
24,320	Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co Ltd	728,351	1.52
8,615	Hyundai Motor Co Ltd - 2nd Pref	493,840	1.03
,	Industrial Bank of Korea	742,613	1.55
•	MODETOUR Network Inc	522,588	1.09
	POSCO	759,269	1.59
	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	697,225	1.46
	Samsung Electronics Co Ltd - Pref	1,144,650	2.39
	SK hynix Inc	773,096	1.62
17,000	YMT Co Ltd	321,678	0.67
	Total South Korea	6,183,310	12.92
	<b>TAIWAN</b> (13.91%, July 2018 - 13.16%)		
	CTCI Corp	1,018,530	2.13
	Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	709,877	1.48
	King Yuan Electronics Co Ltd	1,092,195	2.28
	Pacific Hospital Supply Co Ltd	1,056,801	2.21
	Taiwan Hon Chuan Enterprise Co Ltd	907,073	1.90
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	897,136	1.87
910,980	WT Microelectronics Co Ltd	974,350	2.04
	Total Taiwan	6,655,962	13.91
	<b>THAILAND</b> (3.30%, July 2018 - 2.13%)		
1,586,000	AMATA Corp NVDR	1,017,304	2.13
752,000	Hana Microelectronics NVDR	557,721	1.17
	Total Thailand	1,575,025	3.30
	Portfolio of investments	45,818,810	95.75
	Net current assets	2,033,536	4.25
	Total net assets	47,852,346	100.00

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	31 July	2019	31 July	2018
		£	£	£	£
Income:  Net capital gains/(losses)  Revenue  Expenses  Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	2 4 5 _	1,451,481 (610,601) 840,880	432,819	1,181,357 (508,498) 672,859	(1,257,520)
Taxation	6 _	(128,436)	<u>-</u>	(90,397)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			712,444		582,462
Total return before distributions			1,145,263		(675,058)
Distributions	7		(712,444)		(582,462)
Change in net assets attributable to share investment activities	eholders fro	m	432,819		(1,257,520)
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASS for the year ended 31 July 2019	ETS ATTRI				
		31 July £	£	31 July £	2018 £
Opening net assets attributable to shareh	olders		43,124,413		28,635,029
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of share Amounts payable on share class convers		9,509,779 (5,765,562) 449	3,744,666	16,572,120 (1,282,250) 3,242	15,293,112
Change in net assets attributable to share investment activities	eholders fro	m	432,819		(1,257,520)
Retained distribution on accumulation sha	ares		550,412		452,719
Unclaimed distributions			36		1,073
Closing net assets attributable to shareho	olders		47,852,346		43,124,413

### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 July 2019

	Notes	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	
		£	£	
Assets:				
Fixed Assets:				
Investments	13	45,818,810	41,400,860	
Current Assets:				
Debtors	8	288,201	518,712	
Cash and bank balances		1,994,621	1,688,023	
Total assets		48,101,632	43,607,595	
Liabilities:				
Creditors:				
Distribution payable on income shares		129,251	119,211	
Other creditors	9	120,035	363,971	
Total liabilities		249,286	483,182	
Net assets attributable to shareholders		47,852,346	43,124,413	

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2019

### 1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 7 to 10.

2 NET CAPITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
The net gains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	422,421	(1,214,750)
Currency gains/(losses)	14,812	(34,301)
Transaction charges	(4,414)	(8,469)
Net capital gains/(losses)	432,819	(1,257,520)
3 PURCHASES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS (All purchases and sales are in the equity asset class)	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Purchases excluding transaction costs	12,487,904	21,863,466
Corporate actions	228,263	96,362
	12,716,167	21,959,828
Commissions	11,998	35,217
Taxes and other charges	7,267	12,293
Total purchase transaction costs	19,265	47,510
Purchases including transaction costs	12,735,432	22,007,338
Purchase transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Commissions	0.10%	0.16%
Taxes and other charges	0.06%	0.06%
Sales excluding transaction costs	8,762,164	7,230,887
Corporate actions	0	12,698
<u> </u>	8,762,164	7,243,585
Commissions	(8,376)	(11,067)
Taxes and other charges	(13,884)	(11,799)
Total sale transaction costs	(22,260)	(22,866)
Sales net of transaction costs	8,739,904	7,220,719
Sale transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Commissions	0.10%	0.15%
Taxes and other charges	0.16%	0.16%
Total purchases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the year:		
Commissions	0.05%	0.13%
Taxes and other charges	0.05%	0.06%
	0.10%	0.19%
Transaction handling charges	£4,414	£8,469

### Average portfolio dealing spread

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	0.29%	0.27%
4 REVENUE	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Overseas dividends	1,402,679	1,132,723
Stock dividends	46,253	47,489
Bank interest	2,549	1,145
Total revenue	1,451,481	1,181,357

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5 EXPENSES	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Payable to the ACD or associate:		
ACD's periodic charge	547,424	443,946
Registration fees	7,273	7,654
	554,697	451,600
Payable to the Depositary or associate:		_
Depositary's fees	15,414	13,423
Safe Custody fees	30,215	26,583
Interest	0	22
	45,629	40,028
Other expenses:		
Financial Conduct Authority Fee	158	82
Audit fee	4,857	5,752
Tax agent fees	5,260	11,036
	10,275	16,870
		_
Total expenses	610,601	508,498
6 TAXATION	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
	£	£
a Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Overseas tax	128,436	90,397
Total tax charge	128,436	90,397
There is no corporation tax charge for the year (31.07.18 - Nil)		
b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Net revenue before taxation	840,880	672,859
Corporation tax at 20%	168,176	134,572
Effects of:	.00,	,
Revenue not subject to taxation	(289,786)	(236,042)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	121,610	101,470
Overseas tax	128,436	90,397
Current tax charge	128,436	90,397
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At 31 July 2019 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £866,632 (31.07.18 - £745,022) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
	£	£

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

Interim Final	204,922 533,879	166,803 456,315
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares Amounts added on issue of shares Equalisation on conversions Revenue brought forward Distributions	18,425 (45,220) 449 (11) 712,444	4,642 (48,533) 3,242 (7) 582,462
Net deficit of revenue for the year  Net revenue after taxation for the year	0 712,444	0 582,462

Details of the distribution per share are set out in the distribution table in note 14.

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

8 DEBTORS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	24,375	168,597
Sales awaiting settlement	0	12,572
Accrued income	185,304	292,355
Taxation recoverable	78,522	45,188
Total debtors	288,201	518,712
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	42,373	51,370
Purchases awaiting settlement	0	219,145
Accrued expenses	77,662	93,456
Total other creditors	120,035	363,971

### **10 RELATED PARTIES**

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Amounts paid to the ACD in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and registration fees are disclosed in note 5. The total amounts due to/(from) the ACD at the year end were as follows:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd	69,289	(71,885)

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd as set out below:

Proportion of shares owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd

0.33% 0.31%

Distributions were payable on the above holdings at the rates applicable to other shareholders.

### 11 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The sub-fund currently has three share classes: Class A (minimum investment £1,000); Class B (minimum investment £50,000); and Class P (minimum investment £1,000,000). The annual management charges are 1.5%, 1.0% and 0.75% respectively.

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

Income shares	Class A	Class B	Class P
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2018	1,899,432	417	2,494,978
Share issues	578,849	990	83,937
Share cancellations	(169,061)	0	(242,847)
Share conversions	83,967	(407)	(116,423)
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2019	2,393,187	1,000	2,219,645
Accumulation shares	Class A	Class B	Class P
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2018	8,570,241	12,118	3,195,904
Share issues	1,990,617	0	1,017,362
Share cancellations	(1,248,485)	(20)	(585,844)
Share conversions	211,005	(328)	(191,863)
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2019	9,523,378	11,770	3,435,559

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### 12 RISK DISCLOSURES

### Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £2,290,940 (31.07.18 - £2,070,043). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

### Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2019		Net current	
	Investments	assets	Total
	£	£	£
Chinese Yuan	0	37,226	37,226
Hong Kong Dollar	18,947,350	106,164	19,053,514
Indian Rupee	2,982,865	0	2,982,865
Indonesian Rupiah	1,622,366	0	1,622,366
Malaysian Ringgit	695,979	0	695,979
Phillipine Peso	391,444	419	391,863
Singapore Dollar	1,594,182	8,023	1,602,205
South Korean Won	6,183,310	22,715	6,206,025
Taiwan Dollar	6,655,962	685,469	7,341,431
Thailand Baht	1,575,025	0	1,575,025
United States Dollar	4,996,627	22,637	5,019,264
	45,645,110	882,653	46,527,763
F		NI=4	
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018		Net current	<b>.</b>
	Investments	assets	Total
	£	£	£
Chinese Yuan	0	151,678	151,678
Hong Kong Dollar	15,901,928	103,360	16,005,288
Indian Rupee	2,635,582	(219,145)	2,416,437
Indonesian Rupiah	773,117	1,254	774,371
Malaysian Ringgit	1,488,962	6,953	1,495,915
Phillipine Peso	629,143	0	629,143
Singapore Dollar	1,547,712	23,564	1,571,276
South Korean Won	8,027,084	22,550	8,049,634
Taiwan Dollar	5,668,626	554,068	6,222,694
Thailand Baht	919,926	0	919,926
United States Dollar	3,808,780	5,112	3,813,892
	41,400,860	649,394	42,050,254

### Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £2,326,388 (31.07.18 - £2,102,513). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

### Liquidity risk

The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Within one year:		
Distribution payable on income shares	129,251	119,211
Other creditors	120,035	363,971
	249,286	483,182

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

### 13 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July 2019		31 July 2018	
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	45,818,810	0	41,400,860	0
Level 2 - Observable market data	0	0	0	0
Level 3 - Unobservable data	0	0	0	0_
	45,818,810	0	41,400,860	0

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;
- Level 2 Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and
- Level 3 Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **14 DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

