

abrdn OEIC II

Interim Long Report (unaudited)
For the six months ended 31 August 2023

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Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

abrdn OEIC II (the "Company") is an open-ended investment company with variable capital. The Company is incorporated in Scotland with registered number S1000004 and is currently authorised pursuant to Regulation 14 of the Open Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (the "OEIC Regulations"). The effective date of the authorisation order made by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") was 22 May 1998.

The Company is also an UCITS for the purposes of the FCA Rules. Its FCA Product Reference Number ("PRN") is 186564. It has an umbrella structure scheme for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and consists of seventeen open funds and nine closed funds.

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The Authorised Corporate Director (the ACD) and abrdn Investment Management Limited are wholly owned subsidiaries of abrdn plc, and are accordingly associates. The Investment Adviser has appointed abrdn Japan Limited and abrdn Asia Limited as sub-advisers. The Investment Advisers have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company. The main terms of the agreement with each investment adviser are that it should have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company, including the Company's powers to enter into hedging transactions relating to efficient portfolio management. The adviser's powers extend to all of the property of the Company except any part which the ACD excludes from the adviser's powers. The adviser is to report details of each transaction to the ACD and to confer with the ACD when required by it. The ACD will notify the adviser of additional cash available for investment.

The Authorised Corporate Director of the Company is abrdn Fund Managers Limited, a private company limited by shares which was incorporated in England and Wales on 7 November 1962. Its ultimate holding company is abrdn plc, which is incorporated in Scotland.

Financial details and Fund Managers' reviews of the individual funds for the period ended 31 August 2023 are given in the following pages of this report.

Each fund has an individual investment objective and policy and each differs in regard to the extent to which they concentrate on achieving income or capital growth. There may be funds added to the umbrella of abrdn OEIC II (with consent of the FCA and the Depositary) in the future.

The funds are valued on a mid-price basis and dealt at a single price regardless of whether a purchase or sale is being affected.

The daily price for each fund appears on the abrdn website at **abrdn.com**.

The funds are segregated portfolios of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a fund belong exclusively to that fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

All fees charged by the Investment Adviser will be borne by the ACD.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all share on 14 January 2016. ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 October 2020. ASI Short Duration Credit Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 June 2022. abrdn UK Opportunities Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund on 24 February 2023. abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Europe ex UK Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Asia Pacific Equity Fund on 12 May 2023. abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Fund on 12 May 2023.

Subsequent to the period end, the ACD merged the abrdn UK High Income Equity Fund into abrdn UK Income Equity Fund in abrdn OEIC I on 27 October 2023.

It is the intention of the ACD to terminate the funds at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for these funds have not been prepared on a going concern basis.

Significant Events

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a military offensive against Ukraine resulting in widespread sanctions on Russia and heightened security and cyber threats. Market disruptions associated with the geopolitical event has had a global impact, and uncertainty exists as to the implications. Such disruptions can adversely affect assets of funds and performance thereon, specifically Russian and Ukrainian assets.

The Management Company has delegated various tasks to abrdn's Investor Protection Committee (IPC). The IPC is responsible for ensuring the fair treatment of investors.

The IPC undertakes regular reviews of the following:

- Market liquidity across each asset class and fund;
- Asset class bid-offer spread monitoring;
- Review of fund level dilution rate appropriateness;
- Review of daily subscriptions/redemptions to anticipate any potential concerns to meet redemption proceeds;
- Any requirement to gate or defer redemptions;

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- Any requirement to suspend a fund(s);
- Any fair value price adjustments at a fund level.

abrdn's Valuation and Pricing Committee (VPC) also continue to review the valuation of assets and the recoverability of income from those assets making appropriate adjustments where necessary. The VPC is made up of a wide range of specialists across abrdn with a wide range of experience in asset pricing. The Management Company has also evaluated, and will continue to evaluate, the operational resilience of all service providers. The Company's key suppliers do not have operations pertaining to the Company in Ukraine or Russia.

Developments and Prospectus Updates Since 1 March 2023

- On 3 March 2023, the abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund and abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund merged into the abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund (abrdn OEIC I).
- On 3 March 2023, the abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund merged into the abrdn Europe ex UK Equity Fund (abrdn OEIC I).
- On 3 March 2023, the abrdn High Yield Bond Fund Z Acc was launched.
- On 7 March 2023, Mr. Neil Machray was appointed as a director of abrdn Fund Managers Limited.
- On 28 March 2023, the abrdn Sterling Corporate Bond Fund Z Inc was launched.
- On 12 April 2023, the UK High Income Equity Fund Institutional A Inc was closed.
- On 12 May 2023, abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund merged into abrdn Asia Pacific Equity Fund (OEIC I).
- On 12 May 2023, abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund merged into abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Fund (OEIC I).
- On 12 May 2023, the abrdn UK Government Bond Fund Z Acc was launched.
- On 22 May 2023, the abrdn American Unconstrained Equity Fund (the "Fund") changed its investment objective and policy to better reflect the new investment strategy. Consequently, the fund has also changed its name to North American Small & Mid Cap Equity Fund, as well as its Benchmark and the Performance Target from S&P 500 Index plus 3% per annum over a rolling three-year period before charges to Russell 2500 Index plus 3% over a rolling five-year period before charges.
- On 22 May 2023, the abrdn Global Balanced Growth Fund (the "Fund") has replaced its Performance Target referencing the Investment Association's Mixed

Investment 40–85% Shares Sector average return ("Existing Benchmark") to a Benchmark with a basket of indices representative of 70% global equities, 25% global bonds and 5% money markets, as detailed in the updated Investment Objective of the fund. The Existing Benchmark has been retained as a Performance Comparator. The change has been made to better reflect alignment with the fund's management process and reflect the global nature of the investment universe available to the fund. In addition, the Investment Policy of the fund has also been updated to improve transparency around the types of assets the fund is permitted to hold.

- On 21 June 2023, closure of Institutional S Acc and Institutional S Inc share class for the abrdn UK High Income Equity Fund.
- On 31 July 2023, the abrdn Europe ex UK Smaller Companies Fund updated the Investment Objective and Policy ("IOP") to reflect a change in Performance benchmark from EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK Index to MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index.
- On 6 September 2023, the abrdn Global Income Equity Fund changed name to abrdn Global Infrastructure Equity Fund and changed its investment objective and policy to better reflect the new investment strategy. Consequently, the Fund has also changed its Benchmark and the Performance Target from MSCI AC World Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) to S&P Global Infrastructure Net Total Return Index over a rolling five year period (after charges). All details were communicated to investors regarding the changes.
- The list of funds managed by the ACD was updated, where appropriate.
- Performance and dilution figures were refreshed, where appropriate.
- The list of sub-custodians was refreshed, where appropriate.
- The list of eligible markets was refreshed, where appropriate.
- The list of sub-investment advisors to the funds was refreshed, where appropriate.
- The risk disclosures in relation to the funds were refreshed, where appropriate.

Assessment of Value

In 2017 the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) published the final Asset Management Market Study. This introduced (among other reforms) new governance rules with the aim of enhancing duty of care and ensuring the industry acts in investors' best interests. The rules were outlined

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in the FCA policy statement PS18/8 and came into effect from 30 September 2019. As a result, abrdn Fund Managers Limited is required to perform a detailed annual assessment, determining whether our funds are “providing value to investors”. The resulting findings will be published on a composite basis throughout the year, and can be found on the ‘Literature’ pages of our website.

Climate-related Financial Disclosures

The recommendations by the Taskforce for Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) – initiated by the Financial Stability Board in 2015 and adopted in 2017 – provide organisations with a consistent framework for disclosing financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities. The disclosure in line with TCFD recommendations enables external stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the climate-related risks and opportunities (including how they are managed) that are likely to impact the organisation’s future financial position as reflected in its income statement, cash flow statement, and balance sheet. The TCFD has developed 11 recommendations which are structured around four thematic areas, notably governance, strategy, risk management and metrics and target. In Policy Statement 21/24 the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) have created a regulatory framework for asset managers, life insurers and FCA-regulated pension providers to make climate-related disclosures consistent with the recommendations of the TCFD. As a result of the disclosure requirements abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Enhanced Index Fund is required to perform a detailed annual assessment, determining financial impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities. The resulting findings are published at **Fund literature | abrdn**.

Crossholding Information

There were no cross holdings between funds in abrdn OEIC II as at 31 August 2023 (28 February 2023: nil).

Authorised Corporate Director's Statement

In accordance with the requirements of the COLL Rules as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the report on behalf of abrdn Fund Managers Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director.

Aron Mitchell
Director
23 October 2023

Adam Shanks
Director
23 October 2023

Investment Report

1 March 2023 – 31 August 2023

Global Overview

Global stock markets rose over the review period as economic growth across the world held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates. Inflation continued to dominate the economic environment, though, with central banks in Western economies raising interest rates faster and higher than previously anticipated to counter multi-decade-high inflation. Despite this, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. The collapse of two US regional banks caused some volatility over the period, prompting investors to question the health of the global banking system, but global stocks recovered well after the initial sell-off. Investors, already concerned over the interest-rate outlook and the health of global economy, were further unnerved in May over risks relating to the US debt ceiling. However, a compromise agreement on this issue led to a strong performance from equities in June and July. Towards the end of the period, concerns that interest rates would stay higher for longer resurfaced, which, in turn, weighed on global equities in August.

The UK stock market, as represented by the FTSE 350 Index, declined over the period. The FTSE 100 Index, home of large, multinational companies that often benefit from a weak pound, held up relatively better, but still weakened. Meanwhile, the FTSE 250 Index, which contains mid-sized companies typically more focused on the domestic UK economy, performed worse over the period. Like elsewhere in the world, inflation loomed large on the UK economic landscape as the annual consumer inflation rate increased steadily. Over the review period, the Bank of England (BoE) increased its base rate five times as UK annual consumer inflation remained stubbornly high and stood significantly higher than in the US and eurozone. The UK economy grew by 0.2% in the second quarter of 2023, better than expected. However, data also showed an unexpected rise in the unemployment rate, which increased from 4.0% to 4.2% in the three months to June. Finally, over the six-month review period, the pound moved higher against the US dollar, from around US\$1.20 to US\$1.27.

US equities, as measured by the S&P 500 Index, rose over the period in sterling terms. The banking sector turmoil that occurred earlier in the review period after the collapse of two regional banks, SVB and Signature Bank, raised the risk of a credit crunch and a recession. However, the authorities' and regulators' subsequent actions restored some confidence. Meanwhile, investors stayed focused on the US Federal Reserve (Fed)'s monetary policy moves and were pleased that the Fed gradually began reducing the scale of its interest-rate increases

after price pressures eased. At its June meeting, the Fed maintained the target range for the fed funds rate at 5.00–5.25% after 10 consecutive rate hikes but was forced to increase the rate by 25 basis points (bps) in July due to the strength of its economy. Meanwhile, investors closely followed the US debt-ceiling negotiations. The subsequent compromise agreement to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025, signed into law in early June, removed the risk of a default and improved investor sentiment. A strong performance by the technology sector amid investor demand for artificial intelligence-related stocks also helped sentiment.

Continental Europe's stock markets, as measured by the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index, rose over the six-month period, despite ongoing macroeconomic concerns and further rises in interest rates. While the region's benchmark fared worse than the US and Japan, it performed better than emerging markets, especially China. Investors' hopes for better global growth were increased by labour market resilience in the US and expectations of further measures by the Chinese authorities to stimulate the country's economy. The mini banking crisis in the US in March then briefly spread over to Europe, where the contagion led to the takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS. However, swift action by regulators helped to calm the markets, and many banks subsequently outperformed as confidence was restored. In terms of monetary policy, the European Central Bank (ECB) raised interest rates several times in the period as core inflation remained stubbornly high. In July, the ECB increased the deposit rate to a multi-decade high just as data from Germany showed the country's economy was stagnating. Better-than-expected economic data late in the period weighed on markets as it revived fears that central banks in Europe and the US would be forced to raise interest rates to higher levels than previously expected.

Stock markets in the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) region fell over the period. Like in other geographies, sentiment was driven mainly by concerns about inflation, the potential for further interest-rate rises, the US debt ceiling talks and signs that China's recovery might be stalling. The period started brightly as investors welcomed some positive Chinese economic data and a 25-bp cut in the reserve requirement ratio by the People's Bank of China. However, this was tempered by weakness in the financial sector as the Fed's interest-rate tightening cycle contributed to stresses in the US banking system. Stocks in mainland China and Hong Kong were among the weakest, as data towards the end of the period showed a decline in manufacturing activity and weakening trade raised concerns about the strength of the Chinese recovery. Australia also lagged due to the local benchmark's heavy banking exposure, an unexpected policy-rate increase

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and weakness in commodity-related stocks. India was among the top performers as first-quarter GDP data showed stronger-than-expected growth.

In fixed income markets, global government bonds, particularly in the UK, faced several challenges over the review period. Market volatility caused fluctuations in bond prices, primarily due to the evolving stance of global central banks. Notably, the BoE exhibited a more hawkish outlook, contributing to the pressure on bond prices. Inflation concerns remained a recurrent theme throughout the period, but other events also shaped the trajectory of global bond yields. Similar to the equity markets, concerns over the resilience of the global banking sector troubled fixed income investors in March. This was after the failure of the two regional banks in the US and the subsequent contagion in Europe, which led to the shotgun takeover of Credit Suisse by domestic rival UBS. After a brief respite, volatility resurfaced in May as a result of First Republic Bank's failure in the US, which led to JPMorgan acquiring the lender's assets.

Outlook

In global equities, we expect that investors will pay attention to the fourth-quarter reporting season to see if companies' earnings are holding up amid cost pressures and economic uncertainties as global growth slows and data from China mainly disappoints. Meanwhile, central banks in developed markets are not likely to quickly ease policy. Therefore, we will continue to exercise due diligence to manage volatility.

Within fixed income markets, the key for UK Gilts will be how quickly two key data metrics start to turn. If private sector wages stop accelerating along with services inflation, then the BoE can stop hiking interest rates. Yet, the issue for the BoE is that investors have been here before. Data started to soften in the first quarter of 2023, only for it to accelerate again over the next three months. Gilt market investors have been hurt numerous times over the last six months; therefore, we need to see these key data metrics recede and for this to become a trend. If this happens, the next challenge for the BoE will be how to keep investors from aggressively pricing in rate hike cuts for 2024. At the moment, the anticipated rate-cutting cycle is quite gentle in the UK.

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Sustainability Standards Group Report

abrdn is responsible for managing several ethical funds. The funds are managed according to clearly defined investment mandates and the range of available investments is underpinned by established policies and independent research data on their ethical credentials.

Governance

Historically, the ethical criteria for the funds have been advised by the abrdn Ethical Funds Advisory Group, comprised of investors in the ethical funds and senior abrdn managers with involvement in managing and marketing the funds and their associated products.

In 2022, post an internal assessment and as a result of an evolution in abrdn's sustainable fund governance processes, a decision was taken to wind-up the Ethical Funds Advisory Group. This assessment was conducted in consultation with the members of the Ethical Funds Advisory Group.

At the final meeting of the Ethical Funds Advisory Group it was agreed to move the oversight and application of the ethical criteria to abrdn's recently formed Sustainability Standards Group. This Group oversees the criteria and

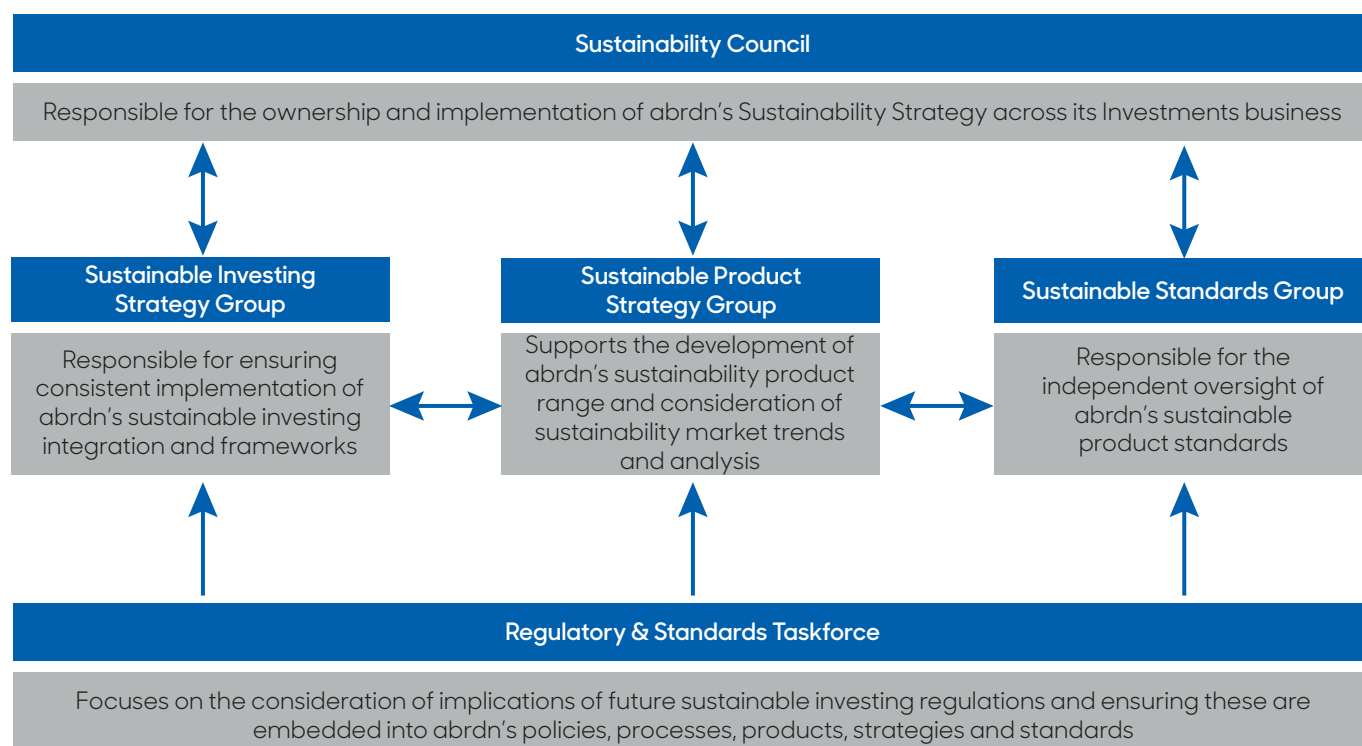
application of sustainability standards across all of abrdn's sustainable and ethical products. This Group was deemed to be highly effective at guiding investment its policies and standards, and ensuring greater consistency across abrdn's sustainable product range, to meet changing customer expectations and market standards.

The Sustainability Standards Group is chaired by the Head of Sustainable Investing and meets regularly to:

- provide independent oversight and controls surrounding abrdn's sustainability funds
- review investment and marketing reports
- ensure that abrdn's sustainable investment process for its sustainability funds is observed

Through this Group, and the Sustainable Investment Oversight model highlighted below, abrdn remains focussed on undertaking market and customer research on sustainability issues, as it has done for the Ethical Funds. abrdn is also committed to considering current sustainability and ethical issues and trends, the implications for its funds, and reviewing and addressing customer queries.

abrdn's Sustainable Investment Oversight Model



Sustainability Standards Group Report

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Issues Arising

In October 2022, the Ethical Funds Advisory Group met for the final time. In addition to a discussion about the future governance model for the Ethical funds, it discussed a number of issues during the period relating to companies' individual approaches to corporate responsibility. This includes understanding the engagement outcomes associated with holdings in the funds. Due consideration was given to the range of funds' ethical criteria and monitoring of ethical issues. Topics discussed by the group included the 2022 annual Ethical Funds Survey, the impact of the war on Ukraine and current ethical issues (e.g. animal testing, taxation, nuclear power, gaming and human rights).

Funds' Criteria

No changes were made to the criteria of the funds during this period. The ethical funds are invested according to the negative and positive criteria set out in the ethical funds approach document. The funds do not invest in companies that fail the negative criteria and favour investment in companies that meet the positive criteria.

Voting Record – abrdn UK Ethical Equity Fund

abrdn votes on all holdings held in the funds except where for practical reasons, such as share-blocking, it is not appropriate to do so. For the interim period between 1 February 2023 to 31 August 2023, we voted at 48 company meetings and a total of 930 proposals on behalf of the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Fund.

We voted against the remuneration report at Coca-Cola HBC due to the proposed increase to the CEO's performance share plan, from 330 percent to 450 percent of base salary, as utilising the limit available under the remuneration policy for 'exceptional' circumstances, is not considered justified.

We engaged with the Chair of the Remuneration Committee at GB Group prior to voting to discuss the amendments made to the CFO's share awards. While we were provided with more detail on the context, we were concerned that performance conditions would be removed to enable vesting. This is particularly sensitive as the outcome is not aligned with our clients' experience and we therefore opposed the approval of the remuneration report.

We also voted against the approval of the remuneration report at the AGMs of Hyve Group, Instem, Intermediate Capital Group, RS Group and SSE.

We were unsupportive of the reappointment of the company auditors at Coca-Cola HBC due to concerns over the length of auditor tenure, and abstained on the Net Zero Transition Report at SSE. While we welcome the intention to increase climate-related transparency and accountability, we have reservations about the implications of Say on Climate votes. We are of the view that presenting climate strategy as a standalone voting item risks diminishing both the integration of climate in strategy and the direct responsibility and accountability of the board and individual directors. Should this resolution be approved, it may limit the scope for subsequent challenge. We believe that the most effective means for abrdn to encourage high-quality climate disclosure is through a combination of targeted engagement and voting on conventional resolutions, focussed on our highest financed emitters and companies we identify as climate laggards.

Further Information

If you would like to find out more about abrdn's Ethical Funds approach these can be found on our website www.abrdn.com, under Fund Centre.

For any additional information, please write to Dan Grandage, Head of Sustainable Investing, abrdn, 6 St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2AH.

Dan Grandage

Chair abrdn's Sustainability Standards Group
6th September 2023

Notes to the Financial Statements of abrdn OEIC II

Accounting Policies

For the six months ended 31 August 2023.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements for each of the funds have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 (IMA SORP 2014), Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

For all funds apart from abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund, abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund, abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund, abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund, abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund, abrdn UK High Income Equity Fund, abrdn UK Opportunities Equity Fund, ASI Short Duration Credit Fund, ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund and Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund, the ACD has undertaken a detailed assessment, and continues to monitor, each fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the funds continue to be open for trading and the ACD is satisfied the funds have adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months after the financial statements are signed and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all share on 14 January 2016. ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 October 2020. ASI Short Duration Credit Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 June 2022. abrdn UK Opportunities Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund on 24 February 2023. abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Europe ex UK Equity Fund on 3 March 2023. abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Asia Pacific Equity Fund on 12 May 2023. abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having merged into abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Fund on 12 May 2023.

Subsequent to the period end, the ACD merged the abrdn UK High Income Equity Fund into abrdn UK Income Equity Fund in abrdn OEIC I on 27 October 2023.

It is the intention to terminate the funds at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for these funds have not been prepared on a going concern basis. Prior year financial statements for ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund, Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund and ASI Short Duration Credit Fund were also not been prepared on a going concern basis.

For the funds not prepared on a going concern basis, no adjustments were required to the financial statements to adjust assets or liabilities to their realisable values or to provide for liabilities arising from the decision to terminate the funds. No liabilities have been recorded for costs of the terminations as the intention is that the ACD will bear any such costs which may arise.

Distribution Policy

The revenue from the fund's investments accumulates during each accounting period. If revenue exceeds expenses during the period, the net revenue of the fund is available for distribution (or re-investment) at share class level to the shareholders in accordance with the OEIC Regulations. If expenses exceed revenue during the period, the net revenue shortfall may be funded from capital.

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All funds pay a dividend distribution with the exception of abrdn Sterling Corporate Bond Fund, abrdn AAA Bond Fund, abrdn High Yield Bond Fund, abrdn Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund and abrdn UK Government Bond Fund which pay an interest distribution.

Gains and losses on non-derivative investments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distribution. For derivative investments, where positions are undertaken to enhance capital return, the gains and losses are taken to capital, otherwise where they generate revenue, the amounts are included as revenue or expense and affect distributions.

abrdn AAA Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling-denominated bonds with a high degree of creditworthiness.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Markit iBoxx Sterling Non Gilts AAA plus 0.65% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated bonds, such as government and corporate bonds (including asset backed and mortgage backed).
- The fund may invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed bonds. The fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- At the point of investment, bonds shall have a credit rating of "AAA-" or higher from at least one major rating agency such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch, with the exception of any UK Government bond held by the fund (up to a 20% limit).
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives based on analysis of global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation) and analysis of a company's prospects and creditworthiness compared to that of the market.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Non Gilts (AAA) is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 3%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the Markit iBoxx Sterling Non Gilts (AAA) over the long term.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost, and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). These positions can be used in overseas markets.
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or credit worthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -0.25%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of 0.28% for our performance target. (Source: FactSet, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Non Gilts AAA Index +0.65%).

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Asset allocation was positive for the fund over the period. We benefitted from an underweight holding of supranational issuers, including the European Investment Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the African

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Development Bank and Asian Development Bank. In financials, antipodean banks NAB and CommBank performed well.

On the downside, Canada's pension fund CPP Investments detracted, as did Singaporean sovereign wealth fund Temasek. US insurer New York Life detracted, as did Fannie Mae.

Market Review

Corporate bonds had a mixed performance over the six month period. A backdrop of sharply rising interest rates, stubbornly high annual inflation and a worsening economic outlook created challenging market conditions. Growing expectations that global inflation pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the current cycle of interest-rate rises may be nearing its end, have helped market sentiment. In the UK, the Bank of England increased its base rate steadily over the period. Inflation has fallen back from its recent highpoint in late 2022. With annual inflation running higher in the UK than in the US and Europe and the core rate still around 7%, the UK's central bank remained under pressure to raise rates even higher.

Turbulence in the global banking sector in March caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen in the autumn of 2022. However, the negative effect of wider credit spreads was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter of 2023, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were before March's volatility. Corporate bond returns have been solid over the summer months.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In the primary market, late in the period, we bought attractive new supranational bonds, including the 2025 bonds of CPP Investments, the Asian Development Bank and the 2031 bonds of KfW. We sold down our holdings in the European Investment Bank, and closed our position in Sweden's Kommuninvest.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The outlook for the economy remains mixed, swinging between recession and soft landing. Credit spreads ended the second quarter largely unchanged, having widened during the mini-banking crisis. Financial spreads underperformed and are now trading at the widest relative value to non-financials in over a decade. While employment is still holding up, other data indicate tougher times ahead. The recent events in the US and Europe point towards tighter lending standards. Investment-grade (IG) spreads remain attractive compared to long-term levels. Overall, yields are also attractive, with the underlying government bond yield being the greater proportion of this. We therefore think that IG can weather the upcoming storm. We have also moved longer duration recently as we think yields are more likely to fall. Spreads, while elevated, certainly have room to widen; however, as we saw in October last year and more recently in March, they can snap back quickly.

Sterling IG Aggregate Team

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk			
←			→			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,476	4,937	6,670	7,745
Closing number of shares	5,168,783	5,681,365	6,941,136	7,790,153
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	86.61	86.90	96.09	99.42
Change in net asset value per share	(0.33%)	(9.56%)	(3.35%)	(1.25%)
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,145	1,273	1,901	2,180
Closing number of shares	2,371,394	2,604,583	3,470,619	3,809,509
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	48.30	48.88	54.78	57.22
Change in net asset value per share	(1.19%)	(10.77%)	(4.26%)	(2.20%)
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,572	5,819	4,941	6,076
Closing number of shares	5,838,511	6,089,474	4,695,447	5,604,990
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.43	95.56	105.22	108.41
Change in net asset value per share	(0.14%)	(9.18%)	(2.94%)	(0.83%)
Operating charges	0.60%	0.59%	0.60%	0.61%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,146	2,489	2,240	2,624
Closing number of shares	4,413,462	5,057,996	4,062,331	4,555,932
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	48.62	49.21	55.15	57.60
Change in net asset value per share	(1.20%)	(10.77%)	(4.25%)	(2.22%)
Operating charges	0.60%	0.59%	0.60%	0.61%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	281	1,584	2,632	4,454
Closing number of shares	549,486	3,095,090	4,679,770	7,704,141
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	51.18	51.19	56.24	57.81
Change in net asset value per share	(0.02%)	(8.98%)	(2.72%)	(0.64%)
Operating charges	0.38%	0.37%	0.38%	0.39%

Comparative Tables

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Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	96,045	106,879	120,992	149,417
Closing number of shares	217,901,478	239,563,006	241,986,214	286,161,875
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	44.08	44.61	50.00	52.21
Change in net asset value per share	(1.19%)	(10.78%)	(4.23%)	(2.23%)
Operating charges	0.38%	0.37%	0.38%	0.39%
Retail CAT accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,638	17,565	21,599	24,198
Closing number of shares	19,024,103	20,017,038	22,264,555	24,112,764
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	87.46	87.75	97.01	100.35
Change in net asset value per share	(0.33%)	(9.55%)	(3.33%)	(1.23%)
Operating charges	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Retail CAT income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,933	3,141	3,903	4,573
Closing number of shares	6,032,700	6,382,137	7,077,274	7,939,992
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	48.62	49.21	55.15	57.59
Change in net asset value per share	(1.20%)	(10.77%)	(4.24%)	(2.21%)
Operating charges	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,811	3,041	5,088	5,231
Closing number of shares	3,993,204	4,317,931	6,574,347	6,573,762
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	70.40	70.42	77.38	79.57
Change in net asset value per share	(0.03%)	(8.99%)	(2.75%)	(0.64%)
Operating charges	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%	0.41%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,993	3,169	4,870	5,881
Closing number of shares	5,321,574	5,626,137	7,849,006	9,194,114
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	56.24	56.32	62.05	63.96
Change in net asset value per share	(0.14%)	(9.23%)	(2.99%)	(0.84%)
Operating charges	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.66%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,379	1,507	2,083	2,978
Closing number of shares	2,996,543	3,234,581	3,991,564	5,462,179
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	46.01	46.57	52.19	54.53
Change in net asset value per share	(1.20%)	(10.77%)	(4.29%)	(2.21%)
Operating charges	0.65%	0.64%	0.65%	0.66%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40	42	50	121
Closing number of shares	56,398	59,011	63,693	151,079
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	71.70	71.62	78.47	80.44
Change in net asset value per share	0.11%	(8.73%)	(2.45%)	(0.35%)
Operating charges	0.10%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%
ZA income ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000) ^B	-	-	-	-
Closing number of shares	-	-	-	189
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	-	53.45
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	-	(2.68%)
Operating charges	-	-	-	0.03%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Standard Life Income closed on 7 January 2022.

^B The closing net asset value of Standard Life income share class was £Nil (2021:£101).

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.63%)		129,310	94.76
Euro Denominated Bonds (1.51%)		2,269	1.66
Corporate Bonds (0.57%)		861	0.63
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,000,000	Microsoft 3.125% 2028	861	0.63
Government Bonds (0.94%)		1,408	1.03
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,800,000	Temasek Financial I 1.5% 2028	1,408	1.03
Sterling Denominated Bonds (91.77%)		122,010	89.41
Corporate Bonds (35.51%)		48,134	35.27
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,070,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4.375% 2026	2,981	2.18
2,320,000	Cie de Financement Foncier 5.5% 2027	2,303	1.69
2,500,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 2026	2,330	1.71
1,139,000	CPPIB Capital 4.375% 2026	1,111	0.81
2,500,000	KFW 4.125% 2026	2,434	1.78
1,265,000	KFW 5.5% 2025	1,264	0.93
2,000,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 1.375% 2025	1,843	1.35
1,174,000	Lloyds Bank 4.875% 2027	1,151	0.84
2,000,000	Lloyds Bank 5.125% 2025	1,983	1.45
900,000	Muenchener Hypothekenbank 0.5% 2024	841	0.62
2,000,000	National Australia Bank 3% 2026	1,863	1.37
2,500,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.625% 2026	2,505	1.84
3,477,000	NatWest 5.125% 2024	3,467	2.54
1,015,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.25% 2026	881	0.65
2,030,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	1,996	1.46
674,000	New York Life Global Funding 4.35% 2025	653	0.48
2,000,000	Santander UK 5.75% 2026	2,007	1.47
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,610,000	Broadgate Financing 4.821% 2033	1,488	1.09
800,000	Broadgate Financing 4.851% 2031	624	0.46
1,595,000	Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 2030	204	0.15

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,551,000	Inter-American Development Bank 2.375% 2029	1,356	0.99
1,186,000	Inter-American Development Bank 4% 2029	1,135	0.83
1,125,000	KFW 4.875% 2031	1,136	0.83
1,700,000	KFW 6% 2028	1,785	1.31
2,380,000	Lloyds Bank 6% 2029	2,463	1.80
1,400,000	Santander UK 5.25% 2029	1,397	1.02
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,600,000	Wellcome Trust Finance 4.625% 2036	2,513	1.84
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,033,000	Temasek Financial I 5.125% 2040	1,005	0.74
greater than 25 years to maturity			
3,030,000	Wellcome Trust 1.5% 2071	1,153	0.85
521,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	262	0.19
Government Bonds (56.26%)		73,876	54.14
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,803,000	Asian Development Bank 1.375% 2025	1,699	1.25
2,885,000	Asian Development Bank 3.875% 2026	2,795	2.05
1,200,000	Asian Development Bank 6.125% 2025	1,213	0.89
2,000,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 1.125% 2026	1,764	1.29
1,672,000	BNG Bank 0.375% 2025	1,489	1.09
2,000,000	BNG Bank 1.625% 2025	1,852	1.36
1,000,000	CPPIB Capital 0.875% 2024	940	0.69
1,512,000	CPPIB Capital 6% 2025	1,521	1.11
1,500,000	European Investment Bank 1% 2026	1,329	0.97
2,004,000	European Investment Bank 1.375% 2025	1,892	1.39
5,300,000	European Investment Bank 5.5% 2025	5,310	3.89
1,149,000	Export Development Canada 4% 2026	1,113	0.82
2,500,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.375% 2025	2,354	1.73
2,400,000	Inter-American Development Bank 0.5% 2026	2,088	1.53
675,000	Inter-American Development Bank 1.25% 2023	664	0.49
3,000,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.25% 2026	2,610	1.91
4,000,000	International Finance 0.75% 2027	3,402	2.49
2,500,000	KFW 0.875% 2026	2,205	1.62

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,200,000	KFW 1.125% 2025	1,111	0.81
1,180,000	KFW 3.75% 2027	1,127	0.83
2,431,000	KFW 3.875% 2025	2,349	1.72
698,000	Kommunalbanken 4% 2026	674	0.49
1,128,000	Kommunekredit 2% 2024	1,096	0.80
931,000	Kommunekredit 4.25% 2025	905	0.66
2,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.875% 2026	1,753	1.28
1,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 2% 2024	953	0.70
892,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 4.5% 2025	874	0.64
2,000,000	Nordic Investment Bank 3.875% 2026	1,933	1.42
2,746,700	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	2,683	1.97
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,000,000	BNG Bank 5.2% 2028	1,002	0.73
5,000,000	CPPIB Capital 1.125% 2029	3,970	2.91
750,000	European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5.625% 2028	772	0.57
2,250,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 2029	2,214	1.62
2,900,000	European Investment Bank 5.625% 2032	3,113	2.28
1,200,000	European Investment Bank 6% 2028	1,261	0.92
1,500,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 4.875% 2028	1,496	1.10
2,000,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 2032	2,077	1.52
2,500,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.625% 2032	2,583	1.89
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,000,000	European Investment Bank 4.5% 2044	953	0.70
1,728,000	European Investment Bank 5% 2039	1,770	1.30
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,000,000	European Investment Bank 4.625% 2054	967	0.71
Swedish Krona Denominated Bonds (0.88%)		-	-
Government bonds (0.88%)		-	-
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (3.47%)		5,031	3.69
Corporate Bonds (3.47%)		5,031	3.69
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,500,000	New York Life Global Funding 3% 2028	1,086	0.80

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,000,000	Johnson & Johnson 5.95% 2037	1,744	1.28
2,680,000	Microsoft 3.5% 2035	1,925	1.41
greater than 25 years to maturity			
540,000	President and Fellows of Harvard College 2.517% 2050	276	0.20
Collective Investment Schemes (3.30%)		2,259	1.66
2,259	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	2,259	1.66
Derivatives (-1.30%)		(2,174)	(1.60)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.02%)		(11)	(0.01)
	Buy AUD 12,088 Sell GBP 6,223 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 27,123 Sell GBP 13,910 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 55,917 Sell GBP 28,560 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 57,102 Sell GBP 28,940 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 59,443 Sell GBP 29,981 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 92,866 Sell GBP 46,948 15/11/2023	1	-
	Buy CAD 5,128 Sell GBP 3,001 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy CAD 5,636 Sell GBP 3,271 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy CAD 8,120 Sell GBP 4,740 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy CAD 12,736 Sell GBP 7,392 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy CAD 12,881 Sell GBP 7,517 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy CAD 25,819 Sell GBP 15,107 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 104,787 Sell GBP 90,117 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,941 Sell AUD 5,695 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,463 Sell AUD 12,566 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,019 Sell AUD 13,740 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 8,211 Sell AUD 16,027 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 9,578 Sell AUD 18,841 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,277 Sell AUD 22,074 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,876 Sell AUD 23,304 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 15,420 Sell AUD 30,070 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 18,969 Sell AUD 37,626 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 30,337 Sell AUD 59,329 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 49,589 Sell AUD 97,224 15/11/2023	-	-

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 3,770 Sell CAD 6,456 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,018 Sell CAD 12,077 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 19,263 Sell CAD 33,008 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,382,785 Sell EUR 2,753,200 15/11/2023	14	0.01
	Buy GBP 388,135 Sell USD 494,529 15/11/2023	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 4,999,522 Sell USD 6,367,373 15/11/2023	(22)	(0.02)
	Buy USD 226,993 Sell GBP 179,202 15/11/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 331,461 Sell GBP 263,500 15/11/2023	(2)	-
Futures (0.04%)		(69)	(0.05)
41	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 15/09/2023	42	0.03
141	Long Canadian 2 Year Bond Future 18/12/2023	9	0.01
44	Long US 2 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	19	0.01
192	Long US 5 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	111	0.08
(30)	Short Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 18/12/2023	(22)	(0.02)
(20)	Short Euro-Oat Future 07/12/2023	(18)	(0.01)
(33)	Short Long Gilt Future 27/12/2023	(34)	(0.02)
(117)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/12/2023	(138)	(0.10)
(23)	Short US Ultra Bond (CBT) Future 19/12/2023	(38)	(0.03)
Interest Rate Swaps (-1.36%)		(2,094)	(1.54)
EUR 3,440,000	Pay fixed 1.6062% receive floating EURIBOR 02/08/2057	484	0.35
AUD 11,700,000	Pay fixed 4.6427% receive floating AUD-BBR-BBSW 14/06/2033	2	-
AUD 23,700,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.6427% 14/06/2033	(4)	-
EUR 8,650,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 2.236% 02/08/2037	(425)	(0.31)
GBP 11,825,000	Pay floating GBP-SONIA receive fixed 0.987% 18/11/2026	(1,713)	(1.26)
GBP 21,250,000	Pay floating GBP-SONIA receive fixed 4.25% 23/08/2025	(486)	(0.36)
GBP 5,500,000	Pay floating GBP-SONIA receive fixed 5.5478% 27/06/2026	48	0.04
Total investment assets and liabilities		129,395	94.82
Net other assets		7,064	5.18
Total Net Assets		136,459	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(2,120)		(14,003)
Revenue	2,421		1,925	
Expenses	(386)		(417)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(283)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	1,752		1,508	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		1,752		1,508
Total return before distributions		(368)		(12,495)
Distributions		(1,752)		(1,508)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(2,120)		(14,003)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		151,446		176,969
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	23,998		4,823	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(37,214)		(17,850)	
		(13,216)		(13,027)
Dilution adjustment		28		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(2,120)		(14,003)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		321		315
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		136,459		150,254

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		132,299		153,463
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,092		2,514	
Cash and bank balances	5,343		2,728	
		8,435		5,242
Total assets		140,734		158,705
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(2,904)		(2,576)
Creditors	(713)		(4,153)	
Distribution payable	(658)		(530)	
		(1,371)		(4,683)
Total liabilities		(4,275)		(7,259)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		136,459		151,446

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.3331	-	0.3331	0.3033
Group 2	0.2432	0.0899	0.3331	0.3033
Retail income				
Group 1	0.1874	-	0.1874	0.1729
Group 2	0.0999	0.0875	0.1874	0.1729
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.4686	-	0.4686	0.4417
Group 2	0.2642	0.2044	0.4686	0.4417
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.2413	-	0.2413	0.2315
Group 2	0.1090	0.1323	0.2413	0.2315
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.2797	-	0.2797	0.2668
Group 2	0.2797	-	0.2797	0.2668
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.2438	-	0.2438	0.2373
Group 2	0.1257	0.1181	0.2438	0.2373
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	0.3398	-	0.3398	0.3092
Group 2	0.2153	0.1245	0.3398	0.3092
Retail CAT income				
Group 1	0.1905	-	0.1905	0.1757
Group 2	0.1208	0.0697	0.1905	0.1757
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	0.3813	-	0.3813	0.3633
Group 2	0.3612	0.0201	0.3813	0.3633
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.2691	-	0.2691	0.2529
Group 2	0.0903	0.1788	0.2691	0.2529
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.2225	-	0.2225	0.2127
Group 2	0.1278	0.0947	0.2225	0.2127

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.4423	-	0.4423	0.4270
Group 2	0.4423	-	0.4423	0.4270

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.4162	-	0.4162	0.3283
Group 2	0.2826	0.1336	0.4162	0.3283
Retail income				
Group 1	0.2332	-	0.2332	0.1866
Group 2	0.1386	0.0946	0.2332	0.1866
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.5580	-	0.5580	0.4664
Group 2	0.3341	0.2239	0.5580	0.4664
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.2859	-	0.2859	0.2434
Group 2	0.1265	0.1594	0.2859	0.2434
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.3278	-	0.3278	0.2795
Group 2	0.3278	-	0.3278	0.2795
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.2836	-	0.2836	0.2471
Group 2	0.1566	0.1270	0.2836	0.2471
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	0.4236	-	0.4236	0.3342
Group 2	0.2893	0.1343	0.4236	0.3342
Retail CAT income				
Group 1	0.2367	-	0.2367	0.1894
Group 2	0.1617	0.0750	0.2367	0.1894
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	0.4464	-	0.4464	0.3809
Group 2	0.1797	0.2667	0.4464	0.3809
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.3218	-	0.3218	0.2674
Group 2	0.1973	0.1245	0.3218	0.2674
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.2648	-	0.2648	0.2241
Group 2	0.1153	0.1495	0.2648	0.2241

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.5076	-	0.5076	0.4429
Group 2	0.5076	-	0.5076	0.4429

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn American Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in US equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To deliver a yield greater than that of the S&P 500 Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) and achieve a return in excess of the S&P 500 Index over a rolling five year period (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the US or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from US operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The fund may also invest up to 20% in companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Canada or Latin America.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. Given the fund's income objective, the management team place particular emphasis on understanding business fundamentals and dynamics and the impact this has on cash flow generation and the company's ability to allocate cash effectively.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the S&P 500 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the income nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the S&P 500 Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned 4.65%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation Shares). This compared with a return of 9.40% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, S&P 500 Index). Meanwhile, the Platform 1 Income's yield was 1.90% over the period, versus a yield target of 1.55% (the S&P 500 Index).

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The fund gained but underperformed the market over the review period largely due to stock selection. Sector wise, healthcare, communication services and financials were notable detractors from relative performance. Conversely, consumer staples and industrials benefited the fund.

At the stock level, our lack of exposure to tech companies (Nvidia, Alphabet, Meta) whose share prices surged hurt performance. Similarly, Amazon, a company the fund does not hold due to the lack of dividends, was also negative. Its shares performed strongly as investors

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focused on the company's cost-cutting upside and the momentum in Amazon Web Services. Meanwhile, Charles Schwab was unfavourable. Its stock came under pressure following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) due to fears that it would see further deposit outflows, that could weigh on balance sheet growth.

Conversely, Broadcom contributed to relative performance following strong quarterly results year to date. Furthermore, its management stated that the company's semiconductor products may benefit from the growth in artificial intelligence (AI)-related spending. Meanwhile, Microsoft Corporation performed well as investors continued to gain more confidence in its ability to monetise developments in AI across a wide range of its products. Comcast Corporation was also positive following a bounce back quarter based on improved cash flows driven by broadband metrics and the belief that the industry will not be as competitive as once feared.

Market Review

US equities, as measured by the S&P 500, rose over the six months to 31 August 2023 in sterling terms.

The banking sector turmoil earlier in the review period following the collapse of two regional banks, SVB and Signature Bank, raised the risk of a credit crunch and a recession. However, the authorities' and regulators' subsequent actions restored some confidence. Meanwhile, investors lowered their expectations of further monetary tightening amid the uncertainty. On that note, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) reduced the scale of its interest-rate increases following easing price pressures. At its June meeting, the Fed maintained the target range for the fed funds rate at 5.00–5.25% after 10 consecutive rate hikes. However, faced with an economy that maintained its positive momentum despite rate increases, the Fed remained determined to control inflation. The 25 basis-point (bp) increase in July 2023 took the target range for the Fed funds rate to 5.25–5.50%, its highest level since 2001.

Elsewhere, investors closely followed the US debt-ceiling negotiations. The subsequent compromise agreement to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025, signed into law in early June, removed the risk of a default and improved investor sentiment. A strong performance by the technology sector amid investor demand for artificial intelligence-related stocks also helped sentiment.

