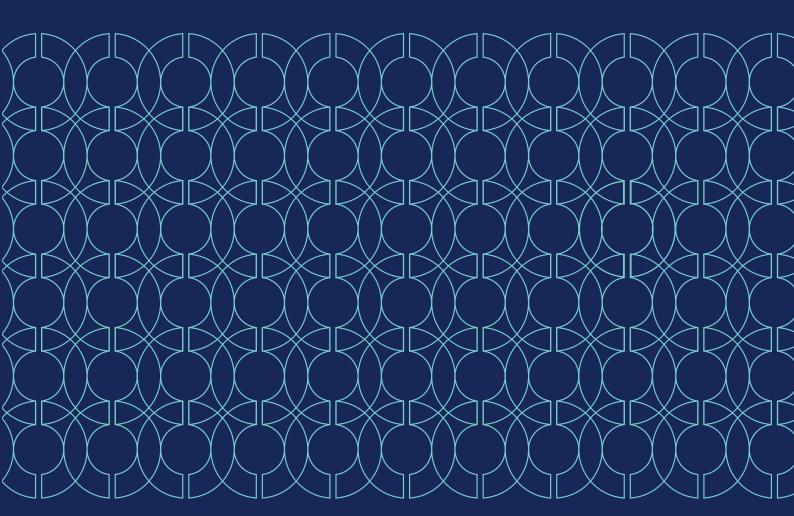
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## Schroder Recovery Fund Annual Report and Accounts 15 July 2023



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## **Fund Information**

#### **Investment objective and policy**

The Schroder Recovery Fund (the 'Fund') aims to provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE All Share (Gross Total Return) Index (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of UK companies that have suffered a severe setback in either share price or profitability.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of UK companies. These are companies that are incorporated, headquartered or have their principal business activities in the UK.

The Fund applies a disciplined value investment approach, seeking to invest in a select portfolio of companies that the Investment Manager believes are significantly undervalued relative to their long-term earnings potential.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix I of the Prospectus).

#### **Fund characteristics**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the FTSE All Share (Gross Total Return) Index, and compared against the MSCI UK Value (Gross Total Return) Index and the Investment Association UK All Companies sector average return. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and is not limited to investing in accordance with the composition of the benchmark. The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest, and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the Investment Manager and the Manager believe that each of these benchmarks is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

## **Review of Investment Activities**

From 15 July 2022 to 14 July 2023, the price of Z Accumulation units on a dealing price basis rose by 9.53%. In comparison, the FTSE¹ All Share Index generated a total return of 6.84%².

The Fund outperformed the broader market over the period.

Facilities management company Mitie Group performed well. Its operational performance has improved and the balance sheet is repaired. Marks & Spencer Group performed well after reporting good results. The strong operational performance is yet to be reflected in profitability given the business' ongoing investment in its turnaround, but it will come through in time, and it has allowed the company to restore the dividend. Rolls-Royce Holdings moved higher following improvements in its revenues, profits, cash flow and new orders. The business has come a long way since the emergency rights issue during Covid. Overall, the risks have reduced and the shares are approaching fair value.

Online fashion retailers boohoo Group and ASOS have performed poorly. Supply chain issues and rising living costs are affecting operational performance in the short-term. These are higher-risk positions, however we believe the long-term rewards are attractive.

The opportunity set for value investors changed rapidly in 2022. There have been a lot more stocks to review, these newer ideas tend to be mid-cap cyclical businesses. While there have been plenty of opportunities, only fools rush in. Our process is our guide in this regard. One of our seven red questions has always been about balance sheet strength. We interrogate the balance sheet before any company enters the portfolio. This focus on truly understanding a company's financial position is important at the best of times, and even more so today. When looking at domestic facing cyclicals, we will only add exposure where we are compensated for the potentially turbulent times ahead.

We established a new positions in Travis Perkins, which supplies building materials to trade and retail customers via its Toolstation business. Other new holdings included housebuilders Taylor Wimpey and Bellway, chemicals business Synthomer, car manufacturer Renault and brewer C&C Group.

The UK equity market has been cheap for some time and is getting cheaper. We are confident that our focus on cheap stocks (within a cheap market) and minimising fundamental risks will be rewarded with significant outperformance. Counterintuitively, the pervading malaise gives us confidence that the risk/reward equation is favourable for patient long-term investors such as ourselves.

