

# First State Investments ICVC

## Interim Report

31 January 2018

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### **Authorised Corporate Director's Report**

We are pleased to present the Interim Report and Financial Statements for First State Investments ICVC (the "Company"), which provides information on each of the 24 sub-funds of the Company (each a "Fund") for the period ended 31 January 2018.

In this document, we provide a review of selected financial markets followed by detailed information on each of the Funds within the Company. This information includes an investment report, performance summary, top 10 holdings, country breakdowns, and Financial Statements for each sub-fund.

Please note that the First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund has commenced termination following receipt of the FCA's approval on 1 December 2017. As a result, the Financial Statements of this Fund have been prepared on a break-up basis. The Financial Statements for the Company's remaining Funds continue to be prepared on a going concern basis.

First State has made the decision to exit its Global Resources capability as it believes that this asset class is becoming even more specialised with some investors increasingly using other means to gain investment exposure to these sectors. As of the date of these accounts, no decision has been made regarding any termination of the First State Global Resources Fund which continues to be actively managed by the existing portfolio management team.

We hope that you find this report informative and that it answers any questions you may have about your investment with First State Investments. If you have any additional queries in relation to your investment, or one of our Funds, please contact our Client Services team on 0800 587 4141 (+44 131 525 8870 if calling from outside the UK).

### Information about the Company

The Company is an open-ended investment company with variable capital. The Company is structured as an umbrella company authorised as a UCITS scheme and operates under chapter 5 of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (the "Sourcebook").

Different Funds may be established from time to time by First State Investments (UK) Limited, the authorised corporate director of the Company (the "Authorised Corporate Director" or the "ACD") with the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") and the agreement of the Company's depositary, The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited. Each Fund may issue different classes of share, and, within each class, there may be different types of share. Further Funds, classes and types of share may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary. On the introduction of any new Fund or class or type of share, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each Fund or class.

Each Fund is invested as if it were individually authorised as the type of scheme known as a UCITS scheme, as specified in the Sourcebook. For investment purposes, the assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that Fund. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

## Changes to the Prospectus and Instrument of Incorporation since 31 July 2017

During the year and up to the date of this report, the following changes were made to the Company, which were reflected in the Prospectus and/or Instrument of Incorporation:

- The FCA approved an update to the Prospectus on the 1 August 2017, the main updates to the Prospectus were:
  - Amendments to the Depositary of the Company from State Street Trustees Limited to The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited;
  - Amendments to the Custodian of the Company from State Street Bank and Trust Company to The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited;
  - Amendment to the Fund Administrator from State Street Bank and Trust Company to The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited;
  - Amendments to the Terms used in the Document;
  - Inclusion of the Product reference numbers for the FS All China Fund and the FS Global Emerging Markets Focus Fund;
  - Amendments throughout in relation to share class hedging;
  - Amendments to the material contracts in line with the changes in Depositary, Custodian and Fund Administrator;
  - Amendments to the table at the start of the Fees and Expenses section;
  - Amendments in relation to the Depositary fees, Transaction charges and Custody charges consequent on the change in Depositary;
  - Amendments to the Taxation section and language on Gross Share Classes as a result of "Finance Act 2017, Schedule 5 Deduction of income tax at source" and the amendments to Chapter 3, Part 15 of ITA 2007, deduction of tax from certain payments of yearly interest;
  - Amendments to the Currency Hedged Share Class Risk;
  - Removal of the 4% initial charge on the First State All China Fund;

- Minor amendments to the RQFII language under the China market risk, point E1;
- Updates to the Currency Hedged Share Class Risk;
- Updates to the Management and Administration Section covering the changes from State Street to The Bank of New York Mellon and updates to the Conflicts of Interest;
- Reformatting of all the tables under Appendix I;
- Updates to Appendix I, Fund Performance for 2016;
- Inclusion of Class Z shares for all Funds in the Company;
- Inclusion of Class E shares for the First State Diversified Growth Fund in the Company;
- Inclusion of new bullet points for all Funds regarding:
  - Gross and Net share classes;
  - Class Z;
  - Class E (First State Diversified Fund only); and
  - the fact that not all classes are open;
- Appendix II: removal of the extra column in the first table between Thailand and Turkey;
- Appendix III: minor amendments;
- Appendix IV: amendments in line with the change to BNY Mellon.
- The FCA approved an update to the Prospectus and the Instrument of Incorporation on 1 December 2017; the main updates to the Prospectus were:
  - Addition of a new sub-fund to be called First State Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund;
  - Commencement of the termination of the First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund;
  - Inclusion of language in relation to MiFID II;
  - Inclusion of Class E under the section "Initial Offer Price" of the Prospectus;
  - Update that, from 1 May 2018, distributions and redemptions will be made by bank transfer and no longer by the issuance of cheques;
  - Update of the dilution adjustments numbers;
  - Clarification of the impact of Interest Rate Risk on certain currency hedged share classes;
  - Addition of Brexit risk factor in the Prospectus;
  - Amendment of the Investor Risk Profile under Appendix I to include disclosure for Spanish and other Continental EU distributors regarding the
    availability of clean share classes;
  - Clarification of the Investment Objective of the First State Diversified Growth Fund with the inclusion of "(gross of Fees and Charges)";
  - Update of the maximum expected leverage of the First State Diversified Growth Fund from 500% to 700%;
  - Removal of the 4% initial charge on the First State Global Emerging Markets Focus Fund;
  - Removal of the 4% initial charge on the Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund;
  - Clarification under Appendix II that the Korea Eligible Securities Market is South Korea;
  - Inclusion of the minimum Depositary fees (under Fees and Charges section 1.2);
  - Removal of the concentration risk from FS Global Listed Infrastructure Fund;
  - Removal of the 4% initial charge from the FS Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund;
  - Deletion of some text carried over from a previous submission; and
  - Minor amendments in relation to MiFID II.

The main updates to the Instrument of Incorporation were:

- Inclusion of a new sub-fund, First State Indian Subcontinent All-Cap Fund, as part of the Schedule;
- Reflection of the proposed termination of the First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund as Part 1 of the Schedule;
- Reflection of the clarification of the investment objective of First State Diversified Growth Fund; and
- · Additional minor amendments.

### The Investment Manager

As at the date of this Report, First State Investment Management (UK) Limited, the investment manager of the Company (the "Investment Manager"), has delegated the investment management of the following Funds:

- (a) the First State Global Resources Fund, the First State Asian Property Securities Fund, the First State Global Property Securities Fund, the First State Global Listed Infrastructure Fund, the Stewart Investors Global Emerging Markets Sustainability Fund and the Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund to Colonial First State Asset Management (Australia) Limited, a company registered in Australia;
- (b) the First State All China Fund, the First State Greater China Growth Fund, the First State Asia All-Cap Fund, the First State Asia Focus Fund and the First State Japan Focus Fund to First State Investments (Hong Kong) Limited, a company registered in Hong Kong;
- c) the First State Global Emerging Markets Focus Fund and the First State Diversified Growth Fund to First State Investments (Singapore), a company registered in Singapore; and
- d) the Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Sustainability Fund, the Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Fund and the Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund jointly to Colonial First State Asset Management (Australia) Limited and First State Investments (Singapore).

### **Cross Holdings**

There were no cross holdings between sub-funds in First State Investments ICVC as at 31 January 2018.

# Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities in Respect of the Financial Statements of the Company

The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228, as amended) (the "OEIC Regulations") and the Sourcebook require the ACD to prepare Financial Statements for each annual and half-yearly accounting period that give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the financial position of the Company and of its net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Company for the period.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association, now known as The Investment Association, in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014");
- comply with the Prospectus, the Instrument of Incorporation, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards;
- keep proper accounting records that enable it to demonstrate that the Financial Statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation; and
- keep proper accounting records and manage the Company in accordance with the Sourcebook, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus. The ACD is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

This report has been approved by the Authorised Corporate Director, First State Investments (UK) Limited, and signed on its behalf in accordance with the requirements of the OEIC Regulations and the Sourcebook.

Adrian Hilderly Director First State Investments (UK) Limited March 2018

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Applicable to All Sub-Funds

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#### Accounting and distribution policies

### (a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA), now known as The Investment Association (IA), in May 2014 (SORP 2014), and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. All other Funds' have been prepared on a going concern basis with the exception of the First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund.

The Financial Statements of First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Fund has been prepared on a break-up basis following FCA approval to terminate the Fund on 1 December 2017. Under this basis assets are recorded at their recoverable value and liabilities are recorded at their expected settlement value. Any additional costs in respect of the termination of the fund will be borne by the ACD.

### (b) Basis of valuation of investments

The value of the Funds as at 31 January 2018 was calculated using the bid market value of investments as at close of business on 31 January 2018, net of any accrued interest. In prior years, the close of business valuation of investments was estimated using the bid market value as at 12:00 midday on the last business day of the accounting period. Investments for which published market values are not available are included at the Authorised Corporate Director's valuation.

Collective investment schemes are valued at quoted bid prices for dual-priced funds and at quoted prices for single-priced funds, on the last business day of the accounting period.

Open forward currency contracts are shown in the Portfolio Statement and are valued using the quoted forward rate.

Over the Counter (OTC) derivatives (including cross-currency swaps) are held at fair value.

Gains and losses, including exchange differences in the valuation of investments held at the balance sheet date, including unrealised exchange differences, are treated as capital.

### (c) Exchange rates

Amounts in overseas currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the close of business on 31 January 2018. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted to sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

### (d) Distribution policy

The whole of the Fund's revenue after expenses must be distributed at the end of its financial year. In the event that a share class has expenses that exceed revenue, then no final distribution will be paid and the deficit will be transferred from the capital property of that share class to the revenue account. Interim distributions will usually be for the whole of the revenue, after charging expenses and tax determined at the end of the interim accounting period. The Authorised Corporate Director may, however, in exceptional circumstances, distribute a lesser amount for the interim period.

First State Emerging Markets Bond Fund satisfied the qualifying investments test of Section 19 of the Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 (S2006/964) throughout the period. All distributions made are therefore made as interest distributions.

All the other Funds make dividend distributions.

#### (e) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on equities are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Other revenue is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Dividends from US real estate investment trusts ("REITs") are recognised as distributable revenue when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. On receipt of the capital/revenue split in the following calendar year, the allocation of the dividend is adjusted within the Financial Statements.

Dividends from UK real estate investment trusts ("UK REITs") are recognised as distributable revenue when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Dividends received from UK REITs are split into PID (Property Income Distributions) and Non-PID components for tax purposes. Revenue arising from a UK REIT's tax-exempt rental business is colloquially known as PID revenue and is taxable in the hands of each Fund. 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.

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Dividends received as shares (scrip/stock dividends), to the extent that the value of such dividends is equal to the cash dividends, are treated as revenue. This revenue forms part of any distribution. In the case of enhanced scrip dividends, the amount by which such dividends exceed the cash dividends is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the schemes are quoted ex-distribution. Equalisation returned with the distribution is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the distributable revenue. Any reported revenue from an offshore fund, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

The treatment of special dividends and share buy backs is determined on a case by case basis, taking into account whether the event is income or capital by nature. The tax treatment will follow the treatment of the principal amounts.

Interest on deposits and fixed interest securities are recognised as earned. Revenue from debt securities is accounted for on an effective yield basis.

Applying effective yield to the revenue calculation may result in either higher or lower revenue depending on whether Funds hold more bonds purchased at a discount or purchased at a premium. Where the Funds hold more bonds purchased at a discount than at a premium, income will be higher.

Where the full initial charge is levied on investment into any Fund that is soft closed (soft closed meaning that the Fund can still be accessed by investors, but a charge is levied in an attempt to control the size of a Fund by discouraging inflows) in the interests of protecting existing investors' returns, the Investment Manager has paid this into the relevant Fund. This is recognised on a cash basis for the individual share classes of the soft closed Funds. Prior to it being paid into the Fund, the Investment Manager will exercise discretion on whether to donate some or all of this revenue to charity or reimburse it back to the Funds for the benefit of the existing shareholders.

### (f) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to transaction fees are charged against the revenue property of the Fund. In the case of First State Asian Property Securities Fund, Global Property Securities Fund, Global Listed Infrastructure Fund and Emerging Markets Bond Fund, all expenses are borne by the capital property of the Fund for distribution purposes. Management, registrar and dealing fees are charged directly to the share classes to which they relate. Other expenses are charged on a proportional basis.

#### (g) Taxation

Provision is made for corporation tax at the current rate on the excess of taxable revenue over allowable expenses. Overseas dividends are disclosed gross of any foreign tax suffered, the tax element being separately disclosed in the taxation note.

Tax is calculated using the marginal basis, i.e. the tax effect of revenue and expenditure is allocated between capital and income on the same basis as the particular item to which it relates. Deferred taxation is provided for on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. Deferred taxation is not recognised on permanent differences. Any liability to deferred tax is provided at the average rate of tax enacted, or substantively enacted. Deferred tax assets are only recognised where it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits against which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money. Withholding tax on accrued overseas dividends is netted off against accrued revenue in the debtor's note.

Overseas capital gains tax is recognised when paid, and no provision is made for this.

### (h) Equalisation

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

### (i) Dilution adjustment

On 1 February 2005, single swinging pricing was adopted for the Funds of the Company. The ACD reserves the right at its sole discretion to impose a dilution adjustment.

For example:

- (a) on a Fund experiencing net purchases (i.e. purchases less redemptions) as this could lead to trading that results in a dilutive effect;
- (b) on a Fund experiencing net redemptions (i.e. redemptions less purchases) as this could lead to trading that results in a dilutive effect;
- (c) where there may be a dilutive effect that, in the opinion of the ACD, requires the application of a dilution adjustment in the interests of existing/continuing shareholders and potential shareholders.

See the Prospectus for full details.

### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Applicable to All Sub-Funds

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#### (j) Derivative Financial Instruments

The treatment of the returns on forward currency contracts depends on the nature of the transaction. Where these transactions are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses are included within net revenue in the Statement of Total Return.

Where the transactions are used to protect or enhance investments, the gains/losses are treated as capital and included within gains/losses on investments in the Statement of Total Return. Any open positions in these types of transactions at the year end are included in the Balance Sheet at their mark to market value.

### (k) Foreign currency translation

Items included in the Company's Financial Statements are measured using the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). The functional currency of each Fund is GBP with the exception of First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund, which has adopted USD as its functional currency.

The Company has adopted GBP as the presentation currency for the Company as a whole. The Company's results and financial position are translated from the respective Fund's functional currency to the Company's presentation currency, as follows:

- (a) assets and liabilities, including net assets attributable to shareholders, are translated at the closing rate at the balance sheet date;
- (b) proceeds from subscriptions and amounts paid on redemption of shares are translated at average rates, which approximate the rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions; and
- (c) income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates.

#### 2. Other Matters

### (a) High Court Claim

The European Court of Justice has held that the UK tax regime in respect of income from portfolio investments contravened the EU right to free movement of capital. Until 2009, income from portfolio investments in the UK was exempt from corporation tax, whilst dividend income from foreign portfolio investments was taxable with limited relief for foreign tax paid. The Company has made claims against HMRC for repayment of tax paid on dividend income from foreign portfolio investments in these circumstances. The claims form part of the CFC and Dividend Group Litigation, in which test cases, including the Prudential dividend test case, are still ongoing in relation to various issues. The interest that each Fund has in these claims has not been recognised in the Financial Statements as the timing and amount of any benefit is uncertain. In the event claims are successful, any monies awarded by the court will be paid to the relevant Funds as a windfall to those shareholders who remain in the Fund at the date of payment of the claims.

### (b) Foreign Retrospective Tax Claims

A number of Funds are in the process of reclaiming refunds of dividend withholding tax on the basis of free movement of capital provisions in the European Union. On receipt, these amounts will be treated as windfall amounts in the Funds and will form part of any distributable income.

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### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in a concentrated portfolio of securities issued by companies with either assets in or revenues derived from the People's Republic of China that are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets in China, Hong Kong, Singapore or in a member state of the OECD.

In order to gain exposure to these types of equities and equity related instruments, up to 10% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other collective investment schemes, including in collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes"), and/or other Funds of the Company ("Second Funds").

Investment may be in cash or near cash.

The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ri	sk				Hig	gher Risk 👈
		ower Rewards				Potentially Hig	her Rewards
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 6 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 6 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

Single-country risk: investing in a single country may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries. Investing in a larger number of countries helps spread risk.

China market risk: investing in the Chinese market involves legal, regulatory and economic risks. The securities markets in China may subject the Fund to greater uncertainty than investments in more developed countries.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 26.1% (USD share class) over the six months to 31 January 2018.

Key contributors to performance included China Mengniu Dairy (China: Consumer Staples), which continued to improve its product mix. Margins have shown a healthy expansion, while operating cash flow has soared due to better inventory management. Jiangsu Hengrui (China: Health Care) increased on strong profit growth and expectations of a number of new product launches in 2018.

Detracting from performance, China Resources Gas (China: Utilities) decreased as a temporary supply shortage led to higher gas prices (and therefore lower margins). China National Accord Medicine (China: Health Care) declined after it announced that Walgreens Boots Alliance was taking a 40% strategic stake in the company. Though the deal is pending review from the authorities, investors worried that such a large stake sale would be earnings dilutive in the near term.

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### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the period included Beijing Thunisoft (China: Information Technology), a software company that provides information systems to governments and corporates. The company has a capable management team with a strong engineering culture and, in our view, has reasonable growth visibility over the next few years as local courts upgrade their systems. The Fund also added Shanghai Liangxin Electrical (China: Industrials), a leading player in low voltage electrical equipment (LVEE) that focuses on high-end quality products.

The Fund divested Fuyao Glass (China: Consumer Discretionary) and Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing (Hong Kong: Financials) on valuation concerns.

### Outlook

Xi Jinping was strengthened as China's leader and a number of the top leadership team were changed. Under a strengthened Xi Jinping, we do not expect major changes in policy, simply a continuation of reforms to reduce over-supply, rebalance the economy and avoid a "hard landing".

The renminbi had appreciated by around 6% against the US dollar by the end of 2017, reversing three years of depreciation. Despite the strength of China's currency and its stable balance of payments, we expect strict capital controls to remain in place in 2018.

The China equity market has risen significantly over the past year, and there are clear signs of market exuberance. We believe investors are paying little attention to potential downside risks and, as a result, valuations — particularly for quality companies — are not cheap. As such, we maintain our cautious outlook and continue to look for companies with a superior management team, a conservative balance sheet and good risk awareness.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

We are not in a position to provide performance data as the Fund was launched to the market on 1 March 2017. This will be provided in future reports once the Fund has obtained a track record of one year.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
China Mengniu Dairy	8.98	China Mengniu Dairy	6.34
Shanghai International Airport	6.51	Shanghai International Airport	5.86
Bank of Ningbo	6.17	Bank of Ningbo	5.46
Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine	5.21	Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine	5.02
Luye Pharma	4.61	Yunnan Baiyao	4.07
China Resources Gas	4.17	China Telecom	3.63
Yunnan Baiyao	4.04	China Resources Gas	3.23
ASM Pacific Technology	3.07	Shanghai M&G Stationery	3.11
Shanghai M&G Stationery	2.94	Luye Pharma	3.03
China Telecom	2.90	ASM Pacific Technology	2.91

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

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		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED STATES (1.68%*)	68	2.27
1,459	JD.com ADR	50	1.67
	Weibo ADR	18	0.60
	CHINA (62.89%*)	1,905	63.58
82,513	Bank of Ningbo	185	6.17
	Beijing Thunisoft	63	2.10
	Beijing Yanjing Brewery	46	1.53
	Centre Testing International	18	0.60
35,100	Changyuan	58	1.94
51,000	China Longyuan Power	26	0.87
117,000	China Mengniu Dairy	269	8.98
22,900	China National Accord Medicines	77	2.57
252,000	China Telecom	87	2.90
12,500	Great Wall Motor	11	0.37
3,200	Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	20	0.67
1,199	Hongfa Technology	6	0.20
19,100	Hualan Biological Engineering	58	1.93
18,493	Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine	156	5.21
59,400	Kingenta Ecological Engineering	66	2.20
35,755	Lianhe Chemical Technology	40	1.33
22,000	PICC Property and Casualty	32	1.07
7,800	Shandong Himile Mechanical Science & Technology	16	0.53
34,000	Shanghai Fudan-Zhangjiang Bio-Pharmaceutical	12	0.40
	Shanghai International Airport	195	6.51
	Shanghai Liangxin Electrical	61	2.04
	Shanghai M&G Stationery	88	2.94
	Shenzhou International	29	0.97
10,000	Tong Ren Tang Technologies 'H'	11	0.37
	Tsingtao Brewery	78	2.60
	Venustech	18	0.60
	Wanhua Chemical	14	0.47
	Xinjiang Goldwind	14	0.47
	Yunnan Baiyao	121	4.04
10,830	Zhejiang Chint Electrics	30	1.00

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Holdings		Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
	HONG KONG (26.62%*)	721	24.07
9,600	ASM Pacific Technology	92	3.07
39,000	China Medical System	59	1.97
10,000	China Resources Beer	27	0.90
54,000	China Resources Gas	125	4.17
11,000	China Resources Phoenix Healthcare	11	0.37
44,500	Lee's Pharmaceutical	52	1.74
219,500	Luye Pharma	138	4.61
14,800	Sinopharm	46	1.53
1,400	Tencent	58	1.94
89,952	Towngas China	53	1.77
138,000	Wasion	54	1.80
44,000	Yashili International	6	0.20
	Portfolio of investments	2,694	89.92
	Net other assets	302	10.08
	Total net assets	2,996	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## **Comparative Table**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	Interim	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
Share class B Accumulation		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	77	_
Closing number of shares	74,617	_
Closing net asset value per share (p)	103.77	_
Operating charges	1.48%	_
Prices		
Highest share price	105.80	_
Lowest share price	96.43	_
	Interim	Final
	Interim 31 January 2018	Final 31 July 2017
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)		
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) Closing net asset value (\$'000)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	31 January 2018 4,150	31 July 2017 3,293
Closing net asset value (\$'000) Closing number of shares	31 January 2018 4,150 3,000,000	31 July 2017 3,293 3,000,000
Closing net asset value (\$'000) Closing number of shares Closing net asset value per share (c)	31 January 2018 4,150 3,000,000 138.34	31 July 2017 3,293 3,000,000 109.77
Closing net asset value (\$'000) Closing number of shares Closing net asset value per share (c) Operating charges	31 January 2018 4,150 3,000,000 138.34	31 July 2017 3,293 3,000,000 109.77

Share class B Accumulation was launched on 27 November 2017.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 1 March 2017.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		•
	31 January 20	018
	£'000	£'000
Income		
Net capital gains		422
Revenue	6	
Expenses	(18)	
Interest payable and similar charges		
Net expenses before taxation	(12)	
Taxation		
Net expenses after taxation		(12)
Total return before distribution		410
Distribution		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		410
Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders		
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 Jar	nuary 2018
	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		2,509
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	77	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	_	
		77
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		410
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		2,996

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,694	2,288
Current assets		
Debtors	52	17
Cash and bank balances	313	231
Total assets	3,059	2,536
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(63)	(27)
Total liabilities	(63)	(27)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,996	2,509

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class B Accumulation

	Not		Distribution
	Net		payable
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

		טואוווטענוטוו
Net		payable
revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018
(c)	(c)	(c)
_	_	_
(c)	(c)	(c)
_	_	_
	revenue (c) —	revenue Equalisation (c) (c)

Dictribution

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 1 March 2017.

Share class B Accumulation was launched on 27 November 2017.

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

At least 80% of the net assets of the Fund will be invested in equities issued by companies that are established, operating or have their economic activity mainly in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia) and are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide and in equity related instruments listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide that provide exposure to the Asia Pacific region (as defined

Up to 20% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other equities and equity related instruments that are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide.

In order to gain exposure to these types of equities and equity related instruments, up to 10% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other collective investment schemes, including in collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes"), and/or other Funds of the Company ("Second Funds").

Investment may be in cash or near cash.

### The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

Clarification point: "Australasia" refers to Australia, New Zealand and other South East Asian countries.

### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ri	sk				Hig	gher Risk →	
		ower Rewards				Potentially Hig	her Rewards	_
class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
e class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	•

Share Share of

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Emerging market risk: emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund rose by 5.9% in sterling terms over the six months to 31 January 2018.

Key contributors included China Mengniu Dairy (China: Consumer Staples), which has improved its product mix. Margins have shown a healthy expansion, while operating cash flow has soared due to better inventory management. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ('TSMC', Taiwan: Information Technology) benefitted from the ramp up in sales of the Apple iPhone. TSMC has maintained its leading competitive edge in precision manufacturing, with revenue growth expected to accelerate.

On the negative side, Manila Water Company (Philippines: Utilities) declined on weak earnings results and below-trend capital expenditure, implying higher costs down the line. Hemas Holdings (Sri Lanka: Industrials) reported a decline in operating profit as a rise in inflation and VAT lowered consumer spending. Meanwhile, overseas income from personal care products was negatively impacted by increased competition in Bangladesh.

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the period included Sinbon Electronics (Taiwan: Information Technology), a Taiwanese cable manufacturer that has grown revenue and profits steadily over the past few years. The Fund also bought Wuxi Little Swan (China: Consumer Discretionary), a washing machine manufacturer majority-owned by Midea Group (China: Consumer Discretionary) that has continued to gain market share domestically. Industry growth has been steady based on replacement demand; and average selling prices have trended higher due to improved functionality and upgraded products.

The Fund sold Infosys (India: Information Technology) on concerns around the political in-fighting at the company, which led to the resignation of the CEO, and divested China South Publishing (China: Consumer Discretionary) on concerns with ongoing regulatory changes, which could constrain future returns.

#### Outlook

Our generally cautious stance and overall portfolio positioning has not changed much in the last 12 months. Stock markets in Asia and globally have shot through previous highs, as investors remain optimistic on the prospect of the global economic recovery continuing into 2018. Weak inflationary pressures have called into question the need for tightening measures, which has added to the market's bullish sentiment. However, history and our experience suggest that such benign conditions do not endure; although we do not know what the catalyst will be or when it will appear, we are mindful of a potential reversal in fortunes and – at current heady valuations – the growing risks to capital preservation. On the other hand, our longer-term time horizon means that we aim to look past the short-term noise.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.2	5.9	17.2	_	_	_	52.6
Benchmark return %	3.4	7.6	22.2	_	_	_	60.5
Sector return %	2.6	6.5	19.6	_	_	_	58.3
Quartile ranking	4	3	3			_	3

Discrete performance as at 31 January 20
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	17.2	34.2	_	_	_

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

Sector: IA Asia Pacific (ex-Japan).

Performance is based on B Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

31 J	anuary 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.58	First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD	6.71
HDFC Bank ADR	5.09	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.14
First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD	4.68	HDFC Bank ADR	4.55
Midea	3.27	CSL	3.74
CSL	3.25	CK Hutchison	3.31
Samsung Electronics pref.	3.07	Towngas China	2.84
Oversea-Chinese Banking	2.83	Samsung Electronics pref.	2.71
Towngas China	2.23	Manila Water	2.46
BFI Finance Indonesia	2.00	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1.93
ENN Energy	1.94	Midea	1.89

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED STATES (0.60%*)	953	0.79
5,490	Baidu ADR	953	0.79
	SPAIN (1.02%*)	1,289	1.07
53.246	Cie Automotive	1,289	1.07
,	JAPAN (5.02%*)	5,838	4.84
4 300	Keyence	1,840	1.52
89,500		1,891	1.57
33,500		919	0.76
	Ryohin Keikaku	844	0.70
	Uni-Charm	344	0.29
,	AUSTRALIA (6.62%*)	7,230	5.99
47,003		3,919	3.25
	Ramsay Health Care	1,626	1.35
237,354		1,685	1.39
	BANGLADESH (1.50%*)	151	0.13
14 886	Marico Bangladesh	151	0.13
14,000	5	16,343	13.54
944 000	CHINA (9.33%*) China Mengniu Dairy	1,939	1.61
	China Resources Land	1,317	1.01
	Ctrip.com International ADS	924	0.77
	ENN Energy	2,342	1.94
	Fuyao Glass Industry 'H'	931	0.77
590,062		3,942	3.27
	Shanghai International Airport	1,816	1.50
	Tong Ren Tang Technologies 'H'	1,258	1.04
414,485	Wuxi Little Swan	1,874	1.55
	HONG KONG (14.91%*)	15,576	12.90
123,500	AAC Technologies	1,451	1.20
	Aeon Stores (Hong Kong)	380	0.31
363,400		2,189	1.81
119,200	ASM Pacific Technology	1,144	0.95
1,213,500	China Resources Phoenix Healthcare	1,231	1.02
242,500	CK Hutchison	2,300	1.91
710,000	CSPC Pharmaceutical	1,108	0.92
476,000		1,887	1.56
	Towngas China	2,690	2.23
666,000	Vitasoy International	1,196	0.99
	INDIA (13.31%*)	11,795	9.77
290,812	First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD†	5,654	4.68
80,441	HDFC Bank ADR	6,141	5.09
	INDONESIA (3.83%*)	5,769	4.78
68,186,200	BFI Finance Indonesia	2,417	2.00
	Hero Supermarket	331	0.28
	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	844	0.70
	Selamat Sempurna	1,062	0.88
1,908,300	Semen Indonesia	1,115	0.92
	PAKISTAN (0.47%*)	839	0.70
73,020	Indus Motor	839	0.70

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	PHILIPPINES (9.07%*)	9,361	7.76
559,833	BDO Unibank	1,171	0.97
15,544,000	CEMEX Philippines	895	0.74
	China Banking	1,250	1.04
6,133,300	DMCI	1,209	1.00
3,578,700	Integrated Micro-Electronics	940	0.78
4,146,500	Manila Water	1,594	1.32
60,690	SM Investments	853	0.71
655,810	Universal Robina	1,449	1.20
	SINGAPORE (5.18%*)	7,549	6.26
383,100	Dairy Farm International	2,282	1.89
286,400	·	, 1,855	1.54
491,226	Oversea-Chinese Banking	3,412	2.83
	SOUTH KOREA (11.13%*)	13,528	11.21
103,436	Halla Climate Control	886	0.73
	Hanssem	1,047	0.87
	Koh Young Technology	, 1,318	1.09
	Korea Kolmar	1,743	1.44
	LEENO Industrial	1,011	0.84
	LG Household & Health Care pref.	1,406	1.17
	NAVER .	1,164	0.96
2,664	Samsung Electronics pref.	3,700	3.07
	Vieworks	1,253	1.04
	SRI LANKA (3.32%*)	3,980	3.30
1,462,600	Hatton National Bank	1,651	1.37
2,029,403	Hemas	1,112	0.92
1,653,585	John Keells	1,217	1.01
	TAIWAN (9.88%*)	13,345	11.06
319.899	Advantech	1,760	1.46
	Delta Electronics	1,569	1.30
	Nien Made Enterprise	1,111	0.92
	Sinbon Electronics	2,174	1.80
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	6,731	5.58
	THAILAND (2.62%*)	2,632	2.18
548.100	Delta Electronics	945	0.78
	Kasikornbank	1,687	1.40
,	VIETNAM (2.46%*)	1,867	1.55
639,658		1,244	1.03
	Refrigeration Electrical Engineering	623	0.52
., ,,, 00	Portfolio of investments	118,045	97.83
	Net other assets	2,614	2.17
	Total net assets	120,659	100.00
		120,033	

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADSs represent American Depositary Shares.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>†</sup>This investment is a related party.

## **Comparative Table**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

3 3 3 3	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation	•	-	-
Closing net asset value (£'000)	120,658	7,674	3,887
Closing number of shares	79,441,682	5,332,127	3,238,286
Closing net asset value per share (p)	151.88	143.92	120.03
Operating charges	1.46%	1.60%	1.60%
Prices			
Highest share price	155.78	146.83	121.19
Lowest share price	141.47	118.62	93.00
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	·	•	•
Closing net asset value (€'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	490	1,050	1,050
Closing net asset value per share (c)	124.55	115.70	102.23
Operating charges	1.44%	1.54%	1.86%
Prices			
Highest share price	127.57	120.18	104.05
Lowest share price	112.52	101.53	86.07

Share class B Accumulation was launched on 26 October 2015.

Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 26 October 2015.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January 20	017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(56)		210
Revenue	319		41	
Expenses	(437)		(41)	
Interest payable and similar charges				
Net expense before taxation	(118)		_	
Taxation	(31)		(4)	
Net expense after taxation		(149)		(4)
Total return before equalisation		(205)		206
Equalisation				4_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(205)	_	210

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		7,675		3,888
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	113,855		5,236	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(902)		(2,447)	
		112,953		2,789
Dilution adjustment		236		38
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(205)		210
Retained distribution on accumulation shares				3
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	120,659		6,928

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	118,045_	7,696
Current assets		
Debtors	164	15
Cash and bank balances	2,656	98
Total assets	120,865	7,809
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(206)	(134)
Total liabilities	(206)	(134)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	120,659	7,675

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class B Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	0.0567
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	-	_	_	0.0567

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.0819
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.0819

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### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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#### The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

Clarification point: large and mid capitalisation typically refers to equities with a minimum market capitalisation of US\$1 billion. "Australasia" refers to Australia, New Zealand and other South East Asian countries.

### Risks and reward profile

Share class B Acc	umulation
Share class B Acc	rumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Acc	umulation (USD share class)

← Lower Risk					Hig	gher Risk 🛨	
Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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### Performance

The Fund rose by 9.6% in sterling terms over the six months to 31 January 2018.

Key contributors to performance included Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (TSMC) (Taiwan; Information Technology), which benefitted from the ramp up in sales of the Apple iPhone. TSMC has maintained its leading competitive edge in precision manufacturing, with revenue growth expected to accelerate as its 7nm chip technology gains market share. Midea Group (China: Consumer Discretionary) added to performance on solid sell-through of air-conditioning units and home appliances.

On the negative side, Manila Water Company (Philippines: Utilities) declined on weak earnings results and below-trend capital expenditure, implying higher costs down the line. Delta Electronics was lower due to weak legacy business and rising operating costs. Over the past few years, Delta has been in transition from component supplier to solutions provider; though there are some early signs of success, progress has been slow.

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the period included Shanghai International Airport (China: Industrials), the hub airport for the Yangtze Delta region. Air travel penetration in China at present is still very low but has decent growth potential, supported by an increasing number of outbound tourists and surplus capacity. HDFC Bank ADR (India: Financials) was another new addition and, in our view, is one of the best banks to own in India. We believe the longer-term opportunity for India's private banks remains significant, with over half of India's population unbanked.

Infosys was sold on concerns around the political in-fighting between the founders and management, which eventually led to the resignation of the CEO Vishal Sikka, and Singapore Telecom was divested on concerns around greater competitive pressures in the telecoms industry.

#### Outlook

Our generally cautious stance, as well as overall portfolio positioning, has not changed very much in the last 12 months. Stock markets in Asia and globally have shot through previous highs, as investors remain optimistic on the prospect of the global economic recovery continuing into 2018. Weak inflationary pressures have called into question the need for tightening measures, which has added to the market's bullish sentiment. However, history and our experience suggest that such benign conditions do not endure; although we do not know what the catalyst will be or when it will appear, we are mindful of a potential reversal in fortunes and — at current heady valuations — the growing risks to capital preservation. On the other hand, our longer-term time horizon means that we are able to look past the short-term noise. While there is plenty to worry about on a macro level, there are still plenty of opportunities for the bottom-up investor. We have added to quality companies in our portfolio and continue to prefer exporters and US dollar earners as being amongst Asia's more competitive companies.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	3.4	9.6	22.4	_	_	_	76.4
Benchmark return %	3.4	7.6	22.2	_	_	_	86.0
Sector return %	2.6	6.5	19.6	_	_	_	82.2
Quartile ranking	2	1	2	_	_	_	3

Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018					
Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	22.4	34.7	_	_	_

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

Sector: IA Asia Pacific (ex-Japan).

Performance is based on B Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5.55	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	6.29
HDFC Bank ADR	4.42	First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD	5.00
CSL	3.17	HDFC Bank ADR	4.78
Midea	3.14	CSL	3.96
Samsung Electronics pref.	3.12	CK Hutchison	3.59
Housing Development Finance	3.04	Samsung Electronics pref.	2.89
Oversea-Chinese Banking	2.96	Housing Development Finance	2.84
AIA	1.99	Ramsay Health Care	2.31
ENN Energy	1.90	Dairy Farm International	2.26
Dairy Farm International	1.83	Jardine Matheson	2.07

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED STATES (1.57%*)	3,868	1.50
12,827	3M	2,260	0.88
9,259	Baidu ADR	1,608	0.62
	SPAIN (0.00%*)	2,554	0.99
105,479	Cie Automotive	2,554	0.99
	JAPAN (4.93%*)	11,928	4.63
6,900	Keyence	2,952	1.15
138,100	-	2,918	1.13
67,600	Pigeon	1,855	0.72
6,900	Ryohin Keikaku	1,618	0.63
11,700	Tsuruha	1,145	0.44
76,700	Uni-Charm	1,440	0.56
	AUSTRALIA (8.37%*)	17,805	6.91
444,845	Brambles	2,505	0.97
97,956	CSL	8,167	3.17
99,671	Ramsay Health Care	3,878	1.51
458,379	ResMed	3,255	1.26
	CHINA (9.84%*)	34,823	13.52
1,677,000	China Mengniu Dairy	3,852	1.49
869,960	China Resources Land	2,440	0.95
	Ctrip.com International ADS	2,214	0.86
	ENN Energy	4,885	1.90
	First State China Fund 'A' Income†	1,111	0.43
	Fuyao Glass Industry 'H'	2,442	0.95
	Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	3,349	1.30
1,212,524		8,101	3.14
	Qingdao Haier	2,213	0.86
805,362	Shanghai International Airport	4,216	1.64
240.000	HONG KONG (16.23%*)	34,204	13.28
	AAC Technologies	3,643	1.41
849,800		5,119	1.99
	ASM Pacific Technology	2,190	0.85
	CK Hutchison	3,491	1.36
	CSPC Pharmaceutical Jardine Matheson	2,485 3,727	0.96 1.45
	Link REIT**	2,720	1.45
1,088,000		4,314	1.00
	Techtronic Industries	2,567	1.07
	Vitasoy International	3,948	1.53
_, . 50,000		5,5 10	1.55

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	INDIA (15.38%*)	42,656	16.57
476,580	Axis Bank	3,126	1.22
3,832	Bosch	820	0.32
220,162	First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD†	4,281	1.66
356,208	HDFC Bank ADR	11,382	4.42
361,670	Housing Development Finance	7,822	3.04
321,504	Kotak Mahindra Bank	3,938	1.53
37,672	Nestlé India	3,100	1.20
116,953	Tata Consultancy Services	4,023	1.56
616,412	Tech Mahindra	4,164	1.62
	INDONESIA (1.64%*)	5,269	2.05
3,320,000	Bank Central Asia	3,963	1.54
	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	1,306	0.51
	MALAYSIA (0.91%*)	2,445	0.95
616.600	Public Bank	2,445	0.95
	PHILIPPINES (6.85%*)	13,848	5.38
1 474 080	BDO Unibank	3,083	1.20
12,524,200		2,469	0.96
	Manila Water	2,903	1.13
	SM Investments	2,091	0.81
	Universal Robina	3,302	1.28
., ., .,	SINGAPORE (6.67%*)	16,036	6.23
792 400	Dairy Farm International	4,720	1.83
260,312	•	3,691	1.44
	Oversea-Chinese Banking	7,625	2.96
1,037,003	SOUTH KOREA (9.28%*)	22,133	8.60
0.622	Amorepacific	901	0.35
	Hanon Systems	1,894	0.33
	Hanssem	2,096	0.74
19,744		1,158	0.45
	LG Chemical	2,400	0.93
	LG Household & Healthcare	3,393	1.32
•	NAVER	2,255	0.88
	Samsung Electronics pref.	8,036	3.12
37. 33	TAIWAN (12.25%*)	27,447	10.66
63/1101	Advantech	3,489	1.36
	Delta Electronics	2,485	0.97
	Nien Made Enterprise	2,604	1.01
	President Chain Store	1,886	0.73
•	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	14,298	5.55
	Uni-President Enterprises	2,685	1.04
.,552,000	THAILAND (2.76%*)	6,374	
1 260 200	Delta Electronics	2,187	<b>2.48</b> 0.85
	Kasikornbank	2,187 4,187	1.63
007,300	KAJIKOTINGTIK	4,10/	1.03

Portfolio Statement		(continued)
as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	Market	Total
	Value	Net Assets
Holdings	£′000	%
VIETNAM (1.46%*)	3,283	1.27
1,339,322 FPT	2,605	1.01
513,280 Refrigeration Electrical Enginee	ering 678	0.26
Portfolio of investments	244,673	95.02
Net other assets	12,823	4.98
Total net assets	257,496	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADSs represent American Depositary Shares.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Real estate investment trust (REIT).

<sup>†</sup> This investment is a related party.