For the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 January 2019

### **INCOME SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2018

		Net revenue to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1	0.8407p	0.0000p	0.8407p	0.6772p
	Group 2	0.0411p	0.7996p	0.8407p	0.6772p
Class B	Group 1	1.4182p	0.0000p	1.4182p	1.2658p
	Group 2	1.4182p	0.0000p	1.4182p	1.2658p
Class P	Group 1	1.6762p	0.0000p	1.6762p	1.6105p
	Group 2	0.4205p	1.2557p	1.6762p	1.6105p

### **ACCUMULATION SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2018

		Net	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		revenue to	to	paid	paid
		31-Jan-19	31-Jan-19	31-Mar-19	31-Mar-18
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Class A	Group 1	1.0115p	0.0000p	1.0115p	0.8120p
	Group 2	0.0939p	0.9176p	1.0115p	0.8120p
Class B	Group 1	1.6976p	0.0000p	1.6976p	1.5482p
	Group 2	1.6976p	0.0000p	1.6976p	1.5482p
Class P	Group 1	1.9271p	0.0000p	1.9271p	1.8172p
	Group 2	0.5228p	1.4043p	1.9271p	1.8172p

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2019

### **DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

For the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 July 2019

### **INCOME SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2019

		Net revenue to 31-Jul-19	Equalisation to 31-Jul-19	Distribution payable 30-Sep-19	Distribution paid 30-Sep-18
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Class A	Group 1	2.3885p	0.0000p	2.3885p	2.1885p
	Group 2	2.0729p	0.3156p	2.3885p	2.1885p
Class B	Group 1	3.7660p	0.0000p	3.7660p	2.8357p
	Group 2	3.7660p	0.0000p	3.7660p	2.8357p
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Class P	Group 1	3.2461p	0.0000p	3.2461p	3.1114p
	Group 2	1.8266p	1.4195p	3.2461p	3.1114p

### **ACCUMULATION SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2019

		Net	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		revenue to	to	payable	paid
		31-Jul-19	31-Jul-19	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-18
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Class A	Group 1	2.8864p	0.0000p	2.8864p	2.6120p
	Group 2	2.2377p	0.6487p	2.8864p	2.6120p
Class B	Group 1	3.6191p	0.0000p	3.6191p	3.3642p
	Group 2	3.6191p	0.0000p	3.6191p	3.3642p
Class P	Group 1	3.7640p	0.0000p	3.7640p	3.5305p
	Group 2	1.4941p	2.2699p	3.7640p	3.5305p

### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

Percentage change and sector position to 31 July 2019

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	3 years	<u>5 years</u>	Since launch*
Marlborough Multi Cap Income Fund	5.69%	-2.21%	23.32%	36.29%	125.60%
Quartile Ranking**	3	3	1	2	1

<sup>\*</sup> Launch period ended 30 June 2011.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class P Acc - mid to mid). Class P shares first priced on 2 January 2013. In the period to that date, past performance information for the Class A shares has been used.



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The price of the Fund at the end of July 2018 was 219.91p (Class P accumulation shares). The Fund's benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index, was 4253.31 at that time. Since then, the benchmark has fallen to 4134.03 (31 July 2019); a decrease of 2.8%. In comparison, the Fund price decreased to 215.04p (Class P accumulation shares), down 2.2% over the same period. The FTSE All Share Total Return Index is up 1.3% over the year, from 7484.05 to 7579.35.

Since launch to 31 July 2019, the Fund is up 125.6% (based on the Class P accumulation shares) compared with the FTSE All Share Index, up 33.5% (3096.72 to 4134.03). The FTSE All Share Total Return Index is up 79% (4233.69 to 7579.35).

The Fund was marked ex-div on 1 August. The dividend on Class P income shares is 4.4006p, due to be paid at the end of September. This is a 6.3% increase year-on-year (y-o-y). It makes a total dividend per share (for the year to July 2019) of 7.8108p, which is a yield of 4.9% (historic) and 5.2% growth y-o-y. This completes 8 consecutive years of steady dividend growth despite heightened

volatility in the underlying market. There are slight variations in income distribution across the range of share classes, but we focus on the 'P' income share class, the most common held by investors.

The Fund value (based on bid value of investments) at end of July 2018 was £1.66bn. As of the end of July 2019, the Fund value was £1.5bn. The Fund experienced net outflows totalling £64.4m.

Having failed to meet the first Brexit deadline of March 2019, we now have a new Prime Minister in the UK; Boris Johnson has taken a hardline stance with the EU Council and is assuming a 'No-deal' Brexit. Although this does lower the chance of Jeremy Corbyn and his Labour party coming to power in 2019, a general election is quite possible over the next 12 months.

We continue to believe the USD/GBP exchange rate is a good barometer for how the market is pricing in Brexit. Increased uncertainty over whether we will be able to reach a deal with the EU before the October 2019 deadline has seen cable (GBP/USD) fall to \$1.21/£ as we write, having previously traded at \$1.338/£ in March 2019. US-China trade tariffs and a more general atmosphere of protectionism has also created further uncertainty with most companies reporting some form of caution in their outlook statements. In combination, this leaves sterling relatively weak for the remainder of the year. Once there is clarity on Brexit and the 'uncertainties' are known, we believe sterling will begin to recover, other things being equal. However, it is likely to go lower before that. In the meantime, there are some bargains to be had as UK stocks have de-rated significantly without any meaningful alteration to profit expectations.

Small mid cap companies tend to be branded as 'domestic only', yet we have plenty of companies in our portfolio with global revenues – 4imprint, Bioventix, Bloomsbury, Bodycote, Diversified Gas & Oil, DiscoverIE, Zegona, Midwich, Strix, Vesuvius and Somero amongst others. We estimate that approximately 45% of revenues in the Fund are non-UK on a weighted average basis.

As part of our 20% non-UK allowance, we also have some positions in foreign companies direct to include Sanofi, Pfizer, Total and NN Group amongst others. We took profits in Apple and TSMC in April 2019. Although these were quite good total return contributions, their position sizes were relatively small because they are non-core to the UK income strategy.

A weaker sterling rate has also created more of a mergers and acquisitions momentum with a number of our stocks receiving bid approaches. Some of these would have been taken over anyway but the list includes Manx Telecom, BCA Marketplace, Sanderson, RPC and Dairy Crest. Others seem to be consolidating with their UK sectors to follow a 'stronger together' mantra. One Savings Bank and Charter Court merged with each other as did London Metric and Mucklow.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on ranking within The Investment Association UK Equity Income sector.

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Geopolitics aside, there are many well managed small and mid-cap companies capable of growing both earnings and therefore dividends. We expect our companies to prove their dividend sustainability when times are harder and earnings growth slows. Bioventix increased its interim dividend 20% y-o-y, 4imprint increased its interim dividend 29.5% y-o-y, Polar Capital increased its final dividend 13.6% y-o-y, Intermediate Capital increased its final dividend by 66.7% y-o-y. Somero declared a special dividend along with its final ordinary dividend as it usually does. This was a 65% increase y-o-y despite a weather-related setback in earnings!

The Fund remains well positioned for meeting its Investment Association (IA) yield test objectives.

### Hargreave Hale Ltd 7 August 2019

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### **Distributions** (pence per share)

	Year 2019	Year 2018	Year 2017	Year 2016
Class A Income				
Net income paid 31 March	3.2610	3.1684	3.1746	3.3319
Net income paid 30 September	4.2001	3.9837	3.9179	3.7323
Class A Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	4.4914	4.1782	3.9975	3.9995
Net income paid 30 September	5.9203	5.3558	5.0401	4.5789
Class B Income				
Net income paid 31 March	3.3682	3.2572	3.2476	3.3919
Net income paid 30 September	4.3506	4.1061	4.0188	3.8100
Class B Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	4.4302	4.0974	3.9012	3.8847
Net income paid 30 September	5.8510	5.2665	4.9317	4.4594
Class P Income				
Net income paid 31 March	3.4102	3.2819	3.2645	3.4012
Net income paid 30 September	4.4006	4.1429	4.0450	3.8259
Class P Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	4.4763	4.1239	3.9173	3.8909
Net income paid 30 September	5.9099	5.3071	4.9587	4.4732

### Portfolio changes

Largest purchases	Cost (£)	Largest sales	Proceeds (£)
Bovis Homes Group	16,689,598	RPC Group	37,541,379
Close Brothers Group	15,977,679	SSE	28,094,617
Cineworld Group	15,488,057	Dairy Crest Group	21,148,472
Mondi	14,960,219	WHSmith	20,858,469
GlaxoSmithKline	13,745,559	Direct Line Insurance Group	19,941,068
Ferguson	13,382,679	Redde	19,212,309
The Vitec Group	12,706,178	Hastings Group Holdings	18,657,394
NN Group	12,362,189	Origin Enterprises	16,419,059
Plus500	12,085,067	Mucklow (A & J) Group	15,909,248
Sabre Insurance Group	11,895,848	Ashmore Group	15,774,513
Other purchases	476,785,624	Other sales	449,352,151
Total purchases for the period	616,078,697	Total sales for the period	662,908,679

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class A, income and accumulation shares were launched at 100p on 13 June 2011. Class B, income and accumulation shares became available for purchase on 3 November 2011. Class P, income and accumulation shares became available for purchase on 31 December 2012.

