# Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust

# **Annual Report**

For the year ended 30 April 2023





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 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  The Authorised Fund Manager's Report comprises these items (subsequent references to the Manager's Report).

#### **Trust Information**

#### **Trust Status**

The Trustee is HSBC Bank plc which holds the title to the Trust's investments on behalf of unitholders. The Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust (the Trust) is a "widerrange" investment under the Trustee Investments Act 1961. It is an authorised unit trust scheme under section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is a UCITS Scheme under the Financial Conduct Authority Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. Copies of the Trust Deed may be inspected at the offices of the Manager: 80 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4BY.

#### Manager

#### **RLUM Limited**

80 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4BY
Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **Directors of the Manager**

P. Beamish

P. Bowker (Appointed 1 January 2023)

J.M. Brett (Non-executive Director)

J.S. Glen (Chairman)

J.M. Jackson (Non-executive Director)

#### **Trustee**

#### **HSBC** Bank plc

8 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HQ Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **Administrator**

#### **HSBC Securities Services (UK) Limited**

1-2 Lochside Way, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh EH12 9DT Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### Registrar

#### **RLUM Limited**

RLUM Limited has delegated responsibility for safekeeping and maintenance of the register to Capita Life and Pensions Regulated Services Limited

The Register may be inspected at:

Churchgate House, 56 Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6EU

#### **Independent Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT

#### **Investment Adviser**

**Royal London Asset Management Limited** 

80 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 4BY

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### **Advisory Committee**

Benjamin Yeoh (Chairman) Professor Alex Edmans

Tonia Lovell

Nicola Parker

## **Manager's Investment Report**

The Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust (the Trust) is an authorised unit trust scheme, the Manager of which is RLUM Limited. The Manager has appointed Royal London Asset Management Limited to undertake the portfolio management for the Trust.

Royal London Asset Management Limited is the fund management arm of The Royal London Group and is independently authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority to provide asset management services.

We have a long and successful history of managing our customers' money and our specialist fund management service offers a distinctive approach to responsible investing across all of the funds that we manage. For example, we fully integrate consideration of financial, environmental, social and governance issues throughout the investment process when selecting companies for investment and we also vote at every Annual General Meeting of companies we hold, the exception being where voting would prevent trading.

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term (3–5 years) by investing mainly in sterlingdenominated bonds, with some exposure to the shares of UK companies, that are deemed to make a positive contribution to society.

The Trust may also invest a small amount of its portfolio in derivatives for investment purposes and efficient portfolio management (EPM).

Investments in the Trust will adhere to the RLUM Ethical and Sustainable Investment Policy, a copy of which is available on request.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



#### About this indicator

- This Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is calculated according to European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) regulations, to allow investors to compare funds on the same basis. According to this methodology the Trust has been classed as category 4.
- The scale shows that the higher the risk, the higher the potential for greater returns. The numerical indicator which is referenced on the scale, is a measure of how much the unit price of this Trust has risen and fallen (over the last five years) and therefore how much the Trust's returns have varied.
- The Trust is shown in risk category 4 because its unit price
  has shown a medium level of volatility historically. As an
  investment, bonds are typically more volatile than money
  market instruments but less volatile than shares. This Trust
  has a mixture of all these investments.
- The risk rating remains unchanged from the prior year.

#### Investors should note

- The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Trust.
- The lowest rating does not mean 'risk free' and it does not measure the risk that you may suffer a capital loss.
- The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may change over time.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

## Cumulative Performance (% change to 30/04/23)

	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class B Accumulation	-5.36	-1.52	10.45
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class B Income	-5.37	-1.35	10.65
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class B Gross Accumulation	-5.33	-1.48	10.59
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class B Gross Income	-5.33	-1.36	10.56
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class C Accumulation	-5.07	-0.75	11.88
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class C Income	-5.11	-0.83	11.82
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class D Accumulation	-4.97	-0.50	12.38
Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, Class D Income	-5.02	-0.53	12.38
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares TR	-3.86	1.56	3.11

Past performance is not necessarily a reliable indicator of future performance. The value of investments and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up, and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 30 April 2023. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Trust's official midday price whereas the Trust has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Trust breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Investment Review and Outlook**

#### Performance overview

The Trust delivered negative returns for the period under review, also lagging the performance of the average fund in the Investment Association Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares sector. Performance over three years is also behind the IA sector average, but significantly ahead over the longer term.

#### Market overview

Rising interest rates and stubbornly high inflation was the main theme for the global economy and markets over the past six months. The US Federal Reserve, Bank of England (BoE) and European Central Bank all pushed interest rates higher in an attempt to bring inflation back towards respective targets. Towards the end of the period, there were signs that inflation had peaked and the focus therefore shifted, with markets starting to anticipate possible rate cuts in the second half of 2023 in some regions.

With inflation expected to fall back towards central bank targets as the year progresses, data relating to labour markets, wage growth, and underlying economic activity have grown in importance. Markets are looking for the signs of weakness to confirm the narrative that central banks will begin to cut rates later this year. But the data has not been all one-way traffic; the first quarter of 2023 was very much characterised by periods where economic data either beat or disappointed versus expectations. This in turn fed through to increased market volatility.

Against this backdrop, yields rose (and hence prices fell) on most government bonds. UK gilts returned -15.26% over the period, while UK corporate bonds returned -6.88% (iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilt All Maturities Index), with weak returns early in the period partially offset by stronger returns in the second half of the period. The Trust invests in shares as well as corporate bonds, and share prices rose on the hopes that a peak in interest rates is nearing, with the FTSE® All-Share returning 6.04%.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Review and Outlook - continued**

#### Portfolio commentary

The Trust's sustainable approach favours companies that we believe make a positive contribution to society, through their products and services and/or by showing environmental, social and governance (ESG) leadership.

In sterling credit, this is reflected in significant positions in social housing, utility and infrastructure bonds. These sectors also benefit from strong covenants (legal restrictions on what an issuer can do) and often offer enhanced security (offering assets as collateral).

Within our corporate bond exposure, overall returns were negative given the backdrop of falling bond prices over the year. However, our exposure performed well relative to the sterling corporate bond market. We had a very low weighting in supranational bonds (these being quasi-government in nature). This helped returns relative to broad credit markets, as supranationals performed poorly compared to wider corporate bond markets, while our bias towards insurance companies and structured bonds was positive.

In equities, our Sustainable philosophy means that the Trust does not invest in some sectors. While this creates a mismatch with the broad market, we believe that the exposure to sectors that offer a net benefit and/or ESG leadership is consistent with outperformance over the medium term. Over the review period, our equity holdings performed well – with positive contributions from the likes of Novo Nordisk, Greggs and L'Oreal offsetting the negative impact of not owning strong performing energy companies such as BP or Shell.

#### Investment outlook

We expect that inflation has peaked. This is driven by our view that energy prices will moderate and that weaker GDP growth will reduce the tightness of the labour market. Nonetheless, UK interest rates are likely to rise a bit further as the, Bank of England (BoE) continues to focus on bringing inflation under control.

Although the economic data remain very mixed, we still believe that higher rates will lead to a slowdown in the UK, impacting company earnings and leading to some increase in credit rating downgrades and default rates. Nevertheless, it is our view that corporate bond prices discount a significant portion of bad news. Against this background, we will maintain our focus on identifying companies with strong balance sheets, favouring issues with security and downside protection, and ensuring that portfolios are diversified across issuers and sectors.

Shalin Shah and Matt Franklin Trust Co-Managers Royal London Asset Management Limited 30 April 2023

Please note that this commentary is written as at 30 April 2023. For further insights on marketing events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Trust, our RLUM Annual Assessment of Value Report March 2022 (published July 2022) is available on www.rlam.com.

The views expressed are the author's own and do not constitute investment advice and are not an indication of future Trust performance. Portfolio holdings are subject to change, for information only and are not investment recommendations.

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited, unless otherwise stated.