#### Co-head of Schroder Global Value Team: Kevin Murphy



Co-manager of UK Income and UK Recovery strategies Managed value portfolios at Schroders since 2006 Founding member of the Global Value Team in 2013

Investment career commenced in 2000 in Schroders' UK Equity fund management team

Previously sector analyst for Pan European Construction and Building Materials

CFA Charter Holder

Degree in Economics, Manchester University

#### Fund Manager: Andrew Lyddon



Co-manager of Recovery, European Income and European Recovery strategies

Managed value portfolios at Schroders since 2010

Co-manager on UK Value institutional portfolios from 2010 to 2016

Founding member of the Global Value Team in 2013

Investment career commenced in October 2005, at Schroders as an Equity Analyst within the Pan-European research team  $\,$ 

Previously sector analyst responsible for Telecoms, Construction and Support Services

CFA Charter Holder

MSc in Intellectual Property Law, Queen Mary College. Degree in Chemistry, Bath University

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## **Risk Profile**

#### Risk and reward indicator



The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The Fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time. A Fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

For specific risks, including the risk and reward profile, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on the following website www.schroders.com.

## Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of the net revenue and net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the period.

In preparing the financial statements the Manager is responsible for:

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

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Fund's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**S. Reedy**Directors
2 November 2023

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## Report of the Trustee

## Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities in respect of the Scheme and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of the Schroder Recovery Fund ('the Fund') for the year ended 15 July 2023.

The Trustee of the Schroder Recovery Fund must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together 'the regulations'), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together 'the Scheme documents') as detailed below.

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

The Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Fund in accordance with the regulations. The Trustee must ensure that:

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

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

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

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

#### J.P. Morgan Europe Limited

Trustee Bournemouth 28 July 2023

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of Schroder Recovery Fund

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Schroder Recovery Fund (the 'Fund') for the year ended 15 July 2023 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the Related Notes and Distribution Table for the Fund and the accounting policies set out on page 16.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of the Fund as at 15 July 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, and the COLL Rules

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Fund in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard.

We have received all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### **Going concern**

The Manager has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Fund's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Manager's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Fund's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the Manager's assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually
  or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Fund will continue in operation.

### Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

#### Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of Directors as to the Fund's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Assessing the segregation of duties in place between the Manager, the Trustee, the Administrator and the Investment Adviser;
- Reading board minutes.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the revenue is principally non-judgemental and based on publicly available information, with limited opportunity for manipulation. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We evaluated the design and implementation of the controls over journal entries and other adjustments and made inquiries of the Administrator about inappropriate or unusual activity relating to the processing of journal entries and other adjustments. We identified and selected a sample of journal entries made at the end of the reporting period and tested those substantively including all material post-closing entries. Based on the results of our risk assessment procedures and understanding of the process, including the segregation of duties between the Directors and the Administrator, no further high-risk journal entries or other adjustments were identified.

# Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the Manager and the Administrator (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the Directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the Fund is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related authorised fund legislation maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of **Schroder Recovery Fund (continued)**

Secondly, the Fund is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: money laundering, data protection and bribery and corruption legislation recognising the Fund's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Directors and the Administrator and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

#### Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### Other information

The Manager is responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where under the COLL Rules we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

proper accounting records for the Fund have not been kept; or

the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

### Manager's responsibilities

As explained more fully in its statement set out on page 6, the Manager is responsible for: the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

## The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Fund's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('the COLL Rules') issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Grant Archer** For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

**Chartered Accountants** 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS 2 November 2023

# **Comparative Table**

	A A	Accumulation uni	ts		A Income units	
Financial year to 15 July	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	23,362.28	22,512.03	16,109.73	12,179.39	12,018.61	8,690.67
Return before operating charges*	2,221.57	1,251.38	6,725.14	1,162.81	668.02	3,623.77
Operating charges	(408.85)	(401.13)	(322.84)	(213.42)	(214.07)	(171.58)
Return after operating charges*	1,812.72	850.25	6,402.30	949.39	453.95	3,452.19
Distributions**	(662.43)	(549.34)	(230.69)	(345.38)	(293.17)	(124.25)
Retained distributions**	662.43	549.34	230.69	-	-	_
Closing net asset value	25,175.00	23,362.28	22,512.03	12,783.40	12,179.39	12,018.61
*after direct transaction costs of	(23.71)	(24.44)	(33.26)	(12.37)	(13.05)	(17.68)
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	7.76	3.78	39.74	7.80	3.78	39.72
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	22,648	27,332	30,767	1,265	1,515	1,710
Closing number of units	89,961	116,990	136,667	9,896	12,438	14,232
Operating charges (%)	1.64	1.64	1.66	1.64	1.64	1.66
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.17
Prices						
Highest dealing price	27,820.00p	26,490.00p	23,585.86p	14,510.00p	14,140.00p	12,722.07բ
Lowest dealing price	21,900.00p	21,720.00p	14,967.11p	11,420.00p	11,590.00p	8,073.29p