Portfolio Activity and Review

We initiated and exited the following companies solely due to the proposed fund's conversion into a value benchmark and higher dividend focus. In this regard, we initiated agricultural sciences company FMC Corporation, real estate investment trust Gaming and Leisure Properties, medical device provider Medtronic, Restaurant Brands International and beverage company Keurig Dr Pepper.

Conversely, the fund exited Home Depot due to the risks in a recessionary environment, especially given the high interest-rate backdrop. We also sold Tetra Tech due to lower dividend payments. We believe there are high yielding value opportunities elsewhere.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The US economy continues to surprise to the upside. After the 25-bp hike in July, consensus is shaping up that the Fed may be at the end of their interest-rate hiking cycle. However, this view may be premature as core inflation data continues to be slow to contract and the Fed has been clear that it is committed to hitting their 2% target. Moreover, gasoline prices have been rising recently which will negatively impact future inflation data. Up to now, the consumer has held up remarkably well. However, higher gasoline prices, tighter lending conditions post the averted bank crisis, restarting student loan repayments and lower saving rate levels are likely to crimp spending. That being said, the abrdn 'house' view remains that a mild recession is still likely, but given current economic resilience driven by low unemployment we now expect it to begin in the first quarter of 2024, lasting three quarters.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	222	229	196	6,338
Closing number of shares	195,774	211,458	185,320	7,373,547
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.58	108.23	105.71	85.94
Change in net asset value per share	4.94%	2.38%	23.00%	12.33%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.31%	1.32%	1.33%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	60	36	36	18
Closing number of shares	60,555	37,033	38,064	22,750
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.26	95.53	95.11	78.64
Change in net asset value per share	3.90%	0.44%	20.94%	10.22%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.31%	1.32%	1.33%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	197,751	207,300	161,734	157,653
Closing number of shares	168,553,250	185,881,271	149,122,060	179,602,906
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	117.32	111.52	108.46	87.78
Change in net asset value per share	5.20%	2.82%	23.56%	12.80%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	108	2,073	109	55
Closing number of shares	104,967	2,106,506	112,098	68,545
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.43	98.41	97.58	80.33
Change in net asset value per share	4.08%	0.85%	21.47%	10.75%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	2	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,432	1,432	1,432	1,432
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.26	102.82	99.84	80.61
Change in net asset value per share	5.29%	2.98%	23.86%	13.03%
Operating charges	0.72%	0.72%	0.73%	0.74%
Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,504	1,504	1,504	1,504
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	94.95	91.08	90.08	73.99
Change in net asset value per share	4.25%	1.11%	21.75%	10.93%
Operating charges	0.72%	0.72%	0.73%	0.74%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,069	2,935	1,416	718
Closing number of shares	2,624,211	2,639,562	1,308,772	820,017
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	116.95	111.20	108.20	87.60
Change in net asset value per share	5.17%	2.77%	23.52%	12.74%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,394	1,034	428	120
Closing number of shares	1,362,185	1,052,633	439,432	149,590
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.32	98.27	97.41	80.20
Change in net asset value per share	4.12%	0.88%	21.46%	10.68%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	89	74	113	94
Closing number of shares	72,096	62,632	99,716	103,040
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.88	117.31	113.23	90.97
Change in net asset value per share	5.60%	3.60%	24.47%	13.66%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%
ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,297	4,549	6,053	6,907
Closing number of shares	11,088,441	5,674,925	7,683,073	10,742,143
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	83.85	80.16	78.78	64.30
Change in net asset value per share	4.60%	1.75%	22.52%	11.65%
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Equities (97.10%)		208,316	98.26
Communication Services (6.54%)		16,002	7.55
56,032	Activision Blizzard	4,066	1.92
76,600	Cogent Communications	4,263	2.01
140,587	Comcast 'A'	5,188	2.45
90,035	Verizon Communications	2,485	1.17
Consumer Discretionary (4.69%)		8,313	3.92
75,000	Restaurant Brands International	4,111	1.94
57,600	TJX	4,202	1.98
Consumer Staples (5.44%)		15,728	7.42
133,571	Coca-Cola	6,306	2.98
9,746	Costco Wholesale	4,224	1.99
195,800	Keurig Dr Pepper	5,198	2.45
Energy (5.80%)		12,920	6.09
189,314	Baker Hughes	5,405	2.55
160,799	Enbridge	4,449	2.10
34,035	Phillips 66	3,066	1.44
Financials (13.12%)		25,838	12.19
135,900	Bank of America	3,074	1.45
61,895	Charles Schwab	2,889	1.36
7,652	Goldman Sachs	1,978	0.93
44,516	JPMorgan Chase	5,140	2.43
24,163	LPL Financial	4,397	2.08
16,500	Mastercard 'A'	5,370	2.53
59,817	MetLife	2,990	1.41

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As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (16.79%)		32,485	15.32
26,236	AbbVie	3,042	1.43
63,516	Bristol-Myers Squibb	3,090	1.46
55,469	CVS Health	2,852	1.35
16,047	Danaher	3,356	1.58
15,376	Johnson & Johnson	1,962	0.93
81,200	Medtronic	5,222	2.46
74,968	Merck	6,448	3.04
107,356	Royalty Pharma 'A'	2,525	1.19
10,600	UnitedHealth	3,988	1.88
Industrials (8.91%)		13,626	6.43
34,689	Canadian National Railway	3,083	1.45
72,725	Emerson Electric	5,635	2.66
17,414	Trane Technologies	2,821	1.33
19,300	Waste Connections	2,087	0.99
Information Technology (28.90%)		57,027	26.90
12,995	Accenture 'A'	3,320	1.57
36,300	Analog Devices	5,206	2.46
105,500	Apple	15,642	7.38
16,444	Broadcom	11,966	5.64
72,133	Cisco Systems	3,265	1.54
44,813	Marvell Technology	2,058	0.97
60,200	Microsoft	15,570	7.34
Materials (1.98%)		9,691	4.57
23,758	Air Products and Chemicals	5,540	2.61
61,015	FMC	4,151	1.96
Real Estate (1.55%)		7,384	3.48
14,906	American Tower REIT	2,132	1.00
140,400	Gaming and Leisure Properties REIT	5,252	2.48

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Utilities (3.38%)		9,302	4.39
139,667	CenterPoint Energy	3,074	1.45
140,465	CMS Energy	6,228	2.94
Collective Investment Schemes (2.74%)		3,172	1.50
3,172	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	3,172	1.50
Total investment assets		211,488	99.76
Net other assets		506	0.24
Total Net Assets		211,994	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		9,925		8,027
Revenue	2,518		1,831	
Expenses	(881)		(682)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,637		1,149	
Taxation	(319)		(238)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,318		911
Total return before distributions		11,243		8,938
Distributions		(1,324)		(920)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,919		8,018

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		218,233		170,087
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	11,394		28,123	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(28,754)		(46,982)	
		(17,360)		(18,859)
Dilution adjustment		(1)		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		9,919		8,018
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,203		834
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		211,994		160,080

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		211,488		217,885
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,206		502	
Cash and bank balances	43		26	
		1,249		528
Total assets		212,737		218,413
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(694)		(147)	
Distribution payable	(49)		(33)	
		(743)		(180)
Total liabilities		(743)		(180)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		211,994		218,233

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.2345	–	0.2345	0.1683
Group 2	0.1941	0.0404	0.2345	0.1683
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5126	–	0.5126	0.4715
Group 2	0.4739	0.0387	0.5126	0.4715
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.3692	–	0.3692	0.3039
Group 2	0.1807	0.1885	0.3692	0.3039
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.5484	–	0.5484	0.4829
Group 2	0.4978	0.0506	0.5484	0.4829
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.3826	–	0.3826	0.3365
Group 2	0.3826	–	0.3826	0.3365
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4899	–	0.4899	0.4427
Group 2	0.4899	–	0.4899	0.4427
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.3542	–	0.3542	0.2895
Group 2	0.2238	0.1304	0.3542	0.2895
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.5281	–	0.5281	0.4825
Group 2	0.3804	0.1477	0.5281	0.4825
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.6077	–	0.6077	0.5379
Group 2	0.3785	0.2292	0.6077	0.5379
ZA income				
Group 1	0.4238	–	0.4238	0.3884
Group 2	0.1043	0.3195	0.4238	0.3884

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.1866	-	0.1866	0.0123
Group 2	0.1568	0.0298	0.1866	0.0123
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4588	-	0.4588	0.4632
Group 2	0.4588	-	0.4588	0.4632
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.2995	-	0.2995	0.2951
Group 2	0.1744	0.1251	0.2995	0.2951
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4731	-	0.4731	-
Group 2	0.1993	0.2738	0.4731	-
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.3254	-	0.3254	0.2918
Group 2	0.3254	-	0.3254	0.2918
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4400	-	0.4400	0.4334
Group 2	0.4400	-	0.4400	0.4334
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.2844	-	0.2844	0.2821
Group 2	0.1146	0.1698	0.2844	0.2821
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4797	-	0.4797	0.4744
Group 2	0.2675	0.2122	0.4797	0.4744
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.5460	-	0.5460	0.5308
Group 2	0.0991	0.4469	0.5460	0.5308
ZA income				
Group 1	0.3800	-	0.3800	0.3802
Group 2	0.3800	-	0.3800	0.3802

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in emerging market equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To deliver a yield greater than that of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) and achieve a return in excess of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index over a rolling five year period (before charges).

The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging market operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Emerging markets include Asian, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, African or Latin American countries.
- The fund may also invest up to 10% in bonds (loans to companies).
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. Given the fund's income objective, the management team place particular emphasis on understanding business fundamentals and dynamics and the impact this has on cash flow generation and the company's ability to allocate cash effectively.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the

income nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund rose by 0.98% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a decline of 0.72% in its performance target (Source: FactSet, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index). Meanwhile, the Platform 1 Income's yield was 4.32% over the period, versus a yield target of 2.65% (the MSCI Emerging Markets Index).

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The fund outpaced its benchmark, driven largely by strong stock selection. At the stock level, high-dividend stocks Kaspi.kz and Bank of Georgia were top contributors to relative gains. Both companies rallied on the back of robust results. Kazakh digital platform provider Kaspi.kz was also underpinned by expectations of the domestic macro environment turning more favourable.

From a country perspective, our holdings in Taiwan stood out. High-dividend company Taiwan Union Technology and dividend-growth stock Alchip Technologies were

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buoyed by the anticipated growth in artificial intelligence-related products. The fund's investments in Brazil also fared well. Sentiment towards state-owned oil firm Petrobras, a high-dividend name, improved amid a lack of government intervention on capital allocation, fuel pricing and dividend policy. Another notable performer was Banco Bradesco, which recovered from a weak start to the year following an encouraging set of earnings results. We exited the lender following its outperformance.

On the flip side, stock picks in China held back relative returns. Risk appetite towards Chinese equities weakened over the period, triggering a sell-off in our dividend growth names including alcoholic beverage company Wuliangye Yibin and healthcare services firm Hangzhou Tigermed as investors recalibrated the pace of China's economic recovery to a more tepid pick-up. The latter was further weighed down by slowing domestic outsourcing research and development demand. The non-benchmark exposure to Hong Kong was also negative as weak investor sentiment carried over to the H-share market.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In key portfolio activity, we initiated three positions in China. Dividend-growth company China International Capital Corp should strengthen its position as a leading investment bank and wealth management provider, and gain from the country's capital market reforms. High-dividend stock Fu Shou Yuan, a funeral services provider, stands to benefit from improving demand and a tight supply of prime land. Dividend-growth name Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics' high growth profile is supported by the development of new high-end medical equipment applications.

Elsewhere in North Asia, we introduced Taiwan-based Sporton International, a high-dividend company which has a leading market position in telecom testing equipment, a market that should enter a new investment cycle with 5G adoption. In South-East Asia, we bought dividend-growth stock AEM. The Singapore-listed electronic component manufacturer is a beneficiary of the rise in testing opportunities driven by device complexity and transistor shrinkage over time. Another new holding was Malaysia Airports, which should see support from a recovery in travel demand.

In Latin America, we introduced two high-dividend stocks in Brazil. Lender Itau has a superior track record of managing credit risk, while dental service provider Odontoprev is well positioned for earnings growth as competitive pressures ease. Another high-dividend stock that was added over the period was Mexican airport operator ASUR, which is also well placed for cash flow growth alongside an under-levered balance sheet which is supportive of rising dividends.

Conversely, we exited First Quantum Minerals, which we bought early in the period, following strong share price performance, rotating the position into copper peer Grupo Mexico. Other divestments included Amoy Diagnostics, Bradesco, China Construction Bank, FEMSA, InPost, Pacific Basin Shipping and Yinson.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Recent developments paint an encouraging outlook for emerging markets. A potential soft landing in the US, the prospect of emerging market rates coming down and a China that is increasingly committed to supporting economic growth will likely buoy investor returns.

The fund is not targeting a particular policy outcome, but we would expect the high dividend companies to perform better during periods of market dislocation and the dividend growth companies to perform well through periods of optimism. The portfolio remains focused on businesses with sustainable free cash flow generation, pricing power and comfortably manageable debt levels.

We are identifying companies with attractive valuations, where we hold strong fundamental insights regarding their future income potential. Over the medium and longer term, we believe the microeconomic developments captured by our stock-specific insights are sufficiently material to have a profoundly positive impact on the portfolio. We are still identifying many discrete investment opportunities, and this is enabling us to build a diversified portfolio.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator. The risk and reward indicator changed from 5 to 6 on 14 April 2023.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,541	9,078	10,167	9,759
Closing number of shares	10,092,030	9,671,300	10,749,442	9,485,609
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	94.54	93.87	94.58	102.88
Change in net asset value per share	0.71%	(0.75%)	(8.07%)	22.92%
Operating charges	1.34%	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	190	227	259	259
Closing number of shares	289,558	336,399	365,033	352,279
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	65.67	67.34	71.08	79.72
Change in net asset value per share	(2.48%)	(5.26%)	(10.84%)	19.20%
Operating charges	1.34%	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	253,666	238,516	238,821	247,080
Closing number of shares	253,231,134	240,268,711	239,829,992	229,193,137
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.17	99.27	99.58	107.80
Change in net asset value per share	0.91%	(0.31%)	(7.63%)	23.48%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,105	6,276	6,688	4,661
Closing number of shares	10,187,530	8,796,100	8,920,656	5,570,988
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	69.75	71.35	74.97	83.67
Change in net asset value per share	(2.24%)	(4.83%)	(10.40%)	19.79%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,883	24,704	24,004	29,883
Closing number of shares	31,026,506	25,037,389	24,241,814	27,860,736
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.54	98.67	99.02	107.26
Change in net asset value per share	0.88%	(0.35%)	(7.68%)	23.42%
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,679	27,087	28,894	30,624
Closing number of shares	38,477,623	38,182,896	38,747,049	36,772,076
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	69.34	70.94	74.57	83.28
Change in net asset value per share	(2.26%)	(4.87%)	(10.46%)	19.71%
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%

Comparative Tables

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ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	511,974	514,569	518,756	557,363
Closing number of shares	475,866,946	483,865,854	489,668,219	489,611,992
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	107.59	106.35	105.94	113.84
Change in net asset value per share	1.17%	0.39%	(6.94%)	24.39%
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%
ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,877	4,829	5,738	7,778
Closing number of shares	3,779,521	6,229,322	7,104,106	8,699,618
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	76.11	77.52	80.77	89.41
Change in net asset value per share	(1.82%)	(4.02%)	(9.66%)	20.78%
Operating charges	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.67%)		840,361	99.70
Europe, Middle East & African Equities (6.80%)		46,037	5.45
Georgia (1.19%)		16,397	1.95
471,166	Bank of Georgia	16,397	1.95
Nigeria (1.07%)		5,922	0.70
4,822,553	Seplat Energy	5,922	0.70
Poland (0.44%)		-	-
Russia (0.00%)		-	-
6,285,562	Detsky Mir+++	-	-
1,705,952	Gazprom+++	-	-
72,742	HeadHunter ADR+++	-	-
122,063	Lukoil ADR+++	-	-
282,551	MMC Norilsk Nickel ADR+++	-	-
5,558,988	Sberbank of Russia (Preference)+++	-	-
113,421,017	Segezha+++	-	-
62,472	X5 Retail GDR+++	-	-
Saudi Arabia (1.31%)		3,919	0.46
257,950	Al Rajhi Bank	3,919	0.46
South Africa (2.41%)		15,627	1.85
653,277	Impala Platinum	2,649	0.31
1,757,974	Sanlam	4,973	0.59
1,780,765	Vodacom	8,005	0.95
United Arab Emirates (0.38%)		4,172	0.49
3,994,902	Americana Restaurants International	3,777	0.45
522,966	National Central Cooling	395	0.04

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Latin America Equities (12.76%)		133,560	15.85
Brazil (4.10%)		53,919	6.40
2,506,502	B3 SA - Brasil Bolsa Balcao	5,166	0.62
2,700,194	Itaú Unibanco	10,033	1.19
2,209,328	Odontoprev	3,638	0.43
3,477,800	Petroleo Brasileiro (Preference)	17,706	2.10
661,000	PRIO	4,889	0.58
1,894,482	Telefonica Brasil	12,487	1.48
Chile (0.77%)		5,605	0.66
113,611	Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile ADR	5,605	0.66
Colombia (0.38%)		2,925	0.35
386,840	Geopark	2,925	0.35
Mexico (6.54%)		61,243	7.27
500,908	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte	4,627	0.55
197,866	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste 'B'	4,306	0.51
2,107,913	Grupo Financiero Banorte 'O'	14,245	1.69
6,650,858	Grupo México	25,414	3.02
8,429,585	TF Administradora Industrial REIT	12,651	1.50
Peru (0.97%)		9,868	1.17
88,418	Credicorp	9,868	1.17
Pacific Basin Equities (80.11%)		431,473	51.19
China (26.05%)		215,089	25.52
2,729,400	Alibaba	24,776	2.94
1,381,370	ANTA Sports Products	12,275	1.46
265,433	Autohome ADR	6,041	0.72
3,119,600	China International Capital 'H'	4,715	0.56

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
361,253	China Tourism Duty Free 'A'	4,266	0.51
4,518,000	Country Garden Services	4,097	0.49
7,650,000	Fu Shou Yuan International	4,488	0.53
1,100,300	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting 'H'	4,734	0.56
2,004,135	Hefei Meiya Optoelectronic Technology 'A'	5,091	0.60
2,938,335	Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial 'A'	8,283	0.98
2,322,644	Joinn Laboratories China 'H'	3,670	0.44
529,300	Li Auto 'A'	8,608	1.02
2,189,500	Li Ning	8,164	0.97
1,163,384	LONGi Green Energy Technology 'A'	3,349	0.40
453,120	Meituan 'B'	5,860	0.69
2,237,110	Midea 'A'	13,707	1.63
1,258,560	NetEase	20,734	2.46
3,151,686	Ping An Insurance 'H'	14,876	1.76
130,800	Shenzhen Mindray Bio-Medical Electronics 'A'	3,829	0.45
1,008,200	Tencent	32,955	3.91
14,664,682	Tianhe Chemicals**	-	-
856,379	Wuliangye Yibin 'A'	14,477	1.72
2,533,500	Zhongsheng	6,094	0.72
Hong Kong (3.91%)		20,747	2.46
5,161,600	Budweiser Brewing	8,831	1.05
550,950	China Lumena New Materials**	-	-
88,800	China Metal Recycling**	-	-
7,735,000	Pacific Basin Shipping	1,658	0.19
7,029,481	SITC International	10,258	1.22
India (12.56%)		103,245	12.25
188,489	Bajaj Holdings & Investment	13,316	1.58
927,125	Crompton Greaves Consumer Electricals	2,639	0.31
1,637,526	HDFC Bank	24,608	2.92
1,395,338	ITC	5,844	0.69
123,354	Jio Financial Services	282	0.04
260,358	Larsen & Toubro	6,701	0.79
1,316,764	Mahanagar Gas	12,798	1.52
11,504,475	Power Grid Corp of India	26,879	3.19

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
123,354	Reliance Industries	2,831	0.34
229,392	Tata Consultancy Services	7,347	0.87
Indonesia (4.71%)		41,669	4.94
50,989,600	Bank Mandiri Persero	15,919	1.89
43,978,805	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	12,591	1.49
41,670,700	Telkom Indonesia Persero	8,032	0.95
3,805,600	United Tractors	5,127	0.61
Kazakhstan (2.08%)		20,349	2.41
254,297	Kaspi.KZ GDR	20,349	2.41
Macau (0.82%)		6,308	0.75
2,365,347	Sands China	6,308	0.75
Malaysia (2.24%)		20,557	2.44
11,256,924	CIMB	10,779	1.28
3,671,300	Malaysia Airports	4,596	0.55
5,430,631	RHB Bank	5,182	0.61
Philippines (0.44%)		3,509	0.42
17,830,000	Asian Terminals	3,509	0.42
Singapore (0.00%)		2,764	0.33
1,343,600	AEM	2,764	0.33
South Korea (11.54%)		93,053	11.04
135,516	HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering	9,993	1.19
44,764	LG Chem (Preference)	9,127	1.08
261,313	Samsung Electronics	10,438	1.24
1,267,004	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	40,850	4.85

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
154,599	Samsung Engineering	3,138	0.37
919,017	Shinhan Financial	19,507	2.31
Taiwan (14.92%)		128,708	15.27
1,555,423	Chroma ATE	10,792	1.28
325,823	Globalwafers	3,706	0.44
3,785,000	Hon Hai Precision Industry	9,989	1.19
888,000	KMC Kuei Meng International	3,125	0.37
1,227,000	MediaTek	21,436	2.54
479,800	Sporton International	3,026	0.36
5,242,899	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	71,328	8.46
1,720,000	Taiwan Union Technology	5,306	0.63
Thailand (0.84%)		4,766	0.57
22,500,000	Digital Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund	4,766	0.57
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)		1,036	0.12
1,036	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	1,036	0.12
Total investment assets		841,397	99.82
Net other assets		1,518	0.18
Total Net Assets		842,915	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(14,375)		(35,568)
Revenue	28,381		30,360	
Expenses	(1,758)		(1,614)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(6)		(12)	
Net revenue before taxation	26,617		28,734	
Taxation	(3,137)		(3,141)	
Net revenue after taxation		23,480		25,593
Total return before distributions		9,105		(9,975)
Distributions		(24,468)		(26,904)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(15,363)		(36,879)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		825,286		833,327
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	35,917		47,331	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(26,142)		(47,207)	
		9,775		124
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(15,363)		(36,879)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		23,217		25,402
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		842,915		821,974

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		841,397		822,525
Current assets:				
Debtors	7,951		4,700	
Cash and bank balances	6,676		7,048	
		14,627		11,748
Total assets		856,024		834,273
Liabilities:				
Provisions for liabilities		(2,905)		(2,574)
Bank overdrafts	(2,826)		(975)	
Creditors	(6,774)		(5,257)	
Distribution payable	(604)		(181)	
		(10,204)		(6,413)
Total liabilities		(13,109)		(8,987)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		842,915		825,286

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.0563	-	1.0563	0.9791
Group 2	0.5274	0.5289	1.0563	0.9791
Retail income				
Group 1	0.9709	-	0.9709	0.9438
Group 2	0.0530	0.9179	0.9709	0.9438
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.2306	-	1.2306	1.1374
Group 2	0.9965	0.2341	1.2306	1.1374
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.0284	-	1.0284	0.9935
Group 2	0.2191	0.8093	1.0284	0.9935
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.2115	-	1.2115	1.1199
Group 2	0.7980	0.4135	1.2115	1.1199
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.0226	-	1.0226	0.9881
Group 2	0.5480	0.4746	1.0226	0.9881
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.5076	-	1.5076	1.3765
Group 2	1.4665	0.0411	1.5076	1.3765
ZA income				
Group 1	1.1124	-	1.1124	1.0616
Group 2	1.1124	-	1.1124	1.0616

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.3214	–	1.3214	1.6550
Group 2	0.4206	0.9008	1.3214	1.6550
Retail income				
Group 1	1.0860	–	1.0860	1.4268
Group 2	0.9524	0.1336	1.0860	1.4268
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.4763	–	1.4763	1.8483
Group 2	0.7248	0.7515	1.4763	1.8483
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.1448	–	1.1448	1.5052
Group 2	0.4425	0.7023	1.1448	1.5052
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.4462	–	1.4462	1.8285
Group 2	0.8205	0.6257	1.4462	1.8285
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.1398	–	1.1398	1.4957
Group 2	0.4936	0.6462	1.1398	1.4957
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.6745	–	1.6745	2.1269
Group 2	0.2369	1.4376	1.6745	2.1269
ZA income				
Group 1	1.2166	–	1.2166	1.6136
Group 2	1.2166	–	1.2166	1.6136

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Europe ex UK Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To deliver a yield greater than that of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) and achieve a return in excess of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index over a rolling five year period (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries include the emerging markets of Europe, but excludes the UK.
- The fund may also invest up to 15% in bonds (loans to companies).
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. Given the fund's income objective, the management team place particular emphasis on understanding business fundamentals and dynamics and the impact this has on cash flow generation and the company's ability to allocate cash effectively.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index

is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the income nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -0.49% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of 1.05% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, FTSE World Europe ex UK Index). From an income perspective, the Platform 1 Income share class delivered an historic yield of 3.70% over the last 6 months versus the index historic yield of 2.87% over the same period.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

The financials sector was the main drag on performance in the period, especially among our bank holdings where Nordea, Bank of Ireland and Finecobank were notable detractors. Sentiment towards the sector was damaged as the affects of the US banking crisis spread across other developed markets and in Europe resulted in the emergency takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS. Our lack of a position in the latter also detracted as its shares outperformed. Scandinavian insurance group Tryg also weighed on returns due to challenges seen elsewhere in the insurance sector and slightly disappointing results caused by inflation headwinds.

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France's Teleperformance was hit by a combination of concerns including weaker revenue growth guidance, the threat posed by artificial intelligence technology (AI) and the announcement of the significant acquisition of customer experience management firm Majorel. We subsequently sold the fund's position in Teleperformance.

A proposal by the Swedish government to reduce the renewable diesel blend mandate was behind weakness in renewable fuel producer Neste's stock. The move could lead to a fall in demand in one of the company's biggest markets.

On a more positive note, our holdings in the technology sector made a good contribution to performance, mainly due to stock selection. SAP and BE Semiconductor were among the top performers with results from the latter suggesting a potentially earlier cyclical trough than others given its hybrid bond business, alongside a tailwind from optimism around AI. Novo Nordisk's stock benefitted from news that trial results showed a substantial cardiovascular risk benefit from weight loss induced by the firm's GLP-1 medication. This news led to greater confidence in the long term opportunity from its obesity franchise, alongside continued strong earnings momentum driven by its already-strong GLP1 franchise.

In the utilities sector, in which we are overweight, Engie added to returns after reaching a long awaited agreement with the Belgian government on nuclear asset life extension and a cap on nuclear waste liabilities. The company also issued a guidance upgrade that highlighted the extent to which it continued to benefit from volatility in commodity and power markets. Our lack of holding in Dutch digital payments group Adyen also proved positive after the company was downgraded following reports of decelerating organic growth.

Market Review

Continental Europe's stock markets, as measured by the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index, rose over the 6-month period, despite ongoing macroeconomic concerns and further rises in interest rates. They underperformed the markets in the US and Japan, but did better than emerging markets, especially China. Investor's hopes for better global growth were increased by labour market resilience in the US and expectations of further measures by the authorities in China to stimulate the country's economy.

Early in the period, markets were volatile as the collapse of US-based Silicon Valley Bank prompted investors to question the health of the global banking system. In Europe, the contagion led to the takeover of Credit Suisse

by UBS, mentioned above, but swift action by regulators helped to calm the markets and many banks subsequently outperformed as confidence was restored.

The European Central Bank raised interest rates several times in the period as core inflation remained stubbornly high. In July, the deposit rate was moved up to a multi-decade high just as data from Germany showed the country's economy was stagnating. Better-than-expected economic data late in the period weighed on markets as it revived fears that central banks in Europe and the US would be forced to raise interest rates to higher levels than previously expected.

Portfolio Activity and Review

We introduced four new positions to the fund in the period. KPN is a well-run telecoms company operating in the Netherlands in a relatively stable three-player market. The firm has a solid management team and balance sheet, and its free cash flow is set to inflect positively on a multi-year view as capital expenditure declines. In Danone, the French consumer-staples company, we see reasons to be optimistic about the turnaround of the business. Success in the US offers a playbook for driving growth in the European dairy business and we believe there is potential for the company to generate more attractive earnings and dividend growth.

The fund also bought a new position in clothing company Inditex due to the strength of its adaptable business model and its value proposition. The firm's return to modest store growth raises the prospect of improving revenue growth and a strong net cash balance sheet drives a defensive proposition and could lead to the possibility of extra cash returns to shareholders. We also initiated a holding in pharmaceutical businesses Novartis, where management continued to implement corporate restructuring that has the potential to lead to improved margins and returns. Income credentials appeared to be attractive given the combination of dividend yield and share buyback plans.

We sold out of a number of holdings in the period. Along with the stake in Teleperformance mentioned above we also divested our shares in DSM, which has faced headwinds from vitamin pricing and de-stocking, and Partners Group where the challenges in the private markets space are set to remain for the foreseeable future.

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Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

We are more cautious on the outlook for corporate profitability and the prospects for equity markets than the recent rally in equity and bond markets suggests. While it is clear sentiment and positioning going into 2023 were too consensually bearish, we think markets have too aggressively discounted the situation improving from here. Even if the trajectory of interest rates has proved less steep than some were expecting, it remains the case that higher rates should raise financing costs and increase return hurdles, which will weigh on corporate profitability. Similarly, a higher discount rate is unlikely to be positive for equity valuations. We therefore think the environment will remain more challenging for corporates resulting in period of higher equity-price volatility.

Over the past decade, equity investing could have been characterised as focused almost exclusively on growth, with little attention paid to valuations. We think that following the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, markets will be much more interested in companies that are resilient to this tougher backdrop. The good news is that this is exactly the kind of businesses we invest in. Our strategy is well suited to this new environment because we seek to identify companies with attractive income-paying attributes. This means the companies we invest in should be relatively more resilient, while our focus on generating a premium dividend yield makes us naturally more valuation sensitive. We believe income will represent a greater share of equity returns going forward and we take the view that our balanced approach should offer an attractive combination of upside capture and downside protection.

European Equity Team

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,861	8,121	7,603	7,866
Closing number of shares	5,063,904	4,609,586	4,862,477	5,389,955
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	174.98	176.17	156.35	145.94
Change in net asset value per share	(0.68%)	12.68%	7.13%	12.65%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.31%	1.32%	1.32%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	713	793	1,043	1,024
Closing number of shares	714,717	765,455	1,101,878	1,123,399
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.77	103.55	94.70	91.11
Change in net asset value per share	(3.65%)	9.35%	3.94%	8.98%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.31%	1.32%	1.32%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	106,592	118,873	279,222	290,899
Closing number of shares	56,115,626	62,302,294	165,692,685	185,806,699
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	189.95	190.80	168.52	156.56
Change in net asset value per share	(0.45%)	13.22%	7.64%	13.19%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%	0.85%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	144,875	178,016	210,611	295,361
Closing number of shares	133,304,823	158,200,886	205,625,631	301,195,408
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.68	112.53	102.42	98.06
Change in net asset value per share	(3.42%)	9.87%	4.45%	9.49%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%	0.85%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,336	1,336	1,336	1,336
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	105.17	105.58	93.10	86.29
Change in net asset value per share	(0.39%)	13.40%	7.89%	13.36%
Operating charges	0.73%	0.72%	0.73%	0.73%
Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,637	1,637	1,637	1,637
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	72.75	75.27	68.43	65.41
Change in net asset value per share	(3.35%)	10.00%	4.62%	9.62%
Operating charges	0.73%	0.72%	0.73%	0.73%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,523	29,927	26,440	29,711
Closing number of shares	22,318,833	21,088,853	21,079,338	25,483,898
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	141.24	141.91	125.43	116.59
Change in net asset value per share	(0.47%)	13.14%	7.58%	13.13%
Operating charges	0.90%	0.89%	0.90%	0.90%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,298	32,314	23,551	27,951
Closing number of shares	33,436,958	33,332,459	26,675,514	33,049,174
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	93.60	96.94	88.29	84.57
Change in net asset value per share	(3.45%)	9.80%	4.40%	9.42%
Operating charges	0.90%	0.89%	0.90%	0.90%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	784	764	759	925
Closing number of shares	372,750	362,836	411,050	543,399
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	210.41	210.56	184.60	170.22
Change in net asset value per share	(0.07%)	14.06%	8.45%	14.04%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.09%	0.10%	0.10%
ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,033	6,319	7,570	9,640
Closing number of shares	4,927,426	5,004,825	6,642,306	8,908,507
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.44	126.25	113.96	108.21
Change in net asset value per share	(3.02%)	10.78%	5.31%	10.40%
Operating charges	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.04%)		324,800	98.22
European Equities (98.04%)		324,800	98.22
Denmark (5.78%)		27,003	8.17
126,397	Novo Nordisk 'B'	18,608	5.63
556,555	Tryg	8,395	2.54
Finland (5.51%)		5,555	1.68
93,178	Neste	2,698	0.82
329,480	Nordea Bank	2,857	0.86
France (28.95%)		93,160	28.17
42,153	Air Liquide	6,025	1.82
310,870	AXA	7,396	2.24
176,795	Danone	8,152	2.47
74,455	Edenred	3,752	1.13
926,285	Engie	11,814	3.57
19,160	LVMH	12,835	3.88
113,984	Sanofi	9,630	2.91
70,132	Schneider Electric	9,526	2.88
315,114	TotalEnergies	15,673	4.74
94,765	Vinci	8,357	2.53
Germany (13.81%)		48,290	14.60
8,917	Deutsche Boerse	1,254	0.38
811,921	Deutsche Telekom	13,728	4.15
63,240	Mercedes-Benz	3,663	1.11
298,479	RWE	9,733	2.94
129,417	SAP	14,309	4.33
46,989	Siemens	5,603	1.69
Ireland (3.27%)		5,110	1.54
648,933	Bank of Ireland	5,110	1.54

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Italy (4.53%)		17,401	5.26
1,762,612	Enel	9,368	2.83
178,799	FinecoBank	1,939	0.59
2,877,916	Intesa Sanpaolo	6,094	1.84
Netherlands (14.37%)		48,571	14.69
12,537	ASML	6,528	1.97
62,415	BE Semiconductor Industries	5,672	1.72
934,882	ING	10,490	3.17
3,165,470	Koninklijke KPN	8,749	2.65
349,517	Universal Music	6,850	2.07
107,956	Wolters Kluwer	10,282	3.11
Norway (1.04%)		8,134	2.46
379,892	Aker BP	8,134	2.46
Spain (3.99%)		20,721	6.27
189,611	Amadeus IT	10,277	3.11
217,441	Iberdrola	2,040	0.62
277,546	Industria de Diseno Textil	8,404	2.54
Sweden (3.43%)		10,053	3.04
229,051	Atlas Copco 'A'	2,392	0.72
339,501	Hemnet	4,862	1.47
175,874	Volvo 'B'	2,799	0.85
Switzerland (13.36%)		40,802	12.34
60,426	Cie Financiere Richemont	6,778	2.05
91,185	Nestle	8,669	2.62
190,654	Novartis	15,212	4.60
18,365	Roche (Participating certificate)	4,270	1.29

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
126,888	SIG	2,639	0.80
8,724	Zurich Insurance	3,234	0.98
Collective Investment Schemes (1.29%)		3,716	1.12
3,251	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Euro Fund Z3 Inc+	2,739	0.83
977	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	977	0.29
Total investment assets		328,516	99.34
Net other assets		2,166	0.66
Total Net Assets		330,682	100.00

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The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(10,530)		(3,992)
Revenue	11,065		15,504	
Expenses	(1,474)		(2,240)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(18)	
Net revenue before taxation	9,586		13,246	
Taxation	(517)		(2,159)	
Net revenue after taxation		9,069		11,087
Total return before distributions		(1,461)		7,095
Distributions		(9,871)		(12,092)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(11,332)		(4,997)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		375,129		556,801
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,141		47,100	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(46,091)		(106,484)	
		(36,950)		(59,384)
Dilution adjustment		-		15
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(11,332)		(4,997)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,835		6,097
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		330,682		498,532

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		328,516		372,621
Current assets:				
Debtors	8,939		4,526	
Cash and bank balances	4		205	
		8,943		4,731
Total assets		337,459		377,352
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(5,724)		(1,487)	
Distribution payable	(1,053)		(736)	
		(6,777)		(2,223)
Total liabilities		(6,777)		(2,223)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		330,682		375,129

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	3.6893	–	3.6893	3.0200
Group 2	2.8708	0.8185	3.6893	3.0200
Retail income				
Group 1	2.5084	–	2.5084	2.1402
Group 2	1.4046	1.1038	2.5084	2.1402
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	4.2237	–	4.2237	3.4574
Group 2	3.1643	1.0594	4.2237	3.4574
Institutional income				
Group 1	2.7276	–	2.7276	2.3163
Group 2	1.3359	1.3917	2.7276	2.3163
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	2.3805	–	2.3805	1.9547
Group 2	2.3805	–	2.3805	1.9547
Institutional S income				
Group 1	1.8222	–	1.8222	1.5473
Group 2	1.8222	–	1.8222	1.5473
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	3.1236	–	3.1236	2.5577
Group 2	2.2980	0.8256	3.1236	2.5577
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	2.3497	–	2.3497	1.9964
Group 2	0.8763	1.4734	2.3497	1.9964
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	5.0665	–	5.0665	4.1415
Group 2	4.3987	0.6678	5.0665	4.1415
ZA income				
Group 1	3.0639	–	3.0639	2.5801
Group 2	3.0639	–	3.0639	2.5801

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.4291	-	0.4291	-
Group 2	0.1395	0.2896	0.4291	-
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5746	-	0.5746	0.1737
Group 2	0.4569	0.1177	0.5746	0.1737
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.6918	-	0.6918	-
Group 2	0.4396	0.2522	0.6918	-
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6260	-	0.6260	0.1882
Group 2	0.3591	0.2669	0.6260	0.1882
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.4235	-	0.4235	0.0187
Group 2	0.4235	-	0.4235	0.0187
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4123	-	0.4123	0.1252
Group 2	0.4123	-	0.4123	0.1252
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.4966	-	0.4966	-
Group 2	0.3479	0.1487	0.4966	-
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.5389	-	0.5389	0.1622
Group 2	0.3086	0.2303	0.5389	0.1622
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.1615	-	1.1615	0.3103
Group 2	0.4663	0.6952	1.1615	0.3103
ZA income				
Group 1	0.7043	-	0.7043	0.2101
Group 2	0.7043	-	0.7043	0.2101

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European smaller capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of small-capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries includes the emerging markets of Europe, but excludes the UK.
- Smaller capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index or, if not included within the index any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.
- The fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index is used as a reference

point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the investment process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -9.12% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared with a return of -4.58% for its target benchmark, (Source: FactSet, the EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK Index +3% up until 31 July 2023, and then MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap Index +3% from 1 August 2023).

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At the stock level, Denmark-listed financial services business, Simcorp, was a top contributor after it received a takeover bid from Deutsche Boerse at a 39% premium. Germany-listed forklift truck manufacturer, Nemetschek, also performed well following the company's move from a license to a subscription-based model which has gone better than expected. Better-than-expected 2022 results helped to lift French perfume group Interparfums during the period, along with news that the company had extended the important Montblanc license. Interparfums has an excellent growth record.

By contrast, sentiment towards the banking sector was damaged by the US banking crisis early in the period as contagion spread across developed markets. Our holding in Italian banking platform, Fineco, was affected by this and was a notable detractor in the period although it later recovered some of the lost ground after releasing interim results that were ahead of expectations. Switzerland-listed industrial company, Komax, also detracted after it announced margin guidance for the year which disappointed some analysts. However, the manufacturer of wire processing machines also released record results and we remain confident in the strong growth potential of the business given the structural growth in process automation and its acquisition of a significant competitor.

France's Teleperformance was hit by a combination of concerns including weaker revenue growth guidance, the threat posed by artificial intelligence technology and the announcement of the significant acquisition of customer experience management firm Majorel. We subsequently sold the fund's position as we were concerned that the acquisition was a material deviation from the stated management strategy and could result in lower margins going forward. Despite share price weakness in the previous 18 months, the holding was extremely profitable for the fund.

Market Review

Continental Europe's stock markets, as measured by the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index, rose over the 6-month period in sterling terms, despite ongoing macroeconomic concerns and further rises in interest rates. However, small-cap stocks dropped back in sterling terms, underperforming their larger peers, as concerns about the impact of the rate hikes on economic growth increased. Early in the period, markets were volatile as the collapse of US-based Silicon Valley Bank prompted investors to question the health of the global banking system. In Europe, the contagion led to the takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS, mentioned above, but swift action by regulators helped to calm the markets and many banks subsequently outperformed as confidence was restored.

The European Central Bank raised interest rates several times in the period as core inflation remained stubbornly high. In July, the deposit rate was moved up to a multi-decade high just as data from Germany showed the country's economy was stagnating. Investor's hopes for better global growth were increased by labour market resilience in the US and expectations of further measures by the authorities in China to stimulate the country's economy. However, better-than-expected economic data late in the period weighed on markets as it revived fears that central banks in Europe and the US would be forced to raise interest rates to higher levels than previously expected.

Portfolio Activity and Review

Major purchases included a new position in Swedish outdoor accessories business, Thule. It is the global leader in the manufacture of bike carriers for vehicles and associated items. The group boasts an excellent history of growth and innovation and has a strong roster of new products ready to launch. It also scored positively on our in-house scoring system, the Matrix.

Against these, we sold our position in Teleperformance, as mentioned above, along with the holding in Corbion, the Netherlands-listed producer of bio-based inputs and ingredients. Corbion faced several challenges, including cost headwinds and a slower-than-expected recovery in certain areas.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

We are more cautious on the outlook for corporate profitability and the prospects for equity markets than the recent rally in equity and bond markets suggests. While it is clear sentiment and positioning going into 2023 were too consensually bearish, we think markets have too aggressively discounted the situation improving from

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here. Even if the trajectory of interest rates has proved less steep than some were expecting, it remains the case that higher rates should raise financing costs and increase return hurdles, which will weigh on corporate profitability. Similarly, a higher discount rate is unlikely to be positive for equity valuations. We therefore think the environment will remain more challenging for corporates resulting in period of higher equity-price volatility.