## **Portfolio Statement**

As at 30 April 2023

	Bio	l-market value	Total net		Bid-	market value	Total net
Holding	Investment		assets (%)	Holding	Investment		assets (%)
Fixed Inco	ome – 72.68% (30/04/22 – 72.16%)			£3,000,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75%		
			/		perpetual	4,260	0.46
	al Mortgage Backed Securities – 3.00% (3	<b>0/04/22 -</b> 939	· <b>2.33%)</b> 0.10	, ,	Close Brothers Finance 1.625% 3/12/2030	3,163	0.34
	Castell FRN 25/3/2053 Deco 2019-RAM DAC FRN 7/8/2030	1,693	0.10	£1,250,000	Close Brothers Finance 2% variable 11/9/2031	1,045	0.11
	Equity Release Funding FRN 14/7/2045	1,195	0.13	£4 027 000	Community Finance 5.017% 31/7/2034	4,006	0.43
	Finance for Residence Social Housing 'A1'	,			Co-operative Wholesale Society 7.5%	.,000	0.10
	8.369% 4/10/2058*	2,294	0.25		Step 8/7/2026	1,337	0.14
	Frost CMBS 2021 1 DAC FRN 22/11/2026	2,479	0.27	£4,200,000	Coventry Building Society 6.875%		
£8,113,000	Income Contingent Student Loan 2 FRN 24/7/2058	1 700	0.19	04.040.000	variable perpetual	3,691	0.40
£1 1/7 000	Income Contingent Student Loan 2.5%	1,782	0.19		CPUK Finance 3.588% 28/2/2042 CPUK Finance 3.69% 28/2/2047	1,267 3,420	0.14 0.37
21,147,000	24/7/2056	657	0.07		Credit Agricole 1.874% variable 9/12/2031	1,518	0.37
£3,660,000	Income Contingent Student Loan 2.5%				Credit Agricole 5.75% variable 29/11/2027	2,692	0.29
	24/7/2058	2,186	0.23		Credit Agricole 7.5% variable perpetual	3,273	0.35
£9,964,000	Income Contingent Student Loan FRN			£1,883,000	CYBG 3.125% variable 22/6/2025	1,798	0.19
00 077 000	24/7/2056	1,572	0.17		Delamare Finance 6.067% 19/2/2029	2,890	0.31
	PCL Funding FRN 15/7/2026 Sage AR Funding FRN 17/11/2030	2,386 1,713	0.26 0.18		Derby Healthcare 5.564% 30/6/2041	3,437	0.37
	Sage AR Funding FRN 17/11/2051	4,849	0.52		Derwent London 1.875% 17/11/2031 Dignity Finance 3.5456% 31/12/2034	1,898 3,003	0.20 0.32
	Taurus 2018 FRN 22/5/2028	1,019	0.11		Direct Line Insurance 4% 5/6/2032	2,766	0.32
	Together Asset Backed Securitisation 2019		0.11		DWR Cymru Financing 2.375% 31/3/2034	1,645	0.30
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	FRN 15/7/2061	418	0.04		ENW Finance 1.415% 30/7/2030	1,995	0.21
£2,849,000	Transport for London 5% 31/3/2035	2,791	0.30		ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032	1,831	0.20
Total Come	maraial Martaga Packad Securities	27,973	3.00	£2,400,000	Esure Group 6% variable perpetual	1,636	0.18
Total Colli	nercial Mortgage Backed Securities	21,513	3.00		Eskmuir Group Finance 4.255% 12/12/2047		0.08
					Equity Release Funding 5.7% 26/2/2031	1,947	0.21
	Bonds – 69.29% (30/04/22 – 69.83%)	0.000	0.00		Equity Release Funding 5.88% 26/5/2032 Equity Release Funding No.3 5.05%	1,633	0.17
	) 3i Group 3.75% 5/6/2040 ) 3i Group 5.75% 3/12/2032	2,986 2,309	0.32 0.25	21,141,000	26/4/2033	1,069	0.11
, ,	A2D Funding II 4.5% 30/9/2026	1,424	0.25	£4.544.000	Eversholt Funding 2.742% 30/6/2040	3,293	0.35
	A2Dominion Housing Group 3.5%	.,	0.10		Eversholt Funding 3.529% 7/8/2042	1,192	0.13
,,	15/11/2028	2,261	0.24	£3,697,000	Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	3,300	0.35
£2,250,000	AA Bond 3.25% 31/7/2050	1,781	0.19		Exchequer Partnership 5.396% 13/7/2036	2,162	0.23
	AA Bond 5.5% 31/7/2050	2,166	0.23	£5,281,000	Folio Residential Finance 1.246%		0.40
	AA Bond 7.375% 31/7/2050	2,504	0.27	£3 655 000	31/10/2037 Freshwater Finance 4 556% 3/4/2036	4,456	0.48 0.34
	Aggregate Migra Down Infrastructura	2,932	0.32		Freshwater Finance 4.556% 3/4/2036 Freshwater Finance 5.182% 20/4/2035	3,186 5,530	0.54
£1,905,000	Aggregate Micro Power Infrastructure No.2 8% 17/10/2036*	1,782	0.19		GB Social Housing 5.193% 12/2/2038	2,868	0.31
£4.106.000	Akelius Residential Property 2.375%	1,702	0.10		Genfinance II 6.064% 21/12/2039	3,037	0.33
,,	15/8/2025	3,769	0.40	£900,200	Great Portland Estates 5.625% 31/1/2029	895	0.10
£900,000	) Alpha Plus 5% 31/3/2024	847	0.09		Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 5/4/2031	1,937	0.21
	Amicushorizon Finance 5.25% 13/3/2043	974	0.10		Great Rolling Stock 6.875% 27/7/2035	1,932	0.21
£1,910,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2%	4 507	0.40		Greater Gabbard OFTO 4.137% 29/11/2032		0.28 0.16
C2 701 000	31/7/2028	1,537	0.16		GreenSquareAccord 5.25% 30/11/2047 Guinness Trust 7.5% 30/11/2037	1,528 3,140	0.16
23,761,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 4% 8/3/2026	3,549	0.38		Gwynt y Môr OFTO 2.778% 17/2/2034	3,304	0.35
£2 700 000	Annington Funding 3.685% 12/7/2034	2,122	0.33		Harbour Funding 5.28% 31/3/2044	3,333	0.36
	Annington Funding 3.935% 12/7/2047	1,225	0.13		Hastoe Capital 5.6% 27/3/2042	1,591	0.17
£2,073,000	Annington Funding 4.75% 9/8/2033	1,822	0.19	£2,817,502	Haven Funding 8.125% 30/9/2037	2,818	0.30
	Arqiva Financing 4.882% 31/12/2032	3,434	0.37		HBOS 5.75% variable perpetual	2,047	0.22
	Assicurazioni Generali 6.269% perpetual	3,595	0.39	£3,408,000	Hexagon Housing Association 3.625%	0.404	0.00
	Aviva 6.135% variable 12/9/2049	322	0.03	£4 051 000	22/4/2048 High Speed Rail Finance 4.375% 1/11/2038	2,431 3,691	0.26 0.40
	Aviva 6.125% variable 14/11/2036	2,746 15,120	0.29 1.62		Housing and Care 3.288% 8/11/2049	3,727	0.40
	0 Aviva 6.875% variable 20/5/2058 0 AXA 5.453% variable perpetual	1,062	0.11		HSBC 5.844% variable perpetual	6,396	0.69
	) AXA 5.625% variable 16/1/2054	4,004	0.43		HSBC 8.201% variable 16/11/2034	10,462	1.12
, ,	AXA 6.6862% variable perpetual	5,227	0.56		ING Groep NV 1.125% variable 7/12/2028	3,122	0.33
, ,	Banco Santander 2.25% variable	-,			ING Groep NV 5% variable 30/8/2026	4,433	0.47
	4/10/2032	2,953	0.32		ING Groep NV 6.25% variable 20/5/2033	4,295	0.46
£1,154,000	BBC Pacific Quay Finance 5.5653%			£2,226,000	International Finance Facility for	0.444	0.00
04 000 000	25/7/2034	902	0.10	000 000	Immunisation 2.75% 7/6/2025	2,141	0.23
	Blend Funding 2.467% 16/6/2063	851	0.09		Intu (SGS) Finance 4.25% 17/9/2035 Intu (SGS) Finance 4.625% 17/3/2033	400 176	0.04 0.02
	) Blend Funding 2.922% 5/4/2056 ) Blend Funding 3.508% 4/5/2059	1,638 1,766	0.18 0.19		Intu Debenture 5.562% 31/12/2027	67	0.02
, ,	BNP Paribas 2% variable 24/5/2031	1,780	0.15		Intu Metrocentre Finance 4.125% 6/12/2028		0.01
	) BNP Paribas 5.75% 13/6/2032	2,927	0.31		Investec 1.875% variable 16/7/2028	10,075	1.08
	BPCE 2.5% variable 30/11/2032	3,315	0.35	£2,676,000	Investec 2.625% variable 4/1/2032	2,172	0.23
	British Land 5.264% 24/9/2035	4,909	0.53		Investec 9.125% variable 6/3/2033	1,679	0.18
	British Land 5.357% 31/3/2028	2,856	0.31		John Lewis 4.25% 18/12/2034	3,040	0.33
	British Land 5.357% 31/3/2028	3,462	0.37		John Lewis 6.125% 21/1/2025	1,949	0.21
	Broadgate Finance 4.821% 5/7/2036	1,245	0.13		JRP Group 9% 26/10/2026 Just Group 7% variable 15/4/2031	3,758 729	0.40 0.08
	Broadgate Finance 4.851% 5/4/2033 BUPA Finance 4.125% 14/6/2035	680 4 387	0.07 0.47		Just Group 7% Variable 15/4/2031 Just Group 8.125% 26/10/2029	2,952	0.08
	Cambridge Housing Capital 4.25%	4,387	0.47		Juturna Euro Loan Conduit 5.0636%	2,002	0.02
,_0,,000	15/9/2045	2,739	0.29	,,	10/8/2033	2,029	0.22
		_,. 00	0.20				