# **Comparative Table** (continued)

	L/	L Accumulation units			L Income units		
Financial year to 15 July	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	
Change in net asset value							
Opening net asset value	78.93	75.44	53.54	62.71	61.91	44.73	
Return before operating charges*	7.52	4.16	22.45	5.81	3.42	18.72	
Operating charges	(0.70)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(0.36)	(0.55)	(0.45)	
Return after operating charges*	6.82	3.49	21.90	5.45	2.87	18.27	
Distributions**	(2.94)	(2.52)	(1.31)	(2.34)	(2.07)	(1.09	
Retained distributions**	2.94	2.52	1.31	-	-	-	
Closing net asset value	85.75	78.93	75.44	65.82	62.71	61.91	
*after direct transaction costs of	(80.0)	(80.0)	(0.11)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.09	
Performance							
Return after charges (%)	8.64	4.63	40.90	8.69	4.64	40.85	
Other information							
Closing net asset value (£000's)	338,630	315,223	292,712	175,420	167,164	161,593	
Closing number of units	394,898,717	399,373,395	388,028,707	266,506,000	266,577,105	261,004,800	
Operating charges (%)	0.82	0.82	0.84	0.82	0.82	0.84	
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.17	
Prices							
Highest dealing price	94.49p	89.13p	78.96p	75.10p	73.15p	65.95	
Lowest dealing price	74.11p	72.77p	49.82p	58.91p	59.73p	41.61	

# Comparative Table (continued)

		S Income units		Z	Accumulation un	its
Financial year to 15 July	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit
Change in net asset value						
Opening net asset value	56.49	55.78	40.28	124.60	119.17	84.64
Return before operating charges*	5.62	3.08	16.90	11.86	6.58	35.47
Operating charges	(0.54)	(0.33)	(0.27)	(1.19)	(1.15)	(0.94
Return after operating charges*	5.08	2.75	16.63	10.67	5.43	34.53
Distributions**	(2.27)	(2.04)	(1.13)	(4.55)	(3.90)	(1.99
Retained distributions**	-	-	-	4.55	3.90	1.99
Closing net asset value	59.30	56.49	55.78	135.27	124.60	119.17
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.06)	(0.06)	(80.0)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.18
Performance						
Return after charges (%)	8.99	4.93	41.29	8.56	4.56	40.80
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	2,118	3,311	3,892	359,551	430,861	540,593
Closing number of units	3,570,946	5,860,829	6,977,188	265,797,735	345,803,287	453,647,813
Operating charges (%)	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.89	0.89	0.91
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.17
Prices						
Highest dealing price	67.78p	66.01p	59.55p	149.10p	140.80p	124.74
Lowest dealing price	53.09p	53.82p	37.50p	117.00p	115.00p	78.75

# Comparative Table (continued)

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<b>_</b>			Z Income units		
Financial year to 15 July	2023 pence per unit	2022 pence per unit	2021 pence per unit		
Change in net asset value					
Opening net asset value	94.81	93.60	67.62		
Return before operating charges*	9.84	5.18	28.31		
Operating charges	(1.67)	(0.91)	(0.74)		
Return after operating charges*	8.17	4.27	27.57		
Distributions**	(3.46)	(3.06)	(1.59		
Closing net asset value	99.52	94.81	93.60		
*after direct transaction costs of	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.14		
Performance					
Return after charges (%)	8.62	4.56	40.77		
Other information					
Closing net asset value (£000's)	54,889	59,003	69,379		
Closing number of units	55,156,737	62,234,893	74,123,032		
Operating charges (%)	0.89	0.89	0.91		
Direct transaction costs (%)***	0.10	0.10	0.17		
Prices					
Highest dealing price	113.50p	110.60p	99.64		
Lowest dealing price	89.04p	90.30p	و62.91		

The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is the European standard method of disclosing the charges of a unit class of a Fund based on the financial year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It includes charges such as the Fund's Annual Management Charge, Registrar fees, Safe custody fees, Trustee's fees and Audit fee but ordinarily excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund (unless these assets are units of another Fund). Where published, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) contains the current OCF. For a more detailed breakdown please visit www.schroders.com.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> These figures have been rounded to 2 decimal places.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Direct transaction costs have been stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments.