Class A income shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
Opening not asset value per chare	<b>pence</b> 160.16	<b>pence</b> 155.20	<b>pence</b> 140.83
Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges*	(2.53)	14.57	23.79
Operating charges	(2.29)	(2.46)	(2.33)
Return after operating charges*	(4.82)	12.11	21.46
Distributions on income shares	(7.46)	(7.15)	(7.09)
Closing net asset value per share	147.88	160.16	155.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.39	0.45	0.44
Performance			
Return after charges	-3.01%	7.80%	15.24%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£76,332,292	£93,625,531	£85,685,802
Closing number of shares	51,619,184	58,456,957	55,208,903
Operating charges	1.53%	1.53%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	0.28%	0.29%
Prices			
Highest share price	159.22p	168.41p	163.55p
Lowest share price	136.31p	151.44p	141.16p
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Class A accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Class A accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019 pence	31.07.2018 pence	31.07.2017 pence
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share	31.07.2019 pence 220.72	31.07.2018 pence 204.70	<b>31.07.2017</b> <b>pence</b> 177.36
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges*	31.07.2019 pence 220.72 (3.16)	31.07.2018 pence 204.70 19.29	31.07.2017 pence 177.36 30.31
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges	31.07.2019 pence 220.72 (3.16) (3.20)	31.07.2018 pence 204.70 19.29 (3.27)	31.07.2017 pence 177.36 30.31 (2.97)
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges Return after operating charges*	31.07.2019 pence 220.72 (3.16) (3.20) (6.36)	31.07.2018 pence 204.70 19.29 (3.27) 16.02	31.07.2017 pence 177.36 30.31 (2.97) 27.34
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Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges Return after operating charges* Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares Closing net asset value per share  * after direct transaction costs of:  Performance Return after charges	31.07.2019 pence 220.72 (3.16) (3.20) (6.36) (10.41) 10.41 214.36  0.55	31.07.2018 pence 204.70 19.29 (3.27) 16.02 (9.53) 9.53 220.72	31.07.2017 pence 177.36 30.31 (2.97) 27.34 (9.04) 9.04 204.70
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Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges Return after operating charges* Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares Closing net asset value per share  * after direct transaction costs of:  Performance Return after charges  Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges	31.07.2019 pence 220.72 (3.16) (3.20) (6.36) (10.41) 10.41 214.36  0.55  -2.88%  £90,657,641 42,292,461 1.53%	31.07.2018 pence 204.70 19.29 (3.27) 16.02 (9.53) 9.53 220.72  0.60  7.83%  £115,407,411 52,286,680 1.53%	31.07.2017 pence 177.36 30.31 (2.97) 27.34 (9.04) 9.04 204.70 0.55  15.41%  £114,295,821 55,835,741 1.54%
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### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class B income shares Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2019	Year to 31.07.2018	Year to 31.07.2017
Change in het assets per share	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	165.26	159.36	143.88
Return before operating charges*	(2.58)	14.96	24.36
Operating charges	(1.60)	(1.70)	(1.61)
Return after operating charges*	(4.18)	13.26	22.75
Distributions on income shares	(7.72)	(7.36)	(7.27)
Closing net asset value per share	153.36	165.26	159.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.41	0.47	0.45
Performance			
Return after charges	-2.53%	8.32%	15.81%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£1,334,822	£5,325,982	£5,016,382
Closing number of shares	870,401	3,222,731	3,147,763
Operating charges	1.03%	1.03%	1.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	0.28%	0.29%
Prices			
Highest share price	164.29p	173.29p	167.79p
Lowest share price	140.94p	156.00p	144.23p
Class B accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
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Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges*	31.07.2019 pence 217.27 (3.08)	31.07.2018 pence 200.50 18.93	31.07.2017 pence 172.87 29.59
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share Return before operating charges* Operating charges	31.07.2019 pence 217.27 (3.08) (2.13)	31.07.2018 pence 200.50 18.93 (2.16)	31.07.2017 pence 172.87 29.59 (1.96)
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### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>Class P income shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2019	Year to 31.07.2018	Year to 31.07.2017
Opening net asset value per share	<b>pence</b> 166.83	<b>pence</b> 160.48	<b>pence</b> 144.54
Return before operating charges*	(2.60)	15.07	24.48
Operating charges	(1.22)	(1.30)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	(3.82)	13.77	23.25
Distributions on income shares	(7.81)	(7.42)	(7.31)
Closing net asset value per share	155.20	166.83	160.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.41	0.47	0.45
Performance			
Return after charges	-2.29%	8.58%	16.09%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£865,161,140	£938,658,040	£844,341,182
Closing number of shares	557,435,211	562,628,007	526,128,859
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	0.28%	0.29%
Prices			
Highest share price	165.85p	174.70p	168.89p
Lowest share price	142.43p	157.35p	144.90p
Class P accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	219.06	201.69	173.47
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Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges 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 subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

1	Lower risk					Hi	gher risk
	Typically	ypically lower rewards Typically higher rewa				rewards	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The synthetic risk and reward indicator 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 fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 5 because it has experienced moderate to high volatility historically. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator changed from 4 to 5.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE (Nil, July 2018 - 0.54%)	~	76
	Total Aerospace and Defence	0	0.00
	PANICS (2.240/ July 2049 0.090/)		
1 400 000	BANKS (2.24%, July 2018 - 0.98%) Close Brothers Group	18,606,000	1.24
	Lloyds Banking Group	14,973,900	1.00
, ,	Total Banks	33,579,900	2.24
	DEVERAGEO (0.050/ 1.1.0040 0.440/)		
63 750	<b>BEVERAGES</b> (0.25%, July 2018 - 0.14%) Nichols	1,125,188	0.07
	Shepherd Neame	2,702,700	0.18
_: -,	Total Beverages	3,827,888	0.25
	CHEMICALS (Nil, July 2018 - 0.63%)		0.00
	Total Chemicals	0	0.00
	<b>CLOSED END INVESTMENTS</b> (1.13%, July 2018 - 0.49%)		
	Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	1,500,000	0.10
	Honeycomb Investment Trust	6,325,000	0.42
1,100,000	P2P Global Investments	9,218,000	0.61
	Total Closed End Investments	17,043,000	1.13
	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (5.36%, July 2018 - 4.33%)		
2,300,000		4,830,000	0.32
5,925,000		16,471,500	1.10
3,050,000		6,954,000	0.46
1,800,000		11,475,000	0.76
6,000,000		12,360,000	0.82
2,711,500	Polypipe Group	9,261,805 19,197,420	0.62 1.28
2,711,500	Total Construction and Materials	80,549,725	5.36
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	<b>CONSUMER SERVICES</b> (3.06%, July 2018 - 2.40%)		
	BCA Marketplace	34,708,896	2.31
4,800,000	Total Consumer Services	11,328,000 46,036,896	0.75 3.06
	Total Consumer Gervices	40,030,090	3.00
	ELECTRICITY (Nil, July 2018 - 1.90%)		
	Total Electricity	0	0.00
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227 755	<b>ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT</b> (1.06%, July 2018 Solid State	- 1.93%) 1,093,673	0.07
	Strix Group	14,338,500	0.95
	XP Power	582,871	0.04
_0,000	Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	16,015,044	1.06
	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (3.31%, July 2018 - 3.90%)		
	OneSavings Bank	19,018,516	1.27
7,397,500	Paragon Banking Group Total Finance and Credit Services	30,684,830 49,703,346	2.04 3.31
	Total Finance and Oreal Convices	70,100,040	5.51
	FOOD PRODUCERS (2.24%, July 2018 - 2.81%)		
1,000,000		2,085,000	0.14
	Hilton Food Group	3,325,260	0.22
3,753,884	Tate & Lyle	28,311,793	1.88
	Total Food Producers	33,722,053	2.24

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>GAS, WATER AND MULTI-UTILITIES</b> (2.77%, July 2018 - 3.53%)	£	70
3.394.074	Pennon Group	24,410,180	1.62
	Severn Trent	17,221,000	1.15
,	Total Gas, Water and Multi-utilities	41,631,180	2.77
	<b>GENERAL INDUSTRIALS</b> (3.10%, July 2018 - 5.13%)		
	Macfarlane Group	10,925,000	0.73
9,750,000	Smith (DS)	35,558,250	2.37
	Total General Industrials	46,483,250	3.10
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (4.63%, July 2		
	Barratt Developments	9,834,000	0.65
	Bovis Homes Group	16,399,000	1.09
•	Churchill China	14,154,492	0.94
	Portmeirion Group	7,056,000	0.47
13,350,000	Taylor Wimpey  Tatal Hayrachald Coods and Hama Construction	22,187,700 69,631,192	1.48
	Total Household Goods and Home Construction	69,631,192	4.63
	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (1.03%, July 2018 - 0.20%)		2.12
	Somero Enterprises	2,805,000	0.19
1,106,050	The Vitec Group	12,608,970	0.84
	Total Industrial Engineering	15,413,970	1.03
4 000 000	INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS (1.95%, July 2018 - 1.00%)	00 070 700	4.05
1,620,000		29,378,700	1.95
	Total Industrial Materials	29,378,700	1.95
	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (5.26%, July 2018 - 5.66%)		
	Anglo Pacific Group	14,229,275	0.95
3,400,000		25,415,000	1.69
	Central Asia Metals	17,793,678	1.18
1,906,231	Hill & Smith Holdings	21,673,846	1.44
	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	79,111,799	5.26
75.000	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (5.52%, July 2018 - 4.53%)	F 274 000	0.25
75,000		5,271,000	0.35
	Electrocomponents	16,643,000	1.11
	Ferguson Filta Group Holdings	5,905,200 564,200	0.39 0.04
8,500,000	. •	13,200,500	0.88
	Midwich Group	20,596,000	1.37
1,442,000		4,088,070	0.27
3,300,000		16,615,500	1.11
0,000,000	Total Industrial Support Services	82,883,470	5.52
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (0.21%, July 2018 - 3.24%)		
140,000	Ashtead Group	3,192,000	0.21
1.10,000	Total Industrial Transportation	3,192,000	0.21
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (10.29%,	July 2018 - 10.33%)	
400,000	3i Group	4,472,000	0.30
	Ashmore Group	17,008,000	1.13
5,372,862	Cenkos Securities	2,686,431	0.18
	Finncap Group	976,250	0.06
	IntegraFin Holdings	2,471,897	0.16
2,850,000	Intermediate Capital Group	39,985,500	2.66