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 30 April 2023

	Bid-	market			Bid-	market	
Lla leline		value	Total net	Ualdina		value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Corporate E	Bonds - 69.29% (30/04/22 - 69.83%) - conti	inued		£3,170,000	Quadrant Housing 7.93% Step 10/2/2033	2,785	0.30
,	Knightstone Capital 5.576% Step 2/10/2048	862	0.09		Rabobank Nederland 4.625% 23/5/2029	2,956	0.32
£1,292,000	Land Securities Capital Markets 2.399%	1 104	0.10		Reassure Group 5.867% 13/6/2029	4,394	0.47
£2 210 000	8/2/2031 Leeds Building Society 1.375% 6/10/2027	1,124 1,870	0.12 0.20	, ,	Retail Charity Bonds 3.9% 23/11/2029 Retail Charity Bonds 4% 31/10/2029	1,119 834	0.12 0.09
	Leeds Building Society 1.375% 0/10/2027 Leeds Building Society 3.75% variable	1,070	0.20		Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 30/3/2026	902	0.10
,,	25/4/2029	5,213	0.56		Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 6/7/2028	725	0.08
	Legal & General 3.75% variable 26/11/2049		0.40		Rothesay Life 3.375% 12/7/2026	5,867	0.63
	Legal & General 4.5% variable 1/11/2050	1,080	0.12		Rothesay Life 6.875% variable perpetual	3,786	0.41
	Legal & General 5.5% variable 27/6/2064 Lendlease Europe Finance 3.5% 2/12/2033	10,827 888	1.16 0.10	£2,500,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 3.622% variable 14/8/2030	2,346	0.25
	Lloyds Banking Group 1.985% variable	000	0.10	£2.127.000	RSA Insurance 5.125% variable 10/10/2045		0.23
,,	15/12/2031	2,357	0.25	, ,	RSL Finance 6.625% 31/3/2038	2,820	0.30
£2,078,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2% variable				Sanctuary 8.375% 1/9/2031	3,193	0.34
00 500 000	12/4/2028	1,794	0.19		Santander UK 2.421% variable 17/01/2029	2,916	0.31
	Lloyds Banking Group 6% 8/2/2029 Lloyds Banking Group 7.625% 22/4/2025	3,738	0.40 0.81	, ,	Santander UK 7.098% variable 16/11/2027 Santander UK 10.0625% perpetual	7,979 1,067	0.85 0.11
	Lloyds Banking Group 8.5% variable	7,555	0.01		Saxon Weald Capital 5.375% 6/6/2042	4,113	0.44
20,22 .,000	perpetual	3,067	0.33		Scottish Widows 7% 16/6/2043	4,608	0.49
£1,989,000	London Quadrant Housing Trust 2%			£730,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance P 5.25%		
	31/3/2032	1,548	0.17		4/4/2036	732	0.08
, ,	Lungstone Finance 4.791% 19/4/2036	1,705 2,642	0.18		Society of Lloyds 4.875% variable 7/2/2047	5,093 1,789	0.55 0.19
	Lunar Funding 5.75% 18/10/2033 M&G 5% variable 20/7/2055	2,042	0.28 0.24		South East Water 5.5834% 29/3/2029 South West Water 5.875% 16/7/2040	773	0.19
	M&G 5.625% variable 20/10/2051	2,896	0.31	,	Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5%	770	0.00
	M&G 5.7% variable 19/12/2063	8,452	0.91		7/6/2032	1,733	0.19
	M&G 6.25% variable 20/10/2068	4,166	0.45		Southern Housing Group 2.375% 8/10/2036	662	0.07
	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 12/1/2032	2,554	0.27		SSE 3.74% variable perpetual	2,509	0.27
£4,500,000	Metropolitan Housing Trust 1.875% 28/7/2036	3,076	0.33	£1,061,000	St James Oncology Financing 2.804% 31/3/2037	675	0.07
£1.310.000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 0.625%	0,010	0.00	£1.554.000	Stagecoach 4% 29/9/2025	1,462	0.16
	8/12/2027	1,071	0.11		Sunderland 6.38% 31/3/2042	4,266	0.46
£2,707,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 1.625%			£1,755,000	Sustainable Communities for Leeds Finance		
C1 000 000	12/10/2028	2,269	0.24	C2 106 000	5.069% 30/9/2032	1,109	0.12
	Midland Heart Capital 5.087% 20/9/2044 Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	970 2,434	0.10 0.26	£3,100,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 4.625% variable 23/8/2032	2,878	0.31
	Moat Homes Finance 5% 23/9/2041	2,253	0.24	£5,025,000	Swan Housing Capital 3.625% 5/3/2048	3,828	0.41
	Morhomes 3.4% 19/2/2040	3,958	0.42		TC Dudgeon OFTO 3.158% 12/11/2038	3,445	0.37
	Myriad Capital 4.75% 20/12/2043	3,121	0.33		Telereal Secured Finance 4.01% 10/12/2033		0.19
£3,900,000	National Australia Bank 1.699% variable	2 207	0.25		Telereal Securitisation 1.3657% 10/12/2033	1,382	0.15
£3 483 000	15/9/2031 National Express 2.375% 20/11/2028	3,287 2,952	0.35 0.32	£2,077,000	Telereal Securitisation 1.9632% variable 10/12/2033	2,385	0.26
	National Express 4.25% variable perpetual	3,022	0.32	£2,000,000	Telereal Securitisation 3.507% variable	_,000	0.20
	Nationwide Building Society 10.25%				10/12/2033	1,730	0.19
	variable perpetual	469	0.05		Telereal Securitisation 3.5625% 10/12/2036		0.27
	NatWest Group 2.057% variable 9/11/2028 Natwest Group 2.105% variable 28/11/2031	1,433	0.15	, ,	Telereal Securitisation 3.5625% 10/12/2036	,	0.15 0.35
	NatWest Group 3.619% variable 29/3/2029	1,697 3,265	0.18 0.35		Telereal Securitisation 4.9741% 10/12/2033 Telereal Securitisation 5.3887% 10/12/2033	960	0.33
	NatWest Group 7.416% variable 6/6/2033	1,706	0.18		Telereal Securitisation 5.4252% 10/12/2033		0.45
£3,960,000	NGG Finance 5.625% variable 18/6/2073	3,833	0.41	£3,000,000	Telereal Securitisation 6.1645% 10/12/2033	2,581	0.28
£2,120,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 2.375%	4 00=			Telereal Securitisation FRN 10/12/2033	835	0.09
£1 184 000	5/10/2027 Northumbrian Water Finance 6.375%	1,885	0.20		Tesco Property 5.6611% 13/10/2041 Tesco Property 5.8006% 13/10/2040	3,854 3,471	0.41 0.37
£1,104,000	28/10/2034	1,267	0.14		Tesco Property Finance 7.6227% 13/7/2039		0.10
£2,755,000	Notting Hill Genesis 2% 3/6/2036	1,908	0.20		Thames Water Kemble Finance 4.625%		
£4,147,000	OP Corporate Bank 1.375% 4/9/2026	3,600	0.39		19/5/2026	3,545	0.38
	Opus Chartered variable 31/3/2025	353	0.04		Thames Water Utilities 2.875% 3/5/2027	2,078	0.22
, ,	Orsted 2.5% variable 18/2/3021 OSB Group 9.993% variable 27/7/2033	1,777 2,595	0.19 0.28		Thames Water Utilities 7.738% 9/4/2058	3,819 4,334	0.41 0.46
	Peabody Capital 5.25% 17/3/2043	1,478	0.26		THFC Funding 5.2% 11/10/2043 THFC Funding 6.35% 8/7/2041	2,919	0.40
	Peabody Capital No.2 2.75% 2/3/2034	1,632	0.17	, ,	Uliving@essex3 LLP NEW ISSUE 2.72%	2,010	0.01
	Pension Insurance 5.625% 20/9/2030	994	0.11		31/8/2066 FIX*	1,014	0.11
£2,546,000	Places for People Homes 3.625%				Unifund 5.32% 7/12/2047	4,479	0.48
C2 006 000	22/11/2028 Places for Poople Homes 5 00% 21/7/2042	2,333	0.25 0.42		Unite USAF II 3.921% 30/6/2030	363	0.04 0.31
	Places for People Homes 5.09% 31/7/2043 Places for People Homes 6.625%	3,955	0.42		UPP Bond Issuer 4.9023% 28/2/2040 Vicinity Centres 3.375% 7/4/2026	2,865 2,900	0.31
20,140,000	30/9/2038	2,898	0.31		Virgin Money 2.625% variable 19/8/2031	752	0.08
£3,836,000	Poplar Housing & Regeneration Community			£560,000	Virgin Money 3.375% variable 24/4/2026	520	0.06
	4.843% 30/9/2043	3,371	0.36		Virgin Money 5.125% variable 11/12/2030	2,109	0.23
	Principality Building Society 2 375%	2,849	0.31		Virgin Money 8, 25% variable perpetual	2,215	0.24
20,000,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 23/11/2023	5,742	0.62		Virgin Money 8.25% variable perpetual Vodafone 4.875% variable 3/10/2078	4,761 3,700	0.51 0.40
£4,617,000	Protective Life Global Funding 5.248%	O,1 ¬Z	0.02		Welltower 4.5% 1/12/2034	1,073	0.11
	13/1/2028	4,614	0.49	£2,165,000	Welltower 4.8% 20/11/2028	2,040	0.22
	PRS Finance 1.5% 24/8/2034	2,707	0.29		Wessex Water Services 1.25% 12/1/2036	1,889	0.20
	PRS Finance 2% 23/1/2029 Prudential 6 125% 19/12/2031	3,239 1,310	0.35 0.14		Wessex Water Services 1.5% 17/9/2029 Wessex Water Services 5.125% 31/10/2032	2,764 856	0.30 0.09
۵۱,۵۱4,000	Prudential 6.125% 19/12/2031	1,310	0.14	2013,000	**COSEA **alei SEI *ICES J. 12370 31/ 10/2032	000	0.09

