# Royal London Equity Funds ICVC Interim Report

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024 (unaudited)





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# **Company Information**

#### Company

#### **Royal London Equity Funds ICVC**

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<sup>\*</sup> The Authorised Corporate Director's report comprises these items, together with the following for each individual sub-fund: Manager's Investment Report; Investment Objective and Policy and Portfolio Statement.

# **Directors' Report**

We are pleased to present the Interim Report and Financial Statements for the Royal London Equity Funds ICVC, covering the period from 1 September 2023 to 29 February 2024.

Royal London Equity Funds ICVC ('the Company') is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is structured as an umbrella investment company, in that the Company proposes to issue shares linked to different subfunds which have been established. The Company is a UCITS umbrella scheme.

The sub-funds in existence during the period from 1 September 2023 to 29 February 2024 were:

- Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund (launched on 30 October 2009)
- Royal London UK Opportunities Fund (launched on 30 October 2009)
- Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund (launched on 26 February 2010)
- Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund (launched on 26 February 2010)
- Royal London UK All Share Tracker Fund (launched on 26 February 2010, terminated 27 February 2023)
- Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund (launched on 26 February 2010)
- Royal London European Growth Fund (launched on 30 April 2010)
- Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund (launched on 30 April 2010)
- Royal London UK Equity Income Fund (launched on 5 November 2010)
- Royal London UK Equity Fund (launched on 5 November 2010)
- Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund (launched on 5 November 2010)
- Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund (launched on 5 November 2010)
- Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund (launched on 4 June 2013)
- Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund (launched on 12 June 2017)
- Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund (launched on 10 October 2017)
- Royal London Global Equity Select Fund (launched on 10 October 2017)

- Royal London Global Equity Income Fund (launched on 25 February 2020)
- Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund (launched on 25 February 2020)
- Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund (launched on 3 December 2021)
- Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund (launched on 24 May 2022)

An ICVC may comprise a single fund or may be structured as an umbrella with a number of different sub-funds, each with its own portfolio of underlying assets invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that sub-fund.

Currently, the Funds of an umbrella company are ring-fenced, and consequently creditors of the company may not look to all the assets of the company for payment regardless of the subfund in respect of which that creditor's debt has arisen. Certain assets held or liabilities incurred by an umbrella company which are not attributable to a particular Fund can be allocated between all of the Funds in a manner which the ACD considers fair to shareholders.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

For and behalf of Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited

**Authorised Corporate Director** 

J.S. Glen (Director)

R. Kumar (Director)

22 April 2024

## **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

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

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

Further analysis of the distribution and the net asset position can be found within the Financial Statements of the individual sub-funds.

#### Basis of valuation of investments

The investments of the Company have been valued at the closing bid price on 29 February 2024, the last valuation point in the accounting period. This is deemed by the ACD to reflect the fair value of investments. A valuation as at the balance sheet date, 29 February 2024, has been analysed along with indices movements.

Unquoted, suspended and delisted investments are valued based on the Investment Adviser's (RLAM) opinion of fair value. The Investment Adviser has a Valuations Oversight Committee (VOC) which reviews and values unquoted equities on a monthly basis. Stale, static asset prices and suspended assets are monitored weekly by the Fund Manager and reviewed quarterly by the RLAM VOC in line with their Fair Value Pricing Policy.

#### **Exchange rates**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been converted to sterling at the bid-market closing rates of exchange on 29 February 2024.

Foreign income and expenditure has been converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

#### Recognition of revenue

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

Revenue from unquoted equity investments is recognised when the dividend is declared. Interest and revenue from bank balances and deposits, stock lending (net of fees paid) and other securities is recognised on an accruals basis.

Underwriting commission is taken to revenue and recognised when the issue takes place, except where the sub-fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten, in which case an appropriate proportion of the commission is deducted from the cost of those shares.

UK dividends are shown net of any associated tax credits attached to the income.

Overseas revenue received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown gross of tax, with the tax consequences shown within the tax charge.

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

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

Dividends received from US REITS are allocated between revenue and capital for distribution purposes. The split is based on the year-end tax reporting data issued by the US REIT available on www.REIT.com. Where the split of revenue and capital has not been announced at the accounting date a provisional split will be used. The provision will be calculated on the prior year's aggregated dividend split for each US REIT.