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (continued		70
5 300 000	John Laing Group	20,447,400	1.36
750,000		1,811,250	0.12
•	Polar Capital Holdings	43,911,000	2.92
	Premier Asset Management Group	9,585,000	0.64
	Standard Life Aberdeen	11,373,400	0.76
0,000,000	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	154,728,128	10.29
	<b>LEISURE GOODS</b> (0.32%, July 2018 - 0.31%)		
108,973	Games Workshop Group	4,884,170	0.32
	Total Leisure Goods	4,884,170	0.32
	<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b> (5.34%, July 2018 - 4.55%)		
7,200,000		24,516,000	1.63
	Phoenix Group Holdings	38,149,800	2.54
	St. James's Place	17,658,000	1.17
1,000,000	Total Life Insurance	80,323,800	5.34
	<b>MEDIA</b> (1.73%, July 2018 - 0.86%)		
•	4imprint Group	2,840,000	0.19
	Bloomsbury Publishing	10,094,236	0.67
250,000	Informa	2,187,500	0.15
5,620,627	ITE Group	4,176,126	0.28
1,800,000	STV Group	6,678,000	0.44
	Total Media	25,975,862	1.73
4 004 000	NON-LIFE INSURANCE (0.75%, July 2018 - 2.65%)	44 005 040	0.75
4,224,000	Sabre Insurance Group  Total Non-life Insurance	11,235,840	0.75
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	NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY (4.62%, July 2018 - 4.16%)		
3,100,000	BP	17,022,100	1.13
20,500,000	Diversified Gas & Oil	21,320,000	1.42
1,200,000	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	31,188,000	2.07
	Total Non-Renewable Energy	69,530,100	4.62
		2012	
50,000	PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (0.58%, July 2	,	0.07
·	Greggs	1,126,000	0.07
3,425,000	<del>-</del>	7,648,025	0.51
	Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	8,774,025	0.58
	PERSONAL GOODS (Nil, July 2018 - 0.35%)		
	Total Personal Goods	0	0.00
200 200	PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MARIJUANA PRO	•	·
209,000		710,600	0.05
•	AstraZeneca	7,061,000	0.47
	Bioventix	7,291,037	0.49
1,250,000	GlaxoSmithKline	21,302,500	1.42
	Total Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Marijuana Producers	36,365,137	2.43
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES (1.50%, July 2018 -	1 54%)	
1 975 000	Belvoir Group	2,231,750	0.15
	Boot (Henry)	18,987,500	1.26
	M Winkworth	1,284,250	0.09
1, 107,500	Total Real Estate Investment and Services	22,503,500	1.50
	- Star 1 Court Estate invocations and Oct viocs	22,000,000	1.50

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (7.75%, July 2018 - 8.03%)		70
3 950 000	Big Yellow Group	39,065,500	2.60
	LondonMetric Property	22,737,030	1.51
	Safestore Holdings	26,313,000	1.75
	Secure Income REIT	4,558,902	0.30
	Supermarket Income REIT	14,561,543	0.97
	Unite Group	6,008,750	0.40
	Warehouse REIT	3,225,873	0.40
3,102,021	Total Real Estate Investment Trusts	116,470,598	7.75
	<b>RETAILERS</b> (2.94%, July 2018 - 5.18%)		
550 000	Dunelm Group	5,035,250	0.34
	Howden Joinery Group	3,288,000	0.22
300,000		18,258,000	1.21
	Vertu Motors	566,642	0.04
	WHSmith	17,024,000	1.13
000,000	Total Retailers	44,171,892	2.94
	Total Netalicis	44,171,002	2.54
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (1.10%, July 2018 - 0.53	3%)	
960,000	FDM Group (Holdings)	7,872,000	0.52
825,000	Oxford Metrics	709,500	0.05
3,792,500	Sanderson Group	4,626,850	0.31
350,000	Softcat	3,363,500	0.22
	Total Software and Computer Services	16,571,850	1.10
	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT (0.92%, July 2018	- 0.53%)	
3,142,869	discoverIE Group	13,765,766	0.92
, ,	Total Technology Hardware and Equipment	13,765,766	0.92
0.45.000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS (3.26%, July 201	•	0.07
	Maintel Holdings	3,993,464	0.27
	Telecom Plus	31,558,477	2.10
13,133,810	Zegona Communications	13,396,486	0.89
	Total Telecommunications Service Providers	48,948,427	3.26
	<b>TRAVEL AND LEISURE</b> (5.83%, July 2018 - 3.82%)		
	Cineworld Group	37,149,000	2.47
	Hollywood Bowl Group	4,827,548	0.32
	National Express Group	19,145,200	1.27
	PPHE Hotel Group	23,471,875	1.56
1,357,500	Ten Entertainment Group	3,203,700	0.21
	Total Travel and Leisure	87,797,323	5.83
	<b>OVERSEAS SECURITIES</b> (6.03%, July 2018 - 4.85%)		
100 000	Dalata Hotel Group	431,094	0.03
475,000	·	7,031,356	0.47
	FBD Holdings	1,718,877	0.11
	Lundin Petroleum	2,612,979	0.17
	NN Group	18,969,132	1.26
	Origin Enterprises	3,894,045	0.26
100,000	- ·	3,190,038	0.21
•	Princess Private Equity Holding	31,731,430	2.11
50,000	• • •	3,411,642	0.23
410,000		17,672,964	1.18
710,000	Total Overseas Securities	90,663,557	6.03
		50,000,001	0.00

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>UNQUOTED SECURITIES</b> (0.07%, July 2018 - 0.00%)		
6,238,672	Conviviality	0	0.00
1,000,000	MJH Group Holdings Convertible Loan Notes 10% 29.11.22	1,000,000	0.07
	Total Unquoted Securities	1,000,000	0.07
	But the the standards	4 404 040 000	00.50
	Portfolio of investments	1,481,913,388	98.58
	Net current assets	21,282,783	1.42
	Total net assets	1,503,196,171	100.00

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	31 July	/ 2019	31 July	2018
		£	£	£	£
Income:  Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue Expenses Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	2 4 5	78,839,017 (13,433,772) 65,405,245	(104,969,452)	72,295,598 (13,854,886) 58,440,712	71,119,640
Taxation	6	(406,738)		(224,698)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			64,998,507		58,216,014
Total return before distributions			(39,970,945)		129,335,654
Distributions	7		(76,835,541)		(70,647,130)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders finvestment activities		om	(116,806,486)		58,688,524
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASS for the year ended 31 July 2019	SETS ATT	RIBUTABLE TO SI	HAREHOLDERS		
		31 July	/ 2019	31 July	2018
		£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to sharely	nolders		1,656,776,315		1,506,919,346
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shar Amounts payable on share class convers		43,056,012 (107,516,534) (150)	(64,460,672)	100,766,959 (36,183,213) 53	64,583,799
Change in net assets attributable to shar investment activities	eholders fr	om	(116,806,486)		58,688,524
Retained distribution on accumulation sh	ares		27,686,701		26,584,516
Unclaimed distributions			313		130
Closing net assets attributable to shareho	olders		1,503,196,171		1,656,776,315

## **BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
		£	£
Assets:			
Fixed Assets:			
Investments	13	1,481,913,388	1,633,554,914
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	7,213,739	14,833,319
Cash and bank balances		48,338,528	42,218,680
Total assets		1,537,465,655	1,690,606,913
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable on income shares		26,736,763	25,770,525
Other creditors	9	7,532,721	8,060,073
Total liabilities		34,269,484	33,830,598
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,503,196,171	1,656,776,315

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2019

## 1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 7 to 10.

2 NET CAPITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
The net gains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise:	£	£
Non-derivative securities Currency gains/(losses) Transaction charges Net capital gains/(losses)	(104,811,545) (133,549) (24,358) (104,969,452)	71,166,275 (23,420) (23,215) 71,119,640
3 PURCHASES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
Purchases excluding transaction costs Equities	£ 588,831,245	£ 633,571,609
Debt securities Corporate actions	1,000,000 23,045,921 612,877,166	58,807,180 692,378,789
Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges	788,066 2,413,465	974,341 2,469,006
Total purchase transaction costs  Purchases including transaction costs	3,201,531 616,078,697	3,443,347 695,822,136
Purchase transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:  Equities: Commissions  Taxes and other charges	0.13% 0.41%	0.15% 0.39%
Sales excluding transaction costs Equities	649,932,755	607,940,507
Corporate actions	13,834,629 663,767,384	9,156,585 617,097,092
Equities: Commissions Taxes and other charges Total sale transaction costs	(857,451) (1,254) (858,705)	(1,006,716) (2,660) (1,009,376)
Sales net of transaction costs	662,908,679	616,087,716
Sale transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:  Equities: Commissions	0.13%	0.17%
Taxes and other charges  Total purchases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the	0.00%	0.00%
average net asset value over the year: Commissions	0.10%	0.12%
Taxes and other charges	0.16% 0.26%	0.16% 0.28%
Transaction handling charges	£24,358	£23,215
Average portfolio dealing spread  This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectives of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference.		
Average portfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	0.67%	0.80%

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4 REVENUE	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
UK dividends	60,706,818	55,661,989
UK dividends (unfranked)	5,462,844	5,225,220
Overseas dividends	12,575,739	11,296,139
Interest on debt securities	42,391	0
Underwriting and other commission	(26,157)	88,224
Bank interest	77,382	24,026
Total revenue	78,839,017	72,295,598
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Payable to the ACD or associate:	~	~
ACD's periodic charge	13,009,659	13,409,165
Registration fees	9,833	10,041
· ·	13,019,492	13,419,206
Payable to the Depositary or associate:		
Depositary's fees	307,945	334,322
Safe Custody fees	100,414	91,451
Interest	543	3,721
	408,902	429,494
Other expenses:		
Financial Conduct Authority Fee	158	82
Audit fee	5,220	6,104
	5,378	6,186
Total expenses	13,433,772	13,854,886
6 TAXATION	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
a Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Overseas tax	406,738	224,698
Total tax charge	406,738	224,698
There is no corporation tax charge for the year (31.07.18 - Nil)		
b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Net revenue before taxation	65,405,245	58,440,712
Corporation tax at 20%	13,081,049	11,688,142
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(14,656,511)	(13,391,626)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	1,575,462	1,703,484
Overseas tax	406,738	224,698
Current tax charge	406,738	224,698

At 31 July 2019 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £10,043,005 (31.07.18 - £8,468,929) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 July 2019

7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of shares and shares, and comprise:	revenue deducted o	n the cancellation of
Interim	33,661,711	30,892,441
Final	42,191,384	40,775,194
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	1,609,684	291,178
Amounts added on issue of shares	(626,713)	(1,311,638)
Equalisation on conversions	(150)	53
Revenue brought forward	(375)	(98)
Distributions	76,835,541	70,647,130
Movement between net revenue and distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	64,998,507	58,216,014
Add: ACD's periodic charge borne by capital	13,009,659	13,409,165
Deduct: Tax effect of ACD's periodic charge borne by capital	(1,172,625)	(978,049)
	76,835,541	70,647,130

Details of the distribution per share are set out in the distribution table in note 14.