Over the past decade, equity investing could have been characterised as focused almost exclusively on growth, with little attention paid to valuations. We think that following the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, markets will be much more interested in companies that are resilient to this tougher backdrop. The good news is that this is exactly the kind of business we invest in. Our strategy is well suited to this new environment because we seek to identify companies with attractive income-paying attributes. This means the companies we invest in should be relatively more resilient, while our focus on generating a premium dividend yield makes us naturally more valuation sensitive. We believe income will represent a greater share of equity returns going forward and we take the view that our balanced approach should offer an attractive combination of upside capture and downside protection.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,914	2,403	6,003	6,047
Closing number of shares	558,593	635,407	1,537,142	1,650,507
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	342.70	378.21	390.55	366.39
Change in net asset value per share	(9.39%)	(3.16%)	6.59%	28.27%
Operating charges	1.35%	1.34%	1.35%	1.38%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,725	11,136	4,451	3,532
Closing number of shares	9,081,571	10,527,619	4,094,306	3,479,029
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	96.07	105.78	108.72	101.52
Change in net asset value per share	(9.18%)	(2.70%)	7.09%	28.88%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.87%	0.88%	0.91%
Institutional income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	21,482	2,000	2,000	2,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	49.51	55.27	57.56	53.98
Change in net asset value per share	(10.42%)	(3.98%)	6.63%	7.96%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.87%	0.88%	0.91%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	704	848	1,659	1,098
Closing number of shares	690,443	758,389	1,453,876	1,038,455
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.96	111.84	114.08	105.73
Change in net asset value per share	(8.83%)	(1.96%)	7.90%	29.84%
Operating charges	0.13%	0.12%	0.13%	0.16%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,180	39,850	41,363	31,536
Closing number of shares	7,756,031	9,617,895	9,708,822	7,923,436
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	376.22	414.33	426.03	398.01
Change in net asset value per share	(9.20%)	(2.75%)	7.04%	28.81%
Operating charges	0.93%	0.92%	0.93%	0.96%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Institutional Income share class was launched on 21 October 2020.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (95.22%)		40,402	99.68
European Equities (95.22%)		40,402	99.68
Belgium (2.19%)		1,250	3.08
88,897	Fagron	1,250	3.08
Denmark (1.52%)		1,161	2.87
13,824	SimCorp	1,161	2.87
Finland (3.56%)		1,439	3.55
93,321	Kesko 'B'	1,439	3.55
France (14.54%)		4,677	11.54
9,530	Eurazeo	445	1.10
19,254	Gaztransport Et Technigaz	1,885	4.65
39,772	Interparfums	2,075	5.12
20,745	Nexity	272	0.67
Germany (22.01%)		10,826	26.71
5,848	Amadeus Fire	560	1.38
40,105	CTS Eventim	1,977	4.88
12,917	Dermapharm	487	1.20
62,070	Jungheinrich (Preference)	1,629	4.02
24,387	Nemetschek	1,334	3.29
884	New Work	75	0.18
25,398	OHB	922	2.27
88,575	PATRIZIA	671	1.66
2,994	Rational	1,803	4.45
5,705	Sixt	481	1.19
9,604	Stabilus	425	1.05
19,224	Takkt	221	0.55
18,481	VIB Vermoegen	241	0.59

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Ireland (0.84%)		358	0.88
94,041	Irish Continental	358	0.88
Italy (21.39%)		9,291	22.92
84,805	Azimut	1,552	3.83
57,272	Brembo	629	1.55
28,209	Brunello Cucinelli	1,845	4.55
135,224	FinecoBank	1,466	3.62
17,062	Intercos	196	0.48
49,279	Interpump	1,973	4.87
21,370	MARR	248	0.61
12,775	Reply	1,033	2.55
23,249	WiiT	349	0.86
Netherlands (4.06%)		511	1.26
14,784	ASR Nederland	511	1.26
Norway (2.33%)		1,036	2.56
89,980	Borregaard	1,036	2.56
Spain (4.35%)		2,163	5.34
46,142	CIE Automotive	1,110	2.74
14,164	Vidrala	1,053	2.60
Sweden (8.92%)		3,637	8.97
140,404	AddTech 'B'	1,874	4.62
60,977	Bulten	327	0.81
11,065	Thule	253	0.62
93,241	Troax	1,183	2.92

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Switzerland (9.51%)		4,053	10.00
15,546	Bachem	1,147	2.83
463	Interroll	1,088	2.68
9,207	Komax	1,818	4.49
Collective Investment Schemes (4.80%)		183	0.45
59	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Euro Fund Z3 Inc+	50	0.12
133	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	133	0.33
Total investment assets		40,585	100.13
Net other liabilities		(51)	(0.13)
Total Net Assets		40,534	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(5,137)		(8,900)
Revenue	918		976	
Expenses	(207)		(230)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	706		744	
Taxation	(105)		(139)	
Net revenue after taxation		601		605
Total return before distributions		(4,536)		(8,295)
Distributions		(601)		(605)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,137)		(8,900)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		54,238		53,477
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	974		8,344	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(10,091)		(6,831)	
		(9,117)		1,513
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(5,137)		(8,900)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		550		594
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		40,534		46,684

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		40,585		54,247
Current assets:				
Debtors	196		152	
Cash and bank balances	8		2	
		204		154
Total assets		40,789		54,401
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(255)		(163)	
		(255)		(163)
Total liabilities		(255)		(163)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		40,534		54,238

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	3.8894	-	3.8894	3.4865
Group 2	2.8514	1.0380	3.8894	3.4865
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.3243	-	1.3243	1.2305
Group 2	0.6925	0.6318	1.3243	1.2305
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6910	-	0.6910	0.6415
Group 2	-	0.6910	0.6910	0.6415
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.8093	-	1.8093	1.6627
Group 2	0.4427	1.3666	1.8093	1.6627
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	5.1024	-	5.1024	4.6343
Group 2	2.5508	2.5516	5.1024	4.6343

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Global Balanced Growth Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in a diversified portfolio of assets.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of the following basket of assets per annum over rolling five year periods (after charges). This basket of assets represents the fund's long term strategic asset allocation. This basket is composed of global equities (70%) and global bonds (25%) and money markets (5%) ("basket of assets"). The underlying indices are the following: 20% FTSE All-Share Index, 26% S&P 500, 9% MSCI Europe ex UK, 8% MSCI Japan, 4% MSCI AC Asia Pacific Ex Japan, 3% MSCI Global Emerging Markets, 6% JP Morgan GBI Global Index, 4% FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks, 6% iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index, 5% Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Index 2% Issuer Cap, 4% JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, 5% SONIA.

The performance target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the performance target.

Performance Comparator: IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the indices/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in global equities, corporate investment grade bonds and government bonds issued anywhere in the world (including in emerging markets) either directly or indirectly.
- The fund may hold other securities (e.g. investment trusts, sub-investment grade (high yield) bonds, supranational and other types of bonds, commodities and listed real estate) issued anywhere in the world (including in emerging markets) either directly or indirectly.
- The fund may invest up to 85% of its assets in global equities.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to select individual holdings depending on their growth prospects and/or creditworthiness relative to market expectations, given future economic and business conditions.

- Asset allocation is informed by reference to the basket of assets aligned to the fund's objective and considered representative of the expected risk profile of typical funds in the sector. In addition, short term proportions ("tactical asset allocations") in each asset class may be adjusted at any time relative to the basket of assets with the aim of improving returns.
- The fund will be subject to constraints which are intended to manage risk captured within the portfolio securities. The constraints may vary over time, and due to the active nature of the management process the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the average fund of the IA's Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector average.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to express short term views reflecting expected changes in interest rates, companies share prices, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.
- The fund may also invest in other funds which may use derivatives extensively although these investments shall be in line with fund's overall risk profile.

Performance Review

Over the six-month period under review, the fund returned -0.47% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of -0.19% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector Average).

Source: FactSet; Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

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Equity portfolios

The equity portfolio underperformed its benchmark over the six-month period.

In the UK, among the key detractors was OneSavingsBank (OSB), whose shares fell sharply after OSB was forced to reassess estimates used for predicting profitability on existing loans. This move led to a one-off write-down in book value, but we are satisfied that the risk to future earnings or distributions is low. Insurance company Prudential also detracted from relative results. Initially, prior to the start of the six-month review period, there had been a high degree of optimism around Chinese reopening. However, the stock was weak during the review period due to increased concern about the outlook for growth from its core Chinese market. Meanwhile, shares of Watches of Switzerland (WOSG) were weak on concerns around falling demand for luxury watches. This was exacerbated by the news that key supplier Rolex was to acquire a competitor. We see this development as posing limited risk to WOSG's business model and remain confident of its track record of growth.

In contrast, among the leading contributors to performance was information technology distributor Softcat as shares rebounded on resilient earnings, highlighting continued growth and progress with key clients. 888 also performed well following the announcement of activist involvement in the company. The activist included representation from well-regarded industry figures and this move was taken positively for the stock. Finally, Indivior was another top contributor to relative returns. The company continued to demonstrate the sales potential for its main drug, Sublocade, with consistent market share gains through the first half of the year. Indivior also made progress on the settlement of outstanding legal cases in line with existing provisions.

Moving on to the US, among the leading US shares that detracted from returns were pharma company Abbvie and Royalty Pharma, which purchases biopharmaceutical royalties. Shares in both companies came under pressure amid the market's concerns about pricing for the whole pharma industry being introduced for Medicare as part of the US Inflation Reduction Act. Finally, shares in Nice also

underperformed as investors feared that the company's call centre software could be challenged by displacement of call centres by increased use of artificial intelligence (AI).

Conversely, technology conglomerate Alphabet was among the top performance contributors. The company reported better-than-expected revenue growth, and demonstrated to investors that it will likely be a significant player in the growing AI market. Similarly, chipmaker Marvell Technology also benefitted from market enthusiasm for AI-related semiconductors. Elsewhere, oil equipment and services company Baker Hughes also contributed to relative returns as the company saw improved demand for oil field services combined with easing pressure on input costs.

In Europe, Netherlands-based payments platform Adyen's shares sold off in August following weaker growth than expected in its first-half-year report, particularly in the North American market where the company also spoke of particularly fierce competition in some areas. However, the company reiterated its mid-term targets, and while the timing for operating leverage reaccelerating has been pushed out, we do not think that mid- to long-term growth has been materially impaired. Elsewhere, Allfunds, which offers investment and outsourcing solutions for institutional investors, came under pressure as industry flow data showed weakening trends which may impact the company's short-term earnings. Danish energy company Orsted issued an impairment on several US offshore wind projects planned for completion in 2025-26, due to a combination of higher assumed costs, lower assumed tax credits, and higher interest rates which all feed to a lower appraised asset value. Shares underperformed as the market questioned Orsted's credibility in the US, and the wider value of its development franchise. However, we believe that the reaction has been overdone and we maintain our conviction in the company. We think that the weakness in the stock reflects the current negative market sentiment towards the offshore wind industry and long duration assets.

On the positive side, Danish pharma company Novo Nordisk was the best-performing holding as demand dynamics for its GLP-1 treatment remained strong and sales of the company's obesity drug Wegovy continued to surpass expectations. Switzerland-based investment firm Partners Group's shares also rallied on the back of a strong first-half of 2023 results update which reported performance fees ahead of consensus. Management was also confident about further improvement in the second half of the year and beyond, with the key messaging being around the infrastructure franchise now starting to earn performance fees. Lastly, our lack of exposure to the Netherlands-headquartered BE Semiconductor

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Industries was beneficial given that the second quarter order numbers disappointed the market. In addition, the company's guide for third quarter orders implied that they were not seeing signs of a recovery in China yet.

Government bond portfolio

The government bond portfolio slightly underperformed its benchmark over the six-month period.

Positive strategies included a US curve steepener – long 2s vs 10s – where the fund held the trade at the beginning of period and took profits in March, and then entered the trade again in June. The other strategy that contributed to relative returns was the long cross-market Australia position, while Australia continued to be our favoured long position too. We held the position versus the UK at the start of the period and then re-entered versus US at the end of the period.

On the other hand, the long UK Gilts versus German Bunds strategy detracted from returns. The surprise stickiness of UK inflation in May and June saw UK Gilts materially underperform in cross market pairing.

Portfolio Activity and Review

Equity portfolios

In the UK, we started a position in global infrastructure company Balfour Beatty and engineering group IML. Balfour Beatty pulled back slightly after first half of the year 2023 results missed expectations. But in our view, this was down to project phasing and we see strong long term value in the business supported by an improvement in the outlook for UK construction and infrastructure spend in the next few years. IML is well placed to benefit from a mix shift to higher margin end markets and trades at a material discount to international peers. The purchase also addresses an underweight position in the fund in industrials.

Conversely, the fund sold out of its position in Legal & General Group, which is a lower conviction holding and Dechra Pharmaceuticals, where we took profits after a bid for the company at an attractive premium.

Turning to the US, the fund purchased Proctor and Gamble as we see the company being able to continue to benefit from its investment in new products and improved marketing made since the pandemic. Another purchase was American Express. We believe the company is well positioned to continue to grow new customers through ongoing development of its card rewards and marketing. Eli Lilly was another new position we initiated as we see significant further growth potential for the company's diabetes and anti-obesity drugs, and potential further success from their new drug pipeline.

Conversely, we exited Coca Cola as we see better opportunities elsewhere in the sector. Another position we sold was in Bank of America where net interest margins and credit quality are both likely to deteriorate in a potentially worsening US economic environment. Finally, we also sold Abbvie as the stock market now prices in the company's strong cash flow generation, and we see better growth opportunities elsewhere in the sector.

In Europe, we exited the fund's residual position in contract development and manufacturing company Polypeptide to reallocate capital to stronger ideas following a robust meeting with the company's chair, as we remain concerned that operational issues and cuts in capital expenditure may materially impair the firm's long-term prospects.

Government bond portfolio

UK forward looking data has started to turn as the aggressive monetary policy tightening enacted by the Bank of England (BoE) since December 2021 is finally having an impact. The difficulty for the BoE is that the more backward-looking data was still looking uncomfortably high. As a result of this development, the fund is long UK duration. Gilts underperformed dramatically over the summer due to the narrative that UK inflation was out of control. We believe that narrative was incorrect and are therefore happy to hold UK duration.

The fund also holds duration in Australia. This has been our favoured long position throughout the year, however mostly held on the cross-market position. After the summer of higher global yields, we are now comfortable holding Australia outright.

Further notable positions on the portfolio are curve steepeners. We believe as central banks start to take a pause from hiking, curves globally can start to steepen.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

In global equities, we expect that markets will pay attention to the fourth-quarter reporting season to see if earnings are holding up despite cost pressures and economic uncertainties as global growth slows and data from China mainly disappoints. Meanwhile, central banks in developed markets are not likely to quickly ease policy. Therefore, we will continue to exercise due diligence to manage volatility.

Within fixed income, the key for the UK Gilt market will be how quickly the two key data metrics start to turn. If private sector wages stop accelerating along with services inflation, then the BoE can stop hiking interest rates. Yet, the issue for the BoE is that the market has been here before.

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Data started to worsen in the first quarter of 2023, only for it accelerate again in the second quarter. Gilt market investors have been hurt numerous times over the last 12 months; we therefore need to see the key data metrics recede and continue to recede. If the key metrics recede, the next battle for the BoE will be how to keep the market from aggressively pricing rate hike cuts into 2024. At the moment, the rate cutting cycle is quite gentle in the UK.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	281,924	294,686	326,952	333,453
Closing number of shares	144,612,962	150,094,149	160,047,774	168,007,029
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	194.95	196.33	204.28	198.48
Change in net asset value per share	(0.70%)	(3.89%)	2.92%	12.06%
Operating charges	1.04%	1.10%	1.04%	1.04%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,523	1,638	1,801	1,851
Closing number of shares	1,257,031	1,323,831	1,381,212	1,450,488
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	121.16	123.67	130.43	127.61
Change in net asset value per share	(2.03%)	(5.18%)	2.21%	11.36%
Operating charges	1.04%	1.10%	1.04%	1.04%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,315	23,138	27,865	28,919
Closing number of shares	9,567,683	10,334,362	12,011,839	12,884,951
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	222.78	223.89	231.98	224.44
Change in net asset value per share	(0.50%)	(3.49%)	3.36%	12.53%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.68%	0.62%	0.62%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	984	980	1,306	799
Closing number of shares	824,411	804,256	1,016,005	635,525
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	119.39	121.86	128.53	125.76
Change in net asset value per share	(2.03%)	(5.19%)	2.20%	11.36%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.68%	0.62%	0.62%
Retail CAT accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	166,312	173,623	190,716	191,838
Closing number of shares	112,639,708	116,778,921	123,319,959	127,722,152
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	147.65	148.68	154.65	150.20
Change in net asset value per share	(0.69%)	(3.86%)	2.96%	12.09%
Operating charges	1.01%	1.07%	1.00%	1.00%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	18,141	19,705	19,081	18,842
Closing number of shares	17,276,958	18,668,583	17,438,338	17,789,313
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	105.00	105.55	109.42	105.91
Change in net asset value per share	(0.52%)	(3.54%)	3.31%	12.47%
Operating charges	0.67%	0.73%	0.67%	0.67%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,910	2,070	1,728	1,330
Closing number of shares	2,181,560	2,316,647	1,832,966	1,442,502
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	87.56	89.37	94.26	92.23
Change in net asset value per share	(2.03%)	(5.19%)	2.20%	11.38%
Operating charges	0.67%	0.73%	0.67%	0.67%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,182	2,139	2,325	2,482
Closing number of shares	2,298,690	2,244,091	2,363,150	2,618,765
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	94.91	95.30	98.38	94.76
Change in net asset value per share	(0.41%)	(3.13%)	3.82%	13.00%
Operating charges	0.12%	0.18%	0.12%	0.12%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Due to new guidance that came into force from 30 June 2022, the charges for underlying Closed Ended Funds held on the fund have now been included in the Operating Charges.

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (11.22%)		68,176	13.79
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.03%)		187	0.04
Corporate Bonds (0.03%)		187	0.04
less than 5 years to maturity			
250,000	Cromwell EREIT 2.125% 2025	187	0.04
Sterling Denominated Bonds (11.05%)		66,789	13.51
Corporate Bonds (5.56%)		47,222	9.55
less than 5 years to maturity			
258,000	AA Bond 6.269% 2025	252	0.05
300,000	ABN AMRO Bank 5.25% 2026	295	0.06
388,000	ABP Finance 6.25% 2026	386	0.08
150,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2% 2028	113	0.02
258,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 2.625% 2027	228	0.05
79,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4.375% 2026	77	0.02
258,000	Assura Financing REIT 3% 2028	223	0.04
250,000	AT&T 5.5% 2027	244	0.05
518,000	Athene Global Funding 1.75% 2027	422	0.09
300,000	Banco Santander 1.5% 2026	265	0.05
300,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	314	0.06
500,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.75% 2024	473	0.10
288,000	BAT International Finance 2.25% 2028	241	0.05
388,000	BAT International Finance 4% 2026	366	0.07
200,000	BMW International Investment 5.5% 2026	199	0.04
258,000	BNP Paribas 3.375% 2026	242	0.05
500,000	CaixaBank 1.5% fixed to floating 2026	443	0.09
100,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	99	0.02
142,000	Close Brothers 7.75% 2028	143	0.03
258,000	Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 2026	252	0.05
258,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 2026	240	0.05
200,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 1.875% fixed to floating 2028	172	0.03
250,000	CPPIB Capital 4.375% 2026	244	0.05
258,000	CPUK Finance 3.588% 2025	242	0.05
100,000	Credit Agricole 7.375% 2023	99	0.02

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
372,000	Credit Suisse 7.75% 2026	384	0.08
258,000	Danske Bank 4.625% fixed to floating 2027	247	0.05
300,000	Deutsche Bahn Finance 3.125% 2026	283	0.06
300,000	Deutsche Bank 4% fixed to floating 2026	283	0.06
200,000	DWR Cymru Financing UK 1.625% 2026	179	0.04
155,000	Enel Finance International 5.625% 2024	155	0.03
150,000	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	150	0.03
388,000	Hammerson REIT 3.5% 2025	354	0.07
258,000	Hammerson REIT 6% 2026	243	0.05
258,000	HSBC 2.256% fixed to floating 2026	236	0.05
258,000	HSBC 3% fixed to floating 2028	227	0.05
70,000	Imperial Brands Finance 8.125% 2024	71	0.01
258,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	231	0.05
222,000	Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 2028	223	0.04
258,000	Nationwide Building Society 6.178% fixed to floating 2027	254	0.05
271,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.75% 2024	270	0.05
100,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 1.25% 2023	98	0.02
258,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 2.375% 2025	246	0.05
284,000	Santander UK 3.625% 2026	264	0.05
440,000	Santander UK 7.098% fixed to floating 2027	441	0.09
350,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 3.625% 2026	332	0.07
300,000	Societe Generale 1.875% 2024	286	0.06
258,000	Southern Water Services Finance 1.625% 2027	215	0.04
200,000	Telereal Securitisation 4.9741% 2027	81	0.02
200,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4% 2025	187	0.04
339,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.875% 2027	304	0.06
258,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	230	0.05
550,000	UBS 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	473	0.10
220,000	UBS 7% fixed to floating 2027	223	0.05
230,000	United Utilities Water 5.625% 2027	226	0.05
258,000	Virgin Money UK 4% fixed to floating 2027	234	0.05
400,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2024	379	0.08
390,000	Wells Fargo 3.473% fixed to floating 2028	350	0.07
258,000	Westfield America Management REIT 2.125% 2025	238	0.05
200,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance No 2 1.642% 2026	173	0.02
731,000	Workspace REIT 2.25% 2028	558	0.11
129,000	Yorkshire Power Finance 7.25% 2028	135	0.03

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
310,000	Anglo American Capital 3.375% 2029	269	0.05
259,000	Assura Financing REIT 1.5% 2030	191	0.04
500,000	Banco Santander 2.25% fixed to floating 2032	407	0.08
400,000	Banco Santander 4.75% fixed to floating 2028	378	0.08
302,000	Bank of America 3.584% fixed to floating 2031	259	0.05
285,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	218	0.04
295,000	Barclays 6.369% fixed to floating 2031	287	0.06
258,000	Barclays 8.407% fixed to floating 2032	261	0.05
259,000	Berkeley 2.5% 2031	174	0.04
100,000	Blackstone Property Partners Europe 4.875% 2032	77	0.02
500,000	BNP Paribas 2% fixed to floating 2031	430	0.09
200,000	Broadgate Financing 4.821% 2033	185	0.04
200,000	Broadgate Financing 4.851% 2031	156	0.03
200,000	Broadgate Financing 4.999% 2031	187	0.04
258,000	Cadent Finance 2.125% 2028	216	0.04
95,000	Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 2030	12	-
150,000	CPUK Finance 6.136% 2031	143	0.03
200,000	Credit Agricole 4.875% 2029	189	0.04
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% fixed to floating 2028	81	0.02
400,000	Deutsche Bank 6.125% fixed to floating 2030	371	0.07
375,000	E.ON International Finance 6.25% 2030	385	0.08
359,000	Enel Finance International 2.875% 2029	306	0.06
346,000	ENW Finance 4.893% 2032	324	0.07
258,000	Heathrow Funding 2.75% 2029	215	0.04
258,000	Heathrow Funding 6.45% 2031	264	0.05
600,000	ING 1.125% fixed to floating 2028	487	0.10
200,000	Lloyds Banking 1.985% fixed to floating 2031	170	0.03
258,000	Lloyds Banking 6.625% fixed to floating 2033	249	0.05
379,000	National Australia Bank 1.699% fixed to floating 2031	318	0.06
258,000	NATS (En Route) 1.375% 2031	215	0.04
258,000	NatWest 2.105% fixed to floating 2031	218	0.04
274,000	NatWest 3.619% fixed to floating 2029	241	0.05
517,000	NatWest 3.622% fixed to floating 2030	483	0.10
100,000	NatWest 7.416% fixed to floating 2033	98	0.02
389,000	Nordea Bank 1.625% fixed to floating 2032	310	0.06
200,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 4.5% 2031	180	0.04

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
388,000	Pension Insurance 5.625% 2030	343	0.07
259,000	Realty Income REIT 1.75% 2033	176	0.04
258,000	South Eastern Power Networks 5.625% 2030	256	0.05
346,000	Swedbank 5.875% fixed to floating 2029	335	0.07
250,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.445% 2029	243	0.05
258,000	Telereal Securitisation 6.1645% 2031	214	0.04
388,000	Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 1.875% 2028	319	0.06
200,000	UBS 1.875% fixed to floating 2029	163	0.03
308,000	Unite REIT 3.5% 2028	268	0.05
259,000	Verizon Communications 1.125% 2028	205	0.04
450,000	Virgin Money UK 2.625% fixed to floating 2031	379	0.08
300,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 5.875% 2029	292	0.06
258,000	Welltower REIT 4.8% 2028	239	0.05
258,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% fixed to floating 2030	216	0.04
258,000	Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% fixed to floating 2028	251	0.05
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
286,000	BAT International Finance 6% 2034	258	0.05
259,000	Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 2034	195	0.04
259,000	DWR Cymru Financing UK 2.375% 2034	178	0.04
259,000	DWR Cymru Financing UK 2.5% 2036	187	0.04
900,000	E.ON International Finance 5.875% 2037	885	0.18
258,000	Eversholt Funding 6.697% 2035	214	0.04
400,000	Gatwick Funding 4.625% 2034	354	0.07
100,000	Gatwick Funding 5.75% 2037	95	0.02
271,000	GlaxoSmithKline Capital 5.25% 2033	270	0.05
285,000	Land Securities Capital Markets REIT 2.625% 2037	200	0.04
259,000	Lloyds Banking 2.707% fixed to floating 2035	190	0.04
258,000	McDonald's 3.75% 2038	207	0.04
518,000	Metropolitan Housing Trust 1.875% 2036	335	0.07
346,000	Morgan Stanley 5.789% fixed to floating 2033	335	0.07
518,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038	391	0.08
389,000	National Grid Electricity Transmission 2.75% 2035	287	0.06
195,000	Octagon Healthcare Funding 5.333% 2035	135	0.03
409,000	Orange 5.625% 2034	412	0.08
258,000	Ørsted 5.125% 2034	242	0.05
259,000	Paragon Treasury 2% 2036	168	0.03
267,000	Peabody Capital No 2 2.75% 2034	204	0.04

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518,000	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission 2.25% 2035	364	0.07
259,000	Stonewater Funding 1.625% 2036	165	0.03
636,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.125% 2037	545	0.11
258,000	Transport for London 5% 2035	244	0.05
345,000	United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 2036	340	0.07
258,000	WalMart 5.25% 2035	259	0.05
258,000	Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 2035	239	0.05
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
258,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	215	0.04
104,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 2039	104	0.02
295,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	205	0.04
283,000	Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 2040	210	0.04
359,000	AT&T 4.25% 2043	271	0.05
250,000	AT&T 7% 2040	261	0.05
259,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	175	0.04
259,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	168	0.03
50,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance 6.341% 2046	36	0.01
258,000	Circle Anglia Social Housing 5.2% 2044	233	0.05
285,000	Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 2039	196	0.04
400,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	351	0.07
259,000	Eversholt Funding 3.529% 2042	186	0.04
250,000	Heathrow Funding 4.625% 2046	202	0.04
233,000	HSBC 6% 2040	205	0.04
150,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 5.486% 2042	143	0.03
389,000	Motability Operations 2.375% 2039	264	0.05
150,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 5.125% 2042	132	0.03
200,000	Sanctuary Capital 5% 2047	179	0.04
258,000	Segro REIT 5.125% 2041	234	0.05
259,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2% 2040	151	0.03
259,000	TC Dudgeon Ofco 3.158% 2038	189	0.04
207,000	Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 2040	174	0.04
517,000	Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 2040	443	0.09
258,000	Wheatley Capital 4.375% 2044	215	0.04
greater than 25 years to maturity			
200,000	Accent Capital 2.625% 2049	122	0.02
350,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.269% fixed to floating 2049	337	0.07

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259,000	Aviva 4% fixed to floating 2055	196	0.04
388,000	Aviva 4.375% fixed to floating 2049	335	0.07
340,000	Blend Funding 3.508% 2059	228	0.05
650,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	529	0.11
100,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2049	84	0.02
259,000	Hyde Housing Association 1.75% 2055	115	0.02
258,000	Legal & General 3.75% fixed to floating 2049	213	0.04
284,000	Legal & General 4.5% fixed to floating 2050	241	0.05
400,000	Lloyds Banking 7.875% fixed to floating 2049	359	0.07
258,000	M&G 5.625% fixed to floating 2051	230	0.05
258,000	M&G 6.34% fixed to floating 2063	223	0.05
200,000	NGG Finance 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	190	0.04
259,000	Northern Powergrid Northeast 1.875% 2062	117	0.02
259,000	Notting Hill Genesis 4.375% 2054	205	0.04
259,000	Ørsted 2.5% fixed to floating 3021	170	0.03
258,000	Peabody Capital No 2 4.625% 2053	213	0.04
259,000	RL Finance No 4 4.875% fixed to floating 2049	191	0.04
259,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	144	0.03
259,000	Vattenfall 2.5% fixed to floating 2083	206	0.04
311,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	198	0.04
279,000	Vodafone 5.125% 2052	235	0.05
321,000	Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity 5.125% fixed to floating 2052	283	0.06
Perpetual			
258,000	BP Capital Markets 4.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	228	0.05
Government Bonds (5.49%)		19,567	3.96
less than 5 years to maturity			
271,000	BNG Bank 1.625% 2025	251	0.05
250,000	CPPIB Capital 1.25% 2027	213	0.04
83,000	European Investment Bank 0.75% 2024	78	0.02
34,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2025	32	0.01
21,000	Inter-American Development Bank 1.25% 2023	21	-
136,000	KFW 1.125% 2025	126	0.03
204,000	KFW 3.75% 2027	195	0.04
103,000	Kommunalbanken 0.25% 2025	91	0.02
100,000	Kommunalbanken 4% 2026	97	0.02

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
100,000	Kommunekredit 0.375% 2024	94	0.02
227,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 1.125% 2023	223	0.05
33,000	Nordic Investment Bank 1.125% 2023	32	0.01
15,000	Nordic Investment Bank 1.125% 2025	14	-
284,000	Ontario (Province of Canada) 0.25% 2026	241	0.05
100,000	Ontario (Province of Canada) 0.5% 2023	98	0.02
103,000	Ontario Teachers' Finance Trust 1.125% 2026	92	0.02
103,000	Svensk Exportkredit 1.375% 2023	101	0.02
2,335,900	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2025	2,260	0.46
1,811,800	UK (Govt of) 4.125% 2027	1,774	0.36
643,100	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2028	639	0.13
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
31,000	KFW 5.75% 2032	33	0.01
46,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 2032	48	0.01
34,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.625% 2032	35	0.01
198,000	UK (Govt of) 0.375% 2030	151	0.03
3,245,200	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2029	2,634	0.53
295,600	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029	241	0.05
337,300	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2033	244	0.05
475,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2032	365	0.07
540,600	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	473	0.10
310,200	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2033	284	0.06
470,000	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	504	0.10
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
422,300	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	302	0.06
204,400	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2038	187	0.04
91,400	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	92	0.02
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
381,300	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2046	184	0.04
281,600	UK (Govt of) 1.125% 2039	175	0.04
425,500	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2041	252	0.05
133,527	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	74	-
462,200	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	378	0.08
388,400	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	328	0.07
320,100	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	308	0.06

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340,461	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	326	0.07
757,495	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	715	0.14
374,570	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	369	0.07
360,400	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	369	0.07
greater than 25 years to maturity			
500,000	CPPIB Capital 1.625% 2071	196	0.04
141,500	UK (Govt of) 0.625% 2050	56	0.01
533,200	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2051	256	0.05
235,400	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2053	119	0.02
135,200	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	70	0.01
399,200	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	230	0.05
112,816	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	93	0.02
348,504	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	302	0.06
765,023	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2053	659	0.13
446,250	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	409	0.08
525,800	UK (Govt of) 4% 2063	481	0.10
311,100	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	294	0.06
692,500	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	659	0.13
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.14%)		1,200	0.24
Corporate Bonds (0.14%)		1,200	0.24
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	Charter Communications Operating 4.908% 2025	155	0.03
greater than 25 years to maturity			
384,000	Verizon Communications 3.55% 2051	212	0.04
Perpetual			
200,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	148	0.03
490,000	BNP Paribas 7.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	376	0.08
400,000	ING FRN Perpetual	309	0.06
Equities (55.24%)		279,103	56.47
European Equities (14.37%)		52,989	10.72
Austria (0.18%)		-	-

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Belgium (0.11%)		1,112	0.23
63,576	Azelis	1,112	0.23
Denmark (1.40%)		4,600	0.93
25,538	Novo Nordisk 'B'	3,760	0.76
16,641	Ørsted	840	0.17
Finland (1.03%)		-	-
France (2.39%)		12,277	2.48
39,253	Dassault Systemes	1,231	0.25
34,035	Edenred	1,715	0.35
5,754	L'Oreal	2,000	0.40
3,857	LVMH	2,584	0.52
11,689	Pernod Ricard	1,814	0.37
14,239	Schneider Electric	1,934	0.39
41,724	Ubisoft Entertainment	999	0.20
Germany (2.84%)		6,044	1.22
13,395	Deutsche Boerse	1,884	0.38
10,940	Hannover Rueck	1,843	0.37
18,423	Knorr-Bremse	997	0.20
24,135	Nemetschek	1,320	0.27
Ireland (0.58%)		4,226	0.86
12,254	Accenture 'A'	3,131	0.64
126,973	Grafton	1,095	0.22
Israel (0.24%)		2,976	0.60
19,360	Nice ADR	2,976	0.60

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Italy (0.42%)		845	0.17
32,832	Amplifon	845	0.17
Luxembourg (0.33%)		-	-
Netherlands (2.00%)		8,476	1.71
2,141	Adyen	1,416	0.29
6,383	ASML	3,324	0.67
17,104	Heineken	1,316	0.26
17,789	Prosus	972	0.20
15,200	Wolters Kluwer	1,448	0.29
Norway (0.56%)		1,235	0.25
79,643	Schibsted 'B'	1,235	0.25
Spain (0.12%)		-	-
Sweden (0.73%)		1,310	0.27
143,925	Atlas Copco 'B'	1,310	0.27
Switzerland (1.44%)		9,888	2.00
57,790	Coca-Cola HBC	1,316	0.27
657,113	Glencore	2,769	0.56
3,303	Lonza	1,443	0.29
1,829	Partners	1,561	0.31
5,300	Sika	1,185	0.24
13,482	Straumann	1,614	0.33
North American Equities (16.11%)		131,567	26.62
Bermuda (0.20%)		717	0.15
71,967	Hiscox	717	0.15

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Canada (0.55%)		5,942	1.20
42,531	Canadian Pacific Kansas City	2,663	0.54
10,913	Lululemon Athletica	3,279	0.66
United States (15.36%)		124,908	25.27
13,339	Air Products and Chemicals	3,110	0.63
86,426	Alphabet 'A'	9,287	1.88
72,095	Amazon.com	7,851	1.59
28,951	Amdocs	2,036	0.41
25,490	American Express	3,176	0.64
14,310	American Tower REIT	2,047	0.41
22,616	Analog Devices	3,244	0.66
47,938	Apple	7,107	1.44
17,047	Atkore	2,070	0.42
177,921	Baker Hughes	5,080	1.02
117,962	Boston Scientific	5,021	1.02
56,108	Charles Schwab	2,619	0.53
33,554	Crown	2,453	0.50
34,470	CVS Health	1,773	0.36
13,382	Danaher	2,799	0.57
7,952	Eli Lilly	3,479	0.70
50,042	Emerson Electric	3,877	0.78
34,145	Fiserv	3,270	0.66
13,815	Goldman Sachs	3,571	0.72
18,890	LPL Financial	3,437	0.70
68,947	Marvell Technology	3,166	0.64
13,658	Mastercard 'A'	4,445	0.90
33,892	Merck	2,915	0.59
46,516	MetLife	2,326	0.47
47,570	Microsoft	12,304	2.49
5,137	O'Reilly Automotive	3,809	0.77
32,765	Procter & Gamble	3,991	0.81
12,095	ResMed	1,523	0.31
79,225	Royalty Pharma 'A'	1,863	0.38
62,660	TJX	4,571	0.92

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
10,979	UnitedHealth	4,130	0.83
20,673	Waste Management	2,558	0.52
UK Equities (24.76%)		94,547	19.13
Basic Materials (1.30%)		4,448	0.90
83,689	Anglo American	1,757	0.36
164,088	Bodycote	1,089	0.22
25,896	Rio Tinto	1,262	0.25
22,637	Victrix	340	0.07
Consumer Discretionary (2.19%)		9,185	1.86
507,350	888	647	0.13
24,554	Bellway	524	0.11
117,698	Crest Nicholson	212	0.04
50,262	Entain	582	0.12
115,180	Howden Joinery	852	0.17
377,878	JD Sports Fashion	549	0.11
49,713	Jet2++	524	0.11
275,308	Moonpig	466	0.09
117,373	RELX	3,025	0.61
376,977	Taylor Wimpey	431	0.09
142,278	Watches of Switzerland	828	0.17
37,178	WH Smith	545	0.11
Consumer Staples (2.64%)		10,216	2.07
16,663	British American Tobacco	437	0.09
121,015	Diageo	3,924	0.79
62,483	Hilton Food	420	0.09
43,823	Imperial Brands	784	0.16
115,079	Unilever	4,651	0.94
Energy (3.82%)		14,591	2.95
976,536	BP	4,760	0.96
68,765	Capricorn Energy	118	0.02

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105,742	Energear	1,202	0.24
185,904	Harbour Energy	465	0.10
2,261,559	Savannah Energy*	594	0.12
293,437	Shell	7,075	1.43
236,107	Wood	377	0.08
Financials (6.81%)		22,250	4.50
621,924	abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust+	2,652	0.54
191,270	Allfunds	896	0.18
245,008	Ashmore	475	0.10
1,135,566	Barclays	1,673	0.34
85,477	Close Brothers	701	0.14
83,349	Hargreaves Lansdown	634	0.13
972,523	HSBC	5,670	1.15
73,146	Intermediate Capital	989	0.20
491,125	Just	370	0.07
25,638	London Stock Exchange	2,096	0.42
435,618	NatWest	1,003	0.20
209,014	OSB	713	0.14
224,032	Prudential	2,164	0.44
311,156	Standard Chartered	2,214	0.45
Health Care (3.50%)		14,206	2.87
72,089	AstraZeneca	7,685	1.55
636,553	ConvaTec	1,478	0.30
31,454	Genus	732	0.15
83,645	GSK	1,161	0.23
358,090	Haleon	1,155	0.23
61,716	Indivior	1,123	0.23
72,916	NMC Health**	-	-
81,509	Smith & Nephew	872	0.18
Industrials (1.96%)		9,600	1.94
32,017	Ashtead	1,768	0.36
171,197	Balfour Beatty	560	0.11

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213,966	DS Smith	668	0.13
281,516	Genuit	897	0.18
32,106	IMI	482	0.10
160,690	Inchcape	1,226	0.25
205,029	Marshalls	563	0.11
57,815	Mondi	759	0.15
22,481	Morgan Sindall	443	0.09
179,166	Rentokil Initial	1,078	0.22
69,933	RS	531	0.11
141,824	Vesuvius	625	0.13
Real Estate (0.24%)		1,093	0.22
148,306	Segro REIT	1,093	0.22
Technology (0.61%)		3,058	0.62
116,188	Auto Trader	704	0.14
82,258	Sage	799	0.16
103,460	Softcat	1,555	0.32
Telecommunications (0.77%)		2,204	0.45
645,972	BT	746	0.15
369,393	Helios Towers	336	0.07
30,605	Telecom Plus	486	0.10
868,676	Vodafone	636	0.13
Utilities (0.92%)		3,696	0.75
82,344	Drax	454	0.09
123,690	National Grid	1,225	0.25
124,039	SSE	2,017	0.41
Collective Investment Schemes (21.62%)		91,705	18.55
41,598,397	abrdn (Lothian) Japan Trust Institutional Acc+	20,254	4.10
11,971,512	abrdn (Lothian) Pacific Basin Trust Institutional Acc+	20,687	4.19

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9,776,308	abrdn Emerging Markets Income Equity Fund ZC Acc+	10,549	2.13
2,472,499	abrdn Global Government Bond Fund SICAV I Z Acc+	28,839	5.83
870,211	abrdn Total Return Credit Fund SICAV II Z Acc+	11,376	2.30
Derivatives (-0.39%)		(204)	(0.04)
Credit Default Swaps (0.00%)		(999)	(0.20)
USD 32,600,000	Sell CDX Emerging Markets Series 39 20/06/2028 1%	(999)	(0.20)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.15%)		(298)	(0.06)
	Buy AUD 3,942 Sell GBP 1,992 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 4,932 Sell GBP 2,620 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 5,392 Sell GBP 2,833 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 5,976 Sell GBP 3,044 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 6,417 Sell GBP 3,435 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 7,515 Sell GBP 3,830 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 7,690 Sell GBP 4,043 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 7,959 Sell GBP 4,103 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 8,120 Sell GBP 4,118 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 8,507 Sell GBP 4,280 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 8,906 Sell GBP 4,634 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 10,263 Sell GBP 5,251 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 11,616 Sell GBP 6,001 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 11,890 Sell GBP 6,191 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 13,008 Sell GBP 6,790 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 13,971 Sell GBP 7,349 07/09/2023	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 2,957 Sell GBP 2,551 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 4,170 Sell GBP 3,561 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 4,600 Sell GBP 3,958 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 94,404 Sell GBP 80,921 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 221,465 Sell GBP 189,849 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,146 Sell AUD 4,033 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,625 Sell AUD 4,932 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 3,431 Sell AUD 6,587 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 3,456 Sell AUD 6,706 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 3,968 Sell AUD 7,647 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,079 Sell AUD 7,974 07/09/2023	-	-

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	Buy GBP 4,093 Sell AUD 8,015 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,386 Sell AUD 8,503 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,689 Sell AUD 9,216 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,410 Sell AUD 10,607 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,453 Sell AUD 10,385 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,679 Sell AUD 11,072 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,930 Sell AUD 11,793 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,220 Sell AUD 11,737 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 8,808 Sell AUD 16,897 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 1,758 Sell EUR 2,036 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,344 Sell EUR 2,727 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,006 Sell EUR 5,841 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,963 Sell EUR 6,964 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 266,401 Sell EUR 310,029 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 192,633 Sell EUR 224,095 07/12/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 18,776,434 Sell JPY 3,470,000,000 07/09/2023	(53)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,142 Sell USD 1,449 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,133 Sell USD 5,250 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,404 Sell USD 5,625 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 4,474 Sell USD 5,719 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,227 Sell USD 6,626 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,151 Sell USD 7,812 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,202 Sell USD 7,875 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,233 Sell USD 8,000 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,692 Sell USD 9,812 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,977 Sell USD 10,187 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,997 Sell USD 10,195 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 8,945 Sell USD 11,363 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 9,027 Sell USD 11,622 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 10,528 Sell USD 13,368 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 31,981 Sell USD 40,635 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 42,753 Sell USD 53,679 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 1,254,530 Sell USD 1,595,827 07/09/2023	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 1,225,472 Sell USD 1,553,754 07/12/2023	(1)	-
	Buy JPY 3,470,000,000 Sell GBP 19,074,747 07/09/2023	(301)	(0.06)
	Buy JPY 3,470,000,000 Sell GBP 19,049,209 07/12/2023	59	0.01
	Buy USD 3,313 Sell GBP 2,595 07/09/2023	-	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy USD 5,625 Sell GBP 4,298 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 6,422 Sell GBP 5,017 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 6,469 Sell GBP 5,039 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 7,055 Sell GBP 5,529 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 7,375 Sell GBP 5,715 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 7,949 Sell GBP 6,320 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 8,125 Sell GBP 6,310 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 8,343 Sell GBP 6,381 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 9,257 Sell GBP 7,245 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 19,614 Sell GBP 15,481 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 25,356 Sell GBP 20,083 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 32,213 Sell GBP 25,270 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 104,173 Sell GBP 81,287 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy USD 1,553,754 Sell GBP 1,225,616 07/09/2023	1	-
Futures (-0.24%)		1,093	0.22
15	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 15/09/2023	1	-
28	Long Long Gilt Future 27/12/2023	29	-
130	Long MSCI Emerging Markets Index Future 15/09/2023	(174)	(0.04)
164	Long Topix Index Future 07/09/2023	1,069	0.22
15	Long US 2 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	7	-
13	Long US 5 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	8	-
105	Long US 10 Year Note (CBT) Future 19/12/2023	93	0.02
126	Long US Ultra Bond (CBT) Future 19/12/2023	233	0.05
(272)	Short Euro Stoxx 50 Future 15/09/2023	102	0.02
(66)	Short FTSE 100 Index Future 15/09/2023	90	0.02
(61)	Short S&P 500 E-mini Future 15/09/2023	(354)	(0.07)
(9)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/12/2023	(11)	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		438,780	88.77
Net other assets		55,511	11.23
Total Net Assets		494,291	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

++ AIM listed.

* Suspended.

** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(10,351)		(23,278)
Revenue	9,420		7,123	
Expenses	(2,430)		(2,653)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		(6)	
Net revenue before taxation	6,988		4,464	
Taxation	(135)		(204)	
Net revenue after taxation		6,853		4,260
Total return before distributions		(3,498)		(19,018)
Distributions		(6,853)		(4,260)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(10,351)		(23,278)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		517,978		571,774
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,613		2,458	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(21,593)		(18,135)	
		(19,980)		(15,677)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(10,351)		(23,278)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		6,644		4,148
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		494,291		536,967

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		440,679		456,866
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,668		2,927	
Cash and bank balances	53,549		63,172	
		56,217		66,099
Total assets		496,896		522,965
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(1,899)		(2,655)
Bank overdrafts	-		(11)	
Creditors	(641)		(2,287)	
Distribution payable	(65)		(34)	
		(706)		(2,332)
Total liabilities		(2,605)		(4,987)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		494,291		517,978

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	2.6013	–	2.6013	1.4923
Group 2	1.5771	1.0242	2.6013	1.4923
Retail income				
Group 1	1.6390	–	1.6390	0.9529
Group 2	0.7929	0.8461	1.6390	0.9529
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	3.4384	–	3.4384	2.1760
Group 2	2.0430	1.3954	3.4384	2.1760
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.8649	–	1.8649	1.2058
Group 2	1.5801	0.2848	1.8649	1.2058
Retail CAT accumulation				
Group 1	1.9908	–	1.9908	1.1531
Group 2	1.1288	0.8620	1.9908	1.1531
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.5943	–	1.5943	0.9993
Group 2	0.9494	0.6449	1.5943	0.9993
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.3504	–	1.3504	0.8609
Group 2	0.8742	0.4762	1.3504	0.8609
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.5465	–	1.5465	1.1094
Group 2	0.8179	0.7286	1.5465	1.1094

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Global Focused Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Index plus 3% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: The IA's Global Equity sector.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- The fund looks to deliver a concentrated portfolio of the highest conviction investment ideas of the management team in companies of all sizes.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC World Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC World Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned 6.89% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of 7.10% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, MSCI AC World Net Total Return Index +3%).

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From a stock-specific perspective, Charles Schwab's share price fell significantly in the aftermath of Silicon Valley Bank's failure. The banking industry experienced an indiscriminate sell-off in March and Charles Schwab came under pressure due to the debate around its balance-sheet financing. However, Charles Schwab's liquidity position remains strong given both the company's organic cash generation and its external funding capacity. Not owning NVIDIA weighed on relative returns as its shares performed particularly well. The company is seeing increased data centre sales and Google has chosen to deploy its own AI models on NVIDIA's L4 inference chips. Similarly, the fund's lack of exposure to Apple weighed on relative returns as the stock rose strongly. AbbVie detracted from performance as investors grew concerned about future drug pricing risk.

By contrast, Vertiv Holdings notably outperformed the market on the back of NVIDIA's strong guidance and investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence (AI). Vertiv is a key supplier for data centres and has a speciality in high heat management, which is a major part of AI processing. Elsewhere, Amazon shares performed strongly as investors focused on the company's cost-cutting upside and the momentum in Amazon Web Services. Meanwhile, Microsoft outperformed the market as it announced strong results that showed strength in AI and robust growth from the other major segments of the company.

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Tetra Tech also performed well, continuing its strong order momentum with new contracts announced in the US (the US Army) and overseas (Scottish Water).

Market Review

Global stock markets rose in sterling terms, and more notably in local-currency terms, over the six months as share prices continued their upward trajectory after the sell-off in the first half of 2022.