Any income arising from stock lending is treated as revenue on an accruals basis and is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements net of directly attributable fees.

#### **Treatment of expenses**

Expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

The underlying sub-funds will hold a number of various share classes. Each share class suffers a different Fund Management Fee, which can be found in the constitution starting on page 205. Consequently the level of expenses attributable to each share class will differ.

The costs and charges detailed in the Prospectus, including the ACD's own fee, will be met out of this fixed Fund Management Fee. In the event the actual costs incurred by a sub-fund exceed the level of the fixed Fund Management Fee applicable to that share class, the ACD shall bear any such excess. Where the actual costs incurred by a sub-fund fall below the fixed Fund Management Fee, the ACD shall be entitled to retain any amount by which the fixed Fund Management Fee exceeds those actual costs.

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

#### 1. Accounting policies - continued

#### **Taxation**

Provision is made for taxation at current rates on the excess of investment revenue over allowable expenses, with relief for overseas taxation taken where appropriate.

Deferred tax is provided on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Authorised funds are exempt from UK Capital Gains Tax. However, sub-funds which invest in certain types of Indian assets are, in certain circumstances, subject to Indian Capital Gains Tax. At period end 29 February 2024 the Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund was the only sub-fund with direct exposure to these type of assets. A deferred tax provision is included within the balance sheet.

#### Treatment of derivative contracts

The unrealised gain/(loss) on open future contracts is disclosed in the portfolio statement, where such contracts are held by an individual sub-fund. The margins paid on these contracts are included in the amounts held at derivative clearing houses and brokers.

Motives and circumstances are used to determine whether returns on derivative contracts should be treated as capital or revenue. Where positions are undertaken to protect or enhance capital and the circumstances support this, the returns are included within net capital gains/(losses) in the Statement of Total Return. Where they are undertaken for generating or protecting revenue and the circumstances support this, the returns are treated as revenue and are included within the net revenue in the Statement of Total Return. The basis of apportionment is typically made by reference to the yield on the underlying security, index or other appropriate source.

#### Dilution

A dilution adjustment can be applied to all sub-funds.

The ACD reserves the right to make a daily dilution adjustment, using swinging single pricing, for the sole purpose of reducing dilution in the sub-funds. For further details as to why and how the adjustment is calculated please refer to the Prospectus.

#### **Cross holding**

There were no cross holdings in the current or prior period for any sub-funds within the ICVC.

#### 2. Distribution policy

#### **Basis of distribution**

Revenue produced by the sub-funds' investments accumulates during each accounting year/period. If at the end of the accounting year/period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of each sub-fund is available to be distributed, at share class level, to shareholders.

The following sub-funds make distributions on a quarterly basis: Global Equity Income, UK Equity Income & UK Dividend Growth.

The following sub-funds make distributions on a half yearly basis: Japan Equity Tilt, UK Core Equity Tilt, European Growth, UK Equity, UK Smaller Companies, Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt, Europe ex UK Equity Tilt, Global Equity Diversified, Global Equity Select, Global Sustainable Equity, UK Broad Equity Tilt and Sustainable Growth.

The following sub-funds make distributions on an annual basis: UK Mid Cap Growth, UK Opportunities, US Equity Tilt and Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker.

#### Apportionment to multiple share classes

The allocation of revenue and expenses to each share class is based on the proportion of the sub-funds assets attributable to each share class on the day the revenue is earned or the expense is suffered. The Fund's management charge is specific to each share class.

#### Policy for stock dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as income but does not form part of the distribution, except in the case of UK Equity Income where stock dividend income is distributed.

In the case of an enhanced stock dividend the value of the enhancement is treated as capital and also does not form part of the distribution.

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

#### 2. Distribution policy - continued

#### **Expenses**

In determining the net revenue available for distribution, expenses related to the purchase and sale of investments are borne wholly by capital. In the case of Global Equity Income, UK Equity Income and UK Dividend Growth sub-funds, all expenses are borne by capital.