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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Net Asset value and Ongoing Charges Figure			
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	203,888	35,224	16,687
Closing number of shares	116,110,082	21,918,144	12,341,311
Closing net asset value per share (p)	175.60	160.71	135.21
Operating charges	0.95%	1.04%	1.04%
Prices	0.3370	110 1 70	110 170
Highest share price	179.72	163.30	136.40
Lowest share price	159.56	133.23	99.66
Lowest share price	133.30	133.23	33.00
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (€'000)	58,249	50,856	49,514
Closing number of shares	39,735,399	38,643,504	42,211,296
Closing net asset value per share (c)	146.59	131.60	117.30
Operating charges	0.94%	0.97%	0.97%
Prices			
Highest share price	149.87	135.90	119.24
Lowest share price	128.93	115.84	97.20
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	•	•	•
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	3,672	1,489	311
Closing number of shares	2,310,122	1,108,231	273,656
Closing net asset value per share (c)	158.94	134.39	113.45
Operating charges	0.93%	0.95%	0.94%
Prices			
Highest share price	160.69	135.02	114.34
Lowest share price	132.32	106.90	93.65
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Share class B Accumulation was launched on 24 August 2015.

Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 24 August 2015.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 24 August 2015.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 January	/ 2018	31 January 2	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		9,712		4,211
Revenue	677		492	
Expenses	(651)		(322)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(8)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	18		169	
Taxation	(52)		(34)	
Net (expenses)/revenue after taxation		(34)		135
Total return before distribution		9,678	_	4,346
Distribution		34		(135)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,712	_	4,211

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	2018	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		81,822		58,673
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	169,701		15,091	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(4,160)		(6,190)	
		165,541		8,901
Dilution adjustment		248		25
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,712		4,211
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		173	_	158
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		257,496	_	71,968

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	244,673_	80,304
Current assets		
Debtors	10,317	1,661
Cash and bank balances	7,365_	1,812
Total assets	262,355	83,777
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(4,859)_	(1,955)
Total liabilities	(4,859)	(1,955)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	257,496	81,822

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class B Accumulation

Share class & Alecamanation			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
		Equalication	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
	revenue	Equalisation		
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.1119	_	0.1119	0.2847
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.1119	0.1119	0.2847
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.1171	_	0.1171	0.2907
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.1171	0.1171	0.2907
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.1319	_	0.1319	0.2769
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.1319	0.1319	0.2769

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests in equities issued by companies that are incorporated or listed, or conduct the majority of their economic activity, in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia). •

Clarification point: "Australasia" refers to Australia, New Zealand and other South East Asian countries.

### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation Share class A Income Share class B Accumulation Share class B Income

← Lower Risk				Higher Risk 👈				
Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially Higher Rewards			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

**Currency risk:** the Fund invests in assets, which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund rose by 5.6% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 33.1% and 68.5% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Tata Global Beverages (India: Consumer Staples) rose due to improved operating performance, good cost management and lower finance costs. Tata Consultancy Services (India: Information Technology) gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance. United Breweries (India: Consumer Staples) climbed as the environment improved and the company delivered strong earnings numbers.

Delfi Limited (Singapore: Consumer Staples) declined on weak demand in Indonesia where confectionary remains an aspirational good. Ezion (Singapore: Energy) shares were suspended as the group sought a financial restructuring, and Raffles Medical Group (Singapore: Health Care) was weak on subdued earnings growth.

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### Portfolio changes

During the period, significant purchases included Infosys (India: Information Technology), a software services company based in Bangalore that has an impressive culture and business franchise. The Fund also bought Kuala Lumpur Kepong (Malaysia: Consumer Staples), a family-owned, palm oil business with a strong balance sheet that has displayed financial stewardship in the past.

The Fund sold Hong Kong & China Gas (Hong Kong: Utilities) due to risks associated with its Chinese businesses and because the valuation was expensive. The Fund also sold HDFC Bank ADR Limited (India: Financials) and China Mengniu Dairy (Consumer Staples) on valuation concerns.

#### Outlook

Companies continue to look expensive and it is difficult to find quality ones trading at reasonable valuations. As the future is inherently unpredictable, most of the Manager's time is spent analysing history. They focus on the history of key people at companies, assessing their approach to business risk, capital allocation and indebtedness. They believe that the best way to avoid significant risk is to back management who are conservative, honest and have built resilient businesses. However, they continue to believe that the Asian region offers an attractive prospect for the long-term investor. They would argue it is home to many high quality companies and a significant number of world class stewards.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.9	5.6	11.0	33.1	68.5	200.8	4943.4
Benchmark return %	3.4	7.6	22.2	47.2	63.3	144.2	1184.8
Sector return %	2.6	6.5	19.6	47.3	61.6	140.6	2212.5
Quartile ranking	4	3	4	4	2	1	1

Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018					
Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	11.0	31.7	(8.9)	34.6	(6.0)

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector during 2017. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Tata Consultancy Services	4.97	Standard Foods	4.40
Newcrest Mining	4.16	Oversea-Chinese Banking	4.29
Oversea-Chinese Banking	4.10	Tata Consultancy Services	4.13
Tata Global Beverages	3.64	Newcrest Mining	3.80
Uni-President Enterprises	3.57	MediaTek	3.40
Petra Foods	3.39	Tata Global Beverages	3.33
Cyient	3.37	Uni-President Enterprises	2.98
Brambles	3.26	Cyient	2.89
MediaTek	3.22	Brambles	2.75
CK Hutchison	3.01	Asustek Computer	2.70

### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 January	y 2018 (unaudited)		
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		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
3	UNITED KINGDOM (0.36%*)	3,539	0.44
3 653 695	Myanmar Investments International	3,430	0.43
	Myanmar Investments International warrants 21/6/2018	109	0.01
3 13,3 13	AUSTRALIA (7.13%*)		7.42
4 C 41 E 10	•	59,472	
4,641,519	Newcrest Mining	26,139	3.26
2,303,270	3	33,333	4.16
	CHINA (1.91%*)	_	_
	HONG KONG (14.61%*)	93,672	11.68
	China Resources Pharmaceutical	11,977	1.49
	CK Hutchison	24,114	3.01
	Greatview Aseptic Packaging	18,375	2.29
	Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering	11,261	1.41
41,446,000	<u> </u>	14,868	1.85
	Vinda International	11,698	1.46
141,915	Vtech	1,379	0.17
	INDIA (24.49%*)	233,474	29.11
2,897,241	Cipla	18,929	2.36
3,848,615	Cyient	27,045	3.37
2,104,378	Elgi Equipments	7,352	0.92
10,005,861	Federal Bank	11,129	1.39
16,807,109	Idea Cellular	17,142	2.14
1,371,850	Infosys	17,405	2.17
1,540,262	Mahindra & Mahindra	13,022	1.62
2,908,058	SH Kelkar	9,646	1.20
1,158,264	Tata Consultancy Services	39,841	4.97
9,077,713	Tata Global Beverages	29,206	3.64
21,714,256	Tata Power	21,343	2.66
1,692,692	United Breweries	21,414	2.67
	INDONESIA (1.73%*)	16,427	2.05
97,158,000	Bank OCBC Nisp	9,339	1.17
149,948,000	Holcim Indonesia	7,088	0.88
	MALAYSIA (0.00%*)	16,484	2.05
3.622.900	Kuala Lumpur Kepong	16,484	2.05
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	PHILIPPINES (0.98%*)	18,081	2.25
<b>Ջ 1</b> Ջ2 77∩	Universal Robina	18,081	2.25
0,102,770			
1 212 100	SINGAPORE (16.08%*)	104,799	13.07
	Dairy Farm International	7,226	0.90
16,590,118		_	_
	Ezion warrants 24/4/2020	10.222	2 41
2,983,000		19,323	2.41
	Oversea-Chinese Banking	32,868	4.10
30,883,500		27,205	3.39
30,763,789	Raffles Medical	18,177	2.27
0=	SOUTH KOREA (5.47%*)	52,770	6.58
	Amorepacific	23,528	2.93
	LEENO Industrial	14,185	1.77
406,120	Youngone	15,057	1.88

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
Holdings		Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
	SRI LANKA (3.85%*)	22,555	2.81
15,486,461	John Keells	11,394	1.42
18,065,217	Nations Trust Bank	6,452	0.80
28,719,801	Teejay Lanka	4,709	0.59
	TAIWAN (16.44%*)	116,599	14.54
3,168,000	ASUSTeK Computer	21,440	2.67
3,581,000	MediaTek	25,834	3.22
2,558,000	Merida Industry	8,455	1.06
12,653,205	Standard Foods	22,836	2.85
16,997,000	Uni-President Enterprises	28,666	3.57
751,000	Voltronic Power Technology	9,368	1.17
	THAILAND (1.55%*)	1,862	0.23
1,080,742	Delta Electronics	1,862	0.23
	Portfolio of investments	739,734	92.23
	Net other assets	62,297	7.77
	Total net assets	802,031	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	123,812	131,028	137,622	187,090
Closing number of shares	9,166,990	10,210,491	11,897,315	19,193,517
Closing net asset value per share (p)	1,350.63	1,283.27	1,156.75	974.76
Operating charges	1.85%	1.84%	1.85%	1.84%
Prices	1 400 20	1 212 OF	1 160 00	1 104 16
Highest share price	1,409.30	1,313.05	1,168.03	1,104.16
Lowest share price	1,245.90	1,146.69	851.43	884.46
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	870	833	740	1,167
Closing number of shares	356,566	358,814	352,634	658,935
Closing net asset value per share (p)	243.94	232.09	209.68	177.12
Operating charges	1.81%	1.80%	1.81%	1.81%
Prices				
Highest share price	254.91	238.12	212.74	201.38
Lowest share price	225.31	207.86	154.70	161.36
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation		-	-	-
Closing net asset value (£'000)	643,693	672,918	677,506	561,922
Closing number of shares	42,002,262	46,400,664	52,228,673	51,791,600
Closing net asset value per share (p)	1,532.52	1,450.23	1,297.19	1,084.97
Operating charges	1.07%	1.06%	1.08%	1.07%
Prices				
Highest share price	1,598.40	1,482.59	1,309.65	1,226.47
Lowest share price	1,409.90	1,286.05	948.16	977.24
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,656	25,713	23,563	19,455
Closing number of shares	13,753,900	11,045,589	11,204,534	10,956,892
Closing net asset value per share (p)	244.70	232.79	210.30	177.56
Operating charges	1.08%	1.07%	1.09%	1.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	256.52	239.30	213.88	202.39
Lowest share price	226.27	208.50	155.17	161.78
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## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 Janua	ry 2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		39,468		46,730
Revenue	9,334		8,755	
Expenses	(4,852)		(5,262)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(7)			
Net revenue before taxation	4,475		3,493	
Taxation	(420)		(351)	
Net revenue after taxation		4,055		3,142
Total return before distribution		43,523	_	49,872
Distribution		(4,076)		(3,495)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	39,447	_	46,377

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January	2018	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		830,492		839,431
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	5,669		8,885	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(77,118)	_	(42,242)	
		(71,449)	_	(33,357)
Dilution adjustment		63		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		39,447		46,377
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,478	_	3,219
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	802,031	_	855,670

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£'000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	739,734_	785,682
Current assets		
Debtors	756	1,958
Cash and bank balances	64,553_	46,880
Total assets	805,043	834,520
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(173)	(144)
Other creditors	(2,839)_	(3,884)
Total liabilities	(3,012)	(4,028)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	802,031	830,492

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.7526	_	1.7526	0.7698
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	1.7526	1.7526	0.7698
Share class A Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.3661	_	0.3661	1.0107
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.3661	0.3661	1.0107
Share class B Accumulation				
Share class B Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
Share class B Accumulation	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	payable 31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	payable 31/03/2018 (p)	paid 31/03/2017 (p)
Group 1 Interim	revenue (p) 7.8970	(p) —	payable 31/03/2018 (p) 7.8970	paid 31/03/2017 (p) 6.1924
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### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests in large and mid capitalisation equities issued by companies that are incorporated or listed, or conduct the majority of their economic activity, in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia).

Particular consideration is given to investment in companies that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate.

• Clarification point: large and mid capitalisation typically refers to equities with a minimum market capitalisation of US\$1 billion and a minimum free float of US\$500 million. "Australasia" refers to Australia, New Zealand and other South East Asian countries

### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class A Income
Share class B Accumulation
Share class B Income
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class A Income (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Income (EUR share class)

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- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market: they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

**Currency risk:** the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund rose by 3.1% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 27.5% and 55.7% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Tech Mahindra (India: Information Technology) climbed as it delivered robust profit growth, and Tata Consultancy Services (India: Information Technology) gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing (Information Technology) climbed as the semiconductor cycle continued to be favourable.

Delta Electronics (Taiwan: Information Technology) declined as margins were impacted by continued investment in its automation and electric vehicle related businesses. Marico (India: Consumer Staples) fell after the price of copra, its main input material, rose substantially during the year. Lupin (India: Health Care) was impacted by regulatory pressure and US Food & Drug Administration quality concerns.

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### Portfolio changes

During the period, the Fund purchased Uni-President Enterprises (Taiwan: Consumer Staples), which has built strong market shares in the food and beverage markets in Taiwan and China and is carefully stewarded by the Lo family. The Fund also bought Advantech (Taiwan: Information Technology), a leader in the production of industrial PCs, which is well-placed to benefit from growth in automation.

The Fund sold Lupin (India: Health Care) because of concerns about its track record of quality control due to dependence on a few products and regions with little pricing power. The Fund also sold Resmed (US: Health Care) because of its high valuation.

#### Outlook

Valuations across all countries and most sectors, with the possible exception of Taiwanese hardware and Indian software companies, continue to be a concern. However, the Manager continues to believe that the Asian region offers an attractive prospect for the long-term investor. They would argue it is home to many high quality companies and a significant number of world class stewards. They believe that their disciplined, independent investment approach to owning quality companies in the region offers the opportunity to deliver long-term, risk-adjusted returns for their clients.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	1.7	3.1	9.7	27.5	55.7	170.8	547.0
Benchmark return %	3.4	7.6	22.2	47.2	63.3	144.2	418.7
Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018							
Time			12 mths to				
period			31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14

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(8.5)

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(8.3)

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector during 2017. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

Fund return %

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Tata Consultancy Services	6.58	Oversea-Chinese Banking	6.67
Oversea-Chinese Banking	6.06	Unicharm	5.40
CK Hutchison	5.57	Tata Consultancy Services	4.86
Mahindra & Mahindra	4.43	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4.49
Unicharm	3.95	Kotak Mahindra Bank	3.88
Tech Mahindra	3.95	ASUSTeK Computer	3.43
CSL	3.76	Hong Kong & China Gas	3.37
Hong Kong & China Gas	3.56	CK Hutchison	3.10
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.56	CSL	2.96
ASUSTeK Computer	3.32	Mahindra & Mahindra	2.94

### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
as at 51 Januar	y 2010 (unaudited)	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
J	UNITED STATES (2.09%*)	86,007	1.05
1.883.380	Expeditors International of Washington	86,007	1.05
.,000,000	JAPAN (7.38%*)	462,716	5.66
2,666,400		95,611	1.17
	Nippon Paint	43,723	0.54
17,226,000	• •	323,382	3.95
17,220,000			
40.001.400	AUSTRALIA (5.79%*)	578,108	7.07
48,001,460		270,327	3.31
3,691,497		307,781	3.76
	CHINA (1.61%*)	44,987	0.55
19,584,000	China Mengniu Dairy	44,987	0.55
	HONG KONG (11.67%*)	1,185,730	14.50
30,698,600	AIA	184,923	2.26
	ASM Pacific Technology	80,876	0.99
	CK Hutchison	455,696	5.57
	Hong Kong & China Gas	291,141	3.56
246,142,000	5	88,299	1.08
26,755,500	Yue Yuen Industrial	84,795	1.04
	INDIA (30.65%*)	2,588,084	31.65
22,132,075	Cipla	144,602	1.77
1,830,437	Colgate-Palmolive	22,669	0.28
21,822,618	Dabur India	86,014	1.05
1,108,174	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories ADR	26,862	0.33
	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	132,214	1.62
	Godrej Consumer Products	121,463	1.48
	Housing Development Finance	172,441	2.11
	Idea Cellular	87,646	1.07
	Kotak Mahindra Bank	231,860	2.83
	Mahindra & Mahindra	362,063	4.43
46,995,220		160,084	1.96
	Tata Consultancy Services	538,091	6.58
	Tech Mahindra	323,102	3.95
53,117,884	Wipro	178,973	2.19
	INDONESIA (0.78%*)	86,846	1.06
993,079,900	Kalbe Farma	86,846	1.06
	PHILIPPINES (3.26%*)	268,215	3.28
8,464,470	Ayala	121,831	1.49
89,587,730	Bank of the Philippine Islands	146,384	1.79
	SINGAPORE (8.98%*)	666,136	8.14
28.590.800	Dairy Farm International	170,292	2.08
	Oversea-Chinese Banking	495,844	6.06
, .,.	SOUTH KOREA (2.93%*)	288,339	3.53
1,974,013		115,825	1.42
	Shinhan Financial	172,514	2.11
1,555,752	Jimman i Marida	172,314	۷.۱۱

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	TAIWAN (17.23%*)	1,643,030	20.09
7,514,000	Advantech	41,335	0.51
40,063,000	ASUSTeK Computer	271,138	3.32
75,911,622	Delta Electronics	269,240	3.29
464,824,669	E.Sun Financial	215,330	2.63
23,849,000	Giant Manufacturing	94,081	1.15
5,388,000	MediaTek	38,870	0.47
37,271,208	President Chain Store	259,438	3.17
47,292,807	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	290,970	3.56
96,428,000	Uni-President Enterprises	162,628	1.99
	Portfolio of investments	7,898,198	96.58
	Net other assets	279,555	3.42
	Total net assets	8,177,753	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation	005.444	050.006	4 00 4 00 4	4 422 222
Closing net asset value (£'000)	826,411	952,236	1,094,801	1,430,800
Closing number of shares	128,402,708	151,871,481	191,583,486	292,903,909
Closing net asset value per share (p)	643.61 1.54%	627.00	571.45	488.49
Operating charges  Prices	1.3470	1.55%	1.54%	1.55%
Highest share price	661.96	638.80	576.08	551.03
Lowest share price	602.77	552.44	430.34	437.27
Lowest share price	002.77	332111	130.31	137.127
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,615	17,769	17,429	27,737
Closing number of shares	7,515,291	8,234,156	8,835,101	16,352,568
Closing net asset value per share (p)	221.08	215.80	197.27	169.62
Operating charges	1.56%	1.61%	1.61%	1.61%
Prices				
Highest share price	227.81	220.40	199.81	191.76
Lowest share price	207.44	190.67	149.42	152.22
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,584,760	6,382,297	6,164,056	4,668,235
Closing number of shares	797,301,420	938,383,441	1,001,003,678	892,673,897
Closing net asset value per share (p)	700.46	680.14	615.79	522.95
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.90%
Prices	720.22	602.42	620.75	500.75
Highest share price	720.33	692.42	620.75	588.75
Lowest share price	654.54	596.69	460.89	465.12
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,021,955	1,084,352	982,221	739,934
Closing number of shares	459,928,111	499,999,814	495,535,979	434,294,368
Closing net asset value per share (p)	222.20	216.87	198.21	170.38
Operating charges	0.88%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%
Prices	222.62	222.25	224.42	100.00
Highest share price	229.69	222.25	201.40	193.32
Lowest share price	208.70	192.06	150.16	152.97

Comparative Table				(continued)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure	la tardar	Et al	Fi	Final

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
3 3 3	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	175,869	198,132	255,108	364,766
Closing number of shares	75,562,942	89,178,178	118,828,488	166,151,750
Closing net asset value per share (c)	232.74	222.18	214.69	219.54
Operating charges	1.54%	1.55%	1.55%	1.55%
Prices				
Highest share price	239.12	233.60	221.11	242.08
Lowest share price	214.20	208.25	181.21	173.81
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	29,072	31,266	26,190	25,684
Closing number of shares	13,551,812	15,237,117	13,169,388	12,555,171
Closing net asset value per share (c)	214.52	205.19	198.87	204.58
Operating charges	1.58%	1.58%	1.60%	1.60%
Prices				
Highest share price	220.82	216.34	206.03	226.29
Lowest share price	197.83	192.88	168.73	162.52
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	597,420	960,808	1,200,186	1,316,921
Closing number of shares	276,705,266	467,681,277	608,629,382	657,424,854
Closing net asset value per share (c)	215.90	205.44	197.20	200.31
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.88%	0.89%
Prices	224 72	245.62	224 76	222.45
Highest share price	221.79	215.69	201.76	220.45
Lowest share price	198.16	191.72	165.94	157.57
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€′000)	28,702	29,830	18,014	24,576
Closing number of shares	18,400,195	19,993,210	12,460,278	16,532,526
Closing net asset value per share (c)	155.99	149.20	144.58	148.66
Operating charges  Prices	0.89%	0.88%	0.87%	0.90%
Highest share price	161.08	157.69	149.73	164.88
Lowest share price	143.91	140.56	122.64	118.04
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## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		212,454		294,677
Revenue	97,407		72,990	
Expenses	(43,507)		(47,991)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(160)		(14)	
Net revenue before taxation	53,740		24,985	
Taxation	(6,058)	_	(1,852)	
Net revenue after taxation		47,682		23,133
Total return before distribution		260,136		317,810
Distribution		(47,707)		(23,813)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	212,429	_	293,997

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January	/ 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		9,527,334		9,522,918
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	50,596		244,948	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(1,646,613)	_	(683,344)	
		(1,596,017)	_	(438,396)
Dilution adjustment		380		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		212,429		293,997
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	_	33,627	_	19,552
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	8,177,753	_	9,398,071

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	7,898,198_	8,800,769
Current assets		
Debtors	24,731	19,967
Cash and bank balances	369,746_	730,269
Total assets	8,292,675	9,551,005
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(2,126)	
Distribution payable	(5,575)	(7,466)
Other creditors	(107,221)	(16,205)
Total liabilities	(114,922)	(23,671)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	8,177,753	9,527,334

## **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.2593	_	1.2593	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	1.2593	1.2593	_
Share class A Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.4140	_	0.4140	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.4140	0.4140	_
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	3.6353	_	3.6353	1.7616
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	3.6353	3.6353	1.7616
Share class B Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.1668	_	1.1668	0.5507
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	1.1668	1.1668	0.5507
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.4553	_	0.4553	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.4553	0.4553	_

**Distribution Tables** (continued)

for	the	period	ended 31	January	2018	(unaudited)

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Share class A Income (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.3865	_	0.3865	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.3865	0.3865	_
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.1237	_	1.1237	0.5544
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	1.1237	1.1237	0.5544
Share class B Income (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.8132	_	0.8132	0.4148
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0061	0.8071	0.8132	0.4148

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

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Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests in equities issued by companies that are incorporated or listed, or conduct the majority of their economic activity, in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan, including Australasia). • The Fund invests in companies that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate. •

- Clarification point 1: "Australasia" refers to Australia, New Zealand and other South East Asian countries.
- Clarification point 2: the Fund's emphasis on sustainable development incorporates three key features in making investment decisions. These are:
- I company classification (identifying companies whose management are believed able to manage sustainability risks and opportunities facing their companies, seeking out sustainable companies with a positive sustainable development impact);
- II integration of environmental, social and corporate governance factors into investment analysis; and
- engagement with and exit from companies based on our own research and external global norms-based screening (the Fund manager will engage senior management on any identified environmental, social and governance issues, and exit a stock if insufficient progress is made).

### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class B Accumulation
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

	← Lower Ri	sk		Hig	gher Risk 👈			
Potentially Lower Rewards						Potentially Hig	her Rewards	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
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- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk**: emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund rose by 4.9% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 33.4% and 78.1% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Tech Mahindra (India: Information Technology) climbed as it delivered robust profit growth. Chroma ATE (Taiwan: Information Technology) gained on the ongoing success of its testing equipment sales which benefitted from the growth of electric vehicles (EVs) in China. Vitasoy International (Hong Kong: Consumer Staples) rose after delivering impressive results in its Chinese business.

Marico (India: Consumer Staples) declined after the price of copra, its main input material, rose substantially during the year. Manila Water (Philippines: Utilities) was subdued over the period with the Philippine market, and Hemas (Sri Lanka: Industrials) declined after strong share price performance in the first six months of the year.

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Significant new positions over the period included United Plantations (Malaysia: Consumer Staples), one of the highest quality owners of palm plantations. The Nielson family built the business and have successfully passed ownership, management and their values to the next generation. The Fund bought Uni-President Enterprises (Taiwan: Consumer Staples), which has built strong market shares in the food and beverage markets in Taiwan and China and is carefully stewarded by the Lo family. The Fund also bought President Chain Store (Taiwan: Consumer Staples), a high-quality, cash-generative consumer business owned by Uni-President Enterprises, a family-owned consumer company the Manager has backed for many years.

The Fund sold DGB Financial Group (South Korea: Financials) to fund higher quality ideas and Sheng Siong (Singapore: Consumer Staples) due to sustainability headwinds. The Fund also sold Resmed (Australia: Health Care) because of its high valuation.

#### Outlook

The Manager remains cautiously positioned on the basis that compelling investment opportunities are hard to come by. Their focus remains on finding well-run cash-generative companies that meet their sustainability criteria and are reasonably valued.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	1.7	4.9	11.3	33.4	78.1	247.3	401.5
Benchmark return %	3.4	7.6	22.2	47.2	63.3	144.2	247.1
Discrete performance as at 31	January 2018						
Time	•		12 mths to				
period			31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund rature 0/			11.2	27.0	/G 2\	22.7	0.6

Benchmark: MSCI AC Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector during 2017. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Vitasoy International	6.39	Vitasoy International	6.74
Tech Mahindra	6.27	Marico	4.83
Standard Foods	3.83	Tech Mahindra	4.30
Marico	3.49	Standard Foods	4.19
Tata Consultancy Services	3.26	Kotak Mahindra Bank	4.04
Chroma ATE	3.22	Housing Development Finance	3.66
Housing Development Finance	3.06	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3.58
CSL	2.92	Manila Water	2.72
E.Sun Financial	2.70	CSL	2.71
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	2.67	E.Sun Financial	2.67

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 January	y 2018 (unaudited)		
as at s . samaa.	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
5.	UNITED STATES (1.00%*)	4,501	1.01
98 558	Expeditors International of Washington	4,501	1.01
30,330			
100 500	JAPAN (2.38%*)	14,857	3.33
	Nippon Paint	4,761	1.07
537,800	Uni-Charm	10,096	2.26
	AUSTRALIA (5.08%*)	20,559	4.61
1,341,744		7,556	1.69
155,953	CSL	13,003	2.92
	BANGLADESH (1.85%*)	8,531	1.91
6,081,171	BRAC Bank	4,969	1.11
1,294,476	Square Pharmaceuticals	3,562	0.80
	CHINA (1.13%*)	2,412	0.54
1,050,000	China Mengniu Dairy	2,412	0.54
	HONG KONG (6.74%*)	28,500	6.39
15 865 559	Vitasoy International	28,500	6.39
. 575557555	INDIA (33.56%*)	164,451	36.85
7// /15	Advanced Enzyme Technologies	2,173	0.49
1,223,106	•	7,991	1.79
1,394,586	·	9,800	2.20
	Dabur India	7,895	1.77
	Dr Lal PathLabs	2,297	0.51
	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	8,006	1.79
	Godrej Consumer Products	4,355	0.98
	Housing Development Finance	13,639	3.06
	Idea Cellular	4,037	0.90
	Info Edge (India)	4,466	1.00
390,838	5	4,959	1.11
	Kotak Mahindra Bank	11,650	2.61
,	Mahindra & Mahindra	6,808	1.53
	Mahindra Lifespace Developers	2,857	0.64
	Mahindra Logistics	2,276	0.51
4,576,139	<u> </u>	, 15,588	3.49
1,106,413		3,670	0.82
422,662	Tata Consultancy Services	14,538	3.26
	Tech Mahindra	27,997	6.27
698,325	TI Financial	5,298	1.19
1,416,371	Tube Investments of India	4,151	0.93
	INDONESIA (2.54%*)	11,109	2.49
50.968.500	Kalbe Farma	4,457	1.00
	Selamat Sempurna	6,652	1.49
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	MALAYSIA (1.25%*)	13,910	3.12
1 530 360	Public Bank	6,069	1.36
	United Plantations	7,841	1.76
1,323,200			
GE1 000	PHILIPPINES (7.67%*)	33,522	<b>7.51</b>
651,980	·	9,384	2.10
	Bank of the Philippine Islands Manila Water	8,116 11,722	1.82
	Robinsons Retail	11,733	2.63 0.96
3,307,230	ויסחוויסחוף ו/בומוו	4,289	0.90

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Ianuar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	y 2010 (undudiced)	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
	SINGAPORE (2.31%*)	5,603	1.25
806,818	Oversea-Chinese Banking	5,603	1.25
	SOUTH KOREA (2.22%*)	4,120	0.92
66,487	Koh Young Technology	4,120	0.92
	SRI LANKA (3.20%*)	9,358	2.10
6,327,219	Commercial Bank of Ceylon	4,017	0.90
9,745,440	Hemas	5,341	1.20
	TAIWAN (16.42%*)	85,343	19.13
403,000	Advantech	2,217	0.50
3,590,301	Chroma ATE	14,380	3.22
2,511,580	Delta Electronics	8,908	2.00
25,994,525	E.Sun Financial	12,042	2.70
835,000	Giant Manufacturing	3,294	0.74
796,835	PChome Online	3,095	0.69
	President Chain Store	5,207	1.17
	Standard Foods	17,097	3.83
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	11,912	2.67
4,264,000	Uni-President Enterprises	7,191	1.61
	THAILAND (3.17%*)	13,999	3.14
	Delta Electronics	7,738	1.74
1,207,100	Kasikornbank	6,261	1.40
	DERIVATIVES (0.00%*)	(5)	_
	Forward Currency Contracts		
	Malaysian Ringgit		
	Bought MYR1,808,713 for GBP330,840 Settlement 02/02/2018	(5)	
	Portfolio of investments	420,770	94.30
	Net other assets	25,413	5.70
	Total net assets	446,183	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	36,307	48,938	47,265	61,452
Closing number of shares	7,279,090	10,245,952	10,951,666	17,123,949
Closing net asset value per share (p)	498.78	477.64	431.57	358.87
Operating charges	1.66%	1.66%	1.70%	1.69%
Prices	F14.43	407.26	426.42	407.44
Highest share price	514.13	487.36	436.43	407.11
Lowest share price	464.33	427.26	316.28	322.49
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	354,131	335,059	283,809	222,926
Closing number of shares	66,070,674	65,508,351	61,771,686	58,667,240
Closing net asset value per share (p)	535.99	511.48	459.45	379.98
Operating charges	0.98%	0.98%	1.02%	1.01%
Prices				
Highest share price	552.25	521.49	464.55	430.73
Lowest share price	497.77	455.65	335.03	339.81
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	-	-	-	-
Closing net asset value (€'000)	23,281	24,218	20,380	25,372
Closing number of shares	7,721,410	8,558,703	7,541,201	9,499,627
Closing net asset value per share (c)	301.52	282.96	270.26	267.08
Operating charges	1.69%	1.65%	1.69%	1.70%
Prices				
Highest share price	308.69	297.89	275.00	294.90
Lowest share price	273.09	267.95	226.98	210.46
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	51 January 2010	31 July 2017	31 July 2010	31 July 2013
Closing net asset value (€′000)	40,355	38,911	37,090	40,585
Closing number of shares	17,318,894	17,857,489	17,870,666	19,760,767
Closing net asset value per share (c)	233.01	217.90	207.55	205.39
Operating charges	1.00%	0.97%	1.00%	1.00%
Prices				
Highest share price	238.52	229.05	211.16	227.63
Lowest share price	210.40	205.82	174.59	162.63
•				

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 Janua	ary 2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		20,051		16,221
Revenue	3,607		3,135	
Expenses	(2,438)		(2,233)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(11)	_	(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,158	_	901	
Taxation	(267)		(178)	
Net revenue after taxation		891		723
Total return before distribution	_	20,942	_	16,944
Distribution		(952)		(746)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	19,990	_	16,198

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 January 2018		31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		440,433		379,534
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	17,530		10,177	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(32,744)	_	(11,384)	
		(15,214)	_	(1,207)
Dilution adjustment		36		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,990		16,198
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		938		738
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	446,183	_	395,263

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	420,775	398,681
Current assets		
Debtors	2,110	1,364
Cash and bank balances	32,956_	41,210
Total assets	455,841	441,255
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(5)	_
Creditors		
Other creditors	(9,653)	(822)
Total liabilities	(9,658)	(822)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	446,183	440,433

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

Share class A Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation				
Stidle class b Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
	Not			
	Net	Eliti	payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.2956		1.2956	1.0504
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	1.2956	1.2956	1.0504
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.3329
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.3329
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.5420	_	0.5420	0.4382
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.5420	0.5420	0.4382

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests in equity and equity type securities issued by companies established or having a predominant part of their economic activities in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

#### Risks and reward profile

	Potentially Lo	)
Share class A Accumulation	1	
Share class B Accumulation	1	
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	

	← Lower Ri	sk		Hig	gher Risk →			
Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards								
:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

China market risk: investing in the Chinese market involves legal, regulatory and economic risks. The securities markets in China may subject the Fund to greater uncertainty than investments in more developed countries.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 14.2% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 59.6% and 85.4% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

Key contributors included Tencent (China: Information Technology), which rose to record highs as the firm announced strong net profits growth driven by a surge in mobile payments and cloud services, while CSPC Pharmaceutical (China: Health Care) rallied on better than expected earnings.

Detracting from performance, Nien Made Enterprise (Taiwan: Consumer Discretionary) declined due to weaker than expected revenues, leading to concerns around a potential slowdown. Delta Electronics (Taiwan: Information Technology) was lower due to weak legacy business and rising operating costs. Over the past few years, Delta has been in transition from component supplier to solutions provider; though there are some early signs of success, progress has been slow.

#### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the year included JNBY Design (China: Consumer Discretionary), the largest designer apparel retailer in China. The company has been growing steadily and enjoys strong brand recognition and customer loyalty. The Fund also purchased Ctrip (China: Consumer Discretionary), China's leading online travel portal, which should benefit from China's growing tourism industry given its near 80% market share.

The Fund divested Posiflex (Taiwan: Information Technology) after the company announced it would issue convertible preferred shares to acquire Portwell, causing 27.5% dilution. After acquiring Kiosk in 2016, this new acquisition raised concerns around the sustainability of the Posiflex's growth strategy. China South Publishing (China: Consumer Discretionary) was sold on concerns with ongoing regulatory changes, which could constrain future returns.

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#### Outlook

Under a strengthened Xi Jinping, we do not expect major changes in policy, simply a continuation of reforms to reduce over-supply, rebalance the economy and avoid a "hard landing".

The renminbi had appreciated by around 6% against the US dollar by the end of 2017, reversing three years of depreciation. Despite the strength of China's currency and its stable balance of payments, we expect strict capital controls to remain in place in 2018.

The China equity market has risen significantly over the past year, and there are clear signs of market exuberance. We believe investors are paying little attention to potential downside risks and, as a result, valuations – particularly for quality companies – are not cheap. As such, we maintain our cautious outlook and continue to look for companies with a superior management team, a conservative balance sheet and good risk awareness.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	4.8	14.2	27.1	59.6	85.4	243.4	749.5
Benchmark return %	5.4	11.7	31.2	58.6	91.3	178.9	401.8
Sector return %	6.7	15.2	36.4	65.0	97.6	157.1	500.8
Quartile ranking	4	3	4	3	3	1	1

Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	27.1	38.7	(9.5)	17.9	(1.5)

Benchmark: MSCI Golden Dragon Index.

Sector: IA China/Greater China.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

g g	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	6.83	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	6.68
Tencent	6.58	Tencent	5.90
Midea	3.83	CK Hutchison	3.45
CSPC Pharmaceutical	3.59	Towngas China	3.32
Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	3.48	CSPC Pharmaceutical	3.15
China Merchants Bank 'H'	3.15	Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	3.14
Sinbon Electronics	3.03	Tong Ren Tang Technologies 'H'	3.10
China Taiping Insurance	3.01	AAC Technologies	3.04
Towngas China	2.95	AIA	3.02
AAC Technologies	2.93	Advantech	2.98

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED STATES (1.70%*)	7,059	1.47
40,655	Baidu ADR	7,059	1.47
	CHINA (31.15%*)	164,475	34.26
4,900,000	China Mengniu Dairy	11,256	2.34
4,381,848	China Merchants Bank 'H'	15,108	3.15
2,973,737	China Resources Land	8,342	1.74
	China Vanke	6,929	1.44
	Ctrip.com International ADS	4,855	1.01
	ENN Energy	14,047	2.93
	First State China Fund 'A' Income†	3,733	0.78
	Fuyao Glass Industry 'H'	6,411	1.34
	Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	16,712	3.48
	Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology	6,226	1.30
	Hongfa Technology	4,141	0.86
2,747,378	Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine	5,019 18,364	1.05 3.83
	Shanghai International Airport	8,950	3.63 1.86
	Shenzhen Inovance Technology	3,428	0.71
	Shenzhou International	12,981	2.70
	Tong Ren Tang Technologies 'H'	9,890	2.06
	Wuxi Little Swan	3,719	0.77
	Yunnan Baiyao	4,364	0.91
,	HONG KONG (37.59%*)	183,997	38.33
1.197.500	AAC Technologies	14,072	2.93
2,198,800	•	13,245	2.76
	ASM Pacific Technology	6,673	1.39
6,690,500	China Resources Phoenix Healthcare	6,785	1.41
4,759,484	China Taiping Insurance	14,442	3.01
793,000	CK Hutchison	7,522	1.57
11,048,000	CSPC Pharmaceutical	17,244	3.59
	Jardine Matheson (Singapore quote)	8,660	1.80
	JNBY Design	6,440	1.34
	Link REIT**	5,273	1.10
	Luye Pharma	4,394	0.92
3,404,000		13,497	2.81
	Sino Biopharmaceutical	5,513	1.15
	Techtronic Industries	6,503	1.36
757,700		31,582	6.58
	Towngas China Vitasov International	14,166 5,569	2.95 1.16
6,208,000	Vitasoy International Wasion	2,417	0.50
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1 065 066	SINGAPORE (2.51%*)	11,113	2.31
1,805,806	Dairy Farm International	11,113	2.31

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January	2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
	TAIWAN (27.86%*)	111,749	23.28
2,172,950	Advantech	11,954	2.49
2,953,000	Chin-Poon Industrial	3,862	0.80
1,937,654	Delta Electronics	6,872	1.43
848,000	Giant Manufacturing	3,345	0.70
1,439,000	Macauto Industrial	5,243	1.09
1,301,000	Nien Made Enterprise	9,386	1.96
667,781	PChome Online	2,594	0.54
194,000	Poya International	1,743	0.36
660,896	President Chain Store	4,600	0.96
7,345,181	Sinbon Electronics	14,532	3.03
866,278	Sporton International	3,438	0.72
435,000	Taiwan FamilyMart	1,984	0.41
5,330,262	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	32,795	6.83
409,384	Voltronic Power Technology	5,107	1.06
2,050,274	Wistron NeWeb	4,294	0.90
	Portfolio of investments	478,393	99.65
	Net other assets	1,658	0.35
	Total net assets	480,051	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

†This investment is a related party.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

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

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation	157.000	1 47 740	120 207	202 544
Closing net asset value (£'000)	157,836	147,748	130,287	203,541
Closing number of shares Closing net asset value per share (p)	18,675,589 845.14	19,890,913 742.79	22,104,621 589.41	38,974,106 522.25
Operating charges	1.81%	1.84%	1.84%	1.82%
Prices	1.0170	1.04 /0	1.04 /0	1.02 /0
Highest share price	876.18	756.43	598.03	638.30
Lowest share price	736.20	584.99	436.69	479.24
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	291,470	272,971	242,736	174,050
Closing number of shares	31,391,537	33,561,760	37,897,602	30,907,031
Closing net asset value per share (p)	928.50	813.34	640.51	563.14
Operating charges Prices	1.05%	1.08%	1.08%	1.07%
Highest share price	962.44	828.09	649.85	686.73
Lowest share price	806.18	635.77	471.11	513.82
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	7,925	7,114	8,044	11,037
Closing number of shares	2,869,576	2,987,976	4,015,490	5,197,182
Closing net asset value per share (c)	276.17	238.09 1.84%	200.31	212.35
Operating charges Prices	1.93%	1.84%	1.87%	1.85%
Highest share price	286.01	243.79	214.57	253.16
Lowest share price	232.12	199.80	168.82	172.07
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	27,172	42,195	52,340	64,257
Closing number of shares	12,112,638	21,907,399	32,556,745	38,005,165
Closing net asset value per share (c)	224.33	192.60	160.76	169.07
Operating charges Prices	1.08%	1.05%	1.05%	1.04%
Highest share price	232.28	197.18	170.88	201.53
Lowest share price	187.80	160.37	134.96	136.63
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### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 Januar	y 2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		59,936		54,215
Revenue	2,413		4,619	
Expenses	(3,067)		(3,018)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(31)		(6)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(685)	_	1,595	
Taxation	(134)		365	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(819)		1,960
Total return before equalisation/distribution	_	59,117	_	56,175
Equalisation/Distribution		(94)		(1,963)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	59,023		54,212

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January	2018	31 Januai	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		464,800		423,939
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	34,486		28,668	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(78,394)		(67,501)	
		(43,908)		(38,833)
Dilution adjustment		136		61
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		59,023		54,212
Retained distribution on accumulation shares			_	1,736
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	480,051		441,115

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	478,393_	468,547
Current assets	<del></del>	
Debtors	1,387	2,557
Cash and bank balances	2,561_	2,615
Total assets	482,341	473,719
Liabilities	<del></del>	
Creditors		
Other creditors	(2,290)_	(8,919)
Total liabilities	(2,290)	(8,919)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	480,051	464,800

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

	Net		Distribution payable	Distribution paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	0.9776
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	0.9776
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	3.7587
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	3.7587
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.3133
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.3133
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.9448
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	0.9448
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund will comprise investments in a diversified portfolio of companies of the Indian subcontinent. The Fund concentrates on securities that are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets in the Indian subcontinent and instruments issued by companies established, operating or having a predominant part of their economic activities in the Indian subcontinent and listed on other regulated markets.