Inflation dominated the economic environment. Central banks in Western economies raised interest rates faster and much further than previously anticipated to counter multi-decade-high inflation. Despite these aggressive central bank actions, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates.

At the start of the period under review, the collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March evoked fears of a banking crisis. However, stock markets recovered after an initial sell-off. Following a quiet April, most stock markets fell in May due to continued uncertainty about the interest-rate outlook, the global economy and the US debt ceiling. News of a compromise agreement on the latter and further encouraging inflation data then led to a strong performance from equities in June and July. Concerns that interest rates would stay higher for longer then led to negative returns for equities in August.

Portfolio Activity and Review

We sold our position in BAWAG Group as we reduced our exposure to smaller, less liquid names on the back of several prominent bank failures in March.

We also divested our small position in Meituan, which we received after Tencent spun off its stake in the company.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Pressures caused by high energy prices, geopolitical tensions, the cost-of-living crisis and rising interest rates still prevail in many parts of the world and could be around for some time, in our view. We may now be closer to the end of the tightening cycle than the start. However, while markets continue to move higher in many areas, particularly in the US, it is a very narrow handful of stocks that are behind this. Against such a challenging backdrop, the portfolio will remain diversified, defensive and focused on businesses best positioned to manage financial pressures through to times of greater market stability. Periods of market weakness, when they occur, represent an opportunity for the long-term investor. We reiterate the importance of a diversified portfolio with a 'bottom-up' investment approach focused on quality characteristics.

DM Sustainable & Thematic Equity Team

September 2023

abrdn Global Focused Equity Fund

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator. The risk and reward indicator changed from 5 to 6 on 14 April 2023.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

- All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.
- The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.
- Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.
- The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.
- The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.
- In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.
- The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,813	10,388	13,590	15,144
Closing number of shares	5,837,871	6,602,120	8,890,887	9,643,785
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	168.09	157.35	152.85	157.04
Change in net asset value per share	6.83%	2.94%	(2.67%)	13.12%
Operating charges	1.36%	1.36%	1.39%	1.38%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	575	756	888	948
Closing number of shares	685,169	961,508	1,163,843	1,209,617
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	83.94	78.58	76.32	78.41
Change in net asset value per share	6.82%	2.96%	(2.67%)	13.11%
Operating charges	1.36%	1.36%	1.39%	1.38%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,897	11,215	13,118	16,628
Closing number of shares	5,072,737	6,155,075	7,447,036	9,231,583
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	195.11	182.21	176.16	180.12
Change in net asset value per share	7.08%	3.43%	(2.20%)	13.65%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.92%	0.91%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	538	40,040	47,310	57,618
Closing number of shares	302,238	24,127,971	29,606,756	35,405,429
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	178.00	165.95	159.79	162.74
Change in net asset value per share	7.26%	3.86%	(1.81%)	14.11%
Operating charges	0.49%	0.49%	0.52%	0.51%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,344	2,047	2,132	2,650
Closing number of shares	2,689,095	2,515,193	2,711,872	3,297,248
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	87.16	81.38	78.63	80.37
Change in net asset value per share	7.10%	3.50%	(2.16%)	13.73%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.84%	0.87%	0.86%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,997	18,426	17,346	22,694
Closing number of shares	12,771,093	13,993,892	13,613,086	17,401,269
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	140.92	131.67	127.42	130.42
Change in net asset value per share	7.03%	3.34%	(2.30%)	13.54%
Operating charges	0.99%	0.99%	1.02%	1.01%

ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,632	3,580	3,442	3,535
Closing number of shares	2,078,283	2,201,691	2,207,854	2,234,776
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	174.78	162.58	155.92	158.16
Change in net asset value per share	7.50%	4.27%	(1.42%)	14.56%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.12%	0.11%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.14%)		42,930	95.84
European Equities (20.91%)		7,419	16.56
Austria (3.96%)		-	-
Germany (10.24%)		4,092	9.13
23,742	CTS Eventim	1,170	2.61
28,263	Mercedes-Benz	1,637	3.65
39,405	RWE	1,285	2.87
Poland (2.83%)		1,679	3.75
180,647	InPost	1,679	3.75
Spain (3.88%)		1,648	3.68
54,526	Cellnex Telecom	1,648	3.68
Japanese Equities (3.90%)		1,625	3.63
24,700	Sony	1,625	3.63
North American Equities (60.61%)		28,691	64.05
United States (60.61%)		28,691	64.05
14,567	AbbVie	1,689	3.77
21,669	Alphabet 'C'	2,348	5.24
18,881	Amazon.com	2,056	4.59
9,124	Analog Devices	1,308	2.92
52,191	Boston Scientific	2,222	4.96
32,175	Charles Schwab	1,502	3.35
28,012	Coca-Cola	1,322	2.95
26,288	Emerson Electric	2,037	4.55
5,871	Mastercard 'A'	1,911	4.27
10,894	Microsoft	2,818	6.29
31,452	RingCentral 'A'	768	1.72
5,146	S&P Global	1,587	3.54
14,545	Tetra Tech	1,806	4.03

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
26,978	TJX	1,968	4.39
52,938	Vertiv	1,645	3.67
13,774	Waste Management	1,704	3.81
Pacific Basin Equities (5.25%)		2,087	4.66
China (3.30%)		1,257	2.81
38,457	Tencent	1,257	2.81
23,966,000	Tianhe Chemicals**	-	-
Hong Kong (0.00%)		-	-
1,055,400	China Metal Recycling**	-	-
Taiwan (1.95%)		830	1.85
61,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	830	1.85
UK Equities (7.47%)		3,108	6.94
Consumer Staples (3.64%)		1,464	3.27
45,148	Diageo	1,464	3.27
Health Care (3.83%)		1,644	3.67
15,419	AstraZeneca	1,644	3.67
Collective Investment Schemes (1.75%)		1,579	3.52
1,579	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	1,579	3.52
Total investment assets		44,509	99.36
Net other assets		287	0.64
Total Net Assets		44,796	100.00

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The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		5,544		(2,395)
Revenue	798		790	
Expenses	(304)		(356)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	494		431	
Taxation	(90)		(114)	
Net revenue after taxation		404		317
Total return before equalisation		5,948		(2,078)
Equalisation on shares		(211)		(21)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,737		(2,099)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		86,452		97,826
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,199		6,671	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(52,614)		(15,514)	
		(47,415)		(8,843)
Dilution adjustment		22		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		5,737		(2,099)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		44,796		86,884

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		44,509		86,355
Current assets:				
Debtors	325		203	
Cash and bank balances	16		28	
		341		231
Total assets		44,850		86,586
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(54)		(134)	
		(54)		(134)
Total liabilities		(54)		(134)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		44,796		86,452

abrdn Global Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in global equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To deliver a yield greater than that of the MSCI AC World Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) and achieve a return in excess of the MSCI AC World Index over a rolling five year period (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA Global Equity Income sector average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 80% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on recognised stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. Given the fund's income objective, the management team place particular emphasis on understanding business fundamentals and dynamics and the impact this has on cash flow generation and the company's ability to allocate cash effectively.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC World Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the income nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC World Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

The fund returned -0.14% over the review period (source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, gross of fees). This compares with a target benchmark return of 1.50% (Source: FactSet, MSCI AC World Index). The fund's Platform 1 Income yield was 2.61% over the last six months versus a target yield of 2.21% (MSCI AC World Index).

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

In terms of individual stock detractors, the portfolio does not hold NVIDIA, which weighed on relative returns. The US-based chipmaker gave a very bullish sales forecast on the demand for artificial intelligence (AI) processors, which took the stock to an all-time high. Nvidia does not pay a dividend. Alphabet, Apple nor Amazon were also unowned. These are large index constituents which performed well over the period, so these also impacted relative performance. Neither Alphabet nor Amazon pay a dividend. Apple does pay one but it is small relative to its size with a yield of around 0.5%.

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By contrast, Eli Lilly outperformed due to its exposure to diabetes drugs that can in fact be repurposed to tackle obesity. Meanwhile, Microsoft outperformed the market as it announced strong results that showed strength in AI and robust growth from the other major segments of the company. BE Semiconductor Industries reported impressive gross margin stability in its fourth-quarter results, as well as a standout order book, which was driven by high-end smartphone demand and its market-leading hybrid-bonding business. Emerson Electric reported a good set of results and upgraded its guidance as energy-sector tailwinds continued to support the company's near-term earnings.

Market Review

Global stock markets rose in sterling terms, and more notably in local-currency terms, over the six months as share prices continued their upward trajectory after the sell-off in the first half of 2022.

Inflation dominated the economic environment. Central banks in Western economies raised interest rates faster and much further than previously anticipated to counter multi-decade-high inflation. Despite these aggressive central bank actions, core inflation, which strips out volatile items such as energy and food, stayed at elevated levels in many countries. Nevertheless, global economic growth held up better than many investors expected, defying fears of a recession triggered by higher rates.

At the start of the period under review, the collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March evoked fears of a banking crisis. However, stock markets recovered after an initial sell-off. Following a quiet April, most stock markets fell in May due to continued uncertainty about the interest-rate outlook, the global economy and the US debt ceiling. News of a compromise agreement on the latter and further encouraging inflation data then led to a strong performance from equities in June and July. Concerns that interest rates would stay higher for longer then led to negative returns for equities in August.

Portfolio Activity and Review

We initiated a holding in Amadeus IT Group as the medium-term growth opportunity from a resumption in air travel looks compelling.

We also purchased Hiscox in recognition of strong reinsurance rates as well as improved performance from the business after issues under its previous management.

In addition, we introduced a position in Danone given the company's turnaround is starting to bear fruit, particularly in the US, with Europe likely to follow.

We sold our holding in Fidelity Information Services due to our falling conviction that the company's technology is able to defend it against competitive threats in certain areas and markets.

We also disposed of Sony Group. This was due to the potential compression of Sony's return on capital metrics because of its large spending programme, some of which is to defend against Microsoft's attempted purchase of Activision.

In addition, we sold our position in BAWAG Group, partly due to the banking situation in the US, where we were concerned about contagion to other regions.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Pressures caused by high energy prices, geopolitical tensions, the cost-of-living crisis and rising interest rates still prevail in many parts of the world and could be around for some time, in our view. We may now be closer to the end of the tightening cycle than the start. However, while markets continue to move higher in many areas, particularly in the US, it is a very narrow handful of stocks that are behind this. Against such a challenging backdrop, the portfolio will remain diversified, defensive and focused on businesses best positioned to manage financial pressures through to times of greater market stability. Periods of market weakness, when they occur, represent an opportunity for the long-term investor. We reiterate the importance of a diversified portfolio with a 'bottom-up' investment approach focused on quality characteristics.

DM Income & Real Assets Equity Team

September 2023

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

- All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.
- The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.
- Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.
- The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.
- The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.
- In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.
- The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	301	9,094	8,856	8,732
Closing number of shares	229,395	6,882,146	6,992,869	7,681,275
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	131.32	132.14	126.65	113.67
Change in net asset value per share	(0.62%)	4.33%	11.42%	8.81%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.31%	1.32%	1.34%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	249	232	253	236
Closing number of shares	265,083	241,158	267,706	272,593
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	93.98	96.14	94.30	86.67
Change in net asset value per share	(2.25%)	1.95%	8.80%	6.32%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.31%	1.32%	1.34%
Retail Founder accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	79,498	83,155	85,451	82,551
Closing number of shares	22,136,014	23,052,026	24,787,319	26,758,460
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	359.13	360.73	344.74	308.50
Change in net asset value per share	(0.44%)	4.64%	11.75%	9.13%
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.04%
Retail Founder income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,373	1,420	1,498	1,272
Closing number of shares	1,396,673	1,413,513	1,524,877	1,413,076
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	98.33	100.43	98.22	90.00
Change in net asset value per share	(2.09%)	2.25%	9.13%	6.65%
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.04%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,589	2,789	3,299	4,109
Closing number of shares	1,840,904	1,976,754	2,450,271	3,416,901
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	140.61	141.12	134.63	120.27
Change in net asset value per share	(0.36%)	4.82%	11.94%	9.33%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%	0.87%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	206	270	344	342
Closing number of shares	204,762	262,807	343,640	373,580
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.54	102.59	100.17	91.63
Change in net asset value per share	(2.00%)	2.42%	9.32%	6.82%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%	0.87%

Comparative Tables

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Institutional Founder accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,100	5,335	6,020	6,210
Closing number of shares	1,271,387	1,326,889	1,573,358	1,821,125
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	401.16	402.09	382.63	340.98
Change in net asset value per share	(0.23%)	5.09%	12.21%	9.59%
Operating charges	0.60%	0.59%	0.60%	0.62%
Institutional Founder income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	187	283	314	273
Closing number of shares	181,240	268,841	305,593	291,485
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	103.44	105.42	102.68	93.69
Change in net asset value per share	(1.88%)	2.67%	9.60%	7.10%
Operating charges	0.60%	0.59%	0.60%	0.62%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,792	11,423	10,691	10,971
Closing number of shares	7,866,669	8,294,951	8,133,168	9,337,380
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	137.18	137.71	131.44	117.49
Change in net asset value per share	(0.38%)	4.77%	11.87%	9.26%
Operating charges	0.90%	0.89%	0.90%	0.92%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,371	2,412	2,431	2,756
Closing number of shares	2,374,796	2,366,716	2,442,771	3,025,863
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.83	101.90	99.54	91.09
Change in net asset value per share	(2.03%)	2.37%	9.28%	6.78%
Operating charges	0.90%	0.89%	0.90%	0.92%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	304	323	346	308
Closing number of shares	244,548	260,166	294,095	295,118
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	124.34	124.31	117.72	104.38
Change in net asset value per share	0.02%	5.60%	12.78%	10.14%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.09%	0.10%	0.12%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.
Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.89%)		101,428	98.50
Emerging Market Equities (0.00%)		4,523	4.39
Brazil (0.00%)		4,523	4.39
1,121,100	CCR	2,225	2.16
814,400	Omega Energia	1,299	1.26
281,000	Rumo	999	0.97
European Equities (26.98%)		32,810	31.86
Austria (1.88%)		-	-
Denmark (1.96%)		-	-
Finland (3.83%)		-	-
France (6.44%)		13,251	12.87
30,400	Eiffage	2,378	2.31
257,300	Engie	3,282	3.19
157,700	Getlink	2,086	2.02
102,500	Veolia Environment	2,533	2.46
33,700	Vinci	2,972	2.89
Germany (3.37%)		2,708	2.63
83,057	RWE	2,708	2.63
Italy (0.00%)		5,869	5.70
43,400	Buzzi	1,026	1.00
563,700	Enel	2,996	2.91
188,900	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane	1,847	1.79
Netherlands (2.06%)		-	-
Norway (2.10%)		-	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Spain (0.00%)		10,982	10.66
25,900	Aena	3,217	3.12
85,900	Cellnex Telecom	2,596	2.52
142,400	EDP Renovaveis	2,061	2.00
124,100	Ferrovial	3,108	3.02
Sweden (1.20%)		-	-
Switzerland (4.14%)		-	-
Japanese Equities (4.49%)		-	-
Latin American Equities (0.00%)		5,557	5.40
Argentina (0.00%)		1,705	1.66
49,800	Corp America Airports	553	0.54
220,200	Loma Negra Cia Industrial Argentina ADR	1,152	1.12
Mexico (0.00%)		3,852	3.74
196,600	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte	1,816	1.76
266,700	Promotora y Operadora de Infraestructura	2,036	1.98
North American Equities (49.63%)		44,415	43.13
Canada (0.97%)		6,768	6.57
241,400	Algonquin Power & Utilities	1,433	1.39
40,000	Canadian Pacific Kansas City	2,504	2.43
102,300	Enbridge	2,831	2.75
United States (48.66%)		37,647	36.56
130,700	Altus Power	666	0.65
28,200	American Electric Power	1,745	1.69
16,564	American Tower REIT	2,369	2.30
77,000	CenterPoint Energy	1,695	1.65
12,900	Cheniere Energy	1,662	1.61

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
67,700	Clearway Energy 'C'	1,323	1.28
45,500	CMS Energy	2,017	1.96
161,400	CoreCivic	1,369	1.33
28,100	Crown Castle REIT	2,228	2.16
43,300	DISH Network 'A'	205	0.20
11,000	Dycom Industries	868	0.84
61,700	FirstEnergy	1,756	1.71
231,100	Kinder Morgan	3,141	3.05
52,226	NextEra Energy	2,752	2.67
45,800	NextEra Energy Partners	1,802	1.75
9,300	Norfolk Southern	1,504	1.46
87,500	PPL	1,720	1.67
9,975	Union Pacific	1,736	1.69
30,400	Verizon Communications	839	0.81
71,300	Vistra	1,768	1.72
10,613	Waste Management	1,313	1.28
116,300	Williams	3,169	3.08
Pacific Basin Equities (7.32%)		7,577	7.36
Australia (0.00%)		1,120	1.09
603,600	Aurizon	1,120	1.09
China (0.00%)		270	0.26
28,600	GDS ADR	270	0.26
8,100,000	Tianhe Chemicals**	-	-
Hong Kong (1.69%)		1,126	1.09
182,000	CLP	1,126	1.09
Indonesia (0.00%)		865	0.84
16,199,500	Sarana Menara Nusantara	865	0.84

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Malaysia (0.00%)		1,911	1.86
1,526,600	Malaysia Airports	1,911	1.86
Philippines (0.00%)		2,285	2.22
791,200	International Container Terminal Services	2,285	2.22
South Korea (2.82%)		-	-
Taiwan (2.81%)		-	-
UK Equities (10.47%)		6,546	6.36
Basic Materials (2.72%)		-	-
Consumer Discretionary (1.97%)		679	0.66
811,400	Mobico	679	0.66
Consumer Staples (1.39%)		-	-
Health Care (2.79%)		-	-
Industrials (0.00%)		530	0.52
90,700	IHS	530	0.52
Telecommunications (0.00%)		2,430	2.36
1,229,630	Helios Towers	1,120	1.09
1,789,400	Vodafone	1,310	1.27
Utilities (1.60%)		2,907	2.82
134,600	National Grid	1,333	1.29
96,824	SSE	1,574	1.53

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Derivatives (0.00%)		-	-
Total investment assets		101,428	98.50
Net other assets		1,542	1.50
Total Net Assets		102,970	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.
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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(1,811)		3,355
Revenue	2,082		1,979	
Expenses	(559)		(599)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,523		1,379	
Taxation	(192)		(265)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,331		1,114
Total return before distributions		(480)		4,469
Distributions		(1,352)		(1,136)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,832)		3,333

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		116,736		119,503
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	822		2,401	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(14,017)		(7,093)	
		(13,195)		(4,692)
Dilution adjustment		5		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(1,832)		3,333
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,256		1,058
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		102,970		119,202

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		101,428		115,444
Current assets:				
Debtors	11,427		494	
Cash and bank balances	1,492		1,157	
		12,919		1,651
Total assets		114,347		117,095
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(11,356)		(338)	
Distribution payable	(21)		(21)	
		(11,377)		(359)
Total liabilities		(11,377)		(359)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		102,970		116,736

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.1510	-	1.1510	0.8164
Group 2	0.7346	0.4164	1.1510	0.8164
Retail income				
Group 1	1.1528	-	1.1528	0.9223
Group 2	1.0766	0.0762	1.1528	0.9223
Retail Founder accumulation				
Group 1	3.4163	-	3.4163	2.4882
Group 2	1.9415	1.4748	3.4163	2.4882
Retail Founder income				
Group 1	1.2046	-	1.2046	0.9611
Group 2	1.2046	-	1.2046	0.9611
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.3973	-	1.3973	1.0306
Group 2	0.8686	0.5287	1.3973	1.0306
Institutional income				
Group 1	1.2310	-	1.2310	0.9803
Group 2	0.2447	0.9863	1.2310	0.9803
Institutional Founder accumulation				
Group 1	4.2368	-	4.2368	3.1753
Group 2	3.5496	0.6872	4.2368	3.1753
Institutional Founder income				
Group 1	1.2652	-	1.2652	1.0050
Group 2	0.4030	0.8622	1.2652	1.0050
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.3461	-	1.3461	0.9893
Group 2	0.9777	0.3684	1.3461	0.9893
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.2225	-	1.2225	0.9740
Group 2	0.6827	0.5398	1.2225	0.9740
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.4679	-	1.4679	1.1286
Group 2	1.0874	0.3805	1.4679	1.1286

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.1869	–	0.1869	0.1674
Group 2	0.1280	0.0589	0.1869	0.1674
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4453	–	0.4453	0.4362
Group 2	0.3509	0.0944	0.4453	0.4362
Retail Founder accumulation				
Group 1	0.7802	–	0.7802	0.7230
Group 2	0.4629	0.3173	0.7802	0.7230
Retail Founder income				
Group 1	0.4655	–	0.4655	0.4549
Group 2	0.4655	–	0.4655	0.4549
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.3662	–	0.3662	0.3416
Group 2	0.2084	0.1578	0.3662	0.3416
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4759	–	0.4759	0.4645
Group 2	0.1345	0.3414	0.4759	0.4645
Institutional Founder accumulation				
Group 1	1.2986	–	1.2986	1.2188
Group 2	0.8205	0.4781	1.2986	1.2188
Institutional Founder income				
Group 1	0.4887	–	0.4887	0.4763
Group 2	0.1384	0.3503	0.4887	0.4763
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.3397	–	0.3397	0.3165
Group 2	0.1755	0.1642	0.3397	0.3165

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4726	–	0.4726	0.4613
Group 2	0.2183	0.2543	0.4726	0.4613
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.5603	–	0.5603	0.5280
Group 2	0.4129	0.1474	0.5603	0.5280

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Global Smaller Companies Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Global small-capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Small Cap Index, plus 3% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA Global Equity Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in small-capitalisation equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- Small capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the MSCI AC World Small Cap Index or, if not included within the index, any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.
- The fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC World Small Cap Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC World Small Cap Index.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -6.15% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of 0.02% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, MSCI AC World Small Cap Index +3%), while the benchmark MSCI AC World Small Cap Index returned -1.39%.

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

Good stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector made the largest contribution to performance in the period with Asics, Deckers Outdoor Corporation and Yeti Corporation all among the top performers. The industrials sector, in which we have our largest weighting, detracted from performance overall but Japanese construction materials group Sanwa Holdings emerged as a top contributor. Another notable outperformer was SiteOne after its management confirmed that volumes remained solid, with the exception of new residential demand, and margin pressures appeared temporary.

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On the other hand, France's Teleperformance was hit by a combination of concerns including weaker revenue growth guidance, the threat posed by artificial intelligence technology (AI) and the announcement of the significant acquisition of customer experience management firm Majorel. We subsequently sold the fund's position in Teleperformance. In the software sector, gaming group Keywords Studios was also hit by the perception that it would not benefit from AI due to being an outsourcer of labour rather than a technology company. By contrast, Lattice Semiconductor, a producer of programmable logic semiconductors used in data centre servers and 'internet of things' devices, benefitted from the optimism surrounding AI and its shares maintained their momentum.

Our underweight position to the banking sector proved positive as sentiment towards it was damaged as the affects of the US banking crisis spread across developed markets. Our holding in Italian banking platform, Fineco, was affected by this and was a notable detractor in the period. Watches of Switzerland Group also weighed on performance on fears of slowing growth in 2024 as deteriorating macroeconomic conditions impacted sales. We subsequently took the decision to exit the holding due to the significant level of uncertainty created by Rolex's acquisition of retailer Bucherer.

Market Review

Global stocks rose in the six-month period as inflation in the largest economies continued to fall and optimism increased that interest rates were close to peak levels. However, global small cap stocks dropped back slightly in sterling terms, underperforming their larger peers. One of the main reasons behind that was the strength of large AI-related names, the so-called 'Magnificent Seven' stocks which include heavyweights such as Apple, Microsoft and Amazon. Concerns about the impact of rate hikes increased with one impact seen in the US banking sector early in the period when an emergency asset sale at Silicon Valley Bank sparked a run on its deposits and was followed by the collapse of Signature Bank. Contagion spread to Credit Suisse and the Swiss central bank had to step in quickly to arrange a sale to UBS.

In the US, a disagreement about raising the debt ceiling raised some concerns but a compromise agreement was finally reached, reducing the risk of a potentially disastrous default. The US Federal Reserve Fed funds rate reached a 22-year high in the period, but Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank would "proceed carefully" with further interest-rate hikes as it pursues a data-dependent approach. A better-than-expected second-quarter reporting season provided some support for investor sentiment.

The European Central Bank raised interest rates several times in the period as core inflation remained stubbornly high. In July, the deposit rate was moved up to a multi-decade high just as data from Germany showed the country's economy was stagnating. Better-than-expected economic data late in the period weighed on markets as it revived fears that central banks in Europe and the US would be forced to raise interest rates to higher levels than previously expected.

In Asia, the weak economic recovery in China dented sentiment with particular concerns around consumer demand and the property sector. Following a July meeting of the country's Politburo investors were reassured that further stimulus measures would be implemented. The Bank of Japan signalled a gradual shift away from decades of aggressive monetary stimulus as it allowed the country's interest rates to better reflect inflation and economic growth.

Portfolio Activity and Review

We initiated positions in Napco, Graphic Packaging, CVS, MSA Safety, Axcelis and Makalot, the leading producer of clothing in Taiwan. US-listed Napco, a provider of security hardware products, has benefited from the mandated replacement of copper-based landlines with fibre optic-based cellular networks. Napco has a similarly strong competitive offering in the school security segment. We have recently seen an uptick in funding for access control systems, alarms and video surveillance, which Napco provides. CVS is a UK-listed veterinary business which has gained share through its ongoing M&A programme, solid like-for-like sales and higher graduate recruitment. Graphic Packaging is a producer of sustainable paperboard used in food packaging which has benefited from its scale and innovative solutions.

MSA Safety manufactures and sells safety products globally across three core markets: Firefighter Safety, Gas Detection and Industrial PPE. In each of its product categories, MSA is either the market leader or the number two thanks to its product strength and continuous innovation. Demand tends to be non-discretionary and often mandated by regulation, which is becoming increasingly stringent. Axcelis develops and manufactures specialised semiconductor fabrication equipment used in ion implementation. It is one of only three companies globally with the technical know-how to deliver this critical technology and the company's strength lies in its understanding of high energy ion implementation equipment.

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In terms of sales, we exited our holding in US speciality vehicle manufacturer Shyft as it continued to face challenges in its supply chain, specifically with regard to chassis supply and electric vehicle batteries, and we saw limited scope for upside in the near to medium term. We exited our position in Corbion, the Netherlands-listed producer of bio-based inputs and ingredients as the company faced several challenges including cost headwinds and a slower-than-expected recovery in certain areas. The stock scored negatively on our in-house scoring system, the Matrix. We also sold our holding in Kainos due to a pause in earnings momentum, along with our stakes in Perficient, Aspeed Technology and Reply. As mentioned above, we divested our shares in Watches of Switzerland and Teleperformance.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Most recent economic data points to an industrial slowdown, inflation peaking and labour markets softening. Market commentators expect interest rates to fall as we go into next year. Debate around the extent of the slowdown is still ongoing, however the direction of trend is clear.

At the company level, whilst second quarter earnings season started well, company guidance appears increasingly cautious. In many cases, earnings beats were driven by results being not-as-bad-as-forecast. Commentary around guidance indicated that concerns are no longer about supply chain and raw material pressures, but on the sustainability of top-line growth as backlogs shrink and new order momentum wanes. As inflation led to higher prices across all areas, in a disinflationary environment we would expect markets to distinguish between companies that are able to maintain top-line growth (through volume and stable pricing) and those that are not able to do so. As such, we would anticipate quality growth stocks holding up better should inflationary pressures continue to moderate globally.

Valuations in the small cap asset class look attractive relative to large caps. Typically, small caps outperform large caps as economies move into recessions, hence the current valuation differential presents an opportunity to enter the asset class.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

- All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.
- The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.
- Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.
- The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.
- The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.
- In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.
- The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	114,416	138,037	255,962	250,994
Closing number of shares	74,972,505	84,818,200	145,045,978	137,068,391
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	152.61	162.74	176.47	183.12
Change in net asset value per share	(6.22%)	(7.78%)	(3.63%)	40.45%
Operating charges	1.46%	1.46%	1.46%	1.47%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	68,294	84,875	193,365	194,089
Closing number of shares	41,545,755	48,544,080	102,506,047	99,677,137
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	164.38	174.84	188.64	194.72
Change in net asset value per share	(5.98%)	(7.32%)	(3.12%)	41.18%
Operating charges	0.94%	0.94%	0.94%	0.95%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	464,186	550,915	609,150	587,365
Closing number of shares	380,656,116	425,112,409	436,462,886	408,399,954
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	121.94	129.59	139.57	143.82
Change in net asset value per share	(5.90%)	(7.15%)	(2.96%)	41.42%
Operating charges	0.77%	0.77%	0.77%	0.78%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	174,933	210,316	290,300	312,036
Closing number of shares	111,243,380	125,678,976	160,647,107	167,099,232
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	157.25	167.34	180.71	186.74
Change in net asset value per share	(6.03%)	(7.40%)	(3.23%)	41.04%
Operating charges	1.04%	1.04%	1.04%	1.05%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	157,098	168,336	171,983	152,894
Closing number of shares	86,452,611	87,467,779	83,544,419	72,564,372
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	181.72	192.45	205.86	210.70
Change in net asset value per share	(5.58%)	(6.51%)	(2.30%)	42.38%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.
Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (96.68%)		945,426	96.58
European Equities (27.62%)		208,827	21.33
Finland (1.54%)		11,863	1.21
769,231	Kesko 'B'	11,863	1.21
France (3.50%)		32,755	3.35
334,574	Gaztransport Et Technigaz	32,755	3.35
Germany (5.12%)		50,677	5.18
617,318	CTS Eventim	30,430	3.11
771,483	Jungheinrich (Preference)	20,247	2.07
Ireland (3.45%)		19,853	2.03
1,302,661	Keywords Studios++	19,853	2.03
Italy (6.71%)		37,685	3.85
1,751,917	FinecoBank	18,997	1.94
466,791	Interpump	18,688	1.91
Netherlands (1.73%)		-	-
Poland (1.48%)		12,550	1.28
172,973	Dino Polska	12,550	1.28
Spain (1.81%)		20,679	2.11
859,789	CIE Automotive	20,679	2.11
Sweden (2.28%)		22,765	2.32
1,705,582	AddTech 'B'	22,765	2.32

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Japanese Equities (6.15%)		95,612	9.77
1,674,700	Asics	48,123	4.92
506,500	JMDC	11,971	1.22
2,037,200	Sanwa	24,494	2.50
346,700	SHO-BOND	11,024	1.13
North American Equities (42.60%)		437,718	44.72
United States (42.60%)		437,718	44.72
599,635	Altair Engineering 'A'	31,459	3.21
109,930	Axcelis Technologies	16,662	1.70
193,853	Axon Enterprise	32,572	3.33
412,035	BJ's Wholesale Club	21,913	2.24
102,657	Carlisle	21,308	2.18
273,636	Darling Ingredients	13,328	1.36
69,137	Deckers Outdoor	28,867	2.95
448,420	Envista	11,324	1.16
102,556	Five Below	13,917	1.42
193,880	Fox Factory	16,932	1.73
516,258	Graphic Packaging	9,061	0.93
98,142	Insulet	14,848	1.52
89,563	Kadant	15,514	1.58
587,708	Lattice Semiconductor	45,109	4.61
194,038	MSA Safety	27,935	2.85
513,372	Napco Security Technologies	10,023	1.02
137,930	Paylocity	21,813	2.23
74,385	Pool	21,462	2.19
241,772	SiteOne Landscape Supply	32,621	3.33
210,430	Texas Roadhouse	17,289	1.77
349,173	YETI	13,761	1.41
Pacific Basin Equities (15.74%)		171,621	17.53
Australia (6.40%)		59,288	6.05
2,501,568	ALS	14,934	1.52
4,209,476	Johns Lyng	13,770	1.41
10,840,223	Steadfast	30,584	3.12

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
India (1.15%)		17,992	1.84
1,606,383	KPIT Technologies	17,992	1.84
Taiwan (5.57%)		57,625	5.89
1,849,000	Makalot Industrial	15,258	1.56
4,045,229	Sinbon Electronics	31,076	3.18
314,236	Voltronic Power Technology	11,291	1.15
Thailand (2.62%)		36,716	3.75
289,387	Fabrinet	36,716	3.75
UK Equities (4.57%)		31,648	3.23
Consumer Discretionary (1.33%)		13,301	1.36
627,992	CVS++	13,301	1.36
Financials (1.43%)		18,347	1.87
1,357,041	Intermediate Capital	18,347	1.87
Technology (1.81%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (3.32%)		33,269	3.40
33,269	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	33,269	3.40
Total investment assets		978,695	99.98
Net other assets		232	0.02
Total Net Assets		978,927	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

++ AIM listed.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(69,865)		(154,409)
Revenue	9,093		8,989	
Expenses	(4,281)		(5,755)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(9)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,811		3,225	
Taxation	(822)		(695)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,989		2,530
Total return before equalisation		(65,876)		(151,879)
Equalisation on shares		(107)		(29)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(65,983)		(151,908)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,152,479		1,520,760
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	10,961		52,112	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(118,530)		(201,750)	
		(107,569)		(149,638)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(65,983)		(151,908)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		978,927		1,219,214

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		978,695		1,152,503
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,554		7,357	
Cash and bank balances	2		45	
		3,556		7,402
Total assets		982,251		1,159,905
Liabilities:				
Bank overdrafts	(66)		-	
Creditors	(3,258)		(7,426)	
		(3,324)		(7,426)
Total liabilities		(3,324)		(7,426)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		978,927		1,152,479

abrdn High Yield Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade (high yield) corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the ICE BofAML GBP/Euro Fixed & Floating High Yield Non Financial 3% Constrained (HGD to GBP) plus 0.8% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade corporate bonds.
- The fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, including sub-sovereigns and the following types: investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives based on analysis of global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation) and analysis of a company's prospects and creditworthiness compared to that of the market.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, ICE BofAML GBP/Euro Fixed&Floating High Yield Non Financial 3% Constrained (HGD to GBP) Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 2.5%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the ICE BofAML GBP/Euro Fixed&Floating High Yield Non Financial 3% Constrained (HGD to GBP) Index over the longer term.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned 2.66% (Source: Factset, Platform 1 Accumulation Shares) compared with a return of 3.82% for our performance target (Source: Factset, ICE Boal GBP/Euro Fixed & Floating High Yield Non-Financial 3% Constrained (hedged to GBP) +0.8%).

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The biggest individual detractor was an overweight position in subordinated bonds issued by telecoms operators SFR in France and Altice International, both of which are owned by Patrick Drahi. These fell sharply after weak operating performance in the former and what turned out to be an isolated incident of fraud in the

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latter. We have held our position in both and pleasingly, they experienced a strong recovery in August. An overweight in Thames Water also hurt returns. The group's structure came under pressure after CEO Sarah Bentley stepped down on speculation that the UK government was considering putting the company into special administration.

On the other hand, the top performer over the period was our large overweight position relative to the benchmark in United Group, the Eastern European telecommunications company. The bonds experienced a dramatic jump in price after a successful sale of its towers assets at a much greater valuation than the market had expected. A lack of exposure to Casino, the poorly performing and debt-ridden French supermarket group, was also beneficial. So, too, was our lack of exposure to Swedish real estate developer SBB, a large index constituent that is under pressure to address bond maturities by selling real estate assets at depressed prices. We had no exposure to Heimstaden and CPI Property Group, two other real estate groups that struggled, and this added to returns.

Market Review

Early in the review period, banking fears were sparked by the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) in the US. This triggered a run on deposits at various US regional banks and, indirectly, the failure of Credit Suisse (CS) in Europe. Financial authorities moved quickly to calm the storm: SVB was taken over by the State of California before entering bankruptcy and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covered all depositors. CS was ultimately acquired by Swiss peer UBS. In addition to cauterising the problematic banks, authorities in the US and Europe were at pains to stress the idiosyncratic nature of the problems at SVB and CS and that the banking system was otherwise well-capitalised and resilient. In Europe, troubling inflation data encouraged central banks to continue raising interest rates. A European Central Bank (ECB) interest rate hike of 50 basis points (bps) in February was followed by a further 50 bps hike in March, and 25bps hikes in both May and June, taking the Deposit Facility rate to 3.5%. The Bank of England (BoE) hiked by 50 bps in February and 25 bps in March. In the US, while headline consumer price inflation (CPI) continued to trend lower and hit 5.0% in March, its lowest level since April 2021, core CPI appeared stuck in the 5.5% range, remaining a cause for concern. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked by 25 bps in February, March and May, taking the fed funds rate to 5.25%.

As we moved into July, evidence began to mount that pricing pressures were receding more rapidly than most had expected. Consumer and producer price inflation figures across Europe, Asia and the US generally came in below expectations. While central banks continued their restrictive path in July – with rate hikes from the

ECB, Federal Reserve (Fed) and BoE – there were several remarks from central bank officials in August that added to hopes they might be done with rate hikes. That included the Atlanta Fed and ECB saying the effects seemed to be working following early summer central bank actions. So, while further rate hikes could be warranted, there was also an acknowledgement that the transmission of monetary policy suggests that the pace of disinflation is proceeding as desired. With that backdrop, and as banking crisis fears receded, high yield markets performed strongly in the market as hopes of a 'soft landing' for developed market economies grew.

Portfolio Activity and Review

It was a busy period for new issuance in the European high yield market, and the fund participated in a variety of deals. These included a rare sterling issue from the US motor company Ford, which printed at a discount to its US dollar and euro curve. We also bought a new deal from IHO Verwaltungs, a holding company that owns stakes in the automotive businesses Schaeffler and Continental. Later in the period, we added two new names: Benteler (a German family-owned automotive parts supplier) and Playtech (a gaming software business).

Much of the new issuance was for refinancing, and we rolled exposure in new issues from Sazka (gaming), CABB (chemicals), Owens Illinois (packaging) and Lottomatica (gaming). We also took advantage of wide pricing of bank new issuance, adding A rated Swedbank and the B1 rated Novo Banco.

It was a very active period in terms of secondary trading with too many trades to mention but we topped up holdings in the pharmaceuticals businesses Teva and Cheplapharm, and added car park operator Empark and French frozen food producer Picard. We took profits on Nets (payments), Banijay (TV and film production) and Techem, the metering business. We trimmed our Telecom Italia bonds after outperformance. We executed a number of relative value switch trades such as a swap from our Altice France euro-denominated secured bonds to the same maturity US dollar issue at a significant pickup in yield. The bonds are *pari passu*, meaning they carry equivalent rights and protection within the Altice France capital structure. We extended our exposure to automotive parts supplier Schaeffler from the 2027 maturity to the 2028 maturity at the widest spread differential this relationship has ever traded.

Finally, it is worth noting that we increased the size of the credit derivative hedge late in August to protect downside in the event of spread widening, which we expect given tight valuations and growing macroeconomic risks. This is a short-term tactical position, not a long-term structural view.

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Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

We expect the last phase of the year to be a more challenging one for financial markets. In our opinion, valuations have become stretched, central banks are at risk of over-tightening and the economic data will increasingly disappoint – as implied by lead indicators such as lending standards and money supply. We are not calling for the resumption of the bear market. However, we think a correction is necessary, after the run-up in prices since the fourth quarter of last year, for investors to become more bullish again on high yield as an asset class. We would use any material cheapening (our expectation is for somewhere in the region of 100 basis points of spread widening) as an opportunity to add risk to the fund.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk			
←						→
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	57,893	57,763	75,787	82,772
Closing number of shares	39,594,682	40,516,017	51,115,944	55,591,054
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	146.21	142.57	148.26	148.90
Change in net asset value per share	2.55%	(3.84%)	(0.43%)	6.80%
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,201	25,708	38,541	43,698
Closing number of shares	59,685,215	58,490,095	80,577,576	87,461,123
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	43.90	43.95	47.83	49.96
Change in net asset value per share	(0.11%)	(8.11%)	(4.26%)	2.76%
Operating charges	1.02%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,307	15,914	18,980	19,044
Closing number of shares	15,401,324	10,357,487	11,916,458	11,944,126
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	157.83	153.65	159.27	159.44
Change in net asset value per share	2.72%	(3.53%)	(0.11%)	7.13%
Operating charges	0.70%	0.69%	0.70%	0.71%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,050	12,553	15,329	24,031
Closing number of shares	57,052,364	28,553,873	32,040,555	48,085,185
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	43.91	43.96	47.84	49.98
Change in net asset value per share	(0.11%)	(8.11%)	(4.28%)	2.75%
Operating charges	0.70%	0.69%	0.70%	0.71%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,842	28,226	30,837	33,674
Closing number of shares	12,341,327	12,424,815	13,134,196	14,370,684
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	233.71	227.17	234.78	234.32
Change in net asset value per share	2.88%	(3.24%)	0.20%	7.45%
Operating charges	0.40%	0.39%	0.40%	0.41%

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Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,531	1,531	1,531	1,531
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	72.67	70.66	73.13	72.97
Change in net asset value per share	2.84%	(3.38%)	0.22%	7.36%
Operating charges	0.58%	0.57%	0.58%	0.59%
Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,893	1,893	1,893	1,893
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	47.36	47.43	51.62	53.92
Change in net asset value per share	(0.15%)	(8.12%)	(4.27%)	2.70%
Operating charges	0.58%	0.57%	0.58%	0.59%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,756	27,320	24,489	27,472
Closing number of shares	32,329,417	33,901,132	29,300,833	32,818,970
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	82.76	80.59	83.58	83.71
Change in net asset value per share	2.69%	(3.58%)	(0.16%)	7.09%
Operating charges	0.75%	0.74%	0.75%	0.76%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,605	33,377	29,787	33,362
Closing number of shares	62,900,748	64,312,921	52,743,553	56,549,779
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	51.84	51.90	56.48	58.99
Change in net asset value per share	(0.12%)	(8.11%)	(4.25%)	2.75%
Operating charges	0.75%	0.74%	0.75%	0.76%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	285	290	70,784	83,423
Closing number of shares	216,775	227,115	53,750,211	63,661,792
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	131.69	127.82	131.69	131.04
Change in net asset value per share	3.03%	(2.94%)	0.50%	7.77%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%

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ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,996	1,996	1,996	1,996
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	44.67	44.73	48.67	50.85
Change in net asset value per share	(0.13%)	(8.10%)	(4.29%)	2.75%
Operating charges	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%

Z Accumulation^A	31 August 2023
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1
Closing number of shares	768
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	135.24
Change in net asset value per share	2.41%
Operating charges	0.10%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Z Accumulation share class was launched on 3 March 2023.