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Holding	Investment	sid-market value (£'000)	Total ne assets (%
Cornorate F	Bonds – 69.29% (30/04/22 – 69.83%) – co	ontinued	
	Wessex Water Services 5.75% 14/10/203		0.3
	Western Power Distribution 1.75% 9/9/20		0.34
£200,000	Western Power Distribution 2.671% IL		
04 000 000	1/6/2043	321	0.03
£1,000,000	Western Power Distribution 6.25% Step	1.002	0.11
£3 044 000	10/12/2040 Westfield Stratford City 1.642% 4/8/2031	1,083 3,436	0.12 0.37
	White City Property 5.1202% 17/4/2035	2,436	0.3
	Wods Transmission 3.446% 24/8/2034	934	0.10
£4,488,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% variable		
CO41 000	13/9/2028 Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% variab	3,903	0.42
1941,000	11/10/2030	820	0.09
£1,583,000	Yorkshire Housing Finance 4.125%		
	31/10/2044	1,323	0.1
	Yorkshire Water Finance 3.625% 1/8/202		0.1
	Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 28/4/2035 Yorkshire Water Finance 6.454% 28/5/20		0.1 0.1
	Yorkshire Water Finance 6.6011% 17/4/2		0.0
	Zurich Finance 5.125% variable 23/11/20		0.3
Total Corpo	rate Bonds	646,691	69.2
	t Bonds – 0.39% (30/04/22 – 0.00%) UK Treasury 4.5% 7/9/2034	3,609	0.39
Total Gover	nment Bonds	3,609	0.3
Equities –	26.30% (30/04/22 – 26.21%)		
Canada – 0.	51% (30/04/22 – 0.00%)		
	0.540/		
Industrials –		4 744	0.5
50,066	Canadian National Railway	4,741	0.5
Total Canad	a	4,741	0.5
Channel Isla	ands – 1.79% (30/04/22 – 1.61%)		
Consumer G	soods – 0.43%		
49,041	Aptiv	4,013	0.43
Consumer S	ervices – 0.68%		
O O I I O O I I O			
56 514	Egraveon	6 221	0.6
56,514	Ferguson	6,331	0.6
		6,331	0.68
Industrials –		6,331 6,377	
Industrials – 227,016	0.68% Experian	6,377	0.6
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Industrials – 227,016 Total Chann Denmark –	0.68% Experian nel Islands 0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)	6,377	0.6
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark –	0.68% Experian nel Islands 0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)	6,377 <b>16,721</b>	0.6a 1.79
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798	0.68% Experian nel Islands 0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%) - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'	6,377 <b>16,721</b> 5,032	0.66 <b>1.7</b> 9
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798	0.68% Experian nel Islands 0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%) - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'	6,377 <b>16,721</b>	0.66 <b>1.7</b> 9
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark	0.68% Experian nel Islands 0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%) - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'	6,377 <b>16,721</b> 5,032	0.6 1.7
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – ( Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark	0.68% Experian  el Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  57% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)	6,377 <b>16,721</b> 5,032	0.66 <b>1.7</b> 9
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – ( Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark France – 1.6	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'	6,377 <b>16,721</b> 5,032	0.66 1.79 0.54
Industrials – 227,016  Total Chanr  Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798  Total Denmark  France – 1.6  Consumer G 19,708	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  soods – 0.80% L'Oreal	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032	0.66 1.79 0.55 0.86
Industrials – 227,016  Total Chanr  Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798  Total Denmark  France – 1.6  Consumer G 19,708  Industrials –	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87%	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488	0.6i 1.79 0.5i 0.5d
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denm: France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54%  Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87%  Schneider Electric	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488 8,118	0.6 1.7 0.5 0.5
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denm: France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54%  Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87%  Schneider Electric	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488	0.6i 1.79 0.5- 0.5-
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – 37,798 Total Denm France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566 Total France	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54%  Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87%  Schneider Electric	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488 8,118	0.6 1.7 0.5 0.5
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – ( Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566 Total France Germany –	0.68% Experian  el Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87% Schneider Electric	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488 8,118	0.6i 1.79 0.5- 0.5-
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – 1 Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566 Total France Germany – Consumer G	0.68% Experian  el Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  57% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  soods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87% Schneider Electric  e  0.48% (30/04/22 – 0.43%)	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488 8,118	0.66 1.79 0.54
Industrials – 227,016 Total Chanr Denmark – 1 Healthcare – 37,798 Total Denmark France – 1.6 Consumer G 19,708 Industrials – 58,566 Total France Germany – Consumer G	0.68% Experian  ole Islands  0.54% (30/04/22 – 0.88%)  - 0.54% Novo Nordisk 'B'  ark  67% (30/04/22 – 1.15%)  coods – 0.80% L'Oreal  0.87% Schneider Electric  e  0.48% (30/04/22 – 0.43%)  coods – 0.48% Adidas	6,377 16,721 5,032 5,032 7,488 8,118 15,606	0.6i 1.79 0.5- 0.5- 0.8i 0.8i

	Bid-market value	Total net
Holding Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Ireland – 0.97% (30/04/22 – 0.46%)		
Healthcare – 0.29% 17,757 Steris	2,664	0.29
Industrials – 0.68% 43,027 Trane Technologies	6,363	0.68
Total Ireland	9,027	0.97
Netherlands – 0.49% (30/04/22 – 0.65%)		
Technology – 0.49% 9,174 ASML Holding	4,621	0.49
Total Netherlands	4,621	0.49
Switzerland - 0.97% (30/04/22 - 1.34%)		
Basic Materials – 0.49%		
20,856 Sika	4,575	0.49
Industrials – 0.48% 45,781 TE Connectivity	4,457	0.48
Total Switzerland	9,032	0.97
Taiwan – 0.26% (30/04/22 – 0.46%)		
Technology – 0.26%		
37,044 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	2,483	0.26
Total Taiwan	2,483	0.26
United Kingdom – 12.11% (30/04/22 – 8.34%)		
Basic Materials – 0.59% 78,606 Croda International	5,485	0.59
Industrials – 1.91%		
198,680 Bunzl 1,466,810 Rentokil Initial	6,286 9,256	0.67 0.99
20,979 Spirax-Sarco Engineering	2,325	0.25
Healthcare – 0.88%	0.404	0.00
69,486 AstraZeneca	8,161	0.88
Consumer Goods – 0.57% 119,710 Unilever	5,309	0.57
Consumer Services – 2.81%		
393,943 Compass Group	8,257	0.89
249,624 Greggs 944,510 Haleon	7,029 3,315	0.75 0.36
287,239 RELX	7,598	0.81
Preference Shares – 0.17% 1,160,000 Lloyds Bank 9.25% Non Cumulative	1,554	0.17
Utilities – 0.87%		
442,832 SSE	8,135	0.87
Financials – 3.71%		
889,828 HSBC 11,204,156 Lloyds Banking Group	5,105 5,400	0.55 0.58
86,573 London Stock Exchange	7,218	0.77
1,706,692 Natwest Group	4,470	0.48
526,336 Prudential 965,506 Standard Chartered	6,377 6,067	0.68 0.65
Technology – 0.60%	0,001	0.00
689,340 Sage	5,640	0.60
Total United Kingdom	112,987	12.11

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 30 April 2023

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
United States - 6.51% (30/04/22 - 10.89%)		
Industrials – 1.64%		
39,732 Agilent Technologies	4,281	0.46
36,584 Nordson Corporation 60,447 Wabtec Corporation	6,293 4,698	0.67 0.51
60,447 Wablec Corporation	4,090	0.51
Healthcare – 1.26%		
11,335 Intuitive Surgical	2,717	0.30
14,074 IQVIA	2,107	0.23
15,428 Thermo Fisher Scientific	6,815	0.73
Consumer Services – 0.58%		
30,381 Amazon.com	2,549	0.27
2,860 Mercado Libre	2,907	0.31
Financials – 0.78%		
39,356 Visa 'A'	7,292	0.78
Technology – 2.25%		
9,006 Adobe	2,706	0.29
30,094 Alphabet 'A'	2,570	0.27
15,042 Autodesk	2,332	0.25
7,727 Intuit	2,729	0.29
22,466 Microsoft 39,451 Texas Instruments	5,493 5,249	0.59 0.56
,		
Total United States	60,738	6.51
Total value of investments	923,719	98.98
Net other assets	9,523	1.02
Total net assets	933,242	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Level 3 investments (see note 17)

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the year ended 30 April 2023

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Legal & General 5.5% variable 27/6/2064	11,242
UK Treasury 2.25% 7/9/2023	9,922
HSBC 8.201% variable 16/11/2034	9,852
Santander UK 7.098% variable 16/11/2027	7,871
Standard Chartered	5,930
Virgin Money 8.25% variable perpetual	5,585
Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% perpetual	5,300
Canadian National Railway	5,254
Lloyds Banking Group	5,213
NatWest Group	5,099
Subtotal	71,268
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the year	275,393

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Barclays Bank 5.75% 14/9/2026	9,941
UK Treasury 2.25% 7/9/2023	9,913
CSX	8,096
HSBC Bank 5.375% variable 4/11/2030	7,965
Novo Nordisk 'B'	7,719
Bank of Scotland 4.875% 20/12/2024	6,851
Shaftesbury Carnaby 2.487% 30/9/2031	6,266
Shaftesbury Chinatown 2.348% 30/9/2027	6,141
Zurich Finance 6.625% variable perpetual	6,121
Stryker	5,955
Subtotal	74,968
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the year	443,877

## **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class B Accumulation**

	30/04/23	30/04/22	30/04/21
Change in net assets per unit	(p)	(p)	(p)
Opening net asset value per unit	162.66	171.70	156.68
Return before operating charges*	(5.97)	(7.49)	16.52
Operating charges	(1.47)	(1.55)	(1.50)
Return after operating charges*	(7.44)	(9.04)	15.02
Distributions on accumulation units	(4.47)	(3.53)	(0.82)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	4.47	3.53	0.82
Closing net asset value per unit	155.22	162.66	171.70
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.07
Performance Return after charges	(4.57)%	(5.26)%	9.59%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges	1 500 0.92%	1 500 0.92%	1 500 0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%
Prices^ Highest unit price Lowest unit price	163.30 136.80	184.90 163.60	174.80 156.40