Particular consideration is given to investment in companies that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate.

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class B Accumulation
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

← Lower Risk Higher Risk →						gher Risk →
Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 6 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 6 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Indian Subcontinent risk**: investing in Indian Subcontinent markets involves risks such as legal, regulatory and economic. The securities markets in the Indian subcontinent may subject the Fund to greater uncertainty than investments in more developed countries.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund rose by 2.4% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 32.1% and 113.6% over three years and five years to 31 January 2018.

Key positive contributors included Tech Mahindra (Information Technology), which climbed as it delivered robust profit growth, and Tata Consultancy Services (Information Technology), which gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance. Cyient (Information Technology) climbed as it continued to deliver strong growth.

On the negative side, Marico (Consumer Staples) declined after the price of copra, its main input material, rose substantially during the year. Hemas (Industrials) declined after strong share price performance in the first six months of the year. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (Health Care) was impacted by regulatory pressure and US Food & Drug Administration quality concerns, as well as pricing pressure amid rising competition.

#### Portfolio changes

Significant new positions over the period included Tata Global Beverages (Consumer Staples), one of the world's leading owners of tea brands under the stewardship of the newly appointed Tata Sons Chairman. The Fund bought Mahindra Logistics (Industrials), a well-run logistics franchise at an early stage of its evolution. India presents a huge opportunity given its inefficient and unorganised logistics infrastructure. The Fund also bought Advanced Enzyme (Materials) which supplies enzymes — a crucial ingredient in the manufacturing of paper, detergents, bio-fuels, dairy and food products.

The Fund sold Tata Chemicals (Materials) as the company was trading on valuations that no longer reflected the strength of the franchise or its opportunity for long-term growth. The Fund also sold Lupin (Health Care) because of concerns about its track record of quality control and Dialog Telekom (Telecom Services) due to an inability to build sufficient conviction in the small position held in the Fund.

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### Outlook

The Fund remains cautiously positioned on the basis that compelling investment opportunities are hard to come by. The Manager's focus remains on well-run, cash-generative companies that meet their sustainability criteria and are attractively valued.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	2.0	2.4	13.5	32.1	113.6	269.9	380.5
Benchmark return %	0.6	2.5	21.7	29.9	68.0	77.3	162.8

### Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	13.5	28.4	(9.4)	75.7	(8.0)

Benchmark: MSCI India Index.

The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

3	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Tech Mahindra	8.31	Marico	6.07
Tata Consultancy Services	6.01	Housing Development Finance	5.79
Mahindra & Mahindra	5.08	Tech Mahindra	5.20
Marico	4.94	Kotak Mahindra Bank	5.14
Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	4.75	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	4.68
Housing Development Finance	4.45	Dabur India	4.59
Cyient	4.30	Godrej Consumer Products	4.34
Kotak Mahindra Bank	4.04	Tata Consultancy Services	4.17
Dabur India	3.99	Mahindra & Mahindra	3.59
Godrej Consumer Products	3.25	Cyient	3.35

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

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## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	, 20.0 (anatantos)	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	BANGLADESH (7.40%*)	18,726	7.16
6,210,553	BRAC Bank	5,075	1.94
5,653,822	Delta Brac Housing Finance	6,272	2.40
	Marico Bangladesh	2,688	1.03
	Square Pharmaceuticals	4,691	1.79
	INDIA (79.02%*)	209,760	80.17
807,326	Advanced Enzyme Technologies	2,356	0.90
1,286,551	Cipla	8,406	3.21
2,980,131	City Union Bank	5,265	2.01
387,549	Colgate-Palmolive	4,800	1.83
1,602,085	_	11,258	4.30
2,649,059	Dabur India	10,441	3.99
195,688	Dr Lal PathLabs	1,977	0.76
504,923	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	12,415	4.75
1,491,622	Elgi Equipments	5,211	1.99
	Godrej Consumer Products	8,502	3.25
	Housing Development Finance	11,639	4.45
2,867,798	Idea Cellular	2,925	1.12
279,848	Info Edge (India)	4,165	1.59
944,425	Kansai Nerolac Paints	5,346	2.04
861,905	Kotak Mahindra Bank	10,558	4.04
1,571,353	Mahindra & Mahindra	13,285	5.08
866,888	Mahindra Lifespace Developers	4,768	1.82
652,036	Mahindra Logistics	3,316	1.27
3,791,296	Marico	12,915	4.94
374,582	Pidilite Industries	3,707	1.42
988,273	SH Kelkar	3,278	1.25
713,874	Shanthi Gears	1,165	0.44
154,035	Sundaram Finance	3,197	1.22
456,919	Tata Consultancy Services	15,717	6.01
1,289,427	Tata Global Beverages	4,149	1.59
3,219,813	Tech Mahindra	21,751	8.31
990,798	TI Financial	7,517	2.87
1,472,776	Tube Investments of India	4,316	1.65
1,607,003	Wipro	5,415	2.07
	SRI LANKA (8.45%*)	15,888	6.07
1,492,600	Cargills Ceylon	1,336	0.51
9,897,978	Commercial Bank of Ceylon	6,283	2.40
2,093,683	СТ	1,713	0.65
11,962,613	Hemas	6,556	2.51
	Portfolio of investments	244,374	93.40
	Net other assets	17,259	6.60
	Total net assets	261,633	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund

## **Comparative Table**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	95,723	103,431	104,445	157,657
Closing number of shares	20,028,718	22,058,659	25,621,795	44,822,455
Closing net asset value per share (p)	477.93	468.89	407.64	351.74
Operating charges	1.91%	1.92%	1.94%	1.94%
Prices				
Highest share price	501.20	471.54	410.47	384.65
Lowest share price	436.95	399.52	309.57	268.31
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	150,192	155,491	148,746	72,847
Closing number of shares	62,382,236	66,080,779	73,218,321	41,838,672
Closing net asset value per share (p)	240.76	235.30	203.15	174.12
Operating charges	1.14%	1.16%	1.20%	1.24%
Prices				
Highest share price	252.38	236.61	204.55	190.04
Lowest share price	219.54	199.59	153.87	131.93
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	16,680	25,980	60,277	74,304
Closing number of shares	4,961,854	8,035,670	20,233,413	24,144,452
Closing net asset value per share (c)	336.17	323.30	297.90	307.75
Operating charges	2.00%	1.89%	1.91%	1.93%
Prices				
Highest share price	347.84	335.31	316.05	328.82
Lowest share price	307.29	291.37	242.74	207.34
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	-	-	-	-
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	1,572	1,345	1,786	15,899
Closing number of shares	1,176,963	1,116,400	1,713,299	15,048,266
Closing net asset value per share (c)	133.60	120.50	104.20	105.65
Operating charges	1.14%	1.12%	1.16%	1.16%
Prices				
Highest share price	136.74	120.69	107.74	224.58
Lowest share price	114.67	97.43	85.91	93.70

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 25 March 2013, closed on 28 January 2014 and relaunched on 8 December 2014.

## Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January	2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		6,431		13,177
Revenue	903		1,279	
Expenses	(1,989)		(2,296)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)			
Net expenses before taxation	(1,089)		(1,017)	
Taxation	(23)		(176)	
Net expenses after taxation		(1,112)		(1,193)
Total return before equalisation		5,319		11,984
Equalisation				(1)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,319	_	11,983

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January	2018	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		283,172		305,373
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	3,004		4,637	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(29,875)		(37,025)	
		(26,871)		(32,388)
Dilution adjustment		13		63
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	5,319	_	11,983
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	261,633	_	285,031

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	244,374_	268,658
Current assets		
Debtors	4,828	830
Cash and bank balances	13,255	14,812
Total assets	262,457	284,300
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	_	(118)
Other creditors	(824)	(1,010)
Total liabilities	(824)	(1,128)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	261,633	283,172

### Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent Fund

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

Share class ///tecamatation	Net	E 11 4	Distribution payable	Distribution paid
Crown 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Group 2	_ (p)	(p)	_ (p)	(p)
Interim	(p) _	(þ) —	(ρ)	(p) _
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
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Share class B Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	(p) _	(Þ) —	(Þ) —	(P) —
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	\\-\'\ -	——————————————————————————————————————	——————————————————————————————————————	——————————————————————————————————————
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Share class // recalliatation (Eort Share class)			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund will predominantly invest in large and mid capitalisation equity securities issued by companies that are established, operating or have their economic activities mainly in Japan and are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide and in equity related instruments listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide that provide exposure to Japan. The Fund may also invest in other equity securities and equity related instruments that are listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide as well as in cash and near cash. •

In order to gain exposure to these types of equities and equity related instruments, up to 10% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other collective investment schemes, including in collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes"), and/or other Funds of the Company ("Second Funds").

At times, the Fund's portfolio may be concentrated in a small number of holdings.

### The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes only.

Clarification point: large and mid capitalisation typically refers to equities with a minimum market capitalisation of US\$1 billion.

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class B Accumulation	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation	
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	

← Lower Ri	sk		Higher Risk 🗲			
Potentially Lower Rewards Pote						her Rewards
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 6 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 6 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

Single country risk: investing in a single country may be riskier than investing in a number of different countries. Investing in a larger number of countries helps spread risk.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 16.5% in sterling terms over the six months to 31 January 2018.

Key contributors to performance included Asahi Intecc (Health Care), which rallied on the back of a strong start to its financial year. Operating profits and profit margins were significantly ahead of expectations, and the company has continued to gain market share across global regions and product lines. Recruit (Industrials) increased on the back of robust double-digit profit growth. With a largely domestic-focused business, Recruit has been a relatively defensive stock and little impacted by forex or external macro factors.

On the negative side, Kusuri No Aoki (Consumer Staples) declined due to a weak quarter; however, we still believe Kusuri is one of the better-run drug store operators in Japan and has delivered one of the fastest top-line and same store sales growth in the industry. Start Today (Consumer Discretionary) pulled back on lower than expected operating profits as the timing of investments into private brands was underestimated by the market. On the other hand, Zozotown's gross merchandise volume and consolidated sales continue to show strong year-on-year growth.

### **Portfolio Changes**

Purchases included Fast Retailing (Consumer Discretionary), the largest private-label retailer of apparel in Japan. We believe the company has room to grow, particularly in China and the Association of South East Asian Nations, as it gains market share in both online and offline channels. The Fund also purchased Komatsu (Industrials), a leading manufacturer of construction and mining machinery.

The Fund divested Daito Trust (Real Estate) on valuation concerns and sold Casio Computer (Consumer Discretionary) on concerns around its slowing business.

#### Outlook

With a landslide victory for the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan's recent election, Shinzo Abe is likely to win the mandate in September 2018 to remain party leader and become Japan's new Prime Minister. We expect fiscal and monetary policies to continue on the current loosening trend and, although there is talk of a further consumption tax hike, which could potentially impair economic growth, we believe that Abe will find reasons not to press ahead with it given the lack of inflation expectations. Meanwhile, Abe is widely expected to revise Japan's pacifist constitution in response to geopolitical threats in the region, which has divided domestic opinion and could offend the Chinese government. However, in summary, we believe Abe's victory should be positive for Japan's equity market.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	5.6	16.5	32.7	_	_	_	79.3
Benchmark return %	1.3	7.2	10.6	_	_	_	42.6
Sector return %	2.5	10.0	15.2	_	_	_	50.0
Quartile ranking	1	1	1	_	_	_	1

Discrete performance as at 31 January 2	2018
Time	

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	32.7	25.6	_	_	

Benchmark: MSCI Japan Index.

Sector: Japan

Performance is based on B Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

# **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Keyence	6.37	Keyence	6.08
Start Today	5.19	Start Today	5.25
Recruit	5.05	Tsuruha	5.17
Misumi	4.66	Recruit	5.12
Tsuruha	4.28	Ryohin Keikaku	4.81
Ryohin Keikaku	3.86	Misumi	4.49
Nitori	3.47	Nitori	3.71
Komatsu	3.18	Koito Manufacturing	3.45
Disco	3.01	Daito Trust Construction	3.37
Monotaro	3.00	Asahi Intecc	3.31

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	JAPAN (96.60%*)	31,387	97.36
34,300	Asahi Intecc	935	2.90
	Astellas Pharma	170	0.53
	Benefit One	836	2.59
7,300	Daikin	616	1.91
5,900	Disco	970	3.01
2,200	Fast Retailing	690	2.14
18,900	Harmonic Drive System	913	2.83
57,000	Investors Cloud	625	1.94
58,800	Isuzu Motors	696	2.16
4,800	Keyence	2,054	6.37
14,700	Koito Manufacturing	725	2.25
37,600	Komatsu	1,024	3.18
4,700	Kose	569	1.76
25,000	Kusuri no Aoki	921	2.86
7,000	M&A Capital Partners	384	1.19
11,600		298	0.92
7,400	Mabuchi Motor	307	0.95
5,700	Meiji	335	1.04
71,100	Misumi	1,502	4.66
43,600	Monotaro	966	3.00
10,800	Morinaga	395	1.23
	NGK Insulators	443	1.37
7,800	Nifco	384	1.19
7,900	Nippon Paint	198	0.61
10,000	Nitori	1,120	3.47
23,200	OSG	413	1.28
21,700	Pigeon	596	1.85
95,100	Recruit	1,628	5.05
18,200	Relo	379	1.18
5,300	Ryohin Keikaku	1,243	3.86
31,000	Sekisui Chemical	415	1.29
3,900	Seven & I	113	0.35
11,600	Shin-Etsu Chemical	926	2.87
12,100	SMS	300	0.93
11,000	Softbank	636	1.97
81,200	Start Today	1,674	5.19
2,700	Sysmex	149	0.46
9,300	TechnoPro	358	1.11
19,000	Terumo	652	2.02
32,200	Tsubaki Nakashima	644	2.00
14,100	Tsuruha	1,380	4.28
27,200	Uni-Charm	511	1.59
30,800	Welcia	918	2.85
10,400	Yaskawa Electric	376	1.17

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
DERIVATIVES (0.00%*)	81	0.25
Forward Currency Contracts		
Euro Bought EUR606 for GBP531 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR224 for GBP199 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR140 for GBP123 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold EUR3,830 for GBP3,359 Settlement 15/02/2018	- - - -	- - - -
Sold EUR1,168 for GBP1,024 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold EUR963 for GBP850 Settlement 19/02/2018 Sold EUR232 for GBP206 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold EUR124 for GBP108 Settlement 15/02/2018	- - - -	- - -
Japanese Yen Sold JPY637,935,833 for GBP4,187,743 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold JPY29,743,858 for GBP192,307 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold JPY20,293,336 for GBP132,505 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold JPY15,889,612 for GBP104,188 Settlement 15/02/2018	77 1 1 2	0.24 - - 0.01
US Dollar Sold USD200 for GBP146 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold USD4 for GBP3 Settlement 15/02/2018 Portfolio of investments Net other assets	 	97.61 2.39
Total net assets	32,238	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

## **Comparative Table**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure	Net Asset	Value	and	Ongoing	Charges	Figure
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Net Asset value and Ongoing Charges Figure			
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,744	18,698	12,080
Closing number of shares	14,477,967	12,159,065	8,850,593
Closing net asset value per share (p)	177.81	153.78	136.48
Operating charges	1.06%	1.06%	1.10%
Prices			
Highest share price	186.74	158.79	140.74
Lowest share price	154.99	126.20	97.76
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Hedged Accumulation			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,737	93	61
Closing number of shares	3,119,593	75,758	59,692
Closing net asset value per share (p)	151.85	122.57	102.69
Operating charges	1.08%	1.06%	1.16%
Prices			
Highest share price	158.16	123.91	106.91
Lowest share price	124.19	95.38	86.04
	Interim	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)			
Closing net asset value (€'000)	2,006	1,605	174
Closing number of shares	1,376,209	1,299,053	149,746
Closing net asset value per share (c)	145.77	123.58	116.27
Operating charges	1.06%	1.06%	1.07%
Prices			
Highest share price	152.92	130.89	118.55
Lowest share price	123.98	107.69	90.69

Share class B Accumulation was launched on 26 October 2015.

Share class B Hedged Accumulation was launched on 30 October 2015.

Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 26 October 2015.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January 2	017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		3,578		(389)
Revenue	118		80	
Expenses	(139)		(83)	
Interest payable and similar charges				
Net expenses before taxation	(21)		(3)	
Taxation	(16)		(8)	
Net expenses after taxation		(37)		(11)
Total return before equalisation		3,541		(400)
Equalisation		2		6
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		3,543		(394)

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		20,226		12,288
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	10,331		5,405	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(1,871)		(220)	
		8,460		5,185
Dilution adjustment		9		11
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		3,543	_	(394)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		32,238	_	17,090

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
3	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	31,468	19,540_
Current assets		
Debtors	525	235
Cash and bank balances	880	677_
Total assets	32,873	20,452
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	(1)
Creditors		
Other creditors	(635)	(225)
Total liabilities	(635)	(226)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	32,238	20,226

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class B Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This also a class is in all finite and the confirm of a solution of distribution				

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Share class B Hedged Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_

Distribution

Distribution

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve an investment return from income and capital appreciation.

The Fund primarily invests in debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments, financial institutions or companies in emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in securities that are economically linked to emerging markets. The majority of the Fund will be invested in debt securities denominated in US dollars.

The Fund will invest at least 80 per cent of its net assets in bonds and other debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments of emerging markets or their agencies, and by companies established or having significant operations in emerging markets.

The Fund may invest in investment grade, non-investment grade and unrated debt securities. The Fund may hold more than 30 per cent of its net assets in debt securities rated below investment grade.

### Risks and reward profile

← Lower Risk						Hig	gher Risk →
	Potentially L	ower Rewards			F	otentially Hig	her Rewards
Share class A Hedged Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Hedged Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Hedged Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Hedged Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Hedged Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Hedged Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Gross Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Gross Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class Z Gross Hedged Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class Z Gross Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 4 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 4 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Interest rate risk: interest rates affect the Fund's investments. If rates go up, the value of investments falls and vice versa.

Credit risk: the issuers of bonds or similar investments that the Fund buys may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Below Investment Grade Debt Securities Risk: Below investment grade debt securities are speculative and involve a greater risk of default and price changes than investment grade debt securities due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness. In periods of general economic difficulty, the market prices may fluctuate and decline significantly.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 2.8% in US dollar terms over the six months and has provided a cumulative return of 18.4% over three years to 31 January 2018.

#### Portfolio Changes

Among oil credits, exposure to Ecuador was increased. While the country has financing needs of more than US\$8 billion this year, its bond market is expected to outperform comparable markets such as Angola, where corruption and indebtedness levels remain much higher.

The Fund's investment in Lebanon was reduced materially amid political instability and escalating tensions between neighbouring Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Economic conditions globally continue to improve, which bodes well for activity levels and trade volumes. Accordingly, commodity exporting countries generally continue to be favoured ahead of commodity importers such as Central Europe and China.

In Latin America, the Argentinean market continues to have the most appeal, in our view. Structural reforms are being implemented and, in contrast to Mexico and Brazil, the political backdrop is currently relatively calm.

Elsewhere, overweight positions in Egypt and Ukraine were maintained. In both cases, relationships with the International Monetary Fund are expected to support ongoing economic reforms.

#### Outlook

The global economic environment is expected to remain broadly positive for emerging markets, potentially supporting higher growth in developing regions and underpinning commodity prices. While valuations are less compelling following recent strong performance, emerging market bond spreads remain attractive relative to other bond markets.

The possible implementation of more protectionist US trade policies represents a key risk to investor sentiment and, in turn, performance. The enactment of such policies could have adverse effects on a number of emerging markets, particularly Mexico.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.5	2.8	8.9	18.4	_	_	20.5
Benchmark return %	0.7	2.9	8.6	21.7	_	_	25.2
Sector return %	3.7	4.7	12.0	12.9	_	_	3.5
Quartile rank	3	3	3	1	_	_	1

	Discrete per	formance as at 31	January 2018
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	8.9	9.7	(0.9)	7.8	_

Benchmark: JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified GBP Hedged.

Sector: Global Emerging Markets Bond Average.

Performance is based on B Accumulation (USD) share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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## Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Russia 4.875% 16/9/2023	1.85	Russia 4.875% 16/09/2023	1.88
Argentina 6.875% 11/1/2048	1.51	Ukraine 7.75% 01/09/2019	1.62
Philippines 7.75% 14/1/2031	1.46	Philippines 7.75% 14/01/2031	1.51
Lebanon 5.45% 28/11/2019	1.29	Lebanon 5.45% 28/11/2019	1.30
Panama 4% 22/9/2024	1.28	Panama 4% 22/09/2024	1.29
Oman 6.5% 08/3/2047	1.03	Israel Electric 5% 12/11/2024	1.22
Turkey 5.125% 25/3/2022	1.03	Egypt 6.125% 31/01/2022	1.17
CNOOC Finance 2013 3% 09/5/2023	1.01	Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad 6.95% 10/11/2021	1.17
Egypt 6.125% 31/1/2022	1.01	Peru 5.625% 18/11/2050	1.15
Argentina 6.875% 22/4/2021	0.99	Serbia 4.875% 25/02/2020	1.08

### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

	ry 2018 (unaudited)	Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£′000	%
	IRELAND (0.73%*)	604	0.74
USD 750,000	Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance 6.8% 22/11/2025	604	0.74
	NETHERLANDS (1.97%*)	2,178	2.68
USD 950,000	Petrobras Global Finance 4.375% 20/5/2023	664	0.82
•	Petrobras Global Finance 5.75% 01/2/2029	139	0.17
	Petrobras Global Finance 6% 27/1/2028	794	0.98
	Petrobras Global Finance 6.125% 17/1/2022	225	0.28
	Petrobras International Finance 5.375% 27/1/2021	183	0.22
USD 240,625	Republic of Angola Via Northern Lights III 7% 17/8/2019	173	0.21
	CHINA (0.00%*)	172	0.21
USD 250,000	China 2.125% 02/11/2022	172	0.21
	HONG KONG (1.04%*)	824	1.01
USD 1,200,000	) CNOOC Finance 2013 3% 09/5/2023	824	1.01
	INDONESIA (5.90%*)	3,654	4.49
USD 400 000	Indonesia 3.75% 25/4/2022	288	0.35
•	Indonesia 5.125% 15/1/2045	459	0.56
	Indonesia 5.25% 08/1/2047	156	0.19
	Indonesia 5.875% 15/1/2024	476	0.59
	Indonesia 5.95% 08/1/2046	342	0.42
	Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia 3.875% 06/4/2024	142	0.18
	Pelabuhan Indonesia II 4.25% 05/5/2025	142	0.18
	Pertamina Persero 5.25% 23/5/2021	374	0.46
•	Pertamina Persero 6% 03/5/2042	377	0.46
	Perusahaan Gas Negara Persero 5.125% 16/5/2024	603	0.74
	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 4.55% 29/3/2026	295	0.36
	MONGOLIA (0.00%*)	782	0.96
USD 550 000	Mongolia 5.125% 05/12/2022	388	0.48
	Mongolia 5.625% 01/5/2023	394	0.48
222 223,000	PAKISTAN (0.55%*)	594	0.73
1120 200 000	Pakistan 8.25% 15/4/2024	156	0.73
	Second Pakistan International Sukuk 6.75% 03/12/2019	438	0.19
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1100 350 000	PHILIPPINES (1.95%*)	1,373	1.69
	Philippines 4.2% 21/1/2024	187	0.23
030 1,200,000	) Philippines 7.75% 14/1/2031	1,186	1.46
	SRI LANKA (3.24%*)	2,170	2.66
	Sri Lanka 5.125% 11/4/2019	287	0.35
	) Sri Lanka 5.75% 18/1/2022	801	0.98
	Sri Lanka 5.875% 25/7/2022	367	0.45
	Sri Lanka 6.125% 03/6/2025	259	0.32
	Sri Lanka 6.2% 11/5/2027	148	0.18
400,000 ענט	Sri Lanka 6.825% 18/7/2026	308	0.38
	VIETNAM (0.82%*)	674	0.83
USD 900,000	Vietnam 4.8% 19/11/2024	674	0.83
	ANGOLA (0.37%*)	-	_
	ARMENIA (0.73%*)	593	0.73
USD 800,000	Armenia 6% 30/9/2020	593	0.73

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	y 2018 (unaudited)	Market	Total
Nominal Values		Value £'000	Net Assets %
	AZERBAIJAN (1.45%*)	1,362	1.67
USD 600,000	Azerbaijan 4.75% 18/3/2024	439	0.54
USD 700,000	Southern Gas Corridor 6.875% 24/3/2026	563	0.69
USD 500,000	State Oil of the Azerbaijan Republic 4.75% 13/3/2023	360	0.44
	BAHRAIN (0.23%*)	473	0.58
USD 250,000	Bahrain 6% 19/9/2044	151	0.19
USD 250,000	Bahrain 6.125% 05/7/2022	183	0.22
USD 200,000	Bahrain 6.75% 20/9/2029	139	0.17
	CAMEROON (0.20%*)	167	0.21
USD 200,000	Cameroon 9.5% 19/11/2025	167	0.21
	CROATIA (2.29%*)	1,820	2.23
USD 700,000	Croatia 5.5% 04/4/2023	536	0.66
USD 700,000	Croatia 6% 26/1/2024	555	0.68
USD 950,000	Croatia 6.375% 24/3/2021	729	0.89
	EGYPT (3.86%*)	3,046	3.74
USD 450,000	African Export-Import Bank 4% 24/5/2021	320	0.39
USD 500,000	African Export-Import Bank 4.125% 20/6/2024	354	0.43
USD 520,000	Egypt 5.75% 29/4/2020	383	0.47
	Egypt 5.875% 11/6/2025	217	0.27
	Egypt 6.125% 31/1/2022	820	1.01
	Egypt 6.875% 30/4/2040	72	0.09
	Egypt 7.5% 31/1/2027	315	0.39
USD 700,000	Egypt 8.5% 31/1/2047	565	0.69
	GABON (0.68%*)	213	0.26
USD 300,000	Gabon 6.375% 12/12/2024	213	0.26
	GEORGIA (0.97%*)	770	0.95
USD 1,000,000	Georgia 6.875% 12/4/2021	770	0.95
	GHANA (0.71%*)	782	0.96
	Ghana 8.125% 18/1/2026	194	0.24
	Ghana 9.25% 15/9/2022	396	0.49
USD 200,000	Ghana 10.75% 14/10/2030	192	0.23
	HUNGARY (1.64%*)	1,317	1.62
	Hungary 5.375% 21/2/2023	620	0.76
USD 650,000	Hungary 7.625% 29/3/2041	697	0.86
	ISRAEL (1.22%*)	679	0.83
USD 900,000	Israel Electric 5% 12/11/2024	679	0.83
	IVORY COAST (0.69%*)	855	1.05
USD 300,000	Ivory Coast 5.375% 23/7/2024	214	0.26
	Ivory Coast 5.75% 31/12/2032	132	0.16
	Ivory Coast 6.375% 03/3/2028	149	0.19
USD 500,000	Ivory Coast 6.125% 15/6/2033	360	0.44

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		Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£'000	%
	KAZAKHSTAN (3.79%*)	2,711	3.33
USD 650,000	Kazakhstan 3.875% 14/10/2024	474	0.58
USD 400,000	Kazakhstan 4.875% 14/10/2044	300	0.37
USD 400,000	Kazakhstan 6.5% 21/7/2045	359	0.44
USD 550,000	Kazakhstan Temir Zholy National JSC 4.85% 17/11/2027	403	0.49
	KazMunayGas National 7% 05/5/2020	507	0.62
	KazMunayGas National 4.75% 19/4/2027	330	0.41
USD 450,000	KazMunayGas National 5.75% 19/4/2047	338	0.42
	KENYA (0.53%*)	434	0.53
USD 600,000	Kenya 5.875% 24/6/2019	434	0.53
	LEBANON (2.35%*)	1,051	1.29
USD 1,500,000	Lebanon 5.45% 28/11/2019	1,051	1.29
	MOROCCO (0.52%*)	239	0.29
USD 300,000	Morocco 5.5% 11/12/2042	239	0.29
	NAMIBIA (0.38%*)	_	_
	NIGERIA (0.56%*)	1,527	1.88
USD 950.000	Nigeria 6.5% 28/11/2027	692	0.85
	Nigeria 6.75% 28/1/2021	300	0.37
	Nigeria 7.625% 28/11/2047	376	0.46
	Nigeria 7.875% 16/2/2032	159	0.20
	OMAN (1.45%*)	2,305	2.83
USD 300,000	Mazoon Assets 5.2% 08/11/2027	212	0.26
	Oman 3.875% 08/3/2022	140	0.17
USD 1,100,000	Oman 4.75% 15/6/2026	755	0.93
USD 250,000	Oman 5.375% 08/3/2027	176	0.22
USD 1,200,000	Oman 6.5% 08/3/2047	843	1.03
USD 250,000	Oman 6.75% 17/1/2048	179	0.22
	ROMANIA (0.28%*)	223	0.27
USD 250,000	Romania 6.125% 22/1/2044	223	0.27
	RUSSIA (2.47%*)	2,597	3.19
USD 2,000,000	Russia 4.875% 16/9/2023	1,503	1.85
USD 600,000	Russia 5.875% 16/9/2043	488	0.60
USD 500,000	Russia 12.75% 24/6/2028	606	0.74
	SAUDI ARABIA (0.39%*)	_	_
	SENEGAL (0.28%*)	376	0.46
USD 510,000	Senegal 6.25% 23/5/2033	376	0.46
	SERBIA (1.69%*)	1,029	1.26
USD 800,000	Serbia 4.875% 25/2/2020	581	0.71
	Serbia 6.75% 01/11/2024	249	0.31
	Serbia 7.25% 28/9/2021	199	0.24
•	SLOVENIA (0.20%*)	157	0.19
USD 200.000	Slovenia 5.5% 26/10/2022	157	0.19
200,000		137	55

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		Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£′000	%
	SOUTH AFRICA (2.06%*)	1,866	2.29
USD 550,000	Eskom SOC 5.75% 26/1/2021	391	0.48
USD 550,000	Eskom SOC 7.125% 11/2/2025	406	0.50
USD 250,000	South Africa 4.665% 17/1/2024	180	0.22
USD 250,000	South Africa 4.875% 14/4/2026	180	0.22
USD 200,000	South Africa 5% 12/10/2046	134	0.16
USD 750,000	South Africa 5.875% 16/9/2025	575	0.71
	TUNISIA (0.33%*)	279	0.34
USD 400,000	Banque Centrale de Tunisie 5.75% 30/1/2025	279	0.34
	TURKEY (4.95%*)	3,228	3.96
USD 400,000	Export Credit Bank of Turkey 4.25% 18/9/2022	273	0.34
	Export Credit Bank of Turkey 5.375% 08/2/2021	201	0.25
	TC Ziraat Bankasi 5.125% 03/5/2022	281	0.34
	Turkey 4.25% 14/4/2026	133	0.16
USD 450,000	Turkey 4.875% 16/4/2043	271	0.33
USD 1,150,000	Turkey 5.125% 25/3/2022	837	1.03
USD 350,000	Turkey 5.75% 11/5/2047	233	0.29
USD 550,000	Turkey 5.75% 22/3/2024	408	0.50
USD 500,000	Turkey 6% 14/1/2041	351	0.43
USD 350,000	Turkey 4.875% 09/10/2026	240	0.29
	UKRAINE (3.75%*)	3,414	4.19
USD 1,000,000	Ukraine 7.375% 25/9/2032	714	0.88
USD 1,075,000	Ukraine 7.75% 01/9/2019	798	0.98
USD 500,000	Ukraine 7.75% 01/9/2020	378	0.46
USD 450,000	Ukraine 7.75% 01/9/2021	345	0.42
USD 100,000	Ukraine 7.75% 01/9/2022	77	0.09
USD 700,000	Ukraine 7.75% 01/9/2027	526	0.65
USD 750,000	Ukreximbank Via Biz Finance 9.625% 27/4/2022	576	0.71
	ZAMBIA (0.44%*)	359	0.44
USD 300,000	Zambia 5.375% 20/9/2022	205	0.25
USD 200,000	Zambia 8.5% 14/4/2024	154	0.19
	ARGENTINA (5.31%*)	4,386	5.38
USD 955,000	Argentina 2.5% 31/12/2038	480	0.59
	Argentina 5.625% 26/1/2022	361	0.44
	Argentina 5.875% 11/1/2028	274	0.34
	Argentina 6.5% 15/2/2023	145	0.18
USD 1,080,000	Argentina 6.875% 22/4/2021	809	0.99
USD 1,800,000	Argentina 6.875% 11/1/2048	1,228	1.51
USD 400,000	Argentina 6.875% 26/1/2027	296	0.36
USD 410,000	Argentina 7.125% 06/7/2036	295	0.36
USD 200,000	Argentina 7.125% 28/6/2117	138	0.17
USD 280,408	Argentina 8.28% 31/12/2033	223	0.27
USD 1,925,000	Argentina FRN 15/12/2035	137	0.17
	BERMUDA (0.64%*)	513	0.63
USD 700,000	Bermuda 4.138% 03/1/2023	513	0.63

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		Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£′000	%
	BRAZIL (3.46%*)	2,280	2.80
USD 350,000	Banco do Brasil 3.875% 10/10/2022	242	0.30
USD 200,000	Banco do Brasil 4.625% 15/1/2025	139	0.17
USD 400,000	Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social 4.75% 09/5/2024	283	0.35
•	Brazil 5% 27/1/2045	391	0.48
•	Brazil 5.625% 07/1/2041	459	0.56
	Brazil 6% 07/4/2026	231	0.28
USD 750,000	Brazil Minas SPE via State of Minas Gerais 5.333% 15/2/2028	535	0.66
	CHILE (0.61%*)	639	0.79
	Empresa de Transporte de Pasajeros Metro 5% 25/1/2047	152	0.19
	Empresa Nacional del Petroleo 3.75% 05/8/2026	203	0.25
	Empresa Nacional del Petroleo 4.5% 14/9/2047	136	0.17
USD 200,000	Nacional del Cobre de Chile 4.5% 01/8/2047	148	0.18
	COLOMBIA (2.64%*)	1,764	2.17
	Colombia 2.625% 15/3/2023	376	0.46
	Colombia 4% 26/2/2024	231	0.28
	Colombia 4.5% 28/1/2026	298	0.37
	Colombia 5% 15/6/2045	520	0.64
USD 400,000	Colombia 6.125% 18/1/2041	339	0.42
	COSTA RICA (2.14%*)	1,632	2.01
	Costa Rica 4.25% 26/1/2023	615	0.76
	Costa Rica 7.158% 12/3/2045	300	0.37
USD 950,000	Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad 6.95% 10/11/2021	717	0.88
	CURAÇAO (0.00%*)	193	0.24
USD 300,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 2.95% 18/12/2022	193	0.24
	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (2.49%*)	2,253	2.77
	Dominican Republic 5.5% 27/1/2025	485	0.60
	Dominican Republic 6.6% 28/1/2024	782	0.96
	Dominican Republic 6.85% 27/1/2045	667	0.82
USD 400,000	Dominican Republic 6.875% 29/1/2026	319	0.39
	ECUADOR (1.74%*)	2,950	3.62
	Ecuador 7.875% 23/1/2028	357	0.44
	Ecuador 7.95% 20/6/2024	409	0.50
	Ecuador 8.75% 02/6/2023	387	0.47
	Ecuador 8.875% 23/10/2027	229	0.28
	Ecuador 9.625% 02/6/2027	479	0.59
	Ecuador 9.65% 13/12/2026	319	0.39
000,000	Ecuador 10.5% 24/3/2020	770	0.95
	EL SALVADOR (1.01%*)	1,516	1.86
	El Salvador 5.875% 30/1/2025	247	0.30
	El Salvador 6.375% 18/1/2027	288	0.35
	El Salvador 7.625% 01/2/2041 El Salvador 7.65% 15/6/2035	348	0.43
	El Salvador 7.75% 24/1/2023	232 171	0.29 0.21
	El Salvador 8.625% 28/2/2029	230	0.21
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		Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£′000	%
	GUATEMALA (0.96%*)	633	0.78
USD 400,000	Guatemala 4.375% 05/6/2027	280	0.35
USD 500,000	Guatemala 4.5% 03/5/2026	353	0.43
	JAMAICA (1.32%*)	1,409	1.73
USD 700,000	Jamaica 6.75% 28/4/2028	564	0.69
USD 700,000	Jamaica 7.625% 09/7/2025	583	0.72
USD 300,000	Jamaica 7.875% 28/7/2045	262	0.32
	MEXICO (6.94%*)	3,781	4.64
USD 700.000	Mexico 4.6% 23/1/2046	482	0.59
	Mexico 5.375% 13/3/2022	112	0.14
	Mexico 5.75% 12/10/2010	110	0.13
	Mexico 6.5% 13/3/2027	154	0.19
•	Mexico City Airport Trust 4.25% 31/10/2026	283	0.35
	Mexico City Airport Trust 5.5% 31/10/2046	391	0.48
	Petroleos Mexicanos 3.5% 30/1/2023	413	0.51
•	Petroleos Mexicanos 4.25% 15/1/2025	278	0.34
•	Petroleos Mexicanos 4.5% 23/1/2026	278	0.34
•	Petroleos Mexicanos 4.875% 24/1/2022	417	0.51
	Petroleos Mexicanos 5.5% 21/1/2021	224	0.27
	Petroleos Mexicanos 5.625% 23/1/2046	78	0.10
	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.375% 23/1/2045	218	0.27
	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 02/6/2041	343	0.42
	PANAMA (1.64%*)	1,334	1.64
USD 1.400.000	Panama 4% 22/9/2024	1,044	1.28
	Panama 4.3% 29/4/2053	290	0.36
,	PARAGUAY (0.63%*)	511	0.63
USD 700 000	Paraguay 4.7% 27/3/2027	511	0.63
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1160 030 000	<b>PERU (1.15%*)</b> Peru 5.625% 18/11/2050	<b>738</b> 738	<b>0.91</b> 0.91
030 630,000		/36	0.91
	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (0.34%*)	_	_
	UNITED STATES (0.00%*)	191	0.23
USD 280,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 2.25% 18/3/2020	191	0.23
	URUGUAY (1.77%*)	819	1.01
USD 200,000	Uruguay 4.375% 27/10/2027	149	0.18
USD 460,000	Uruguay 5.1% 18/6/2050	351	0.43
USD 231,000	Uruguay 7.875% 15/1/2033	232	0.29
UYU 3,400,000	Uruguay 9.875% 20/6/2022	87	0.11
	VENEZUELA (1.36%*)	340	0.42
USD 845,000	Petroleos de Venezuela 5.375% 12/4/2027	140	0.17
	Petroleos de Venezuela 6% 16/5/2024	62	0.08
	Venezuela 9.25% 15/9/2027	138	0.17
•	VIRGIN ISLANDS (0.96%*)	189	0.23
USD 275 000	State Grid Overseas Investment 2016 2.75% 04/5/2022	189	0.23
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as at 31 Ja	nuary 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value	Total Net Assets
		£′000	%
	DERIVATIVES (1.67%*)	2,023	2.48
	Euro		
	Bought EUR4,005,188 for USD4,874,068 Settlement 15/02/2018	84	0.10
	Bought EUR5,967 for USD7,325 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR28,106 for USD34,533 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR76,683 for USD94,093 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR4,250 for USD5,208 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR7,060 for USD8,722 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3 for GBP2 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR14,765,374 for USD17,968,555 Settlement 15/02/2018	309	0.38
	Bought EUR5,048 for USD6,144 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR40 for USD49 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR11,714 for USD14,002 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR8,774 for USD10,557 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR23,261 for USD27,834 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR38,451,857 for USD46,793,555 Settlement 15/02/2018	804	0.99
	Bought EUR38,070 for USD46,239 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR10,119 for USD12,382 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR20,544 for USD25,119 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR482 for USD591 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,960 for USD4,866 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR54,517 for USD66,895 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR23,899 for USD29,526 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR2,081 for USD2,584 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR8,335 for USD10,377 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR32,295 for USD40,068 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR21,470 for USD26,724 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold EUR3,772 for GBP3,304 Settlement 06/02/2018	_	_
	US Dollar		
	Bought USD20,049 for GBP14,155 Settlement 06/02/2018		_
	Bought USD196,973 for GBP139,074 Settlement 06/02/2018	(1)	_
	Bought USD3,624 for GBP2,673 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD4,744 for GBP3,475 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD7,294 for GBP5,301 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought USD2,754 for GBP1,996 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD358 for GBP258 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD74 for GBP53 Settlement 15/02/2018		
	Bought USD1,220 for GBP877 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD277 for GBP197 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD633 for GBP448 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD607 for GBP448 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD627 for GBP462 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD10,694 for GBP7,882 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD3,173 for GBP2,354 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD5,271 for GBP3,912 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought USD300 for GBP220 Settlement 15/02/2018		_
	Bought USD614 for GBP446 Settlement 15/02/2018		_
	Bought USD2,589 for GBP1,878 Settlement 15/02/2018		_
	Bought USD90 for GBP66 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
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, To To (anadated)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Bought USD946 for GBP686 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD25,991 for GBP18,833 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
Bought USD2,003 for GBP1,441 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD3,019 for GBP2,173 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD3,498 for GBP2,517 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD403 for GBP290 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD755 for GBP543 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD4,371 for GBP3,142 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,335 for GBP1,675 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,844 for GBP1,322 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD16,335 for GBP11,548 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD39 for GBP28 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD27,949 for GBP19,607 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD81,782 for GBP57,372 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD316 for GBP224 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	
Bought USD402 for GBP286 Settlement 15/02/2018		
Bought USD1,257 for GBP890 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
5	_	_
Bought USD3,959 for GBP2,802 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD116 for GBP82 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,649 for GBP1,870 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD681 for GBP490 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD32 for GBP24 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD6,114 for GBP4,506 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,368 for GBP1,015 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD844 for GBP626 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,347 for GBP987 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD20 for GBP14 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD12,254 for GBP8,890 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,816 for GBP2,043 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD405 for GBP295 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,942 for GBP1,407 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD4,966 for GBP3,598 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD16 for GBP11 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,678 for GBP1,927 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD56 for GBP40 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD5,465 for GBP3,928 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD162 for GBP116 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,912 for GBP1,371 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD863 for GBP610 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD4,360 for GBP3,056 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD417 for GBP292 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD18 for GBP13 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD5,790 for GBP4,115 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD32,071 for GBP22,695 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD7,856 for EUR6,573 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,837 for EUR2,358 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,465 for EUR1,224 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
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To to (anadated)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Bought USD1,141 for EUR940 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD8,112 for EUR6,629 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,314 for EUR1,893 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD2,136 for EUR1,741 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD4,930 for EUR3,991 Settlement 15/02/2018		_
Bought USD5,184 for EUR4,175 Settlement 15/02/2018		
<u> </u>	_	_
Bought USD10 for EUR8 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD126,843 for EUR102,235 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD3,974 for EUR3,193 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD1,260 for EUR1,055 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD9,178 for EUR7,628 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD23,374 for EUR19,101 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD24,751 for EUR19,949 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD945 for EUR759 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,701 for GBP3,305 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 06/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD115 for GBP82 Settlement 06/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,648 for GBP1,870 Settlement 06/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,424 for GBP1,788 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,288 for GBP1,686 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD938,374 for GBP684,767 Settlement 15/02/2018	25	0.03
Sold USD69 for GBP50 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	-
Sold USD14 for GBP10 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD695 for GBP500 Settlement 15/02/2018		
Sold USD173 for GBP124 Settlement 15/02/2018		
	_	_
Sold USD13,844 for GBP9,787 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD126 for GBP88 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD76 for GBP54 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,412 for GBP1,780 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,534 for GBP3,342 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,556 for GBP1,884 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD677 for GBP502 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Sold USD3,772 for GBP2,799 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD19,148,468 for GBP13,973,363 Settlement 15/02/2018	514	0.63
Sold USD3,094 for GBP2,267 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD14,497 for GBP10,619 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold USD2,394 for GBP1,737 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD21,449 for GBP15,561 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold USD6,722 for GBP4,886 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD757 for GBP550 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD969 for GBP702 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD7,027 for GBP5,092 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD148 for GBP107 Settlement 15/02/2018		
Sold USD23,599 for GBP16,981 Settlement 15/02/2018		
	_	_
Sold USD278 for GBP200 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,517 for GBP3,251 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,765 for GBP3,425 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD816 for GBP587 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	-
Sold USD4,827 for GBP3,461 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,571 for GBP1,844 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_