# **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 15.7.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Equities 96.51% (96		2000 3	ussets
Basic Materials 6.4	9% (6.27%)		
Anglo American	663,439	15,584	1.63
Ferrexpo	12,353,066	11,136	1.17
Rio Tinto	439,378	22,900	2.40
Sibanye	•	,	
Stillwater	4,516,824	6,172	0.65
Synthomer	7,465,800	6,111	0.64
		61,903	6.49
Consumer Discreti	onary 22.52% (1	8.29%)	
ASOS	2,042,565	7,143	0.75
Bellway	812,937	16,535	1.73
boohoo Group#	44,399,294	15,802	1.66
Continental	359,907	21,473	2.25
Currys	23,805,550	12,629	1.32
Firstgroup	14,194,622	20,568	2.16
Halfords Group	8,442,789	18,591	1.95
ITV	26,541,324	18,053	1.89
Marks &			
Spencer Group	13,360,057	26,032	2.73
Pearson	602,227	5,055	0.53
Renault	590,650	19,407	2.03
Taylor Wimpey	15,481,476	16,225	1.70
WPP	2,058,611	17,416	1.82
		214,929	22.52
Consumer Staples	8.24% (8.65%)		
British American	452 247	44.446	4.20
Tobacco	452,317	11,416	1.20
C&C Group	11,205,007	15,642	1.64
Imperial Brands	702,339	12,337	1.29
J Sainsbury –	9,192,267	25,187	2.64
Tesco	5,629,458	14,074	1.47
		78,656	8.24
Energy 11.20% (11.	•		
BP	3,082,541	14,069	1.47
Eni	2,172,904	24,994	2.62
Hunting	6,852,832	17,988	1.89
John Wood	12 222 506	10 200	1.02
Group	13,223,586	18,288	1.92
Petrofac	18,381,554	14,154	1.48
Shell	752,386	17,403	1.82
Financials 04 40s: /	40.2001	106,896	11.20
Financials 21.42% (	•	42.222	4 40
Aviva	3,454,986	13,333	1.40
Barclays	17,197,668	26,670	2.79
Direct Line Insurance			
Group	12,244,282	17,191	1.80
•	4,475,283	27,433	2.87
HSBC Holdings			
HSBC Holdings Lloyds Banking	1, 11 2,222		

	Holding at 15.7.23	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
M&G	12,651,769	24,253	2.54
NatWest Group	8,166,252	19,844	2.08
Standard	4 204 717	20.250	2.00
Chartered	4,284,717	29,350	3.08 1.30
TP ICAP Group Vanguis	7,894,919	12,356	1.50
Banking Group	6,181,304	11,584	1.21
		204,470	21.42
Health Care 2.76% (	5.65%)		
GSK	1,060,123	13,996	1.46
Viatris	1,597,002	12,393	1.30
		26,389	2.76
Industrials 14.18% (	•		
Capita	74,841,952	21,525	2.26
De La Rue	12,425,108	5,765	0.60
International Distributions			
Services	8,281,254	20,703	2.17
Kier Group	24,164,219	19,815	2.08
Mitie Group	12,781,370	12,692	1.33
Rolls-Royce	2 206 104	4.704	0.50
Holdings Senior	3,286,184 9,406,585	4,794 15,972	0.50 1.67
Travis Perkins	2,048,124	17,249	1.81
Vesuvius	4,098,154	16,811	1.76
	.,030,.3.	135,326	14.18
Real Estate 4.03% (2	.98%)		
Hammerson	94,363,185	23,591	2.47
Land Securities			
Group	2,443,369	14,890	1.56
- 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		38,481	4.03
Technology 1.95% (2		19.650	1.05
Intel	733,150	18,650 <b>18,650</b>	1.95 <b>1.95</b>
Telecommunication	s 2 720/ (E 240/)		1.93
Airtel Africa	16,303,112	17,297	1.81
BT Group	14,665,840	18,230	1.91
	,,.	35,527	3.72
Utilities 0.00% (2.329	%)	-	
<b>Equities total</b>	•	921,227	96.51
Corporate Bonds 1.3	32% (0.00%)		
Energy 1.32% (0.00%	5)		
Petrofac 9.75%			
15/11/2026	20,865,000	12,560	1.32
		12,560	1.32
Corporate Bonds to	tal	12,560	1.32
Portfolio of investm	ents	933,787	97.83
Net other assets		20,734	2.17
Net assets attributa unitholders	ible to	954,521	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 15 July 2022. Unless otherwise stated, all securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings.

<sup>#</sup> Security traded on another regulated market.



### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 15 July 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income					
Net capital gains	2		52,893		20,624
Revenue	3	45,853		44,561	
Expenses	4	(9,199)		(9,611)	
Net revenue before taxation		36,654		34,950	
Taxation	5	(753)		(1,705)	
Net revenue after taxation			35,901		33,245
Total return before distributions			88,794		53,869
Distributions	6		(35,913)		(33,143)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders	from investment activit	ies	52,881		20,726

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the year ended 15 July 2023

	2023		20	)22
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		1,004,409		1,100,646
Amounts receivable on issue of units	85,105		228,222	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(212,260)		(369,899)	
		(127,155)		(141,677)
Dilution adjustment		94		519
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		52,881		20,726
Retained distribution on Accumulation units		24,292		24,195
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		954,521		1,004,409

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 15 July 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£000's	£000's
Assets			
Investments		933,787	971,096
Current assets			
Debtors	8	3,240	28,910
Cash and bank balances		31,636	15,263
Total assets		968,663	1,015,269
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Distributions payable		(8,252)	(7,583)
Other creditors	9	(5,890)	(3,277)
Total liabilities		(14,142)	(10,860)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		954,521	1,004,409

# Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 15 July 2023

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, fluctuations in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months after the financial statements are signed and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

#### Revenue

Dividends and real estate income distributions receivable from equity investments and distributions receivable from authorised unit trusts and other collective investment schemes are recognised net of attributable tax credits and are credited to revenue when they are first quoted ex-dividend.

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the Fund. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital.

Interest receivable from bank balances is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The Annual management charge in respect of the Schroder Funds in which the Fund invests are rebated to the Fund so that no double charging occurs.

All rebates are treated as revenue or capital based on the underlying Fund's treatment.

#### **Special dividends**

Special dividends are treated as revenue or capital depending on the facts of each particular case.

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation on distributions received by the Fund is deducted from the cost of investments. As such the equalisation on distributions received by the Fund does not form part of the Fund's distribution.

#### **Expenses**

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund. All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Taxation**

Corporation tax is provided for on the revenue liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses. The tax effect of different items of revenue or expenses is allocated between revenue and capital using the marginal basis.

Deferred taxation is provided for on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, other than those differences regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred taxation is provided for at the average rate of taxation expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

#### **Distributions**

The revenue available for distribution is the total revenue earned by the Fund, less deductible expenses and taxation charged to revenue.

The ordinary element of scrip dividends is treated as revenue and does not form part of the distribution.

For Accumulation units this revenue is not distributed but automatically reinvested in the Fund and is reflected in the value of these units.

#### Dilution adjustment

In certain circumstances the Manager may apply a dilution adjustment on subscriptions and redemptions of units. If applied, the dilution adjustment is paid to the Fund. See Prospectus for further details.

#### **Valuation**

All investments held by the Fund have been valued at market value at 18:00 on the last working day of the accounting period. Market value is defined by the Statement of Recommended Practice as fair value which generally is the bid value of each security and the offer value for short positions.

Dual priced authorised unit trusts have been valued at cancellation price.

Single priced authorised unit trusts have been valued at the dealing price.

Unquoted, illiquid and suspended investments are valued by the Manager at a best assessment of fair value.

#### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities valued in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date.

### 2 Net capital gains

The net capital gains during the year comprise:

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Non-derivative securities	52,900	20,725
Forward foreign currency contracts	(34)	=
Foreign currency gains/(losses)	27	(101)
Net capital gains	52,893	20,624

#### 3 Revenue

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
UK dividends	34,679	31,445
Overseas dividends	8,352	11,770
Franked distributions	-	271
Real estate income distributions	970	964
Scrip dividends	-	103
Interest on debt securities	1,534	-
Bank interest	316	8
Annual management charge rebates	2	-
Total revenue	45,853	44,561

#### 4 Expenses

	2023 £000's	2022 £000's
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Schroders Annual Charge <sup>1</sup>	9,199	9,611
Total expenses	9,199	9,611

Audit fees including VAT for the financial year ending 2023 were £7,738 (2022 – £9,673).

Corporation tax has not been provided for as expenses payable by the Fund exceed the revenue liable to corporation tax.

#### (a) Analysis of the tax charge for the year

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Overseas withholding tax	753	1,705
Total current tax (Note 5(b))	753	1,705

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

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for authorised unit trusts of 20% (2022 – 20%) is applied to the net revenue before taxation. The differences are explained below.

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Net revenue before taxation	36,654	34,950
Net revenue for the year before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	7,331	6,990
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(8,606)	(8,718)
Movement in excess management expenses	1,275	1,728
Overseas withholding tax	753	1,705
Total tax charge for the year (Note 5(a))	753	1,705

At the balance sheet date, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £24,238,472 (2022 – £22,963,124) in respect of unutilised management expenses and loan relationship debits. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or prior year.