#### **Class B Income**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	131.71	141.90	130.23
Return before operating charges*	(4.85)	(6.02)	13.70
Operating charges	(1.23)	(1.41)	(1.39)
Return after operating charges*	(6.08)	(7.43)	12.31
Distributions on income units	(3.53)	(2.76)	(0.64)
Closing net asset value per unit	122.10	131.71	141.90
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.01	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	(4.62)%	(5.24)%	9.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of units	500	500	500
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%
Prices^			
Highest unit price	132.20	151.30	145.20
Lowest unit price	110.00	133.20	130.00

#### **Class B Gross Accumulation**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	167.25	176.54	161.08
Return before operating charges*	(6.13)	(7.71)	16.99
Operating charges	(1.48)	(1.58)	(1.53)
Return after operating charges*	(7.61)	(9.29)	15.46
Distributions on accumulation units	(4.63)	(3.64)	(0.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	4.63	3.64	0.84
Closing net asset value per unit	159.64	167.25	176.54
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.07
Performance Return after charges	(4.55)%	(5.26)%	9.60%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1 500 0.92% 0.02%	1 500 0.92% 0.01%	1 500 0.92% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest unit price Lowest unit price	167.90 140.60	190.10 168.20	179.70 160.80

#### **Class B Gross Income**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	130.90	141.03	129.46
Return before operating charges*	(4.82)	(5.99)	13.59
Operating charges	(1.17)	(1.39)	(1.39)
Return after operating charges*	(5.99)	(7.38)	12.20
Distributions on income units	(3.56)	(2.75)	(0.63)
Closing net asset value per unit	121.35	130.90	141.03
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.01	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	(4.58)%	(5.23)%	9.42%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of units	500	500	500
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%
Prices^			
Highest unit price	131.40	150.40	144.30
Lowest unit price	109.40	132.40	129.20

## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class C Accumulation**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	166.11	174.97	159.28
Return before operating charges*	(6.09)	(7.66)	16.84
Operating charges	(1.05)	(1.20)	(1.15)
Return after operating charges*	(7.14)	(8.86)	15.69
Distributions on accumulation units	(5.02)	(3.98)	(3.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	5.02	3.98	3.72
Closing net asset value per unit	158.97	166.11	174.97
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.07
Performance Return after charges	(4.30)%	(5.06)%	9.85%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges Direct transaction costs	613,663 386,022,064 0.67% 0.02%	843,755 507,963,612 0.67% 0.01%	786,863 449,709,078 0.67% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest unit price Lowest unit price	166.70 139.80	188.70 167.10	178.00 159.00

#### **Class C Income**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	128.65	138.61	128.94
Return before operating charges*	(4.75)	(5.90)	13.57
Operating charges	(0.81)	(0.94)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges*	(5.56)	(6.84)	12.65
Distributions on income units	(3.84)	(3.12)	(2.98)
Closing net asset value per unit	119.25	128.65	138.61
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.01	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	(4.32)%	(4.93)%	9.81%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	53,375	76,039	86,281
Closing number of units	44,758,785	59,107,804	62,249,571
Operating charges	0.67%	0.67%	0.67%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.01%	0.04%
Prices^			
Highest unit price	129.10	147.80	142.60
Lowest unit price	107.50	130.20	128.80

#### **Class D Accumulation**

Change in net assets per unit	30/04/23 (p)	30/04/22 (p)	30/04/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	167.55	176.31	160.34
Return before operating charges*	(6.13)	(7.73)	16.96
Operating charges	(0.91)	(1.03)	(0.99)
Return after operating charges*	(7.04)	(8.76)	15.97
Distributions on accumulation units	(5.23)	(4.19)	(3.92)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	5.23	4.19	3.92
Closing net asset value per unit	160.51	167.55	176.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.08
Performance Return after charges	(4.20)%	(4.97)%	9.96%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of units Operating charges Direct transaction costs	243,458 151,676,078 0.57% 0.02%	264,454 157,838,684 0.57% 0.01%	217,394 123,300,035 0.57% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest unit price Lowest unit price	168.20 141.10	190.20 168.50	179.30 160.10

#### **Class D Income**

Opening net asset value per unit         128.65         138.61         128.95           Return before operating charges*         (4.74)         (5.89)         13.56           Operating charges         (0.68)         (0.80)         (0.78)           Return after operating charges*         (5.42)         (6.69)         12.78           Distributions on income units         (3.97)         (3.27)         (3.12)           Closing net asset value per unit         119.26         128.65         138.61           * after direct transaction costs of:         0.02         0.01         0.06           Performance         Return after charges         (4.21)%         (4.83)%         9.91%           Other information         Closing net asset value (£'000)         22,742         16,232         5,145           Closing number of units         19,070,068         12,617,468         3,712,043           Operating charges         0.57%         0.57%         0.57%           Direct transaction costs         0.02%         0.01%         0.04%           Prices^A         Highest unit price         129.10         147.90         142.60				
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>wedge}$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per unit price is based on the net asset value in the published accounts and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

It should be remembered that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance and that the value of units, and the income derived from them, can vary.

# Statement of Manager's Responsibilities in Relation to the Report and Financial Statements of the Trust

Financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023, and this Manager's Report have been prepared in accordance with the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

These require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Trust and of its net revenue and the net capital gains/(losses) on the property of the Trust for the year.

In preparing the financial statements the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- comply with the UK requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to UK Authorised Funds and the Trust Deed;
- follow United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable accounting standards;
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements and;
- prepare accounts on a going concern basis unless inappropriate to do so.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Trust in accordance with its Trust Deed, Prospectus and the FCA's rules. The Manager has general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to him to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

#### Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements of the Trust

The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust must ensure that the Trust 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 Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Trust and its investors. The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Trust in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust 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 Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- · any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits;
- the Trust'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 Trust is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Trust.

## Report of the Trustee to the Unitholders of the Royal London Sustainable **Managed Growth Trust**

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

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

This report is given on the basis that no breaches are subsequently advised to us by the Auditors before the distribution date. We therefore reserve the right to amend the report in the light of such circumstances.

**HSBC Bank Plc** Trustee of Royal London Sustainable Managed **Growth Trust** 8 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HQ 26 June 2023

## **Independent Auditors' Report to the Unitholders of Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust**

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust (the "Trust"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 30 April 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on its scheme property for the year then ended; and
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report, which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2023; the Statement of Total Return and the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders for the year then ended; the Distribution Tables; and the Notes to the Financial Statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires us also to report certain opinions as described below.

#### Manager's Report

In our opinion, the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Manager's Responsibilities in Relation to the Report and Financial Statements of the Trust, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Manager is also responsible for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Trust'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 Manager either intends to wind up or terminate the Trust, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Independent Auditors' Report to the Unitholders of Royal London** Sustainable Managed Growth Trust (continued)

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements - continued

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the Trust/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the sourcebook which may directly impact on the determination of amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to increase the net asset value of the Trust. Audit procedures performed included:

- · Discussions with the Manager, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- · Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Manager's board of directors;
- · Identifying and testing journal entries, specifically any journals posted as part of the financial year end close process; and
- · Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a

material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Trust's unitholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

## Other required reporting

#### Opinion on matter required by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook

In our opinion, we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit.

#### **Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook** exception reporting

Under the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook we are also required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- · proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP **Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors** London 26 June 2023

## **Financial Statements**

#### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 30 April 2023

	Note	£'000	Apr 2023 £'000	30 £'000	Apr 2022 £'000
Income					
Net capital losses	4		(81,632)		(89,652)
Revenue	5	32,813		27,167	
Expenses	6	(6,694)		(7,928)	
Interest payable and similar charges	i	(4)		_	
Net revenue before taxation		26,115		19,239	
Taxation	7	(196)		(229)	
Net revenue after taxation			25,919		19,010
Total deficit before distributions			(55,713)		(70,642)
Distributions	8		(33,190)		(27,515)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			(88,903)		(98,157)

#### **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders**

For the year ended 30 April 2023

	£'000	30 Apr 2023 £'000	£'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		1,200,484		1,095,687
Amounts receivable on issue of units	71,154		283,373	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(279,040)		(106,207)	)
		(207,886)		177,166
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(88,903)		(98,157)
Retained distribution on accumulation units		29,547		25,788
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		933,242		1,200,484

#### **Balance Sheet**

As at 30 April 2023

	Note	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Assets			
Investments		923,719	1,180,893
Current assets:			
Debtors	9	11,716	17,265
Cash and bank balances	10	6,001	12,138
Total assets		941,436	1,210,296
Liabilities			
Creditors:			
Other creditors	11	7,480	9,234
Distribution payable		714	578
Total liabilities		8,194	9,812
Net assets attributable to unitholders		933,242	1,200,484

The financial statements were approved on 26 June 2023 and signed on behalf of the Board of the Manager by:

J.S. Glen (Director)

P. Bowker (Director)

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the year ended 30 April 2023

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, in compliance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investments Schemes Sourcebook. They have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards, Trust Deed and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (now referred to as The Investment Association) in May 2014 (the 2014 SORP) and amended in 2017.

As stated in the Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities in relation to the Report and Financial Statements of the Trust on page 14, the Manager continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Trust.

The accounting policies outlined below have been applied on a consistent basis throughout the year.

#### Basis of valuation of investments

The investments of the Trust have been valued at closing bid price on 28 April 2023 excluding accrued interest for fixed interest securities, the last valuation point in the accounting year.

#### **Exchange rates**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been converted to sterling at the bid-market closing rates of exchange on 28 April 2023.

Revenue and expenditure transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

#### Recognition of revenue

Revenue from equities and non-equity shares is recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

Interest on debt securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis.

Other revenue is accounted for on an accruals basis.

All revenue is recognised as a gross amount that includes any withholding taxes but excludes any other taxes such as attributable tax credits.