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ry 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Sold USD5,519 for GBP3,902 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD3,545 for GBP2,506 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,799 for GBP1,962 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD148 for GBP104 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,152 for GBP1,510 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,278 for GBP1,598 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD11,652 for GBP8,281 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD942 for GBP667 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD5,063 for GBP3,583 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD20,055 for GBP14,155 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,813 for GBP3,572 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD175,791 for GBP128,281 Settlement 15/02/2018	5	0.01
Sold USD6,410 for GBP4,650 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD809 for GBP586 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD18,363 for GBP13,200 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD143 for GBP100 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,252 for GBP1,661 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD66,456 for GBP49,027 Settlement 15/02/2018	2	_
Sold USD32,578 for GBP24,010 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold USD63 for GBP46 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD8,332 for GBP6,183 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD10,127,509 for GBP7,390,427 Settlement 15/02/2018	272	0.34
Sold USD5,886 for GBP4,311 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD965 for GBP700 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD60,000 for GBP43,605 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold USD5,279 for GBP3,825 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD147 for GBP106 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD30,384 for GBP21,863 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold USD611 for GBP439 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD11,428 for GBP8,215 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD27,600 for GBP19,793 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,817 for GBP1,991 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD696 for GBP488 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD2,195 for GBP1,538 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD38,427 for GBP26,957 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,551 for GBP3,193 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD5,942 for GBP4,223 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD4,407 for GBP3,132 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD14,796 for GBP10,471 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold USD197,039 for GBP139,074 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	
Portfolio of investments^	76,991	94.54
Net other assets	4,444	5.46
Total net assets	81,435	100.00

All holdings represent securities quoted on a Listed Securities Market, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as FRNs represent Floating-Rate Notes — debt instruments that pay a floating rate of interest, usually based on an accepted market benchmark rate such as LIBOR.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

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

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Hedged Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	678	496	499	7,456
Closing number of shares	500,763	373,183	385,956	6,270,282
Closing net asset value per share (p)	135.47	132.79	129.40	118.91
Operating charges	1.49%	1.46%	1.62%	1.54%
Prices Highest share price	137.04	133.78	130.66	122.88
Lowest share price	137.04	124.47	115.41	114.60
Lowest share price	155.55	124.47	113.41	114.00
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Hedged Income	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (£'000)	145	131	130	7,158
Closing number of shares	138,684	124,660	121,172	6,936,157
Closing net asset value per share (p)	104.34	105.27	107.48	103.19
Operating charges	1.48%	1.51%	1.50%	1.48%
Prices				
Highest share price	108.53	111.54	111.12	108.99
Lowest share price	105.69	103.89	98.92	103.41
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Hedged Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13,846	12,110	7,504	11,898
Closing number of shares	11,690,912	10,463,080	6,667,484	11,580,050
Closing net asset value per share (p)	118.44	115.74	112.54	102.75
Operating charges	0.81%	0.99%	1.06%	0.98%
Prices				
Highest share price	119.66	116.52	113.63	106.02
Lowest share price	116.25	108.16	100.05	98.72
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Hedged Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,438	6,272	2,860	3,197
Closing number of shares	7,783,479	6,528,473	2,917,026	3,425,636
Closing net asset value per share (p)	95.56	96.07	98.03	93.32
Operating charges Prices	0.93%	0.85%	0.78%	0.86%
Highest share price	99.33	101.16	101.29	98.21
Lowest share price	96.53	94.41	89.78	93.25
20.1.001 Share price	30.33	5 1. 11	03.70	55.25

Comparative Table (continued) for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure Interim Final Final **Final** 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class A Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 3,961 3,600 4,346 9,261 3,038,437 Closing number of shares 3.446.768 2,803,616 7,894,809 Closing net asset value per share (c) 130.35 126.09 128.39 117.30 Operating charges 1.48% 1.42% 1.44% 1.45% **Prices** Highest share price 133.01 129.94 127.44 121.54 Lowest share price 128.53 120.98 113.60 113.36 Interim Final Final Final 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class A Hedged Income (EUR share class) 5 5 Closing net asset value (€'000) 1 7,378 1,380 Closing number of shares 5,090 5,309 7,241,956 101.88 Closing net asset value per share (c) 96.46 97.71 101.04 Operating charges 1.48% 1.42% 1.43% 1.42% **Prices** Highest share price 101.24 104.21 107.22 108.05 Lowest share price 97.85 97.04 97.39 102.33 Interim Final Final **Final** 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 January 2018 31 July 2015 Share class B Hedged Income (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 22,409 37,323 36,936 17,459 Closing number of shares 37,071,428 21,447,097 36,341,459 17,335,793 100.71 Closing net asset value per share (c) 100.68 101.64 104.49 Operating charges 0.86% 0.78% 0.78% 0.77% **Prices** Highest share price 105.41 107.76 108.06 106.21 Lowest share price 101.81 100.49 96.59 100.79 Interim Final Final 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 Share class B Gross Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 14,653 14,387 8,616 Closing number of shares 12,590,050 7,768,227 12,590,050 Closing net asset value per share (c) 116.38 114.28 110.92 Operating charges 0.87% 0.77% 0.77% **Prices** Highest share price 118.49 112.02 115.16 Lowest share price 114.43 107.10 98.75

Comparative Table (continued)

Comparative table				(continueu)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)				
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	_	_	3,264	34,779
Closing number of shares	50	50	2,934,087	34,101,037
Closing net asset value per share (c)	120.16	116.87	111.24	101.99
Operating charges	0.60%	0.70%	0.71%	0.71%
Prices				
Highest share price	121.78	117.35	112.34	105.13
Lowest share price	117.00	92.77	99.34	98.01
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Gross Accumulation (USD share class)				
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	14,680	25,443	100,154	29,548
Closing number of shares	12,500,050	22,346,517	92,402,104	30,016,931
Closing net asset value per share (c)	117.44	113.86	108.39	98.44
Operating charges	0.80%	0.70%	0.69%	0.72%
Prices				
Highest share price	118.97	114.33	109.43	100.46
Lowest share price	114.03	105.18	96.25	98.14
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class Z Gross Hedged Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_	_	_	101
Closing number of shares	_	50	50	100,295
Closing net asset value per share (p)	_	118.60	112.85	100.67
Operating charges	_	0.16%	0.17%	0.15%
Prices				
Highest share price	122.04	119.06	113.94	103.33
Lowest share price	118.98	109.52	98.71	95.75
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class Z Gross Accumulation (USD share class)	-	-	-	-
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	_	_	_	160
Closing number of shares	_	50	50	160,035
Closing net asset value per share (c)	_	119.69	112.03	100.51
Operating charges	_	0.10%	0.11%	0.09%
Prices				
Highest share price	124.22	120.17	113.00	103.13
Lowest share price	119.87	109.20	98.49	95.67

Share class B Gross Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 1 October 2015.

Closing net asset value is less than £1,000 for share class B Accumulation (USD share class). Z Gross Hedged Accumulation and Z Gross Accumulation (USD share class) closed on 14 December 2017.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 Janua	ary 2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(1,888)		(320)
Revenue	2,256		2,909	
Expenses	(367)		(402)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,888		2,505	
Taxation	3		_	
Net revenue after taxation		1,891		2,505
Total return before distribution		3		2,185
Distribution	_	(2,258)		(2,907)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	_	(2,255)	_	(722)

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 Ja	anuary 2018	31 J	lanuary 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		87,499		119,298
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	5,638		21,032	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(10,595)		(66,135)	
		(4,957)		(45,103)
Dilution adjustment		30		224
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(2,255)		(722)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,118	_	1,105
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	81,435	_	74,802

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	76,993_	84,383
Current assets	·	
Debtors	2,816	1,467
Cash and bank balances	4,302	3,956
Total assets	84,111	89,806
Liabilities	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Investment liabilities	(2)	(1)
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(23)	_
Distribution payable	(1,133)	(1,118)
Other creditors	(1,518)	(1,188)
Total liabilities	(2,676)	(2,307)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	81,435	87,499

## **Distribution Tables**

for the period	l ended 31	January	/ 2018	(unaudited)
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Distribution	in penc	e and cents	per share
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Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Hedged Accumulation

Share class A Heaged Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
•				
Interim	3.6912	_	3.6912	2.9942
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.0603	2.6309	3.6912	2.9942
Character A Hadrad Income				
Share class A Hedged Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Croup 1				
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.9523	_	2.9523	2.4954
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.5692	2.3831	2.9523	2.4954
Share class B Hedged Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
C 1				
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	3.2212	_	3.2212	2.6015
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.7307	1.4905	3.2212	2.6015
	1.7507	1.1303	3.2212	2.0015
Share class B Hedged Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
		Faualisation	31/03/2018	•
	revenue	Equalisation		31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.6938	_	2.6938	2.2698
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.2611	1.4327	2.6938	2.2698
interim	1.2011	1.4327	2.0330	2.2030
Share class A Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
		Faualication		
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	3.5488	_	3.5488	2.9162
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.5452	2.0036	3.5488	2.9162
intenin	1.3432	2.0030	3.3400	2.9102
Share class A Hedged Income (EUR share class)				
-			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	
		Face Proof		paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	2.7129	_	2.7129	2.3509
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
•				
Interim	1.4961	1.2168	2.7129	2.3509
	100			

**Distribution Tables** (continued) for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Share class B Hedged Income (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid 31/03/2018 revenue Equalisation 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 2.8297 2.8297 2.4215 (c) Group 2 (c) (c) (c) 1.5704 2.4215 Interim 1.2593 2.8297 Share class B Gross Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid Equalisation 31/03/2018 revenue 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 3.1798 3.1798 3.2036 Group 2 (c) (c) (c) (c)3.1798 Interim 3.1798 3.2036 Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid Equalisation revenue 31/03/2018 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 3.4600 3.4600 2.5774 (c) Group 2 (c) (c) (c) 3.4600 Interim 3.4600 2.5774 Share class B Gross Accumulation (USD share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid revenue Equalisation 31/03/2018 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c)(c) (c) (c)Interim 3.1570 3.1570 3.1358 (c) Group 2 (c) (c) (c) 3.1570 3.1570 Interim 3.1358 Share class Z Gross Hedged Accumulation Distribution Distribution Net payable paid 31/03/2018 revenue Equalisation 31/03/2017 Group 1 (p) (p) (p) (p) Interim 3.3600 Group 2 (p) (p) (p) (p) Interim 3.3600 Share class Z Gross Accumulation (USD share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid Equalisation 31/03/2018 31/03/2017 revenue Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c)Interim 3.8800 Group 2 (c) (c) (c) (p) Interim 3.8800

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### **Fund Termination**

First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Fund commenced termination on 14 December 2017. Termination will be completed once all assets and liabilities have been settled.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

There are no holdings to disclose due to the Fund closure.

## Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 January	2018	31 January 2	2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(51)		(2,474)
Revenue	803		1,165	
Expenses	(167)		(162)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(10)		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	626		999	
Taxation	1		(21)	
Net revenue after taxation		627		978
Total return before equalisation/distribution		576		(1,496)
Equalisation/Distribution		(798)		(1,140)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(222)		(2,636)

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	.018	31 Janua	ry 2017
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		37,761		33,594
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,319		1,090	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(38,866)		_	
Amounts payable to shareholders	(45)		_	_
		(37,592)		1,090
Dilution adjustment		53		2
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(222)		(2,636)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares				3
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_			32,053

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	\$'000	\$'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	<del></del> _	36,517
Current assets		
Debtors	_	655
Cash and bank balances	129	2,344
Total assets	129	39,516
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	(364)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	_	(1,318)
Other creditors	(129)	(73)
Total liabilities	(129)	(1,755)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	<del>-</del>	37,761

# First State Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund (closed)

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

There are no distributions to disclose due to the Fund closure.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests worldwide in equities in emerging economies, including those of companies listed on developed market exchanges whose activities predominantly take place in emerging market countries. •

Clarification point: Emerging Economies are defined as countries which are not classified as a developed market by MSCI or FTSE, or which are categorised by the World Bank as middle or low-income, or which are not members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

#### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ris	sk				Hi	gher Risk →
	Potentially Lower Rewards				Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewards		
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Emerging market risk: emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

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#### Performance

The Fund rose by 5.1% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 31.5% and 38.6% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Uni-President Enterprises (Taiwan: Consumer Staples) rose as its business in mainland China continued to improve, and Tata Consultancy Services (India: Information Technology) gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance. Tech Mahindra (India: Information Technology) climbed on the back of improving margins and stronger growth.

Santander Mexico (Financials) fell due to weaker personal loan growth and rising operational costs. It was also negatively impacted by broader concerns around US tax reform, Mexico's presidential election and the possible end of the North American Free Trade Agreement. PZ Cussons (Nigeria: Consumer Staples) declined on the back of a more challenging environment in both the UK and Nigeria. Despite positive results, ENKA Insaat (Turkey: Industrials) was a negative contributor as the Turkish Lira was weak over the period.

#### Portfolio changes

During the period, the Fund bought Magnit (Russia: Consumer Staples), backing conservative management who, we believe, have no political links and have successfully steered the company in a competitive Russian retail market.

The Fund sold Antofagasta (Chile: Materials), Kotak Mahindra Bank (India: Financials) and Vapores (Chile: Industrials) on valuation concerns.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Outlook

Companies in emerging markets continue to look expensive, and the Manager finds it difficult to find quality companies trading at reasonable valuations. As the future is inherently unpredictable, most of their time is spent analysing history. They focus on the history of key people at the companies they own, assessing their approach to business risk, capital allocation and indebtedness. They believe that the best way to reduce risk is to back management who are conservative, honest and have built resilient businesses.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
2.9	5.1	12.1	31.5	38.6	160.7	1,385.1
5.0	9.9	24.8	47.7	47.4	104.5	634.6
	2.9	2.9 5.1	2.9 5.1 12.1	2.9 5.1 12.1 31.5	2.9 5.1 12.1 31.5 38.6	mths         mths         yr         yrs         yrs         yrs           2.9         5.1         12.1         31.5         38.6         160.7

Discrete performance	as at 31	January 2018
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	12.1	38.3	(15.2)	16.7	(9.7)

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Global Emerging Markets Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

5	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
US Treasury 0% 15/3/2018	5.27	US Treasury 0% 21/9/2017	5.95
Tata Consultancy Services	4.49	Housing Development Finance	3.51
Uni-President Enterprises	3.87	Unilever	3.50
Unilever	3.11	Uni-President Enterprises	3.48
Tech Mahindra	2.35	Tata Consultancy Services	2.48
United Breweries	2.35	ENKA	2.25
Tiger Brands	2.33	PZ Cussons	2.13
Tata Power	2.17	Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	2.12
Standard Bank	2.14	Standard Bank	2.00
ENKA	2.14	Grupo Financiero Santander Mexico ADR	1.91

#### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (7.28%*)	47,639	6.73
4.008.839	PZ Cussons	12,532	1.77
6,568,661		13,121	1.85
549,658		21,986	3.11
	UNITED STATES (5.95%*)	37,328	5.27
USD53.165.000	US Treasury 0% 15/3/2018	37,328	5.27
00200,.00,000	SWITZERLAND (1.54%*)	10,785	1.52
155 815	Coca-Cola HBC	10,785	1.52
755,075			
005 226	AUSTRALIA (2.18%*)	18,814	<b>2.66</b> 1.82
1,387,035	Newcrest Mining	12,843	
1,367,033		5,971	0.84
7 504 420	HONG KONG (4.53%*)	36,679	5.18
	China Resources Pharmaceutical	6,993	0.99
	Hong Kong & China Gas	12,460	1.75
14,602,000		5,593	0.79
	Vinda International Yue Yuen Industrial	5,424 6,209	0.77 0.88
1,939,000			
022.600	INDIA (21.41%*)	144,376	20.38
923,608	·	6,035	0.85
1,020,353	•	7,170	1.01
	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Housing Development Finance	10,186 12,763	1.44 1.80
	Idea Cellular	11,113	1.57
	Mahindra Lifespace Developers	5,187	0.73
	Nestlé India	10,022	1.42
	Tata Consultancy Services	31,816	4.49
15,604,286	·	15,337	2.17
	Tech Mahindra	16,674	2.35
405,688		1,413	0.20
	United Breweries	16,660	2.35
	INDONESIA (0.36%*)	1,978	0.28
13.697.000	Acset Indonusa	1,978	0.28
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	SINGAPORE (0.97%*)	10,006	1.41
11,358,400		10,006	1.41
11,550,400		9,095	1.28
260,000	SOUTH KOREA (1.52%*) Shinhan Financial	9,095 9,095	1.28
200,099			
2 007 000	TAIWAN (6.95%*)	46,945	6.63
	Merida Industry	9,873	1.39
	President Chain Store	9,674	1.37
10,243,104	Uni-President Enterprises	27,398	3.87
17.026.024	EGYPT (0.76%*)	7,785	1.10
17,936,021	Juhayna Food Industries	7,785	1.10
	KENYA (0.58%*)	2,762	0.39
8,911,800		2,762	0.39
	NIGERIA (3.80%*)	33,450	4.72
	Guaranty Trust Bank	12,059	1.70
709,429	Guaranty Trust Bank GDR	3,367	0.48

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	/ 2018 (unaudited)		-
	, (	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
24,432,815	Lafarge Africa	2,619	0.37
	Nigerian Breweries	4,248	0.60
	UAC of Nigeria	2,140	0.30
103,880,479	Unilever Nigeria	9,017	1.27
	RUSSIA (0.00%*)	178	0.03
2,673	Magnit	178	0.03
	SOUTH AFRICA (9.40%*)	77,499	10.94
2,375,995	Adcock Ingram	9,218	1.30
	Adcock Ingram warrants 26/7/2019	53	0.01
	African Oxygen	8,688	1.23
	AngloGold Ashanti	9,273	1.31
7,252,678		5,648	0.80
	Impala Platinum	3,866	0.54
10,062,920		9,083	1.28
	Standard Bank	15,186	2.14
	Tiger Brands	16,484	2.33
	TURKEY (4.18%*)	28,944	4.09
1.660.429	Anadolu Efes Biracilik ve Malt Sanayii	8,640	1.22
14,351,820	•	15,173	2.14
918,473		, 5,131	0.73
	UAE (1.45%*)	11,715	1.65
1,930,401	Orascom Construction	11,715	1.65
	BRAZIL (7.55%*)	54,174	7.65
1,372,932	Banco Bradesco	11,990	1.69
3,021,391		6,843	0.97
2,418,200		9,563	1.35
1,642,260		12,734	1.80
852,992	Porto Seguro	8,368	1.18
	Wilson Sons BDR	4,676	0.66
	CHILE (10.62%*)	55,739	7.86
12,869,258	Aguas Andinas	6,090	0.86
1,199,205	Cia Cervecerias Unidas	12,113	1.71
9,679,776	Inversiones Aguas Metropolitanas	13,259	1.87
5,137,064	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11,748	1.66
72,353,698	Sociedad Matriz SAAM	5,628	0.79
4,716,133		6,901	0.97
	MEXICO (5.31%*)	30,658	4.33
1,694,539	Banco Santander Mexico ADR	9,318	1.32
186,819	Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	12,813	1.81
5,133,281	Herdez	8,527	1.20
	Portfolio of investments	666,549	94.10
	Net other assets	41,807	5.90
	Total net assets	708,356	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stock shown as ADRs, GDRs and BDRs represent American Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts and Brazilian Depositary Receipts, respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	43,420	47,696	48,051	56,939
Closing number of shares	5,243,371	6,030,570	6,841,976	9,850,975
Closing net asset value per share (p)	828.10	790.90	702.30	578.00
Operating charges	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%	1.89%
Prices				
Highest share price	848.94	803.40	710.10	663.38
Lowest share price	782.75	686.02	517.46	576.35
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	664,936	632,036	831,725	642,041
Closing number of shares	71,040,012	70,986,300	105,982,561	100,157,728
Closing net asset value per share (p)	936.00	890.36	784.78	641.03
Operating charges	1.10%	1.09%	1.09%	1.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	959.14	904.23	793.43	734.24
Lowest share price	882.46	768.59	575.96	636.77

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				_
	31 January 2	2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		31,422		40,359
Revenue	7,444		7,271	
Expenses	(4,011)		(4,155)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(4)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,429	_	3,113	
Taxation	(455)		(1,080)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,974		2,033
Total return before distribution		34,396	_	42,392
Distribution		(2,980)	_	(3,077)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		31,416	_	39,315

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		679,732		879,776
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	2,727		22,469	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(8,544)	_	(277,322)	
		(5,817)		(254,853)
Dilution adjustment		_		1,169
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		31,416		39,315
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,025	_	2,548
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	708,356	_	667,955

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	666,549_	654,837
Current assets	·	
Debtors	2,242	812
Cash and bank balances	40,829_	25,715
Total assets	709,620	681,364
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(1,264)	(1,632)
Total liabilities	(1,264)	(1,632)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	708,356	679,732

#### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class A Accumulation

	Net		Distribution payable	Distribution paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.4863	_	0.4863	0.2916
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.4863	0.4863	0.2916
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	4.2216	_	4.2216	3.3919
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.5399	3.6817	4.2216	3.3919

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in large and mid capitalisation securities in emerging economies, including those of companies listed on developed market exchanges whose activities predominantly take place in emerging market countries.

In order to gain exposure to these types of equities and equity related instruments, up to 10% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other collective investment schemes, including in collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes"), and/or other Funds of the Company ("Second Funds").

Investment may be in cash or near cash.

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class B Accumulation
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)
Share class Z Accumulation

← Lower Risk					Higher Risk →		
Potentially Lo	wer Rewards				Potentially Hig	gher Rewards	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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#### Outlook

The investment team believe that the most important part of investing in emerging markets is to sidestep the short-term approach adopted by most market participants and focus on the long-term secular tailwinds benefitting a select number of companies. Consider the following: over the next 15 years, the United Nations expects the working age population in emerging markets excluding China to grow at an annual rate of 2% (the equivalent to 700 million people entering the labour force). Likewise, Boston Consulting Group estimates that between 2010 and 2030, the population in emerging market cities will increase by 1.3 billion people, which is higher than the total population residing in present developed market cities. These secular drivers (demographics, urbanisation and productivity improvements, among others) should continue to create the prerequisites for large, growing profit pools that can be tapped by our holdings, which provide basic goods and services to this segment.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

We are not in a position to provide performance data as the Fund was launched to the market on 29 September 2017. This will be provided in future reports once the Fund has obtained a track record of one year.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Ten largest holdings

Terr largest floralings	
31	January 2018
Stock name	% of Fund
First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD	9.37
HDFC Bank ADR	5.89
Alsea	4.92
X5 Retail	4.51
Lojas Americanas pref.	3.45
Bank Mandiri Persero	3.42
Grupo Financiero Galicia ADR	3.36
Grupo Supervielle ADR	3.30
Mercadolibre	3.28
Natura	3.19

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

## Portfolio Statement

as at 31 January	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM	216	4.51
8,012	X5 Retail	216	4.51
	UNITED STATES	236	4.93
577	Mercadolibre	157	3.28
2,416	Yum China	79	1.65
	BANGLADESH	5	0.10
4,073	Delta Brac Housing Finance	5	0.10
	CHINA	599	12.50
38,000	China Mengniu Dairy	87	1.82
18,000	ENN Energy	98	2.04
	Hongfa Technology	140	2.92
12,300		82	1.71
	Shanghai International Airport	116	2.42
6,700	Yunnan Baiyao	76	1.59
	HONG KONG	69	1.44
26,000	China Resources Enterprise	69	1.44
	INDIA	846	17.66
•	Axis Bank GDR	115	2.40
	First State Indian Subcontinent Fund 3 Accumulation USD†	449	9.37
3,688	HDFC Bank ADR	282	5.89
	INDONESIA	380	7.93
	Bank Mandiri Persero	164	3.42
	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	138	2.88
132,900	Semen Indonesia	78	1.63
2 200	PAKISTAN	130	2.71
	Indus Motor	38	0.79
74,800	United Bank	92	1.92
64.040	PHILIPPINES	143	2.98
64,840	Universal Robina	143	2.98
	TAIWAN	74	1.54
12,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	74	1.54
	EGYPT	166	3.47
42,577		132	2.76
51,488	Edita Food Industries	34	0.71
	NIGERIA	50	1.04
522,606	Guaranty Trust Bank	50	1.04
	SOUTH AFRICA	385	8.04
13,692		87	1.82
	Capitec Bank	65	1.36
7,977		81	1.69
38,020	FirstRand	152	3.17
2 272	ARGENTINA	319	6.66
	Grupo Financiero Galicia ADR	161	3.36
7,039	Grupo Supervielle ADR	158	3.30

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	BRAZIL	372	7.77
6,700	Hypermarcas	54	1.13
43,986	Lojas Americanas pref.	165	3.45
19,700	Natura	153	3.19
	MEXICO	324	6.76
102,800	Alsea	236	4.92
28,900	Banco Santander (Regd.)	32	0.67
8,100	Fomento Economico Mexicano	56	1.17
	PERU	79	1.65
486	Credicorp	79	1.65
	Portfolio of investments	4,393	91.69
	Net other assets	398	8.31
	Total net assets	4,791	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

There are no comparatives for this statement as this Fund launched on 29 September 2017.

Stocks shown as ADRs and GDRs represent American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts, respectively.

†This investment is a related party.

### **Comparative Table**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

Netroset value and origining charges rigare	Interim 31 January 2018
Share class B Accumulation	•
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,126
Closing number of shares	1,981,815
Closing net asset value per share (p)	107.26
Operating charges Prices	1.23%
Highest share price	110.39
Lowest share price	100.30
	Interim
	31 January 2018
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	
Closing net asset value (€'000)	1,521
Closing number of shares	1,409,744
Closing net asset value per share (c)	107.90
Operating charges Prices	1.22%
Highest share price	110.94
Lowest share price	100.53
	Interim
	31 January 2018
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	1,895
Closing number of shares	1,677,467
Closing net asset value per share (c)	112.96
Operating charges Prices	1.22%
Highest share price	115.46
Lowest share price	100.09
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Share class B Accumulation was launched on 4 December 2017.

Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 4 December 2017.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 4 December 2017.

Share class Z Accumulation was launched on 29 September 2017 and subsequently closed on 4 December 2017.

## Statement of Total Return

Dilution adjustment

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	
	£'000	£'000
Income		
Net capital gains		182
Revenue	9	
Expenses	(10)	
Interest payable and similar charges	<u></u> _	
Net expense before taxation	(1)	
Taxation	(1)_	
Net expense after taxation		(2)
Total return before distribution		180
Distribution		(4)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		176
Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders		
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	
		£′000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		_
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	8,347	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,734)	

4,613

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4,791

No comparatives are shown as the Fund was launched on 29 September 2017.

Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities

Closing net assets attributable to shareholders

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	
	£′000	
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	4,393	
Current assets		
Debtors	418	
Cash and bank balances	235	
Total assets	5,046	
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(255)	
Total liabilities	(255)	
Net assets attributable to shareholders	4,791	

No comparatives are shown as the Fund was launched on 29 September 2017.

#### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 29 September 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class B Accumulation

			Distribution
	Net		payable
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_

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Distribution

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

#### Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

			Distribution
	Net		payable
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.			

#### Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

			Distribution
	Net		payable
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	-	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

Share class B Accumulation was launched on 4 December 2017.

Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 4 December 2017.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 4 December 2017.

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests worldwide in large and mid capitalisation equities in emerging economies, including those of companies listed on developed market exchanges whose activities predominantly take place in emerging market countries. •

• Clarification point: large and mid capitalisation typically refers to equities with a minimum market capitalisation of US\$1 billion and a minimum free float of US\$500 million. Emerging economies are defined as countries which are not classified as a developed markets by MSCI or FTSE, or which are categorised by the World Bank as middle or low-income, or which are not members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class B Accumulation
Share class B Income
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

← Lower Risk				Higher Risk 🗕			
Potentially Lo	wer Rewards				Potentially Hig	gher Rewards	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 5.9% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 30.4% and 43.7% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Uni-President Enterprises (Taiwan: Consumer Staples) rose as its business in mainland China continued to improve. Tata Consultancy Services (India: Information Technology) gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance. China Mengniu (Consumer Staples) rose as it completed an internal restructuring and expanded into higher margin products.

KT Corporation (South Korea: Telecom Services) declined on rising costs and downward pressure on tariffs. Santander Mexico (Financials) fell due to weaker personal loan growth and rising operational costs. It was also negatively impacted by broader concerns around US tax reform, Mexico's presidential election and the possible end of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Magnit (Russia: Consumer Staples) was negatively impacted by the increasingly competitive environment.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the six months included Universal Robina (Philippines: Consumer Staples), a family-owned consumer franchise that is improving under the founder's son. The Fund bought Kuala Lumpur Kepong (Malaysia: Consumer Staples), a family-owned, palm oil business with strong finances, which has displayed careful financial governance in the past. The Fund also bought President Chain Store (Taiwan: Consumer Staples), a high-quality, cash-generative consumer franchise owned by Uni-President Enterprises, a family-owned consumer company the Manager has backed for many years.

The Fund sold Yue Yuen Industrial (Hong Kong: Consumer Discretionary) on concerns that 3D printing will pose a significant challenge for the company in the longer term. The Fund also sold Bank Pekao (Poland: Financials), as ownership changes turned it into a state-owned company, and Housing Development Finance Corp (India: Financials) on valuation concerns.

#### Outlook

Companies in emerging markets continue to look expensive, and the Manager finds it difficult to find quality ones trading at reasonable valuations. As the future is inherently unpredictable, most of the Manager's time is spent analysing history. They focus on the history of key people at companies they invest in, assessing their approach to business risk, capital allocation and indebtedness. They believe that the best way to reduce risk is to back management who are conservative, honest and have built resilient businesses.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	2.9	5.9	12.5	30.4	43.7	172.7	499.8
Benchmark return %	5.0	9.9	24.8	47.7	47.4	104.5	405.4
Discrete performance as at 31	January 2018						

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	12.5	35.5	(14.4)	22.7	(10.2)

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Global Emerging Markets Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Tata Consultancy Services	6.00	Uni-President Enterprises	4.57
Uni-President Enterprises	5.87	Unilever	4.06
Remgro	4.60	Housing Development Finance	4.06
Tata Power	3.68	Tata Consultancy Services	4.05
Infosys	3.17	Tata Power	3.40
Tiger Brands	3.00	Cia Cervecerias Unidas	3.15
Unilever	2.81	Remgro	2.77
Cipla	2.66	Banco Santander Mexico ADR	2.72
MediaTek	2.65	MediaTek	2.66
Klabin	2.53	Cipla	2.65

#### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
as at 5 i saireai	y 2010 (unadanca)	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (5.44%*)	122,914	4.47
22,800,343		45,544	1.66
1,934,262		77,370	2.81
	NETHERLANDS (1.92%*)	54,366	1.98
726,286	Heineken	54,366	1.98
•	SWITZERLAND (2.12%*)	, 51,185	1.86
2.163.373	Coca-Cola HBC	51,185	1.86
_,,,,,,,,,	JAPAN (0.95%*)	_	_
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/ 777 EEO	AUSTRALIA (2.07%*)	<b>91,668</b> 61,646	3.33
6,974,036	Newcrest Mining	30,022	2.24 1.09
0,974,030		30,022	1.09
	CHINA (1.89%*)	_	_
	HONG KONG (5.77%*)	141,013	5.12
	China Resources Pharmaceutical	42,365	1.54
	Hong Kong & China Gas	45,012	1.63
136,334,000	3	48,907	1.78
486,521		4,729	0.17
11 102 500	INDIA (26.23%*)	706,324	25.68
11,193,580	•	73,135	2.66
	Colgate-Palmolive	34,675 47,806	1.26
	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Federal Bank	47,896 25,113	1.74 0.91
	Idea Cellular	49,398	1.80
6,867,991		45,350 87,137	3.17
	Mahindra & Mahindra	63,216	2.30
	Tata Consultancy Services	164,949	6.00
	Tata Global Beverages	6,398	0.23
103,155,341	<u> </u>	101,390	3.68
4,190,715	United Breweries	53,017	1.93
	MALAYSIA (1.49%*)	86,907	3.16
27,647,313		28,332	1.03
12,873,600	Kuala Lumpur Kepong	58,575	2.13
	PHILIPPINES (0.00%*)	15,066	0.55
6,818,070	Universal Robina	15,066	0.55
	SINGAPORE (2.12%*)	41,276	1.50
6,929,900	Dairy Farm International	41,276	1.50
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	SOUTH KOREA (3.91%*)	107,899	3.92
558 066	Amorepacific	52,185	1.90
12,840	·	250	0.01
5,275,763		55,464	2.01
	TAIWAN (9.51%*)	334,527	12.16
9.351.000	ASUSTEK Computer	63,286	2.30
10,110,000	·	72,935	2.65
	President Chain Store	36,732	1.34
95,803,338	Uni-President Enterprises	161,574	5.87

Portfolio S	tatement		(continued)
as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	NIGERIA (1.42%*)	69,095	2.51
	Guaranty Trust Bank	27,605	1.00
144,691,216	Nigerian Breweries	41,490	1.51
	POLAND (2.08%*)	_	_
	RUSSIA (0.47%*)	42,199	1.53
2,669,450	Magnit GDR	42,199	1.53
	SOUTH AFRICA (7.89%*)	314,594	11.44
852,434	Aspen Pharmacare	13,666	0.50
9,037,905	Remgro	126,455	4.60
2,786,254	Spar	33,686	1.22
4,899,329	Standard Bank	58,223	2.12
3,024,063	Tiger Brands	82,564	3.00
	TURKEY (2.96%*)	62,528	2.27
12,016,105	Anadolu Efes Biracilik ve Malt Sanayii	62,528	2.27
	BRAZIL (6.31%*)	132,020	4.80
17,584,700	Klabin	69,541	2.53
8,057,831	Natura	62,479	2.27
	CHILE (5.05%*)	86,916	3.16
83,865,057	Aguas Andinas	39,683	1.44
4,676,286	Cia Cervecerias Unidas	47,233	1.72
	MEXICO (3.33%*)	59,631	2.17
6,389,769	Banco Santander Mexico ADR	35,138	1.28
18,559,647	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	24,493	0.89
	Portfolio of investments	2,520,128	91.61
	Net other assets	230,696	8.39
	Total net assets	2,750,824	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs and GDRs represent American Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts, respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation	500.407	505.054	500 447	044.000
Closing net asset value (£'000)	530,187	585,054	580,447	814,299
Closing number of shares	88,958,531	103,407,899	114,849,251	193,718,833
Closing net asset value per share (p) Operating charges	595.99 1.56%	565.77 1.58%	505.40 1.57%	420.35 1.57%
Prices	1.50 /0	1.50 /0	1.57 /0	1.57 /0
Highest share price	618.56	577.51	511.92	472.73
Lowest share price	556.84	491.10	376.97	408.79
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation	31 January 2010	31 July 2017	31 July 2010	31 July 2013
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,699,401	1,697,638	1,799,399	1,484,631
Closing number of shares	261,939,925	276,573,847	330,338,523	329,849,571
Closing net asset value per share (p)	648.78	613.81	544.71	450.09
Operating charges	0.90%	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%
Prices				
Highest share price	673.10	625.00	551.71	505.18
Lowest share price	604.78	530.52	404.92	435.93
	Interim	Final		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017		
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,952	37,743		
Closing number of shares	34,312,364	34,030,880		
Closing net asset value per share (p)	116.44	110.91		
Operating charges Prices	0.94%	0.91%		
Highest share price	121.60	113.91		
Lowest share price	109.26	97.00		
Lowest share price	103.20	37.00		
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	105,315	124,178	118,276	136,916
Closing number of shares	41,643,696	52,783,626	53,122,000	61,814,341
Closing net asset value per share (c)	252.90	235.26	222.65	221.50
Operating charges Prices	1.57%	1.57%	1.57%	1.57%
Highest share price	260.54	248.37	227.25	243.48
Lowest share price	232.27	214.86	180.99	191.25
20 Trest strate price	LJ L.L1	217.00	100.55	131.23

Comparative Table (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	444,095	429,972	234,378	301,283
Closing number of shares	231,813,898	242,092,238	140,281,706	182,460,528
Closing net asset value per share (c)	191.57	177.61	167.07	165.13
Operating charges	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%	0.91%
Prices				
Highest share price	197.34	187.22	170.51	181.16
Lowest share price	175.39	161.54	135.41	142.03

Share class B Income was launched on 1 September 2016.