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (92.21%)		206,653	93.11
Euro Denominated Bonds (68.92%)		151,445	68.24
Corporate Bonds (68.92%)		151,445	68.24
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,500,000	888 Acquisitions 7.558% 2027	2,030	0.91
102,000	Adevinta 2.625% 2025	84	0.04
1,380,000	Adient Global 3.5% 2024	174	0.08
4,328,000	Aggreko 5.25% 2026	3,551	1.60
2,110,000	Allwyn International 3.875% 2027	1,693	0.76
4,645,000	Altice Finco 4.75% 2028	2,571	1.16
5,672,000	Altice France 8% 2027	2,303	1.04
1,099,395	ARD Finance 5% 2027	713	0.32
182,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance 2.125% 2026	138	0.06
1,600,000	Arena Luxembourg Finance 1.875% 2028	1,139	0.51
1,519,000	Benteler International 9.375% 2028	1,321	0.60
2,620,000	CAB SELAS 3.375% 2028	1,904	0.86
500,000	Cellnex Finance 1% 2027	373	0.17
2,600,000	Cellnex Finance 1.5% 2028	1,934	0.87
3,207,000	Cerba Healthcare 3.5% 2028	2,383	1.07
3,183,000	Cheplapharm Arzneimittel 4.375% 2028	2,484	1.12
2,059,000	Cidron Aida Finco 5% 2028	1,611	0.73
1,653,000	Cirsa Finance International 10.375% 2027	1,523	0.69
1,648,000	CT Investment 5.5% 2026	1,320	0.59
2,825,000	Cullinan Holdco 4.625% 2026	2,011	0.91
1,400,000	DDM Debt 9% 2026	785	0.35
965,000	Forvia 2.375% 2027	734	0.33
950,000	Forvia 3.125% 2026	770	0.35
1,080,000	Forvia 7.25% 2026	960	0.43
505,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021*	-	-
4,544,000	Goodyear Europe 2.75% 2028	3,262	1.47
1,719,000	Grifols 2.25% 2027	1,325	0.60
1,620,000	Gruenenthal 3.625% 2026	1,316	0.59
1,065,000	Gruenenthal 4.125% 2028	852	0.38
502,000	HSE Finance 5.625% 2026	229	0.10
771,000	HSE Finance FRN 2026	373	0.17
2,648,000	HT Troplast 9.375% 2028	2,273	1.02
1,075,000	IHO Verwaltungs 3.875% 2027	835	0.38

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,261,480	IHO Verwaltungs 8.75% 2028	1,122	0.51
2,313,000	Iliad 5.125% 2026	1,901	0.86
1,210,000	IMA Industria Macchine Automatiche 3.75% 2028	925	0.42
1,038,000	IMA Industria Macchine Automatiche FRN 2028	884	0.40
1,752,000	INEOS Finance 3.375% 2026	1,414	0.64
1,655,000	INEOS Styrolution 2.25% 2027	1,218	0.55
4,364,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026	3,598	1.62
1,615,000	IQVIA 1.75% 2026	1,280	0.58
1,300,000	IQVIA 2.875% 2028	1,006	0.45
870,000	Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 4.5% 2028	669	0.30
593,000	Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 6.875% 2026	512	0.23
13,188	LHMC Finco 2 7.25% 2025	11	-
2,350,000	Lorca Telecom Bondco 4% 2027	1,864	0.84
798,000	Lottomatica 7.125% 2028	699	0.31
924,000	Lottomatica FRN 2028	796	0.36
2,590,000	Loxam 3.75% 2026	2,078	0.94
5,975,000	Matterhorn Telecom 3.125% 2026	4,793	2.16
1,514,000	Mobilux Finance 4.25% 2028	1,122	0.51
2,108,000	Monitchem 3 8.75% 2028	1,785	0.80
1,145,000	Mundys 1.875% 2028	845	0.38
1,881,000	Nomad Foods Bondco 2.5% 2028	1,418	0.64
1,296,000	OCI 3.625% 2025	971	0.44
722,000	OI European 6.25% 2028	632	0.28
2,567,000	Organon 2.875% 2028	1,948	0.88
1,700,000	Picard 3.875% 2026	1,339	0.60
2,100,000	Playtech 5.875% 2028	1,790	0.81
1,306,000	PrestigeBidCo FRN 2027	1,128	0.51
966,000	Rolls-Royce 4.625% 2026	817	0.37
2,876,000	Samvardhana Motherson Automotive Systems 1.8% 2024	2,381	1.07
227,000	SoftBank 5% 2028	181	0.08
226,000	SoftBank 5.25% 2027	185	0.08
2,185,000	Summer BC HoldCo 5.75% 2026	1,698	0.76
3,463,343	Summer BidCo 9% 2025 (Issue 2019)	3,367	1.52
1,262,677	Summer BidCo 9% 2025 (Issue 2020)	1,202	0.54
2,503,000	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 674 6% 2026	1,848	0.83
1,405,000	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 675 2% 2025	1,150	0.52

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
182,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 4.5% 2025	153	0.07
1,785,000	TK Elevator Midco 4.375% 2027	1,387	0.62
2,250,000	Verisure 3.25% 2027	1,732	0.78
1,978,000	Versuni 3.125% 2028	1,353	0.61
952,000	Victoria 3.625% 2026	654	0.29
1,200,000	ZF Europe Finance 2% 2026	944	0.43
1,700,000	ZF Europe Finance 2.5% 2027	1,284	0.58
700,000	ZF Finance 3% 2025	572	0.26
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,027,000	Allwyn Entertainment Financing UK 7.25% 2030	894	0.40
2,500,000	Ardagh Metal Packaging Finance 2% 2028	1,769	0.80
3,042,000	Autostrade per l'Italia 2% 2028	2,285	1.03
1,500,000	BCP V Modular Services Finance II 4.75% 2028	1,081	0.49
3,400,000	Cellnex Finance 2% 2032	2,305	1.04
1,785,000	Chrome Holdco 5% 2029	1,203	0.54
781,000	Graphic Packaging International 2.625% 2029	584	0.26
922,000	Novelis Sheet Ingot 3.375% 2029	682	0.31
2,378,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 4.75% 2029	1,535	0.69
2,900,000	Schaeffler 3.375% 2028	2,255	1.02
4,500,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 4.375% 2030	3,327	1.50
1,059,000	UGI International 2.5% 2029	709	0.32
1,032,000	United 5.25% 2030	729	0.33
1,700,000	Verallia 1.875% 2031	1,198	0.54
2,879,000	Verisure Midholding 5.25% 2029	2,135	0.96
3,063,000	VZ Vendor Financing II 2.875% 2029	2,037	0.92
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,500,000	Novo Banco 9.875% fixed to floating 2033	1,335	0.60
greater than 25 years to maturity			
3,800,000	EDF 5% fixed to floating 2049	3,102	1.40
4,000,000	EDF 5.375% fixed to floating 2049	3,329	1.50
100,000	Telefonica Europe 7.125% fixed to floating 2071	88	0.04
100,000	Telefonica Europe FRN 2066	85	0.04
2,226,000	Vodafone 2.625% fixed to floating 2080	1,734	0.78

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Perpetual			
1,800,000	Abanca Corp Bancaria 6% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,376	0.62
3,400,000	Abertis Infraestructuras Finance 3.248% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,636	1.19
563,000	Banco BPM 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	458	0.21
400,000	Banco Santander 4.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	287	0.13
1,700,000	LeasePlan FRN Perpetual	1,423	0.64
4,514,814	Stichting 6.5% Perpetual	3,602	1.62
3,300,000	Telefonica Europe 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,626	1.18
1,200,000	Telefonica Europe 4.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,006	0.45
Sterling Denominated Bonds (17.64%)		35,726	16.09
Corporate Bonds (17.64%)		35,726	16.09
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance 4.75% 2027	79	0.04
1,000,000	B&M European Value Retail 3.625% 2025	951	0.43
4,282,000	Bellis Acquisition 4.5% 2026	3,745	1.69
1,343,000	Cidron Aida Finco 6.25% 2028	1,178	0.53
100,000	Encore Capital 4.25% 2028	77	0.03
1,660,000	Encore Capital 5.375% 2026	1,494	0.67
1,180,349	EnQuest 7% 2023	1,165	0.52
2,300,000	Ford Motor Credit 4.535% 2025	2,193	0.99
1,331,000	Ford Motor Credit 6.86% 2026	1,297	0.58
2,283,000	Jerrold Finco 5.25% 2027	1,942	0.87
575,000	Pinewood Finance 3.25% 2025	533	0.24
2,192,000	Pinewood Finance 3.625% 2027	1,899	0.85
2,166,000	Premier Foods Finance 3.5% 2026	1,956	0.88
913,000	Punch Finance 6.125% 2026	796	0.36
4,117,000	Rolls-Royce 5.75% 2027	3,882	1.75
2,881,000	Sherwood Financing 6% 2026	2,372	1.07
5,279,000	Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes III 4.875% 2028	4,319	1.95
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,577,000	B&M European Value Retail 4% 2028	1,339	0.60
1,738,000	Swedbank 5.875% fixed to floating 2029	1,684	0.76

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
greater than 25 years to maturity			
820,000	HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 1 5.844% fixed to floating 2049	814	0.37
Perpetual			
200,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	176	0.08
2,114,000	Mobico 4.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,835	0.83
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (5.65%)		19,482	8.78
Corporate Bonds (3.61%)		12,943	5.83
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,680,000	Altice France 8.125% 2027	1,787	0.81
336,000	Cheplapharm Arzneimittel 5.5% 2028	240	0.11
779,000	EnQuest 11.625% 2027	582	0.26
1,805,000	Ithaca Energy North Sea 9% 2026	1,371	0.62
1,800,000	Telenet Finance Luxembourg Notes 5.5% 2028	1,297	0.58
4,000,000	UPC 5.5% 2028	2,812	1.27
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,180,000	Ziggo Bond 5.125% 2030	1,333	0.60
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,500,000	Telecom Italia Capital 6.375% 2033	1,737	0.78
2,500,000	Telecom Italia Capital 7.2% 2036	1,784	0.80
Government Bonds (2.04%)		6,539	2.95
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,800,000	US Treasury 3.625% 2030	2,136	0.96
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
6,000,000	US Treasury 3.875% 2043	4,403	1.99
Equities (0.00%)		-	-
UK Equities (0.00%)		-	-
Basic Materials (0.00%)		-	-
32,987,896,738	Luxfer**	-	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (5.06%)		11,135	5.02
11,135	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	11,135	5.02
Derivatives (0.05%)		(356)	(0.16)
Credit Default Swaps (-0.38%)		(1,160)	(0.52)
EUR 14,000,000	Buy iTraxx Europe Series 38 20/12/2027 5%	(717)	(0.32)
EUR 4,000,000	Buy iTraxx Europe Series 39 20/06/2028 5%	(177)	(0.08)
EUR 6,000,000	Buy iTraxx Europe Series 39 20/06/2028 5%	(266)	(0.12)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.43%)		804	0.36
	Buy EUR 233,317 Sell GBP 200,032 19/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 272,113 Sell GBP 235,101 19/09/2023	(2)	-
	Buy EUR 505,540 Sell GBP 433,560 19/09/2023	1	-
	Buy EUR 1,451,980 Sell GBP 1,257,324 19/09/2023	(11)	-
	Buy EUR 3,289,656 Sell GBP 2,837,269 19/09/2023	(14)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 4,218,637 Sell EUR 4,887,808 19/09/2023	24	0.01
	Buy GBP 155,150,592 Sell EUR 179,755,737 19/09/2023	890	0.40
	Buy GBP 196,174 Sell USD 248,519 19/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 197,787 Sell USD 251,838 19/09/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 1,197,277 Sell USD 1,521,477 19/09/2023	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 18,044,123 Sell USD 22,985,158 19/09/2023	(81)	(0.04)
	Buy USD 250,311 Sell GBP 196,245 19/09/2023	1	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		217,432	97.97
Net other assets		4,511	2.03
Total Net Assets		221,943	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

* Defaulted.

** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(348)		(21,123)
Revenue	7,147		6,483	
Expenses	(891)		(911)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(15)		(16)	
Net revenue before taxation	6,241		5,556	
Taxation	-		(7)	
Net revenue after taxation		6,241		5,549
Total return before distributions		5,893		(15,574)
Distributions		(6,241)		(5,549)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(348)		(21,123)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		201,154		304,537
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	8,374		3,343	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(19,955)		(82,714)	
Amounts receivable on inspecie transfers*	28,896		-	
		17,315		(79,371)
Dilution adjustment		17		371
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(348)		(21,123)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,805		3,239
Unclaimed distributions		-		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		221,943		207,654

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer from abrdn European High Yield Bond Fund on 3 March 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		218,704		196,624
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,962		2,374	
Cash and bank balances	2,714		5,609	
		6,676		7,983
Total assets		225,380		204,607
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(1,272)		(858)
Bank overdrafts	(630)		(8)	
Creditors	(353)		(1,764)	
Distribution payable	(1,182)		(823)	
		(2,165)		(2,595)
Total liabilities		(3,437)		(3,453)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		221,943		201,154

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.8767	-	1.8767	1.5671
Group 2	1.6909	0.1858	1.8767	1.5671
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5785	-	0.5785	0.5056
Group 2	0.5480	0.0305	0.5785	0.5056
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	2.1484	-	2.1484	1.8112
Group 2	1.8701	0.2783	2.1484	1.8112
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6146	-	0.6146	0.5440
Group 2	0.5834	0.0312	0.6146	0.5440
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	3.3511	-	3.3511	2.8466
Group 2	2.5573	0.7938	3.3511	2.8466
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	1.0283	-	1.0283	0.8735
Group 2	1.0283	-	1.0283	0.8735
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.6835	-	0.6835	0.6075
Group 2	0.6835	-	0.6835	0.6075
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.1165	-	1.1165	0.9400
Group 2	0.4872	0.6293	1.1165	0.9400
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.7189	-	0.7189	0.6351
Group 2	0.3633	0.3556	0.7189	0.6351
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.9838	-	1.9838	1.7163
Group 2	1.1308	0.8530	1.9838	1.7163

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
ZA income				
Group 1	0.7012	-	0.7012	0.6331
Group 2	0.7012	-	0.7012	0.6331
Z Accumulation				
Group 1	1.9789	-	1.9789	-
Group 2	1.9789	-	1.9789	-

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.9594	-	1.9594	1.5856
Group 2	0.9455	1.0139	1.9594	1.5856
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5962	-	0.5962	0.5059
Group 2	0.3057	0.2905	0.5962	0.5059
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	2.2416	-	2.2416	1.8258
Group 2	1.5319	0.7097	2.2416	1.8258
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6321	-	0.6321	0.5420
Group 2	0.2053	0.4268	0.6321	0.5420
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	3.4933	-	3.4933	2.8611
Group 2	1.7778	1.7155	3.4933	2.8611
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	1.0734	-	1.0734	0.8526
Group 2	1.0734	-	1.0734	0.8526
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.7110	-	0.7110	0.5964
Group 2	0.7110	-	0.7110	0.5964
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.1648	-	1.1648	0.9480
Group 2	0.7044	0.4604	1.1648	0.9480
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.7398	-	0.7398	0.6331
Group 2	0.3821	0.3577	0.7398	0.6331
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	2.0653	-	2.0653	1.7007
Group 2	0.4973	1.5680	2.0653	1.7007

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
ZA income				
Group 1	0.7298	-	0.7298	0.6216
Group 2	0.7298	-	0.7298	0.6216
Z Accumulation				
Group 1	2.1430	-	2.1430	-
Group 2	2.1430	-	2.1430	-

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling-denominated investment grade corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates plus 0.8% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds.
- The fund may invest in investment grade bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, including sub-sovereigns inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed bonds. The fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- At the point of investment all bonds shall be investment grade with a credit rating of "BBB-" or higher from at least one major rating agency such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives based on analysis of global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation) and analysis of a company's prospects and creditworthiness compared to that of the market.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 2.5%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates over the longer term.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -0.48%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of 0.04% for our performance target. (Source: FactSet, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index +0.8%).

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Stock selection was positive for the fund over the period, particularly within BBB rated bonds. Financial holdings performed well, as we benefitted from the subordinated financials of antipodean banks such as ANZ and Westpac, although BNP Paribas' subordinated bonds detracted. Property positioning also outperformed, notably shopping centres Intu Metrocentre and Hammerson. While EDF

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outperformed, utilities positioning detracted in aggregate. This includes water utilities Glas Cymru and Thames Water, as well as National Grid. Our off-benchmark holding of Pemex also weighed on returns.

Market Review

Corporate bonds had a mixed performance over the six month period. A backdrop of sharply rising interest rates, stubbornly high annual inflation and a worsening economic outlook created challenging market conditions. Growing expectations that global inflation pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the current cycle of interest-rate rises may be nearing its end, have helped market sentiment. In the UK, the Bank of England increased its base rate steadily over the period. Inflation has fallen back from its recent highpoint in late 2022. With annual inflation running higher in the UK than in the US and Europe and the core rate still around 7%, the UK's central bank remained under pressure to raise rates even higher.

Turbulence in the global banking sector in March caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen in the autumn of 2022. However, the negative effect of wider credit spreads was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter of 2023, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were before March's volatility. Corporate bond returns have been solid over the summer months.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In the primary market, late in the period, we bought attractive new issue utilities bonds, including the 2036 bonds of United Utilities and the 2039 bonds of Anglican Water. We also bought Société Générale's 2033 issue. In the secondary market, we recently bought Wells Fargo and Santander. On the sell side, we sold down airports Heathrow and Gatwick. We also reduced Volkswagen.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The outlook for the economy remains mixed, swinging between recession and soft landing. Credit spreads ended the second quarter largely unchanged, having widened during the mini-banking crisis. Financial spreads underperformed and are now trading at the widest relative value to non-financials in over a decade. While employment is still holding up, other data indicate tougher times ahead. The recent events in the US and Europe point towards tighter lending standards. Investment-grade (IG) spreads remain attractive compared to long-term levels.

Overall, yields are also attractive, with the underlying government bond yield being the greater proportion of this. We therefore think that IG can weather the upcoming storm. We have also moved longer duration recently as we think yields are more likely to fall. Spreads, while elevated, certainly have room to widen; however, as we saw in October last year and more recently in March, they can snap back quickly.

Sterling IG Aggregate Team

September 2023

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk			
←			→			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	51,596	54,978	73,353	83,590
Closing number of shares	37,173,421	39,378,998	45,326,446	49,363,628
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	138.80	139.61	161.83	169.34
Change in net asset value per share	(0.58%)	(13.73%)	(4.43%)	0.82%
Operating charges	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.02%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,584	15,689	21,822	25,529
Closing number of shares	29,205,603	30,696,065	35,821,496	39,242,377
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	49.94	51.11	60.92	65.06
Change in net asset value per share	(2.29%)	(16.10%)	(6.36%)	(1.32%)
Operating charges	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.02%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	133,471	130,622	89,216	85,564
Closing number of shares	87,364,598	85,179,826	50,398,363	46,389,715
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	152.77	153.35	177.02	184.45
Change in net asset value per share	(0.38%)	(13.37%)	(4.03%)	1.24%
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.60%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,233	28,290	38,200	45,285
Closing number of shares	54,748,032	55,565,770	62,947,170	69,873,813
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	49.74	50.91	60.69	64.81
Change in net asset value per share	(2.30%)	(16.11%)	(6.36%)	(1.32%)
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.60%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	387	388	489	608
Closing number of shares	269,041	269,041	293,918	351,633
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	143.94	144.34	166.27	172.91
Change in net asset value per share	(0.28%)	(13.19%)	(3.84%)	1.44%
Operating charges	0.39%	0.39%	0.40%	0.40%

Comparative Tables

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Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	17	61
Closing number of shares	200	200	25,008	85,386
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	58.90	59.15	68.38	71.13
Change in net asset value per share	(0.42%)	(13.50%)	(3.87%)	1.41%
Operating charges	0.42%	0.42%	0.43%	0.43%
Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,870	15,178	39,954	58,401
Closing number of shares	27,491,926	34,346,369	75,845,024	103,806,361
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	43.18	44.19	52.68	56.26
Change in net asset value per share	(2.29%)	(16.12%)	(6.36%)	(1.33%)
Operating charges	0.42%	0.42%	0.43%	0.43%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,810	12,586	15,806	20,325
Closing number of shares	18,423,032	19,555,679	21,265,586	26,231,061
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	64.10	64.36	74.33	77.49
Change in net asset value per share	(0.40%)	(13.41%)	(4.08%)	1.20%
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.65%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,505	7,359	10,097	12,279
Closing number of shares	14,093,924	15,576,641	17,930,870	20,417,853
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	46.16	47.24	56.31	60.14
Change in net asset value per share	(2.29%)	(16.11%)	(6.37%)	(1.33%)
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.65%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	232	234	255	232
Closing number of shares	271,737	274,043	259,555	227,827
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	85.28	85.38	98.07	101.67
Change in net asset value per share	(0.12%)	(12.94%)	(3.54%)	1.73%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.10%

Comparative Tables

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ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	465	2,466	3,073	3,874
Closing number of shares	1,149,961	5,952,829	6,224,214	7,346,033
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	40.46	41.42	49.38	52.74
Change in net asset value per share	(2.32%)	(16.12%)	(6.37%)	(1.35%)
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%
ZB accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,846	1,772	1,935	2,054
Closing number of shares	2,152,010	2,064,688	1,965,053	2,013,187
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	85.76	85.82	98.48	102.01
Change in net asset value per share	(0.07%)	(12.86%)	(3.46%)	1.85%
Operating charges	-	-	-	-

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (98.23%)		254,505	97.89
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.59%)		1,861	0.72
Corporate Bonds (0.59%)		1,861	0.72
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,300,000	Cromwell EREIT 2.125% 2025	972	0.38
350,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 0.19% 2023	296	0.11
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
960,000	Digital Intrepid REIT 0.625% 2031	593	0.23
Sterling Denominated Bonds (95.40%)		247,543	95.21
Corporate Bonds (93.59%)		237,313	91.27
less than 5 years to maturity			
280,000	AA Bond 6.269% 2025	273	0.11
1,100,000	ABN AMRO Bank 5.125% 2028	1,048	0.40
1,270,000	ABP Finance 6.25% 2026	1,264	0.49
685,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2% 2028	517	0.20
700,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 2.625% 2027	619	0.24
1,026,000	Assura Financing REIT 3% 2028	886	0.34
800,000	AT&T 5.5% 2027	779	0.30
2,827,000	Athene Global Funding 1.75% 2027	2,301	0.89
900,000	Banco Santander 1.5% 2026	794	0.31
2,400,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	2,510	0.97
2,052,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	2,029	0.78
1,000,000	Barclays 3.25% 2027	897	0.35
600,000	BAT International Finance 2.25% 2028	502	0.19
1,000,000	BAT International Finance 4% 2026	943	0.36
700,000	Bazalgette Finance 2.375% 2027	608	0.23
1,000,000	BNP Paribas 1.875% 2027	835	0.32
2,400,000	CaixaBank 1.5% fixed to floating 2026	2,125	0.82
2,600,000	Citigroup 1.75% 2026	2,297	0.88
1,000,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	979	0.38
1,250,000	CPUK Finance 3.69% 2028	1,084	0.42
1,100,000	Credit Agricole 7.375% 2023	1,093	0.42
1,312,000	Credit Suisse 7.75% 2026	1,354	0.52
1,574,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	1,357	0.52

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
908,000	Danske Bank 4.625% fixed to floating 2027	871	0.34
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	1,324	0.51
1,200,000	Deutsche Bank 4% fixed to floating 2026	1,131	0.43
1,300,000	Eversholt Funding 6.359% 2025	1,303	0.50
1,080,000	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	1,078	0.41
1,488,000	Hammerson REIT 3.5% 2025	1,357	0.52
1,162,000	Hammerson REIT 6% 2026	1,096	0.42
300,000	Hammerson REIT 7.25% 2028	281	0.11
950,000	Heathrow Funding 2.625% 2028	793	0.31
686,000	Heathrow Funding 6.75% 2026	697	0.27
546,000	HSBC 2.256% fixed to floating 2026	499	0.19
1,072,000	HSBC 2.625% 2028	920	0.35
1,200,000	Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 1.125% 2025	1,062	0.41
1,300,000	Lloyds Banking 2.25% 2024	1,245	0.48
3,150,000	Metrocentre Finance REIT 8.75% 2023	1,719	0.66
1,018,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2027	912	0.35
656,000	Nationwide Building Society 6.178% fixed to floating 2027	646	0.25
413,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	346	0.13
1,239,000	Pacific National Finance 5% 2023	1,237	0.48
700,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 3.75% 2025	601	0.23
1,602,000	Royal Bank of Canada 3.625% June 2027	1,470	0.57
1,659,000	Santander UK 3.625% 2026	1,544	0.59
2,392,000	Santander UK 7.098% fixed to floating 2027	2,396	0.92
1,900,000	Societe Generale 1.875% 2024	1,811	0.70
889,000	Southern Water Services Finance 1.625% 2027	742	0.29
1,961,000	Telereal Securitisation 4.9741% 2027	798	0.31
1,230,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 3.5% 2028	1,081	0.42
600,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.875% 2027	538	0.21
674,000	UBS 2.125% fixed to floating 2025	644	0.25
2,984,000	UBS 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	2,567	0.99
500,000	Virgin Money UK 4% fixed to floating 2026	464	0.18
922,000	Virgin Money UK FRN 2025	889	0.34
1,400,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2024	1,326	0.51
1,000,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 2026	920	0.35
2,000,000	Wells Fargo 3.473% fixed to floating 2028	1,797	0.69
1,301,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance No 2 1.642% 2026	1,123	0.43
2,500,000	Workspace REIT 2.25% 2028	1,908	0.73

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,027,000	Annington Funding 2.308% 2032	732	0.28
2,215,000	Annington Funding 3.184% 2029	1,827	0.70
1,000,000	APA Infrastructure 3.5% 2030	841	0.32
823,000	Arqiva Financing 4.882% 2032	479	0.18
1,200,000	Arqiva Financing 5.34% 2030	1,113	0.43
555,000	Assura Financing REIT 1.5% 2030	410	0.16
1,700,000	Banco Santander 2.25% fixed to floating 2032	1,382	0.53
1,100,000	Banco Santander 4.75% fixed to floating 2028	1,040	0.40
1,166,000	Bank of America 3.584% fixed to floating 2031	1,001	0.38
750,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	574	0.22
900,000	Barclays 3.75% fixed to floating 2030	821	0.32
1,291,000	Barclays 6.369% fixed to floating 2031	1,254	0.48
813,000	Barclays 8.407% fixed to floating 2032	822	0.32
1,466,000	Berkeley 2.5% 2031	983	0.38
277,000	Blackstone Property Partners Europe 4.875% 2032	214	0.08
1,000,000	BNP Paribas 1.25% 2031	701	0.27
1,300,000	BNP Paribas 2% fixed to floating 2031	1,117	0.43
1,000,000	BNP Paribas 6% fixed to floating 2029	999	0.38
1,100,000	BPCE 2.5% fixed to floating 2032	897	0.34
800,000	BPCE 5.25% 2029	729	0.28
700,000	Broadgate Financing 4.821% 2033	647	0.25
2,000,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2033	1,541	0.59
1,035,000	Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 2030	133	0.05
845,000	CPUK Finance 6.136% 2031	808	0.31
1,500,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% fixed to floating 2028	1,214	0.47
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 6.125% fixed to floating 2030	1,300	0.50
642,000	Digital Stout REIT 3.3% 2029	538	0.21
804,000	E.ON International Finance 6.25% 2030	825	0.32
1,036,000	E.ON International Finance 6.375% 2032	1,075	0.41
1,385,000	Enel Finance International 2.875% 2029	1,182	0.45
1,109,000	Grainger 3% 2030	865	0.33
900,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	668	0.26
1,492,000	HSBC 3% fixed to floating 2030	1,248	0.48
700,000	ING 1.125% fixed to floating 2028	569	0.22
792,000	Land Securities Capital Markets REIT 2.399% 2029	673	0.26
2,672,000	Lloyds Banking 1.985% fixed to floating 2031	2,268	0.87

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
875,000	Lloyds Banking 6.625% fixed to floating 2033	843	0.32
1,000,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2% 2032	747	0.29
700,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	322	0.12
2,196,000	National Australia Bank 1.699% fixed to floating 2031	1,845	0.71
2,887,000	National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 2032	2,848	1.10
1,168,000	NATS (En Route) 1.375% 2031	972	0.37
1,270,000	NatWest 2.057% fixed to floating 2028	1,066	0.41
1,235,000	NatWest 2.105% fixed to floating 2031	1,042	0.40
1,063,000	NatWest 3.619% fixed to floating 2029	937	0.36
927,000	NatWest 3.622% fixed to floating 2030	865	0.33
624,000	NatWest 7.416% fixed to floating 2033	614	0.24
432,000	NIE Finance 5.875% 2032	434	0.17
593,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 4.5% 2031	535	0.21
718,000	Notting Hill Genesis 3.75% 2032	616	0.24
1,009,000	Pension Insurance 3.625% 2032	744	0.29
982,000	Pension Insurance 5.625% 2030	869	0.33
340,000	Quadrant Housing Finance 7.93% 2033	279	0.11
2,131,000	Realty Income REIT 1.75% 2033	1,450	0.56
920,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2.75% 2031	736	0.28
1,000,000	Societe Generale 6.25% 2033	1,004	0.39
1,167,000	Swedbank 5.875% fixed to floating 2029	1,131	0.43
1,300,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.445% 2029	1,263	0.49
999,000	Telereal Secured Finance 4.01% 2031	502	0.19
303,000	Telereal Securitisation 1.3657% 2031	185	0.07
500,000	Telereal Securitisation FRN 2031	406	0.16
1,231,000	Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 1.875% 2028	1,011	0.39
1,607,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	1,487	0.57
1,000,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	807	0.31
2,236,000	UBS 1.875% fixed to floating 2029	1,820	0.70
780,000	UBS 2.125% fixed to floating 2029	642	0.25
600,000	Unite REIT 3.5% 2028	523	0.20
2,613,000	Virgin Money UK 2.625% fixed to floating 2031	2,200	0.85
980,000	Virgin Money UK FRN 2028	973	0.37
2,200,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.375% 2028	1,746	0.67
1,500,000	Welltower REIT 4.8% 2028	1,389	0.53
387,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% fixed to floating 2030	323	0.12
1,172,000	Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% fixed to floating 2028	1,139	0.44
971,000	Yorkshire Water Finance 1.75% 2032	680	0.26

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,130,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating 2036	1,115	0.43
619,000	BAT International Finance 6% 2034	558	0.21
557,000	Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 2034	420	0.16
660,000	Canary Wharf Finance II 5.952% 2035	631	0.24
700,000	Centrica 7% 2033	759	0.29
2,898,000	DWR Cymru Financing UK 2.375% 2034	1,993	0.77
466,000	Eastern Power Networks 2.125% 2033	339	0.13
1,300,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	1,257	0.48
1,000,000	Eversholt Funding 6.697% 2035	829	0.32
1,413,000	GlaxoSmithKline Capital 5.25% 2033	1,408	0.54
600,000	Goldman Sachs 6.875% 2038	594	0.23
500,000	Land Securities Capital Markets REIT 2.625% 2037	352	0.14
743,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 4.625% 2033	677	0.26
738,000	McDonald's 3.75% 2038	593	0.23
700,000	Metropolitan Housing Trust 1.875% 2036	452	0.17
1,252,000	Morgan Stanley 5.789% fixed to floating 2033	1,214	0.47
1,602,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038	1,209	0.47
719,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 6.375% 2034	720	0.28
1,500,000	Octagon Healthcare Funding 5.333% 2035	1,038	0.40
800,000	Optivo Finance 2.857% 2035	595	0.23
800,000	Orange 5.625% 2034	806	0.31
1,471,000	Paragon Treasury 2% 2036	956	0.37
872,000	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission 2.25% 2035	613	0.24
368,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 2034	330	0.13
395,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 2036	371	0.14
625,000	South Eastern Power Networks 1.75% 2034	427	0.16
810,000	Southern Housing 2.375% 2036	553	0.21
1,959,000	Southern Water Services Finance 3% 2037	1,293	0.50
418,000	Telereal Securitisation 1.9632% fixed to floating 2033	369	0.14
355,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.375% 2034	293	0.11
1,500,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.125% 2037	1,284	0.49
700,000	Transport for London 5% 2035	661	0.25
1,303,000	United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 2036	1,285	0.49
1,500,000	Verizon Communications 3.125% 2035	1,135	0.44
1,200,000	Verizon Communications 4.75% 2034	1,091	0.42
1,800,000	WalMart 5.625% 2034	1,866	0.72
476,000	Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 2035	442	0.17

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As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
800,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	666	0.26
546,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 2039	544	0.21
295,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	205	0.08
541,000	Arqiva Financing 7.21% 2045	552	0.21
1,645,000	Aspire Defence Finance 4.674% 2040	1,220	0.47
1,975,000	AT&T 4.25% 2043	1,490	0.57
700,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	571	0.22
1,300,000	AT&T 7% 2040	1,356	0.52
500,000	BAT International Finance 5.75% 2040	407	0.16
1,110,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047	799	0.31
700,000	BPHA Finance 4.816% 2044	623	0.24
398,000	British Telecommunications 5.75% 2041	369	0.14
550,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	371	0.14
1,000,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	650	0.25
884,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance 6.341% 2046	646	0.25
1,100,000	Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 2039	757	0.29
1,550,000	E.ON International Finance 6.125% 2039	1,559	0.60
500,000	E.ON International Finance 6.75% 2039	532	0.20
1,700,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	1,491	0.57
1,776,000	Eversholt Funding 3.529% 2042	1,274	0.49
550,000	Futures Treasury 3.375% 2044	399	0.15
700,000	Gatwick Funding 3.25% 2048	444	0.17
1,000,000	GlaxoSmithKline Capital 6.375% 2039	1,088	0.42
1,383,000	Heathrow Funding 4.625% 2046	1,116	0.43
1,815,000	Hexagon Housing Association 3.625% 2048	1,215	0.47
1,700,000	HSBC 6% 2040	1,496	0.58
800,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 5.486% 2042	762	0.29
1,736,000	Motability Operations 2.375% 2039	1,180	0.45
1,140,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 5.125% 2042	1,005	0.39
1,300,000	Optivo Finance 3.283% 2048	859	0.33
542,000	Ørsted 5.75% 2040	527	0.20
1,275,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	822	0.32
790,000	Segro REIT 5.125% 2041	717	0.28
653,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2% 2040	380	0.15
1,700,000	SSE 6.25% 2038	1,714	0.66
900,000	TC Dudgeon Ofco 3.158% 2038	657	0.25
2,834,000	Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 2040	2,430	0.93

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,414,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.5% 2041	1,223	0.47
709,000	United Utilities Water Finance 1.875% 2042	391	0.15
551,000	Wheatley Capital 4.375% 2044	459	0.18
332,000	Yorkshire Housing Finance 4.125% 2044	260	0.10
greater than 25 years to maturity			
451,000	AA Bond 5.5% 2050	407	0.16
2,100,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.269% fixed to floating 2049	2,024	0.78
655,000	Aviva 4% fixed to floating 2055	496	0.19
1,300,000	Aviva 4.375% fixed to floating 2049	1,121	0.43
1,400,000	Aviva 5.125% fixed to floating 2050	1,234	0.47
598,000	AXA 5.453% fixed to floating 2049	575	0.22
374,000	BAT International Finance 4% 2055	210	0.08
511,000	Blend Funding 2.922% 2054	309	0.12
1,213,000	Blend Funding 3.508% 2059	813	0.31
700,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.043% fixed to floating 2050	584	0.22
750,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	610	0.23
1,400,000	EDF 5.625% 2053	1,215	0.47
700,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2049	586	0.23
1,000,000	EDF 6% 2114	855	0.33
1,053,000	Gatwick Funding 2.875% 2049	609	0.23
700,000	HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 1 5.844% fixed to floating 2049	695	0.27
750,000	Hyde Housing Association 1.75% 2055	334	0.13
1,486,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	816	0.31
429,000	Incommunities Treasury 3.25% 2049	300	0.12
451,000	Legal & General 3.75% fixed to floating 2049	372	0.14
420,000	Legal & General 4.5% fixed to floating 2050	357	0.14
2,400,000	M&G 5.56% fixed to floating 2055	2,060	0.79
2,404,000	NGG Finance 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	2,290	0.88
850,000	Northern Powergrid Northeast 1.875% 2062	385	0.15
389,000	Northern Powergrid Northeast 3.25% 2052	262	0.10
1,196,000	Ørsted 2.5% fixed to floating 3021	786	0.30
1,143,000	Peabody Capital No 2 4.625% 2053	944	0.36
1,161,000	Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 2052	775	0.30
1,000,000	RL Finance No 4 4.875% fixed to floating 2049	738	0.28
434,000	Sovereign Housing Capital 2.375% 2048	248	0.10
500,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	279	0.11
600,000	University of Cambridge 3.75% 2052	486	0.19

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
890,000	Vattenfall 2.5% fixed to floating 2083	708	0.27
900,000	Vodafone 3% 2056	501	0.19
919,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	585	0.23
1,014,000	Vodafone 5.125% 2052	855	0.33
887,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	446	0.17
653,000	Wrekin Housing 2.5% 2048	375	0.14
905,000	Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity 5.125% fixed to floating 2052	799	0.31
Perpetual			
1,500,000	BP Capital Markets 4.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,326	0.51
1,881,000	Credit Agricole 7.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,776	0.68
1,000,000	Lloyds Banking 8.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	943	0.36
878,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	755	0.29
Government Bonds (1.81%)		10,230	3.94
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,500,000	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	2,682	1.03
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
4,600,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	4,641	1.79
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
2,400,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	1,963	0.76
1,000,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	944	0.36
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (2.24%)		5,101	1.96
Corporate Bonds (2.24%)		5,101	1.96
Perpetual			
1,900,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	1,410	0.54
1,400,000	BNP Paribas 7.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,073	0.41
1,900,000	Standard Chartered 7.014% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,437	0.55
1,500,000	Westpac Banking FRN Perpetual	1,181	0.46
Collective Investment Schemes (1.04%)		1,983	0.76
1,983	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	1,983	0.76

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Derivatives (0.00%)		119	0.05
Forward Currency Contracts (0.01%)		(11)	-
	Buy GBP 143,251 Sell EUR 165,535 15/11/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 1,763,239 Sell EUR 2,037,513 15/11/2023	10	0.01
	Buy GBP 5,199,769 Sell USD 6,622,407 15/11/2023	(22)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 134,843 Sell GBP 106,210 15/11/2023	-	-
Futures (-0.01%)		130	0.05
86	Long Long Gilt Future 27/12/2023	88	0.03
71	Long US 5 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	42	0.02
Total investment assets and liabilities		256,607	98.70
Net other assets		3,392	1.30
Total Net Assets		259,999	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(5,807)		(44,385)
Revenue	5,844		5,227	
Expenses	(902)		(1,050)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,939		4,176	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		4,939		4,176
Total return before distributions		(868)		(40,209)
Distributions		(4,939)		(4,176)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,807)		(44,385)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		269,562		294,217
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	17,367		47,794	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(24,873)		(19,258)	
		(7,506)		28,536
Dilution adjustment		100		165
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(5,807)		(44,385)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,647		2,836
Unclaimed distributions		3		2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		259,999		281,371

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		256,629		267,632
Current assets:				
Debtors	5,044		4,650	
Cash and bank balances	465		341	
		5,509		4,991
Total assets		262,138		272,623
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(22)		(32)
Creditors	(1,517)		(2,416)	
Distribution payable	(600)		(613)	
		(2,117)		(3,029)
Total liabilities		(2,139)		(3,061)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		259,999		269,562

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.1587	–	1.1587	0.8950
Group 2	0.7192	0.4395	1.1587	0.8950
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4241	–	0.4241	0.3368
Group 2	0.3299	0.0942	0.4241	0.3368
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.4368	–	1.4368	1.1625
Group 2	0.7184	0.7184	1.4368	1.1625
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.4771	–	0.4771	0.3985
Group 2	0.2035	0.2736	0.4771	0.3985
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	1.4260	–	1.4260	1.1742
Group 2	1.4260	–	1.4260	1.1742
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.5550	–	0.5550	0.4787
Group 2	0.5550	–	0.5550	0.4787
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4333	–	0.4333	0.3681
Group 2	0.2112	0.2221	0.4333	0.3681
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.5948	–	0.5948	0.4789
Group 2	0.2774	0.3174	0.5948	0.4789
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4366	–	0.4366	0.3629
Group 2	0.3048	0.1318	0.4366	0.3629
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.9090	–	0.9090	0.7654
Group 2	0.3959	0.5131	0.9090	0.7654

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
ZA income				
Group 1	0.4499	-	0.4499	0.3951
Group 2	0.4499	-	0.4499	0.3951
ZB accumulation				
Group 1	0.9327	-	0.9327	0.7896
Group 2	0.6269	0.3058	0.9327	0.7896

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	1.2382	–	1.2382	0.9480
Group 2	0.6235	0.6147	1.2382	0.9480
Retail income				
Group 1	0.4495	–	0.4495	0.3548
Group 2	0.2135	0.2360	0.4495	0.3548
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.5220	–	1.5220	1.2114
Group 2	1.3916	0.1304	1.5220	1.2114
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.5005	–	0.5005	0.4125
Group 2	0.2799	0.2206	0.5005	0.4125
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	1.5054	–	1.5054	1.2162
Group 2	1.5054	–	1.5054	1.2162
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	0.6250	–	0.6250	0.4974
Group 2	0.6250	–	0.6250	0.4974
Institutional S income				
Group 1	0.4530	–	0.4530	0.3788
Group 2	0.2723	0.1807	0.4530	0.3788
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.6307	–	0.6307	0.5000
Group 2	0.3393	0.2914	0.6307	0.5000
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.4586	–	0.4586	0.3762
Group 2	0.2144	0.2442	0.4586	0.3762
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.9552	–	0.9552	0.7867
Group 2	0.6269	0.3283	0.9552	0.7867

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
ZA income				
Group 1	0.4665	-	0.4665	0.4020
Group 2	0.4665	-	0.4665	0.4020
ZB accumulation				
Group 1	0.9790	-	0.9790	0.8102
Group 2	0.3869	0.5921	0.9790	0.8102

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn North American Small & Mid-Cap Equity Fund (Formerly abrdn American Unconstrained Equity Fund)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in US and Canadian small and mid-capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Russell 2500 Index plus 3% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of small and mid-capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the United States of America (US) and Canada or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from US or Canadian operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- For all investments, small and mid-capitalisation companies are defined as any stock having a market capitalisation less than the 20th percentile stock of the Russell 3000 Index (which is used as a representation of the overall US market).
- The fund may also invest in larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in the US and Canada.
- Investment in companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in or having a significant proportion of their assets in Canada or deriving a significant proportion of their revenue or profits from Canadian operations is not expected to exceed 20% of the fund's assets.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research

process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.

- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the Russell 2500 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.
- Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -0.70%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation Shares, net of fees). This compared with a return of 10.55% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, S&P 500 Index + 3% and Russell 2500 Index +3% after 22 May, 2023).

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

The fund underperformed its benchmark, largely due to stock selection. Sector wise, financials detracted the most from relative performance following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). Other key detractors included information technology, consumer discretionary and consumer staples. Conversely, our exposure to healthcare, communication services and real estate were beneficial.

At the stock level, SVB Financial Group (parent of SVB) detracted from performance. The announcement of a modest-sized capital raising resulted in panic among deposit holders. The large outflows from the bank during a single day led to it being taken into receivership at which point the stock was suspended. The shares fell substantially in the day before trading was suspended and lost most of their remaining value when trading restarted several weeks later and we exited our position. In addition, Charles Schwab was also affected due to fears that it would see further deposit outflows, that could weigh on balance sheet growth. Meanwhile, Sunopta hurt performance as it announced disappointing earnings and lowered its outlook due to a slowdown in the industry as well as idiosyncratic issues at the customer level.

On the other hand, Onto Innovation contributed to performance as it confirmed a large order for its advanced packaging system, a segment benefiting from demand for artificial intelligence. CI Financial was also favourable as the market became increasingly optimistic regarding the management's monetisation plan for CI's US Wealth Management platform. At the same time, its asset management business performed better than expected. Meanwhile, Chart Industries also added to performance after releasing financial results that reflected margin improvements and a robust backlog alleviating concerns around the integration of a recent large acquisition that closed earlier in the year.

Market Review

US equities rose over the six months to 31 August 2023 in sterling terms.

The banking sector turmoil earlier in the review period following the collapse of two regional banks, SVB and Signature Bank, raised the risk of a credit crunch and a recession. However, the authorities' and regulators' subsequent actions restored some confidence. Meanwhile, investors lowered their expectations of further monetary tightening amid the uncertainty. On that note, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) reduced the scale of its interest-rate increases following easing price pressures. At its June meeting, the Fed maintained the target range for the fed funds rate at 5.00–5.25% after 10 consecutive rate hikes. However, faced with an economy that maintained its positive momentum despite rate increases, the Fed remained determined to control inflation. The 25 basis-point (bp) increase in July 2023 took the target range for the fed funds rate to 5.25–5.50%, its highest level since 2001.

Elsewhere, investors closely followed the US debt-ceiling negotiations. The subsequent compromise agreement to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025, signed into law in early June, removed the risk of a default and improved investor sentiment. A strong performance by the technology sector amid investor demand for artificial intelligence-related stocks also helped sentiment.

Portfolio Activity and Review

The fund transitioned during the period, from an unconstrained large cap fund to a small- and mid-cap fund. As a result, many of the buys and sells during this period were driven by the reshaping of the portfolio to closely mirror the team's existing small and mid-cap portfolios.

In recent key portfolio activity, the fund initiated Merit Medical Systems due to improved financial performance as a result of efforts from its Foundations for Growth programme. We also bought Magnolia Oil & Gas, a high-quality exploration and production company with a conservative balance sheet and focus on positive earnings growth. Meanwhile, the fund introduced Alphatec Holdings, a leading innovator for spinal procedures, which could benefit from positive earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation as it grows further penetration of lateral procedures in a wider array of indications.

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Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The US economy continues to surprise to the upside. After the 25-bp hike in July, consensus is shaping up that the Fed may be at the end of their interest-rate hiking cycle. However, this view may be premature as core inflation data continues to be slow to contract and the Fed has been clear that it is committed to hitting their 2% target. Moreover, gasoline prices have been rising recently which will negatively impact future inflation data. Up to now, the consumer has held up remarkably well. However, higher gasoline prices, tighter lending conditions post the averted bank crisis, restarting student loan repayments and lower saving rate levels are likely to crimp spending. That being said, the abrdn 'house' view remains that a mild recession is still likely, but given current economic resilience driven by low unemployment we now expect it to begin in the first quarter of 2024, lasting three quarters.

We continue to have a constructive view on the small- and mid-cap asset class. First, valuations continue to look very compelling on both a relative and absolute basis, with the discount for small relative to large near all-time highs. Second, small and mid caps have historically rallied strongly post significant market drawdowns and have outperformed larger companies during the rebound phase. Third, smaller companies have historically performed well with a backdrop of high-but-declining inflation, which is what we expect for the balance of 2023. Fourth, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity is picking up and given corporate balance sheets are flush with cash, we expect the trend to continue and to benefit small and mid caps. Finally, higher quality companies look increasingly 'cheap' relative to lower quality companies, which is a core investment tenet of our strategy.