Special dividends are treated as revenue or capital according to the nature of the event giving rise to the payment.

In the case of an enhanced stock dividend the value of the enhancement is treated as income and forms a part of the distribution.

Dividends from UK REITs are split into PID (Property Income Distributions) and Non-PID components for tax purposes. Revenue arising from UK REITs tax-exempt rental business is colloquially known as PID revenue and is taxable in the hands of the Trust. A UK REIT may also carry out activities that give rise to taxable profits and gains, it is from these that the REIT will make a Non-PID distribution, these are treated for tax purposes in the same way as dividends from UK companies.

#### **Treatment of expenses**

RLUM Limited's annual charge (B Income and B Accumulation 0.90%; B Gross Income and B Gross Accumulation 0.90%; C Income and C Accumulation 0.65%; D Income and D Accumulation 0.55%) is calculated daily on the total net assets of the Trust.

All expenses are charged against revenue, except those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, which are charged against capital.

Expenses include irrecoverable VAT.

#### **Taxation**

Corporation tax is provided at 20% on taxable revenue, after deduction of allowable expenses.

Where overseas tax has been deducted from overseas revenue, then that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable, by way of double tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent they are regarded as recoverable.

It should be noted that legislation governing taxation is liable to change. The information contained in this report is based upon RLUM Limited's understanding of the current position.

#### 2. Distribution policy

The excess of revenue over expenses and taxation charged to revenue, as disclosed in the financial statements, is distributable to unitholders. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

Distributions are paid to unitholders quarterly.

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

For the purpose of the calculation of distribution, revenue from debt securities is computed on coupon basis.

For the year ended 30 April 2023

#### 2. Distribution policy - continued

Equalisation applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the units. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

#### Policy for stock dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as income and forms part of the distribution.

#### 3. Risk management policies

In pursuing the Trust's objectives set out on page 4, the Trust holds a number of financial instruments which include:

- Equity shares, Collective Investment Schemes, Corporate Bonds and Government securities held in accordance with the Trust's investment objectives and policies.
- · Cash, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Trust's financial instruments are market price risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Numerical disclosures have been made for interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and credit risk. However, these risks are not significant at current levels. These risks remain unchanged from the prior year.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Trust might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The asset allocation of the portfolio is reviewed in order to manage the risk associated with particular industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the investment objective. An individual Fund Manager has responsibility for monitoring the existing portfolio selected in accordance with an overall asset allocation parameter and seeks to ensure that the Trust invests in a diversified fashion, to reduce the risk of exposure to a significant event affecting a single security, or industry, subject to the obligation under the Trust's objective to invest in securities which share certain characteristics.

#### Interest rate risk

The Trust invests in fixed and variable rate securities and any changes to interest rates relevant for particular securities may result in either revenue increasing or decreasing. In general, if interest rates rise the revenue potential of the Trust also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline. A fall in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

#### Foreign currency risk

The value of the Trust's investments may be affected by currency movements since a proportion of the assets are denominated in currencies other than sterling. The Manager may, from time to time, seek to mitigate the effect of these currency exposures by covering a proportion of its investments using forward currency hedges. However, no such arrangements were in place at the year end. The Trust may also be subject to short-term exposure to exchange rate movements, for example where there is a delay between dealing and subsequent settlement. However, the Manager considers that this does not pose a significant risk given the short-term nature of this exposure. The risk of currency movements on the income property of the Trust is minimised by converting income received in foreign currency into sterling on the date of transaction.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. This includes counterparty and issuer risk. Cash is held with reputable credit institutions and credit risk is assessed on a regular basis. Certain transactions in securities that the Trust enters into expose it to the risk that a counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Trust has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Trust only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the Manager as an acceptable counterparty and these are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

#### Liquidity risk

The Trust's assets comprise mainly readily available realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding requirements if and when necessary. The main liability of the Trust is the redemption of any units that investors wish to sell. Liquidity risk, mainly derived from the liability to unitholders, is minimised through holding cash and readily realisable securities which can meet the usual requirements of unit redemptions.

#### Other risks - geopolitical

The Ukraine conflict and its consequences, including economic sanctions on Russia, are having an impact on global financial markets and commodity pricing.

Royal London Asset Management Limited is closely monitoring the associated geopolitical risks in relation to inflation, volatile markets and security pricing. The Trust has no direct exposure to Russian companies and Royal London Asset Management Limited is complying with all restrictions and sanctions issued by the relevant authorities.

Risk disclosure breakdown is available on page 23.

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#### 4. Net capital losses

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
The net capital losses during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	(81,841)	(89,510)
Currency gains/(losses)	216	(137)
Activity fees	(7)	(5)
Net capital losses	(81,632)	(89,652)

#### 5. Revenue

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
UK dividends	2,427	1,996
Overseas dividends	1,882	1,559
Interest on debt securities	27,939	23,185
Property revenue from REITs	55	185
Bank interest	130	13
Stock dividend	380	229
Total revenue	32,813	27,167

#### 6. Expenses

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and their agents:		
Manager's annual charge	6,486	7,690
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and their agents:		
Trustee's fee	81	93
Safe custody charges	108	128
	189	221
Other expenses		
Audit fee	19	17
Total expenses	6,694	7,928

Audit fee £18,773 (30/04/22: £16,846) inclusive of VAT.

#### 7. Taxation

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

30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
11	37
167	161
27	39
(9)	(8)
196	229
	£'000  11  167  27  (9)

#### b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (30/04/22: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for a unit trust of 20%.

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	26,115	19,239
Corporation tax 20% (30/04/22: 20%)	5,223	3,848
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(938)	(757)
Irrecoverable overseas tax	167	161
Reclaimable tax written off	27	39
Windfall overseas tax recoveries	(9)	(8)
Tax deductible interest distributions	(4,274)	(3,054)
Current tax charge for the year	196	229

#### c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

At the year end there is no potential deferred tax asset (30/04/22: nil) in relation to surplus management expenses.

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#### 8. Distributions

The distributions/accumulations take account of income received on the issue of units and income deducted on the cancellation of units and comprise:

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Accumulation Units		
First Interim	7,371	6,387
Second Interim	6,926	6,149
Third Interim	7,288	6,338
Final	7,962	6,914
	29,547	25,788
Income Units		
First Interim	684	569
Second Interim	657	569
Third Interim	660	576
Final	714	578
	2,715	2,292
	32,262	28,080
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	1,207	303
Deduct: Amounts received on creation of units	(279)	(868)
Gross interest distribution for the year	33,190	27,515

The difference between the net revenue after taxation and the distribution paid is as follows:

Gross interest distribution for the year	33,190	27,515
Amortisation – coupon accounting	7,271	8,505
Net revenue after taxation	25,919	19,010

#### 9. Debtors

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Amount receivable for issue of units	407	3,753
Sales awaiting settlement	_	1,736
Accrued revenue	11,235	11,726
Overseas tax recoverable	74	50
Total debtors	11,716	17,265

#### 10. Cash and bank balances

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Cash and bank balances	6,001	12,138
Total cash and bank balances	6,001	12,138

#### 11. Other creditors

	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Amount payable for cancellation of units	2,604	3,154
Purchases awaiting settlement	4,325	5,368
Accrued expenses	540	675
Corporation tax payable	11	37
Total other creditors	7,480	9,234

#### 12. Reconciliation of number of units

	Class B Accumulation	Class B Income
Opening units at 01/05/22	500	500
Units issued	-	-
Units cancelled	-	-
Units converted	-	-
Closing units at 30/04/23	500	500

	Class B Gross Accumulation	Class B Gross Income
Opening units at 01/05/22	500	500
Units issued	-	-
Units cancelled	-	-
Units converted	-	-
Closing units at 30/04/23	500	500

	Class C Accumulation	Class C Income
Opening units at 01/05/22	507,963,612	59,107,804
Units issued	1,789,300	2,675,000
Units cancelled	(123,651,500)	(17,064,400)
Units converted	(79,348)	40,381
Closing units at 30/04/23	386,022,064	44,758,785

	Class D Accumulation	Class D Income
Opening units at 01/05/22	157,838,684	12,617,468
Units issued	34,561,700	8,697,600
Units cancelled	(40,772,700)	(2,245,000)
Units converted	48,394	_
Closing units at 30/04/23	151,676,078	19,070,068

All classes within the Unit Trust have the same rights on winding up.

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#### 13. Contingent liabilities and outstanding capital commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (30/04/22: same).

#### 14. Related party transactions

The Manager is a related party to the Trust as defined by Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 'Related Party Disclosures' and is named on page 3. Fees received by the Manager are disclosed in note 6 of the financial statements. By virtue of the Regulations governing authorised unit trusts, the Manager is party to every transaction in respect of units of the Trust, which are summarised in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and within note 8. Distributions, for the revenue element.

Any amounts due to or from the Manager at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 9 (Debtors) and 11 (Other Creditors).

At the year end £2,679,000 (30/04/22: £33,000)) was due to/ from RLUM Limited. These amounts are included in amounts receivable for issue of units in note 9 and amounts payable for cancellation of units and accrued expenses in note 11.

At the year end, 18.08% (30/04/22: 17.70%) of the units in issue were held by RLUM Limited.

The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited is the ultimate parent of RLUM Limited.

#### 15. Risk disclosures

The policies applied to the management of risk disclosures are set out on page 20.