#### Equalisation

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

#### 3. Risk management policies

In accordance with its investment objective, the Company holds financial instruments such as equity shares, non-equity shares, cash and has short-term debtors and creditors. The risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are summarised below and remain unchanged from the prior year. Further details can be found on pages 211 to 218.

#### Market risk

The main risk arising from the Company's financial instruments is market price risk which arises from the uncertainty about future prices.

The individual Fund Managers of the sub-funds review the portfolios in order to consider the asset allocation implications and to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors, whilst continuing to follow the sub-funds investment objectives.

The ACD adheres to the investment guidelines and investment and borrowing powers established in the Prospectus and in the Rules governing the operations of ICVCs. In this way the ACD monitors and controls the exposure to risk from any type of security, market sector or individual issuer.

#### Credit and liquidity risk

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

The Company's assets comprise mainly readily available realisable securities, which can be sold to meet funding requirements if and when necessary.

The main liability of the Company is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Liquidity risk, mainly derived from the liability to shareholders, is minimised through holding cash and readily realisable securities which can meet the usual requirements of share redemptions.

The liquidity risk for all sub-funds has been deemed insignificant therefore numerical disclosures are not required.

#### **Currency risk**

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

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk is limited to balances held at the bank as disclosed in the balance sheet. Changes to the rate of interest applied on the underlying balances will affect the Company accordingly. All cash balances earn interest at a variable rate. Interest rate risk is considered insignificant for the majority of the sub-funds, the exception being the Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund which holds a mixture of bonds and equities.

#### **Derivatives risk**

The ACD may employ derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management. All derivative trading is in the form of instruments listed on a regulated exchange. Financial futures are used in particular for efficient management of cashflow, i.e. to deal with the control of marginal cashflow monies – for example, investment of anticipated dividend receipts, as well as to effect re-allocations of assets. Futures allow the ACD to obtain market exposure quickly (thereby reducing risk) and cheaply (reducing cost).

## **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

#### 3. Risk management policies – continued

#### Other

#### Potential implications of an epidemic and/or a pandemic

Epidemics and pandemics such as Covid-19, can seriously disrupt the global economy and markets. Pandemics and similar events could also have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers and could adversely affect securities markets, interest rates, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, deflation and other factors relating to a Fund's investments or the ACD's operations and the operations of the ACD's and the Company's service providers.

#### Political risk

Political conflicts and their consequences, including the economic sanctions on Russia, are having a significant impact on global financial markets and commodity pricing. Royal London Asset Management Limited is closely monitoring the associated internal political developments in relation to inflation, volatile markets and security pricing. Please refer to the Manager's Investment Reports for commentary on the impact and outlook.

In relation to the Ukraine conflict, the sub-funds have no direct exposure to Russian companies and Royal London Asset Management Limited is complying with all restrictions and sanctions issued by the relevant authorities.

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

The below sub-fund shareclasses will have their Fund Management Fee changed on 7 May 2024:

- Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.07% to 0.075%
- Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.10% to 0.09%
- Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.06% to 0.035%
- Royal London European Growth Fund A Income from 1.10% to 1.05%
- Royal London European Growth Fund R Accumulation from 0.05% to 0.075%
- Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund R Accumulation from 0.09% to 0.08%
- Royal London Global Equity Income Fund R Income from 0.09% to 0.08%
- Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund R Accumulation from 0.11% to 0.08%
- Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.05% to 0.075%
- Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund R Accumulation from 0.09% to 0.08%
- Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.05% to 0.035%
- Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.03% to 0.035%
- Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund A Accumulation from 1.15% to 1.05%
- Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund R Accumulation from 0.03% to 0.06%
- Royal London UK Equity Fund R Accumulation from 0.04% to 0.06%
- Royal London UK Equity Income Fund A Income from 1.13% to 1.03%
- Royal London UK Opportunities Fund R Accumulation from 0.04% to 0.06%
- Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund R Accumulation from 0.04% to 0.06%
- Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund R Accumulation from 0.04% to 0.06%

With effect 16 April 2024 PwC resigned as auditors of the Company. The ACD intends to appoint KMPG LLP as replacement.