DM Smaller Companies Equity Team

September 2023

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund’s ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund’s investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund’s objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

- The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.
- The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.
- In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund’s ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.
- The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,419	33,256	34,065	28,446
Closing number of shares	14,639,372	15,958,638	16,065,638	15,460,886
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	207.79	208.39	212.03	183.99
Change in net asset value per share	(0.29%)	(1.72%)	15.24%	14.59%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	917	955	1,056	963
Closing number of shares	891,288	926,039	1,005,942	1,057,283
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.86	103.16	104.96	91.07
Change in net asset value per share	(0.29%)	(1.71%)	15.25%	14.58%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,886	5,159	5,709	6,511
Closing number of shares	1,958,153	2,066,217	2,258,015	2,981,469
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	249.53	249.67	252.85	218.37
Change in net asset value per share	(0.06%)	(1.26%)	15.79%	15.13%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%
Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	1,340	1,340	1,340	1,340
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.76	100.72	101.88	87.84
Change in net asset value per share	0.04%	(1.14%)	15.98%	15.34%
Operating charges	0.77%	0.80%	0.80%	0.81%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,006	12,194	12,755	20,052
Closing number of shares	5,983,281	6,623,701	6,838,283	12,441,600
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	183.95	184.10	186.53	161.17
Change in net asset value per share	(0.08%)	(1.30%)	15.73%	15.07%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.92%	0.92%	0.93%

Comparative Tables

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ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,264	1,296	1,518	1,336
Closing number of shares	550,913	566,534	660,541	678,157
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	229.42	228.68	229.86	197.04
Change in net asset value per share	0.32%	(0.51%)	16.66%	15.99%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Equities (97.29%)		47,912	98.80
Communication Services (3.45%)		-	-
Consumer Discretionary (12.29%)		3,139	6.47
38,155	Aritzia	550	1.13
7,667	Burlington Stores	982	2.03
16,566	Dorman Products	1,078	2.22
36,681	National Vision	529	1.09
Consumer Staples (4.37%)		3,463	7.14
13,922	Darling Ingredients	678	1.40
28,990	Performance Food	1,421	2.93
148,045	SunOpta	513	1.06
5,022	WD-40	851	1.75
Energy (3.27%)		2,631	5.43
53,400	ChampionX	1,520	3.14
61,778	Magnolia Oil & Gas 'A'	1,111	2.29
Financials (16.69%)		7,929	16.35
94,283	CI Financial	952	1.96
36,129	Donnelley Financial Solutions	1,405	2.90
42,210	First Interstate BancSystem	863	1.78
6,170	LPL Financial	1,123	2.32
16,477	PJT Partners	1,027	2.12
42,506	Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida	792	1.63
47,586	TMX	820	1.69
15,455	Wintrust	947	1.95
Health Care (18.87%)		5,535	11.41
40,840	Alphatec	526	1.08
11,456	CONMED	1,007	2.08

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
18,372	CryoPort	204	0.42
26,482	Harmony Biosciences	758	1.56
39,213	Inmode	1,209	2.49
16,918	Integer	1,138	2.35
13,462	Merit Medical Systems	693	1.43
Industrials (5.95%)		10,305	21.25
32,744	Ameresco 'A'	1,122	2.31
11,031	ArcBest	919	1.90
11,345	Atkore	1,378	2.84
39,478	ATS	1,393	2.87
13,101	Casella Waste Systems 'A'	814	1.68
8,108	Chart Industries	1,155	2.38
38,684	Shyft	479	0.99
9,354	Tetra Tech	1,161	2.39
14,979	Trex	843	1.74
31,723	Werner Enterprises	1,041	2.15
Information Technology (26.73%)		10,734	22.14
21,235	Amdocs	1,494	3.08
12,071	CyberArk Software	1,582	3.26
8,988	Manhattan Associates	1,436	2.96
8,548	Nice ADR	1,314	2.71
15,714	Onto Innovation	1,723	3.55
19,914	Perficient	1,001	2.07
2,644	SolarEdge Technologies	339	0.70
12,423	Wolfspeed	469	0.97
15,597	Workiva	1,376	2.84
Materials (3.98%)		2,685	5.54
16,124	Crown	1,179	2.43
85,829	Graphic Packaging	1,506	3.11

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Real Estate (1.69%)		516	1.06
10,750	Terreno Realty REIT	516	1.06
Utilities (0.00%)		975	2.01
33,485	Essential Utilities	975	2.01
Collective Investment Schemes (1.98%)		1,474	3.04
1,868	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – US Dollar Fund Z1 Inc+	1,474	3.04
Total investment assets		49,386	101.84
Net other liabilities		(893)	(1.84)
Total Net Assets		48,493	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(100)		1,915
Revenue	303		363	
Expenses	(285)		(334)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	18		28	
Taxation	(38)		(52)	
Net expense after taxation		(20)		(24)
Total return before equalisation		(120)		1,891
Equalisation on shares		(1)		(1)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(121)		1,890

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		52,861		55,104
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	7,082		29,546	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(11,329)		(26,679)	
		(4,247)		2,867
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(121)		1,890
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		48,493		59,861

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		49,386		52,473
Current assets:				
Debtors	122		509	
Cash and bank balances	50		47	
		172		556
Total assets		49,558		53,029
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,065)		(168)	
		(1,065)		(168)
Total liabilities		(1,065)		(168)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		48,493		52,861

abrdn Sterling Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling-denominated investment grade corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To exceed the IA Sterling Corporate bond Sector Average return (after charges) over 1 year and be top quartile over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds.
- The fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, including sub-sovereigns, sub-investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed bonds. The fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives based on analysis of global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation) and analysis of a company's prospects and creditworthiness compared to that of the market.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 3%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's profile may deviate significantly from the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index over the long term.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -0.49%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of -0.15% for our performance target. (Source: Morningstar, the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector Average).

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Stock selection was positive for the fund over the period, particularly within BBB rated bonds. Financial holdings performed well, as we benefitted from the subordinated financials of antipodean banks such as ANZ and Westpac. Property positioning also outperformed, notably shopping centres Intu Metrocentre and Hammerson. In utilities, EDF and Engie also outperformed.

On the downside, the fund's overall duration positioning detracted. Within banking, long dated bonds of UBS, Deutsche Bank, NatWest, Barclays and Rabobank detracted. Bus and coach operator Mobico Group also weighed on returns.

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Market Review

Corporate bonds had a mixed performance over the six month period. A backdrop of sharply rising interest rates, stubbornly high annual inflation and a worsening economic outlook created challenging market conditions. Growing expectations that global inflation pressures may be peaking, leading to hopes that the current cycle of interest-rate rises may be nearing its end, have helped market sentiment. In the UK, the Bank of England increased its base rate steadily over the period. Inflation has fallen back from its recent highpoint in late 2022. With annual inflation running higher in the UK than in the US and Europe and the core rate still around 7%, the UK's central bank remained under pressure to raise rates even higher.

Turbulence in the global banking sector in March caused credit spreads to widen to levels last seen in the autumn of 2022. However, the negative effect of wider credit spreads was offset by lower government bond yields amid a flight to safety. Calm returned to bond markets over the second quarter of 2023, with spreads steadily tightening, although they still ended the period near to where they were

Portfolio Activity and Review

In the primary market, late in the period, we bought attractive new issue utilities bonds, including the 2036 bonds of United Utilities and the 2039 bonds of Anglican Water. We also bought Société Générale's 2033 issue. In the secondary market, we recently bought property issuer TT Group. We have also increased our positioning in gilts. On the sell side, we sold down banks including Deutsche Bank and CaixaBank. We also reduced Volkswagen.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The outlook for the economy remains mixed, swinging between recession and soft landing. Credit spreads ended the second quarter largely unchanged, having widened during the mini-banking crisis. Financial spreads underperformed and are now trading at the widest relative value to non-financials in over a decade. While employment is still holding up, other data indicate tougher times ahead. The recent events in the US and Europe point towards tighter lending standards. Investment-grade (IG) spreads remain attractive compared to long-term levels. Overall, yields are also attractive, with the underlying government bond yield being the greater proportion of this. We therefore think that IG can weather the upcoming storm. We have also moved longer duration recently as we think yields are more likely to fall. Spreads, while elevated, certainly have room to widen; however, as we saw in October last year and more recently in March, they can snap back quickly.

Sterling IG Aggregate Team

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk			
←			→			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities (which may include collateralised loan, debt or mortgage obligations (respectively CLOs, CDOs or CMOs)). These are subject to prepayment and extension risk and additional liquidity and default risk compared to other credit securities.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,769	42,061	51,559	57,147
Closing number of shares	12,440,899	13,092,977	13,827,836	14,789,827
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	319.66	321.25	372.86	386.40
Change in net asset value per share	(0.49%)	(13.84%)	(3.50%)	1.59%
Operating charges	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,455	17,608	22,042	25,244
Closing number of shares	20,395,739	21,424,357	22,184,024	23,734,495
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	80.68	82.19	99.36	106.36
Change in net asset value per share	(1.84%)	(17.28%)	(6.58%)	(1.62%)
Operating charges	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88,310	80,998	46,297	43,646
Closing number of shares	162,010,685	147,733,709	73,058,840	66,743,975
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	54.51	54.83	63.37	65.39
Change in net asset value per share	(0.58%)	(13.48%)	(3.09%)	2.01%
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.61%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37,386	38,840	10,234	11,222
Closing number of shares	90,688,523	91,191,335	19,958,567	20,532,132
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	41.22	42.59	51.28	54.66
Change in net asset value per share	(3.22%)	(16.95%)	(6.18%)	(1.19%)
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.61%
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40	52	37	24
Closing number of shares	70,168	91,330	56,664	36,329
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	56.90	56.92	65.46	67.21
Change in net asset value per share	(0.04%)	(13.05%)	(2.60%)	2.53%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%

Comparative Tables

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ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	463	2,461	3,031	3,918
Closing number of shares	1,075,342	5,548,614	5,710,655	6,964,912
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	43.06	44.35	53.08	56.26
Change in net asset value per share	(2.91%)	(16.45%)	(5.65%)	(0.62%)
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,407	7,334	11,507	10,320
Closing number of shares	4,516,771	5,154,430	6,994,060	6,075,427
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	141.85	142.28	164.52	169.86
Change in net asset value per share	(0.30%)	(13.52%)	(3.14%)	1.97%
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.66%
P Income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	98	132		
Closing number of shares	109,050	141,169		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	90.37	93.31		
Change in net asset value per share	(3.15%)	(1.34%)		
Operating charges	0.34%	0.34%		
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,518	6,138	8,603	10,337
Closing number of shares	6,115,443	6,582,613	7,659,727	8,628,609
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	90.23	93.25	112.32	119.79
Change in net asset value per share	(3.24%)	(16.98%)	(6.24%)	(1.25%)
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.66%
Q Income^B	31 August 2023	28 February 2023		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	214	338		
Closing number of shares	237,380	363,104		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	90.04	92.97		
Change in net asset value per share	(3.15%)	(1.35%)		
Operating charges	0.29%	0.29%		

Comparative Tables

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Z Accumulation^c	31 August 2023	28 February 2023
Closing net asset value (£'000)	16,948	59,491
Closing number of shares	8,364,940	29,340,018
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	202.61	202.76
Change in net asset value per share	(0.07%)	(1.29%)
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%

Z Income^d	31 August 2023
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,411
Closing number of shares	81,284,475
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	48.49
Change in net asset value per share	(3.14%)
Operating charges	0.09%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^a P Income share class was launched on 24 February 2023.

^b Q Income share class was launched on 24 February 2023.

^c Z Accumulation share class was launched on 24 February 2023.

^d Z Income share class was launched on 28 March 2023.

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.87%)		245,629	97.85
Euro Denominated Bonds (2.76%)		5,064	2.02
Corporate Bonds (2.76%)		5,064	2.02
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,250,000	Cromwell EREIT 2.125% 2025	1,682	0.67
12,850,000	Lehman Brothers 4.625% 2019**	-	-
1,000,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 0.19% 2023	845	0.34
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
750,000	Digital Intrepid REIT 0.625% 2031	463	0.19
greater than 25 years to maturity			
500,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.5% fixed to floating 2069	403	0.16
Perpetual			
1,100,000	Aegon 5.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	833	0.33
1,050,488	Stichting 6.5% Perpetual	838	0.33
Sterling Denominated Bonds (92.91%)		234,169	93.28
Corporate Bonds (90.84%)		213,935	85.22
less than 5 years to maturity			
500,000	AA Bond 6.269% 2025	488	0.19
750,000	ABP Finance 6.25% 2026	747	0.30
316,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 2% 2028	239	0.10
1,000,000	Anglian Water Osprey Financing 4% 2026	901	0.36
1,100,000	Athene Global Funding 1.75% 2027	896	0.36
500,000	Banco Santander 1.5% 2026	441	0.18
1,500,000	Banco Santander 1.75% 2027	1,280	0.51
500,000	Barclays 3% 2026	457	0.18
1,100,000	Barclays 3.25% 2027	987	0.39
500,000	BAT International Finance 4% 2026	472	0.19
1,500,000	CaixaBank 1.5% fixed to floating 2026	1,328	0.53
1,000,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 1.875% fixed to floating 2028	860	0.34
1,929,000	Co-Operative Bank Finance 6% fixed to floating 2027	1,758	0.70

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
2,500,000	CPUK Finance 3.69% 2028	2,168	0.86
735,000	Credit Suisse 7.75% 2026	758	0.30
2,700,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	2,328	0.93
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	1,324	0.53
1,000,000	Deutsche Bank 4% fixed to floating 2026	942	0.38
432,000	FirstGroup 6.875% 2024	431	0.17
1,250,000	Hammerson REIT 3.5% 2025	1,140	0.45
1,855,000	Hammerson REIT 6% 2026	1,750	0.70
470,000	Hammerson REIT 7.25% 2028	440	0.18
1,750,000	Heathrow Funding 2.625% 2028	1,461	0.58
1,500,000	HSBC 1.75% fixed to floating 2027	1,318	0.53
1,500,000	HSBC 2.256% fixed to floating 2026	1,371	0.55
1,000,000	Imperial Brands Finance 5.5% 2026	975	0.39
1,200,000	Informa 3.125% 2026	1,105	0.44
1,047,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets 1.75% 2024	1,009	0.40
1,800,000	Lloyds Banking 1.875% fixed to floating 2026	1,693	0.67
4,200,000	Metrocentre Finance REIT 8.75% 2023	2,292	0.91
1,499,000	Mizuho Financial 5.628% 2028	1,461	0.58
368,000	Nationwide Building Society 6.178% fixed to floating 2027	362	0.14
600,000	NatWest 2.875% fixed to floating 2026	554	0.22
1,000,000	NatWest 3.125% fixed to floating 2027	915	0.36
500,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	419	0.17
800,000	Royal Bank of Canada 5% 2028	767	0.31
614,000	Santander UK 3.625% 2026	572	0.23
1,194,000	Santander UK 7.098% fixed to floating 2027	1,196	0.48
579,000	Southern Water Services Finance 1.625% 2027	484	0.19
500,000	Stagecoach 4% 2025	466	0.19
750,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 3.5% 2028	659	0.26
1,000,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4% 2025	933	0.37
1,000,000	UBS 2.125% fixed to floating 2025	956	0.38
1,100,000	UBS 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	946	0.38
1,000,000	Virgin Money UK 4% fixed to floating 2026	927	0.37
600,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	581	0.23
1,100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 5.5% 2026	1,077	0.43
769,000	Wells Fargo 3.473% fixed to floating 2028	691	0.28
2,373,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance No 2 1.642% 2026	2,049	0.82
2,974,000	Workspace REIT 2.25% 2028	2,269	0.90

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
521,000	Annington Funding 2.308% 2032	371	0.15
500,000	Annington Funding 4.75% 2033	425	0.17
1,700,000	Arqiva Financing 4.882% 2032	990	0.39
842,000	AT&T 4.375% 2029	768	0.31
3,600,000	Athene Global Funding 1.875% 2028	2,819	1.12
2,000,000	Banco Santander 2.25% fixed to floating 2032	1,626	0.65
500,000	Banco Santander 4.75% fixed to floating 2028	473	0.19
500,000	Bank of America 1.667% fixed to floating 2029	408	0.16
1,940,000	Bank of America 3.584% fixed to floating 2031	1,665	0.66
1,200,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	918	0.37
1,000,000	Barclays 3.75% fixed to floating 2030	912	0.36
800,000	Barclays 6.369% fixed to floating 2031	777	0.31
1,000,000	Barclays 8.407% fixed to floating 2032	1,011	0.40
1,774,000	Berkeley 2.5% 2031	1,190	0.47
549,000	Blackstone Property Partners Europe 2.625% 2028	419	0.17
136,000	Blackstone Property Partners Europe 4.875% 2032	105	0.04
1,400,000	BNP Paribas 1.25% 2031	981	0.39
3,000,000	BNP Paribas 2% fixed to floating 2031	2,578	1.03
1,600,000	BNP Paribas 2.875% 2029	1,348	0.54
700,000	BPCE 2.5% fixed to floating 2032	571	0.23
3,500,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2033	2,696	1.07
750,000	Canary Wharf Finance II 6.8% 2030	338	0.13
400,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.625% 2029	360	0.14
1,000,000	CPUK Finance 6.136% 2031	956	0.38
1,700,000	Credit Agricole 4.875% 2029	1,603	0.64
2,260,000	Delamare Finance 5.5457% 2029	1,248	0.50
900,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% fixed to floating 2028	728	0.29
800,000	Deutsche Bank 6.125% fixed to floating 2030	743	0.30
830,000	Digital Stout REIT 3.3% 2029	695	0.28
1,500,000	Digital Stout REIT 3.75% 2030	1,259	0.50
698,000	DS Smith 2.875% 2029	584	0.23
715,000	Enel Finance International 2.875% 2029	610	0.24
1,153,000	ENW Finance 4.893% 2032	1,080	0.43
1,500,000	Fiserv 3% 2031	1,225	0.49
1,200,000	Goldman Sachs 3.625% fixed to floating 2029	1,060	0.42
1,200,000	Grainger 3% 2030	936	0.37
1,359,000	Heathrow Funding 6.45% 2031	1,390	0.55

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,156,000	HSBC 3% fixed to floating 2030	967	0.39
1,750,000	HSBC 6.75% 2028	1,752	0.70
300,000	ING 1.125% fixed to floating 2028	244	0.10
730,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.895% fixed to floating 2033	536	0.21
1,150,000	Lloyds Banking 1.985% fixed to floating 2031	976	0.39
1,135,000	Lloyds Banking 6.625% fixed to floating 2033	1,094	0.44
1,000,000	Longstone Finance 4.896% 2031	890	0.35
2,500,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	1,149	0.46
1,140,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 2032	533	0.21
700,000	Mobico 2.375% 2028	581	0.23
1,250,000	National Australia Bank 1.699% fixed to floating 2031	1,050	0.42
750,000	National Grid Electricity Distribution West Midlands 5.75% 2032	740	0.30
2,750,000	NatWest 2.105% fixed to floating 2031	2,320	0.92
1,000,000	NatWest 3.619% fixed to floating 2029	881	0.35
427,000	NIE Finance 5.875% 2032	429	0.17
573,000	Northern Gas Networks Finance 6.125% 2033	574	0.23
903,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 4.5% 2031	815	0.32
856,000	Pension Insurance 3.625% 2032	631	0.25
862,000	Pension Insurance 4.625% 2031	710	0.28
681,000	Pension Insurance 5.625% 2030	602	0.24
3,250,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	2,214	0.88
909,000	Realty Income REIT 1.75% 2033	619	0.25
1,250,000	Santander UK 2.421% fixed to floating 2029	1,042	0.42
1,000,000	Santander UK 3.875% 2029	899	0.36
510,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 2.75% 2031	408	0.16
1,200,000	Societe Generale 6.25% 2033	1,205	0.48
600,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2029	575	0.23
1,323,000	Swedbank 5.875% fixed to floating 2029	1,282	0.51
2,000,000	Telereal Securitisation 6.1645% 2031	1,657	0.66
1,250,000	Telereal Securitisation FRN 2031	1,123	0.45
1,450,000	Trafford Centre Finance 7.03% 2029	455	0.18
2,653,000	UBS 2.125% fixed to floating 2029	2,182	0.87
733,000	Unite REIT 3.5% 2028	639	0.25
1,250,000	Virgin Money UK 2.625% fixed to floating 2031	1,052	0.42
1,750,000	Virgin Money UK 5.125% fixed to floating 2030	1,622	0.65
1,800,000	Virgin Money UK FRN 2028	1,787	0.71
1,000,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.375% 2028	794	0.32
600,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 5.875% 2029	585	0.23

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,000,000	Welltower REIT 4.8% 2028	926	0.37
500,000	Wm Morrison Supermarkets 4.75% 2029	301	0.12
183,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.511% fixed to floating 2030	153	0.06
669,000	Yorkshire Water Finance 1.75% 2032	469	0.19
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,520,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	1,169	0.47
1,250,000	BAT International Finance 6% 2034	1,128	0.45
1,000,000	Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 2034	755	0.30
791,000	Cadent Finance 5.75% 2034	771	0.31
750,000	Citigroup 6.8% 2038	826	0.33
1,500,000	E.ON International Finance 4.75% 2034	1,365	0.54
1,500,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	1,451	0.58
2,000,000	Eversholt Funding 6.697% 2035	1,658	0.66
1,000,000	Gatwick Funding 4.625% 2034	884	0.35
2,000,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.875% 2035	1,100	0.44
3,488,000	Lloyds Banking 2.707% fixed to floating 2035	2,565	1.02
651,000	McDonald's 3.75% 2038	523	0.21
500,000	Metropolitan Housing Trust 1.875% 2036	323	0.13
1,250,000	Morgan Stanley 5.789% fixed to floating 2033	1,212	0.48
821,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 6.375% 2034	822	0.33
344,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 4.625% 2034	308	0.12
377,000	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 2036	354	0.14
793,000	Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 2036	575	0.23
500,000	Southern Water Services Finance 3% 2037	330	0.13
2,130,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 4.375% 2034	1,759	0.70
1,000,000	Transport for London 5% 2035	944	0.38
1,268,000	United Utilities Water Finance 5.75% 2036	1,251	0.50
1,060,000	Welltower REIT 4.5% 2034	882	0.35
357,000	Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 2035	331	0.13
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
625,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 6% 2039	623	0.25
525,000	Arqiva Financing 7.21% 2045	535	0.21
1,500,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	1,223	0.49
1,750,000	AT&T 7% 2040	1,826	0.73

Portfolio Statement

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,400,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047	1,008	0.40
732,000	British Telecommunications 5.75% 2041	678	0.27
856,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048	578	0.23
1,800,000	E.ON International Finance 6.125% 2039	1,810	0.72
1,000,000	E.ON International Finance 6.75% 2039	1,063	0.42
1,100,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	965	0.38
500,000	Eversholt Funding 2.742% 2040	338	0.13
825,000	Eversholt Funding 3.529% 2042	592	0.24
500,000	Heathrow Funding 5.875% 2041	480	0.19
650,000	Hexagon Housing Association 3.625% 2048	435	0.17
512,000	Home 3.125% 2043	343	0.14
300,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 5.5% 2040	286	0.11
370,000	Midland Heart Capital 5.087% 2044	338	0.13
1,000,000	National Grid Electricity Transmission 2% 2040	591	0.24
955,000	National Grid Electricity Transmission 5.272% 2043	879	0.35
795,000	Ørsted 5.375% 2042	738	0.29
1,744,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	1,124	0.45
500,000	Tesco Property Finance 1 7.6227% 2039	419	0.17
1,000,000	Tesco Property Finance 2 6.0517% 2039	720	0.29
2,938,000	Tesco Property Finance 3 5.744% 2040	2,475	0.99
1,000,000	Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 2040	858	0.34
500,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.5% 2041	432	0.17
1,020,000	United Utilities Water Finance 5.125% 2038	935	0.37
2,000,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2038	1,178	0.47
600,000	Wheatley Capital 4.375% 2044	500	0.20
266,000	Yorkshire Housing Finance 4.125% 2044	208	0.08
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,003,000	AA Bond 5.5% 2050	905	0.36
929,000	Annington Funding 2.924% 2051	505	0.20
363,000	Aviva 4% fixed to floating 2055	275	0.11
2,500,000	Aviva 4.375% fixed to floating 2049	2,156	0.86
1,000,000	Aviva 5.125% fixed to floating 2050	881	0.35
1,200,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating 2049	1,184	0.47
400,000	Blend Funding 2.922% 2054	242	0.10
2,062,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.043% fixed to floating 2050	1,721	0.69

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
900,000	Citizen Treasury 3.25% 2048	615	0.25
1,100,000	Dignity Finance 4.6956% 2049	673	0.27
2,000,000	EDF 5.625% 2053	1,736	0.69
800,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2049	669	0.27
600,000	EDF 6% 2114	513	0.20
900,000	EDF 6% fixed to floating 2049	831	0.33
500,000	Engie 5% 2060	431	0.17
900,000	Engie 5.625% 2053	855	0.34
1,300,000	HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 1 5.844% fixed to floating 2049	1,291	0.51
750,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	412	0.16
500,000	Legal & General 3.75% fixed to floating 2049	412	0.16
1,000,000	Legal & General 5.5% fixed to floating 2064	899	0.36
800,000	M&G 5.56% fixed to floating 2055	687	0.27
583,000	M&G 5.625% fixed to floating 2051	519	0.21
1,500,000	NatWest 5.125% fixed to floating 2067	1,240	0.49
2,250,000	NGG Finance 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	2,143	0.85
2,130,000	Ørsted 2.5% fixed to floating 3021	1,399	0.56
500,000	RL Finance No 4 4.875% fixed to floating 2049	369	0.15
800,000	Sanctuary Capital 2.375% 2050	449	0.18
1,259,000	Vattenfall 2.5% fixed to floating 2083	1,002	0.40
1,000,000	Vodafone 3% 2056	556	0.22
600,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	382	0.15
759,000	Vodafone 5.125% 2052	640	0.26
500,000	Wrekin Housing 2.5% 2048	287	0.11
1,184,000	Zurich Finance Ireland Designated Activity 5.125% fixed to floating 2052	1,045	0.42
Perpetual			
750,000	Barclays 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	692	0.28
1,000,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	880	0.35
1,100,000	Barclays 7.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,013	0.40
1,500,000	BP Capital Markets 4.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,326	0.53
1,100,000	Lloyds Bank 11.75% Perpetual	1,660	0.66
750,000	Lloyds Banking 8.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	707	0.28
2,049,000	Mobico 4.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,779	0.71
2,000,000	NatWest 4.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,518	0.60

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (2.07%)		20,234	8.06
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,000,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% 2028	829	0.33
6,000,000	UK (Govt of) 0.375% 2026	5,261	2.10
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
12,750,000	UK (Govt of) 0.625% 2035	8,302	3.31
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,500,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2041	889	0.35
5,000,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	4,091	1.63
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,000,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2053	862	0.34
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (2.20%)		6,396	2.55
Corporate Bonds (2.20%)		6,396	2.55
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,000,000	Danske Bank FRN 2024	770	0.31
Perpetual			
3,910,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	2,901	1.16
1,000,000	Standard Chartered 7.014% fixed to floating Perpetual	757	0.30
2,500,000	Westpac Banking FRN Perpetual	1,968	0.78
Collective Investment Schemes (0.72%)		3,894	1.55
3,894	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	3,894	1.55
Derivatives (-0.08%)		415	0.17
Forward Currency Contracts (0.05%)		119	0.05
	Buy EUR 101,968 Sell GBP 87,812 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 180,149 Sell GBP 154,473 07/09/2023	-	-

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Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy EUR 332,344 Sell GBP 285,833 07/09/2023	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 584,967 Sell GBP 499,913 07/09/2023	2	-
	Buy EUR 2,796,354 Sell GBP 2,398,905 07/09/2023	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 5,837,378 Sell GBP 5,006,737 07/09/2023	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 63,349 Sell EUR 73,615 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 101,017 Sell EUR 117,814 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 112,090 Sell EUR 129,386 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 154,473 Sell EUR 179,330 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 838,865 Sell EUR 969,293 07/09/2023	7	0.01
	Buy GBP 7,200,361 Sell EUR 8,362,905 07/09/2023	27	0.01
	Buy GBP 154,473 Sell EUR 179,377 07/12/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,028,265 Sell EUR 5,837,378 07/12/2023	5	-
	Buy GBP 68,052 Sell USD 84,529 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 73,998 Sell USD 94,197 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 86,874 Sell USD 113,930 07/09/2023	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 133,908 Sell USD 168,423 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 161,983 Sell USD 204,025 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 173,468 Sell USD 216,610 07/09/2023	3	-
	Buy GBP 297,940 Sell USD 384,413 07/09/2023	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 502,649 Sell USD 631,094 07/09/2023	5	-
	Buy GBP 5,397,465 Sell USD 6,747,248 07/09/2023	77	0.03
	Buy GBP 173,468 Sell USD 219,997 07/12/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,211,245 Sell USD 7,875,125 07/12/2023	(3)	-
	Buy USD 89,472 Sell GBP 69,994 07/09/2023	1	-
	Buy USD 92,783 Sell GBP 72,658 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 92,916 Sell GBP 73,182 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 109,140 Sell GBP 84,533 07/09/2023	2	-
	Buy USD 219,973 Sell GBP 173,468 07/09/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 7,875,125 Sell GBP 6,211,972 07/09/2023	3	-
Futures (0.06%)		290	0.12
234	Long Long Gilt Future 27/12/2023	240	0.10
86	Long US 5 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	50	0.02

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Interest Rate Swaps (-0.19%)		6	-
GBP 10,000,000	Pay floating GBP-SONIA receive fixed 5.511% 31/08/2025	6	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		249,938	99.57
Net other assets		1,081	0.43
Total Net Assets		251,019	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

** Defaulted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(7,188)		(22,833)
Revenue	7,471		2,858	
Expenses	(723)		(596)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	6,743		2,261	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		6,743		2,261
Total return before distributions		(445)		(20,572)
Distributions		(7,457)		(2,852)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(7,902)		(23,424)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		255,453		153,310
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	57,288		16,905	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(58,793)		(7,160)	
		(1,505)		9,745
Dilution adjustment		68		60
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(7,902)		(23,424)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		4,901		2,144
Unclaimed distributions		4		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		251,019		141,836

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		249,956		252,228
Current assets:				
Debtors	4,639		7,789	
Cash and bank balances	1,198		912	
		5,837		8,701
Total assets		255,793		260,929
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(18)		(569)
Bank overdrafts	(110)		-	
Creditors	(3,089)		(4,178)	
Distribution payable	(1,557)		(729)	
		(4,756)		(4,907)
Total liabilities		(4,774)		(5,476)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		251,019		255,453

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

First interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	4.4877	-	4.4877	3.1886
Group 2	3.0242	1.4635	4.4877	3.1886
Retail income				
Group 1	1.1481	-	1.1481	0.8497
Group 2	0.5219	0.6262	1.1481	0.8497
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.7663	-	0.7663	0.5422
Group 2	0.5202	0.2461	0.7663	0.5422
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.5953	-	0.5953	0.4388
Group 2	0.2788	0.3165	0.5953	0.4388
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.7957	-	0.7957	0.5604
Group 2	0.5187	0.2770	0.7957	0.5604
ZA income				
Group 1	0.6202	-	0.6202	0.4546
Group 2	0.6202	-	0.6202	0.4546
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	1.9887	-	1.9887	1.4076
Group 2	0.5395	1.4492	1.9887	1.4076
P Income				
Group 1	1.3046	-	1.3046	-
Group 2	1.3046	-	1.3046	-
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.3033	-	1.3033	0.9610
Group 2	0.4859	0.8174	1.3033	0.9610
Q Income				
Group 1	1.2997	-	1.2997	-
Group 2	1.2997	-	1.2997	-

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Z Accumulation				
Group 1	2.8358	-	2.8358	-
Group 2	1.3245	1.5113	2.8358	-
Z Income				
Group 1	0.4920	-	0.4920	-
Group 2	0.4920	-	0.4920	-

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	4.9473	-	4.9473	3.3442
Group 2	3.3568	1.5905	4.9473	3.3442
Retail income				
Group 1	1.2470	-	1.2470	0.8831
Group 2	0.6590	0.5880	1.2470	0.8831
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	0.8457	-	0.8457	0.5692
Group 2	0.7584	0.0873	0.8457	0.5692
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6472	-	0.6472	0.4564
Group 2	0.3504	0.2968	0.6472	0.4564
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	0.8798	-	0.8798	0.5888
Group 2	0.5947	0.2851	0.8798	0.5888
ZA income				
Group 1	0.6756	-	0.6756	0.4736
Group 2	0.6756	-	0.6756	0.4736
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	2.1945	-	2.1945	1.4776
Group 2	1.0456	1.1489	2.1945	1.4776
P Income				
Group 1	1.4184	-	1.4184	-
Group 2	1.4184	-	1.4184	-
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.4168	-	1.4168	0.9997
Group 2	0.4610	0.9558	1.4168	0.9997
Q Income				
Group 1	1.4135	-	1.4135	-
Group 2	1.4135	-	1.4135	-

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Z Accumulation				
Group 1	3.1332	-	3.1332	-
Group 2	1.6240	1.5092	3.1332	-
Z Income				
Group 1	0.7592	-	0.7592	-
Group 2	0.1067	0.6525	0.7592	-

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn UK Ethical Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares) which adhere to the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index, plus 2% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- All investments will adhere to the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach available on www.abrdn.com under "Fund Centre".
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn), money-market instruments, and cash.
- The fund will invest at least 70% in companies that the abrdn ESG House Score quantitatively identifies as having preferred ESG characteristics in a global context in accordance with the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach. This analysis covers areas such as human rights, labour rights, environmental safeguards and combating bribery and corruption.
- The approach utilises abrdn's equity investment process, where companies invested in are given an overall quality rating, a component of which is the ESG Quality Rating which enables the management teams to qualitatively identify and avoid ESG laggards.
- As part of the approach the fund applies a set of company exclusions which are related but not limited to animal testing, weaponry, pornography, gambling, tobacco and alcohol.

Management Process

- The fund management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.

- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual companies where the management team have a different view than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- Engagement with external company management teams is used to evaluate the ownership structures, governance and management quality of those companies in order to inform portfolio construction.
- Through the application of the abrdn UK Ethical Equity Investment Approach the fund is expected to have a lower carbon intensity than the FTSE All-Share Index.
- This approach reduces the benchmark investable universe by a minimum of 20%.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE All-Share Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12%. Due to the ethical nature of the management process, there are a material number of stocks and sectors in the FTSE All-Share Index that the fund is unable to invest, which means the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE All-Share Index.

Derivatives and techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -5.16%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation net of fees). This compared with a return of -2.28% in the performance target (Source: FactSet, the FTSE All-Share Index +2%.)

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

The choice of stocks in the fund detracted from returns, although sector allocation was positive and helped limit losses. In particular, weaknesses came from the fund's stock selection in the industrials, financials, technology and utilities sectors. Nevertheless, an above-index positioning in technology and industrials helped offset some of the losses. An underweight positioning and the choice of stocks in the healthcare sector also hurt relative results. An overweight holding of telecommunications stocks also weighed on results.

At a stock level, the fund's overweight exposure to OSB Group was the biggest detractor, as the company's shares lost ground following an announcement of changes in assumptions on customer behaviour regarding a portion of its mortgage book. While disappointing, we met with the company and others to fully understand the issues and are convinced that the change has not fundamentally damaged the business long term, which continues to be well capitalised and generating excellent returns. Meanwhile, holding Keywords Studios weighed on returns with the company's shares falling on concerns that artificial intelligence technology could disrupt its testing, support and games development businesses. Other detractors included above-index positions in insurance and financial services provider Prudential as well as professional information technology (IT) services provider FDM Group. Additionally, our lack of exposure to Rolls-Royce Holdings also hurt performance.

On the positive side, the lack of exposure to basic materials stocks contributed to relative returns the most. An overweight holding in the technology sector was also helpful, although the returns were capped by the choice of stocks. Other sectors that contributed to relative returns were consumer discretionary, real estate and energy.

In terms of individual stocks, an above-benchmark holding in Softcat, a leading provider of IT infrastructure technology and services, was the biggest contributor to relative performance. The company's shares were buoyed by an upgrade in its full-year guidance, signalling a continuing resilience in technology spending by the UK's small and medium-sized businesses. Moonpig Group, an online greetings cards retailer, was another top contributor, with its shares surging after the company reported robust financial results for the fiscal year ending on 30 April 2023. Furthermore, an above-index position in Diploma, specialised products and services supplier, and our holding in CVS Group, a veterinary services provider, also added to relative performance. Finally, an overweight

exposure to Howden Joinery Group, a specialist kitchen and joinery supplier, was positive as its shares advanced thanks to reports highlighting strong demand for their trade kitchens with pricing offsetting volume declines in the market.

Market Review

The UK stock market, as represented by the FTSE 350 Index, declined over the period. The FTSE 100 Index, home of large, multinational companies that often benefit from a weak pound, held up relatively better in the global market sell-off, but still weakened. Meanwhile, the FTSE 250 Index, which contains mid-sized companies typically more focused on the domestic UK economy, performed worse over the period.

Several factors explained the relative resilience of UK larger companies on the FTSE 100 Index. As well as initially benefiting from a weaker pound, it is home to many so-called defensive shares that tend to hold their value better during times of economic uncertainty. It also contains several energy and mining companies. Although commodity prices have fallen after spiking due to the war in Eastern Europe, they are still historically high.

Inflation loomed large on the UK economic landscape as the annual consumer inflation rate increased steadily. In 2023, the Bank of England (BoE) increased its base rate by 50 basis points (bps) in February, by 25 bps in both March and May, a further 50 bps in June and then a further 25 bps in August. In part due to surging food prices, UK annual consumer inflation has remained stubbornly high and stands significantly higher than in the US and eurozone. In the UK, the consumer price index (CPI) stood at an annualised 6.8% in July, down from 7.9% in June, but the core reading, which strips out food and energy, was unchanged at 6.9% – above forecasts. The UK economy grew by 0.2% in the second quarter of 2023, better than expected. Data also showed an unexpected rise in the unemployment rate, which increased from 4.0% to 4.2% in the three months to June. Finally, over the six-month review period, the pound moved higher against the US dollar, from around US\$1.20 to US\$1.27.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In terms of portfolio activity, there were numerous transactions over the past six months. The fund initiated new positions in Telecom Plus, a utility provider, and Spirax-Sarco Engineering, a specialist in thermal energy management and niche pumping systems. We believe Telecom Plus has the potential for sustained high growth, in part, due to its competitive pricing for utility consumers, supported by a more favourable regulatory environment.

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Elsewhere, we added to our holding in Marshalls following a profit warning, as revised growth estimates made the company's valuation more attractive. We also topped up Robert Walters, Sirius Real Estate, Keywords Studios and Molten Ventures following weakness in their share prices. Furthermore, we added to our position in Moonpig. Similarly, we increased positions in Kainos, a global IT services firm displaying robust, high-margin growth and OSB, as we believe the company remains well-capitalised despite a period of share price decline due to changes in mortgage book assumptions. Enterprise software company Sage was another name where we increased our holding as we like the company's improving prospects as new products feed through. Sage also showed high margins and strong cash generation, which we liked.

On the other hand, we reduced holdings in a number of businesses, including Howden Joinery, Lloyds Banking, RELX, an information and analytics company, as well as Coca-Cola HBC and Spire Healthcare. Additionally, we took profits in Bellway and Dunelm, both of which performed strongly during the period. To fund our portfolio additions, we also trimmed our position in Porvair, a specialist in filtration and environmental technology, as it had already delivered robust performance, leaving limited upside in its valuation.

The fund exited several companies, including Spectris, following its strong share-price performance and in view of potential cyclicality. We also exited Unite Group, a provider of purpose-built student accommodation, due to its declining rerating potential. Similarly, we sold our holdings in Marks & Spencer due to its robust share-price performance, which reduced its valuation attractiveness. Additionally, the fund exited positions in Drax Group due to increased risk associated with future subsidies amid shifting environmental views. We also exited Grainger and Workspace Group to manage real estate exposure. Finally, we sold out of Instem, due to its strong performance, which limited further valuation potential, and we divested from IMI, a specialist engineering company.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Inflation and rising interest rates have been both challenges to society and have materially altered the investment backdrop since early 2022. Meanwhile, the much-anticipated recession has not, as yet, materialised. Although macro drivers affect the stock market, we remain confident we can navigate this choppy environment. The UK equity market is highly diverse, allowing access a wide range of companies with different drivers.

Therefore, we remain focused on bottom-up stock picking, examining prospects on a company-by-company basis over the fund's three- to five-year investment horizon. The focus is on finding businesses within the acceptable universe defined by the fund's ethical policy, that are well positioned for growth, and have resilient earnings streams and underappreciated business models.

DM Sustainable & Thematic Equity Team

September 2023

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Risk and Reward Profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- Applying ESG and sustainability criteria in the investment process may result in the exclusion of securities within the fund's benchmark or universe of potential investments. The interpretation of ESG and sustainability criteria is subjective meaning that the fund may invest in companies which similar funds do not (and thus perform differently) and which do not align with the personal views of any individual investor.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

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Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	46,384	51,840	59,987	61,560
Closing number of shares	27,216,843	28,765,535	32,588,173	33,002,021
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	170.42	180.21	184.08	186.53
Change in net asset value per share	(5.43%)	(2.10%)	(1.31%)	2.30%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%	1.32%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	34,605	42,401	60,422	68,088
Closing number of shares	17,606,079	20,448,850	28,662,269	32,022,521
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	196.55	207.35	210.81	212.62
Change in net asset value per share	(5.21%)	(1.64%)	(0.85%)	2.78%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,128	9,765	12,345	14,400
Closing number of shares	12,017,156	15,604,525	18,980,666	21,661,886
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	59.32	62.57	65.04	66.48
Change in net asset value per share	(5.19%)	(3.80%)	(2.17%)	2.28%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,384	26,241	26,790	31,068
Closing number of shares	18,121,151	18,526,773	18,688,260	21,584,989
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	134.56	141.64	143.35	143.93
Change in net asset value per share	(5.00%)	(1.19%)	(0.40%)	3.25%
Operating charges	0.39%	0.39%	0.39%	0.40%
Institutional A accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	15	16	16
Closing number of shares	200	23,500	23,500	23,500
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	62.22	65.88	67.48	68.57
Change in net asset value per share	(5.56%)	(2.37%)	(1.59%)	1.99%
Operating charges	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%	1.60%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	86,107	97,582	115,256	127,606
Closing number of shares	79,630,438	85,520,459	99,302,469	108,952,164
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.13	114.10	116.07	117.12
Change in net asset value per share	(5.23%)	(1.70%)	(0.90%)	2.74%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.90%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,095	5,988	7,355	9,726
Closing number of shares	8,592,718	9,570,881	11,310,100	14,634,140
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	59.29	62.56	65.03	66.46
Change in net asset value per share	(5.23%)	(3.80%)	(2.15%)	2.25%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.90%

ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,334	4,908	7,332	416
Closing number of shares	1,894,441	2,040,979	3,021,285	171,091
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	228.80	240.47	242.67	242.90
Change in net asset value per share	(4.85%)	(0.91%)	(0.09%)	3.56%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.45%)		205,987	99.01
Consumer Discretionary (21.02%)		43,051	20.69
194,159	Bellway	4,143	1.99
945,883	Crest Nicholson	1,706	0.82
271,801	CVS++	5,757	2.77
160,505	Dunelm	1,867	0.90
1,351,139	Hollywood Bowl	3,195	1.54
1,046,223	Howden Joinery	7,738	3.72
1,098,440	Joules*	-	-
146,053	Keywords Studios++	2,226	1.07
1,806,620	Moonpig	3,060	1.47
460,220	Redrow	2,187	1.05
324,985	RELX	8,375	4.02
81,332	Whitbread	2,797	1.34
Consumer Staples (3.42%)		6,619	3.18
69,880	Coca-Cola HBC	1,591	0.76
204,036	Greggs	5,028	2.42
Financials (23.55%)		47,642	22.90
590,006	Chesnara	1,608	0.77
377,343	Close Brothers	3,096	1.49
399,660	Hargreaves Lansdown	3,041	1.46
316,181	Hiscox	3,152	1.52
352,132	Intermediate Capital	4,761	2.29
521,910	JTC	3,635	1.75
11,594,477	Lloyds Banking	4,910	2.36
61,552	London Stock Exchange	5,033	2.42
797,851	Molten Ventures	1,940	0.93
2,294,722	NatWest	5,285	2.54
1,269,292	OSB	4,331	2.08
709,097	Prudential	6,850	3.29

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (1.16%)		2,133	1.03
983,048	Spire Healthcare	2,133	1.03
Industrials (26.51%)		55,941	26.89
114,504	Ashtead	6,323	3.04
692,599	Bodycote	4,595	2.21
2,246,977	Coats	1,721	0.83
153,874	Diploma	4,819	2.32
169,145	DiscoverIE	1,233	0.59
1,265,142	DS Smith	3,950	1.90
481,384	FDM	2,768	1.33
1,398,815	Genuit	4,455	2.14
488,473	Grafton	4,213	2.03
625,721	Marshalls	1,720	0.83
738,866	Midwich++	2,985	1.43
339,145	Mondi	4,455	2.14
142,563	Morgan Sindall	2,811	1.35
137,543	Oxford Instruments	3,040	1.46
335,900	Porvair	2,049	0.98
769,728	Robert Walters	2,825	1.36
196,033	RS	1,490	0.72
4,822	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	489	0.23
Real Estate (6.02%)		10,469	5.03
426,275	Rightmove	2,386	1.15
422,029	Segro REIT	3,111	1.49
5,711,144	Sirius Real Estate	4,972	2.39
Technology (8.16%)		20,900	10.05
553,453	Auto Trader	3,355	1.61
450,172	Blanco Technology++	1,008	0.48
564,496	GB++	1,283	0.62
437,012	Kainos	5,305	2.55

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
384,613	Sage	3,734	1.80
413,506	Softcat	6,215	2.99
Telecommunications (2.78%)		9,449	4.54
268,551	Gamma Communication++	2,879	1.38
258,317	Telecom Plus	4,102	1.97
3,371,999	Vodafone	2,468	1.19
Utilities (5.83%)		9,783	4.70
518,783	National Grid	5,136	2.47
285,788	SSE	4,647	2.23
Total investment assets		205,987	99.01
Net other assets		2,050	0.99
Total Net Assets		208,037	100.00

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

Prior year classifications for some sectors have been updated to reflect current year classifications.

++ AIM listed.