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	2018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		135,101		133,922
Revenue	33,819		30,623	
Expenses	(14,947)		(15,643)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(54)		(8)	
Net revenue before taxation	18,818		14,972	
Taxation	(1,812)		(1,572)	
Net revenue after taxation		17,006		13,400
Total return before distribution		152,107		147,322
Distribution		(17,053)		(13,357)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		135,054	_	133,965

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		2,815,831		2,677,211
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	88,531		186,535	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(304,673)	_	(241,023)	
	_	(216,142)	_	(54,488)
Dilution adjustment		71		240
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		135,054		133,965
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		16,010	_	12,898
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	2,750,824	_	2,769,826

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,520,128	2,616,628
Current assets		
Debtors	16,900	5,197
Cash and bank balances	262,636_	203,238
Total assets	2,799,664	2,825,063
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(263)	(328)
Other creditors	(48,577)	(8,904)
Total liabilities	(48,840)	(9,232)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,750,824	2,815,831

# **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Distribution in pence and cents per share  Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017  Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018				
Share class A Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.0447	_	2.0447	1.2032
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	2.0447	2.0447	1.2032
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	4.3124	_	4.3124	3.1676
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.7656	3.5468	4.3124	3.1676
Share class B Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.7668	_	0.7668	0.3418
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.0629	0.7039	0.7668	0.3418
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.8531	_	0.8531	0.6446
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.8531	0.8531	0.6446
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
,			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	, (c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.2726	_	1.2726	0.9657
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0953	1.1773	1.2726	0.9657

Distribution Tables (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

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Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of securities of issuers established or having significant operations in emerging economies and listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide. The Fund invests in companies that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate. •

- Clarification point: the Fund's emphasis on sustainable development incorporates three key features in making investment decisions. These are:
- I company classification (identifying companies whose management are believed able to manage sustainability risks and opportunities facing their companies, seeking out sustainable companies with a positive sustainable development impact);
- II integration of environmental, social and corporate governance factors into investment analysis;
- engagement with and exit from companies based on our own research and external global norms-based screening (the Fund manager will engage senior management on any identified environmental, social and governance issues and exit a stock if insufficient progress is made).

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class B Accumulation
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)

	← Lower Ris	sk			Higher Risk →				
Potentially Lower Rewards Potentiall				Potentially Hig	gher Rewards				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

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- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

**Currency risk**: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 7.0% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 32.2% and 51.2% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Tech Mahindra (India: Information Technology) rose as it delivered robust profit growth and Chroma ATE (Taiwan: Information Technology) gained on the ongoing success of its testing equipment sales, which benefitted from the growth of electric vehicles (EVs) and their charging stations in China. Natura (Brazil: Consumer Staples) climbed on encouraging performance in Brazil.

Marico (India: Consumer Staples) declined after the price of copra, its main input material, rose substantially during the year. Manila Water (Philippines: Utilities) was subdued over the period with the Philippine market, and Unilever (UK: Consumer Staples) was weak after short-term results disappointed some investors.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases included Kimberly-Clark de Mexico (Consumer Staples) as currency weakness and an attractive valuation provided an opportunity to buy this well-stewarded consumer franchise. The Fund also bought Mahindra Logistics (India: Industrials), a well-run logistics business at an early stage of evolution. India presents a huge opportunity given its inefficient and unorganised logistics infrastructure.

The Fund sold Standard Bank (South Africa: Financials) as it performed well and became fully valued after the ANC leadership election saw Cyril Ramaphosa appointed. PZ Cussons (UK: Consumer Staples) was sold because it has struggled for numerous years to compete with larger, betterresourced companies in markets like Nigeria and Indonesia. The Fund also sold Vapores (Chile: Industrials) on valuation concerns after strong performance.

#### Outlook

The Manager remains cautiously positioned on the basis that compelling investment opportunities are hard to come by. Their focus remains on finding well-run, cash-generative companies that meet their sustainability criteria and are reasonably valued.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	4.8	7.0	16.0	32.2	51.2	_	227.0
Benchmark return %	5.0	9.9	24.8	47.7	47.4		161.3

#### Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	16.0	33.5	(14.6)	20.3	(4.9)

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

This Fund was previously part of the IA Global Emerging Markets Sector. Due to the changing geographical nature of the earnings of the stocks in this portfolio, this Fund was then reclassified by the IA as IA Specialist Sector. The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

-	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Unilever	7.52	Unilever	7.34
Tata Consultancy Services	5.99	Marico	4.90
Tech Mahindra	4.63	Natura Cosmeticos	3.57
Tiger Brands	3.58	Tech Mahindra	3.41
Natura	3.26	Tata Consultancy Services	3.27
Standard Foods	2.73	Standard Foods	2.86
Marico	2.72	Vitasoy International	2.59
Vitasoy International	2.62	TOTVS	2.58
Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	2.57	Housing Development Finance	2.51
Housing Development Finance	2.35	Manila Water	2.46

#### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

1211	2040 /		
as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)	Market	Total
		Value	Total Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	Wet Assets %
riolanigs	UNITED KINGDOM (8.59%*)	32,297	7.52
807,414		32,297	7.52
007,111	PORTUGAL (0.57%*)	3,276	0.76
217 997	Jeronimo Martins	3,276	0.76
217,557		3,300	0.77
1 7/13	SWITZERLAND (0.45%*) SGS (Regd.)	3,300 3,300	0.77
1,745	-		
287 000	JAPAN (3.44%*) Kansai Paint	<b>13,645</b> 4,983	<b>3.18</b> 1.16
	Unicharm	8,662	2.02
401,400		1,807	0.42
2 210 616	BANGLADESH (0.96%*) BRAC Bank	1,807	0.42
2,210,010			
6 276 000	HONG KONG (2.59%*) Vitasoy International	<b>11,274</b> 11,274	<b>2.62</b> 2.62
0,270,000	•		
1 20/1 222	INDIA (21.97%*)	103,523	24.10
	Dabur India Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	5,062 6,909	1.18 1.61
	Housing Development Finance	10,082	2.35
	Idea Cellular	1,832	0.43
	Kotak Mahindra Bank	4,360	1.01
	Mahindra & Mahindra	7,524	1.75
621,975	Mahindra Logistics	3,163	0.74
3,432,568	Marico	11,693	2.72
	Tata Consultancy Services	25,732	5.99
	Tech Mahindra	19,873	4.63
•	TI Financial	5,261	1.22
693,483	Tube Investments of India	2,032	0.47
	PHILIPPINES (5.05%*)	20,178	4.70
409,002	•	5,887	1.37
	Bank of the Philippine Islands	6,563	1.53
20,099,720	Manila Water	7,728	1.80
E 026 200	SRI LANKA (0.93%*)	2,760	0.64
5,036,288		2,760	0.64
	TAIWAN (8.44%*)	29,433	6.85
	Chroma ATE	4,028	0.94
	Delta Electronics Standard Foods	7,107 11,722	1.65 2.73
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	11,732 6,566	1.53
1,007,134	5		
2 042 054	THAILAND (1.33%*) Delta Electronics	3,520	<b>0.82</b> 0.82
2,042,634		3,520	
17 060 072	BOTSWANA (0.68%*)	4,665	1.09
	Choppies Enterprises BSE Choppies Enterprises JSE	3,146 1,519	0.73 0.36
0,014,220			
51 <i>/</i> 1 ∩27	EGYPT (1.40%*) Commercial International Bank GDR	<b>7,253</b> 1,630	<b>1.69</b> 0.38
	Juhayna Food Industries	5,623	1.31
12,334,323	•		
£12 072	GHANA (0.20%*) Unilever Ghana	1,151 1 151	0.27
512,072	Ullilevel Ulldild	1,151	0.27

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	NIGERIA (4.42%*)	23,608	5.50
	Chemical and Allied Products	2,200	0.51
	Guaranty Trust Bank	6,370	1.48
	Guaranty Trust Bank GDR	3,203	0.75
	Lafarge Africa	5,923	1.38
68,110,917	Unilever Nigeria	5,912	1.38
	SOUTH AFRICA (9.51%*)	38,544	8.97
163,673	Adbee Rf	475	0.11
1,476,436	Adcock Ingram	5,728	1.33
50,667	Adcock Ingram warrants 26/7/2019	20	_
695,426	Clicks	7,025	1.64
709,067	Remgro	9,921	2.31
563,150	Tiger Brands	15,375	3.58
	BRAZIL (12.86%*)	49,003	11.41
596,111	Banco Bradesco	5,206	1.21
1,161,600	MAHLE Metal Leve	6,325	1.47
1,805,400	Natura	13,999	3.26
1,344,684	Sul America	6,061	1.41
1,381,247	Totvs	9,968	2.32
1,416,380	Weg	7,444	1.74
	CHILE (6.98%*)	20,094	4.68
14,092,213	Aguas Andinas	6,668	1.55
6,701,813	Inversiones Aguas Metropolitanas	9,180	2.14
2,901,159	Sonda	4,246	0.99
	MEXICO (2.05%*)	18,988	4.42
199,380	Corporativo Fragua	1,781	0.42
3,702,001	Herdez	6,149	1.43
8,378,900	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	11,058	2.57
	Portfolio of investments	388,319	90.41
	Net other assets	41,186	9.59
	Total net assets	429,505	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as GDRs represent Global Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,719	7,914	7,826	20,010
Closing number of shares	2,372,422	2,594,640	2,903,231	8,652,497
Closing net asset value per share (p)	325.38	305.02	269.56	231.27
Operating charges	1.72%	1.76%	1.78%	1.72%
Prices	222.50	210.62	272.76	262.55
Highest share price	332.56 301.16	310.63 262.12	272.76 205.10	262.55 223.94
Lowest share price	301.10	202.12	205.10	223.94
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (£'000)	365,073	340,163	294,444	217,543
Closing number of shares	105,648,219	105,394,317	103,984,672	90,205,220
Closing net asset value per share (p)	345.56	322.75	283.16	241.16
Operating charges	1.00%	1.00%	1.06%	1.03%
Prices				
Highest share price	353.11	328.16	286.50	273.24
Lowest share price	319.06	276.01	214.65	232.62
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€′000)	9,701	11,046	9,976	9,411
Closing number of shares	2,715,378	3,365,626	3,251,520	3,001,304
Closing net asset value per share (c)	357.26	328.21	306.81	313.60
Operating charges Prices	1.74%	1.73%	1.81%	1.79%
Highest share price	364.63	349.11	320.24	346.12
Lowest share price	323.63	299.80	255.00	268.14
zowest share price	323.03	233.00	233.00	200.11
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	55,039	40,680	22,382	50,166
Closing number of shares	28,432,749	22,959,921	13,583,792	29,909,492
Closing net asset value per share (c)	193.58	177.18	164.77	167.72
Operating charges Prices	1.02%	0.99%	1.05%	1.03%
Highest share price	197.53	188.15	171.30	185.75
Lowest share price	174.75	161.15	136.51	143.90
20.1001 Share price	17 1.7 5	101.15	150.51	1 15.50

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		26,976		15,094
Revenue	3,519		3,139	
Expenses	(2,142)		(1,839)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(12)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,365		1,299	
Taxation	(297)		(343)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,068		956
Total return before distribution		28,044	_	16,050
Distribution		(1,084)	_	(961)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		26,960	_	15,089

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		394,319		329,555
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	17,121		5,130	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(10,050)	_	(7,661)	
	_	7,071	_	(2,531)
Dilution adjustment		42		14
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		26,960		15,089
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,113	_	954
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	<u> </u>	429,505	_	343,081

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	388,319	364,437
Current assets		
Debtors	2,607	1,178
Cash and bank balances	39,330	29,413
Total assets	430,256	395,028
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(9)	_
Other creditors	(742)	(709)
Total liabilities	(751)	(709)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	429,505	394,319

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class A Accumulation

Group 1         Real plain (protest)         Equalisation (protest)         Lequilisation (protest)         10/30/2018 (protest)           Group 1         (p)		Net		Distribution	Distribution
Group 1 Interim         (p)         (p)         (p)         (p)           Group 2 (p)         (p)         (p)         (p)         (p)           Interim         p         p         p         p           This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.         p         p         p           Name class B Accumulation           Name class B Accumulation         Name class B Accumulation         payabit         payabit <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td>Faualisation</td><td></td><td>•</td></t<>			Faualisation		•
Interim         — </td <td>Group 1</td> <td></td> <td>•</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Group 1		•		
Interim         — </td <td>·</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>——————————————————————————————————————</td>	·				——————————————————————————————————————
Interim         — </td <td>Group 2</td> <td>(p)</td> <td>(p)</td> <td>(p)</td> <td>(p)</td>	Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Share class B Accumulation         Net         List bution payable payab	Interim	_			_
Net         Visitabilities         Distribution payable paid paid paid payable paid payable paid payable pay	This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Financial (a)         Net revenue revenue (a)         Equalisation (a)         payable (a)         paid (a)         10/30/2018         31/03/2018         31/03/2018         31/03/2017         Group 1         (p)         (p	Share class B Accumulation				
Group 1         revenue         Equalisation         31/03/2018         31/03/2017           Interim         0.9340         —         0.9340         0.8572           Group 2         0.07         0.5568         0.9340         0.8572           Interim         0.3772         0.5568         0.9340         0.8572           Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)           Net last share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)         Net last last last last last last last las				Distribution	Distribution
Group 1         (p)		Net		payable	paid
Interim         0.9340         −         0.9340         0.8572           Group 2         (p)         (p)         (p)         (p)           Interim         0.3772         0.5568         0.9340         0.8572           Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)           Net class A Accumulation (EUR share class)         Net revenue         Equalisation         Distribution payable paid paid paid paid paid paid paid paid		revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 2 Interim         (p)	Group 1		(p)	· ·	
Interim         0.3772         0.5568         0.9340         0.8572           Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)         Received revenue         Image: Company and payable paid and payable payable payable paid and payable payable paid and payable payable paid and payable payable paid and payable payable paid and payable	Interim	0.9340	_	0.9340	0.8572
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)         Net revenue revenue         Equalisation payable paid paid paid paid paid paid paid paid	·		·	· ·	
Net         Distribution         Distribution         Distribution         Distribution         Distribution         payable paid         post         paid         <	Interim	0.3772	0.5568	0.9340	0.8572
Group 1         (c)         (	Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Group 1         (c)         Equalisation         31/03/2018         31/03/2017           Interim         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)           Group 2         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)           Interim         -         -         -         -         0.3550           This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.         -         -         -         -         0.3550           Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)         Net         -         Distribution         Distribution         Distribution         payable         paid           Forup 1         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)           Interim         0.5083         -         0.5083         0.5069           Group 2         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)				Distribution	Distribution
Group 1         (c)		Net		payable	paid
Interim         −         −         −         0.3550           Group 2         (c)		revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 2         (c)	·	(c)	(c)	(c)	
Interim         —         —         —         0.3550           This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.           Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)           Interim         Net Popayable Popaya		_	_		
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Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)           Net         Distribution         payable         paid           revenue         Equalisation         31/03/2018         31/03/2017           Group 1         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)           Interim         0.5083         -         0.5083         0.5069           Group 2         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)	Interim	_	_	_	0.3550
Net         Equalisation revenue         Equalisation (C)         Total (C) <td>This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Net         payable revenue         payable revenue         payable revenue         payable station         payable station         payable station         payable station         payable station         payable station         paid           Group 1         (c)         (	Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Group 1         c(c)				Distribution	Distribution
Group 1         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)           Interim         0.5083         -         0.5083         0.5069           Group 2         (c)         (c)         (c)         (c)		Net			·
Interim     0.5083     -     0.5083     0.5069       Group 2     (c)     (c)     (c)     (c)			•		
Group 2 (c) (c) (c)	·		(c)		
·					
Interim 0.2156 0.2927 0.5083 0.5069	•				
	Interim	0.2156	0.2927	0.5083	0.5069

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Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
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← Lower Risk					Higher Risk 👈		
Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially Higher Rewards		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

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The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

**Single sector risk:** investing in a single sector may be riskier than investing in a number of different sectors. Investing in a larger number of sectors helps spread risk.

Global resources risk: the Fund may be vulnerable to price fluctuations and other factors that particularly affect the global resources sector, such as taxes, government regulation or supply.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 4.4% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 27.9% and -7.6% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

#### **Portfolio Changes**

The Fund reduced exposure to the larger cap companies in favour of higher growth small-cap and mid-cap companies with high-quality assets, low-cost development projects and solid balance sheets. In the initial phases of a recovery, they are laggards but, as the industry improves, we anticipate that companies such as TMAC Resources (Canada; Gold), Pretium Resources (Canada; Gold), MAG Silver (Canada: Silver), First Quantum Minerals (Canada: Copper) or Petra Diamonds (UK: Precious Metals & Minerals), who have been investing through the downturn, will be well rewarded by the market. Smaller companies are inherently higher risk, but catalysts such as exploration success, permitting and development, or operational turnarounds are drivers of the 'acorns' and 'saplings' in the portfolio. These types of catalyst-rich names could also increasingly be of interest from a merger and acquisition perspective, as larger companies look to replenish their capital-starved project pipelines. We observe that, for the first time in several years, exploration spending is up, which, we believe, bodes well for the small and mid-cap companies in the portfolio.

#### Outlook

We are broadly constructive on the outlook for the mining sector. Positive global economic indicators suggest that the synchronous recovery in both developed and developing economies will continue in 2018. This should be supportive for both commodity prices and resources equities. The primary risks to be cognisant of are a slowdown in the Chinese economy, global protectionism and rising interest rates. Thematics to watch in 2018 are likely to include ongoing supply constraint from miners and Chinese processing companies, a pick-up in merger and acquisition activity, inflation, and cash returns to shareholders.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

(continued)

12 mths to

31/01/14

(18.4)

Cumulative performance as at	31 January 2018						
Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	4.1	4.4	(1.7)	27.9	(7.6)	(4.8)	189.6
Benchmark return %	6.9	10.3	6.1	43.4	3.2	19.7	305.5
Sector return %	2.1	5.7	13.1	44.5	82.1	136.2	263.1
Quartile ranking	1	4	4	4	4	4	4

12 mths to

31/01/18

(1.7)

12 mths to

31/01/17

92.0

12 mths to

31/01/16

(32.2)

12 mths to

31/01/15

(11.5)

Benchmark: 75% Euromoney Global Mining Index and 25% MSCI All Country World Energy Index. (Note: The benchmark changed from the HSBC Global Mining Index to the above on 01/10/2013). Sector: IA Global.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

Time

period Fund return %

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	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
BHP Billiton	10.21	BHP Billiton	9.94
Rio Tinto	8.72	Rio Tinto	6.69
Vale ADR	5.08	Glencore	5.67
Glencore	4.12	Vale ADR	5.06
Chevron	3.80	Chevron	3.53
Teck Resources 'B'	3.72	Franco-Nevada	2.94
Goldcorp	2.74	Enbridge	2.76
First Quantum Minerals	2.70	First Quantum Minerals	2.71
Franco-Nevada	2.47	Goldcorp	2.39
Concho Resources	2.36	Teck Resources 'B'	2.34

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)           Market Total Value Nex Sexts Not Not Assets 14 (2000)         Market Total Not Assets 15 (2000)         Market Total Not Assets 16 (2000)         Most Assets 16 (2000)         M
Value Net Assets           Holdings         Value £'000         %           UNITED KINGDOM (11.84%*)         43,994         9.55           239,329         Algo American         4,089         0.89           921,582         BHP Billiton         14,414         3.13           205,409         Fresnillo         2,761         0.60           4,706,848         Glencore         19,002         4.12           6,245,286         Petra Diamonds         3,728         0.81           198,646         Chevron         17,512         3.80           98,194         Concho Resources         10,871         2.36           98,194         Concho Resources         10,871         2.36           155,838         EQ         2,170         0.47           135,697         Exxon Mobil         8,332         1.81           174,583         Halliburton         6,591         1.43           246,203         Patterson-UTI Energy         4,088         0.89           99,382         Schlumberger         5,142         1.12           316,985         Southern Copper         5,142         1.12           113,518         TechnipFMC         2,590         0.56
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UNITED KINGDOM (11.84%*)         43,994         9.55           239,329         Anglo American         4,089         0.89           921,582         BHP Billiton         14,414         3.13           205,409         Fresnillo         2,761         0.60           4,706,848         Glencore         19,002         4.12           6,245,286         Petra Diamonds         3,728         0.81           UNITED STATES (13.55%*)         91,481         19.87           198,646         Chevron         17,512         3.80           98,194         Concho Resources         10,871         2.36           56,838         EQT         2,170         0.47           135,697         Exxon Mobil         8,332         1.81           174,583         Halliburton         6,591         1.43           246,203         Patterson-UTI Energy         4,088         0.89           99,382         Schlumberger         10,824         2.35           113,518         TechnipFMC         2,590         0.56           2,537,822         Vale ADR         23,361         5.08           4,295,750         Africa Energy         419         0.09           44,295,750 <td< td=""></td<>
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1,093,053 Almonty Industries 363 0.08
246,120 ARC Resources 1,904 0.41
1,031,429 Cameco 6,680 1.45
460,339 Canadian Natural Resources 11,079 2.41
817,488 Detour Gold 6,157 1.34
379,657 Enbridge 9,799 2.13
422,100 Endeavour Mining 5,492 1.19
4,426,500 Erdene Resource Development 1,192 0.26
1,061,109 ERO Copper 4,592 1.00
1,184,166 First Quantum Minerals 12,428 2.70
211,389 Franco-Nevada 11,374 2.47
171,731 Gibson Energy 1,742 0.38
1,250,981 Goldcorp 12,627 2.74
11,586,242 Highland Copper 897 0.19
3,070,000 Highland Copper Warrants 31/12/2049 – –
953,997 Hudbay 5,742 1.25
1,525,173 Ivanhoe Mines 3,077 0.67
96,214 Kennady Diamonds 174 0.04
1,162,258 Lucara Diamond 1,672 0.36
775,704 Lundin Mining 3,939 0.86
1,303,700 MAG Silver 9,814 2.13
1,585,833 Mountain Province Diamonds 3,090 0.67
1,226,152 OceanaGold 2,361 0.51
258,851 PrairieSky Royalty 4,503 0.98
1,237,800 Pretium Resources 6,073 1.32
445,332 Seven Generations Energy 4,373 0.95
418,683 Suncor Energy 10,691 2.32

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	Market	Total
	Value	Net Assets
Holdings	£′000	%
838,724 Teck Resources 'B'	17,153	3.72
1,216,227 TMAC Resources	6,065	1.32
7,890,500 Trevali Mining	7,146	1.55
458,060 Wheaton Precious Metals	6,976	1.51
DENMARK (0.49%*)	3,191	0.69
66,257 Vestas Wind Systems	3,191	0.69
FRANCE (1.10%*)	5,378	1.17
131,640 Total	5,378	1.17
LUXEMBOURG (0.65%*)	2,985	0.65
242,935 Tenaris	2,985	0.65
SPAIN (0.49%*)	3,184	0.69
306,990 Acerinox	3,184 3,184	0.69
SWEDEN (0.91%*)	2,430	0.53
94,823 Boliden	2,430	0.53
AUSTRALIA (18.95%*)	99,854	21.69
23,030,269 Beadell Resources	1,967	0.43
1,895,829 BHP Billiton	32,602	7.08
1,283,589 Evolution Mining	2,076	0.45
856,404 Independence	2,453	0.53
25,779,015 Metro Mining 4,694,534 Mineral Deposits	3,817	0.83 0.68
4,438,047 Paringa Resources	3,128 1,049	0.08
916,861 Rio Tinto	40,122	8.72
14,806,578 Sundance Energy Australia	793	0.17
3,935,126 Western Areas	7,372	1.60
1,594,070 Whitehaven Coal	4,475	0.97
CHINA (0.50%*)	.,	_
	2 501	0.50
SOUTH KOREA (0.48%*) 9,084 LG Chemical	2,581	0.56
·	2,581	0.56
SOUTH AFRICA (0.47%*)	1,342	0.29
718,716 Royal Bafokeng Platinum	1,342	0.29
BRAZIL (5.06%)	_	_
CHILE (1.27%)	5,641	1.23
606,259 Antofagasta	5,641	1.23
MEXICO (0.64%*)		
Portfolio of investments	455,449	98.92
Net other assets	4,968	1.08
Total net assets	460,417	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	48,737	53,932	59,301	59,671
Closing number of shares	16,956,433	19,469,193	23,745,251	31,599,176
Closing net asset value per share (p)	287.42	277.01	249.74	188.84
Operating charges	1.56%	1.63%	1.67%	1.63%
Prices	211 50	200.05	255.00	206.72
Highest share price	311.59	308.05	255.09	296.72
Lowest share price	269.49	238.61	142.47	184.20
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation	•	•	•	•
Closing net asset value (£'000)	370,742	382,869	373,598	225,863
Closing number of shares	117,271,843	126,148,620	137,658,583	110,983,058
Closing net asset value per share (p)	316.14	303.51	271.39	203.51
Operating charges	0.79%	0.82%	0.84%	0.82%
Prices				
Highest share price	342.61	336.25	277.10	317.29
Lowest share price	296.13	259.50	154.16	198.50
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	25,050	26,342	28,119	17,446
Closing number of shares	34,066,974	37,935,896	42,385,769	29,087,540
Closing net asset value per share (c)	73.53	69.44	66.34	59.98
Operating charges	1.57%	1.59%	1.63%	1.58%
Prices				
Highest share price	78.64	81.22	68.54	83.29
Lowest share price	67.44	63.49	41.29	58.29
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	21,683	17,415	7,808	5,472
Closing number of shares	26,640,023	22,740,053	10,754,328	8,406,935
Closing net asset value per share (c)	81.39	76.58	72.59	65.09
Operating charges	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%	0.80%
Prices Highest share price	87.02	89.26	74.97	89.68
Lowest share price	74.39	69.53	44.99	63.25
Zorrest share price	77.55	05.55	77.55	05.25

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		16,390		82,978
Revenue	4,847		4,337	
Expenses	(2,163)		(2,443)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(9)	_	(10)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,675		1,884	
Taxation	(401)		(593)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,274		1,291
Total return before distribution		18,664	_	84,269
Distribution		(2,280)		(1,359)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		16,384		82,910

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		475,919		463,194
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	21,841		57,945	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(55,875)	_	(37,441)	
		(34,034)	_	20,504
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		16,384		82,910
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,148	_	1,400
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		460,417	_	568,008

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£'000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	455,449	468,409
Current assets		
Debtors	2,439	1,378
Cash and bank balances	8,452	6,797
Total assets	466,340	476,584
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(5,923)	(665)
Total liabilities	(5,923)	(665)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	460,417	475,919

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class A Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.4079	_	0.4079	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.4079	0.4079	_
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.6656	_	1.6656	0.9779
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.3105	1.3551	1.6656	0.9779
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0969	_	0.0969	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	0.0969	0.0969	_
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.4147	_	0.4147	0.2570
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0064	0.4083	0.4147	0.2570

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim — 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund will seek to invest in a diverse portfolio of equity securities that are listed, traded or dealt in on any of the regulated markets worldwide.

The Fund is not managed to a benchmark and may have exposure to developed or emerging markets whilst maintaining its geographical diversity. The Fund may invest in any industry.

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Potentially Higher Rewards

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#### Risks and reward profile

	Potentially L	ower Rewards			
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5
Share class A Income	1	2	3	4	5
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5
Share class B Income	1	2	3	4	5
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5

← Lower Risk

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- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
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- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

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**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 2.6% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 42.4% and 69.9% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Berkshire Hathaway (US: Financials) rose on optimism about the outlook for the US economy and a strong stock market. Tata Consultancy Services (India: Information Technology) gained on large deal wins and strong operational performance and Natura (Brazil: Consumer Staples) climbed on encouraging performance in Brazil.

Henkel KGaA (Germany: Consumer Staples) declined as revenues of its Home and Personal Care business grew slower than the market was expecting. PZ Cussons (Nigeria: Consumer Staples) declined as the environment in Nigeria was difficult and the company was unable to pass on rising costs. ASICS (Japan: Consumer Discretionary) lagged on tough conditions in its US and European markets.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Significant new positions established during the period included Fastenal (US: Industrials), an industrial supplies company with a conservative culture and scope to grow over the long-term, which was trading at an acceptable valuation. The Fund bought Expeditors (US: Industrials), a conservatively-run global logistics business that specialises in freight-forwarding and customs brokerage. The Fund also bought L Brands (US: Consumer Discretionary), a 'specialty retailer' operating under the Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works brands.

The Fund sold W.W. Grainger (US: Industrials) as the Manager preferred Fastenal and GlaxoSmithKline (UK: Health Care) on lingering concerns about the quality of the franchise and deteriorating financials. The Fund also sold Brambles (Australia: Industrials) because the company was not cheap enough to compensate for the risks if a turnaround does not materialise.

#### Outlook

The Manager does not fear missing out on rising stock prices. Having their own money invested in the Funds they run, they spend their time worrying about capital preservation and paying careful attention to the warning signs. This mindset of capital preservation is why they do not lose too much sleep over not owning the popular internet companies known as FANGs (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix and Google, the latter now known as Alphabet). They remain convinced that companies with strong balance sheets and conservative business owners should provide positive long-term returns for investors.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.9	2.6	10.5	42.4	69.9	_	87.4
Benchmark return %	2.2	6.0	12.8	48.0	88.0	_	112.2
Sector return %	2.1	5.7	13.1	44.5	82.1	_	103.5
Quartile ranking	4	4	3	3	3	_	3

Discrete performance as at 31 J	Januarv 2018	3
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	10.5	31.9	(2.3)	16.3	2.5

Benchmark: MSCI World Index.

Sector: IA Global.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Henkel	9.76	Henkel	9.21
Beiersdorf	5.91	Unilever	7.60
US Treasury 0% 08/3/2018	5.74	Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	5.79
Tata Consultancy Services	4.52	Beiersdorf	4.92
Unilever	4.05	Loews	4.08
Loews	3.99	Tata Consultancy Services	3.58
Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	3.77	United States Treasury Bill 0% 07/09/2017	3.53
Oversea-Chinese Banking	2.98	Oversea-Chinese Banking	3.00
Lloyds Banking	2.87	Unicharm	2.85
Unicharm	2.43	PZ Cussons	2.72

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#### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (16.03%*)	4,241	11.78
1,485,701	Lloyds Banking	1,033	2.87
	PZ Cussons	837	2.32
293,537		613	1.70
•	Tullow Oil	301	0.84
	Unilever	1,457	4.05
	UNITED STATES (18.14%*)	8,155	22.64
17.665	Bed Bath & Beyond	287	0.80
	Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	1,360	3.77
	Expeditors International of Washington	759	2.11
	Fastenal	701	1.94
14,999	First of Long Island	295	0.82
10,586	<u> </u>	557	1.55
19,621	L Brands	691	1.92
39,564	Loews	1,437	3.99
	Cash and Short Term		
USD2,945,400	US Treasury 0% 08/3/2018	2,068	5.74
	DENMARK (1.42%*)	_	_
	GERMANY (16.66%*)	6,719	18.66
25.398	Beiersdorf	2,126	5.91
	Drägerwerk	295	0.82
39,656	=	3,516	9.76
10,137		782	2.17
	NORWAY (0.66%*)	_	_
	SWITZERLAND (1.95%*)	751	2.09
18,108	Energiedienst	355	0.99
209	SGS (Regd.)	396	1.10
	JAPAN (5.41%*)	1,936	5.38
70,700		818	2.27
	Kansai Paint	245	0.68
46,500	Unicharm	873	2.43
	AUSTRALIA (3.48%*)	759	2.11
58,792	Newcrest Mining	759	2.11
	HONG KONG (1.83%*)	621	1.72
636.000	Texwinca	244	0.68
	Vitasoy International	377	1.04
	INDIA (6.49%*)	2,706	7.51
47 304	Tata Consultancy Services	1,627	4.52
	United Breweries	448	1.24
187,375		631	1.75
,	SINGAPORE (3.00%*)	1,519	4.22
15 <i>/</i> 1 // 72	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,073	2.98
	Petra Foods	446	1.24
300,000			
260 NNN	TAIWAN (0.00%*) Uni-President Enterprises	<b>621</b> 621	<b>1.72</b> 1.72
300,000	one resident futerbuses	021	1.72

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	/ 2018 (unaudited)		
Holdings		Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
	NIGERIA (0.33%*)	234	0.65
2,701,239	Unilever Nigeria	234	0.65
	SOUTH AFRICA (2.94%*)	1,298	3.60
92,490	Impala Platinum	199	0.55
49,477	Remgro	692	1.92
34,211	Standard Bank	407	1.13
	BRAZIL (2.10%*)	520	1.44
67,011	Natura	520	1.44
	CHILE (4.32%*)	1,319	3.66
33,062	Antofagasta	307	0.85
34,652	Cia Cervecerias Unidas	350	0.97
8,506,851	Sociedad Matriz SAAM	662	1.84
	Portfolio of investments	31,399	87.18
	Net other assets	4,618	12.82
	Total net assets	36,017	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,018	3,008	2,438	2,077
Closing number of shares	1,620,613	1,647,249	1,518,995	1,596,511
Closing net asset value per share (p)	186.21	182.61	160.52	130.09
Operating charges	2.11%	1.95%	2.00%	1.96%
Prices	404.76	405.00	462.00	427.55
Highest share price	191.76	186.99	162.09	137.55
Lowest share price	179.57	159.10	119.55	113.66
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (£'000)	74	73	67	107
Closing number of shares	39,080	39,656	40,955	81,220
Closing net asset value per share (p)	188.74	185.10	162.70	131.86
Operating charges	2.11%	1.95%	2.03%	1.96%
Prices				
Highest share price	194.38	189.54	164.29	139.55
Lowest share price	182.02	161.26	121.18	115.30
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,145	24,187	15,996	11,449
Closing number of shares	12,365,932	12,678,242	9,605,466	8,540,782
Closing net asset value per share (p)	195.25	190.77	166.53	134.05
Operating charges Prices	1.38%	1.26%	1.31%	1.26%
Highest share price	201.00	195.20	168.11	141.45
Lowest share price	187.77	165.08	123.25	116.49
Lowest share price	107.77	103.00	123.23	110.15
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,665	9,143	7,870	6,262
Closing number of shares	2,154,808	5,499,260	5,418,811	5,353,511
Closing net asset value per share (p)	170.08	166.25	145.24	116.97
Operating charges Prices	1.33%	1.23%	1.27%	1.20%
Highest share price	175.09	170.28	146.75	124.12
Lowest share price	163.63	143.97	107.53	102.31
20.1.05¢ Share price	103.03	1 13.37	107.33	102.51

Comparative Table (continued)

Comparative Table				(continucu)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	2,817	6,331	5,504	4,805
Closing number of shares	1,650,471	3,870,471	3,637,771	3,300,567
Closing net asset value per share (c)	170.70	163.57	151.29	145.58
Operating charges	1.38%	1.20%	1.24%	1.21%
Prices				
Highest share price	175.01	170.90	153.04	150.13
Lowest share price	159.38	148.67	128.39	111.83
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)				
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	3,765	3,395	9,213	8,712
Closing number of shares	2,759,414	2,759,414	8,547,565	8,502,000
Closing net asset value per share (c)	136.44	123.02	107.78	102.46
Operating charges	1.38%	1.21%	1.25%	1.20%
Prices				
Highest share price	139.01	123.30	108.38	103.94
Lowest share price	121.49	103.29	90.28	91.37

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 20	018	31 January 2	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		998		2,391
Revenue	277		180	
Expenses	(301)		(268)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)			
Net expense before taxation	(26)		(88)	
Taxation	(12)		(25)	
Net expense after taxation		(38)		(113)
Total return before equalisation		960		2,278
Equalisation		(6)		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		954		2,278

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		44,657		38,003
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,032		8,278	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(10,638)		(7,522)	
		(9,606)		756
Dilution adjustment		12		16
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		954	_	2,278
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	<u> </u>	36,017	-	41,053

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	31,399_	37,850
Current assets		
Debtors	120	71
Cash and bank balances	4,775_	6,849
Total assets	36,294	44,770
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	_	(10)
Other creditors	(277)	(103)
Total liabilities	(277)	(113)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	36,017	44,657

### **Distribution Tables**

Distribution Tables				
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Distribution in pence and cents per share  Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017  Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018				
Share class A Accumulation				
	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution payable 31/03/2018	Distribution paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim Crays 2	_ /p\	_ (n)	_ (n)	_ /n\
Group 2 Interim	(p) _	(p) _	(p) _	(p)
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class A Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
Crown 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Farralia atian	payable	paid
Group 1	revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	31/03/2018 (p)	31/03/2017 (p)
Interim	(P) —	(P) —	(p) _	(p) _
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Income				
	Not		Distribution payable	Distribution
	Net revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_			_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

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Distribution Tables (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

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Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in a diverse portfolio of equity securities of larger capitalisation companies that are listed, traded or dealt in on any of the regulated markets worldwide.

Larger capitalisation companies are currently defined as companies with a minimum investible market capitalisation (free float) of US\$3 billion at the time of investment. The Investment Manager may review this definition as considered appropriate.

The Fund is not managed to a benchmark and may have exposure to developed or emerging markets whilst maintaining its geographical diversity. The Fund may invest in any industry.

#### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ris	sk				Hi	gher Risk 🛨
	Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially Hig	gher Rewards
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	••••••						

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund has gone up and down in the past;
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The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Emerging market risk: emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

Concentration risk: the Fund invests in a relatively small number of companies or countries, which may be riskier than a Fund that invests in a large number of companies.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 1.3% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 39.4% and 79.8% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Berkshire Hathaway (US: Financials) rose on optimism about the outlook for the US economy and a strong stock market. Standard Bank (South Africa: Financials) gained as a new chief executive officer was appointed for the South African business, and OCBC (Singapore: Financials) climbed because it delivered solid results.

Henkel KGaA (Germany: Consumer Staples) declined as revenues of its Home and Personal Care business grew slower than the market was expecting. Unilever (UK: Consumer Staples) was weak on subdued revenue growth, and GlaxoSmithKline (UK: Health Care) fell on concerns about increased competition in its core HIV drugs and respiratory businesses.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Major purchases during the period included Colgate-Palmolive (US: Consumer Staples), a high-quality global consumer franchise. The Fund also purchased Nippon Paint (Japan: Materials), a pan-Asian paint company run in a long-term and conservative manner by its owners, which was acceptably valued against its cash flow.

The Fund sold Novo Nordisk (Denmark: Health Care) on valuation concerns as insulin-free ways to treat diabetes seem to be increasing. The Fund also sold Markel (US: Financials) on valuation concerns and Brambles (Australia: Industrials) because the company was not cheap enough to compensate for the risks if a turnaround does not materialise.

#### Outlook

The Manager does not fear missing out on rising stock prices. Having their own money invested in the Funds they run, they spend their time worrying about capital preservation and paying careful attention to the warning signs. This mindset of capital preservation is why they do not lose too much sleep over not owning the popular internet companies known as FANGs (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix and Google, the latter now known as Alphabet). They remain convinced that companies with strong balance sheets and conservative business owners should provide positive long-term returns for investors.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.9	1.3	8.9	39.4	79.8	132.0	415.6
Benchmark return %	2.2	6.0	12.8	48.0	93.6	160.4	186.6
Sector return %	2.1	5.7	13.1	44.5	82.1	136.2	209.5
Quartile ranking	4	4	4	3	2	2	1

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	8.9	29.5	(1.2)	17.6	9.7

Benchmark: MSCI World Index.