# **Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund**

# **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund,Class M Accumulation	4.41	-0.67	-4.03	11.12
Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund,Class N Accumulation	4.43	-0.62	-3.82	_
Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund,Class R Accumulation	4.74	-	-1.97	15.15
Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund,Class Z Accumulation	4.47	-0.57	-3.63	11.94
FTSE® 250 ex-Investment Trust Index	3.65	-1.43	-1.01	10.87
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class N Accumulation launched on 20 March 2020.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund produced a healthy positive absolute return and outperformed its benchmark index, the FTSE® 250 ex-IT. This was primarily due to positive stock selection, particularly within the financials and technology sectors.

#### **Market overview**

Global geopolitical tensions created a challenging and volatile backdrop for economies and stock markets around the world in 2023. The conflict between Israel and Hamas coincided with a precipitous fall in the UK market in October.

Interest rate expectations dominated market trends through the six-month period. The two-year gilt rate fell from 5% in October to nearly 4% at the end of the period as a series of lower-than-expected inflation data readings provided optimism that rate cuts were likely to happen sooner than originally anticipated. This drove equity markets higher, with small and medium sized companies, as well as those seeing faster growth, generally outperforming, even as expectations for rate cuts softened somewhat after December. The artificial intelligence (AI) megatrend drove larger international equities, with the Nasdaq hitting all-time highs following a series of eye-opening earnings statements from the likes of Nvidia.

The UK government's recent budget statements have revealed several cuts to business and personal taxes designed to boost economic growth. Furthermore, better data gave cause for optimism that the economy was starting 2024 more positively.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have been a significant theme in the small and mid-cap market in 2023. Specifically in the Fund, Restaurant Group was subject to a recommended all-cash takeover offer by private equity group, Apollo, at a 34% premium to the share price. In addition, GlobalData revealed that private equity group, Inflexion, would acquire a 40% minority stake in its Healthcare division, valuing the business unit at £1.1bn. Given that the company's Healthcare division represents approximately 36% of total revenue and the market value of the company was £1.4bn, this demonstrated that the public markets had vastly undervalued the business. The minority stake sale will also provide GlobalData with a significant net cash position which may be used for further M&A activity.

Ascential and Chemring were two positive contributors during the period. Ascential announced that it had agreed to sell both WGSN, its trend forecasting business, and Flywheel, its digital commerce businesses, for cash proceeds of £1.2bn. Most of the proceeds will be returned to shareholders, and the resulting simplified group will remain listed in the UK, operating their high-quality Cannes Lions and Money 20/20 events. Chemring, a manufacturer of countermeasures and electronic warfare solutions, has been a beneficiary of an increased focus on national security and rising defence budgets, in view of multiple conflicts around the world. Their capacity expansion plans will capture a greater share of this budget growth, with an order backlog that is up 52% since January 2023. Furthermore, Roke, its electronic warfare division, has recently had its first order from East Asia.

# Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### Portfolio commentary - continued

Detractors to performance included Rentokil and Spirent Communications. Rentokil reported lower-than-expected growth in its North American pest control division, and while this was somewhat disappointing, the region still grew organically. Results outside of North America were also better than expected. In a trading statement since the period end, the shares bounced sharply as the company subsequently increased the targeted net synergies from its recent acquisition of Terminix by \$25m to \$225m but revised the date it expects to complete the integration to 2026 to de-risk branch integrations. Spirent Communications detracted as US telecommunication carriers slowed their expenditure on enhancing their networks in 2023. Despite the long-term tailwinds from 5G adoption, a major \$15m financial services contract win in the fourth quarter of 2023 and a net cash balance sheet, the shares reacted badly to the shortterm earnings downgrade. After the period end, Spirent's shares surged as it revealed the board had reached an agreement on the terms of a recommended offer by Viavi – this valued Spirent's shares at a c60% premium to its undisturbed price.

In terms of activity, the Fund sold its position in Restaurant Group following the bid and also exited its position in B&M, following the CEO, Simon Arora, stepping down in 2022 and selling a significant proportion of his shareholding in December 2023. The proceeds of the disposal of B&M were used to purchase new holdings in Trainline and ITV. Trainline is the market-leading online ticket retailer in the UK and Europe. It has developed a market-leading technology platform, has high brand awareness, and has a track record of product innovation. The technology stack is extremely scalable, enabling high profit margins and cash conversion, and their end market continues to grow as UK and European travellers increasingly purchase tickets online rather than at stations. ITV, the leading commercial broadcaster (with a c50% market share) has an attractive Studios business delivering high value content, whose valuation arguably underpins the current enterprise value. The company has also been investing in its digital on demand streaming platform, ITVX, which is driving audience growth and advertising revenues.