* Suspended.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(16,464)		(33,132)
Revenue	5,377		4,874	
Expenses	(992)		(1,202)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,382		3,671	
Taxation	(19)		(49)	
Net revenue after taxation		4,363		3,622
Total return before equalisation		(12,101)		(29,510)
Equalisation on shares		(212)		(163)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(12,313)		(29,673)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		238,740		289,503
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,641		5,592	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(21,031)		(21,028)	
		(18,390)		(15,436)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(12,313)		(29,673)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		208,037		244,394

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		205,987		235,032
Current assets:				
Debtors	2,623		242	
Cash and bank balances	517		4,695	
		3,140		4,937
Total assets		209,127		239,969
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,090)		(879)	
Distribution payable	-		(350)	
		(1,090)		(1,229)
Total liabilities		(1,090)		(1,229)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		208,037		238,740

abrdn UK Government Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK Government bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index plus 0.5% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA UK Gilt Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 80% in government bonds issued or guaranteed by the UK Government.
- The fund may also invest in investment grade bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations including inflation-linked bonds. The fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments after analysing global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation) in addition to analysing of individual bonds and derivatives.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 1.5%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index over the longer term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").

- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions").
- These positions can be used in overseas markets.
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance Review

Over the review period, the fund returned -2.68%. (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation Shares.) This compared to a return of -2.15% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index +0.5%).

Source: FactSet; Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

Market Review

The review period was a volatile one for government bonds while prices came under pressure as global central banks, including the Bank of England (BoE), continued their hawkish stance to combat high inflation levels.

In March, the collapse of two regional US banks and the forced sale of Credit Suisse to rival UBS in March evoked fears of a banking crisis and initially led to a rally in global yields. However, these concerns were then appeased by swift regulatory intervention. Overall, yields ended the first quarter of 2023 lower. In March, the Bank of England (BoE) raised interest rates by 25 basis points (bps). On the fiscal side of the ledger, UK Chancellor Jeremy Hunt delivered his first spring budget. From a Gilt market perspective, the budget confirmed the Gilt funding remit for the fiscal year. Although the figure was materially down from the October 2022 forecast, the level of Gilt supply is still high.

Higher core inflation and better economic data provided a hostile backdrop for government bonds in the second quarter of 2023. The UK was the standout underperformer; 10-year Gilt yields rose by around 90 basis points (bps) in the three months to 30 June. While bonds were weak

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across the board, front-end rates came under even more pressure. Curves flattened aggressively in the face of increased threats of rate hikes from central banks. Contributory factors for the sharp re-pricing in global bonds included sticky inflation and accelerating wage growth. The BoE increased its base rate twice over the period, hiking it by 25 bps in May and 50 bps in June.

July was another busy month for the UK government bond market. The surprise 50 bps interest rate hike from the BoE at the end of June, while a hike of 25 bps had been expected, added fuel to the inflation narrative. As a result, 10-year Gilt yields peaked at 4.65%. Yet later in the month, the inflation report allowed the market and the BoE to breathe a sigh of relief as inflation came in below consensus. As a result, 10-year Gilt yields ended July lower at 4.30%.

Finally, August brought another 25-bp interest-rate hike from the BoE. However, in August, there was a notable change of language in the statement accompanying the rate rise. The collective judgement of the nine members of the Monetary Policy Committee is that interest rates are in 'restrictive territory'. More than five percentage points have been added to the base rate since December 2021, but the end is likely to be in sight for bank hikes. Economic data in August was mixed. Backward-looking lagging data has been strong, but forward-looking data is quickly weakening. The key for the market will be the resilience of the lagging data. Finally, in August, 10-year government bond yields were close to unchanged on the month. However, this masks a move higher in global yields followed by a fall towards month-end. These moves in global yields were mostly driven by US Treasuries.

Portfolio Activity and Review

Given the volatility in previous months, the fund started March 2023 with a flexible approach to duration management. Positive strategies included a US curve steepener – long 2s vs 10s – where the fund held the trade at the beginning of period and took profits in March, and then entered the trade again in June. The other strategy that contributed to relative returns was the long cross-market Australia position, while Australia continued to be our favoured long. We held the position versus the UK at the start of the period and then re-entered versus the US at the end of the period.

On the other hand, the long UK Gilts versus German Bunds strategy detracted from returns. The surprise stickiness of UK inflation in May and June saw UK Gilts materially underperform in cross-market pairing.

UK forward-looking data has started to turn as the aggressive monetary policy tightening enacted by the Bank of England (BoE) since December 2021 is finally having an impact. The difficulty for the BoE is that the more backward-looking data is still looking uncomfortably high. The key data sets watched by the BoE are private sector wages and services inflation. For the BoE to stop hiking they will need to see these two data sets start to recede. Several key UK data now show the impact of monetary tightening. For example, the Services Purchasing Managers' Index is below 50, unemployment is rising and the consumer is starting to feel the pinch.

As a result of this development, the fund is long UK duration. Gilts underperformed dramatically over the summer due to the narrative that UK inflation was out of control. We believe that narrative was incorrect and are therefore happy to hold UK duration.

The fund also holds duration in Australia. This has been our favoured long throughout 2023 so far; however, this is mostly held in cross-market positions. After the summer of higher global yields, we are now comfortable holding Australia outright.

Further notable positions on the portfolio are curve steepeners. We believe as central banks start to take a pause from hiking, curves globally can start to steepen.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Recent conditions have been frustrating for investment managers. Economic data continues to surprise to the upside and economic forecasts have seen significant revision. Accordingly, holding any longer-term strategic trades has proven difficult. Prices in government bond markets have been particularly volatile. There have been many false dawns, for both bond bulls and bears.

The key for the UK Gilt market will be how quickly the two key data metrics start to turn. If private sector wages stop accelerating along with services inflation, then the BoE can stop hiking interest rates. Yet, the issue for the BoE is that the market has been here before. Data started to worsen in the first quarter, only for it to accelerate again in the second quarter. Gilt market investors have been hurt numerous times over the last 12 months; we therefore need to see the key data metrics recede and continue to recede. If the key metrics recede, the next battle for the BoE will be how to keep the market from aggressively pricing rate hike cuts into 2024. At the moment, the rate-cutting cycle is quite gentle in the UK.

Rates Team

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

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Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,656	2,570	3,648	4,317
Closing number of shares	4,461,565	4,192,357	4,723,296	5,357,064
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	59.54	61.33	77.23	80.59
Change in net asset value per share	(2.92%)	(20.59%)	(4.17%)	(4.94%)
Operating charges	0.71%	0.72%	0.77%	0.92%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	845	584	921	1,084
Closing number of shares	2,304,322	1,520,989	1,887,894	2,129,270
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	36.68	38.36	48.77	50.89
Change in net asset value per share	(4.38%)	(21.35%)	(4.17%)	(4.95%)
Operating charges	0.71%	0.72%	0.77%	0.92%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	68,577	6,349	8,924	10,261
Closing number of shares	106,742,892	9,614,619	10,776,474	11,923,647
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	64.24	66.04	82.81	86.06
Change in net asset value per share	(2.73%)	(20.25%)	(3.78%)	(4.54%)
Operating charges	0.29%	0.30%	0.35%	0.50%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,364	9,740	12,086	12,976
Closing number of shares	25,438,005	25,297,072	24,689,207	25,409,824
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	36.81	38.50	48.95	51.07
Change in net asset value per share	(4.39%)	(21.35%)	(4.15%)	(4.77%)
Operating charges	0.29%	0.30%	0.35%	0.50%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,429	2,798	3,957	5,268
Closing number of shares	7,249,428	5,753,359	6,486,285	8,303,948
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	47.30	48.63	61.01	63.44
Change in net asset value per share	(2.73%)	(20.29%)	(3.83%)	(4.59%)
Operating charges	0.31%	0.35%	0.40%	0.55%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	576	607	942	1,130
Closing number of shares	1,352,302	1,361,426	1,663,060	1,911,619
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	42.59	44.55	56.64	59.09
Change in net asset value per share	(4.40%)	(21.35%)	(4.15%)	(4.77%)
Operating charges	0.31%	0.35%	0.40%	0.55%

Comparative Tables

Continued

Z Accumulation^A	31 August 2023
Closing net asset value (£'000)	58,837
Closing number of shares	68,020,756
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	86.50
Change in net asset value per share	(3.22%)
Operating charges	0.09%

ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,994	32,286	38,729	1,764
Closing number of shares	47,912,919	44,312,950	42,474,459	1,866,009
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	70.95	72.86	91.18	94.54
Change in net asset value per share	(2.62%)	(20.09%)	(3.55%)	(4.21%)
Operating charges	0.09%	0.10%	0.12%	0.15%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Z Accumulation share class was launched on 12 May 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.34%)		175,022	98.18
Sterling Denominated Bonds (99.34%)		175,022	98.18
Corporate Bonds (2.20%)		3,188	1.79
less than 5 years to maturity			
476,000	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank 4.375% 2026	462	0.26
200,000	Bpifrance 4% 2026	193	0.11
500,000	CPPIB Capital 4.375% 2026	488	0.28
380,000	Network Rail Infrastructure Finance 4.75% 2024	379	0.21
550,000	Oesterreichische Kontrollbank 1.25% 2023	540	0.30
589,000	PRS Finance 1.75% 2026	500	0.28
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
562,000	PRS Finance 1.5% 2034	398	0.22
greater than 25 years to maturity			
236,000	Saltaire Finance 4.809% 2053	228	0.13
Government Bonds (97.14%)		171,834	96.39
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,000,000	Agence Francaise de Developpement 4.375% 2026	971	0.54
1,961,000	BNG Bank 1.625% 2025	1,816	1.02
393,000	CPPIB Capital 1.25% 2027	334	0.19
2,500,000	CPPIB Capital 6% 2025	2,515	1.41
507,000	European Investment Bank 0.75% 2024	479	0.27
243,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2025	225	0.13
400,000	FMS Wertmanagement 0.625% 2023	393	0.22
800,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.125% 2023	799	0.45
100,000	FMS Wertmanagement 1.375% 2025	94	0.05
119,000	Inter-American Development Bank 1.25% 2023	117	0.07
815,000	KFW 1.125% 2025	755	0.42
1,072,000	KFW 3.75% 2027	1,024	0.57
619,000	Kommunalbanken 0.25% 2025	550	0.31
119,000	Kommunalbanken 1.5% 2023	117	0.07
516,000	Kommunalbanken 4% 2026	499	0.28
377,000	Kommunekredit 0.375% 2024	354	0.20
407,000	Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank 1.125% 2023	400	0.22

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
186,000	Nordic Investment Bank 1.125% 2023	183	0.10
106,000	Nordic Investment Bank 1.125% 2025	98	0.06
1,370,000	Ontario (Province of Canada) 0.25% 2026	1,160	0.65
300,000	Ontario (Province of Canada) 0.5% 2023	294	0.17
744,000	Ontario Teachers' Finance Trust 1.125% 2026	663	0.37
200,000	Saxony-Anhalt (State of) 2.125% 2024	191	0.11
579,000	Svensk Exportkredit 1.375% 2023	571	0.32
365	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	-	-
228,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	215	0.12
22,321,600	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2025	21,593	12.11
18,086,500	UK (Govt of) 4.125% 2027	17,709	9.93
7,575,400	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2028	7,526	4.22
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
186,000	KFW 5.75% 2032	201	0.11
281,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 5.375% 2032	292	0.16
903,000	PRS Finance 2% 2029	775	0.43
200,000	Tennessee Valley Authority 5.625% 2032	207	0.12
1,814,000	UK (Govt of) 0.25% 2031	1,326	0.74
2,083,900	UK (Govt of) 0.375% 2030	1,587	0.89
20,224,800	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2029	16,416	9.21
956,600	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029	782	0.44
2,800,600	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2033	2,022	1.13
7,109,500	UK (Govt of) 1% 2032	5,459	3.06
4,601,400	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	4,027	2.26
3,167,100	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2033	2,900	1.63
3,441,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	3,540	1.99
2,198,183	UK (Govt of) 6% 2028	2,358	1.32
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
3,950,500	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	2,823	1.58
1,862,200	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2038	1,702	0.96
859,600	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	844	0.47
2,203,800	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	2,223	1.25
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
2,497,715	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2046	1,204	0.68
2,247,500	UK (Govt of) 1.125% 2039	1,398	0.78

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
3,041,302	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2041	1,803	1.01
3,096,637	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	1,710	0.96
3,379,826	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	2,765	1.55
3,710,200	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	3,135	1.76
3,020,800	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	2,907	1.63
3,176,401	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	3,042	1.71
3,225,600	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	3,045	1.71
4,393,975	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	4,330	2.43
3,248,100	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	3,322	1.86
greater than 25 years to maturity			
2,509,000	CPPIB Capital 1.625% 2071	982	0.55
1,121,100	UK (Govt of) 0.625% 2050	440	0.25
3,497,800	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2051	1,681	0.94
1,830,900	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2053	924	0.52
2,500	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	1	-
3,769,894	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	2,174	1.22
307,940	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	163	0.09
1,507,371	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	966	0.54
2,009,207	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	1,664	0.93
4,373,927	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	3,791	2.13
7,540,870	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2053	6,501	3.65
2,912,400	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	2,667	1.50
4,833,400	UK (Govt of) 4% 2063	4,420	2.48
2,582,800	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	2,438	1.37
3,396,900	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	3,232	1.81
Collective Investment Schemes (0.58%)		1,484	0.83
1,484	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	1,484	0.83
Derivatives (-0.52%)		146	0.08
Forward Currency Contracts (0.00%)		(2)	-
	Buy AUD 11,713 Sell GBP 6,086 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 15,562 Sell GBP 8,256 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 23,622 Sell GBP 12,275 18/10/2023	-	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy AUD 27,103 Sell GBP 13,764 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 33,013 Sell GBP 17,065 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 44,324 Sell GBP 23,333 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy AUD 45,253 Sell GBP 23,090 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 55,123 Sell GBP 28,479 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 57,243 Sell GBP 29,981 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy AUD 67,299 Sell GBP 34,810 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy AUD 74,246 Sell GBP 37,883 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 87,912 Sell GBP 45,043 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy AUD 133,333 Sell GBP 67,502 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy AUD 171,114 Sell GBP 86,211 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy AUD 486,888 Sell GBP 254,013 18/10/2023	(5)	-
	Buy EUR 6,158 Sell GBP 5,295 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 9,115 Sell GBP 7,889 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 9,786 Sell GBP 8,533 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 11,955 Sell GBP 10,321 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 12,860 Sell GBP 11,145 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 18,242 Sell GBP 15,890 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 22,134 Sell GBP 18,971 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 24,700 Sell GBP 21,356 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 28,569 Sell GBP 24,443 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 30,904 Sell GBP 26,535 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 38,198 Sell GBP 33,020 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy EUR 81,349 Sell GBP 69,807 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 3,716 Sell AUD 7,138 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,766 Sell AUD 11,031 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 8,646 Sell AUD 16,894 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,013 Sell AUD 21,560 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 12,043 Sell AUD 23,083 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 15,307 Sell AUD 29,317 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 19,386 Sell AUD 36,885 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 21,405 Sell AUD 41,784 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 22,565 Sell AUD 43,007 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 28,378 Sell AUD 53,916 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 29,101 Sell AUD 55,226 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 31,486 Sell AUD 62,348 18/10/2023	(1)	-

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As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 31,785 Sell AUD 61,798 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 33,559 Sell AUD 65,924 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 38,549 Sell AUD 74,671 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 44,620 Sell AUD 87,431 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 52,612 Sell AUD 100,858 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy GBP 54,277 Sell AUD 107,777 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 85,607 Sell AUD 168,016 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 2,242 Sell EUR 2,603 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 6,722 Sell EUR 7,750 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 7,179 Sell EUR 8,304 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 8,088 Sell EUR 9,272 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,037 Sell EUR 12,793 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,745 Sell EUR 13,642 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 12,765 Sell EUR 14,869 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 13,135 Sell EUR 15,296 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 18,789 Sell EUR 21,951 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 26,044 Sell EUR 30,344 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 31,137 Sell EUR 36,346 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 36,697 Sell EUR 42,432 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 44,762 Sell EUR 52,163 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 54,418 Sell EUR 63,430 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 3,933 Sell USD 5,021 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 5,978 Sell USD 7,821 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 9,638 Sell USD 12,402 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 10,715 Sell USD 14,024 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 11,533 Sell USD 14,893 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 11,777 Sell USD 15,035 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 12,329 Sell USD 15,821 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 19,967 Sell USD 25,395 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 32,923 Sell USD 41,817 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 34,351 Sell USD 43,510 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 37,191 Sell USD 47,423 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 38,584 Sell USD 48,993 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 58,783 Sell USD 75,688 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 65,731 Sell USD 83,941 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 71,539 Sell USD 92,631 18/10/2023	(2)	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 75,902 Sell USD 96,215 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 98,921 Sell USD 126,119 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 103,740 Sell USD 131,788 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 113,677 Sell USD 144,342 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy GBP 169,891 Sell USD 213,695 18/10/2023	2	-
	Buy USD 7,503 Sell GBP 5,847 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 15,077 Sell GBP 11,709 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 15,530 Sell GBP 12,101 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 21,905 Sell GBP 17,251 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 23,953 Sell GBP 18,456 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy USD 24,944 Sell GBP 19,485 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 41,566 Sell GBP 32,192 18/10/2023	1	-
	Buy USD 53,043 Sell GBP 42,155 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 55,721 Sell GBP 43,607 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 70,465 Sell GBP 53,739 18/10/2023	2	-
	Buy USD 71,542 Sell GBP 56,068 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 85,702 Sell GBP 67,302 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 86,616 Sell GBP 66,257 18/10/2023	2	-
	Buy USD 99,205 Sell GBP 78,716 18/10/2023	(1)	-
	Buy USD 121,660 Sell GBP 96,043 18/10/2023	-	-
	Buy USD 261,337 Sell GBP 206,974 18/10/2023	(1)	-
Futures (-0.02%)		133	0.07
69	Long Long Gilt Future 27/12/2023	71	0.04
140	Long US 2 Year Note (CBT) Future 29/12/2023	62	0.03
Interest Rate Swaps (-0.50%)		15	0.01
EUR 3,372,000	Pay fixed 2.595% receive floating EURIBOR 06/01/2056	(20)	(0.01)
USD 6,046,000	Pay fixed 3.2637% receive floating USD-SOFR 13/06/2033	48	0.02
USD 6,046,000	Pay fixed 3.2672% receive floating USD-SOFR 13/06/2033	48	0.03
USD 9,575,900	Pay fixed 3.6525% receive floating USD-SOFR 16/08/2033	(32)	(0.02)
AUD 2,738,500	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 3.805% 09/08/2032	(40)	(0.02)
AUD 2,791,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 3.8075% 10/08/2032	(40)	(0.02)
AUD 2,738,500	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 3.81% 10/08/2032	(39)	(0.02)
AUD 2,168,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.4005% 02/09/2032	(6)	-
AUD 2,169,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.40175% 02/09/2032	(6)	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
AUD 3,750,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.4071% 02/09/2032	(10)	(0.01)
AUD 2,169,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.419% 02/09/2032	(5)	-
AUD 15,161,400	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 4.865% 15/08/2033	56	0.03
EUR 7,901,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 3.04% 06/01/2036	61	0.03
Total investment assets and liabilities		176,652	99.09
Net other assets		1,626	0.91
Total Net Assets		178,278	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes or are approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

* Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(8,620)		(10,024)
Revenue	2,580		387	
Expenses	(126)		(64)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,453		322	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		2,453		322
Total return before distributions		(6,167)		(9,702)
Distributions		(2,453)		(322)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(8,620)		(10,024)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		54,934		69,207
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	11,703		3,432	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(10,904)		(6,235)	
Amounts receivable on inspecie transfers*	128,567		-	
		129,366		(2,803)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(8,620)		(10,024)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,598		259
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		178,278		56,639

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer from abrdn (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund on 12 May 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		176,868		55,049
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,726		522	
Cash and bank balances	436		344	
		2,162		866
Total assets		179,030		55,915
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(216)		(445)
Bank overdrafts	(6)		-	
Creditors	(343)		(443)	
Distribution payable	(187)		(93)	
		(536)		(536)
Total liabilities		(752)		(981)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		178,278		54,934

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	0.8966	–	0.8966	0.1876
Group 2	0.5995	0.2971	0.8966	0.1876
Retail income				
Group 1	0.5609	–	0.5609	0.1184
Group 2	0.3743	0.1866	0.5609	0.1184
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	1.1046	–	1.1046	0.3656
Group 2	0.7267	0.3779	1.1046	0.3656
Institutional income				
Group 1	0.6440	–	0.6440	0.2162
Group 2	0.3915	0.2525	0.6440	0.2162
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	0.8080	–	0.8080	0.2550
Group 2	0.5272	0.2808	0.8080	0.2550
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	0.7403	–	0.7403	0.2368
Group 2	0.4493	0.2910	0.7403	0.2368
Z Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0319	–	1.0319	–
Group 2	0.6995	0.3324	1.0319	–
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	1.2918	–	1.2918	0.4886
Group 2	0.9078	0.3840	1.2918	0.4886

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn UK High Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To deliver a yield greater than that of the FTSE 350 Index over a rolling five year period (before charges) and achieve a return in excess of the FTSE 350 Index over a rolling five year period (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA UK Equity Income sector average.

The ACD believes that this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies incorporated or domiciled in the UK or having significant operations and/or exposure to the UK.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view of a company's prospects than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- The fund aims to generate a high income relative to its benchmark index, in line with the performance target of a yield greater than that of the FTSE 350 Index over a rolling five year period (before charges).
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE 350 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily

expected to exceed 9%. Due to the income nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE 350 Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth at proportionate risk (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the review period, the fund fell by 6.63% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation net of fees) compared to a decrease of 3.21% in the performance target (Source: FactSet, the FTSE 350 Index). Meanwhile, the Platform 1 Income's yield was 4.88% over the period, versus a yield target of 3.77% (FTSE 350 Index).

Source: FactSet, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

Both sector allocation and stock selection were negative for performance, with particular weakness from the fund's stock selection in industrials, financials and consumer staples, and overweight exposure to the energy sector. Other sectors that detracted from relative returns included utilities, basic materials and telecommunications.

An overweight exposure to specialist mortgage lender OSB Group was the leading detractor during the period. The company lost ground after announcing a change of assumptions on customer behaviour in part of its mortgage book, leading to a pullback against an environment of a likely slowdown in buy-to-let mortgage demand. Meanwhile, an overweight positioning in

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information technology (IT) services and business solutions provider FDM Group also weighed on relative returns. Other detractors included a lack of exposure to multinational aerospace and defence (A&D) company Rolls-Royce Holdings and Dublin-based building materials company CRH Public, as well as an overweight exposure to financial services provider Barclays.

On the positive side, stock selection in consumer discretionary stocks contributed to relative returns the most. The choice of stocks in the IT and healthcare sectors also helped offset some of the negative performance. Meanwhile, an underweight position in the real estate sector was helpful, although the returns were capped by the choice of stocks.

Overweight positions in Games Workshop, which designs and sells miniature figures and war games, and Hikma Pharmaceuticals, which manufactures branded and non-branded generic medicines, were the most significant contributors to relative returns. Games Workshop recently announced a price hike in October 2023 that investors hope will improve revenue and profitability prospects for the company. Meanwhile, Hikma Pharmaceuticals reported strong financial results for the first half of 2023, driven by revenue growth of almost 30% for its generics business. A lack of exposure to Lloyds Banking contributed to relative returns as well. Meanwhile, other top contributors included overweight allocations in global alternative asset manager Intermediate Capital and sports betting and interactive entertainment group Entain.

Market Review

The UK stock market, as represented by the FTSE 350 Index, declined over the period. The FTSE 100 Index, home of large, multinational companies that often benefit from a weak pound, held up relatively better in the global market sell-off, but still weakened. Meanwhile, the FTSE 250 Index, which contains mid-sized companies typically more focused on the domestic UK economy, performed worse over the period.

Several factors explained the relative resilience of UK larger companies on the FTSE 100 Index. As well as initially benefiting from a weaker pound, it is home to many so-called defensive shares that tend to hold their value better during times of economic uncertainty. It also contains several energy and mining companies. Although commodity prices have fallen after spiking due to the war in Eastern Europe, they are still historically high.

Inflation loomed large on the UK economic landscape as the annual consumer inflation rate increased steadily. In 2023, the Bank of England (BoE) increased its base

rate by 50 basis points (bps) in February, by 25 bps in both March and May, a further 50 bps in June and then a further 25 bps in August. In part due to surging food prices, UK annual consumer inflation has remained stubbornly high and stands significantly higher than in the US and eurozone. In the UK, the consumer price index (CPI) stood at an annualised 6.8% in July, down from 7.9% in June, but the core reading, which strips out food and energy, was unchanged at 6.9% – above forecasts. The UK economy grew by 0.2% in the second quarter of 2023, better than expected. Data also showed an unexpected rise in the unemployment rate, which increased from 4.0% to 4.2% in the three months to June. Finally, over the six-month review period, the pound moved higher against the US dollar, from around US\$1.20 to US\$1.27.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In terms of portfolio activity, there were numerous transactions over the past six months. The fund initiated positions in several businesses, including housebuilder Vistry Group, Games Workshop Group, Oxford Instruments, which manufactures tools and systems for industry and research, life and pensions consolidator Chesnara, Genus, a biotechnology company specialising in animal genetics, London Stock Exchange, renewable energy company Drax, Safestore Holdings and Rotork, which manufactures industrial flow control equipment. We also introduced Sage Group, an accounting software provider that benefits from strong, recurring customer relationships. The decision was driven by the company's attractive valuation, along with its high margins and strong cash generation capability.

Elsewhere, we added to existing positions by purchasing shares in drinks producer Diageo, Unilever, Intermediate Capital Group, medical technology group Convatec, M&G and OSB Group. We also added modestly to our holding in Marshalls, a landscaping and drainage business, as the decline in its share price due to a weaker trading update presented an attractive valuation opportunity. We expanded our exposure to car dealership Inchcape within our mid-cap investments, taking advantage of the smaller size of our managed funds to mitigate liquidity constraints.

On the other hand, to fund purchases, we reduced the holdings in miner Rio Tinto and AstraZeneca. In addition, the fund trimmed existing positions in Standard Chartered, Prudential, BP, Barclays, Hikma Pharmaceuticals, home furnishing retailer Dunelm Group, consulting and engineering company John Wood Group, public utility National Grid, hydrocarbon exploration and production company Energean, deepwater exploration and production company Kosmos Energy, Shell and GSK.

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Elsewhere, we exited British American Tobacco and Imperial Brands as we continue to reduce exposure to tobacco names given client instruction to divest from the sector. We also sold out of several companies to fund new purchases, including Entain, Ashmore Group (a specialist investment manager) and A&D company BAE Systems. We took profits in housebuilder Bellway given its strong performance since our purchase in November 2022. The discount to net asset value had narrowed as sales rates picked up, providing less compelling upside. We also sold the holdings in another housebuilder, Taylor Wimpey, as well as in packaging business DS Smith, mindful of a slowdown being reported by some industry peers. Finally, we exited financial services and asset management company Legal & General and specialty chemicals company Synthomer.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

Inflation and rising interest rates have been both challenges to society and have materially altered the investment backdrop since early 2022. Meanwhile, the much-anticipated recession has not, as yet, materialised. Although macro drivers affect the stock market, we remain confident we can navigate this choppy environment. The UK equity market is highly diverse, allowing access to a wide range of companies with different drivers.

Therefore, we remain focused on bottom-up stock picking, examining prospects on a company-by-company basis over the fund's three- to five-year investment horizon. The focus is on finding businesses within the acceptable universe defined by the fund's ethical policy, that are well positioned for growth, and have resilient earnings streams and underappreciated business models.

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	70,824	80,535	76,878	72,288
Closing number of shares	27,036,934	28,583,229	29,548,360	32,068,080
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	261.95	281.75	260.18	225.42
Change in net asset value per share	(7.03%)	8.29%	15.42%	3.81%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.30%	1.31%	1.32%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,365	14,158	16,914	16,395
Closing number of shares	17,975,113	18,567,903	22,946,296	24,648,172
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	68.79	76.25	73.71	66.52
Change in net asset value per share	(9.78%)	3.45%	10.81%	0.20%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.30%	1.31%	1.32%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	134,162	149,508	189,161	185,507
Closing number of shares	44,564,314	46,281,208	63,709,836	72,453,189
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	301.05	323.04	296.91	256.04
Change in net asset value per share	(6.81%)	8.80%	15.96%	4.32%
Operating charges	0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.85%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,353	6,764	7,500	8,801
Closing number of shares	6,766,121	7,731,714	8,910,268	11,643,206
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	79.11	87.48	84.17	75.59
Change in net asset value per share	(9.57%)	3.93%	11.35%	0.69%
Operating charges	0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.85%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,129	26,967	25,810	24,642
Closing number of shares	6,795,712	7,400,673	7,741,428	8,609,648
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	340.35	364.38	333.40	286.22
Change in net asset value per share	(6.59%)	9.29%	16.48%	4.78%
Operating charges	0.38%	0.38%	0.39%	0.40%

Comparative Tables

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Institutional A income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	32	62
Closing number of shares	-	200	69,573	148,037
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	47.97	46.49	42.07
Change in net asset value per share	-	3.18%	10.51%	(0.09%)
Operating charges	-	1.58%	1.59%	1.60%
Institutional S accumulation^B	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	1,602	1,602	1,602
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	78.53	72.11	62.12
Change in net asset value per share	-	8.90%	16.08%	4.44%
Operating charges	-	0.76%	0.77%	0.78%
Institutional S income^C	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	-	2,004	2,004	2,004
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	53.02	50.97	45.74
Change in net asset value per share	-	4.02%	11.43%	0.84%
Operating charges	-	0.76%	0.77%	0.78%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,124	23,150	19,236	19,173
Closing number of shares	20,995,278	22,502,756	20,333,390	23,490,451
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.85	102.88	94.60	81.62
Change in net asset value per share	(6.83%)	8.75%	15.90%	4.25%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.88%	0.89%	0.90%
Platform 1 income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,109	17,804	16,020	16,377
Closing number of shares	25,581,630	27,253,014	25,475,588	28,984,599
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	59.06	65.33	62.88	56.50
Change in net asset value per share	(9.60%)	3.90%	11.29%	0.61%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.88%	0.89%	0.90%

Comparative Tables

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ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,181	5,144	487	405
Closing number of shares	1,722,725	2,606,570	270,398	262,623
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	184.63	197.36	180.02	154.08
Change in net asset value per share	(6.45%)	9.63%	16.84%	5.09%
Operating charges	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.10%

ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,157	5,199	6,501	8,444
Closing number of shares	6,935,043	7,876,367	10,323,201	15,053,727
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	59.95	66.01	62.98	56.09
Change in net asset value per share	(9.18%)	4.81%	12.28%	1.52%
Operating charges	-	-	0.01%	0.02%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Institutional A Income share class was closed on 12 April 2023.

^B Institutional S Accumulation share class was closed on 21 June 2023.

^C Institutional S Income share class was closed on 21 June 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (99.05%)		285,227	98.90
Basic Materials (7.51%)		18,052	6.26
208,998	Anglo American	4,389	1.52
2,076,274	Glencore	8,749	3.03
100,852	Rio Tinto	4,914	1.71
Consumer Discretionary (6.55%)		17,291	5.99
1,547,076	Dr. Martens	2,430	0.84
152,869	Dunelm	1,778	0.62
48,733	Games Workshop	5,268	1.83
298,791	Howden Joinery	2,210	0.76
397,887	Pets at Home	1,502	0.52
524,654	Vistry	4,103	1.42
Consumer Staples (9.47%)		27,079	9.39
135,502	Coca-Cola HBC	3,085	1.07
416,449	Diageo	13,505	4.68
259,527	Unilever	10,489	3.64
Energy (22.32%)		63,410	21.99
3,615,469	BP	17,624	6.11
7,063,706	Diversified Energy	6,463	2.24
760,299	Energean	8,645	3.00
484,065	Kosmos Energy	2,675	0.93
28,856,242	Savannah Energy*	7,575	2.63
800,592	Shell	19,302	6.69
705,181	Wood	1,126	0.39
Financials (23.92%)		61,511	21.33
4,365,703	Barclays	6,432	2.23
556,275	Chesnara	1,516	0.53
376,937	Close Brothers	3,093	1.07

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
658,581	Conduit	3,053	1.06
867,585	Direct Line Insurance	1,406	0.49
386,728	Hiscox	3,856	1.34
1,336,675	HSBC	7,793	2.70
458,235	Intermediate Capital	6,195	2.15
77,595	London Stock Exchange	6,344	2.20
2,054,549	M&G	3,923	1.36
1,323,299	Man	2,801	0.97
1,890,816	NatWest	4,355	1.51
830,562	OSB	2,834	0.98
245,282	Prudential	2,369	0.82
778,945	Standard Chartered	5,541	1.92
Health Care (11.61%)		39,545	13.71
240,186	AstraZeneca	25,604	8.88
1,930,169	ConvaTec	4,482	1.55
175,850	Genus	4,090	1.42
237,334	GSK	3,296	1.14
94,757	Hikma Pharmaceutical	2,073	0.72
163,962	NMC Health**	-	-
Industrials (11.37%)		36,240	12.57
112,749	Ashtead	6,226	2.16
352,708	Bodycote	2,340	0.81
486,410	FDM	2,797	0.97
661,771	Genuit	2,108	0.73
487,640	Inchcape	3,721	1.29
1,220,663	Marshalls	3,354	1.16
211,896	Mondi	2,783	0.97
127,828	Morgan Sindall	2,521	0.88
137,930	Oxford Instruments	3,048	1.06
732,421	Rotork	2,203	0.76
277,658	RS	2,110	0.73
357,801	Vesuvius	1,577	0.55
67,528	XP Power	1,452	0.50

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Real Estate (0.00%)		4,295	1.49
497,101	Safestore REIT	4,295	1.49
Technology (0.46%)		4,005	1.39
217,598	Sage	2,112	0.73
125,928	Softcat	1,893	0.66
Telecommunications (1.47%)		-	-
Utilities (4.37%)		13,799	4.78
195,987	Drax	1,081	0.37
676,010	National Grid	6,693	2.32
370,529	SSE	6,025	2.09
Collective Investment Schemes (0.40%)		1,428	0.49
1,428	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	1,428	0.49
Total investment assets		286,655	99.39
Net other assets		1,749	0.61
Total Net Assets		288,404	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

Prior year classifications for some sectors have been updated to reflect current year classifications.

* Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

* Suspended.

** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(29,524)		(1,946)
Revenue	9,021		10,582	
Expenses	(1,391)		(1,665)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	7,629		8,916	
Taxation	(149)		(181)	
Net revenue after taxation		7,480		8,735
Total return before distributions		(22,044)		6,789
Distributions		(8,867)		(10,395)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(30,911)		(3,606)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		329,231		358,541
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,598		10,224	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(20,000)		(18,473)	
		(17,402)		(8,249)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(30,911)		(3,606)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		7,483		9,023
Unclaimed distributions		3		2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		288,404		355,711

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		286,655		327,433
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,264		4,968	
Cash and bank balances	2		1	
		3,266		4,969
Total assets		289,921		332,402
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(383)		(2,441)	
Distribution payable	(1,134)		(730)	
		(1,517)		(3,171)
Total liabilities		(1,517)		(3,171)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		288,404		329,231

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	7.8044	-	7.8044	7.6436
Group 2	4.3046	3.4998	7.8044	7.6436
Retail income				
Group 1	2.1119	-	2.1119	2.1656
Group 2	1.3406	0.7713	2.1119	2.1656
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	8.9581	-	8.9581	8.7326
Group 2	6.5923	2.3658	8.9581	8.7326
Institutional income				
Group 1	2.4259	-	2.4259	2.4755
Group 2	0.9353	1.4906	2.4259	2.4755
Institutional regulated accumulation				
Group 1	10.1160	-	10.1160	9.8163
Group 2	5.4771	4.6389	10.1160	9.8163
Institutional A income				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.3653
Group 2	-	-	-	1.3653
Institutional S accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.1156
Group 2	-	-	-	2.1156
Institutional S income				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.5007
Group 2	-	-	-	1.5007
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	2.8524	-	2.8524	2.7820
Group 2	1.7011	1.1513	2.8524	2.7820
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	1.8113	-	1.8113	1.8493
Group 2	1.0130	0.7983	1.8113	1.8493

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	5.4832	-	5.4832	5.3041
Group 2	0.7248	4.7584	5.4832	5.3041
ZA income				
Group 1	1.8341	-	1.8341	1.8559
Group 2	1.8341	-	1.8341	1.8559

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK small-capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM ex Investment Companies Index plus 3% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA UK Smaller Companies Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 60% in small-capitalisation equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Small capitalisation companies are defined as any stock having a market cap less than the 10th percentile stock of the overall UK equity market.
- The fund may also invest up to 40% in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM ex Investment Companies Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index, should not exceed

10%. Due to the active nature of the Investment process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM ex Investment Companies Index.

Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

Over the period under review, the fund returned -7.00% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of -5.50% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM ex Investment Companies Index +3%).

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abrdn UK Smaller Companies Fund

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The fund underperformed its performance target in the period with stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector the main detractor. Our holding in Watches of Switzerland Group weighed on performance with the company's shares declining on fears of slowing growth in 2024 as deteriorating macroeconomic conditions impacted sales. We subsequently took the decision to exit the holding due to the significant level of uncertainty created by Rolex's acquisition of retailer Bucherer. Shares in Impax Asset Management Group also detracted after the company faced earnings downgrades due to increased in investment levels. Next 15 Group's stock suffered from read across from other media and technology peers, as well as concern about the company's heavy exposure to large US tech firms.

On the positive side, good stock selection in the technology and industrials sectors added to relative performance. Shares in Bytes Technology Group rose in the wake of a positive earnings update, with the company planning to pay a special dividend thanks to strong trading momentum and a confident outlook. Our overweight position in infrastructure play Hill & Smith also proved positive as its shares outperformed in the period. Diploma boosted returns after strong first-half reports drove earnings upgrades. The company's longer-term outlook was compelling, with highly diversified revenues and a clear organic growth strategy supplemented by merger and acquisition activity. Marketing firm 4imprint Group was another strong performer for the fund in the period after the company published yet more excellent results which showed exceptional organic growth underpinned by recent investment in its marketing operations. Its announcement of a special dividend in March also supported the share price.

Market Review

The UK small-cap market was weak in the period, underperforming the large-cap-centric FTSE 100 Index. Shares faced a number of headwinds in the period, including the collapse of US-based Silicon Valley Bank and a loss of confidence in Switzerland's Credit Suisse which sparked fears about the resilience of the global financial system. High inflation and ongoing fears about rising interest rates also impacted market sentiment, although later in the period headline inflation began to fall and the market's expectations of the UK base-rate peak declined along with it. In August, the BoE raised interest rates for the fourteenth consecutive time to 5.25% and officials said they expected rates to rise to just over 6% in the medium term. However, wage growth in the UK hit a record high and the Chancellor of the Exchequer Jeremy Hunt stated in his March Budget speech that the UK economy was expected to avoid falling into recession in 2023.

Other factors affecting sentiment included the prospect of an American government debt default which rattled markets in May before Congress approved an eleventh-hour increase of the debt ceiling. Lacklustre economic data from China led to a weakening of commodities prices and concerns about the impact of a slowdown in China on the global economy.

Portfolio Activity and Review

The fund took new positions in Alpha Group International (Alpha), Ricardo and FDM. Alpha is a leading non-bank provider of financial solutions dedicated to corporates and institutions. Execution has been very strong in the last couple of years and has broadened out into banking solutions. The company has been well invested and has enjoyed good business win rates. As such, it is well positioned to achieve good earnings growth in the near term. We view engineering group Ricardo's business transformation positively, after the company followed through on its strategy laid out years ago. The new CEO has been key to driving that, but there is still a lot more the company can do, especially on cross-selling and driving organic growth and bolt-on acquisitions. Finally, recruitment group FDM offers a healthy dividend yield at a reasonable valuation.

In terms of sales, we exited both GB Group and Focusrite over a lack of visibility on end-market recovery, as well as Watches of Switzerland, as mentioned above.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fluctuating macroeconomic landscape has created sharp recent swings in performance in UK equities. Looking ahead, we see several reasons to remain confident in the outlook. Recent market movements have only increased our conviction in a potential valuation re-rating. We see low valuations as primarily reflecting recession fears rather than operational issues. Recent economic data has surprised on the upside, suggesting that the market's fears might have been exaggerated.

Underlying price pressures have been sticky, reflecting excess demand across various sectors and economies, prompting central banks to remain hawkish. We believe that the current tightening cycle will ultimately restrict economic growth with the subsequent downturn leading to a relatively rapid fall in inflationary pressures. That will allow for significant interest rate cuts over the next 18 months. Having come through recent crises, we believe our holdings have demonstrated a level of resilience not reflected in their valuations.

DM Smaller Companies Equity Team

September 2023

abrdn UK Smaller Companies Fund

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 August 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector, or closely related group of industries or sectors.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	108,974	87,940	203,338	205,710
Closing number of shares	15,223,747	11,372,655	20,583,445	21,829,704
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	715.82	773.25	987.87	942.34
Change in net asset value per share	(7.43%)	(21.73%)	4.83%	12.95%
Operating charges	1.35%	1.35%	1.36%	1.36%
Retail income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,945	5,641	9,899	8,834
Closing number of shares	9,293,359	8,162,015	10,977,178	10,144,661
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	63.97	69.11	90.18	87.08
Change in net asset value per share	(7.44%)	(23.36%)	3.56%	11.81%
Operating charges	1.35%	1.35%	1.36%	1.36%
Institutional accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	185,570	185,160	377,312	450,520
Closing number of shares	21,445,761	19,855,556	31,820,746	40,017,854
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	865.30	932.54	1,185.74	1,125.80
Change in net asset value per share	(7.21%)	(21.35%)	5.32%	13.49%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.88%	0.89%	0.89%
Institutional income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,583	11,644	24,299	34,052
Closing number of shares	12,182,784	12,437,952	19,987,193	29,140,230
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	86.87	93.62	121.57	116.86
Change in net asset value per share	(7.21%)	(22.99%)	4.03%	12.35%
Operating charges	0.88%	0.88%	0.89%	0.89%
Institutional regulated accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	255,074	299,076	417,080	405,199
Closing number of shares	57,213,498	62,371,677	68,680,935	70,559,683
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	445.83	479.51	607.27	574.26
Change in net asset value per share	(7.02%)	(21.04%)	5.75%	13.94%
Operating charges	0.48%	0.48%	0.49%	0.49%
Institutional A accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	196	204	278	387
Closing number of shares	273,550	263,972	279,870	407,510
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	71.50	77.37	99.16	94.89
Change in net asset value per share	(7.59%)	(21.97%)	4.50%	12.58%
Operating charges	1.68%	1.68%	1.69%	1.69%

Comparative Tables

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Institutional S accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	282,687	327,991	361,680	351,526
Closing number of shares	299,220,596	322,337,506	279,887,734	286,862,653
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	94.47	101.75	129.22	122.54
Change in net asset value per share	(7.15%)	(21.26%)	5.45%	13.62%
Operating charges	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%	0.77%
Institutional S income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,386	23,741	42,537	40,251
Closing number of shares	24,243,916	27,566,863	38,078,452	37,535,312
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	79.96	86.12	111.71	107.24
Change in net asset value per share	(7.15%)	(22.91%)	4.17%	12.48%
Operating charges	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%	0.77%
Platform 1 accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	193,783	244,606	333,850	349,254
Closing number of shares	151,952,195	177,884,560	190,747,032	209,965,532
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	127.53	137.51	175.02	166.34
Change in net asset value per share	(7.26%)	(21.43%)	5.22%	13.37%
Operating charges	0.98%	0.98%	0.99%	0.99%
Z accumulation^A	31 August 2023			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	205			
Closing number of shares	43,649			
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	469.43			
Change in net asset value per share	-			
Operating charges	0.08%			
ZC accumulation	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,115	7,118	10,029	9,193
Closing number of shares	1,921,657	2,083,621	2,327,231	2,264,767
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	318.19	341.63	430.95	405.90
Change in net asset value per share	(6.86%)	(20.73%)	6.17%	14.38%
Operating charges	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%

Comparative Tables

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ZA income	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,361	2,534	3,261	4,797
Closing number of shares	1,141,211	1,141,211	1,141,211	1,761,982
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	206.85	222.02	285.76	272.23
Change in net asset value per share	(6.83%)	(22.31%)	4.97%	13.33%
Operating charges	-	-	0.01%	0.01%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A Z Accumulation share class was launched on 23 June 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (95.13%)		1,010,570	94.37
UK Equities (95.13%)		1,010,570	94.37
Basic Materials (3.80%)		59,336	5.54
2,389,543	Hill & Smith	42,773	3.99
3,016,847	Treant	16,563	1.55
Consumer Discretionary (25.68%)		220,851	20.62
878,523	4imprint	44,717	4.18
1,793,108	CVS++	37,978	3.55
2,284,248	Focusrite++	11,832	1.10
1,653,828	Future	12,834	1.20
16,940,900	GlobalData++	26,174	2.44
12,131,205	Hollywood Bowl	28,690	2.68
10,366,551	LBG Media++	7,226	0.67
3,317,459	Motorpoint	3,211	0.30
1,843,880	Next 15++	11,358	1.06
4,211,004	Team17++	14,275	1.33
2,598,589	YouGov++	22,556	2.11
Consumer Staples (5.07%)		63,781	5.96
897,674	Cranswick	30,234	2.83
4,984,724	Hilton Food	33,547	3.13
Energy (2.33%)		34,780	3.25
4,448,249	Ashtead Technology++	17,926	1.68
140,078	Hunting	343	0.03
6,620,330	Serica Energy++	16,511	1.54
Financials (12.52%)		138,224	12.91
4,941,885	AJ Bell	14,331	1.34
787,615	Alpha International++	16,776	1.57
1,728,309	Impax Asset Management++	9,229	0.86
5,471,306	JTC	38,108	3.56

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,180,978	Liontrust Asset Management	7,777	0.72
1,359,870	Mattioli Woods++	7,996	0.75
3,012,688	Mortgage Advice Bureau++	16,811	1.57
5,170,426	Paragon Banking	27,196	2.54
Health Care (3.77%)		32,575	3.04
663,081	Craneware++	9,383	0.88
2,221,435	Ergomed++	23,192	2.16
Industrials (19.56%)		250,746	23.41
5,427,625	Alpha Financial Markets Consulting++	19,648	1.83
7,962,960	Boku++	11,347	1.06
28,710,244	Coats	21,992	2.05
682,453	Diploma	21,374	2.00
4,505,546	DiscoverIE	32,845	3.07
1,183,275	FDM	6,804	0.63
2,980,757	Marlowe++	17,765	1.66
4,777,641	Marshalls	13,129	1.23
6,126,791	Midwich++	24,752	2.31
2,008,116	Ricardo	10,201	0.95
1,955,114	Robert Walters	7,175	0.67
3,245,488	Smart Metering Systems++	22,264	2.08
6,302,417	Volution	24,050	2.25
809,289	XP Power	17,400	1.62
Real Estate (4.00%)		41,396	3.87
2,391,662	Safestore REIT	20,664	1.93
23,815,988	Sirius Real Estate	20,732	1.94
Technology (11.83%)		113,694	10.62
2,890,668	Auction Technology	20,437	1.91
10,967,724	Big Technologies++	27,200	2.54
7,907,612	Bytes Technology	38,368	3.58
987,089	GB++	2,243	0.21

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,734,226	Kainos	21,054	1.97
5,395,956	Kin & Carta	4,392	0.41
Telecommunications (6.57%)		55,187	5.15
2,400,720	Gamma Communications++	25,736	2.40
3,363,829	Spirent Communications	5,275	0.49
1,522,427	Telecom Plus	24,176	2.26
Collective Investment Schemes (4.94%)		53,498	4.99
53,498	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) – Sterling Fund Z1 Inc+	53,498	4.99
Total investment assets		1,064,068	99.36
Net other assets		6,811	0.64
Total Net Assets		1,070,879	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or are regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+ Managed by subsidiaries of abrdn plc.