Sector: IA Global.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Henkel	9.39	Henkel	9.24
Beiersdorf	8.30	Beiersdorf	7.89
Unilever	7.77	Unilever	7.55
Loews	6.52	Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	6.98
Oversea-Chinese Banking	5.02	Loews	6.33
Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	3.87	Oversea-Chinese Banking	5.29
Unicharm	3.56	Unicharm	3.54
Uni-President Enterprises	3.19	Standard Bank	3.25
Remgro	2.99	Merck	2.79
SGS (Regd.)	2.91	Uni-President Enterprises	2.64

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value	Total Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (14.49%*)	6,253	15.24
69,358	GlaxoSmithKline	916	2.23
1,674,084	Lloyds Banking	1,164	2.84
281,907		589	1.44
•	Tullow Oil	395	0.96
79,718	Unilever	3,189	7.77
	UNITED STATES (16.35%*)	5,881	14.34
7	Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	1,587	3.87
	Colgate-Palmolive	443	1.08
	Expeditors International of Washington	1,175	2.87
73,681	Loews	2,676	6.52
	DENMARK (1.69%*)	_	_
	GERMANY (19.92%*)	8,362	20.39
40,640	Beiersdorf	3,403	8.30
43,459	Henkel	3,853	9.39
14,326	Merck	1,106	2.70
	SWITZERLAND (5.44%*)	2,660	6.48
18,586	LafargeHolcim	801	1.95
	Nestlé (Regd.)	666	1.62
630	SGS (Regd.)	1,193	2.91
	JAPAN (8.56%*)	3,376	8.23
44,200	ASICS	511	1.25
22,200	Kansai Paint	385	0.94
21,000	Kikkoman	609	1.48
16,400	Nippon Paint	412	1.00
77,700	Unicharm	1,459	3.56
	AUSTRALIA (1.12%*)	_	_
	INDIA (2.57%*)	1,155	2.81
14,911	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	367	0.89
	Tata Consultancy Services	788	1.92
	SINGAPORE (5.29%*)	2,061	5.02
296,726	Oversea-Chinese Banking	2,061	5.02
•	TAIWAN (2.64%*)	1,307	3.19
775 000	Uni-President Enterprises	1,307	3.19
7,75,000	SOUTH AFRICA (5.09%*)	2,201	5.37
27 52 <i>1</i>	Remgro	1,225	2.99
	Standard Bank	976	2.38
02,110	Portfolio of investments	-	81.07
		33,256	
	Net other assets	7,763	18.93
	Total net assets	41,019	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,426	15,815	15,355	20,548
Closing number of shares	3,400,379	3,754,146	4,102,703	6,745,806
Closing net asset value per share (p)	424.24	421.26	374.26	304.61
Operating charges	1.84%	1.80%	1.85%	1.79%
Prices				
Highest share price	437.56	433.95	377.75	320.69
Lowest share price	410.88	370.64	281.86	264.91
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,589	26,964	23,676	15,325
Closing number of shares	5,510,790	5,651,706	5,628,758	4,509,829
Closing net asset value per share (p)	482.50	477.09	420.62	339.80
Operating charges	1.00%	1.04%	1.09%	1.03%
Prices				
Highest share price	497.44	491.04	424.39	356.91
Lowest share price	465.79	416.60	314.80	293.75
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	5	5	1	3
Closing number of shares	3,008	3,008	883	2,000
Closing net asset value per share (c)	156.34	152.04	142.67	147.42
Operating charges	1.75%	1.67%	1.60%	1.55%
Prices	160.74	450.00	450.74	454.40
Highest share price	160.71	158.90	150.74	151.13
Lowest share price	147.67	139.06	115.32	113.14

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January 2	017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		437		2,040
Revenue	266		194	
Expenses	(274)		(290)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)			
Net expense before taxation	(9)		(96)	
Taxation	(18)		(2)	
Net expense after taxation		(27)		(98)
Total return before distribution/equalisation		410		1,942
(Distribution)/Equalisation		(24)		1_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		386		1,943

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		42,783		39,032
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,179		4,386	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,351)		(2,848)	
		(2,172)	_	1,538
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		386		1,943
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		22_	_	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	41,019	_	42,513

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	33,256	35,578_
Current assets		
Debtors	231	111
Cash and bank balances	7,715	7,283_
Total assets	41,202	42,972
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(183)	(189)
Total liabilities	(183)	(189)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	41,019	42,783

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.3940	_	0.3940	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	0.3940	0.3940	_
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund will seek to invest in a diverse portfolio of equity securities that are listed, traded or dealt in on any of the regulated markets worldwide.

The Fund is not managed to a benchmark and may have exposure to developed or emerging markets whilst maintaining its geographical diversity.

The Fund invests in companies that are positioned to benefit from, and contribute to, the sustainable development of the countries in which they operate. •

- Clarification point: the Fund's emphasis on sustainable development incorporates three key features in making investment decisions. These are:
- I company classification (identifying companies whose management are believed able to manage sustainability risks and opportunities facing their companies, seeking out sustainability companies with a positive sustainable development impact);
- II integration of environmental, social and corporate governance factors into investment analysis;
- engagement with and exit from companies based on in-house ESG research (the Fund manager will engage senior management on any identified environmental, social and governance issues and exit a stock if insufficient progress is made).

#### Risks and reward profile

Share class A Accumulation
Share class A Income
Share class B Accumulation
Share class B Income
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)
Share class A Accumulation (USD share class)
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve higher risk than investing in developed markets.

**Currency risk**: the Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 2.4% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 45.4% and 80.6% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, Tech Mahindra (India: Information Technology) climbed over the period as it delivered robust profit growth. Waters Corporation (US: Health Care) rose as it delivered strong growth across all segments, particularly in Europe and Asia. Novo Nordisk (Denmark: Health Care) was significantly oversold in early 2017 following concerns about US pricing pressure and the implications for future growth. These concerns were unfounded, and the company recovered to more reasonable valuations.

DIA (Spain: Consumer Staples) declined following weaker-than-expected profits from Iberia, raising questions about the longevity of their franchise. AIN (Japan: Consumer Staples) fell on the revision downwards of generic pharmaceutical dispensing fees by the Japanese government which will have a short-term impact on earnings. Henkel KGaA (Germany: Consumer Staples) was weak as revenues of its Home and Personal Care business grew slower than what the market was expecting.

### Portfolio changes

Major purchases during the period included Deutsche Telekom (Germany: Telecom Services) as the business is well-positioned to build out the next wave of innovative internet and mobile phone infrastructure across Europe. The Fund also bought Cerner (US: Health Care), one of the best placed companies for taking costs out of the US healthcare system, and Kikkoman (Japan: Consumer Staples), an international family-owned food and drinks company.

The Fund sold Dr. Reddy's (India: Health Care) because of concerns about its track record of quality control and the growing importance of this as the company moves into other products. It is suffering from dependence on a few products and regions with little pricing power. The Fund also sold Markel (US: Financials) and Xylem (US: Industrials) on valuation concerns.

#### Outlook

The Fund remains cautiously positioned on the basis that compelling investment opportunities are hard to come by. The focus remains on well-run cash-generative companies that meet the Manager's sustainability criteria and are reasonably valued.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	1.0	2.4	13.0	45.4	80.6	_	98.5
Benchmark return %	2.2	6.0	12.8	48.0	88.0	_	104.9

Discrete performa	ance as at 31	January 2018
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	13.0	31.5	(2.1)	15.9	7.2

Benchmark: MSCI All Countries World Index.

Sector: IA Global.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a quide to future performance, which is not quaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Henkel	7.58	Unilever	8.29
Unilever	6.74	Henkel	7.60
Tata Consultancy Services	4.63	Waters	4.55
Waters	4.22	ANSYS	3.97
Novo Nordisk 'B'	4.00	Merck	3.57
Merck	3.96	Novo Nordisk 'B'	3.28
Beiersdorf	3.75	Tata Consultancy Services	2.99
Ansys	2.97	Ain	2.52
Varian Medical Systems	2.70	Housing Development Finance	2.42
Ain	2.49	Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentacion	2.34

#### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
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		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (10.52%*)	48,851	9.17
318,239	GlaxoSmithKline	4,202	0.79
1,164,914	Sage	8,728	1.64
898,021	Unilever	35,921	6.74
	UNITED STATES (20.16%*)	113,514	21.32
139,322	Ansys	15,822	2.97
67,264	Bio-Techne	6,633	1.25
217,222	Cerner	10,561	1.98
	Colgate-Palmolive	6,443	1.21
	Edwards Lifesciences	8,511	1.60
	Expeditors International of Washington	9,433	1.77
	Jack Henry & Associates	9,194	1.73
	Navigators	2,569	0.48
	Varex Imaging	7,483	1.41
	Varian Medical Systems	14,401	2.70
148,134		22,464	4.22
	DENMARK (4.82%*)	31,203	5.86
	Novo Nordisk 'B'	21,315	4.00
252,489	Novozymes	9,888	1.86
	FINLAND (0.37%*)	-	_
	GERMANY (14.17%*)	98,097	18.42
	Beiersdorf	19,976	3.75
	Deutsche Telekom (Regd.)	11,415	2.14
	Drägerwerk	5,247	0.99
455,195		40,354	7.58
273,469		21,105	3.96
	ITALY (2.18%*)	9,709	1.82
142,179	DiaSorin	9,709	1.82
	NORWAY (0.48%*)	3,085	0.58
258,222	Tomra Systems Asa	3,085	0.58
	PORTUGAL (0.93%*)	7,417	1.39
493,569	Jeronimo Martins	7,417	1.39
	SPAIN (2.34%*)	12,334	2.32
3,273,509	Distribuidora	12,334	2.32
	SWEDEN (0.36%*)	4,718	0.89
459,840	Svenska Handelsbkn 'A'	4,718	0.89
	SWITZERLAND (4.40%*)	25,881	4.86
197.036	ABB (Regd.)	3,868	0.73
	Bucher Industries	4,254	0.80
	Energiedienst	2,992	0.56
	Kuehne + Nagel	8,668	1.63
	SGS (Regd.)	6,099	1.14

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	JAPAN (8.40%*)	49,047	9.21
309,300	Ain	13,251	2.49
202,500	Hoya	7,261	1.36
354,800	Kansai Paint	6,160	1.16
	Kikkoman	7,099	1.33
	Shimano	2,640	0.50
673,100	Unicharm	12,636	2.37
	AUSTRALIA (3.17%*)	17,804	3.34
1,849,385	Brambles	10,415	1.95
88,623	CSL	7,389	1.39
	HONG KONG (1.52%*)	9,614	1.81
5,352,000	Vitasoy International	9,614	1.81
	INDIA (8.87%*)	51,572	9.69
572,623	Housing Development Finance	12,384	2.33
911,291	Marico	3,104	0.58
715,808	Tata Consultancy Services	24,622	4.63
1,696,798	Tech Mahindra	11,462	2.15
	PHILIPPINES (2.62%*)	11,600	2.18
3,092,090	Bank of the Philippine Islands	5,052	0.95
17,030,230	Manila Water	6,548	1.23
	BRAZIL (4.95%*)	14,227	2.67
302,028	Banco Bradesco	2,638	0.50
1,340,400	Natura	10,393	1.95
265,422	Sul America	1,196	0.22
	Portfolio of investments	508,673	95.53
	Net other assets	23,775	4.47
	Total net assets	532,448	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,558	4,047	2,454	2,079
Closing number of shares	2,313,104	2,088,026	1,446,252	1,532,784
Closing net asset value per share (p)	197.06	193.83	169.72	135.62
Operating charges	1.54%	1.66%	1.82%	1.83%
Prices	204.55	200.20	460.05	4.45.73
Highest share price	201.55	200.29	169.85	145.73
Lowest share price	191.23	163.31	124.82	118.03
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income	, <b>,</b>	, , ,	, , ,	<b>,</b>
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,725	799	212	191
Closing number of shares	908,973	427,686	129,706	146,092
Closing net asset value per share (p)	189.82	186.72	163.47	130.62
Operating charges	1.54%	1.61%	1.82%	1.83%
Prices				
Highest share price	194.14	192.94	163.59	140.44
Lowest share price	184.20	157.31	120.22	113.75
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	199,666	181,904	121,434	82,962
Closing number of shares	96,996,537	90,127,200	69,174,532	59,567,168
Closing net asset value per share (p)	205.85	201.83	175.55	139.27
Operating charges Prices	0.90%	0.99%	1.10%	1.11%
Highest share price	210.48	208.41	175.68	149.33
Lowest share price	199.31	169.36	128.25	120.52
Lowest share price	133.31	103.50	120.23	120.32
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	90,738	45,846	32,313	14,692
Closing number of shares	49,465,444	25,491,051	20,589,946	11,745,103
Closing net asset value per share (p)	183.44	179.85	156.94	125.09
Operating charges Prices	0.90%	1.00%	1.11%	1.15%
Highest share price	187.56	186.31	157.77	135.12
Lowest share price	177.61	151.40	115.18	109.07
20.1.05¢ Share price	177.01	131,70	115.10	103.07

Comparative Table (continued)

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	2,053	925	30	31
Closing number of shares	1,238,431	578,689	20,050	22,000
Closing net asset value per share (c)	165.78	159.77	148.28	141.72
Operating charges	1.54%	1.58%	1.81%	1.82%
Prices				
Highest share price	169.35	168.63	149.41	148.69
Lowest share price	156.56	143.02	122.74	109.04
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	•	•	•	•
Closing net asset value (€'000)	236,101	174,567	90,162	59,064
Closing number of shares	125,141,786	96,317,387	53,966,633	37,261,345
Closing net asset value per share (c)	188.66	181.25	167.07	158.52
Operating charges	0.90%	0.95%	1.07%	1.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	192.71	191.10	168.32	165.95
Lowest share price	177.71	161.54	137.82	121.27
	Interim	Final	Final	
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	
Share class A Accumulation (USD share class)				
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	9,217	7,927	1,925	
Closing number of shares	6,705,884	6,350,419	1,753,715	
Closing net asset value per share (c)	137.45	124.84	109.76	
Operating charges	1.60%	1.65%	1.81%	
Prices				
Highest share price	139.33	126.25	109.84	
Lowest share price	123.38	101.43	91.00	
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	,	•	,	,
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	29,373	49,885	35,080	31,669
Closing number of shares	21,342,552	40,048,573	32,257,460	31,068,906
Closing net asset value per share (c)	137.63	124.56	108.74	101.93
Operating charges	0.91%	0.96%	1.07%	1.08%
Prices				
Highest share price	139.48	125.84	108.82	103.98
Lowest share price	123.15	100.76	89.83	90.51

Share class A Accumulation (USD share class) was launched on 7 December 2015.

# Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		9,184		10,528
Revenue	2,018		1,205	
Expenses	(2,363)		(1,517)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(15)		(1)	
Net expenses before taxation	(360)		(313)	
Taxation	(131)		(121)	
Net expenses after taxation		(491)		(434)
Total return before equalisation		8,693		10,094
Equalisation		43		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,736		10,094

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January	2018	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		433,531		260,546
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	128,958		41,135	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(38,973)	_	(21,919)	
		89,985		19,216
Dilution adjustment		196		21
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,736	_	10,094
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	532,448	_	289,877

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	508,673_	391,300
Current assets		
Debtors	4,816	3,707
Cash and bank balances	20,699	39,112
Total assets	534,188	434,119
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	_	(147)
Other creditors	(1,740)	(441)
Total liabilities	(1,740)	(588)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	532,448	433,531

### **Distribution Tables**

Distribution lables				
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Distribution in pence and cents per share  Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017  Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018				
Share class A Accumulation				
	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution payable 31/03/2018	Distribution paid 31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Group 2	_ (p)	_ (p)	(p)	_ (p)
Interim	(P) —	(P) —	\P/ _	\P/ _
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class A Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
Corver 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p)	(p) _	(p)	(p)
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Farralia aktora	payable	paid
Group 1	revenue	Equalisation (p)	31/03/2018 (p)	31/03/2017
Interim	(p) _	(p) _	(p) _	(p)
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class B Income				
	N		Distribution	Distribution
	Net revenue	Equalisation	payable 31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	_	_	_	_
This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.				
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)			Division of	D: ! !
	Net		Distribution payable	Distribution paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

**Distribution Tables** (continued) for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid 31/03/2018 Equalisation 31/03/2017 revenue Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim Group 2 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution. Share class A Accumulation (USD share class) Distribution Distribution

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	_	_	_	_

This share class is in deficit and therefore not making a distribution.

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve an investment return consistent with income and long term capital growth.

The Fund invests in a diversified portfolio of listed infrastructure and infrastructure related securities from around the world.

#### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ris	sk				Hi	gher Risk →	
	Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially Higher Rewards		
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class A Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Hedged Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class A Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Single sector risk: investing in a single sector may be riskier than investing in a number of different sectors. Investing in a larger number of sectors helps spread risk.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets which are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

Listed infrastructure risk: the Fund may be vulnerable to factors that particularly affect the infrastructure sector, such as natural disasters, operational disruption and national and local environmental laws.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### Performance

The Fund decreased by 5.9% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 31.1% and 78.0% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

Transport infrastructure stocks delivered strong returns. Union Pacific (US: Railroads) and Norfolk Southern (US: Railroads) gained on US corporate tax cuts and on the view that a buoyant domestic economy would lead to stronger volume growth and improved pricing. Getlink (France: Highways and Railtracks) benefitted from robust traffic volumes; its key customer Eurostar transported a record 10.3 million passengers during 2017.

PG&E (US: Electric Utilities) detracted from performance, owing to concerns about potential liabilities associated with the outbreak of wildfires in its Northern California service territory. National Grid (UK: Multi-Utilities) was affected by UK political uncertainty and rising bond yields. The Pipelines sector remained out of favour for much of this period despite improving fundamentals and a back-to-basics approach, causing Kinder Morgan (US: Pipelines) to lag.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Portfolio changes

Southern Co (US: Electric Utilities) was added to the Fund during this period. Uncertainty associated with the construction of a new Georgia power plant overshadowed this substantial company's stable fundamentals and created an attractive entry point. The Fund also bought Norfolk Southern (US: Railroads) on the view that it is well positioned to benefit from customer service issues at peer CSX Corporation (US: Railroads), as operational changes are made to the CSX network.

Holdings in Eversource Energy (USA: Electric Utilities), Xcel Energy (USA: Electric Utilities) and SBA Communications (USA: Specialised REITs) were sold after strong share price gains moved them to lower positions within the investment team's value/quality stock ranking process.

#### Outlook

Our outlook for the Fund is positive. While rising interest rates present a headwind in the short term, listed infrastructure fundamentals remain healthy, with robust balance sheets and the potential for solid earnings growth and for dividends to grow faster than earnings.

Global listed infrastructure remains well positioned to achieve its aim of protecting and growing capital through economic cycles, owing to its defensive earnings profile and inflation pass-through characteristics, although this cannot be guaranteed.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	(6.5)	(5.9)	2.9	31.1	78.0	143.8	140.3
Benchmark return %	(6.1)	(5.4)	3.0	27.2	75.3	110.1	103.2
Sector return %	2.1	5.7	13.1	44.5	82.1	136.2	112.4
Quartile ranking	4	4	4	4	3	2	1

Discrete per	tormance	as at 31	January 2018	
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	2.9	33.4	(4.5)	25.1	8.6

Benchmark: FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Index.

Sector: IA Global.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
National Grid	8.07	National Grid	7.72
Transurban	6.62	Enbridge	5.70
Kinder Morgan	5.68	American Tower REIT	5.17
American Tower	5.35	Atlantia	4.85
Dominion Resources	4.97	Kinder Morgan	4.65
East Japan Railway	4.62	Transurban	4.58
NextEra Energy	4.34	East Japan Railway	4.54
Enbridge	4.34	Dominion Energy	4.22
Southern	4.03	NextEra Energy	4.16
Atlantia	3.85	American Electric Power	4.12

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### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (8.43%*)	242,036	9.89
24.566.063	National Grid	197,585	8.07
3,407,540		44,451	1.82
2,,2	UNITED STATES (45.48%*)	1,077,194	44.00
888 111	Alliant Energy	24,834	1.01
	American Electric Power	6,043	0.25
	American Tower**	131,037	5.35
	Crown Castle International**	32,803	1.34
973,963		38,882	1.59
	Dominion Resources	121,595	4.97
	Enterprise Products Partners	34,970	1.43
	Great Plains Energy	70,206	2.87
	Kinder Morgan	138,975	5.68
	NextEra Energy	106,333	4.34
1,498,441	•	25,995	1.06
	Norfolk Southern	48,834	1.99
2,308,095		68,867	2.81
	Plains All American Pipeline	34,169	1.40
3,114,458	·	98,774	4.03
2,051,599		66,033	2.70
	Union Pacific	28,844	1.18
	CANADA (6.79%*)	192,421	7.86
335 528	Canadian Pacific Railway	43,722	1.79
4,117,783	•	106,281	4.34
3,347,100	<u> </u>	42,418	1.73
2,2 ,	FRANCE (4.15%*)	70,628	2.89
3 871 <i>/</i> 179	Eurotunnel	38,238	1.56
425,188		32,390	1.33
123,100		94,189	3.85
4 020 020	ITALY (5.22%*)	·	
4,030,020		94,189	3.85
702.606	NETHERLANDS (0.00%*)	25,280	1.03
793,686	·	25,280	1.03
	SPAIN (2.98%*)	63,772	2.61
	Abertis Infraestructuras	41,547	1.70
144,770	Aena	22,225	0.91
	JAPAN (9.16%*)	223,577	9.13
228,800	Central Japan Railway	30,401	1.24
1,621,200	East Japan Railway	113,059	4.62
535,300	Japan Airport Terminal	14,501	0.59
4,712,100	Osaka Gas	65,616	2.68
	AUSTRALIA (4.58%*)	161,994	6.62
23,667,675	Transurban	161,994	6.62
	CHINA (4.68%*)	113,793	4.65
11,624,000	China Merchants	21,581	0.88
	COSCO Pacific	30,980	1.27
	Jiangsu Expressway	61,232	2.50
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Portfolio Statement (continued) as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

as at 31 January	2018 (unaudited)		
•		Market Value	Total Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	HONG KONG (2.13%*)	69,597	2.84
11,146,000	Power Assets	69,597	2.84
	BRAZIL (2.71%*)	72,709	2.97
20,909,792	CCR	72,709	2.97
	MEXICO (0.68%*)	8,112	0.33
1,099,160	Grupo Aeroportuario Del Pacífico 'B'	8,112	0.33
	DERIVATIVES (0.02%*)	1,948	0.07
	Forward Currency Contracts		
	Australian Dollar		
	Bought AUD88,618 for EUR57,988 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought AUD112,967 for GBP64,079 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought AUD143,526 for GBP82,225 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
	Bought AUD79,967 for GBP46,049 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold AUD6,148,095 for GBP3,538,867 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1) 40	_
	Sold AUD2,486,913 for GBP1,431,477 Settlement 15/02/2018	16	_
	Sold AUD111,944 for GBP64,308 Settlement 15/02/2018	10	_
	Sold AUD162,874 for GBP93,566 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Sold AUD173,053 for GBP99,641 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Sold AUD71,139 for GBP40,534 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD153,225 for GBP87,305 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Canadian Dollar		
	Bought CAD101,905 for EUR66,815 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought CAD106,269 for GBP60,500 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
	Sold CAD7,321,244 for GBP4,271,412 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold CAD2,961,453 for GBP1,727,792 Settlement 15/02/2018	76 31	_
	Sold CAD8,641 for GBP49,524 Settlement 15/02/2018	J1	_
	Sold CAD162,842 for GBP93,341 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold CAD280,535 for GBP160,354 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Euro		
	Bought EUR383,522 for USD466,608 Settlement 15/02/2018	8	_
	Bought EUR59,749 for HKD568,345 Settlement 15/02/2018	2	_
	Bought EUR176,823 for GBP154,059 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR104 for MXN2,385 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR964 for MXN22,197 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,238 for AUD1,907 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR1,799 for HKD17,210 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,885 for AUD2,892 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR2,631 for CAD4,037 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR2,893 for GBP2,563 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,623 for MXN84,382 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR14,408 for AUD22,137 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR15,641 for CAD23,943 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR16,609 for HKD160,891 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR21,836 for JPY2,953,280 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR22,878 for GBP19,933 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR53,569 for AUD82,650 Settlement 15/02/2018	<del>-</del>	_
	Bought EUR64,494 for GBP56,737 Settlement 15/02/2018		_
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as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Bought EUR64,664 for CAD98,421 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought EUR80,096 for JPY10,835,345 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought EUR98,524 for USD122,149 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought EUR94,908 for GBP84,261 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
Sold EUR6,612,260 for GBP5,874,115 Settlement 15/02/2018	80	0.01
Sold EUR2,674,668 for GBP2,376,087 Settlement 15/02/2018	33	_
Sold EUR424,255 for GBP377,444 Settlement 15/02/2018	6	_
Sold EUR171,256 for GBP152,360 Settlement 15/02/2018	2	_
Sold EUR750 for GBP657 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR2,082 for GBP1,824 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR3,512 for GBP3,071 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR6,013 for GBP5,274 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR91,801 for GBP80,769 Settlement 15/02/2018		
Sold EUR710,076 for GBP620,873 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	
Sold EUR277,070 for GBP242,264 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
	(1)	_
Hong Kong Dollar Bought HKD599,774 for EUR62,079 Settlement 15/02/2018		
	146	0.01
Sold HKD42,277,498 for GBP3,946,945 Settlement 15/02/2018	146	0.01
Sold HKD17,101,305 for GBP1,596,545 Settlement 15/02/2018	59	_
Sold HKD1,624,861 for GBP149,622 Settlement 15/02/2018	4	_
Sold HKD495,170 for GBP45,597 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold HKD1,980,316 for GBP178,052 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Japanese Yen		
Bought JPY6,030,502 for GBP38,872 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY7,075,294 for GBP46,087 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY7,261,927 for GBP47,180 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY11,848,104 for GBP76,298 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY16,639,686 for GBP107,256 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY276,632 for EUR2,049 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought JPY10,895,582 for EUR80,833 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
Bought JPY17,539,116 for GBP113,949 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
Bought JPY19,570,006 for GBP127,476 Settlement 15/02/2018	(1)	_
Sold JPY806,008,824 for GBP5,291,061 Settlement 15/02/2018	97	_
Sold JPY326,031,662 for GBP2,140,241 Settlement 15/02/2018	39	_
Sold JPY17,679,478 for GBP115,985 Settlement 15/02/2018	2	_
Sold JPY7,553,254 for GBP49,319 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold JPY23,872,413 for GBP153,731 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Mexican Peso		
Bought MXN88,263 for EUR3,832 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought MXN93,552 for GBP3,542 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought MXN97,027 for GBP3,707 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought MXN196,790 for GBP7,431 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold MXN6,276,944 for GBP239,385 Settlement 15/02/2018	3	_
Sold MXN2,539,032 for GBP96,832 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold MXN97,029 for GBP3,732 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold MXN299,901 for GBP11,536 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	Market	Total
	Value	Net Assets
	£′000	%
US Dollar		
Bought USD10,269 for EUR8,376 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD371,313 for GBP261,032 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD541,927 for GBP380,708 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD982,234 for GBP690,509 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought USD466,371 for EUR377,245 Settlement 15/02/2018	(3)	_
Sold USD34,709,540 for GBP25,328,867 Settlement 15/02/2018	931	0.04
Sold USD14,040,056 for GBP10,245,561 Settlement 15/02/2018	377	0.01
Sold USD848,977 for GBP596,413 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Portfolio of investments^	2,417,250	98.74
Net other assets	30,758	1.26
Total net assets	2,448,008	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Real estate investment trust (REIT).

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

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation	454.044	472.452	4.44.570	422.224
Closing net asset value (£'000)	151,011	173,153	141,578	132,234
Closing number of shares	62,987,054	67,785,263	62,115,286	75,775,544
Closing net asset value per share (p)	239.75	255.44	227.93	174.51
Operating charges	1.55%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%
Prices Highest share price	264.92	263.83	230.06	191.51
Lowest share price	239.75	218.28	161.93	155.45
Lowest share price	255.75	210.20	101.55	155.45
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income	·	·	·	•
Closing net asset value (£'000)	34,564	39,301	40,198	40,463
Closing number of shares	19,874,223	20,877,067	23,277,110	29,813,221
Closing net asset value per share (p)	173.92	188.25	172.69	135.72
Operating charges	1.54%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%
Prices				
Highest share price	195.19	197.44	176.56	151.35
Lowest share price	176.69	165.38	125.92	124.21
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	870,648	942,760	591,439	421,157
Closing number of shares	338,838,380	345,700,487	244,952,021	229,569,278
Closing net asset value per share (p)	256.95	272.71	241.45	183.46
Operating charges	0.78%	0.80%	0.82%	0.83%
Prices Highest share price	283.02	281.42	243.70	200.87
	256.95	231.87	170.33	162.21
Lowest share price	230.93	231.07	170.33	102.21
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	493,475	524,577	403,656	329,257
Closing number of shares	263,123,504	259,394,583	219,282,133	229,334,741
Closing net asset value per share (p)	187.54	202.23	184.08	143.57
Operating charges Prices	0.78%	0.81%	0.82%	0.82%
Highest share price	209.82	211.92	188.18	159.72
Lowest share price	190.53	176.77	133.28	130.41
	130.33	1, 3,,,	133.20	133.11

Comparative Table (continued)

Comparative lable				(continued)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	56,518	19,949	9,963	
Closing number of shares	43,100,398	15,156,501	8,400,050	
Closing net asset value per share (p)	131.13	131.62	118.61	
Operating charges	0.90%	0.86%	0.84%	
Prices				
Highest share price	135.74	133.71	119.71	
Lowest share price	131.13	110.82	93.31	
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Hedged Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,093	16,297	3,839	3,219
Closing number of shares	13,688,844	10,361,444	2,638,629	2,422,673
Closing net asset value per share (p)	154.09	157.28	145.48	132.87
Operating charges	0.91%	0.93%	0.83%	0.84%
Prices				
Highest share price	161.94	162.40	148.76	141.46
Lowest share price	156.54	136.38	118.01	117.32
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	147,541	166,769	113,042	55,007
Closing number of shares	72,033,148	77,972,841	55,890,085	29,706,790
Closing net asset value per share (c)	204.82	213.88	202.26	185.16
Operating charges	1.55%	1.54%	1.55%	1.55%
Prices				
Highest share price	221.05	224.35	205.69	198.62
Lowest share price	204.82	191.62	161.66	145.85
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	27,198	26,712	6,227	8,085
Closing number of shares	18,059,465	16,716,928	4,007,115	5,531,568
Closing net asset value per share (c)	150.60	159.79	155.42	146.15
Operating charges	1.61%	1.59%	1.59%	1.58%
Prices Highest share price	165.15	170.20	160.09	159.31
Lowest share price	153.00	147.24	127.50	118.31
20 mast share price	133.00	171.27	127.30	110.51

Comparative Table (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)	
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure	
Interim Final Final	Final
31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	
Closing net asset value (€′000) 414,778 448,066 365,949	293,216
Closing number of shares 192,913,099 200,378,497 174,391,752	153,807,256
Closing net asset value per share (c) 215.01 223.61 209.84	190.63
Operating charges 0.78% 0.78% 0.78%	0.78%
Prices	
Highest share price 231.60 234.36 213.40	204.02
Lowest share price 215.01 199.25 167.05	149.03
Interim Final Final	Final
31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income (EUR share class)	
Closing net asset value (€′000) 272,199 208,181 1,832	1,870
Closing number of shares 164,858,284 119,360,748 1,089,324	1,191,340
Closing net asset value per share (c) 165.11 174.41 168.24	156.88
Operating charges 0.78% 0.78% 0.78%	0.78%
Prices	
Highest share price 180.67 185.61 173.28	170.60
Lowest share price 167.73 159.75 137.48	126.06
Interim Final	
31 January 2018 31 July 2017	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	
Closing net asset value (€'000) 203 858	
Closing number of shares 205,900 850,000	
Closing net asset value per share (c) 98.73 100.93	
Operating charges 0.85% 0.83%	
Prices	
Highest share price 103.81 101.49	
Lowest share price 98.73 100.00	
Interim Final Final	Final
31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)	,
Closing net asset value (\$'000) 93,366 93,995 61,902	11,965
Closing number of shares 53,933,596 55,431,185 41,072,320	8,844,839
Closing net asset value per share (c) 173.11 169.58 150.72	135.29
Operating charges 0.79% 0.78% 0.78%	0.80%
Prices	
Highest share price 176.39 170.05 151.56	142.63
Lowest share price 168.84 138.91 117.77	125.85

Share class B Hedged Accumulation was launched on 17 September 2015.

Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 14 July 2017.

## **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(175,835)		38,723
Revenue	40,746		28,006	
Expenses	(11,649)		(8,935)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(68)		(32)	
Net revenue before taxation	29,029	_	19,039	
Taxation	(1,552)		(3,571)	
Net revenue after taxation		27,477		15,468
Total return before distribution		(148,358)	_	54,191
Distribution		(37,648)	_	(23,551)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(186,006)	_	30,640

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		2,548,059		1,648,342
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	246,596		618,691	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(186,371)	_	(94,823)	
		60,225	_	523,868
Dilution adjustment		89		455
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(186,006)		30,640
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		25,641	_	19,614
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	2,448,008	_	2,222,919

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	2,417,261	2,472,080
Current assets	<del></del>	
Debtors	51,579	25,626
Cash and bank balances	60,121_	86,925
Total assets	2,528,961	2,584,631
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(11)	(96)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(12,893)	(12,191)
Other creditors	(68,049)	(24,285)
Total liabilities	(80,953)	(36,572)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,448,008	2,548,059

## **Distribution Tables**

Interim

Distribution lables				
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Distribution in pence and cents per share Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017 Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018				
Share class A Accumulation				
Group 1 Interim Group 2	Net revenue (p) 3.7647 (p)	Equalisation (p) – (p)	Distribution payable 31/03/2018 (p) 3.7647 (p)	Distribution paid 31/03/2017 (p) 2.8548 (p)
Interim	1.5928	2.1719	3.7647	2.8548
Share class A Income				
Group 1 Interim Group 2 Interim	Net revenue (p) 2.7745 (p) 1.6721	Equalisation (p) — (p) 1.1024	Distribution payable 31/03/2018 (p) 2.7745 (p) 2.7745	Distribution paid 31/03/2017 (p) 2.1631 (p) 2.1631
Share class B Accumulation			2.,, .0	211001
Silale class b Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
Group 1 Interim	Net revenue (p) 4.0218	Equalisation (p) —	payable 31/03/2018 (p) 4.0218	paid 31/03/2017 (p) 3.0329
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.0695	1.9523	4.0218	3.0329
Share class B Income				
Group 1 Interim Group 2	Net revenue (p) 2.9800 (p)	Equalisation (p) – (p)	Distribution payable 31/03/2018 (p) 2.9800 (p)	Distribution paid 31/03/2017 (p) 2.3099 (p)
Interim	1.4514	1.5286	2.9800	2.3099
Share class B Hedged Accumulation				
Group 1 Interim	Net revenue (p) 2.0515	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable 31/03/2018 (p) 2.0515	Distribution paid 31/03/2017 (p) 1.4306
Group 2	2.0515 (p)	— (p)	2.0515 (p)	1.4306 (p)
Interim	1.0162	1.0353	2.0515	1.4306
Share class B Hedged Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim Group 2	2.4437 (n)	— (p)	2.4437 (p)	1.7636
Interim	(p)	(μ) 0.817 <i>4</i>	(μ) 2 4427	(p)

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**Distribution Tables** (continued) for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid 31/03/2018 revenue Equalisation 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 3.2168 2.4789 3.2168 (c) Group 2 (c) (c) (c) 3.2168 2.4789 Interim 1.6782 1.5386 Share class A Income (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid Equalisation 31/03/2018 revenue 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 2.3981 2.3981 1.9108 (c) Group 2 (c) (c) (c) 1.0558 2.3981 1.9108 Interim 1.3423 Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) Distribution Distribution Net payable paid Equalisation revenue 31/03/2018 31/03/2017 Group 1 (c) (c) (c) (c) Interim 3.3657 3.3657 2.5724

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Equalisation

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Distribution

Distribution

31/03/2018

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Distribution

(c)

(c)

Distribution

31/03/2017

(c)

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Net

(c)

(c)

revenue

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Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)

Share class B Income (EUR share class)

Group 2

Interim

Group 1

Interim

Group 2

Interim

	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.5502	_	1.5502	_
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0502	1.5000	1.5502	_

Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 14 July 2017.

Distribution Tables (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Share class B Accumulation (USD share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	2.7358	_	2.7358	1.7904
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.9960	0.7398	2.7358	1.7904

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity related instruments of issuers established or having significant operations in Latin America and listed, traded or dealt in on regulated markets worldwide.

Higher Risk →

#### Risks and reward profile

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	Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially Hig	her Rewards
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;

← Lower Risk

- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 6 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 6 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Emerging market risk: emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 5.7% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 56.1% and 15.5% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

On the positive side, MAHLE Metal Leve (Brazil: Consumer Discretionary) rose as it delivered results that showed strong revenue growth in all divisions due to higher prices and volumes. Natura (Brazil: Consumer Staples) gained on encouraging performance in Brazil, and Porto Seguro (Brazil: Financials) climbed on the back of strong underwriting results.

Santander Mexico (Financials) declined due to weaker personal-loan growth. It was also negatively impacted by broader concerns around US tax reform, Mexico's presidential election and the possible end of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Kimberly-Clark de Mexico (Consumer Staples) fell on Mexican market weakness and subdued third-quarter results. FEMSA (Mexico: Consumer Staples) was weak on concerns about the impact of a sugar tax on sales.

### Portfolio changes

Significant purchases over the six months included PriceSmart (US: Consumer Staples), a Costco-style membership retailer in Colombia, Central America and the Caribbean, which has been investing heavily in building a Colombian business in recent years.

The Fund sold America Movil (Mexico: Telecom Services) on worries over its foreign-denominated debt and Endesa Chile (Utilities) on corporate governance concerns. The Fund also sold Almacenes Exito (Colombia: Consumer Staples) due to concerns about governance at its parent company.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Outlook

Many of the countries in Latin America should see elections in 2018. As always, the Manager seeks to invest in companies that operate as far away as possible from the influence of governments, regardless of who is in power. Political change can create volatility in currencies and disrupt short-term funding markets, so, as always, the Manager seeks to avoid currency mismatches between cash flows and liabilities, as well as business models overly reliant on external funding. They seek to invest in strong franchises with brands or intellectual property that have a good track record of passing on price increases to customers, to the benefit of shareholders.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	2.2	5.7	12.4	56.1	15.5	_	172.9
Benchmark return %	7.0	8.9	15.1	42.5	3.3	_	70.5

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	12.4	64.4	(15.5)	2.1	(27.5)

Benchmark: MSCI Latin America Index.

The performance ranking of Funds within the IA Specialist sector is not viewed as a fair comparison given the diverse nature of the Funds within the sector. Performance statistics are therefore noted versus the benchmark rather than the IA sector. The Specialist sector constituents are defined by the IA as Funds that have an investment universe that is not accommodated by the other IA mainstream sectors.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

### Ten largest holdings

3	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Inversiones Aguas Metropolitanas	7.74	Inversiones Aguas Metropolitanas	6.40
Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	5.64	Cia Cervecerias Unidas ADR	5.72
Cia Cervecerias Unidas ADR	5.29	Quinenco	5.72
Quinenco	5.22	US Treasury Bill 0% 21/09/2017	4.91
US Treasury 0% 15/3/2018	4.17	Banco Bradesco	3.95
Engie Brasil Energia	4.09	Natura Cosmeticos	3.80
Banco Bradesco	4.07	Grupo Herdez	3.71
Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	4.03	SONDA	3.69
Sonda	4.01	MAHLE Metal Leve	3.59
MAHLE Metal Leve	3.85	Grupo Financiero Santander Mexico ADR	3.54

### Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

	y 2018 (unaudited)		
Holdings		Market	Total
or Nominal		Value	Net Assets
Values		£′000	%
	UNITED STATES (4.91%*)	11,625	5.63
50,444	Pricesmart	3,022	1.46
	Cash and Short Term		
USD12,252,600	US Treasury 0% 15/3/2018	8.603	4,17
	BRAZIL (38.96%*)	72,832	35.30
961,900	Banco Bradesco	8,400	4.07
2,414,329	Duratex	5,468	2.65
	Engie Brasil Energia	8,444	4.09
	EZTEC Empreendimentos e Participacoes	1,216	0.59
1,584,400		6,266	3.04
•	LPS Brasil Consultoria de Imoveis	527	0.26
•	M Dias Branco	3,321	1.61
	MAHLE Metal Leve	7,934	3.85
959,235		7,438	3.60
•	Porto Seguro	7,149	3.46
82,400	Raia Drogasil	1,544	0.75
620,548	Totvs	4,478	2.17
178,200	Ultrapar Participacoes	3,226	1.56
407,500		1,840	0.89
367,320	=	1,931	0.94
418,249	Wilson Sons BDR	3,650	1.77
	CHILE (29.89%*)	58,173	28.20
201,505	Antofagasta	1,875	0.91
528,394	Cia Cervecerias Unidas ADR	10,913	5.29
	Cia Sud Americana de Vapores	933	0.45
909,341	Embotelladora Andina	2,841	1.38
	Inversiones Aguas Metropolitanas	15,967	7.74
4,704,883	Quinenco	10,760	5.22
	Sociedad Matriz SAAM	6,602	3.20
5,659,497	Sonda	8,282	4.01
	COLOMBIA (0.82%*)	949	0.46
72,543	Grupo Bolivar	949	0.46
	MEXICO (16.82%*)	40,503	19.63
1,065,731	Banco Santander Mexico ADR	5,861	2.84
7,809,500	Consorcio	2,282	1.11
	Corporativo Fragua	900	0.44
•	Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	8,327	4.03
4,141,051		6,879	3.33
	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	11,638	5.64
	Qualitas Controladora	4,616	2.24

Portfolio Sta	atement		(continued)
as at 31 January	2018 (unaudited)		
Holdings		Market	Total
or Nominal		Value	<b>Net Assets</b>
Values		£′000	%
	PERU (3.27%*)	6,034	2.93
846,071	Alicorp	2,066	1.00
1,112,004	Cementos Pacasmayo	2,031	0.99
193,831	Fossal	11	0.01
842,383	Hochschild Mining	1,926	0.93
-	Portfolio of investments	190,116	92.15
	Net other assets	16,196	7.85
	Total net assets	206,312	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

Stocks shown as ADRs and BDRs represent American Depositary Receipts and Brazilian Depositary Receipts, respectively.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

# Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,066	14,607	14,631	17,123
Closing number of shares	5,160,246	5,671,016	6,507,755	10,722,169
Closing net asset value per share (p)	272.57	257.57	224.83	159.69
Operating charges	1.89%	2.00%	2.06%	2.04%
Prices	281.53	265.61	228.52	102.00
Highest share price Lowest share price	251.92	265.61 216.31	142.92	193.09 160.26
Lowest share price	231.32	210.31	142.92	100.20
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation	•	·	·	·
Closing net asset value (£'000)	129,097	113,436	97,204	64,320
Closing number of shares	44,066,744	41,134,729	40,725,142	38,266,271
Closing net asset value per share (p)	292.96	275.77	238.68	168.08
Operating charges	1.13%	1.16%	1.19%	1.19%
Prices				
Highest share price	301.88	283.88	242.58	201.75
Lowest share price	270.53	230.33	150.52	168.68
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	3,351	2,989	4,195	3,839
Closing number of shares	1,139,598	1,098,013	1,673,929	1,814,771
Closing net asset value per share (c)	294.06	272.25	250.56	211.49
Operating charges	1.87%	1.89%	1.91%	1.92%
Prices	202.52	202.22	256.64	2.42.00
Highest share price	298.50	293.28	256.61	242.80
Lowest share price	270.42	242.36	174.52	193.49
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	68,737	65,195	59,811	55,334
Closing number of shares	46,204,312	47,494,318	47,484,981	52,260,552
Closing net asset value per share (c)	148.77	137.26	125.96	105.89
Operating charges Prices	1.13%	1.14%	1.16%	1.17%
Highest share price	151.01	147.55	128.98	121.49
Lowest share price	136.34	121.81	87.66	96.64
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## **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	.018	31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		10,231		12,351
Revenue	2,725		2,424	
Expenses	(1,219)		(1,131)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,503		1,292	
Taxation	(158)		(219)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,345		1,073
Total return before distribution		11,576		13,424
Distribution		(1,346)		(1,073)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,230	_	12,351

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		188,998		165,807
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	11,183		2,639	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(5,498)	_	(3,699)	
	_	5,685		(1,060)
Dilution adjustment		21		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,230		12,351
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,378	_	1,069
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	206,312	_	178,167

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	190,116_	178,925
Current assets		
Debtors	1,250	254
Cash and bank balances	15,285	11,325
Total assets	206,651	190,504
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(339)_	(1,506)
Total liabilities	(339)	(1,506)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	206,312	188,998

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

### Share class A Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.8806	_	0.8806	0.5329
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.5053	0.3753	0.8806	0.5329
Share class B Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.0501	_	2.0501	1.6342
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.4095	0.6406	2.0501	1.6342
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.9773	_	0.9773	1.6909
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.5612	0.4161	0.9773	1.6909
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.0370	_	1.0370	0.8463
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.4705	0.5665	1.0370	0.8463

### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to protect against UK inflation and provide growth by achieving a positive return (gross of Fees and Charges) of 4% in excess of the UK Retail Price Index over a rolling five-year period.