The fair values of the Fund's assets and liabilities are represented by the values shown in the balance sheet on page 18. There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

The Trust's currency exposure is analysed below:

Currency	30 Apr 2023 £'000	30 Apr 2022 £'000
Sterling	805,993	1,000,391
Canadian dollar	4,779	_
Danish krone	5,584	10,609
Euro	24,843	26,959
Swiss franc	4,640	10,167
US dollar	87,403	152,358
Total	933,242	1,200,484

If sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Trust would have decreased by £12,725,000 (30/04/22: £20,009,000). If sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Trust would have increased by £12,725,000 (30/04/22: £20,009,000). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Trust would have increased by £92,372,000 (30/04/22: £118,089,000). If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Trust would have decreased by £92,372,000 (30/04/22: £118,089,000). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

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#### 15. Risk disclosures - continued

#### Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Trust's financial assets and liabilities at 30 April 2023 compared to the previous year end was:

Currency	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
30 Apr 2023				
Sterling	257,168	426,324	130,695	814,187
Candian dollar	38	-	4,741	4,779
Danish krone	511	-	5,073	5,584
Euro	9	-	24,834	24,843
Swiss franc	65	-	4,575	4,640
US dollar	158	-	87,245	87,403
Total	257,949	426,324	257,163	941,436
30 Apr 2022				
Sterling	253,375	624,966	131,862	1,010,203
Danish krone	2	-	10,607	10,609
Euro	16	_	26,943	26,959
Swiss franc	1	_	10,166	10,167
US dollar	33	_	152,325	152,358
Total	253,427	624,966	331,903	1,210,296

Currency	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
30 Apr 2023		
Sterling	8,194	8,194
Total	8,194	8,194
30 Apr 2022		
Sterling	9,812	9,812
Total	9,812	9,812

Based on 2022 Bank of England interest rate increases, if the coupon rate of floating rate instruments was to change by 3%, the income attributable to these investments at the year end 30/04/23, would change by £644,000 (30/04/22: £1,273,000). A change of 3% in the prevailing interest rates would result in a change of 13.40% (30/04/22: 16.26%) to the value of the Fund. Another possible scenario, if the coupon rate of floating rate instruments was to change by 1% in the future, the income attributable to these investments at the year end 30/04/23, would change by £215,000 (30/04/22: £424,000). A change of 1% in the prevailing interest rates would result in a change of 4.47% (30/04/22: 5.42%) to the value of the Fund.

These examples represent the range of plausible shifts in interest rates based on recent Bank of England interest rate increases.

Interest rates and bond prices have an inverse relationship. As interest rates rise the value of bonds will decrease and vice versa.

	30 Apr	2023	30 Apr	2022
Credit breakdown*	Bid-Market value £'000	Total net assets %	Bid-Market value £'000	Total net assets %
Investments of investment grade	570,005	61.06	757,605	63.09
Investments of below investment grade	28,125	3.01	33,486	2.79
Unrated bonds	80,143	8.61	75,164	6.28
Equities	245,446	26.30	314,638	26.21
Total value of investments	923,719	98.98	1,180,893	98.37

<sup>\*</sup> Ratings supplied by S&P, followed by Moody's.

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#### 16. Portfolio Transaction Costs

For the year ended 30 April 2023

Analysis of total purchases costs	Value £000	Commissions £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other Expenses £000	%	Total £000
Equity transactions	39,484	17	0.04	116	0.29	35	0.09	39,652
Bond transactions	235,741	-	-	-	_	-	-	235,741
Total	275,225	17		116		35		275,393

Analysis of total sales costs	Value £000	Commissions £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other Expenses £000	%	Total £000
Equity transactions	120,211	40	0.03	-	_	2	-	120,169
Bond transactions	323,708	_	_	-	-	-	-	323,708
Total	443,919	40		_		2		443,877

Commissions, taxes and fees as % of average net assets

Commissions	0.01%
Taxes	0.01%
Other expenses	0.00%

#### For the year ended 30 April 2022

Analysis of total purchases costs	Value £000	Commissions £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other Expenses £000	%	Total £000
Equity transactions	70,891	35	0.05	24	0.03	10	0.01	70,960
Bond transactions	368,848	_	_	-	-	-	-	368,848
Total	439,739	35		24		10		439,808

Analysis of total sales costs	Value £000	Commissions £000	%	Taxes £000	%	Other Expenses £000	%	Total £000
Equity transactions	39,826	19	0.05	_	_	-	-	39,807
Bond transactions	195,656	-	_	_	-	_	_	195,656
Corporate actions	2	-	_	_	_	_	_	2
Total	235,484	19		_		_		235,465

Commissions, taxes and fees as % of average net assets

Commissions	0.01%
Taxes	0.00%
Other expenses	0.00%

In the case of shares, commissions and taxes are paid by the Trust on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between the 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. At the balance sheet date the dealing spread was 0.71% (30/04/22: 0.64%).

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#### 17. Fair value of investments

The fair values of the Trust's assets and liabilities are represented by the values shown in the balance sheet. There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

The fair value of investments has been determined using the following hierarchy:

Category 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Category 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Category 3 Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### As at the year ended 30 April 2023

Category	1 £000	2 £000	3 £000	Total £000
Investments				
Equities	245,446	-	-	245,446
Bonds	_	672,446	5,827	678,273
Total	245,446	672,446	5,827	923,719

#### As at the year ended 30 April 2022

Category	1 £000	2 £000	3 £000	Total £000
Investments				
Equities	314,638	-	_	314,638
Bonds	_	859,425	6,830	866,255
Total	314,638	859,425	6,830	1,180,893

Where a price is unavailable or the price provided is not thought to be a fair reflection of the current market value of the asset, the Manager, at its discretion, may permit some other method of valuation to be used.

At the current year end, the level 3 assets held were the following debt securities: Aggregate Micro Power Infrastructure No.2 8% 17/10/2036, Eskmuir Group Finance 4.255% 12/12/2047, Finance for Residence Social Housing 'A1' 8.369% 4/10/2058 and Uliving@Essex3 2.72% 31/8/2066.

At the prior year end, Aggregate Micro Power Infrastructure No.2 8% 17/10/2036, Eskmuir Group Finance 4.255% 12/12/2047, Finance for Residence Social Housing 'A1' 8.369% 4/10/2058 and Uliving@Essex3 2.72% 31/8/2066 level 3 assets were held.

The fair value of Aggregate Micro Power Infrastructure No.2 8% 17/10/2036 and Uliving@Essex3 2.72% 31/8/2066 is based on a single broker quote at the last valuation point in the current and prior accounting year (if held) respectively.

The fair value of Finance for Residence Social Housing 'A1' 8.369% 4/10/2058 is based on comparable bonds spreads using a Bloomberg model to derive a price. Prior year the fair value for this asset was based on a single broker quote at the last valuation point.

Eskmuir Group Finance 4.255% 12/12/2047 is priced by the Investment Adviser using an internal pricing model. In order to estimate a fair value price for this illiquid asset the model uses several buckets of debenture peer groups. These are comprised of rated and unrated property debentures and are deemed to be the closest comparators to Eskmuir based on perceived risk. The assets spreads of the peer groups are reviewed monthly to evaluate an appropriate spread for Eskmuir. Spreads are also compared against larger, higher quality issuers. The estimated spread is then applied to the calculation based on the issue price.

#### 18. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the Trust's year end, 30 April 2023, factors such as inflation and the Ukraine situation could cause the Trust to be impacted by resulting volatility in stock markets and adverse investor sentiment.

These events have given rise to a non-adjusting subsequent event. The net asset value (NAV) of the Trust as at 22 June 2023 was £881,449,209. The impact of the market movements on the Trust's NAV between the end of the reporting period 28 April 2023 and the date of which the financial statements were authorised for issue was (5.80%).

There have been no significant redemptions during this period.

## **Distribution Tables**

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## Distribution in pence per unit

#### First Interim

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 May 2022

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 May 2022 and 31 July 2022

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution paid 30/09/22	Distribution paid 30/09/21
Class B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0178		1.0178	0.9340
Group 2	1.0178	0.0000	1.0178	0.9340
Class B Income				
Group 1	0.7812	_	0.7812	0.7420
Group 2	0.7812	0.0000	0.7812	0.7420
Class B Gross Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0560	_	1.0560	0.9560
Group 2	1.0560	0.0000	1.0560	0.9560
Class B Gross Income				
Group 1	0.7753	_	0.7753	0.7340
Group 2	0.7753	0.0000	0.7753	0.7340
Class C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1506	_	1.1506	1.0457
Group 2	0.5872	0.5634	1.1506	1.0457
Class C Income				
Group 1	0.8911	_	0.8911	0.8276
Group 2	0.4568	0.4343	0.8911	0.8276
Class D Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2014	_	1.2014	1.0991
Group 2	0.6955	0.5059	1.2014	1.0991
Class D Income				
Group 1	0.9235	-	0.9235	0.8684
Group 2	0.3407	0.5828	0.9235	0.8684

## **Distribution Tables** (continued)

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## Distribution in pence per unit

#### **Second Interim**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 August 2022

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 August 2022 and 31 October 2022

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net income	Equalisation	paid 31/12/22	paid 31/12/21
Class B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0200	_	1.0200	0.8400
Group 2	1.0200	0.0000	1.0200	0.8400
Class B Income				
Group 1	0.8300	-	0.8300	0.6620
Group 2	0.8300	0.0000	0.8300	0.6620
Class B Gross Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0520	_	1.0520	0.8700
Group 2	1.0520	0.0000	1.0520	0.8700
Class B Gross Income				
Group 1	0.8340	-	0.8340	0.6620
Group 2	0.8340	0.0000	0.8340	0.6620
Class C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1526	_	1.1526	0.9559
Group 2	0.5821	0.5705	1.1526	0.9559
Class C Income				
Group 1	0.8864	-	0.8864	0.7530
Group 2	0.5465	0.3399	0.8864	0.7530
Class D Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2021	_	1.2021	1.0102
Group 2	0.6468	0.5553	1.2021	1.0102
Class D Income				
Group 1	0.9167		0.9167	0.7895
Group 2	0.5489	0.3678	0.9167	0.7895