8 DEBTORS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares Sales awaiting settlement	97,262 2,151,270	4,937,271 1,343,734
Accrued income Taxation recoverable	4,761,284 203,923	8,450,866 101,448
Total debtors	7,213,739	14,833,319
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares Purchases awaiting settlement Accrued expenses	1,944,624 4,410,233 1,177,864	33,147 6,694,384 1,332,542
Total other creditors	7,532,721	8,060,073

#### **10 RELATED PARTIES**

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Amounts paid to the ACD in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and registration fees are disclosed in note 5. The total amounts due to/(from) the ACD at the year end were as follows:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd	2,945,992	(3,704,024)

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd, as set out below:

Proportion of units owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd or UFC Fund Management plc 0.04% 0.04%

Distributions were payable on the above holdings at the rates applicable to other shareholders.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 11 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The sub-fund currently has three share classes: Class A (minimum investment £1,000); Class B (minimum investment £50,000); and Class P (minimum investment £1,000,000). The annual management charges are 1.5%, 1.0% and 0.75% respectively.

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

Class A	Class B	Class P
58,456,957	3,222,731	562,628,007
2,576,607	14,440	17,307,495
(3,689,277)	(336,835)	(34,974,753)
(5,725,103)	(2,029,935)	12,474,462
51,619,184	870,401	557,435,211
Class A	Class B	Class P
52,286,680	694,272	229,271,918
815,517	23,405	5,134,257
(4,090,796)	(94,114)	(18,835,404)
(6,718,940)	(17,146)	2,961,734
42,292,461	606,417	218,532,505
	58,456,957 2,576,607 (3,689,277) (5,725,103) 51,619,184 Class A 52,286,680 815,517 (4,090,796) (6,718,940)	58,456,957     3,222,731       2,576,607     14,440       (3,689,277)     (336,835)       (5,725,103)     (2,029,935)       51,619,184     870,401       Class B       52,286,680     694,272       815,517     23,405       (4,090,796)     (94,114)       (6,718,940)     (17,146)

#### 12 RISK DISCLOSURES

#### Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £74,095,669 (31.07.18 - £81,677,746). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2019		Net current	
	Investments	assets	Total
	£	£	£
Euro	77,829,184	215,144	78,044,328
Norwegian Krona	7,031,356	57,585	7,088,941
Swedish Krona	2,612,979	0	2,612,979
Swiss Franc	0	82,703	82,703
US Dollar	3,190,038	(1,078,778)	2,111,260
	90,663,557	(723,346)	89,940,211
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018		Net current	
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018	Investments	Net current assets	Total
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018	Investments £		Total £
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018  Euro		assets	
	£	assets £	£
Euro	£ 63,871,631	assets £ 2,051,647	£ 65,923,278
Euro Norwegian Krona	£ 63,871,631 1,009,851	assets £ 2,051,647 (1,011,475)	£ 65,923,278 (1,624)
Euro Norwegian Krona Swedish Krona	£ 63,871,631 1,009,851 4,071,432	assets £ 2,051,647 (1,011,475) 0	£ 65,923,278 (1,624) 4,071,432
Euro Norwegian Krona Swedish Krona Swiss Franc	£ 63,871,631 1,009,851 4,071,432 10,173,697	assets £ 2,051,647 (1,011,475) 0 1,104,040	£ 65,923,278 (1,624) 4,071,432 11,277,737

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

#### **RISK DISCLOSURES**

#### Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £4,497,011 (31.07.18 - £4,125,712). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Liquidity risk

The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Within one year:		
Distribution payable on income shares	26,736,763	25,770,525
Other creditors	7,532,721	8,060,073
	34,269,484	33,830,598

#### 13 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July	2019	31 July	2018
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	1,480,913,388	0	1,633,554,914	0
Level 2 - Observable market data	0	0	0	0
Level 3 - Unobservable data	1,000,000	0	0	0
_	1,481,913,388	0	1,633,554,914	0

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;
- Level 2 Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and
- Level 3 Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Conviviality is in administration and valued at zero until further information is received.

MJH Group Holdings Convertible Loan Notes 10% 29.11.22 is being priced at par value until maturity.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **14 DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

For the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 January 2019

### **INCOME SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2018

		Net revenue to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1	3.2610p	0.0000p	3.2610p	3.1684p
	Group 2	1.6982p	1.5628p	3.2610p	3.1684p
		,		,	,
Class B	Group 1	3.3682p	0.0000p	3.3682p	3.2572p
	Group 2	1.2381p	2.1301p	3.3682p	3.2572p
			,		,
Class P	Group 1	3.4102p	0.0000p	3.4102p	3.2819p
	Group 2	1.4491p	1.9611p	3.4102p	3.2819p

### **ACCUMULATION SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2018

		Net	Equalisation	Distribution	Distribution
		revenue to	to	paid	paid
		31-Jan-19	31-Jan-19	31-Mar-19	31-Mar-18
		pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Class A	Group 1	4.4914p	0.0000p	4.4914p	4.1782p
	Group 2	2.3914p	2.1000p	4.4914p	4.1782p
Class B	Group 1	4.4302p	0.0000p	4.4302p	4.0974p
	Group 2	3.6094p	0.8208p	4.4302p	4.0974p
Class P	Group 1	4.4763p	0.0000p	4.4763p	4.1239p
	Group 2	2.0953p	2.3810p	4.4763p	4.1239p

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

For the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 July 2019

### **INCOME SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2019

		Net revenue to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Distribution payable 30-Sep-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 30-Sep-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1	4.2001p	0.0000p	4.2001p	3.9837p
	Group 2	1.8459p	2.3542p	4.2001p	3.9837p
Class B	Group 1	4.3506p	0.0000p	4.3506p	4.1061p
	Group 2	0.4562p	3.8944p	4.3506p	4.1061p
Class P	Group 1	4.4006p	0.0000p	4.4006p	4.1429p
	Group 2	2.4853p	1.9153p	4.4006p	4.1429p

## **ACCUMULATION SHARES**

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2019

		Net revenue to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Distribution payable 30-Sep-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 30-Sep-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1	5.9203p	0.0000p	5.9203p	5.3558p
	Group 2	3.2882p	2.6321p	5.9203p	5.3558p
Class B	Group 1	5.8510p	0.0000p	5.8510p	5.2665p
	Group 2	1.7530p	4.0980p	5.8510p	5.2665p
Class P	Group 1	5.9099p	0.0000p	5.9099p	5.3071p
	Group 2	3.1758p	2.7341p	5.9099p	5.3071p

#### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

Percentage change and sector position to 31 July 2019

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	3 years	<u>5 years</u>	Since launch*
Marlborough Nano-Cap Growth Fund	9.29%	1.13%	70.17%	78.15%	89.83%
Quartile Ranking**	2	1	1	1	1

<sup>\*</sup> Launched ended 31 October 2013.

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (Class P Acc - bid to bid).



For the year to 31 July 2019 our Nanocap Fund produced a material outperformance with the P shares up 1.1%, compared to falls of 12.4% and 14.8% for the FTSE Small-Cap Ex IT and AIM All-Share respectively.

As expected during a period of broad market weakness, the numbers of holdings which were down far exceeded the number of winners by approximately 2:1 (101:52). In terms of significant moves, there was some narrowing of the gap; with the number of stocks up in excess of 20% standing at 30, compared to the 58 positions which fell by the same amount or greater.

Whilst the portfolio largely consisted of positions which were down over the year, the Fund's outperformance can largely be attributed to several significant holdings which produced material returns.

Our most notable contributor was the online media specialist Future (+166.0%). Through a series of successful strategic acquisitions, the company continues to outperform market expectations. Whilst the shares were not our biggest riser per se, its weighting within the Fund contributed significantly. It was also a position in which we both added to and took profits from, with our sales representing over 4x the total investment we made into the company this year. It still remains one of our largest positions.

The biggest riser over the period was Manolete Partners (+204.0%). Manolete operates in a niche segment of the litigation finance sector with what we believe to be high barriers to entry, namely its brand, referral network and in-house expertise. Other notable performers include mining companies Ero Copper (+190.0%) and Anglo Asian Mining (+189.0%), alongside the automotive robotics specialist AB Dynamics (+106.0%).

Regarding losers, our biggest detractor was the software provider Maestrano (-89.0%) after it lost its most significant contract shortly after coming to the market. Security software specialist Albert Technology (-89.0%) fell after issuing a number of disappointing trading updates. Other notable detractors include GRC International (-85.0%), DP Poland (-75.0%) and Tasty (-74.0%).