By investing in the Fund, capital is at risk. There is no guarantee that the Fund will deliver positive returns over this, or any other, period.

The Fund will adopt a total return approach and invest in a broad range of traditional and alternative asset classes globally, which may include but are not limited to inflation-linked bonds, developed and emerging market equities, developed and emerging market debt, and exchange-traded Funds. In order to gain exposure to these asset classes, the Fund may invest in transferable securities, money market instruments, collective investment schemes, derivatives and deposits.

Up to 100% of the net assets of the Fund may be invested in other collective investment schemes, including in collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or its associates ("Associated Schemes"), and/or other Funds of the Company ("Second Funds").

Investment may be in cash or near cash.

Derivatives may include, but shall not be limited to, foreign exchange forwards, futures, options and swaps.

The Fund may use derivatives for the purposes of meeting its investment objective and for efficient portfolio management purposes.

- Clarification point 1: for the avoidance of doubt, if the UK Retail Prices Index is discontinued or is no longer accepted as a relevant market standard indicator of UK Inflation, the ACD may substitute a replacement benchmark. It is the intention of the ACD that the replacement benchmark (if any) will be as close as possible to the UK Retail Prices Index and shall not affect the Fund's investment policy, intended return or risk profile. Shareholders will be notified in advance of any such change of benchmark.
- Clarification point 2: the Diversified Growth Fund follows the Absolute VaR approach to calculating global exposure with a maximum limit of 20%. We expect the maximum leverage for this Fund, calculated using the Sum of Notionals approach, to be 700%. Leverage may, however, in certain circumstances, exceed such maximum figure.

### Risks and reward profile

Share class B Accumulation	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (USD share class)	
Share class E Accumulation	
Share class Z Accumulation	

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Potentially Lower Rewards Potentially Higher Rewar				her Rewards			
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Credit risk: the issuers of bonds or similar investments that the Fund buys may not pay income or repay capital to the Fund when due.

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. Interest rate risk: interest rates affect the Fund's investments. If rates go up, the value of investments falls and vice versa.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

**Derivative risk**: the Fund has the ability to make use of derivatives, which may result in the Fund being leveraged and can result in large fluctuations in the value of the Fund. Leverage occurs when the economic exposure created by the use of derivatives is greater than the amount invested resulting in the Fund being exposed to a greater loss than the initial investment.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 0.2% in sterling terms over the six months to 31 January 2018.

#### **Portfolio Changes**

The Fund's cash holding has risen, enabling us to take advantage of opportunities should they arise. The Fund currently has no allocation to commodities.

The entire exposure to high yield corporate bonds was removed due to tight spreads. Investment in longer-dated UK government bonds was reduced as inflation in the longer term appears likely to result in higher yields.

Equity allocations also declined and are currently close to the lowest level since the launch of the Fund in June 2015. Based on our research, insights suggest bonds and foreign currency should be favoured ahead of equities, and equity valuations are not particularly attractive over a five-year investment horizon.

#### Outlook

Accommodative monetary policy by major central banks and generally favourable economic conditions should continue to support investment markets. Valuations appear stretched in many major asset classes, suggesting caution is required.

Equity valuations in most major developed markets are at particularly elevated levels and, for us, the appeal of equities has faded. Despite this, there are pockets of potential value in Europe, where valuations are attractive relative to other developed regions. Selected emerging markets are also appealing in our view, benefiting from buoyant global trade volumes and, in turn, strong export demand.

Within fixed income, emerging market debt – denominated in local and hard currencies – is favoured. Some inflation-linked bonds also continue to offer value.

A diversified portfolio of assets is held at all times, with the aim of delivering the Fund's performance target of 4% gross of fees above UK inflation (Retail Price Index) over rolling five-year periods.

### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

lime	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	0.4	0.2	5.8	_	_	_	15.9
Benchmark return %	0.8	1.9	3.7	_		_	6.8
Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018							

Discrete performance as at 31 January 2018					
Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	5.8	16.6	_	_	_

Benchmark: RPI published by the UK Office of National Statistics.

Sector: IA Specialist.

Performance is based on B Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

## First State Diversified Growth Fund

# **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

## Ten largest holdings

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31 Jar	nuary 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
iShares JPMorgan \$ Emerging Markets Bond UCITS ETF USD	9.06	US Treasury 0.125% 15/7/2026	8.57
UK Treasury 1.75% 22/7/2019	7.67	UK Treasury 0% 29/8/2017	7.40
US Treasury 0.125% 15/7/2026	7.59	Australia 3% 20/9/2025	5.45
UK Treasury 0% 05/2/2018	7.08	UK Treasury 0% 11/9/2017	4.94
UK Treasury 3.75% 07/9/2019	4.95	UK Treasury 1.5% 22/7/2026	4.85
Australia 3% 20/9/2025	4.88	iShares J.P. Morgan USD EM Bond UCITS ETF	4.69
UK Treasury 0% 25/6/2018	4.71	iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	4.59
UK Treasury 0.125% 22/3/2024	3.95	UK Treasury 0.125% 22/3/2024	4.18
Poland 2.5% 25/7/2026	1.10	db x-trackers II-IBoxx Euro High Yield Bond UCITS ETF	2.34
South Africa 10.5% 21/12/2026	1.01	iShares Euro High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	1.93

## Types of shares

Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
•	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (37.56%*)	8,971	42.35
529		5	0.02
118	Admiral	2	0.01
764	Anglo American	13	0.06
	Aon 'A'	3	0.01
265	Ashtead	6	0.03
190	Associated British Foods	5	0.02
671	AstraZeneca	33	0.16
523	Auto Trader	2	0.01
2,358	Aviva	12	0.06
137	Babcock International	1	0.01
1,741	BAE Systems	10	0.05
9,029	Barclays	18	0.09
567	Barratt Developments	3	0.01
70	Berkeley	3	0.01
1,120	BHP Billiton	18	0.09
10,531	BP	53	0.25
1,047	British American Tobacco	51	0.24
519	British Land**	4	0.02
4,649	BT	12	0.06
181	Bunzl	4	0.02
237	Burberry	4	0.02
371	Capita	1	_
101	Carnival	5	0.02
3,098	Centrica	4	0.02
28	Charter Communications	8	0.04
906	Cobham	1	0.01
874	Compass	13	0.06
70	Croda International	3	0.01
1,354	Diageo	34	0.16
798	Direct Line	3	0.01
519	Dixons Carphone	1	0.01
84	easyJet	1	0.01
511	Experian	8	0.04
140	Ferguson	8	0.04
117	Fresnillo	2	0.01
845	G4S	2	0.01
982	GKN	4	0.02
2,768	GlaxoSmithKline	37	0.17
6,488	Glencore	26	0.12
454	Hammerson**	2	0.01
138	Hargreaves Lansdown	3	0.01
76	Hikma Pharmaceuticals	1	0.01
	HSBC (UK Regd.)	81	0.38
144	IMI	2	0.01
524	Imperial Brands	15	0.07
253	Inmarsat	1	0.01
98	InterContinental Hotels	5	0.02
86	Intertek	4	0.02

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s at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		_
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	Intu Properties**	1	0.01
	Investec	2	0.01
	iShares JPMorgan \$ Emerging Markets Bond UCITS ETF USD#	1,918	9.06
2,045		3	0.01
	J Sainsbury	2	0.01
	Johnson Matthey	4	0.02
	Kingfisher	4	0.02
	Land Securities	4	0.02
	Legal & General	9	0.04
	Lloyds Banking	26	0.12
	London Stock Exchange	7	0.03
911	Marks & Spencer	3	0.01
195	Mediclinic International	1	0.01
414	Meggitt	2	0.01
381	Merlin Entertainments	1	0.01
198	Mondi	4	0.02
1,203	Morrison (Wm.) Supermarkets	3	0.01
1,913	National Grid	15	0.07
74	Next	4	0.02
2,614	Old Mutual	6	0.03
	Pearson	4	0.02
	Persimmon	4	0.02
	Petrofac	1	0.01
	Provident Financial	1	0.01
	Prudential	28	0.13
	Randgold Resources	4	0.02
	Reckitt Benckiser	24	0.11
	RELX	9	0.04
	Rio Tinto (UK Regd.)	26	0.12
	Rolls-Royce	9	0.04
	Royal Bank of Scotland	5	0.04
	Royal Dutch Shell 'A' (UK Regd.)	62	0.02
	Royal Dutch Shell 'B' (UK Regd.)	50	0.23
	,		0.24
	Royal Mail	2	
	RSA Insurance	3	0.01
	Sage	4	0.02
	Schroders	3	0.01
	Segro**	3	0.01
	Severn Trent	3	0.01
	Shire	16	0.08
547	•	6	0.03
	Smith & Nephew	6	0.03
	Smiths	3	0.01
562		7	0.03
	St. James's Place Capital	4	0.02
	Standard Chartered	14	0.07
	Standard Life	7	0.03
	Tate & Lyle	2	0.01
1,927	Taylor Wimpey	4	0.02

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	j 2010 (anadanca)	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
4,355	Tesco	9	0.04
	Travis Perkins	2	0.01
	UK Treasury 0% 05/2/2018	1,500	7.08
	UK Treasury 0% 25/6/2018	998	4.71
	UK Treasury 0.125% 22/3/2024	836	3.95
	UK Treasury 1.75% 22/7/2019	1,625	7.67
	UK Treasury 3.75% 07/9/2019	1,049	4.95
	Unilever	28	0.13
	United Utilities	3	0.01
	Vodafone	33	0.16
	Weir	3	0.01
	Whitbread	4	0.02
	William Hill	2	0.01
	WPP	9	0.04
	UNITED STATES (15.86%*)	3,324	15.69
152	21st Century Fox America 'A'	3,324	0.02
	3M	10	0.02
	Abbott Laboratories	7	0.03
	AbbVie	12	0.05
	Accenture	7	0.03
	Activision Blizzard	4	0.03
	Adient	1	0.02
	Adobe Systems	7	0.03
	AdvanSix	, _	0.05
	Aetna	4	0.02
	Aflac	4	0.02
	Agilent Technologies	3	0.01
	AIG	5	0.02
	Air Products & Chemicals	3	0.02
	Alexion Pharmaceuticals	3	0.01
	Alibaba ADS	93	0.44
	Allergan	5	0.02
	Allstate	4	0.02
	Alphabet 'A'	23	0.11
	Alphabet 'C'	25	0.12
	Altaba	5	0.02
	Altria	9	0.04
	Amazon	44	0.21
	American Electric Power	2	0.01
	American Express	6	0.03
40		4	0.02
	Ameriprise Financial	3	0.01
	AMETEK	2	0.01
71		9	0.04
	Amphenol 'A'	3	0.01
	Anadarko Petroleum	2	0.01
	Analog Devices	3	0.01
	Anthem	4	0.02
	Apache	2	0.01
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s at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)	Market	Total
		Value	<b>Net Assets</b>
Holdings		£′000	%
518	Apple	61	0.29
	Applied Materials	4	0.02
78	Archer Daniels Midland	2	0.01
570	AT&T	15	0.07
43	Automatic Data Processing	4	0.02
4	AutoZone	2	0.01
18	AvalonBay Communities**	2	0.01
180	Baidu ADR	31	0.15
58	Baker Hughes GE	1	0.01
100	Ball	3	0.01
1,101	Bank of America	25	0.12
103	Bank of New York Mellon	4	0.02
70	Baxter International	4	0.02
87	BB&T	3	0.02
25	Becton Dickinson	4	0.02
111	Berkshire Hathaway 'B'	17	0.08
21	Biogen Idec	5	0.02
16	Bioverativ	1	0.01
12	BlackRock	5	0.02
65	Boeing	16	0.08
	Boston Properties**	2	0.01
127	Boston Scientific	2	0.01
8	Brighthouse Financial	_	_
	Bristol-Myers Squibb	7	0.03
	Broadcom	6	0.03
50	Capital One	4	0.02
	Cardinal Health	2	0.01
59	Carnival	3	0.01
55	Caterpillar	6	0.03
	CBS 'B'	2	0.01
	Celgene	5	0.02
	CenturyLink	2	0.01
	Cerner	2	0.01
111	Charles Schwab	4	0.02
29	Cheniere Energy	1	0.01
	Chevron	16	0.08
43	Chubb	5	0.02
24	Cigna	4	0.02
	Cisco Systems	14	0.07
277	Citigroup	15	0.07
	Clorox	2	0.01
35	CME	4	0.02
385	Coca-Cola	13	0.06
	Cognizant Technology	3	0.01
	Colgate-Palmolive	4	0.02
	Comcast 'A'	14	0.07
	ConAgra Foods	2	0.01
	Concho Resources	2	0.01
116	ConocoPhillips	5	0.02

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Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Market Total Value **Net Assets Holdings** £'000 % 43 Consolidated Edison 2 0.01 23 Constellation Brands 'A' 4 0.02 156 Corning 3 0.02 6 41 Costco Wholesale 0.03 31 Crown Castle International\*\* 3 0.01 91 CSX 4 0.02 23 Cummins 3 0.01 105 CVS Health 6 0.03 58 Danaher 4 0.02 30 Deere 4 0.02 31 Dell Technologies – VMware 2 0.01 41 Delphi Automotive 3 0.01 13 Delphi Technologies 1 0.01 1 35 Dentsply Sirona 0.01 70 Devon Energy 2 0.01 56 Discover Financial Services 3 0.01 148 Disney (Walt) 11 0.05 45 Dollar General 3 0.02 33 Dollar Tree 3 0.01 3 56 Dominion Resources 0.01 11 210 DowDuPont 0.05 28 Dr Pepper Snapple 2 0.01 26 DTE Energy 2 0.01 3 63 Duke Energy 0.02 1 20 DXC Technology 0.01 3 50 Eaton 0.01 3 101 eBay 0.01 2 24 Ecolab 0.01 46 Edison International 2 0.01 3 32 Edwards Lifesciences 0.01 32 Electronic Arts 3 0.01 5 94 Eli Lilly 0.02 3 62 Emerson Electric 0.01 51 EOG Resources 4 0.02 20 Equifax 2 0.01 8 Equinix\*\* 3 0.01 2 52 Equity Residential\*\* 0.01 9 Essex Property Trust\*\* 1 0.01 3 33 Estee Lauder 'A' 0.01 2 46 Eversource Energy 0.01 2 87 Exelon 0.01 63 Express Scripts 4 0.02 388 Exxon Mobil 24 0.11 213 Facebook 28 0.13 25 FedEx 5 0.02 41 Fidelity National Information Services 3 0.01 30 Fiserv 3 0.01 346 Ford Motor 3 0.01

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s at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings	5 U. D	£′000	%
	Franklin Resources	2	0.01
	General Dynamics	4	0.02
	General Electric	10	0.05
	General Mills	2	0.01
	General Motors	4	0.02
	GGP**	1	0.01
	Gilead Sciences	8	0.04
	Goldman Sachs	7	0.03
81	Halliburton	3	0.01
	Hartford Financial Services	2	0.01
	HCA	3	0.01
	HCP **	1	0.01
	Hess	1	0.01
	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	2	0.01
	Home Depot	17	0.08
	Honeywell International	8	0.04
236	HP	4	0.02
20	Humana	4	0.02
87	IBM	10	0.05
30	Illinois Tool Works	4	0.02
19	Illumina	3	0.01
38	Ingersoll-Rand	3	0.01
1	Ingevity	_	_
441	Intel	15	0.07
56	Intercontinental Exchange	3	0.01
56	International Paper	2	0.01
33	Intuit	4	0.02
12	Intuitive Surgical	4	0.02
18	J.M. Smucker	2	0.01
12	JBG SMITH Properties**	_	_
378	JD.com	13	0.06
259	Johnson & Johnson	25	0.12
89	Johnson Controls International	2	0.01
344	JPMorgan Chase	28	0.13
38	Kellogg	2	0.01
	KeyCorp	1	0.01
	Kimberly-Clark	3	0.01
	Kinder Morgan	2	0.01
	Kraft Heinz Foods	3	0.01
123	Kroger	3	0.01
	L Brands	1	0.01
20	Lamb Weston	1	0.01
	Las Vegas Sands	3	0.02
	Liberty Global 'B'	2	0.01
	Liberty Latin America	- -	_
	Lowe's	6	0.03
	M&T Bank	3	0.01
	Macy's	1	0.01
	Marathon Petroleum	3	0.02
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s at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	Markel	1	0.01
	Marsh & McLennan	3	0.01
	MasterCard 'A'	11	0.05
	McDonald's	12	0.06
	McKesson	2	0.01
	Medtronic	8	0.04
	Merck & Co	11	0.05
	MetLife	3	0.01
	Micro Focus International ADR	_	_
805	Microsoft	54	0.26
27	Molson Coors Brewing 'B'	2	0.01
150	Mondelez International	5	0.02
41	Monsanto	4	0.02
63	Monster Beverage	3	0.01
	Moody's	3	0.01
	Morgan Stanley	5	0.02
	Mylan	2	0.01
	NetEase ADR	10	0.05
	Netflix	7	0.03
	Newell Rubbermaid	1	0.01
	Newmont Mining	2	0.01
	NextEra Energy	5	0.02
	Nielsen	1	0.01
	Nike 'B'	6	0.03
61	Noble Energy	1	0.01
	Norfolk Southern	3	0.01
	Northern Trust	2	0.01
	Northrop Grumman	5	0.02
	Nucor	2	0.01
	Nvidia	9	0.04
	Occidental Petroleum	4	0.04
	Omnicom	2	0.02
	Oracle	11	0.01
	O'Reilly Automotive	2	0.03
	Paccar	2	0.01
	Palo Alto Networks	1	0.01
	Parker-Hannifin	3	0.01
	Paychex	2	0.01
	PayPal	6	0.03
	PepsiCo	12	0.06
	Pfizer	15	0.07
	PG&E	1	0.01
	Phillip Morris International	11	0.05
	Phillips 66	4	0.02
	Pioneer Natural Resources	3	0.01
	PNC Financial Services	5	0.02
	PPG Industries	3	0.01
	PPL	2	0.01
27	Praxair	3	0.01

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		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	Priceline	5	0.02
	Procter & Gamble	15	0.07
77	<u> </u>	3	0.01
	Prologis**	4	0.02
	Prudential Financial	4	0.02
67	Public Service Enterprise	2	0.01
20	Public Storage**	3	0.01
143	Qualcomm	7	0.03
13	Quality Care Properties**	_	_
29	Raytheon	4	0.02
36	Realty Income**	1	0.01
10	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	3	0.01
18	Rockwell Automation	2	0.01
14	Roper Industries	3	0.01
	Ross Stores	3	0.01
	S&P Global	3	0.01
	Salesforce.com	5	0.02
	Schlumberger	7	0.03
	Sempra Energy	2	0.01
11		3	0.01
	Simon Property**	3	0.01
	Southern	3	0.02
		3	
	Stanley Black & Decker Starbucks		0.01
		6	0.03
	State Street	3	0.01
	Stryker	4	0.02
	SunTrust Banks	3	0.02
	Symantec	2	0.01
	Synchrony Financial	3	0.01
	Sysco	3	0.02
	T Rowe Price	3	0.01
	Target	4	0.02
	TE Connectivity	4	0.02
	Tesla Motors	3	0.01
	Texas Instruments	7	0.03
	Thermo Fisher Scientific	6	0.03
75	Time Warner	5	0.02
63	TJX	4	0.02
29	Travelers	3	0.01
71	Twitter	1	0.01
43	Tyson Foods	2	0.01
81	Union Pacific	8	0.04
64	United Parcel Service 'B'	6	0.03
79	United Technologies	8	0.04
	UnitedHealth	15	0.07
	US Bancorp	7	0.03
	US Treasury 0.125% 15/7/2026	1,607	7.59
	Valero Energy	4	0.02
	Ventas**	2	0.01
10		_	0.01

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•		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
_	Verizon Communications	14	0.07
14	Versum Materials	_	_
	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	3	0.01
57		3	0.01
182		16	0.08
	Vornado Realty Trust**	1	0.01
	Vulcan Materials	2	0.01
	Walgreens Boots Alliance	4	0.02
	Wal-Mart Stores	11	0.05
	Waste Management	4	0.02
	WEC Energy	2	0.01
451	Wells Fargo	21	0.10
	Welltower**	2	0.10
	Weyerhaeuser**	3	0.01
		2	
	Whirlpool Williams	2	0.01 0.01
	Worldpay Val Facery	4	0.02
	Xcel Energy	2	0.01
	Yum China	10	0.05
	Yum! Brands	3	0.02
	Zimmer	3	0.01
/1	Zoetis	4	0.02
	CANADA (0.37%*)	76	0.36
60	Alimentation Cuche-Tard 'B'	2	0.01
62	Bank of Montreal	4	0.02
119	Bank of Nova Scotia	6	0.03
153	Barrick Gold	2	0.01
83	Brookfield Asset Management 'A'	2	0.01
2	Brookfield Business Partners	_	_
38	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3	0.01
74	Canadian National Railway	4	0.02
103	Canadian Natural Resources	2	0.01
19	Canadian Pacific Railway	2	0.01
	Cenovus Energy	1	0.01
	Enbridge	2	0.01
87	Enbridge	2	0.01
	Goldcorp	1	0.01
	Imperial Oil	1	0.01
	Loblaw	1	_
	Magna International 'A'	2	0.01
	Manulife Financial	3	0.01
	National Bank of Canada	1	_
	Nutrien	5	0.02
	PrairieSky Royalty	_	-
	Rogers Communications 'B'	1	0.01
	Royal Bank of Canada	9	0.04
	Sun Life Financial	3	0.04
	Suncor Energy	4	0.01
	Thomson Reuters	2	0.02
50	monison neaters	2	0.01

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		Market	Total
Haldinas		Value	Net Assets
Holdings	Taranta Daminian Bank	£′000	%
	Toronto-Dominion Bank TransCanada	8	0.04
		2	0.01
48	Valeant Pharmaceuticals	1	_
	BELGIUM (0.82%*)	144	0.68
	Anheuser-Busch InBev	61	0.29
1,045	Anheuser-Busch Inbev	83	0.39
	DENMARK (0.06%*)	14	0.07
93	Danske Bank	3	0.01
211	Novo Nordisk 'B'	8	0.04
16	Pandora	1	0.01
33	Vestas Wind Systems	2	0.01
	FINLAND (0.16%*)	25	0.12
48	KONE 'B'	2	0.01
5,793		20	0.10
•	Sampo 'A'	3	0.01
	FRANCE (3.60%*)	746	3.52
422	Air Liquide	40	0.19
2,041		47	0.22
	BNP Paribas	63	0.30
	Capgemini	2	0.01
	Carrefour	- -	_
	Danone	38	0.18
	ENGIE	21	0.10
	Essilor International	22	0.10
	Legrand	2	0.01
	L'Oréal	39	0.18
	L'Oreal Loyalty	8	0.04
	LVMH Moet Hennessy	60	0.28
	Michelin (Regd.)	3	0.01
	Orange	25	0.12
	Pernod Ricard	3	0.01
	Renault	2	0.01
	Safran	24	0.11
	Saint-Gobain	21	0.10
	Sanofi	73	0.35
	Schneider Electric	38	0.18
	Société Générale	32	0.15
2,533		103	0.49
	Unibail-Rodamco**	18	0.09
	Vinci	41	0.19
	Vivendi	21	0.10
1,037	GERMANY (3.42%*)	721	3.40
106	Adidas (Regd.)	32	0.15
	Allianz (Regd.)	82	0.13
	BASF	75	0.39
		75	0.35
	Bayer (Regd.) BMW	25	0.33
	Continental	4	0.12
10	Continental	4	0.02

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	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
981	Daimler (Regd.)	63	0.30
2,026	Deutsche Bank	26	0.12
28	Deutsche Boerse	3	0.01
974	Deutsche Post (Regd.)	32	0.15
3,309	Deutsche Telekom (Regd.)	41	0.19
2,052		15	0.07
405	Fresenius	25	0.12
32	Fresenius Medical Care	3	0.01
26	Henkel pref.	3	0.01
	Infineon Technologies	3	0.01
	Linde	4	0.02
165	Muenchener Rueckversicherung (Regd.)	27	0.13
1,009		80	0.38
	Siemens (Regd.)	90	0.43
265	=	4	0.02
29	Uniper	1	0.01
	Volkswagen pref. (non-voting)	6	0.03
	Vonovia	2	0.01
	IRELAND (0.12%*)	24	0.11
738	CRH	19	0.09
	DCC	3	0.03
	Willis Towers Watson	2	0.01
13			
160	ITALY (0.52%*)	110	0.52
	Assicurazioni Generali	2	0.01
7,654		34	0.16
2,505		32	0.15
	Intesa Sanpaolo	38	0.18
	UniCredit	4	0.02
237	UniCredit Rights 09/03/2018	_	_
	LUXEMBOURG (2.34%*)	-	_
	NETHERLANDS (1.30%*)	276	1.30
4	Aegon	_	_
571	Airbus	46	0.22
37	Akzo Nobel	2	0.01
373	ASML	53	0.25
33	Heineken	3	0.01
3,752	ING	52	0.24
1,205	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	19	0.09
36	Lyondellbasell Industries 'A'	3	0.01
941	Philips	27	0.13
148	RELX	2	0.01
1,692	Unilever	69	0.33
	NORWAY (0.01%*)	3	0.01
170	Statoil	3	0.01
	SPAIN (1.18%*)	226	1.07
67	Amadeus IT	4	0.02
	Banco Santander (Regd.)	84	0.02
6,427		43	0.40
0,427	DUTT	43	0.20

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	,	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
6,034	Iberdrola	35	0.17
1,100	Inditex	28	0.13
4,436	Telefonica	32	0.15
	SWEDEN (0.12%*)	24	0.11
144	Assa Abloy 'B'	2	0.01
	Atlas Copco 'A'	3	0.01
	Ericsson 'B'	2	0.01
	Essity AB	2	0.01
	Hennes & Mauritz 'B'	2	0.01
	Investor 'B'	2	0.01
325	Nordea Bank	3	0.01
87	Svenska Cellulosa 'B'	1	0.01
199	Svenska Handelsbkn 'A'	2	0.01
120	Swedbank 'A'	2	0.01
223	Volvo 'B'	3	0.01
	SWITZERLAND (0.38%*)	73	0.34
236	ABB (Regd.)	5	0.02
	Coca-Cola HBC	2	0.01
	Compagnie Financiere Richemont	3	0.01
	Credit Suisse	4	0.02
	Givaudan	2	0.01
	Idorsia	_	_
	LafargeHolcim	3	0.01
	Nestlé (Regd.)	18	0.09
	Novartis (Regd.)	14	0.07
	Roche Holding	11	0.05
	Swiss Re	2	0.01
2	Swisscom	1	0.01
341	UBS	5	0.02
15	Zurich Insurance	3	0.01
	JAPAN (0.93%*)	195	0.92
82	Ajinomoto	1	0.01
	Asahi Breweries	2	0.01
	Astellas Pharma	2	0.01
	Bridgestone	4	0.02
	Canon	3	0.01
25	Central Japan Railway	3	0.01
43	Dai-ichi Life	1	0.01
88	Daiichi Sankyo	2	0.01
40	Daikin	3	0.01
82	Daiwa House	2	0.01
226	Daiwa Securities	1	_
79	Denso	3	0.01
58	East Japan Railway	4	0.02
35	Eisai	1	0.01
36	Fanuc	7	0.03
8	Fast Retailing	3	0.01
94	Fuji Heavy Industries	2	0.01

Portfolio Statement (continued) as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
47	Fujifilm	1	0.01
487	Hitachi	3	0.01
164	Honda Motor	4	0.02
160	Hoya	6	0.03
168	ITOCHU	2	0.01
38	JFE	1	0.01
73	Kao	4	0.02
100	KDDI	2	0.01
8	Keyence	3	0.01
	Kirin	_	_
165	Komatsu	4	0.02
95	Kubota	1	0.01
32	Kyocera	1	0.01
	Mitsubishi	3	0.01
	Mitsubishi Electric	2	0.01
172	Mitsubishi Estate	2	0.01
52	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	1	0.01
	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	7	0.03
	Mitsui	2	0.01
127	Mitsui Fudosan	2	0.01
2,139	Mizuho Financial	3	0.01
68	MS&AD Insurance	2	0.01
21	Murata Manufacturing	2	0.01
38	Nidec	4	0.02
10	Nintendo	3	0.01
100	Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal	2	0.01
	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	3	0.01
	Nissan Motor	3	0.01
47	Nitto Denko	3	0.01
496	Nomura	2	0.01
	NTT DOCOMO	2	0.01
	Oriental Land	2	0.01
	Orix	2	0.01
56	Otsuka	2	0.01
354	Panasonic	4	0.02
	Rakuten	_	_
	Resona	_	_
	Secom	2	0.01
	Seven & I	3	0.01
	Shin-Etsu Chemical	1	0.01
	SMC	3	0.01
	Softbank	6	0.03
	Sompo Japan Nipponkoa	1	0.01
	Sony	3	0.01
	Sumitomo	1	0.01
	Sumitomo Electric	· —	_
	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	6	0.03
	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	1	0.01
	Sumitomo Realty & Development	1	0.01
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Holdings	as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
Holdings		,	Market	Total
58 Suzuki Motor         2         0.01           111 Takeda Pharmaceutcal         5         0.02           96 Tokio Marine         3         0.01           165 Tokyo Gas         3         0.01           412 Toray         3         0.01           387 Toyota Motor         16         0           337 Toyota Motor         16         0.01           492 AMP         1         0.01           492 AMP         1         0.01           492 SMP         1         0.01           492 AMP         1         0.01           303 Australia S New Zealand Banking         5         0.02           34D1,300,000 Australia S New Zealand Banking         5         0.02           34D1,300,000 Australia S New Zealand Banking         5         0.02           34D Richard         1         0.01           34D Richard         2         0.01           35E Branbles         2         0.02           34D Richard         4         0.02           34D Richard         4         0.02           34D Richard         4         0.02           35E Branbles         2         0.01           35E Strabels         2 <td< th=""><th></th><th></th><th>Value</th><th>Net Assets</th></td<>			Value	Net Assets
111 Takeda Phramaceutical       5       0.02         96 Tokio Marine       3       0.01         412 Toray       3       0.01         689 Toshiba       1          337 Toyota Motor       16       0.08         AUSTRALIA (5.76%*)       1,095       5.17         711 Amor       1       0.01         492 AMP       1       0.01         302 Australia & New Zealand Banking       5       0.02         AUDI,300,000 Australia 3% 20/9/2025       10,34       4.88         298 BHF Billion       5       0.02         356 Brambles       2       0.01         173 Commonwealth Bank of Australia       8       0.04         43 CSL       4       0.02         44 Macquarie       3       0.01         281 National Australia Bank       5       0.02         764 Scentre**       2       0.01         218 Suncorp       2       0.01 <t< th=""><th>Holdings</th><th></th><th>£′000</th><th>%</th></t<>	Holdings		£′000	%
196   Tokio Marine   3	58	Suzuki Motor	2	0.01
165 Tokyo Gas   3   0.01     412 Toray   3   0.01     489 Toshiba   1   0.01     492 AMP	111	Takeda Pharmaceutical	5	0.02
412 Toray       3       0.01         689 Toshiba       1          337 Toytota Motor       16       0.08         AUSTRALIA (S.76%*)       1,095       5.17         171 Amcor       1       0.01         492 AMP       1       0.01         303 Australia Shewa Zealand Banking       5       0.02         AUD1,300.000 Australia She New Zealand Banking       5       0.02         305 Brambles       2       0.01         307 Commonwealth Bank of Australia       8       0.04         43 CSL       4       0.02         44 Macquarie       3       0.01         31 Rio Tinto       4       0.02         44 Macquarie       3       0.01         281 Suncorp       2       0.01         55 Sentre**       2       0.01         335 Transurban       2       0.01         335 Westpac Banking       1       0.01         350 Westpac Banking       6       0.03         151 Woodside Petroleum       3       0.01         200 Woodworths       3       0.01         400 China Life Insurance       9       0.04         4,000 China Construction Bank 'H'       42 </td <td>96</td> <td>Tokio Marine</td> <td>3</td> <td>0.01</td>	96	Tokio Marine	3	0.01
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AUSTRALIA (5.76%*)       1,095       5.17         711       Amor       1       0.01         492       AMP       1       0.01         AUD1,300.00       Australia & New Zealand Banking       5       0.02         AUD1,300.00       Australia 3% Z09/2025       1,034       4.88         299       BHP Billiton       5       0.02         356       Brambles       2       0.01         173       Commonweath Bank of Australia       8       0.04         43       CSL       4       0.02         44       Macquarie       3       0.01         281       National Australia Bank       5       0.02         381       Rio Into       4       0.02         44       Macquarie       3       0.01         281       National Australia Bank       5       0.02         381       Rio Into       4       0.02         482       Scentre**       2       0.01         383       Iransurban       1       0.01         385       Vestigate Banking       6       0.03         385       Westplace Banking       6       0.03         400	412	Toray	3	0.01
AUSTRALIA (5.76%*)			1	_
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299       BHP Billiton       5       0.02         356       Brambles       2       0.01         173       Commonwealth Bank of Australia       8       0.04         43       CSL       4       0.02         44       Macquarie       3       0.01         281       National Australia Bank       5       0.02         93       Rio Tinto       4       0.02         764       Scentre**       2       0.01         218       Suncorp       2       0.01         652       Telstra       1       0.01         33       Transurban       2       0.01         112       Westfarens       3       0.01         124       Westfield**       1       0.01         350       Westpace Banking       6       0.03         151       Woodside Petroleum       3       0.01         200       Woolworths       3       0.01         200       Wollworths       3       0.01         50,000       Bank of China 'H'       42       0.20         4,000       China Construction Bank 'H'       42       0.20         4,000       China Petroleum	302	Australia & New Zealand Banking	5	0.02
356       Brambles       2       0.01         173       Commonwealth Bank of Australia       8       0.04         43       CSL       4       0.02         44       Macquarie       3       0.01         281       National Australia Bank       5       0.02         93       Rio Tinto       4       0.02         764       Scentre**       2       0.01         218       Suncorp       2       0.01         652       Telstra       1       0.01         336       Transurban       2       0.01         112       Wesfarmers       3       0.01         284       Westfield**       1       0.01         350       Westpace Banking       6       0.03         151       Woodside Petroleum       3       0.01         200       Woolworths       3       0.01         200       China K. 0.00%*)       190       0.90         50,000       Bank of China'H'       21       0.10         50,000       China Life Insurance       9       0.04         4,000       China Mobile       30       0.14         20,001       China Setzu	AUD1,300,000	Australia 3% 20/9/2025	1,034	4.88
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Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
	•	Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	Link REIT**	5	0.02
	Power Assets	3	0.02
	Sun Hung Kai Properties Tencent	15 129	0.07 0.61
3,100			
6 000	INDONESIA (1.05%*) Bank Central Asia	<b>215</b> 7	<b>1.02</b> 0.04
•	Indonesia 11% 15/9/2025	201	0.04
	Telekomunikasi Indonesia 'B'	7	0.03
,,,,,	MALAYSIA (0.98%*)	201	0.95
MYR1,100,000	Malaysia 4.048% 30/9/2021	201	0.95
,,	SINGAPORE (0.03%*)	6	0.03
159	DBS	2	0.01
	Singapore Telecommunications	2	0.01
	United Overseas Bank	2	0.01
	SOUTH KOREA (0.00%*)	166	0.78
87	Hyundai Motor	9	0.04
237	KB Financial	11	0.05
15	NAVER	9	0.04
	POSCO	12	0.06
	Samsung Electronics	99	0.47
	Shinhan Financial	9	0.04
353	SK Hynix	17	0.08
40.000	TAIWAN (0.00%*)	121	0.57
•	Hon Hai Precision	22	0.10
	MediaTek Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	7 92	0.03 0.44
15,000	-		
TUD7 000 000	THAILAND (0.79%*) Thailand 1.975% 17/6/2022	<b>158</b> 158	<b>0.75</b> 0.75
1007,000,000	Thailand 1.875% 17/6/2022		
UUFE1 000 000	HUNGARY (0.77%*)	152	0.72
HUF31,000,000	Hungary 2.5% 27/10/2021	152	0.72
DINI 170 000	POLAND (1.14%*)	232	1.10
PLIN 1, 170,000	Poland 2.5% 25/7/2026	232	1.10
DLID10 200 000	RUSSIA (0.64%*)	132	0.62
KUB 10,300,000	Russia 7.6% 14/4/2021	132	0.62
1 122	SOUTH AFRICA (1.03%*)	292	1.38
1,122		9	0.04 0.24
	Naspers 'N' Sasol	52 8	0.24
	South Africa 10.5% 21/12/2026	213	1.01
	Standard Bank	10	0.05
	TURKEY (0.99%*)	171	0.81
TRY1.000.000	Turkey 7.4% 05/2/2020	171	0.81
, - 00,000	BRAZIL (1.08%*)	292	1.38
3.181	AmBev	16	0.08
	Banco Bradesco pref.	19	0.09
	BM&FBovespa	8	0.04

Portfolio Statement (continued) as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

as at 31 Januar	2018 (unaudited)		
		Market Value	Total Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	Brazil 0% 01/1/2019	209	0.99
5,000	Petroleo Brasileiro	24	0.11
1,723	Vale	16	0.07
	CHILE (0.01%*)	2	0.01
209	Antofagasta	2	0.01
	MEXICO (1.10%*)	219	1.03
20,653	America Movil	14	0.07
1,263	Fomento Economico Mexicano	9	0.04
1,604	Grupo Financiero Banorte	7	0.03
MXN4,400,000	Mexico 10% 05/12/2024	189	0.89
	DERIVATIVES (0.67%*)	(195)	(0.92)
	Interest Rate Swap		
(35,000,000)	Citibank Interest Rate Swap Pay NOK NIBOR Rec NOK 1.8125% 06/12/2027	(95)	(0.45)
	Citibank Interest Rate Swap Pay ZAR JIBAR Rec ZAR 8.185% 24/10/2026	33	0.16
	Citibank Interest Rate Swap Rec CZK PRIBOR Pay CZK 1.050% 09/08/2022	88	0.41
	HSBC Interest Rate Swap Pay KRW KORIBOR Rec KRW 1.995% 09/08/2027	(58)	(0.27)
	HSBC Interest Rate Swap Rec CZK PRIBOR Pay CZK 1.895% 04/01/2028	16	0.07
	JP Morgan Interest Rate Swap Pay INR MIBOR Rec INR 6.5675% 13/12/2022	(3)	(0.01)
	JP Morgan Interest Rate Swap Rec MXN MXIBTIIE Pay MXN 7.785% 03/01/2023	(19)	(0.09)
42,000,000	JP Morgan Interest Rate Swap Pay ZAR JIBAR Rec ZAR 8.545% 11/12/2027	100	0.47
	Future Contracts		
	Australian 10-Year Bond Futures March 2018	(59)	(0.28)
	Australian 3-Year Bond Futures March 2018	(12)	(0.06)
	BIST 30 Futures February 2018	2	0.01
	CAC40 10 Euro Futures February 2018	(2)	(0.01)
, ,	Canadian 10-Year Bond Futures March 2018	107	0.51
, ,	DAX Index Future March 2018	3	0.01
	EURO STOXX 50 Futures March 2018	(1)	(0.01)
	Euro-BTP Futures March 2018	(90)	(0.42)
	EURO-BUND Futures March 2018 FTSE 100 Index Futures March 2018	(27)	(0.13)
	FTSE China A50 Futures February 2018	(9)	(0.04)
	FTSE MIB Index Futures March 2018	_ 6	0.03
	FTSE/JSE Top 40 Futures March 2018	9	0.03
	Hang Seng Index Futures February 2018	(7)	(0.03)
	IBEX 35 Index Futures February 2018	2	0.01
	JPN 10-Year Bond(OSE) Futures March 2018	16	0.08
	MSCI Taiwan Index Futures February 2018	(3)	(0.01)
	OBX Index February Future 2018	(13)	(0.06)
	OMXS30 Index Futures February 2018	(17)	(0.08)
	S&P 500 E-mini Futures March 2018	(48)	(0.23)
	S&P/TSX 60 Index Futures March 2018	(9)	(0.04)
	SET50 Index Futures March 2018	(2)	(0.01)
	Swiss Market Index Futures March 2018	1	. ,
, ,	Swiss Market Index Futures March 2018	(2)	(0.01)
	UK Long Gilt Bond Futures March 2018	102	0.48
	US Treasury Note 5 Year Futures March 2018	(61)	(0.29)

Portfolio Statement (continued)

		(continueu)
as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Forward Currency Contracts		
Australian Dollar  Bought AUD930,000 for GBP534,257 Settlement 28/02/2018  Sold AUD1,840,000 for GBP1,057,024 Settlement 28/02/2018	(5) 10	(0.02) 0.05
Brazilian Real Bought BRL2,530,000 for USD779,661 Settlement 28/02/2018	12	0.06
Canadian Dollar Bought CAD2,325,000 for GBP1,341,080 Settlement 28/02/2018	(9)	(0.04)
Czech Koruna Bought CZK52,320,000 for GBP1,823,772 Settlement 28/02/2018	(10)	(0.05)
Danish Krone Sold DKK8,400,000 for GBP996,447 Settlement 28/02/2018	7	0.03
Euro Bought EUR370,000 for GBP325,373 Settlement 28/02/2018 Bought EUR1,500,000 for GBP1,323,937 Settlement 28/02/2018 Bought EUR7,856,174 for GBP6,979,167 Settlement 15/02/2018 Sold EUR1,310,000 for GBP1,156,238 Settlement 28/02/2018	(1) (9) (95) 8	(0.04) (0.45) 0.04
Hungarian Forint Sold HUF219,000,000 for GBP622,830 Settlement 28/02/2018	3	0.01
Japanese Yen Sold JPY122,000,000 for GBP801,418 Settlement 28/02/2018	15	0.07
Norwegian Krone Sold NOK11,000,000 for GBP1,014,509 Settlement 28/02/2018	7	0.03
Polish Zloty Bought PLN2,279,000 for GBP483,909 Settlement 28/02/2018	(3)	(0.01)
South African Rand Bought ZAR17,700,000 for GBP1,045,795 Settlement 28/02/2018	(2)	(0.01)
Swedish Krona Sold SEK4,600,000 for GBP415,748 Settlement 28/02/2018	4	0.02
Thai Baht Bought THB9,500,000 for USD301,810 Settlement 28/02/2018 Bought THB33,500,000 for GBP756,495 Settlement 28/02/2018 Sold THB9,500,000 for GBP215,437 Settlement 28/02/2018	1 (5) 2	(0.02) 0.01
Turkish Lira  Bought TRY6,900,000 for GBP1,282,229 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought TRY9,200,000 for GBP1,715,805 Settlement 28/02/2018	1 (5)	(0.02)
US Dollar  Bought USD1,765,880 for IDR23,435,000,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD2,206,868 for CLP1,320,590,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD1,193,243 for RUB67,000,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD303,749 for RUB17,200,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD909,031 for CLP550,000,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD1,630,939 for INR104,500,000 Settlement 28/02/2018  Bought USD9,239,124 for GBP6,742,139 Settlement 15/02/2018  Sold USD7,443,618 for GBP5,313,623 Settlement 28/02/2018	10 8 4 (1) (4) (5) (248) 84	0.05 0.04 0.02 (0.01) (0.02) (0.02) (1.17) 0.39

**Portfolio Statement** (continued) as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Market Total Value **Net Assets** £'000 % Sold USD6,200,000 for GBP4,425,867 Settlement 28/02/2018 70 0.33 Sold USD1,830,000 for GBP1,298,846 Settlement 28/02/2018 13 0.06 Portfolio of investments^ 18,595 87.79 Net other assets 2,586 12.21 Total net assets 21,181 100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Real estate investment trust (REIT).