## **Distribution Tables** (continued)

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## Distribution in pence per unit

#### **Third Interim**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 November 2022

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 November 2022 and 31 January 2023

<u> </u>				
	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/03/23	Distribution paid 31/03/22
Class B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1100	_	1.1100	0.8380
Group 2	1.1100	0.0000	1.1100	0.8380
Class B Income				
Group 1	0.9100	-	0.9100	0.6460
Group 2	0.9100	0.0000	0.9100	0.6460
Class B Gross Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1500	_	1.1500	0.8640
Group 2	1.1500	0.0000	1.1500	0.8640
Class B Gross Income				
Group 1	0.9260	-	0.9260	0.6540
Group 2	0.9260	0.0000	0.9260	0.6540
Class C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2525	_	1.2525	0.9493
Group 2	0.6966	0.5559	1.2525	0.9493
Class C Income				
Group 1	0.9558	_	0.9558	0.7439
Group 2	0.4670	0.4888	0.9558	0.7439
Class D Accumulation				
Group 1	1.3043	_	1.3043	1.0040
Group 2	0.7918	0.5125	1.3043	1.0040
Class D Income				
Group 1	0.9860	-	0.9860	0.7801
Group 2	0.5390	0.4470	0.9860	0.7801

## **Distribution Tables** (continued)

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## Distribution in pence per unit

#### **Final**

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 February 2023

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 February 2023 and 30 April 2023

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/06/23	Distribution paid 30/06/22
Class B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.3200	_	1.3200	0.9140
Group 2	1.3200	0.0000	1.3200	0.9140
Class B Income	-			
Group 1	1.0060	_	1.0060	0.7060
Group 2	1.0060	0.0000	1.0060	0.7060
Class B Gross Accumulation				
Group 1	1.3680	_	1.3680	0.9500
Group 2	1.3680	0.0000	1.3680	0.9500
Class B Gross Income				
Group 1	1.0260	-	1.0260	0.6980
Group 2	1.0260	0.0000	1.0260	0.6980
Class C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.4658	_	1.4658	1.0264
Group 2	0.7914	0.6744	1.4658	1.0264
Class C Income				
Group 1	1.1097	_	1.1097	0.8000
Group 2	0.6021	0.5076	1.1097	0.8000
Class D Accumulation				
Group 1	1.5190	_	1.5190	1.0774
Group 2	0.8083	0.7107	1.5190	1.0774
Class D Income				
Group 1	1.1394	-	1.1394	0.8292
Group 2	0.5334	0.6060	1.1394	0.8292

## **Remuneration Policy (unaudited)**

The Manager of the Royal London Sustainable Managed Growth Trust, RLUM Limited (the "Manager"), is subject to remuneration policies, procedures and practices (together, the "Remuneration Policy"), as required under the UCITS Directive ("UCITS V").

RLUM Limited and Royal London Asset Management Limited ("the Investment Adviser") are wholly-owned subsidiaries of The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society, "the Group". The Group maintains a "Group Remuneration Policy" that RLUM has adopted which is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management. It is designed so that risk-taking is not encouraged where this is inconsistent with the risk profile of the Trust. The Group has appointed a Remuneration Committee which is made up of Non-Executive Directors and is advised by independent remuneration consultants. The Committee considers the advice by independent remuneration consultants and the Committee considers implications of remuneration policies across the Group, including for RLUM.

The Group Remuneration Policy adopts performance related pay, with salaries determined by reference to both individual performance and the external market. Total Remuneration comprises a mix of fixed remuneration (including base salary and benefits), and variable remuneration in the form of incentives. The ratio between fixed and variable pay (both short-term and long-term incentives) is set by the Group to ensure that there is appropriate balance between the fixed and variable remuneration components. The Group Remuneration Policy applies to staff of the Manager whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Manager or the Trust, and ensures that an individual cannot be involved in determining or approving their own remuneration.

The Group Remuneration Policy is updated annually and reviewed and approved by the Remuneration Committee. The most recent review included updates to reflect the Investment Firms Prudential Regime (IFPR) which came into effect on 1 January 2022, changes to the ratio of fixed to variable remuneration permitted within the Group as well as minor wording changes to improve clarity. Details of the Remuneration Policy (provided in the form of the RLUM Limited Summary Remuneration Policy), includes a description on the purpose of the policy, how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits. The RLUM Limited Summary Remuneration Policy will be made available for inspection and a paper copy may be obtained, free of charge, at the registered office of the Manager, upon request.

The Manager delegates investment management of the Trust to Royal London Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Adviser"). In accordance with the Group Remuneration Policy and the requirements of UCITS V, staff working for the Investment Adviser are not remunerated by the Manager, they are subject to remuneration requirements which are equally as effective as those in place under the UCITS Directive.

RLUM has a board of directors (the "Directors"). The Directors of the Company who are also employees of the Group, do not receive any remuneration in respect of their services as directors of RLUM. The other Non-Executive Directors receive fixed remuneration in respect of their services which is set at a level determined by the Group and is not performance related. None of the Directors are currently in receipt of variable remuneration in respect of their services as Directors of RLUM.

RLUM has no employees and therefore there are no other controlled functions, or senior management employed and paid by RLUM. However, for the financial year ending 31 December 2022, total remuneration of £11,887,148 was paid to 23 individuals whose actions may have a material impact on the risk profile of RLUM, of which £3,199,729 related to senior management. The fixed element of the total remuneration mentioned above is £4,624,325 and the variable element is £7,262,823. For the 2021 prior year's comparison, a total remuneration of £5,261,118 was paid to 15 individuals whose actions may have a material impact on the risk profile of RLUM, of which £3,547,603 related to senior management. The fixed element of the total remuneration mentioned above is £2.969.292 and the variable element is £2.291.826.

#### **General Information**

#### **Pricing and dealing**

The prices of units are determined by reference to the underlying market value of the net assets of the Trust at the relevant valuation point.

Unit prices are normally calculated daily however, if the markets are exceptionally volatile the Manager may conduct more frequent valuations to reflect any significant changes in the value of the Trust's underlying assets.

Dealing prices, yields and details of risks and charges are published on our website, www.rlam.com.

Dealing in units is conducted between 8.00am and 8.00pm Monday to Friday, and 8:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday.

#### **Buying units**

Units may be bought on any business day via an authorised intermediary or from the Manager by telephoning the Dealing desk on 03456 05 77 77\*. Alternatively, an application form should be completed and sent to the Manager. Units will be allocated at the price ruling at the next valuation point and a contract note confirming the purchase will be issued immediately thereafter.

#### **Selling units**

Units may be sold back to the Manager on any business day. Units can be sold by telephone by calling the Dealing desk on 03456 05 77 77\* or alternatively by putting your request in writing. The Manager will allocate the price calculated from the next valuation point and issue a contract note as evidence of the sale.

\* In the interest of investors' protection all telephone calls to the Dealing desk are recorded.

#### **Cancellation rights**

Where a person purchases units the Conduct of Business Sourcebook Instrument 2001 (as amended from time to time) may give the investor the right to cancel the relevant purchase within 14 days of receipt of the requisite notice of a right to cancel. The right to cancel does not arise if (a) the investor is not a private customer, (b) the investor is not an executiononly customer, (c) the agreement to purchase is entered into through a direct offer financial promotion, or (d) the agreement is entered into under a customer agreement or during negotiations (which are not ISA or PEP related) intended to lead to a client agreement.

#### **UK** taxation

The Trust is not subject to Capital Gains Tax.

Capital gains established when units are sold are subject to tax, but at the present time investors are not liable unless their total gains in any tax year from all disposals of assets exceed the Capital Gains Tax annual exemption.

Investors receive a distribution of net revenue with tax credit equivalent to the lower rate of income tax. Where the distribution is retained within the Trust and not paid out it should be included in investors' Income Tax Return. No further liability exists if they pay at the lower or basic rate, but higher rate tax will be payable as appropriate. If investors are not liable to tax they are unable to claim repayment of the tax credit from HM Revenue & Customs.

The treatment of distributions as received by corporate unit holders is detailed on the reverse of dividend warrants. The first distribution received after purchasing units includes an amount described as 'equalisation'. This is a repayment of capital and is therefore not liable to Income Tax. It should, however, be deducted from the initial cost of units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

#### **Authorisation**

RLUM Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is a subsidiary of The Royal London Mutual Insurance Society Limited.

#### **Trust Reports and Prospectus**

Copies of the latest yearly and half yearly financial statements and copies of the Prospectus may be obtained from RLUM Limited upon request.

#### **Advisory Committee**

This is an independent committee providing oversight of both the universe of companies approved for the Sustainable Trusts and general environmental, social and governance issues that may impact it. It provides an independent check that all companies invested in the Trusts meet the stated objectives and criteria.

#### **Transfer of units**

Subject to any restrictions in the Trust's Prospectus, unitholders are entitled to transfer their units to another person or body. All transfers must be in writing in the form of an instrument of transfer approved by the Manager for this purpose.

Completed instruments of transfer must be returned to the Manager in order for the transfer to be registered by the Manager.

The Manager currently accepts transfers of title (including renunciation of title in the case of a redemption) to units on the authority of electronic instructions transmitted via electronic messaging systems.

Please refer to the Trust's Prospectus for further information.

## **Contact Us**

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