We participated in a number of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) this year, with the most prominent being the aforementioned Manolete Partners which has performed exceptionally as well as essensys ( $\pm 23.0\%$ ), who provide software to shared workplace providers. There were also several takeovers with the most prominent being the decontamination company Bioquell ( $\pm 40.4\%$ ). The total purchases for the year stood at £61.3m, with the Fund initiating new positions in companies such as Ten Lifestyle, Sopheon and Jubliee Metals. Total sales amounted to £59.8m as we took some profits in Future and Bushveld whilst receiving proceeds from the takeovers of Bioquell and EU-Supply.

Over the period we saw no resolution to the political and macroeconomic concerns noted in our last annual report. Trade disputes between the US and China continue and the impasse of Brexit continues at least until 31 October this year. These reasons have helped contribute to the decisions made by the IMF (International Monetary Fund), the World Bank and OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) to cut their global growth estimates for 2019.

Despite this relatively challenging environment, we continue to see many UK smaller companies offering a range of niche products and services, which differentiate themselves whilst competing on a global scale; many of which are valued highly by their customers. We believe this will remain the case despite periods of economic uncertainty. With our Nanocap Fund holding approximately 8.5% in cash, it remains well placed to capitalise on any indiscriminate selling whilst supporting these companies with their future ambitions.

Hargreave Hale Ltd 22 August 2019

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on ranking within The Investment Association's UK Smaller Companies sector.

### **AUTHORISED INVESTMENT ADVISER'S REPORT**

for the year ended 31 July 2019

## **Distributions** (pence per share)

	<u>Year 2019</u>	<u>Year 2018</u>	Year 2017	Year 2016
Class A Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Net income paid 30 September	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Class B Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	0.0000	0.0063	0.0000	0.0410
Net income paid 30 September	0.6000	0.1425	0.3001	0.2759
Class P Accumulation				
Net income paid 31 March	0.0000	0.0000	0.0866	0.1714
Net income paid 30 September	0.2768	0.3742	0.4335	0.4022
Portfolio changes				
Largest purchases	Cost (£)	Largest sales		Proceeds (£)
UK Oil & Gas	2,706,651	Future		10,141,692
Jubilee Metals Group	2,602,564	Bushveld Minerals		4,568,866
Future	2,380,157	Bioquell		2,924,596
Global Atomic (Restricted Line)	1,785,830	Next Fifteen Communicati	ons Group	2,889,464
Kromek Group	1,667,814	Ero Copper		2,355,626
essensys	1,665,030	Manolete Partners		2,129,133
Bushveld Minerals	1,627,629	Amino Technologies		2,026,363
Manolete Partners	1,579,468	UK Oil & Gas		1,587,621
Sopheon	1,512,444	EU-Supply		1,551,250
Ten Lifestyle Group	1,418,669	ZOO Digital Group		1,546,854
Other purchases	42,353,918	Other sales		28,129,949
Total purchases for the year	61,300,174	Total sales for the year		59,851,414

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class A, Class B and Class P accumulation shares were launched at 100p on 14 October 2013.

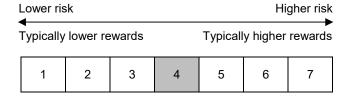
Class A accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Year to 31.07.2019	Year to 31.07.2018	Year to 31.07.2017
. <b>9</b>	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	172.27	141.46	103.96
Return before operating charges*	(0.35)	33.27	39.46
Operating charges	(2.61)	(2.46)	(1.96)
Return after operating charges*	(2.96)	30.81	37.50
Distributions on accumulation shares	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing net asset value per share	169.31	172.27	141.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.22	0.23
Performance			
Return after charges	-1.72%	21.78%	36.07%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£21,643,451	£24,851,620	£19,797,559
Closing number of shares	12,783,454	14,425,626	13,994,853
Operating charges	1.55%	1.55%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.14%	0.19%
Prices			
Highest share price	191.92p	188.70p	154.99p
Lowest share price	151.30p	140.83p	104.08p
Class B accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
<u>Class B accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019 pence	31.07.2018 pence	31.07.2017 pence
Change in net assets per share  Opening net asset value per share	<b>31.07.2019</b> pence 176.93	31.07.2018 pence 144.42	<b>31.07.2017</b> <b>pence</b> 105.40
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#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

Class P accumulation shares	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	31.07.2019	31.07.2018	31.07.2017
	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	178.67	145.60	106.18
Return before operating charges*	(0.34)	34.39	40.47
Operating charges	(1.40)	(1.32)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges*	(1.74)	33.07	39.42
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.28)	(0.37)	(0.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.28	0.37	0.52
Closing net asset value per share	176.93	178.67	145.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.23	0.24
Performance			
Return after charges	-0.97%	22.71%	37.13%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£182,185,518	£175,179,461	£123,001,973
Closing number of shares	102,967,550	98,045,427	84,479,984
Operating charges	0.80%	0.80%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.14%	0.19%
Prices			
Highest share price	199.15p	195.55p	159.43p
Lowest share price	157.40p	144.99p	106.31p
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Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges 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 subfund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



The synthetic risk and reward indicator 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 fund, the returns of a representative portfolio are used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because it has experienced moderate volatility historically. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE</b> (0.21%, July 2018 - 0.36%)	2	/0
6,565,000		433,290	0.21
, ,	Total Aerospace and Defence	433,290	0.21
	AUTOMORIU EC AND DARTO (O 200/ July 2040 - O 200/ )		
2 650 000	<b>AUTOMOBILES AND PARTS</b> (0.26%, July 2018 - 0.29%) Surface Transforms	530,000	0.26
2,030,000	Total Automobiles and Parts	530,000	0.26
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	<b>BEVERAGES</b> (0.24%, July 2018 - Nil)		
50,000	Shepherd Neame	495,000	0.24
	Total Beverages =	495,000	0.24
	<b>CHEMICALS</b> (0.45%, July 2018 - 0.49%)		
1,771,309	Hardide	921,081	0.45
	Total Chemicals	921,081	0.45
	<b>CLOSED END INVESTMENTS</b> (1.55%, July 2018 - 1.63%)		
1.500.000	Augmentum Fintech	1,665,000	0.82
2,047,991		1,495,033	0.73
, ,	Total Closed End Investments	3,160,033	1.55
	CONCEDUCTION AND MATERIAL C (NEL July 2010 - 0.400/)		
	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS (Nil, July 2018 - 0.19%)  Total Construction and Materials	0	0.00
	= Total Constituction and Materials	0	0.00
	ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (4.39%, July 2018 -		
15,500,000		744,000	0.37
2,341,667		585,417	0.29
	SRT Marine Systems	1,435,000	0.70
	Thruvision Group Vianet Group	3,029,755 641,975	1.49 0.31
1,725,000	·	1,593,900	0.78
1,000,000		922,000	0.45
.,000,000	Total Electronic and Electrical Equipment	8,952,047	4.39
4 500 000	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES (0.93%, July 2018 - 0.84%)	4 005 000	0.00
1,500,000	Morses Club  Total Finance and Credit Services	1,905,000 1,905,000	0.93 0.93
	=	1,000,000	0.00
	FOOD PRODUCERS (0.83%, July 2018 - 1.20%)		
	Finsbury Food Group	737,000	0.36
1,540,937	Science in Sport	955,381	0.47
	Total Food Producers	1,692,381	0.83
	<b>HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS</b> (0.60%, July 2018 - 1.04%)		
	Cambridge Cognition Holdings	481,900	0.24
	Fusion Antibodies	438,750	0.22
3,000,000		294,000	0.14
	Total Health Care Providers	1,214,650	0.60
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION (1.65%, July 2	2018 - 2.11%)	
100,000	Churchill China	1,570,000	0.77
1,650,028	Springfield Properties _	1,798,531	0.88
	Total Household Goods and Home Construction	3,368,531	1.65