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

<sup>#</sup> Exchange-traded Fund.

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,897	6,202	5,191	4,904
Closing number of shares	5,102,332	5,364,357	4,966,750	4,968,700
Closing net asset value per share (p)	115.57	115.62	104.51	98.70
Operating charges	0.99%	1.16%	1.25%	1.57%
Prices				
Highest share price	116.85	116.74	104.96	100.11
Lowest share price	114.01	103.67	90.90	98.26
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	7,801	7,816	7,155	6,842
Closing number of shares	6,956,350	6,933,350	6,933,350	6,935,300
Closing net asset value per share (c)	112.14	112.73	103.19	98.65
Operating charges	1.07%	1.23%	1.32%	1.63%
Prices				
Highest share price	114.23	113.97	103.72	100.11
Lowest share price	110.47	102.36	90.47	98.22
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (USD share class)	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	9,183	9,123	8,203	7,790
Closing number of shares	7,893,650	7,893,650	7,893,650	7,895,600
Closing net asset value per share (c)	116.33	115.57	103.92	98.66
Operating charges	1.07%	1.23%	1.32%	1.63%
Prices				
Highest share price	117.88	116.42	104.39	100.09
Lowest share price	113.74	103.11	90.60	98.23
	Interim			
	31 January 2018			
Share class E Accumulation	•			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,877			
Closing number of shares	1,890,478			
Closing net asset value per share (p)	99.27			
Operating charges	0.55%			
Prices				
Highest share price	100.35			
Lowest share price	97.89			
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Comparative Table (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class Z Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	117	117	105	101
Closing number of shares	100,050	100,050	100,050	102,000
Closing net asset value per share (p)	117.16	116.91	105.12	98.76
Operating charges	0.34%	0.51%	0.60%	0.92%
Prices				
Highest share price	118.42	117.96	105.54	100.15
Lowest share price	115.50	104.28	91.25	98.32

Share class E Accumulation was launched on 1 September 2017.

Share class Z Accumulation was launched on 23 June 2015.

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 20	)18	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(768)		1,135
Revenue	393		300	
Expenses	(87)		(109)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(181)			
Net revenue before taxation	125		191	
Taxation	(17)		(25)	
Net revenue after taxation		108		166
Total return before distribution		(660)	_	1,301
Distribution		(108)	_	(166)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(768)	_	1,135

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January 2018		31 January	2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		20,257		17,553
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	2,000		33	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(412)		(3)	
	_	1,588	_	30
Dilution adjustment		1		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(768)		1,135
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		103	_	166
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		21,181	_	18,884

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	19,534_	17,675
Current assets		
Debtors	199	33
Cash and bank balances	2,963_	3,352
Total assets	22,696	21,060
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(939)	(442)
Creditors		
Amounts due to futures clearing houses and brokers	(437)	_
Bank overdrafts	_	(281)
Other creditors	(139)	(80)
Total liabilities	(1,515)	(803)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	21,181	20,257

## **Distribution Tables**

	for the	period	ended 3	1 Januar	v 2018	(unaudited)	)
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Distribution in	pence and	cents per share
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Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class B Accumulation

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.5834	_	0.5834	0.9781
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.2126	0.3708	0.5834	0.9781
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.5272	_	0.5272	0.9364
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.0972	0.4300	0.5272	0.9364
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (USD share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.5505	_	0.5505	0.9367
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	0.5505	_	0.5505	0.9367
Share class E Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.5328	_	0.5328	_
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.1630	0.3698	0.5328	_
Share class E Accumulation was launched on 4 September 2017.				
Share class Z Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.8934	_	0.8934	1.2765
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.8934	_	0.8934	1.2765

Distribution Tables (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 46.42% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim – 52.67% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.91% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve an investment return consistent with income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund primarily invests in a broad selection of Asian securities issued by real estate investment trusts or companies that own, develop or manage real property. The Fund may also invest in Australian and New Zealand securities of a similar type.

#### Risks and reward profile

	← Lower Ris	sk				Hi	gher Risk →
	Potentially Lower Rewards					Potentially High	gher Rewards
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

**Emerging market risk:** emerging markets may not provide the same level of investor protection as a developed market; they may involve a higher risk than investing in developed markets.

Currency risk: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund.

**Property securities risk:** the Fund invests in the shares of companies that are involved in property (like real estate investment trusts) rather than property itself. The value of these investments may fluctuate more than actual property.

Single sector risk: investing in a single sector may be riskier than investing in a number of different sectors. Investing in a larger number of sectors helps spread risk.

For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

#### Performance

The Fund rose by 3.5% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 28.4% and 32.0% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

Subdued for most of the six months, Asian property stocks rose sharply in January. Japanese developers led the way given their high correlation with rising Japanese inflation and inflationary expectations.

Most top contributors were zero weights to underperforming Australian stocks and Japanese Office REITs (Real Estate Investment Trusts). Australian REITs suffered from rising bond yields, and investors remain concerned over the large office supply to hit the Tokyo market in 2018.

Wharf Holdings (Hong Kong: Diversified Real Estate Activities) was the highest contributing overweight position on both its spin-off (see Portfolio Changes) and speculation of a special dividend. Management may instead opt to buy expensive land in Hong Kong and China, and we have lightened accordingly.

The overweight to National Storage (Australia: Specialised REITs) detracted value as it slumped in September/October — potentially on profit-taking. Another detractor was Vicinity Centres (Australia: Retail). Retail investors were not pleased with an 8% cut in distributions and, more broadly, investors are nervous over Amazon entering the Australian market.

### Authorised Fund Manager's Report

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

Since its September Initial Public Offering, Mitsubishi Estate Logistics (Japan: Industrial) has underperformed while the Industrial sector has rallied. We suspect the stock is suffering from poor broker coverage and expect this to change after releasing its first results in February.

#### Portfolio changes

We initiated a position in Activia Properties (Japan: Diversified REITs), which holds Tokyo office/retail, especially in Shibuya, which is an emerging technology area. We believe the rents are very defensive as many technology companies are relocating to Shibuya.

The Fund added to its existing position in the Wharf REIC (Hong Kong: Real Estate Investment Company) split from Wharf Holdings. Wharf REIC holds premium-quality properties including Hong Kong's two biggest shopping district malls.

The Fund switched from Kenedix Retail (Japan: Residential REITs) to Japan Retail Fund (Japan: Retail REITs) on its superior relative valuations, liquidity and earnings growth outlook. It also sold out of strong outperformers that approached target valuations, including City Developments (Singapore: Diversified Real Estate Activities) and Japan Rental Housing Investments (Japan: Residential REITs).

#### Outlook

The overall strategy is to have a balanced portfolio with exposure to both quality defensive names and stocks with strong growth potential. Our holdings in Asia are expected to benefit from continued rental growth and the opening of new properties across the region. Despite the challenging outlook for the Australian retail sector, the Fund holds select names that will continue to deliver stable earnings growth through positive rental reversion and attractive development pipelines.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	4.2	3.5	6.4	28.4	32.0	63.2	84.6
Benchmark return %	3.4	2.9	4.9	26.1	36.7	91.0	116.4
Sector return %	0.9	1.4	5.3	15.9	39.5	53.1	56.0
Quartile ranking	1	2	2	1	3	2	2

Discrete per	formance as at 31	January 2018

Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	6.4	28.4	(6.0)	16.7	(11.9)

Benchmark: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Asia Index. (Note: The benchmark changed from the UBS Global Asia Index to the above on 01/04/2015). Sector: IA Property.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

#### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Sun Hung Kai Properties	9.07	Sun Hung Kai Properties	8.94
Mitsui Fudosan	8.80	Mitsui Fudosan	8.52
Sumitomo Realty & Development	5.49	Kenedix Office Investment REIT	5.01
Westfield	5.45	Westfield REIT	5.00
Scentre	4.80	Sumitomo Realty & Development	4.79
Mitsubishi Estate	4.37	Cheung Kong Property Holdings	4.70
Wharf Real Estate Investment	3.99	Mitsubishi Estate	4.59
Activia Properties	3.98	Vicinity Centres REIT	4.30
Vicinity Centres	3.86	Japan Rental Housing Investments REIT	4.19
National Storage REIT	3.80	National Storage REIT	4.12

#### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

### Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£'000	%
	JAPAN (39.39%*)	4,181	37.37
	Activia Properties**	445	3.98
	GLP J-REIT**	223	1.99
	Hulic Reit**	346	3.09
	Ichigo Hotel REIT Investment**	72	0.64
	Japan Retail Fund Investment**	405	3.62
	Kenedix Realty Investment**	212	1.90
	Kenedix Residential Investment**	261	2.33
•	Mitsubishi Estate	489	4.37
	Mitsui Fudosan	984	8.80
	NTT Urban Development	130	1.16
22,812	Sumitomo Realty & Development	614	5.49
	AUSTRALIA (21.32%*)	2,435	21.77
35,854	Charter Hall**	120	1.08
251,986	Mirvac**	311	2.78
499,392	National Storage REIT**	425	3.80
227,967	Scentre**	537	4.80
282,931	Vicinity Centres**	432	3.86
117,522	Westfield**	610	5.45
	CHINA (1.70%*)	213	1.90
76,000	China Resources Land	213	1.90
	HONG KONG (29.99%*)	3,456	30.89
53,000	CK Asset Holdings	355	3.17
193,000	Hang Lung Properties	357	3.19
	Henderson Land Development	235	2.10
56,000	Hong Kong Land	283	2.53
49,038	Link REIT**	305	2.73
83,121	Sun Hung Kai Properties	1,015	9.07
135,000	Swire Properties	330	2.95
45,000	Wharf	130	1.16
92,270	Wharf Real Estate Investment	446	3.99
	SINGAPORE (6.84%*)	666	5.95
183,500	Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust**	112	1.00
	Mapletree Commercial Trust**	282	2.52
	Mitsubishi Estate Logistics REIT Investment**	272	2.43
	Portfolio of investments	10,951	97.88
	Net other assets	237	2.12
	Total net assets	11,188	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

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

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,267	2,388	2,955	4,121
Closing number of shares	1,237,431	1,340,358	1,726,897	2,916,758
Closing net asset value per share (p)	183.24	178.14	171.12	141.30
Operating charges	1.98%	2.02%	2.02%	2.02%
Prices	100.00	404.02	172.10	150.00
Highest share price	189.00	184.93	173.19	159.90
Lowest share price	172.34	165.02	126.70	126.95
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income	, , ,	, , ,	, <b>,</b>	, <b>,</b>
Closing net asset value (£'000)	236	180	214	634
Closing number of shares	175,787	135,666	163,112	567,530
Closing net asset value per share (p)	134.05	132.88	131.35	111.66
Operating charges	2.49%	2.08%	2.29%	1.95%
Prices				
Highest share price	140.68	140.09	134.68	127.84
Lowest share price	128.57	126.56	99.93	102.46
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,583	7,332	6,601	4,351
Closing number of shares	3,769,762	3,748,157	3,528,011	2,826,067
Closing net asset value per share (p)	201.16	195.62	187.09	153.95
Operating charges Prices	1.75%	1.59%	1.66%	1.19%
Highest share price	207.49	202.86	189.35	173.79
Lowest share price	189.26	180.56	138.13	137.39
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income	5 : January 20 : 0	5 . suly 25	5 . July 20 . C	5 : 5 daily = 5 : 5
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,049	1,008	865	575
Closing number of shares	719,821	700,280	612,819	482,602
Closing net asset value per share (p)	145.73	143.91	141.18	119.09
Operating charges	1.72%	1.31%	1.43%	1.19%
Prices				
Highest share price	152.80	151.47	144.74	136.04
Lowest share price	139.38	136.39	106.85	108.63
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Comparative Table (continued)

Comparative Table				(continuea)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	28	28	46	50
Closing number of shares	19,719	20,500	33,751	36,648
Closing net asset value per share (c)	140.66	134.44	136.97	135.56
Operating charges	2.46%	2.12%	2.20%	1.95%
Prices				
Highest share price	143.37	144.96	139.00	149.40
Lowest share price	131.50	130.41	111.82	107.82
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	32	31	39	27
Closing number of shares	30,476	30,250	35,717	24,009
Closing net asset value per share (c)	106.23	103.19	108.14	109.96
Operating charges	2.47%	2.07%	2.20%	1.97%
Prices				
Highest share price	110.09	112.97	111.95	122.56
Lowest share price	101.00	102.58	89.42	89.43

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2	018	31 January 2	017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		238		82
Revenue	180		165	
Expenses	(101)		(97)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)			
Net revenue before taxation	78		68	
Taxation	4		(15)	
Net revenue after taxation		82		53
Total return before distribution		320		135
Distribution		(170)		(137)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		150		(2)

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

	31 January	2018	31 Januar	y 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		10,960		10,707
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	754		1,168	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(819)	_	(1,197)	
		(65)	_	(29)
Dilution adjustment		_		1
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		150		(2)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		143	_	125
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		11,188		10,802

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
5	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£′000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	10,951	10,877
Current assets		
Debtors	421	323
Cash and bank balances	75	113
Total assets	11,447	11,313
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(2)	_
Distribution payable	(22)	(19)
Other creditors	(235)	(334)
Total liabilities	(259)	(353)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	11,188	10,960

## **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Distribution in pence and cents per share

Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018

#### Share class A Accumulation

Share class A Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	3.1563	_ (-)	3.1563	2.2389
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.5577	1.5986	3.1563	2.2389
Share class A Income				~
	N		Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Farraliantian	payable	paid
Croup 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim Croup 3	2.3060	_ /p)	2.3060	1.7252
Group 2 Interim	(p) 1.0762	(p) 1.2298	(p) 2.3060	(p) 1.7252
	1.0702	1.2290	2.3000	1.7232
Share class B Accumulation			Division of	D' . 'I .'
	NI-+		Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Favoliaation	payable	paid
Croup 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p) 2.7460	(p) _	(p) 2.7460	(p) 2.4605
Group 2 Interim	(p) 1.6525	(p) 1.0935	(p) 2.7460	(p) 2.4605
	1.0323	1.0333	2.7400	2.4003
Share class B Income			D: . :! .:	D: . : . :
	Net		Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Equalication	payable 31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	revenue	Equalisation (p)		
Interim	(p) 2.4277	(p) _	(p) 2.4277	(p) 1.8623
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.0030	1.4247	2.4277	1.8623
	1.0030	2.,	2.12,7	1.0023
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	Equalisation (c)	31/03/2016 (c)	31/03/2017 (c)
Interim	1.9474	(c) _	1.9474	1.7373
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.2114	0.7360	1.9474	1.7373

Distribution Tables (continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Share class A Income (EUR share class)

			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.7979	_	1.7979	1.3897
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.6915	0.1064	1.7979	1.3897

#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 100.00% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim -0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

Interim – 0.00% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

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

The Fund aims to achieve an investment return consistent with income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund primarily invests in a broad selection of securities issued by real estate investment trusts or companies that own, develop or manage real property around the world.

#### Risks and reward profile

	<b>←</b> Lower R	isk				Hig	her Risk 👈
	Potentially L	ower Reward	S		Р	otentially Hig	her Rewards
Share class A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Hedged Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class A Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Income (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The synthetic risk reward indicator (the SRRI) rating is not a measure of the risk of you losing your investment but describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past;
- The SRRI rating is based on historical data, which may not be a reliable indication of the future risks and rewards of the Fund;
- We cannot guarantee that the rating of the Fund will remain the same; it may change over time;
- Even the lowest rating of 1 does not mean a risk-free investment;
- On a scale of 1 (less risky) to 7 (more risky), this Fund has a rating of 5 due to its past performance and the nature of its investments. Shares with a rating of 5 might have higher risks, but also higher returns;
- Risk is taken in order to make a higher potential return; the more risk a Fund takes, the higher the potential return but the greater the risk of loss; and
- The value of the Fund and its return is not guaranteed and may fall as well as rise. You may get back less than you originally invested.

The Fund might also experience the following risks:

Single sector risk: investing in a single sector may be riskier than investing in a number of different sectors. Investing in a larger number of sectors helps spread risk.

**Property securities risk:** the Fund invests in the shares of companies that are involved in property (like real estate investment trusts) rather than property itself. The value of these investments may fluctuate more than actual property.

**Currency risk**: the Fund invests in assets that are denominated in other currencies; changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund. For further information on risks, please refer to the Risk Factors section in the Company's prospectus.

### **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

(continued)

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

#### Performance

The Fund decreased by 3.6% in sterling terms over the six months and has provided cumulative returns of 11.2% and 38.6% over three and five years to 31 January 2018.

Contributors were regionally more diversified. Leading European data centre provider Interxion (Netherlands: Specialised) added value as it reported strong earnings that confirmed solid execution against rising European demand. The largest manager/developer of student accommodation, UNITE Group (UK: Residential), announced 99% occupancy and stronger annual rental growth guidance. Hilton Worldwide (USA: Hotels Resorts) reported solid earnings and benefited from accelerating lodging fundamentals.

With the USD depreciating 8% against the GBP over this period, detractors are dominated by US stocks. Kimco Realty (USA: Retail) cut same-store net operating income guidance and suffered from broad concerns over retail landlord health. Vornado Realty (USA: Office) struggled given the challenging outlook for New York office and street retail properties. Data centre REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) Equinix (USA: Specialised) benefited from strong investor support for this segment, but its USD denomination detracted value.

#### Portfolio Changes

Several US positions were initiated as relative valuations improved. Hilton Worldwide (USA: Hotels Resorts) has an attractive capital-light hotel franchising and management business model after spinning off its owned hotels in early 2017. We expect Prologis (USA: Industrial) to benefit from secular ecommerce growth and its relatively high-quality industrial properties (54% in high-barrier markets). Invitation Homes (USA: Residential) is the largest single-family rental REIT in the US. We favour the merger with competitor Starwood Waypoint.

Post the takeover bid from their largest shareholder and seeing a large jump in the share price, the Fund sold out of GGP (USA: Retail). It also exited both CapitaLand Mall Trust (Singapore: Retail) and Apartment Investment & Management Company (USA: Residential) on strength.

#### Outlook

With tax cuts adding to broader corporate earnings growth, we expect 2018 to be another year of relative underperformance for US real estate stocks versus the broader equity market. More significant US-sector exposures include high-quality data centres and lodging/hotel property stocks.

In the UK and across Europe, our strategy is to look for individual investment strategies with inherent growth potential, such as student accommodation, shopping centres, and Paris and Madrid office buildings.

Within Asia, the overall strategy is to have a balanced portfolio with exposure to both quality defensive names and stocks with strong growth potential in the region.

#### Cumulative performance as at 31 January 2018

Time	3	6	1	3	5	10	Since
period	mths	mths	yr	yrs	yrs	yrs	launch
Fund return %	(1.8)	(3.6)	(3.5)	11.2	38.6	109.4	94.4
Benchmark return %	(2.6)	(3.7)	(2.0)	17.8	53.5	131.6	112.4
Sector return %	0.9	1.4	5.3	15.9	39.5	53.1	56.0
Quartile ranking	4	4	4	4	2	1	1

Discrete performan	ce as at 31	January 2018
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Time	12 mths to				
period	31/01/18	31/01/17	31/01/16	31/01/15	31/01/14
Fund return %	(3.5)	21.6	(5.3)	34.8	(7.5)

Benchmark: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index.

Sector: IA Property.

Performance is based on A Accumulation share class.

Past performance should not be used as a guide to future performance, which is not guaranteed.

## **Authorised Fund Manager's Report**

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for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)

### Ten largest holdings

	31 January 2018		31 July 2017
Stock name	% of Fund	Stock name	% of Fund
Equinix	6.65	Equinix	6.33
Simon Property	5.85	GGP	6.14
Mitsui Fudosan	5.25	Simon Property Group	5.79
Unite	4.78	Sun Hung Kai Properties	4.85
Kilroy Realty	4.59	CyrusOne	4.76
Sun Hung Kai Properties	4.36	UDR	4.59
Host Hotels & Resorts	4.28	Hudson Pacific Properties	4.06
Hudson Pacific Properties	4.04	National Storage	4.06
Invitation Homes	4.04	Vornado Realty Trust	4.03
UDR	3.67	Unite	4.03

### Types of shares

Income and Accumulation.

# Portfolio Statement

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
•		Market	Total
		Value	Net Assets
Holdings		£′000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM (7.47%*)	20,468	7.68
159,163	Globalworth Real Estate Investments	1,318	0.49
	Hammerson**	6,430	2.41
1,598,050		12,720	4.78
	UNITED STATES (53.94%*)	139,205	52.26
348.970	American Homes 4 Rent**	5,099	1.91
	CyrusOne**	5,454	2.05
•	DiamondRock Hospitality**	2,866	1.07
	Equinix**	17,721	6.65
	Hilton Worldwide	4,418	1.66
	Host Hotels & Resorts**	11,408	4.28
478,668	Hudson Pacific Properties**	10,758	4.04
185,840	InterXion	8,200	3.08
679,641	Invitation Homes**	10,753	4.04
243,681	Kilroy Realty**	12,215	4.59
466,697	Kimco Realty**	5,221	1.96
152,593	Prologis**	6,983	2.62
171,489	Regency Centers**	7,587	2.85
	Simon Property**	15,575	5.85
380,908		9,785	3.67
102,489	Vornado Realty Trust**	5,162	1.94
	CANADA (1.36%*)	10,529	3.95
591,243	Dream Global Real Estate Investment Trust**	4,209	1.58
458,438	RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust**	6,320	2.37
	FRANCE (0.77%*)	_	_
	GERMANY (0.58%*)	1,785	0.67
22,525	LEG Immobilien	1,785	0.67
,-	NETHERLANDS (2.77%*)	5,874	2.21
23,325	·	725	0.27
•	Playa Hotels & Resorts	5,149	1.94
, 0, , 5, ,	SPAIN (0.00%*)	4,878	1.83
610 /67	Inmobiliaria Colonial**	4,878 4,878	1.83
013,407			
1.044	JAPAN (12.16%*)	26,660	10.01
	Activia Properties**  Daiwa Office Investment**	5,744	2.16
	Kenedix Realty Investment**	2,049 1,102	0.77 0.41
	Kenedix Retail**	2,436	0.41
	Mitsubishi Estate	1,344	0.51
	Mitsui Fudosan	13,985	5.25
700,043			
4,310,819	AUSTRALIA (9.52%*)	<b>18,802</b> 5,327	<b>7.06</b> 2.00
	National Storage**	6,598	2.48
	Vicinity Centres**	6,877	2.46
<del>4</del> ,J00,243	•		
A 010 000	HONG KONG (6.70%*)	24,359	9.15
	Hang Lung Properties	8,925	3.35
	Sun Hung Kai Properties Wharf Peal Estate Investment	11,599	4.36
792,900	Wharf Real Estate Investment	3,835	1.44

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 Januar	y 2018 (unaudited)		
		Market	Total
Holdings		Value £'000	Net Assets %
noiumys	INDIA (0.000/ *)		
97 309	INDIA (0.00%*) ADO Properties	<b>3,682</b> 3,682	<b>1.38</b> 1.38
51,505	SINGAPORE (4.37%*)	7,866	2.95
2 967 300	Mapletree Commercial Trust**	2,694	1.01
	Mitsubishi Estate Logistics REIT Investment**	5,172	1.94
2,003	DERIVATIVES (0.01%*)	174	0.07
		174	0.07
	Forward Currency Contracts		
	Australian Dollar Bought AUD2,919 for EUR1,903 Settlement 15/02/2018		
	Bought AUD59,256 for GBP34,041 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD640,476 for GBP368,661 Settlement 15/02/2018	4	_
	Sold AUD26,813 for GBP15,473 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD26,853 for GBP15,492 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD38,107 for GBP21,545 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD39,041 for GBP22,145 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold AUD59,504 for GBP34,261 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Canadian Dollar		
	Sold CAD395,085 for GBP230,503 Settlement 15/02/2018	4	_
	Sold CAD12,679 for GBP7,349 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Sold CAD16,974 for GBP9,663 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Euro		
	Bought EUR167,069 for USD203,262 Settlement 15/02/2018	3	_
	Bought EUR28,347 for HKD269,642 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
	Bought EUR71 for SGD115 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR74 for SGD120 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR80 for SGD129 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR290 for CAD445 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR339 for CAD519 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR413 for CAD629 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR503 for AUD774 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR666 for AUD1,025 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR673 for AUD1,034 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR683 for HKD6,568 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR794 for HKD7,596 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR947 for HKD9,261 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,202 for AUD1,840 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,221 for AUD1,888 Settlement 15/02/2018 Bought EUR1,280 for JPY173,141 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,641 for GBP1,440 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,668 for AUD2,565 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,706 for JPY231,564 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR1,859 for GBP1,632 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,180 for SGD5,137 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,228 for GBP2,840 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,527 for USD4,414 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
	Bought EUR3,941 for USD4,825 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
	Bought EUR4,430 for USD5,453 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)	
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ry 2018 (unaudited)	Market Value £'000	Total Net Assets %
Bought EUR11,943 for CAD18,177 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	,0 _
Bought EUR19,099 for AUD29,467 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought EUR25,176 for GBP22,352 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Bought EUR40,398 for JPY5,465,017 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR308,106 for GBP273,711 Settlement 15/02/2018	4	_
Sold EUR971 for GBP856 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR989 for GBP867 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR1,267 for GBP1,115 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR1,607 for GBP1,419 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR6,469 for GBP5,705 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold EUR6,836 for GBP6,073 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Sold EUR7,526 for GBP6,557 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Hong Kong Dollar		
Bought HKD138,095 for GBP12,579 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold HKD5,860,702 for GBP547,144 Settlement 15/02/2018	21	0.01
Sold HKD134,811 for GBP12,414 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Sold HKD217,256 for GBP19,534 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold HKD245,222 for GBP22,108 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Japanese Yen		
Bought JPY480,316 for EUR3,535 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Bought JPY11,784,346 for GBP75,849 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold JPY118,782,828 for GBP779,752 Settlement 15/02/2018	15	0.01
Sold JPY2,564,521 for GBP16,816 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold JPY2,659,636 for GBP17,189 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Sold JPY4,333,655 for GBP27,907 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Singapore Dollar		
Sold SGD111,647 for GBP61,380 Settlement 15/02/2018	1	_
Sold SGD122 for GBP65 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold SGD2,535 for GBP1,361 Settlement 15/02/2018	-	_
Sold SGD2,627 for GBP1,431 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Sold SGD4,808 for GBP2,581 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
Swiss Franc		
Sold CHF1 for GBP1 Settlement 15/02/2018	_	_
US Dollar		
Sold USD4,417,935 for GBP3,223,935 Settlement 15/02/2018	119	0.05
Sold USD134,891 for GBP97,057 Settlement 15/02/2018	2	_
Sold USD158,537 for GBP111,373 Settlement 15/02/2018		
Portfolio of investments	264,282	99.22
Net other assets	2,068	0.78
Total net assets	266,350	100.00

All investments held are listed, unless otherwise stated.

For the purposes of the portfolio holdings analysis, securities are shown based on their country of listing.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 July 2017.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Real estate investment trust (REIT).

## Comparative Table

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,475	28,888	38,993	50,719
Closing number of shares	13,021,021	14,332,691	19,154,906	30,274,712
Closing net asset value per share (p)	195.64	201.55	203.57	167.53
Operating charges	1.54%	1.65%	1.65%	1.63%
Prices Highest share price	206.10	210.05	204.71	183.20
Lowest share price	193.44	188.91	154.53	142.13
Lowest share price	133.44	100.31	134.33	142.13
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class A Income	,	,	,	,
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,390	3,437	3,127	5,622
Closing number of shares	2,356,611	2,289,047	2,014,218	4,308,661
Closing net asset value per share (p)	143.83	150.15	155.25	130.49
Operating charges	1.55%	1.52%	1.69%	1.77%
Prices				
Highest share price	153.63	159.71	157.82	144.14
Lowest share price	144.11	144.15	119.12	113.06
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Accumulation				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	175,624	175,662	190,402	132,033
Closing number of shares	84,392,567	82,250,286	88,831,725	75,429,800
Closing net asset value per share (p)	208.10	213.57	214.34	175.04
Operating charges Prices	0.78%	0.87%	0.88%	0.90%
Highest share price	219.10	222.16	215.53	190.97
Lowest share price	205.25	199.33	161.58	147.44
Lowest share price	203.23	133.33	101.50	1 17 . 1 1
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,067	33,810	25,963	20,729
Closing number of shares	20,959,899	20,589,704	15,366,187	14,697,657
Closing net asset value per share (p)	157.76	164.21	168.96	141.04
Operating charges Prices	0.78%	0.95%	1.00%	1.02%
Highest share price	168.38	174.23	171.77	155.40
Lowest share price	157.73	157.09	129.27	121.30
Lowest share price	137.73	137.03	123.21	121.50

Comparative Table (continued) for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited) Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure Interim Final Final Final 31 July 2017 31 January 2018 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class B Hedged Accumulation Closing net asset value (£'000) 6,264 68 5 46 Closing number of shares 6.072.571 67.999 4.501 46.204 Closing net asset value per share (p) 103.15 100.18 101.21 99.83 Operating charges 0.96% 0.85% 0.84% 0.87% **Prices** Highest share price 101.75 102.22 104.32 102.48 Lowest share price 86.35 98.60 91.84 96.87 Interim Final Final Final 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 4,347 5,957 4,584 4,203 Closing number of shares 2,441,349 3,311,883 2,381,335 2,220,208 Closing net asset value per share (c) 178.05 179.87 192.49 189.36 Operating charges 1.63% 1.59% 1.57% 1.55% **Prices** Highest share price 186.06 195.86 194.63 201.90 Lowest share price 174.17 175.39 158.75 141.96 Interim Final Final Final 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class A Income (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 166 187 7,877 16,525 Closing number of shares 120.579 132.962 5,098,377 10,652,726 Closing net asset value per share (c) 137.52 140.71 154.50 155.14 Operating charges 1.54% 1.56% 1.56% 1.56% Prices Highest share price 145.58 155.49 158.85 167.02 Lowest share price 136.23 140.11 128.82 118.64 Interim Final Final Final 31 January 2018 31 July 2017 31 July 2016 31 July 2015 Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class) Closing net asset value (€'000) 20,865 13,576 12,723 10,441 Closing number of shares 13,152,854 8,515,066 7,504,107 6,309,186 Closing net asset value per share (c) 159.45 169.54 158.63 165.50 Operating charges 0.85% 0.80% 0.80% 0.80% **Prices** Highest share price 165.59 173.26 171.42 176.07 Lowest share price 154.65 154.74 139.34 123.19

Comparative Table (continued)

Comparative table				(continuca)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure				
	Interim	Final	Final	Final
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	31 July 2015
Share class B Income (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	14	_*	_*	3
Closing number of shares	13,156	51	50	2,000
Closing net asset value per share (c)	104.22	106.10	114.85	127.65
Operating charges	0.79%	0.80%	0.74%	0.77%
Prices				
Highest share price	110.31	116.61	131.01	137.09
Lowest share price	103.04	105.27	97.96	96.85
	Interim	Final	Final	
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017	31 July 2016	
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)				
Closing net asset value (€'000)	330	3,238	2,889	
Closing number of shares	312,098	3,169,087	2,767,500	
Closing net asset value per share (c)	105.62	102.17	104.39	
Operating charges	0.88%	0.86%	0.86%	
Prices				
Highest share price	106.50	105.66	104.89	
Lowest share price	100.35	94.44	87.56	

<sup>\*</sup> Net asset value of share class B Income (EUR share class) was less than EUR 1,000. Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class) was launched on 25 November 2015.

### Statement of Total Return

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
Income	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net capital losses		(9,707)		(5,191)
Revenue	3,979		4,300	
Expenses	(1,187)		(1,400)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(8)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,784		2,897	
Taxation	(224)		(725)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,560		2,172
Total return before distribution		(7,147)		(3,019)
Distribution		(3,515)		(3,292)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(10,662)	_	(6,311)

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
	31 January 2018		31 January 2017	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		262,390		282,161
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	44,115		26,579	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(32,747)		(29,146)	
	_	11,368		(2,567)
Dilution adjustment		78		46
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(10,662)		(6,311)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,176	_	2,943
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	_	266,350	_	276,272

Comparative information is provided for the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 January 2018 (unaudited)		
	31 January 2018	31 July 2017
	£'000	£′000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	264,282	261,477
Current assets		
Debtors	1,506	829
Cash and bank balances	4,570	1,643
Total assets	270,358	263,949
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	(6)
Provision for liabilities	_	(67)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(508)	(465)
Other creditors	(3,500)	(1,021)
Total liabilities	(4,008)	(1,559)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	266,350	262,390

## **Distribution Tables**

Group 2

Interim

Distribution lables				
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Distribution in pence and cents per share  Group 1 Interim – Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017  Group 2 Interim – Shares purchased between 1 August 2017 and 31 January 2018				
Share class A Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.5992	_	2.5992	2.4200
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.3671	1.2321	2.5992	2.4200
Share class A Income				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net	e b o	payable	paid
Crown 1	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(p) 1.9395	(p)	(p) 1.9395	(p) 1.8599
Group 2	1.9395 (p)	(p)	1.9395 (p)	
Interim	1.0307	0.9088	رب) 1.9395	(p) 1.8599
	1.0507	0.5000	1.5555	1.0333
Share class B Accumulation			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	paid 31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.8929	(P) _	2.8929	2.5399
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.1965	1.6964	2.8929	2.5399
Share class B Income				
Share class & medine			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	2.1934	_	2.1934	2.0020
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.1807	1.0127	2.1934	2.0020
Share class B Hedged Accumulation				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	1.4521	_	1.4521	1.2290
Group 2	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Interim	0.4937	0.9584	1.4521	1.2290
Share class A Accumulation (EUR share class)				
	**		Distribution	Distribution
	Net	Faulalian#!	payable	paid
Group 1	revenue	Equalisation (c)	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1 Interim	(c) 2.3422	(c) _	(c) 2.3422	(c) 2.2387
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Distribution Tables (continued)

Distribution lables				(continued)
for the period ended 31 January 2018 (unaudited)				
Share class A Income (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.8265	_	1.8265	1.8635
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.4354	0.3911	1.8265	1.8635
Share class B Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	2.2024	_	2.2024	1.9556
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.2456	0.9568	2.2024	1.9556
Share class B Income (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
Group 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.4701	_	1.4701	1.1918
Group 2	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Interim	1.4501	0.0200	1.4701	1.1918
Share class B Hedged Accumulation (EUR share class)				
			Distribution	Distribution
	Net		payable	paid
	revenue	Equalisation	31/03/2018	31/03/2017
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#### Corporate tax for all share classes (unaudited)

Group 1

Interim

Group 2

Interim

A shareholder liable to corporation tax receives this distribution, excluding equalisation, as follows:

Interim – 26.45% of the dividend is received as franked investment income.

Interim — 19.51% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (non-foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. The tax deemed to be deducted is treated as income tax.

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Interim – 54.04% of the dividend is received as an annual payment (foreign element) received after the deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is liable to corporation tax. It is treated as foreign income in the hands of the corporate investor and is liable to corporation tax. The associated deemed tax is treated as foreign tax in hands of the investor, who may be able to claim double tax relief. Investors cannot reclaim any of this deemed tax on the foreign element from HM Revenue & Customs.

Shareholders should consult their professional advisers for any advice regarding their tax position.

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