#### **6 Distributions**

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

Distributions	35,913	33,143
Equalisation on conversions	12	1
Scrip dividends not distributed	-	(103)
Net revenue after taxation	35,901	33,245
Distributions	35,913	33,143
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(1,312)	(3,637)
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	4,681	5,002
Final Dividend distribution	32,544	31,778
	£000's	£000's
	2023	2022

Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the Distribution Table on page 23.

#### 7 Fair value hierarchy

Instruments held at the year end are presented in line with amendments to FRS 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland Fair value hierarchy disclosures.

		2023		2022		
Basis of valuation	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's	Assets £000's	Liabilities £000's		
Level 1: Quoted prices	921,227	-	971,096	-		
Level 2: Observable market data	12,560	=	-	-		
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-		
Total	933,787	-	971,096	-		

- 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.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

#### Unobservable data

Unobservable data has been used only where relevant observable market data is not available. Where there was no reputable price source for an investment, the Manager has assessed information available from internal and external sources in order to arrive at an estimated fair value. The fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. The Manager of the Fund also makes judgements and estimates based on their knowledge of recent investment performance, historical experience and other assumptions that are considered reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and the assumptions used are under continuous review by the Manager with particular attention paid to the carrying value of the investments.

#### 8 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts receivable for issue of units	135	26,386
Accrued revenue	2,267	1,698
Overseas withholding tax recoverable	736	724
Income tax recoverable	102	102
Total debtors	3,240	28,910

#### 9 Other creditors

	2023	2022
	£000's	£000's
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	4,847	1,150
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	983
Accrued expenses	1,043	1,144
Total other creditors	5,890	3,277

#### 10 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2022 – Nil).

#### 11 Related party transactions

The Manager provides key management personnel services for the Fund and is therefore considered a related party.

Amounts paid during the year or due to the Manager at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Expenses and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts. Annual management charge rebates received or receivable from the Manager of £2,165 (2022 – Nil) are disclosed under Net capital gains and Revenue in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Manager acts as principal on all transactions of units in the Fund. The aggregate monies paid through the issue and cancellation of units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and Distributions in the Notes to the Accounts. Amounts due from or to the Manager in respect of unit transactions at the balance sheet date are included under Debtors and Other creditors in the Notes to the Accounts.

Units held or managed by the Manager or associates of the Manager as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value at the balance sheet date were 1.39% (2022 – 1.53%).

Certain directors or close family members of directors own units in the fund. At the balance sheet date, units held were 22,419.87 and distributions payable in respect of such unit holdings were £1,019.16.

Related party holdings are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement. The revenue earned from these investments of Nil (2022 – £271,041) is included under Revenue in the Notes to the Accounts.



#### 12 Unit classes

At the reporting date the Fund had seven unit classes. The costs and expenses due to the Manager are referred to as the Schroders Annual Charge. Details of the charges applied to each unit class can be found in the prospectus.

The closing net asset value of each unit class, the closing net asset value per unit and the closing number of units in issue are given in the Comparative Table on pages 10 to 13.

The distributions per unit class are given in the Distribution Table on page 23.

All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 13 Derivative and other financial instruments

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, liquidity and interest rate risks. The Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied throughout the year and the prior year.

#### Market price risk

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed, the Prospectus and in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. At the year end date, if the prices of investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables remaining constant, then net assets attributable to the unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £93,378,700 (2022 - £97,109,600).

#### Foreign currency risk

Where a portion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements. Therefore the Manager may decide that a proportion of the investments that are not priced in sterling, may be covered by forward currency contracts, so that the Fund's exposure to currency risk is reduced.

Revenue received in other currencies is translated to sterling on or near the date of receipt. The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

#### **Currency risk profile**

The currency risk profile of the Fund's net assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date was as follows:

	2023	2022
Currency	£000's	£000's
Euro	66,148	35,516
South African rand	6,172	8,651
Sterling	838,344	916,517
US dollar	43,857	43,725

At the year end date, if the value of Sterling increased or decreased by 10% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to the unitholders will increase or decrease by approximately £11,617,600 (2022 - £8,789,200).

#### **Liquidity risk**

The primary source of this risk to the Fund is the liability to unitholders for any cancellation of units. This risk is minimised by holding cash, readily realisable securities and access to overdraft facilities up to the amount prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### Interest rate risk

At the year end date 4.63% (2022 - 1.52%) of the net assets of the Fund were interest bearing and as such the interest rate risk is not considered significant.

#### Floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities

Sterling denominated bank balances bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate. Foreign currency bank balances and amounts held or overdrawn at futures clearing houses and brokers bear interest at rates based on the Sterling Overnight Index Average Rate or its international equivalent.

#### Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

#### **Derivatives**

During the year the Fund entered into derivative contracts for the efficient management of the Fund.

#### Global risk exposure

#### **Commitment approach**

When using derivatives, the Manager uses a risk management process that enables it to monitor the risk of a Fund's derivative positions. The global risk exposure of a Fund is calculated daily either by means of the commitment approach or the Value-at-Risk (VaR) approach.

Under the commitment approach, the global risk exposure is defined as the underlying market value of derivatives, after netting and hedging as permitted by the regulation, not exceeding the Net Asset Value of a Fund. This is typically used on Funds where derivative usage is low or Funds which limit their derivatives commitment to 100% or less of their Net Asset Value.

The global risk exposure of the Fund is calculated using the commitment approach. During the year ended 15 July 2023 the global risk exposure of the Fund did not exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value. The lowest, highest, average and actual level of leverage for the Fund as at the balance sheet date was as follows:



#### Leverage

	2023 2022						
Lowe	st Highest	Average	Leverage 15 July	Lowest	Highest	Average	Leverage 15 July
0.00	% 1.19%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.35%	0.01%	0.00%

#### **14 Direct transaction costs**

In the case of shares, broker commissions and transfer taxes duty are paid by the Fund on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Unlike shares, other types of investments (such as bonds, money market instruments, derivatives) have no separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

2023 Purchases	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Bonds	11,034	-	-	11,034	-	-
Equities	185,081	88	799	185,968	0.05	0.43
	196,115	88	799	197,002		
Sales						
Equities	287,632	(136)	(1)	287,495	(0.05)	-
Total cost as a % of the Fund's averag	ge net asset value (%)	0.02	0.08			

2022	Principal £000's	Commissions £000's	Taxes £000's	Total cost £000's	Commissions % of principal	Taxes % of principal
Purchases						
Purchases¹:						
Equities	310,637	115	1,244	311,996	0.04	0.40
Corporate actions purchases:						
Equities	4,046	-		4,046	-	
	314,683	115	1,244	316,042		
Sales						
Equities	400,766	(150)	-	400,616	(0.04)	-
Total cost as a % of the Fund's average net asse	t value (%)	0.03	0.11			

<sup>1</sup> Excluding corporate actions.

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.12% (2022 - 0.09%).

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.

#### 15 Units in issue reconciliation

	Number of units in issue 15.7.22	Number of units issued	Number of units cancelled	Number of units converted	Number of units in issue 15.7.23
A Accumulation units	116,990	5,437	(25,766)	(6,700)	89,961
A Income units	12,438	333	(2,246)	(629)	9,896
L Accumulation units	399,373,395	36,922,456	(40,948,371)	(448,763)	394,898,717
L Income units	266,577,105	28,522,541	(30,229,854)	1,636,208	266,506,000
S Income units	5,860,829	152,000	(2,441,883)	-	3,570,946
Z Accumulation units	345,803,287	21,147,699	(101,666,961)	513,710	265,797,735
Z Income units	62,234,893	6,383,147	(13,796,417)	335,114	55,156,737

#### 16 Non-adjusting post balance sheet events

As a result of market movements and foreign exchange rates, since the balance sheet date on 15 July 2023, the price of each unit class has changed as follows:

	Number of units in issue 30.10.23	Number of units in issue 14.7.23	% change	Dealing price 30.10.23	Dealing price 14.7.23	% change
A Accumulation units	71,789	89,961	(20.20)	24,300.00p	25,230.00p	(3.69)
A Income units	9,224	9,896	(6.79)	12,340.00p	13,160.00p	(6.23)
L Accumulation units	373,606,134	394,898,717	(5.39)	82.96p	85.95p	(3.48)
L Income units	241,013,687	266,506,000	(9.57)	63.67p	68.31p	(6.79)
S Income units	3,391,127	3,570,946	(5.04)	57.41p	61.71p	(6.97)
Z Accumulation units	209,316,949	265,797,735	(21.25)	130.80p	135.60p	(3.54)
Z Income units	54,317,688	55,156,737	(1.52)	96.24p	103.20p	(6.74)

The Fund experienced higher than average cancellation of units post year end. The liquidity measures within the Fund remain within normal range and there is no immediate or material uncertainty about the viability of the Fund as a going concern.