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (2.50%, July 2018 - 1.52%)		
	AB Dynamics	3,149,250	1.55
500,000	Somero Enterprises	1,375,000	0.67
7,000,000	Xeros Technology Group	561,400	0.28
	Total Industrial Engineering	5,085,650	2.50
	INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS (0.34%, July 2018 - 0.48%)		
60 000	Cropper (James)	702,000	0.34
00,000	Total Industrial Materials	702,000	0.34
1 100 000	INDUSTRIAL METALS AND MINING (2.68%, July 2018 - 3.13%) Anglo Asian Mining	1,511,300	0.74
	Bushveld Minerals	618,375	0.74
	Horizonte Minerals	1,060,125	0.52
	Landore Resources	370,000	0.32
1,730,000		1,903,000	0.18
1,730,000	Total Industrial Metals and Mining	5,462,800	2.68
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	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES (7.98%, July 2018 - 8.52%)		
4,366,632		2,619,979	1.29
	Croma Security Solutions Group	1,737,600	0.85
	Empresaria Group	837,500	0.41
	Filta Group Holdings	1,829,100	0.90
	Hydrogen Group	233,200	0.11
	Johnson Service Group	1,702,000	0.84
	Kazera Global	31,667	0.02
	Malvern International	570,000	0.28
1,144,444		377,667	0.19
	Spectra Systems	3,162,500	1.55
	Synectics	686,000	0.34
739,635	Water Intelligence	2,440,796	1.20
	Total Industrial Support Services	16,228,009	7.98
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION (1.37%, July 2018 - 2.31%)		
	Gama Aviation	449,793	0.22
	Hargreaves Services	2,210,000	1.08
457,143	Xpediator	141,714	0.07
	Total Industrial Transportation	2,801,507	1.37
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES (9.75%,	July 2018 - 8.76%)	
442,789	Alpha FX Group	3,276,639	1.61
	Aquis Exchange	964,000	0.47
	Curtis Banks Group	930,000	0.46
	Frontier IP Group	2,837,474	1.39
	Impax Asset Management Group	4,638,000	2.28
	K3 Capital Group	1,085,000	0.53
	Manolete Partners	2,385,336	1.17
,	Marlowe	2,552,000	1.25
	RiverFort Global Opportunities	700,000	0.34
	WH Ireland Group	516,000	0.25
,,	Total Investment Banking and Brokerage Services	19,884,449	9.75
	<b>LEISURE GOODS</b> (Nil, July 2018 - 0.95%) Total Leisure Goods	0	0.00
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Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	<b>MEDIA</b> (4.00%, July 2018 - 5.93%)	~	70
1.461.550	Everyman Media Group	2,776,945	1.36
300,000		3,324,000	1.63
,	One Media iP Group	1,322,790	0.65
	SigmaRoc	735,000	0.36
1,700,000	Total Media =	8,158,735	4.00
	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES (2.15%, July 2018 - 2.00%)	)	
	Creo Medical Group	1,896,000	0.93
	Kromek Group	1,785,000	0.88
1,350,000	Scientific Digital Imaging	688,500	0.34
	Total Medical Equipment and Services	4,369,500	2.15
	NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY (5.98%, July 2018 - 3.46%)		
	Amerisur Resources	1,820,000	0.89
	Cluff Natural Resources	1,320,000	0.65
	Egdon Resources	320,833	0.16
10,000,000	Europa Oil & Gas (Holdings)	290,000	0.14
2,350,000	Jadestone Energy	1,304,250	0.64
	Tekmar Group	1,170,000	0.57
20,100,000	Trinity Exploration & Production	2,512,500	1.23
159,976,190	UK Oil & Gas	1,439,786	0.71
8,400,000	Wameja	453,600	0.22
10,444,444	Westmount Energy	1,566,667	0.77
	Total Non-Renewable Energy	12,197,636	5.98
	OPEN END AND MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT VEHICLES (0.2		8%)
	Baskerville Capital	119,000	0.06
3,000,000	Hertsford Capital	285,000	0.14
	Total Open End and Miscellaneous Investment Vehicles	404,000	0.20
	PERSONAL CARE, DRUG AND GROCERY STORES (Nil, July 2018		
	Total Personal Care, Drug and Grocery Stores	0	0.00
	<b>PERSONAL GOODS</b> (0.04%, July 2018 - 0.24%)		
8,802,589		79,223	0.04
	Total Personal Goods	79,223	0.04
4.0== 0.00	PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MARIJUANA PRO		
	Beximco Pharmaceuticals 'Reg S'	550,000	0.27
	C4X Discovery Holdings	343,031	0.17
	Horizon Discovery Group	948,600	0.47
3,600,000		1,368,000	0.67
	Total Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology and Marijuana Producers	3,209,631	1.58
	PRECIOUS METALS AND MINING (2.26%, July 2018 - 1.39%)		
7,950,000	•	230,550	0.11
	Jubilee Metals Group	3,314,892	1.63
3,100,000	Sylvania Platinum	1,054,000	0.52
	Total Precious Metals and Mining	4,599,442	2.26
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES (0.81%, July 2018 -	•	
967,000	Property Franchise Group (The)	1,643,900	0.81
	Total Real Estate Investment and Services =	1,643,900	0.81

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Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
0.050.000	RENEWABLE ENERGY (0.60%, July 2018 - 1.06%)	4 004 050	0.00
9,050,000	Inspired Energy Total Renewable Energy	1,231,250 1,231,250	0.60
	Total Nellewable Ellergy	1,231,230	0.00
	<b>RETAILERS</b> (0.82%, July 2018 - 1.13%)		
	Angling Direct	1,008,000	0.49
4,541,660	<del>-</del>	669,895	0.33
	Total Retailers	1,677,895	0.82
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES (20.05%, July 2018 - 23.	36%)	
2,115,520		634,656	0.31
	Abal Group	20,338	0.01
	Access Intelligence	1,263,820	0.62
	Albert Technologies	140,967	0.07
	ATTRAQT Group	1,171,088	0.58
	Beeks Financial Cloud Group	2,082,500	1.02
637,497	Castleton Technology	2,500,000 1,032,745	1.23 0.51
	Crossword Cybersecurity	1,054,406	0.52
	D4t4 Solutions	3,525,000	1.73
1,102,669		2,006,858	0.99
1,450,000		1,015,000	0.50
4,355,000		1,872,650	0.92
	GRC International Group	1,127,700	0.55
	Gresham Technologies	1,243,000	0.61
	i-nexus Global	209,300	0.10
290,000		191,400	0.09
480,833		1,836,782	0.90
	Intercede Group	92,896	0.05
	IQGeo Group	1,749,238	0.86
	K3 Business Technology Group	1,272,000	0.62
	Location Sciences Group	512,336	0.25
	LoopUp Group	376,200	0.19
5,013,333	Maestrano Group	65,173	0.03
7,157,606	Minds + Machines Group	429,456	0.21
20,000,000	Nasstar	2,200,000	1.08
370,000	OnTheMarket	344,100	0.17
	Osirium Technologies	600,000	0.29
4,025,000	Oxford Metrics	3,461,500	1.70
1,194,578		895,934	0.44
	Pennant International Group	1,496,958	0.73
	SmartSpace Software	880,000	0.43
	Sopheon	2,512,500	1.23
2,000,000		860,000	0.42
1,600,000	<del>-</del>	184,000	0.09
	Total Software and Computer Services	40,860,501	20.05
	TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE AND EQUIPMENT (0.45%, July 2018	- 0.64%)	
12,333,623	APC Technology Group	925,022	0.45
	Total Technology Hardware and Equipment	925,022	0.45
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (1.95%, July 2018 - 3.39%)		
7,479,388	BATM Advanced Communications	3,216,137	1.58
	CyanConnode Holdings	188,600	0.09
6,510,000	· ·	455,700	0.22
	ProPhotonix	113,218	0.06
.,0 10, 102	Total Telecommunications Equipment	3,973,655	1.95
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## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS (1.71%, July 2018)		70
415 000	AdEPT Technology Group	1,494,000	0.73
	Bigblu Broadband	1,058,400	0.52
	EVR Holdings	630,000	0.31
	Maintel Holdings	310,798	0.15
,=0 .	Total Telecommunications Service Providers	3,493,198	1.71
	<b>TRAVEL AND LEISURE</b> (5.11%, July 2018 - 4.24%)		
680 000	Arena Events Group	244,800	0.12
	Cake Box Holdings	1,385,500	0.68
	DP Poland	535,264	0.26
	Escape Hunt	239,131	0.12
1,298,807		753,308	0.37
2,741,176		959,412	0.47
	Stride Gaming	588,000	0.29
22,500,000		945,000	0.46
	Ten Entertainment Group	2,360,000	1.16
	Ten Lifestyle Group	2,411,372	1.18
	Total Travel and Leisure	10,421,787	5.11
	<b>OVERSEAS SECURITIES</b> (3.14%, July 2018 - 1.55%)		
100.000	Ero Copper	1,569,039	0.77
	Global Atomic (Restricted Line)	3,060,564	1.50
	Greenfields Petroleum	42,095	0.02
•	TMT Investments	1,730,927	0.85
	Total Overseas Securities	6,402,625	3.14
	<b>UNQUOTED SECURITIES</b> (4.92%, July 2018 - 2.75%)		
850 000	Baskerville Capital Warrants	0	0.00
	Blockchain Worldwide	102,000	0.05
	Crawshaw Group	0	0.00
	Gable Holdings	0	0.00
	HaloSource 'Reg S'	0	0.00
	Infinity Reliance	183,548	0.09
	Mar City	0	0.00
	MESH Holdings Warrants	0	0.00
	Moxico Resources	7,000,000	3.44
	One Media iP Group Warrants	0	0.00
222,387	Prefcap	1,779	0.00
39,333	SCA Investments	2,084,256	1.02
450,000	Snoozebox Holdings	0	0.00
60,000	Westmount Energy Convertible Loan Notes 10% 31.03.21	60,000	0.03
625,000	Wilmcote Holdings	593,750	0.29
	Total Unquoted Securities	10,025,333	4.92
	Portfolio of investments	186,509,761	91.50
	Net current assets	17,319,226	8.50
	Total net assets	203,828,987	100.00

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	31 July	2019	31 July	2018
		£	£	£	£
Income:     Net capital gains/(losses)     Revenue Expenses Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	2 4 5 _	1,925,944 (1,766,393) 159,551	(2,432,826)	1,778,004 (1,522,462) 255,542	33,031,701
Taxation	6 _	(42,492)	-	(35,569)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			117,059		219,973
Total return before distributions			(2,315,767)		33,251,674
Distributions	7		(287,285)		(346,167)
Change in net assets attributable to share investment activities	eholders fro	m	(2,603,052)		32,905,507
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASS for the year ended 31 July 2019	ETS ATTR	IBUTABLE TO SI	HAREHOLDERS		
		31 July	2019	31 July	2018
		£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareh	olders		200,032,099		142,800,581
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of share Amounts payable on share class convers		18,011,713 (11,892,293) (4,505)	6,114,915	25,027,940 (1,066,767) (2,040)	23,959,133
Change in net assets attributable to share investment activities	eholders fro	m	(2,603,052)		32,905,507
Retained distribution on accumulation sha	ares		285,025		366,878
Closing net assets attributable to shareho	olders		203,828,987		200,032,099

### **BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	31 July 2019	31 July 2018
		£	£
Assets:			
Fixed Assets: Investments	13	186,509,760	187,525,173
Current Assets:			
Debtors	8	665,101	723,732
Cash and bank balances		17,419,905	12,000,563
Total assets		204,594,766	200,249,468
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Other creditors	9	765,779	217,369
Total liabilities		765,779	217,369
Net assets attributable to shareholders		203,828,987	200,032,099

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1 ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Please refer to the notes applicable to the Company on pages 7 to 10.