++ AIM listed.

Financial Statements

Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(98,472)		(350,246)
Revenue	18,493		14,281	
Expenses	(4,521)		(6,564)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	13,967		7,717	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		13,967		7,717
Total return before equalisation		(84,505)		(342,529)
Equalisation on shares		(250)		(202)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(84,755)		(342,731)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,195,655		1,783,563
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,514		38,124	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(112,472)		(110,260)	
Amounts receivable on inspecie transfers*	65,936		-	
		(40,022)		(72,136)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(84,755)		(342,731)
Unclaimed distributions		1		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,070,879		1,368,696

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer from abrdn (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund on 23 June 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		1,064,068		1,196,508
Current assets:				
Debtors	10,155		2,868	
Cash and bank balances	4,005		1	
		14,160		2,869
Total assets		1,078,228		1,199,377
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(7,349)		(2,796)	
Distribution payable	-		(926)	
		(7,349)		(3,722)
Total liabilities		(7,349)		(3,722)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,070,879		1,195,655

abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Asian equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index +3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

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Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the period from 1 March 2023 until the Fund closed on 12 May 2023, the value of the abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund fell by 6.01% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a return of -1.98% for our performance target (Source: FactSet, MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index).

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The fund underperformed its benchmark in the period with stock selection in China proving to be the main factor weighing on relative returns. Initial optimism over the demand boost from China's faster-than-expected re-opening waned as macroeconomic data began to reflect soft domestic demand and fading momentum in exports. There was also a notable value tilt as state-owned enterprises benefited from reforms, but otherwise the market was more sentiment-driven due to a lack of sufficient policy support and the stalled economic recovery. In sector terms, our consumer holdings were affected as investor hopes of a strong rebound in sales

abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund (closed)

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proved overly optimistic with consumer sentiment weaker than expected. Shares of China Tourism Group Duty Free had recovered well on news of China's reopening, but the stock became volatile later on due to investor concerns about the strength of the recovery in consumption levels and the impact of the resumption of international travel. Drinks producer Budweiser APAC and automobile retailer Zhongsheng Group were also affected in the sector.

LONGi Green Energy Technology also weighed on performance after the European Commission unveiled proposed targets and reforms intended to reduce Europe's dependence on China for green or renewable energy products. The information technology sector also detracted from performance over the period, chiefly due to the fund's software holdings in China: Glodon, Yonyou Network Technology and GDS Holdings. In Glodon's case, investors were concerned that weakness in the Chinese property sector might impact the company given its construction software products. These losses were partially mitigated by the performance of our non-benchmark semiconductor stocks, ASM International and ASML, which outperformed as visibility on a potential turnaround in the semiconductor cycle improved and delivered reasonable results.

Several of the fund's Indian holdings were among the most positive contributors to performance, reflecting the generally buoyant economic and market conditions in the country. Stocks spanning several sectors benefited from this, including HDFC, SBI Life, Power Grid Corp and Maruti Suzuki.

Market Review

Stock markets in the Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) region fell over the period in sterling terms with sentiment driven mainly by concerns about inflation, the potential for further interest rate rises, the US debt ceiling talks and signs that China's recovery might be stalling. A decision by Opec+ members to cut oil production sparked fears that it could stoke inflation.

The period started brightly as investors welcomed some positive Chinese economic data and a 25-basis-point cut in the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) by the People's Bank of China. However, this was tempered by weakness in the financial sector as the US Federal Reserve's interest-rate tightening cycle contributed to stresses in the US banking system. That led to the closure of some US regional banks such as Silicon Valley Bank and contagion fears rippled across to Credit Suisse in Europe and banks in developed Asian countries.

Stocks in mainland China and Hong Kong were among the weakest as monthly data towards the end of the period showed a decline in manufacturing activity, and weakening trade raised concerns about the strength of the Chinese recovery. Australia was also in negative territory due to the heavy banking exposure in the local-market benchmark, an unexpected policy-rate increase and weakness in commodity-related stocks. Taiwan lagged on weak industrial production and exports, but sentiment was lifted later by gains in the technology sector due to optimism over the artificial-intelligence theme. India was among the top performers, with the release of first-quarter GDP data showing stronger-than-expected growth. Indonesia was lifted by positive comments from Bank Indonesia that highlighted increasing domestic demand and exports.

Portfolio Activity and Review

Portfolio activity in the period consisted mainly of closing all positions in the fund.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fund closed on 12 May 2023.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

September 2023

abrdn Asian Pacific Growth Equity Fund (closed)

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 12 May 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.
- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	9,111	12,230	14,521
Closing number of shares	-	2,246,899	2,882,543	3,110,250
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	405.51	424.27	466.86
Change in net asset value per share	-	(4.42%)	(9.12%)	31.43%
Operating charges	-	1.41%	1.46%	1.44%
Retail income ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,072	1,198	1,371
Closing number of shares	-	1,169,333	1,240,939	1,287,902
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	91.70	96.56	106.49
Change in net asset value per share	-	(5.03%)	(9.32%)	30.61%
Operating charges	-	1.41%	1.46%	1.44%
Institutional accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	3,469	4,279	4,590
Closing number of shares	-	729,932	864,934	847,024
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	475.20	494.78	541.90
Change in net asset value per share	-	(3.96%)	(8.70%)	32.05%
Operating charges	-	0.94%	0.99%	0.97%
Platform 1 accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	9,619	12,389	13,699
Closing number of shares	-	7,725,445	9,550,373	9,637,698
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	124.50	129.72	142.13
Change in net asset value per share	-	(4.02%)	(8.73%)	31.98%
Operating charges	-	0.99%	1.04%	1.02%
ZC accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,220	1,102	1,127
Closing number of shares	-	677,587	592,312	557,506
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	180.00	186.04	202.23
Change in net asset value per share	-	(3.25%)	(8.01%)	33.05%
Operating charges	-	0.19%	0.24%	0.22%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 12 May 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.99%)		-	-
European Equities (2.49%)		-	-
Netherlands (2.49%)		-	-
Pacific Basin Equities (97.50%)		-	-
Australia (17.72%)		-	-
China (27.01%)		-	-
Hong Kong (8.56%)		-	-
India (14.25%)		-	-
Indonesia (3.98%)		-	-
Philippines (0.99%)		-	-
Singapore (4.59%)		-	-
South Korea (8.38%)		-	-
Taiwan (10.77%)		-	-
Thailand (1.25%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (0.02%)		-	-
Total investment assets		-	-
Net other assets		-	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(1,466)		(107)
Revenue	144		349	
Expenses	(49)		(144)	
Net revenue before taxation	95		205	
Taxation	(21)		(39)	
Net revenue after taxation		74		166
Total return before equalisation		(1,392)		59
Equalisation on shares		(90)		(7)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,482)		52

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		24,491		31,198
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	109		988	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(860)		(5,560)	
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers*	(22,346)		-	
		(23,097)		(4,572)
Dilution adjustment		1		9
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(1,482)		52
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		85		-
Adjustment to prefunding amount for termination		2		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		26,687

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer to abrdn Asia Pacific Equity Fund on 12 May 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		24,494
Current assets:				
Debtors	14		40	
Cash and bank balances	298		107	
		312		147
Total assets		312		24,641
Liabilities:				
Provisions for liabilities		-		(26)
Bank overdrafts	-		(24)	
Creditors	(312)		(93)	
Distribution payable	-		(7)	
		(312)		(124)
Total liabilities		(312)		(150)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		24,491

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Special dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 11 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 12/07/23
Retail accumulation			
Group 1	1.2698	-	1.2698
Group 2	0.4618	0.8080	1.2698
Retail income			
Group 1	0.2870	-	0.2870
Group 2	0.0660	0.2210	0.2870
Institutional accumulation			
Group 1	1.9277	-	1.9277
Group 2	0.7897	1.1380	1.9277
Platform 1 accumulation			
Group 1	0.4928	-	0.4928
Group 2	0.1250	0.3678	0.4928
ZC accumulation			
Group 1	0.9962	-	0.9962
Group 2	0.3786	0.6176	0.9962

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in emerging market equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI emerging markets Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA Global emerging markets Equity Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from emerging market operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Emerging markets include Asian, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, African or Latin American countries.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view of a company's prospects than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI emerging market Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the fund's risk

constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the MSCI emerging market Index over the longer term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the period from 1 March 2023 until the Fund closed on 12 May 2023, the value of the abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund fell by 3.28% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared to a decline of 0.79% in its performance target (Source: FactSet, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index +3%).

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

From a country perspective, the fund benefitted from strong stock selection in India. The overweight to HDFC Bank and lack of exposure to IT services provider Infosys proved particularly favourable. Elsewhere in emerging Asia, the overweight to South Korea-based petrochemical and battery producer LG Chem was also positive, while Kazakh fintech company Kaspi.kz rallied following strong first-quarter results. In Indonesia, Bank Rakyat advanced as execution in the micro segment continued to support earnings growth.

abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund (closed)

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Within Latin America, our stock picks in Brazil stood out as market sentiment improved on favourable economic data. Lender Bradesco made notable gains.

Conversely, stock selection in China and the non-benchmark exposure to Hong Kong held back performance. Risk appetite towards Chinese equities weakened over the period mainly due to the slower-than-expected pace of economic rebound, triggering a sell-off in domestic consumption-focused names. The fund's overweight to alcoholic beverage company Wuliangye Yibin and China Tourism Group Duty Free detracted from relative returns.

Other disappointments included the above-benchmark exposure to LONGi Green Energy and healthcare services firm Hangzhou Tigermed. The former retreated on weaker-than-expected results, while the latter was weighed down by slowing domestic outsourcing research and development demand. Our Hong Kong-listed holdings were not spared from the sell-off as weak investor sentiment carried over to the H-share market.

Nevertheless, there are still plenty of reasons to be sanguine about the opportunities in China. The consumption recovery is still happening, even if at a slower pace than previously anticipated. We believe policy measures will remain accommodative and calibrated towards specific sectors.

Portfolio Activity and Review

In key portfolio activity, we sold Biocon and FEMSA to fund more attractive opportunities elsewhere.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fund closed on 12 May 2023.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

September 2023

abrdn Emerging Markets Opportunities Equity Fund (closed)

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Risk and Reward Profile

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Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 12 May 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

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Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	87,329	83,129	88,928
Closing number of shares	-	93,645,463	87,905,737	81,122,088
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	93.25	94.57	109.62
Change in net asset value per share	-	(1.40%)	(13.73%)	25.07%
Operating charges	-	1.35%	1.36%	1.37%
Institutional accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,325	1,931	1,811
Closing number of shares	-	1,324,699	1,919,305	1,564,650
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	100.03	100.59	115.72
Change in net asset value per share	-	(0.56%)	(13.07%)	26.11%
Operating charges	-	0.88%	0.89%	0.90%
Platform 1 accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,299	1,372	2,001
Closing number of shares	-	1,324,631	1,384,801	1,749,956
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	98.09	99.05	114.34
Change in net asset value per share	-	(0.97%)	(13.37%)	25.58%
Operating charges	-	0.93%	0.94%	0.95%
ZC accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,292	1,204	1,401
Closing number of shares	-	1,418,765	1,319,826	1,340,943
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	91.04	91.23	104.49
Change in net asset value per share	-	(0.21%)	(12.69%)	26.55%
Operating charges	-	0.13%	0.14%	0.15%
ZB accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	60,633	88,741	107,997
Closing number of shares	-	56,014,030	81,878,910	87,112,016
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	108.25	108.38	123.97
Change in net asset value per share	-	(0.12%)	(12.58%)	26.71%
Operating charges	-	-	-	-

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The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 12 May 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.88%)		-	-
Europe, Middle East & Africa Equities (6.64%)		-	-
Georgia (1.50%)		-	-
Nigeria (0.55%)		-	-
Poland (0.93%)		-	-
Russia (0.00%)		-	-
21,045	HeadHunter ADR+++	-	-
9,382	X5 Retail GDR+++	-	-
719,612	Detsky Mir+++	-	-
385,684	Gazprom+++	-	-
22,943	Lukoil ADR+++	-	-
67,930	MMC Norilsk Nickel ADR+++	-	-
4,962	Novatek GDR+++	-	-
190,152	Sberbank of Russia ADR+++	-	-
25,886,162	Segezha+++	-	-
Saudi Arabia (1.52%)		-	-
South Africa (1.77%)		-	-
United Arab Emirates (0.37%)		-	-
Latin America Equities (11.50%)		-	-
Brazil (3.65%)		-	-
Colombia (0.70%)		-	-
Mexico (6.15%)		-	-
Peru (1.00%)		-	-
North America Equities (1.05%)		-	-
Canada (0.14%)		-	-
United States (0.91%)		-	-
Pacific Basin Equities (79.69%)		-	-
China (28.72%)		-	-
Hong Kong (3.49%)		-	-
India (13.92%)		-	-
Indonesia (3.14%)		-	-

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023 continued

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Kazakhstan (1.96%)		-	-
Macau (0.96%)		-	-
Malaysia (1.78%)		-	-
South Korea (11.61%)		-	-
Taiwan (14.11%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (0.35%)		-	-
Total investment assets		-	-
Net other assets		-	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

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

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

+++ Priced per abrdn VPC.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(5,365)		(6,841)
Revenue	1,316		4,587	
Expenses	(232)		(546)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,083		4,038	
Taxation	(173)		(464)	
Net revenue after taxation		910		3,574
Total return before equalisation		(4,455)		(3,267)
Distributions		(985)		(369)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,440)		(3,636)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		151,878		176,377
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,859		10,772	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,598)		(35,803)	
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers*	(145,679)		-	
		(147,418)		(25,031)
Dilution adjustment		(1)		50
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(5,440)		(3,636)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		986		-
Adjustment to prefunding amount for termination		(5)		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		147,760

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer to abrdn Emerging Markets Equity Fund on 12 May 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		150,716
Current assets:				
Debtors	175		1,041	
Cash and bank balances	713		1,729	
		888		2,770
Total assets		888		153,486
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		-		(391)
Creditors	(888)		(1,217)	
		(888)		(1,217)
Total liabilities		(888)		(1,608)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		151,878

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Special dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 11 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 12/07/23
Retail accumulation			
Group 1	0.5110	-	0.5110
Group 2	0.2223	0.2887	0.5110
Institutional accumulation			
Group 1	0.6909	-	0.6909
Group 2	0.4058	0.2851	0.6909
Platform 1 accumulation			
Group 1	0.6202	-	0.6202
Group 2	0.4226	0.1976	0.6202
ZC accumulation			
Group 1	0.7185	-	0.7185
Group 2	0.4222	0.2963	0.7185
ZB accumulation			
Group 1	0.8739	-	0.8739
Group 2	0.8739	-	0.8739

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA Europe ex UK Equity Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries can include the emerging markets of Europe, but excludes the UK.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view of a company's prospects than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, FTSE World ex UK Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the FTSE World ex UK Index over the longer term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the review period ended 3 March 2023, the value of the abrdn Europe ex UK Equity Growth Fund rose by 1.38% (Source: FactSet, Platform 1 Accumulation, net of fees). This compared with an increase of 1.55% in the comparator benchmark (Source: Morningstar, the IA OE Europe Excluding UK Index) and an increase of 1.16% in the performance target (Source: FactSet, the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Index +3%).

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

The fund closed on 3 March 2023 during the first week of the new review period. As the annual report ended 28 February 2023 noted, the biggest detractor was Polypeptide, which weakened after a profit warning

abrdn Europe ex UK Growth Equity Fund (closed)

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related to a delay in high-margin Covid-19-related revenues and rising inflationary pressures. French video games group Ubisoft also fell back after Tencent increased its stake by purchasing stock from the Guillemot family. While this was clear recognition from an external player of the value in Ubisoft, it also effectively removed the potential for a bid for the company. Shares in Dutch payments platform Adyen suffered as some investors switched from growth to value stocks due to the uncertain macroeconomic background. Higher commodity and energy prices were a notable feature in the period, and Koninklijke DSM underperformed as it struggled to pass these on to customers and subsequently lowered its earnings guidance for 2022.

On the upside, Novo Nordisk received a boost from strong growth in its GLP-1 franchise across all markets. The company made further progress in rebuilding the supply of obesity drug Wegovy, and the growing appeal of the pharmaceutical sector's defensive growth characteristics also helped to lift the shares. Prosus rebounded after a period of weak performance, aided by a modest recovery in the share prices of some of its portfolio companies. Prosus' shares were further boosted after the company announced a large, multi-year share buyback scheme. The fund's lack of a holding in Roche was beneficial as the company's shares declined on an absence of news flow and fading Covid-19-related sales.

Market Review

In the months leading up to the fund's closure, European markets regained some ground due to resilient company results and investor hopes that an end to interest rate rises might be near. In late 2022, shares surged on the back of better-than-expected US inflation data, although it proved a short-lived recovery as markets dipped again in December. However, the new year brought renewed optimism amid falling inflation, lower energy prices and elevated natural gas storage levels in Europe. China's decision to reopen its economy faster than had been anticipated also provided a boost to markets.

In February, investor sentiment was lifted by better economic data and rising business confidence. The markets in Germany, France and Italy all performed above the global average for the month. However, some inflationary signs remained and the European Central Bank raised interest rates by 50 basis points and repeated warnings that further hikes were to be expected. Share prices were volatile in March as the collapse of US-based Silicon Valley Bank generated contagion which culminated in Europe in the takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS. However, central bank intervention soon helped to restore confidence and recover losses, with gains among technology and other growth stocks especially strong.

Portfolio Activity and Review

There was no portfolio activity between 1 March and 3 March 2023.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fund closed on 3 March 2023.

European Equity Team

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 03 March 2023.

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income. The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	31,712	33,556	33,531
Closing number of shares	-	12,330,759	13,857,180	14,192,113
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	257.17	242.15	236.26
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.20%	2.49%	18.27%
Operating charges	-	1.33%	1.33%	1.35%
Retail income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	899	929	897
Closing number of shares	-	1,080,646	1,177,343	1,155,097
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	83.15	78.92	77.70
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.36%	1.57%	17.85%
Operating charges	-	1.33%	1.33%	1.35%
Institutional accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	5,939	34,184	35,475
Closing number of shares	-	1,934,368	11,876,146	12,691,692
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	307.05	287.83	279.52
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.68%	2.97%	18.83%
Operating charges	-	0.86%	0.86%	0.88%
Platform 1 accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	10,254	10,362	9,295
Closing number of shares	-	7,473,362	8,054,702	7,436,795
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	137.20	128.65	124.99
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.65%	2.93%	18.77%
Operating charges	-	0.91%	0.91%	0.93%
ZC accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	996	998	934
Closing number of shares	-	427,459	460,319	446,745
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	233.09	216.82	208.97
Change in net asset value per share	-	7.50%	3.76%	19.72%
Operating charges	-	0.11%	0.11%	0.13%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.
Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 03 March 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.68%)		-	-
European Equities (97.68%)		-	-
Belgium (3.04%)		-	-
Denmark (10.69%)		-	-
France (28.00%)		-	-
Germany (13.45%)		-	-
Netherlands (22.74%)		-	-
Norway (2.86%)		-	-
Sweden (2.88%)		-	-
Switzerland (14.02%)		-	-
Total investment assets		-	-
Net other assets		-	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		973		(4,202)
Revenue	(9)		1,318	
Expenses	(5)		(399)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(2)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(14)		917	
Taxation	(20)		(198)	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(34)		719
Total return before equalisation		939		(3,483)
Equalisation on shares		-		(65)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		939		(3,548)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		49,800		80,029
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	27		5,006	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(5)		(10,555)	
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers*	(50,811)		-	
		(50,789)		(5,549)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		939		(3,548)
Adjustment to prefunding amount for termination		50		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		70,932

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer to abrdn Europe ex UK Equity Fund on 3 March 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		48,646
Current assets:				
Debtors	344		416	
Cash and bank balances	62		815	
		406		1,231
Total assets		406		49,877
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(406)		(70)	
Distribution payable	-		(7)	
		(406)		(77)
Total liabilities		(406)		(77)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		49,800

abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA UK All Companies Equity Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated, or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE All-Share Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from that of the FTSE All-Share Index over the longer term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the review period ended 3 March 2023, the value of abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund Platform 1 Accumulation increased by 0.31% compared to a return of -2.59% in the performance target, the FTSE All-Share Index +3%.

Source: FactSet, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

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The fund closed on 3 March 2023. As the annual report ended 28 February 2023 previously noted, the fund's underweight allocation and stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector was the main driver of underperformance during the review period prior to the fund's closure. Other detractors were our choice of holdings in basic materials and an above-index-position in the telecommunications sector. Meanwhile, an underweight exposure to and weak stock selection in the utilities sector also weighed on returns.

On the upside, good stock selection helped generate relative returns in the healthcare and technology sectors, compensating for some of the negative performance of the fund. Meanwhile, an underweight positioning and stock selection in the real estate sector was also beneficial. Lastly, our choice of stocks in the consumer staples and financial sectors as well as a slightly overweight position in the energy sector also contributed to positive returns.

abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund (closed)

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Market Review

In the months prior to the closing of the fund, inflation dominated the economic landscape. The annual inflation rate increased steadily, hitting a 41-year high of 11.1% in October 2022, before it began to recede. The Bank of England reacted to surging inflation with successive interest-rate rises, taking the base rate from 0.25% at the start of 2022 to 3.50% by the calendar year's end. The central bank increased the base rate by a further 0.50% in February.

In economic news, in January 2023, the International Monetary Fund predicted that the UK would be the only major developed economy to experience a negative growth rate across the whole of 2023.

Figures published by S&P Global indicated that private-sector activity in Britain declined for a sixth consecutive month in January, falling at its fastest pace since 2021. Yet, UK equities made solid progress in January on renewed hopes that central banks could soon start to slow the pace of interest-rate rises. Meanwhile, despite increased volatility in February, UK shares enjoyed monthly gains during the month as well. In the final days of the month, sterling increased to almost US\$1.21 against the US dollar, buoyed by the agreement between the UK and the European Union (EU) regarding post-Brexit trading arrangements in Northern Ireland.

Finally, market volatility in March was a reminder that a period of rapidly rising rates brings with it new challenges. The reaction to bank failures in the US indicated the high level of uncertainty present globally. As a result, predicting the trajectory of macroeconomic conditions remained close to impossible.

Portfolio Activity and Review

Portfolio activity between 1 March and 3 March 2023 consisted of closing all positions in the fund.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fund closed on 3 March 2023.

UK Equity Team

September 2023

abrdn UK Growth Equity Fund (closed)

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 03 March 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

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The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail Accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	82,866	77,989	77,899
Closing number of shares	-	22,325,210	22,172,596	23,526,842
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	371.18	351.74	331.11
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.53%	6.23%	4.07%
Operating charges	-	1.31%	1.32%	1.33%
Institutional Accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	9,205	9,526	10,093
Closing number of shares	-	2,070,065	2,271,186	2,568,320
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	444.69	419.42	392.97
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.02%	6.73%	4.56%
Operating charges	-	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%
Platform 1 Accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	9,381	8,145	8,349
Closing number of shares	-	10,423,505	9,590,969	10,488,269
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	90.00	84.92	79.61
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.98%	6.67%	4.50%
Operating charges	-	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%
ZC Accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,859	1,732	1,582
Closing number of shares	-	1,236,058	1,230,495	1,208,395
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	150.39	140.78	130.92
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.83%	7.53%	5.35%
Operating charges	-	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 03 March 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.48%)		610	-
Basic Materials (3.34%)		-	-
Consumer Discretionary (14.57%)		-	-
Consumer Staples (10.54%)		-	-
Energy (0.59%)		610	-
2,325,004	Savannah Energy*	610	-
Financials (22.60%)		-	-
Health Care (13.24%)		-	-
Industrials (19.58%)		-	-
Real Estate (2.01%)		-	-
Technology (5.96%)		-	-
Utilities (6.05%)		-	-
Total investment assets		610	-
Net other liabilities		(610)	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

* Suspended.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		368		(1,873)
Revenue	64		2,298	
Expenses	(10)		(621)	
Net revenue before taxation	54		1,677	
Taxation	-		(16)	
Net revenue after taxation		54		1,661
Total return before distributions		422		(212)
Distributions		(54)		101
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		368		(111)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		103,311		97,392
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	27		16,855	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(33)		(5,223)	
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers*	(103,727)		-	
		(103,733)		11,632
Dilution adjustment		-		24
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		368		(111)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		54		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		108,937

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer to abrdn UK Sustainable & Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		610		101,745
Current assets:				
Debtors	19		292	
Cash and bank balances	352		2,824	
		371		3,116
Total assets		981		104,861
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(981)		(1,550)	
		(981)		(1,550)
Total liabilities		(981)		(1,550)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		103,311

Distribution Table

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Special divided distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 02 March 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 03/05/23
Platform 1 Accumulation			
Group 1	0.0491	-	0.0491
Group 2	-	0.0491	0.0491
Retail Accumulation			
Group 1	0.1898	-	0.1898
Group 2	0.1327	0.0571	0.1898
Institutional Accumulation			
Group 1	0.2445	-	0.2445
Group 2	0.2351	0.0094	0.2445
ZC Accumulation			
Group 1	0.0920	-	0.0920
Group 2	0.0917	0.0003	0.0920

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Investment Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE 350 Index plus 4% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

Performance Comparator: IA UK All Companies Equity Sector Average.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

Investment Policy

Portfolio Securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by abrdn) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated asset mix at sector and stock level, with sector weightings within the portfolio typically a by-product of the underlying stock exposure.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view than that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE 350 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE 350 Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance Review

For the review period ended 3 March 2023, the value of abrdn UK High Alpha Equity Fund Platform 1 Accumulation rose by 0.28% compared to a return of -2.46% in the performance target, the FTSE 350 Index +4%.

Source: FactSet, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

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Companies selected for illustrative purposes only to demonstrate the investment management style described herein and not as an investment recommendation or indication of future performance.

The fund closed on 3 March 2023 during the first week of the new review period. As the annual report ended 28 February 2023 previously noted, the main detractors from a stock perspective included Moonpig Group, which weakened as its results indicated that discretionary purchases by customers had fallen. Vodafone also proved to be a drag on performance, with sentiment affected by disappointing results from the mobile network. Construction products group Genuit was among a number of stocks affected by concerns in the middle of 2022 that UK domestic economic policy might lead to a slowdown in construction activity. Not holding BP proved costly as it surged on the back of higher energy prices, although that was mitigated to some extent by our holding in Royal Dutch Shell.

Our holdings in Countryside Partnerships and Bellway also detracted as mortgage rates rose sharply after the 'mini-budget' impacting affordability and demand for new homes. For Countryside, performance was further hindered when its growth targets proved to be too optimistic, resulting in the departure of the CEO.

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On the upside, Go-Ahead Group, Euromoney and Thungela Resources were among the top-performing stocks. Shares in pharmaceutical business Indivior advanced after the company raised guidance for its Sublocade opioid-use treatment. Late in the period, NatWest Group shares rose due to growing optimism over prospects for the UK economy, with rising interest rates also set to benefit the bank's profitability.

Market Review

In the months prior to the closing of the fund, inflation dominated the economic landscape. The annual inflation rate increased steadily, hitting a 41-year high of 11.1% in October 2022, before it began to recede. The Bank of England reacted to surging inflation with successive interest-rate rises, taking the base rate from 0.25% at the start of 2022 to 3.50% by the calendar year's end. The central bank increased the base rate by a further 0.50% in February.

In economic news, in January 2023, the International Monetary Fund predicted that the UK would be the only major developed economy to experience a negative growth rate across the whole of 2023. Figures published by S&P Global indicated that private-sector activity in Britain declined for a sixth consecutive month in January, falling at its fastest pace since 2021. Yet, UK equities made solid progress in January on renewed hopes that central banks could soon start to slow the pace of interest-rate rises. Meanwhile, despite increased volatility in February, UK shares enjoyed monthly gains during the month as well. In the final days of the month, sterling increased to almost US\$1.21 against the US dollar, buoyed by the agreement between the UK and the European Union (EU) regarding post-Brexit trading arrangements in Northern Ireland.

Finally, market volatility in March was a reminder that a period of rapidly rising rates brings with it new challenges. The reaction to bank failures in the US indicated the high level of uncertainty present globally. As a result, predicting the trajectory of macroeconomic conditions remained close to impossible.

Portfolio Activity and Review

There was no significant portfolio activity in the period.

Portfolio Outlook and Strategy

The fund closed on 3 March 2023.

UK Equity Team

September 2023

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Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the fund. The table below shows the fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 03 March 2023.

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	61,980	64,899	65,957
Closing number of shares	-	27,060,190	29,873,307	31,903,636
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	229.05	217.25	206.74
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.43%	5.08%	7.83%
Operating charges	-	1.31%	1.32%	1.33%
Retail income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	6,381	7,560	7,854
Closing number of shares	-	7,104,837	8,567,579	9,069,973
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	89.81	88.24	86.59
Change in net asset value per share	-	1.78%	1.91%	5.29%
Operating charges	-	1.31%	1.32%	1.33%
Institutional accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	3,129	3,151	3,264
Closing number of shares	-	1,312,124	1,399,667	1,530,873
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	238.43	225.09	213.20
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.93%	5.58%	8.35%
Operating charges	-	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%
Institutional income^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	344	371	371
Closing number of shares	-	516,106	568,594	582,208
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	66.71	65.24	63.72
Change in net asset value per share	-	2.25%	2.39%	5.79%
Operating charges	-	0.84%	0.85%	0.86%
Platform 1 accumulation^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	7,193	6,044	5,970
Closing number of shares	-	6,681,781	5,944,535	6,196,941
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	107.64	101.67	96.35
Change in net asset value per share	-	5.87%	5.52%	8.27%
Operating charges	-	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 income ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1,537	1,111	1,167
Closing number of shares	-	1,998,718	1,476,192	1,586,393
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	76.92	75.26	73.54
Change in net asset value per share	-	2.21%	2.34%	5.74%
Operating charges	-	0.89%	0.90%	0.91%
ZC accumulation ^A	31 August 2023	28 February 2023	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	114	105	93
Closing number of shares	-	39,204	38,442	36,122
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	291.79	273.41	257.03
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.72%	6.37%	9.14%
Operating charges	-	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 03 March 2023.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.28%)		449	-
Basic Materials (3.33%)		-	-
Consumer Discretionary (14.54%)		-	-
Consumer Staples (10.52%)		-	-
Energy (0.56%)		449	-
1,711,921	Savannah Energy*	449	-
Financials (22.54%)		-	-
Health Care (13.19%)		-	-
46,936	NMC Health**	-	-
Industrials (19.63%)		-	-
Real Estate (2.01%)		-	-
Technology (5.92%)		-	-
Utilities (6.04%)		-	-
Total investment assets		449	-
Net other liabilities		(449)	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

* Suspended.

** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		286		(1,684)
Revenue	50		1,780	
Expenses	(4)		(515)	
Net revenue before taxation	46		1,265	
Taxation	-		(17)	
Net revenue after taxation		46		1,248
Total return before distributions		332		(436)
Distributions		(50)		(1,761)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		282		(2,197)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		80,678		83,241
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1		373	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(24)		(3,506)	
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers*	(80,978)		-	
		(81,001)		(3,133)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		282		(2,197)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		45		1,556
Unclaimed distributions		-		1
Adjustment to prefunding amount for termination		(4)		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		79,468

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.

* Relating to an inspecie transfer to abrdn UK Sustainable and Responsible Investment Equity Fund on 3 March 2023.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		449		79,289
Current assets:				
Debtors	16		234	
Cash and bank balances	185		2,383	
		201		2,617
Total assets		650		81,906
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(650)		(1,183)	
Distribution payable	-		(45)	
		(650)		(1,228)
Total liabilities		(650)		(1,228)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		80,678

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share)

Special distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 March 2023 and 2 March 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 03/05/23
Retail accumulation			
Group 1	0.1410	-	0.1410
Group 2	0.1402	0.0008	0.1410
Retail income			
Group 1	0.0553	-	0.0553
Group 2	0.0551	0.0002	0.0553
Institutional accumulation			
Group 1	0.1468	-	0.1468
Group 2	0.1453	0.0015	0.1468
Institutional income			
Group 1	0.0410	-	0.0410
Group 2	0.0410	-	0.0410
Platform 1 accumulation			
Group 1	0.0663	-	0.0663
Group 2	0.0580	0.0083	0.0663
Platform 1 income			
Group 1	0.0474	-	0.0474
Group 2	0.0474	-	0.0474
ZC accumulation			
Group 1	0.1796	-	0.1796
Group 2	0.1788	0.0008	0.1796

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 3 March 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 3 March 2023 and 31 May 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 29/07/23	Distribution paid 29/07/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.3659
Group 2	-	-	-	2.3659
Retail income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.9610
Group 2	-	-	-	0.9610
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.4525
Group 2	-	-	-	2.4525
Institutional income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7108
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7108
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.1077
Group 2	-	-	-	1.1077
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.8199
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8199
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.9808
Group 2	-	-	-	2.9808

Distribution Tables

For the six months ended 31 August 2023 (in pence per share) continued

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1 – shares purchased prior to 1 June 2023

Group 2 – shares purchased between 1 June 2023 and 31 August 2023

	Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/10/23	Distribution paid 31/10/22
Retail accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.3198
Group 2	-	-	-	2.3198
Retail income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.9324
Group 2	-	-	-	0.9324
Institutional accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.4080
Group 2	-	-	-	2.4080
Institutional income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.6907
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6907
Platform 1 accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.0875
Group 2	-	-	-	1.0875
Platform 1 income				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7967
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7967
ZC accumulation				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.9335
Group 2	-	-	-	2.9335

Equalisation

This 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 group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

abrdn UK Opportunities Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

abrdn UK Opportunities Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 24 February 2023. It is the intention of the ACD to terminate the fund at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for this fund has not been prepared on a going concern basis. At the time of the share cancellation, all realisable securities were sold.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,645	24,424
Closing number of shares	7,708,045	8,582,980
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	280.82	284.55
Change in net asset value per share	(1.31%)	11.86%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.33%
Retail income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	450	503
Closing number of shares	176,436	194,508
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	255.19	258.69
Change in net asset value per share	(1.35%)	11.87%
Operating charges	1.31%	1.33%
Institutional accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,500	28,418
Closing number of shares	10,401,389	8,749,147
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	322.07	324.81
Change in net asset value per share	(0.84%)	12.39%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.86%
Institutional income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	936	965
Closing number of shares	357,340	363,605
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	261.84	265.49
Change in net asset value per share	(1.37%)	12.25%
Operating charges	0.84%	0.86%
Institutional regulated accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	67,575	72,947
Closing number of shares	29,124,226	31,314,321
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	232.02	232.95
Change in net asset value per share	(0.40%)	12.90%
Operating charges	0.39%	0.41%
Platform 1 accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,924	25,323
Closing number of shares	19,189,650	19,322,973
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	129.88	131.05
Change in net asset value per share	(0.89%)	12.33%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.91%

Comparative Tables

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Platform 1 income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	913	1,076
Closing number of shares	749,440	871,488
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	121.77	123.47
Change in net asset value per share	(1.38%)	12.24%
Operating charges	0.89%	0.91%
ZC accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	704	613
Closing number of shares	195,141	169,677
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	360.97	361.32
Change in net asset value per share	(0.10%)	13.24%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.11%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 24 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		-		(26,791)
Revenue	(3)		1,556	
Expenses	-		(452)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(3)		1,103	
Taxation	-		-	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(3)		1,103
Total return before distributions		(3)		(25,688)
Distributions		-		(1,104)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(3)		(26,792)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-		150,647
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	-		4,371	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	-		(16,022)	
		-		(11,651)
Dilution adjustment		-		24
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(3)		(26,792)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		-		1,067
Adjustment to prefunding amount for termination		3		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		113,295

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		-
Current assets:				
Cash and bank balances	80		75	
		80		75
Total assets		80		75
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(80)		(65)	
Distribution payable	-		(10)	
		(80)		(75)
Total liabilities		(80)		(75)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

ASI Short Duration Credit Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

ASI Short Duration Credit Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 June 2022. It is the intention of the ACD to terminate the fund at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for this fund has not been prepared on a going concern basis. At the time of the share cancellation, all realisable securities were sold.

Comparative Tables

Retail accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,624	9,821
Closing number of shares	10,097,869	10,249,415
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.31	95.82
Change in net asset value per share	(0.53%)	3.44%
Operating charges	1.05%	1.07%
Retail income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,247	2,478
Closing number of shares	4,164,574	4,474,701
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	53.96	55.38
Change in net asset value per share	(2.56%)	0.95%
Operating charges	1.05%	1.07%
Institutional accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,300	5,421
Closing number of shares	3,224,666	5,291,386
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.33	102.45
Change in net asset value per share	(0.12%)	3.87%
Operating charges	0.63%	0.65%
Institutional income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,174	3,395
Closing number of shares	4,034,969	6,138,791
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	53.89	55.30
Change in net asset value per share	(2.55%)	0.93%
Operating charges	0.63%	0.65%
Platform 1 accumulation^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,189	10,208
Closing number of shares	8,809,939	14,507,064
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	70.25	70.36
Change in net asset value per share	(0.16%)	3.82%
Operating charges	0.68%	0.70%
Platform 1 income^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,467	7,672
Closing number of shares	13,409,190	13,425,221
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	55.68	57.15
Change in net asset value per share	(2.57%)	0.95%
Operating charges	0.68%	0.70%

Comparative Tables

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Standard Life accumulation ^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	77	77
Closing number of shares	72,847	72,381
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.15	105.74
Change in net asset value per share	0.39%	4.39%
Operating charges	0.13%	0.15%

Standard Life income ^A	28 February 2022	28 February 2021
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1
Closing number of shares	3,149	3,149
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	31.51	32.32
Change in net asset value per share	(2.51%)	0.94%
Operating charges	0.05%	0.07%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

^A The fund closed on 22 June 2022.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		-		(1,387)
Revenue	-		366	
Expenses	-		(67)	
Net revenue before taxation	-		299	
Taxation	-		(5)	
Net revenue after taxation		-		294
Total return before equalisation		-		(1,093)
Equalisation on shares		-		(276)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-		(1,369)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-		31,079
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	-		1,111	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	-		(31,011)	
		-		(29,900)
Dilution adjustment		-		37
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		-		(1,369)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		-		153
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		-
Current assets:				
Debtors	4		5	
Cash and bank balances	13		13	
		17		18
Total assets		17		18
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(17)		(18)	
		(17)		(18)
Total liabilities		(17)		(18)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

ASI UK Recovery Equity Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 22 October 2020. It is the intention of the ACD to terminate the fund at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for this fund has not been prepared on a going concern basis. At the time of the share cancellation, all realisable securities were sold. One security which was not immediately realisable due to a trading suspension, or due to being delisted, continues to be held at the current balance sheet date. Should an opportunity to sell it for value arise, it will be sold, otherwise abrdn will, in conjunction with the Depositary, pursue any possible residual value from it until all such opportunities have been reasonably exhausted.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (0.00%)		-	-
Energy (0.00%)		-	-
7,840,618	Utilitywise**	-	-
Total investment assets		-	-
Net other assets		-	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

The security is classified as an unapproved investment in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority Regulations.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		-		-
Revenue	-		-	
Expenses	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation	-		-	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		-		-
Total return		-		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-		-

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-
		-		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		-		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		-		-
Current assets:				
Cash and bank balances	7		7	
		7		7
Total assets		7		7
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(7)		(7)	
		(7)		(7)
Total liabilities		(7)		(7)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund (closed)

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

Global Emerging Markets Equity Unconstrained Fund is no longer open to investors, having redeemed all shares on 14 January 2016. It is the intention of the ACD to terminate the fund at a later date once the residual assets and liabilities are settled. As a result the financial statements for this fund has not been prepared on a going concern basis. At the time of the share cancellation, all realisable securities were sold. One security which was not immediately realisable due to being delisted, continues to be held at the current balance sheet date. Should an opportunity to sell it for value arise, it will be sold, otherwise abrdn will, in conjunction with the Depositary, pursue any possible residual value from it until all such opportunities have been reasonably exhausted.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 August 2023

Holding	Investment	Market value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Pacific Basin Equities (0.00%)		-	-
China (0.00%)		-	-
5,196,000	Tianhe Chemicals**	-	-
Total investment assets		-	-
Net other assets		-	-
Total Net Assets		-	-

The security is classified as an unapproved investments in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority Regulations.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 28 February 2023.

** Delisted.

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Statement of Total Return

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		-		-
Revenue	-		-	
Expenses	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation	-		-	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		-		-
Total return before distributions		-		-
Distributions		-		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		-		-

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the six months ended 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		31 August 2022	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		-		-
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		-

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.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	31 August 2023		28 February 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Current assets:				
Cash and bank balances	1		1	
		1		1
Total assets		1		1
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1)		(1)	
		(1)		(1)
Total liabilities		(1)		(1)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		–		–

Further Information

Constitution

abrdn OEIC II was incorporated on 22 May 1998, under the FCA Regulations. The Company is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital under regulation 14 (authorisation) of the OEIC Regulations.

Consumers' rights and protections, including any derived from EU legislation, are currently unaffected by the result of the UK referendum to leave the European Union and will remain unchanged unless and until the UK Government changes the applicable legislation.

Documentation and Prices

Copies of the current Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) for the abrdn OEIC II, daily prices, together with the latest Annual (and if issued later the interim) Report and Accounts for any funds, are available to download at **abrdn.com**. A paper copy of the Report and Accounts is available on request from the ACD.

Notices/Correspondence

Please send any notices to abrdn Fund Managers Limited, PO Box 12233, Chelmsford, CM99 2EE. Any notice to the ACD will only be effective when actually received by the ACD. All notices will be sent to the investor at the address set out in the application form or the latest address which the investor has notified to the ACD, and will be deemed to have been received three days after posting. Events detailed in these terms and conditions will be carried out on the dates specified, unless the dates are a non-business day, when they will be carried out on the next business day.

Complaints and Compensation

If you need to complain about any aspect of our service, you should write to the Complaints Team, abrdn, PO Box 12233, Chelmsford CM99 2EE, who will initiate our formal complaints procedure. If you prefer, you may call the Complaints Team on 0345 113 6966 or email **complaints@abrdn.com** in the first instance.

Alternatively if you have a complaint about the Company or funds you can contact the Depositary directly. A leaflet detailing our complaints procedure is available on request. We will endeavour to respond to your complaint as soon as possible and will notify you of our outcome within 8 weeks. If the complaint is not resolved by us to your satisfaction then you may have the right to take your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). To contact the FOS Service you should write to The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR, email **complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk** or telephone 0800 023 4567 (free for landlines and mobiles) or 0300 123 9123 (calls cost no more than calls to 01 and 02 numbers) or +44 20 7964 0500 (available from outside the UK – calls will be charged).

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, which means if we become insolvent, you may be entitled to compensation. The level of compensation will depend on the type of business and the circumstances of your claim. Investments are covered up to £85,000 for claims against firms that fail on or after 1 April 2019. Details are available from the FSCS Helpline on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100 and on the FSCS website: **www.fscs.org.uk**.

UCITS

The funds were certified under the Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) directive, which allows the ACD to market the funds in member States of the European Union subject to relevant local laws, specifically marketing laws.

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