# **Distribution Table**

### Final distribution for the year ended 15 July 2023

Group 1 Units purchased prior to 16 July 2022

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 16 July 2022

	Net revenue 2023 per unit	Equalisation 2023 per unit	Distribution payable 15.9.23 per unit	Distribution paid 15.9.22 per unit
A Accumulation units				
Group 1	662.4258p	-	662.4258p	549.3378p
Group 2	313.0590p	349.3668p	662.4258p	549.3378p
A Income units				
Group 1	345.3810p	=	345.3810p	293.1684p
Group 2	301.5331p	43.8479p	345.3810p	293.1684p
L Accumulation units				
Group 1	2.9409p	-	2.9409p	2.5244p
Group 2	1.5720p	1.3689p	2.9409p	2.5244p
L Income units				
Group 1	2.3369p	-	2.3369p	2.0718p
Group 2	1.1089p	1.2280p	2.3369p	2.0718p
S Income units				
Group 1	2.2734p	-	2.2734p	2.0403p
Group 2	1.2438p	1.0296p	2.2734p	2.0403p
Z Accumulation units				
Group 1	4.5458p	-	4.5458p	3.8953p
Group 2	2.3023p	2.2435p	4.5458p	3.8953p
Z Income units				
Group 1	3.4608p	-	3.4608p	3.0594p
Group 2	1.9179p	1.5429p	3.4608p	3.0594p

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital.

Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

### Remuneration

#### UCITS remuneration disclosures for Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ('SUTL') for the year to 31 December 2022

These disclosures form part of the non-audited section of this annual report and accounts and should be read in conjunction with the Schroders plc Remuneration Report on pages 76 to 107 of the 2022 Annual Report & Accounts (available on the Group's website https://www.schroders.com/en/investor-relations/results-and-reports/annual-report-and-accounts-2022/), which provides more information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

The UCITS Material Risk Takers ('UCITS MRTs') of SUTL are individuals whose roles within the Schroders Group can materially affect the risk of SUTL or any UCITS fund that it manages. These roles are identified in line with the requirements of the UCITS Directive and guidance issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

The Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc has established a remuneration policy to ensure the requirements of the UCITS Directive are met for all UCITS MRTs. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Schroders plc review remuneration strategy at least annually. The directors of SUTL are responsible for the adoption of the remuneration policy and periodically reviewing its implementation in relation to SUTL. During 2022 the Remuneration Policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with the UCITS/AIFMD remuneration requirements and no significant changes were made.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is, at least annually, subject to independent internal review for compliance with the policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the Board of SUTL and the Remuneration Committee. The most recent review found no fundamental issues but resulted in minor recommendations relating to process documentation.

The ratio of total costs to net income through the market cycle guides the total spend on remuneration each year. This is recommended by the Remuneration Committee to the Board of Schroders plc. This approach aligns remuneration with Schroders financial performance. In determining the remuneration spend each year, the underlying strength and sustainability of the business is taken into account, along with reports on risk, legal, compliance and internal audit matters from the heads of those areas.

The remuneration data that follows reflects amounts paid in respect of performance during 2022.

- The total amount of remuneration paid by SUTL to its staff was nil as SUTL has no employees. SUTL has two independent Non Executive Directors who receive fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL¹. Employees of other Schroders Group entities who serve as Directors of SUTL receive no additional fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL.
- The following disclosures relate to UCITS MRTs of SUTL. Most of those UCITS MRTs were employed by and provided services to other Schroders group companies and clients. In the interests of transparency, the aggregate remuneration figures that follow reflect the full remuneration for each SUTL UCITS MRT. The aggregate total remuneration paid to the 158 UCITS MRTs of SUTL in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 is £113.41 million, of which £38.94 million was paid to senior management, and £74.47 million was paid to MRTs deemed to be taking risk on behalf of SUTL or the UCITS funds that it manages and Control Function MRTs.

For additional qualitative information on remuneration policies and practices see https://www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/disclosures/remuneration-disclosures/.

1 The fees are not disclosed due to confidentiality and data protection considerations. The amount is not material to SUTL.



## **General Information**

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Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

#### **Investment Adviser**

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#### Registrar

1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority The Manager is responsible for maintaining the register for each Fund. It has delegated certain registrar functions to HSBC Bank Plc, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 8HQ.

#### **Administration Details**

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#### **Independent Auditor**

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#### **Authorisation**

The Fund is an authorised unit trust and is constituted pursuant to the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as a Trust. The Fund is a UCITS scheme for the purpose of the categorisation of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### **Value Assessment**

A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the Global Fund Centre in the Fund Literature section at www.Schroders.com within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' 31 December.

#### **Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures**

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#### Other information

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document and details of investment charges and costs are available on request or can be downloaded from our website www.schroders.com.