2 NET CAPI	ITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
The net ga	ains/(losses) on investments during the year comprise:	2	Z
Non-deriva	ative securities	(2,429,173)	33,059,742
Currency (	gains/(losses)	7,902	(14,840)
Transactio	n charges	(11,555)	(13,201)
Net capita	al gains/(losses)	(2,432,826)	33,031,701
3 PURCHAS	SES, SALES AND TRANSACTION COSTS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Purchases	excluding transaction costs	~	~
Equities		27,784,921	38,837,433
Debt secu	rities	60,000	0
Corporate	actions	33,396,483	42,959,861
		61,241,404	81,797,294
Equities:	Commissions	50,662	88,859
·	Taxes and other charges	8,108	27,723
Total purcl	hase transaction costs	58,770	116,582
Purchase	s including transaction costs	61,300,174	81,913,876
Purchase	transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount	:	
Equities:	Commissions	0.18%	0.23%
'	Taxes and other charges	0.03%	0.07%
Sales excl	uding transaction costs		
Equities	during transaction cools	53,742,321	57,537,620
Corporate	actions	6,212,538	3,165,286
Corporate	a distrib	59,954,859	60,702,906
Equities:	Commissions	(101,660)	(116,267)
Equitios.	Taxes and other charges	(1,785)	(2,763)
Total sale	transaction costs	(103,445)	(119,030)
	of transaction costs	59,851,414	60,583,876
Sale trans	action costs expressed as a percentage of the principal amount:		
Equities:	Commissions	0.19%	0.20%
_qaoo.	Taxes and other charges	0.00%	0.00%
	-	0.0070	0.0070
•	hases and sales transaction costs expressed as a percentage of the		
•	et asset value over the year:	0.000/	0.400/
Commission		0.08%	0.12% 0.02%
raxes and	I other charges	0.00% 0.08%	0.02%
Tuomooot:	on bondling observed	C44 FFF	C42 204
Transaction	on handling charges	£11,555	£13,201
This sprea	portfolio dealing spread ad represents the difference between the values determined resp envestments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by re		
Average p	ortfolio dealing spread at the balance sheet date	4.07%	3.89%
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4 REVENUE	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
UK dividends	1,407,731	1,533,274
Overseas dividends	466,492	238,235
Interest on debt securities	4,603	0
Underwriting commission	17,125	0
Bank interest	29,993	6,495
Total revenue	1,925,944	1,778,004
5 EXPENSES	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Payable to the ACD or associate:		
ACD's periodic charge	1,677,169	1,444,896
Registration fees	1,705	1,575
	1,678,874	1,446,471
Payable to the Depositary or associate:		
Depositary's fees	71,691	61,223
Safe Custody fees	11,172	9,644
	82,863	70,867
Other expenses:	450	22
Financial Conduct Authority fee	158	82
Audit fee	4,498	5,042
	4,656	5,124
Total expenses	1,766,393	1,522,462
6 TAXATION	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
a Analysis of the tax charge for the year	_	_
Overseas tax	42,492	35,569
Total tax charge	42,492	35,569
There is no corporation tax charge for the year (31.07.18 - Nil)		
b Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Net revenue before taxation	159,551	255,543
Corporation tax at 20%	31,910	51,109
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(374,844)	(354,302)
Unrelieved excess management expenses	342,934	303,193
Overseas tax	42,492	35,569
Current tax charge	42,492	35,569

At 31 July 2019 the sub-fund has deferred tax assets of £1,368,463 (31.07.18 - £1,025,529) arising from surplus management expenses, which have not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of future taxable profits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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7 DISTRIBUTIONS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
The distributions take account of revenue received or deducted on t	he issue and cancellation of shares	s, and comprise:
Interim	0	0
Final	285,060	366,922
Amounts deducted/(added) on cancellation of shares	6,104	(139)
Amounts deducted/(added) on issue of shares	661	(18,532)
Equalisation on conversions	(4,505)	(2,040)
Revenue brought forward	(35)	(44)
Distributions	287,285	346,167
Net deficit of revenue for the year	(170,226)	(126,194)
Net revenue after taxation for the year	117,059	219,973

Details of the distribution per share are set out in the distribution table in note 14.

8 DEBTORS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	1,916	582,068
Sales awaiting settlement	533,755	88,899
Accrued income	129,430	52,765
Total debtors	665,101	723,732
9 OTHER CREDITORS	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
	2	2
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	599,591	0
Purchases awaiting settlement	0	43,718
Accrued expenses	166,188	173,651
Total other creditors	765,779	217,369

#### 10 RELATED PARTIES

The ACD is involved in all transactions in the shares of the sub-fund, the aggregate values of which are set out in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Amounts paid to the ACD in respect of the ACD's periodic charge and registration fees are disclosed in note 5. The total amounts due to/(from) the ACD at the year end were as follows:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd	744,649	(437,927)

In addition to the above, some shares in the sub-fund are owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd or directors of UFC Fund Management plc, the ultimate parent company of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd, as set out below:

Proportion of units owned by directors of Marlborough Fund Managers Ltd or		
UFC Fund Management plc	0.20%	0.21%

Distributions were payable on the above holdings at the rates applicable to other shareholders.

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#### 11 SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The sub-fund currently has three share classes: Class A (minimum investment £1,000); Class B (minimum investment £50,000); and Class P (minimum investment £1,000,000). The annual management charges are 1.5%, 1.0% and 0.75% respectively.

During the year the ACD has issued, cancelled and converted shares from one share class to another as set out below:

	Class A	Class B	Class P
Opening shares in issue at 1 August 2018	14,425,626	575	98,045,427
Share issues	1,075,722	0	9,091,849
Share cancellations	(615,061)	0	(6,191,060)
Share conversions	(2,102,833)	(565)	2,021,334
Closing shares in issue at 31 July 2019	12,783,454	10	102,967,550

#### **12 RISK DISCLOSURES**

#### Market price risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the market prices of the sub-fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £9,325,488 (31.07.18 - £9,376,259). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Foreign currency risk

At the year end date a portion of the net assets of the sub-fund were denominated in currencies other than sterling with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements.

Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2019		Net current		
	Investments	assets		Total
	£	£		£
Canadian Dollar	4,671,698		0	4,671,698
US Dollar	1,730,927		0	1,730,927
	6,402,625		0	6,402,625
Foreign currency exposure at 31 July 2018		Net current		
	Investments	assets		Total
	£	£		£
Canadian Dollar	2,078,480		0	2,078,480
US Dollar	1,022,186		0	1,022,186
	3,100,666		0	3,100,666

#### Foreign currency risk sensitivity

A five per cent decrease in the value of sterling relative to the foreign currencies above would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £320,131 (31.07.18 - £155,033). A five per cent increase would have an equal and opposite effect.

#### Liquidity risk

The following table provides a maturity analysis of the sub-fund's financial liabilities:

	31 July 2019 £	31 July 2018 £
Within one year: Other creditors	765,779	217,369
	765,779	217,369

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#### 13 FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR INVESTMENTS

	31 July 2019		31 July	y 2018
Basis of valuation	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)	Assets (£)	Liabilities (£)
Level 1 - Quoted prices	176,484,428	0	181,896,187	0
Level 2 - Observable market data	0	0	0	0
Level 3 - Unobservable data	10,025,333	0	5,628,986	0
_	186,509,761	0	187,525,173	0

The intention of a fair value measurement is to estimate the price at which an asset or liability could be exchanged in the market conditions prevailing at the measurement date. The measurement assumes the exchange is an orderly transaction (that is, it is not a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale) between knowledgeable, willing participants on an independent basis.

The purpose of the fair value hierarchy is to prioritise the inputs that should be used to measure the fair value of assets and liabilities. The highest priority is given to quoted prices at which a transaction can be entered into and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

In accordance with FRS102 the sub-fund classifies fair value measurement under the following levels:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2 - Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1; and

Level 3 - Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Blockchain Worldwide is being valued at the suspension price pending the result of the proposed acquistion of Entertainment AI.

Crawshaw Group is in administration and valued at zero until further information is received.

Gable Holdings is delisted and valued at zero until further information is received.

HaloSource 'Reg S' is delisted and valued at zero until further information is received.

Infinity Reliance is being valued at cost until the shares are listed.

Mar City is in administration and valued at zero until further information is received.

Moxico Resources is being valued, based on the latest placement allocation.

Prefcap is delisted and valued, based on the latest information received from the company.

SCA Investments is a private company being valued, based on the price of the latest share placing.

Snoozebox Holdings is in liquidation and valued at zero until further information is received.

Westmount Energy Convertible Loan Notes 10% 31.03.21 are unlisted and are being priced at par value until maturity.

Wilmcote Holdings is being valued at the suspension price pending a potential acquisition.

All holdings of warrants have been valued at the exercise price less the price of the underlying ordinary shares.

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### **14 DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

### **ACCUMULATION SHARES**

### For the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 January 2019

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 August 2018

		Net revenue to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jan-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 31-Mar-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1 Group 2	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p
Class B	Group 1	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0063p
	Group 2	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0063p
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Class P	Group 1	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p
	Group 2	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p	0.0000p

### For the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 July 2019

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019 Group 2: shares purchased on or after 1 February 2019

		Net revenue to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Equalisation to 31-Jul-19 pence per share	Distribution payable 30-Sep-19 pence per share	Distribution paid 30-Sep-18 pence per share
Class A	Group 1 Group 2	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p	0.0000p 0.0000p
			<u> </u>		
Class B	Group 1	0.6000p	0.0000p	0.6000p	0.1425p
	Group 2	0.6000p	0.0000p	0.6000p	0.1425p
Class P	Group 1	0.2768p	0.0000p	0.2768p	0.3742p
	Group 2	0.1955p	0.0813p	0.2768p	0.3742p



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