#### **Investment outlook**

The surge in interest rates throughout 2022 and 2023 ultimately resulted in the UK entering into a 'technical' recession towards the end of the calendar year. The impact of higher borrowing costs and slower economic growth has constrained demand, particularly in the more discretionary areas of consumer expenditure. However, forward looking data suggests an improving trend, consumers and corporates are coping with higher rates, and central bankers appear to have engineered a 'soft landing'. Consumer and corporate balance sheets remain healthy, as are those in the banking sector, and we expect strengthening demand through 2024.

We believe that small and mid-cap equities continue to offer good value, not only relative to history and international equity indices but also in absolute terms. Our portfolio companies

remain well capitalised, and most have net cash balance sheets which could be deployed on acquisitions or organic investment to enhance earnings growth. Indeed, mergers and acquisitions has been a prominent feature in 2023. However, in an era where capital is no longer 'free', management teams must focus even more rigorously on the appropriate allocation of capital. Equity outflows have taken their toll on the UK stock market over the last four years and in cases where companies have strong balance sheets but depressed share prices, it may be hard to find a higher return for shareholders than simply buying back their own stock. In this way, companies may accrete their earnings per share growth significantly. We expect this to continue given the attractive valuations (equity earnings yields) on offer.

Despite the markets obsession with forecasting short-term macroeconomic data over the recent past, our focus has always been on investing over the long term. We continue to seek out companies with the key fundamental SIMBA attributes (Scaleability, Innovation, strong Management teams, Barriers to entry and unique Assets) that will allow them to take market share and prosper throughout economic cycles. We continue to believe that it is these fundamental attributes that drive earnings and thus stock prices over the long term and we remain excited by the opportunities currently on offer for UK small and mid-cap investors.

Henry Lowson Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at <a href="https://www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds">https://www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds</a>. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	427.85	424.64	570.30	414.81
Return before operating charges*	19.61	6.53	(141.89)	159.19
Operating charges	(1.66)	(3.32)	(3.77)	(3.70)
Return after operating charges*	17.95	3.21	(145.66)	155.49
Distributions on accumulation shares	_	(9.39)	(7.74)	(5.07)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	9.39	7.74	5.07
Closing net asset value per share	445.80	427.85	424.64	570.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.29	0.66	0.51
Performance Return after charges	4.20%	0.76%	(25.54)%	37.48%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	65,858	68,353	80,291	80,384
Closing number of shares	14,772,981	15,976,234	18,908,065	14,095,225
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.77% 0.03%	0.77% 0.07%	0.77% 0.14%	0.77% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price	464.30	465.50	575.50	571.10
Lowest share price	385.30	374.00	413.30	394.80

## **Class N Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	137.22	136.10	182.63	132.77
Return before operating charges*	6.30	2.09	(45.56)	50.92
Operating charges	(0.48)	(0.97)	(0.97)	(1.06)
Return after operating charges*	5.82	1.12	(46.53)	49.86
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(3.11)	(2.60)	(1.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	3.11	2.60	1.72
Closing net asset value per share	143.04	137.22	136.10	182.63
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.09	0.19	0.16
Performance Return after charges	4.24%	0.82%	(25.48)%	37.55%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,360	7,760	9,338	6
Closing number of shares	3,747,659	5,654,930	6,861,016	3,294
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.70% 0.03%	0.70% 0.07%	0.70% 0.13%	0.70% 0.11%
Prices^	440.00	110.00	404.00	100.00
Highest share price Lowest share price	149.00 123.60	149.20 119.90	184.30 132.40	182.90 126.40

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	113.61	111.96	149.30	107.83
Return before operating charges*	5.22	1.72	(37.26)	41.55
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	5.19	1.65	(37.34)	41.47
Distributions on accumulation shares	_	(3.30)	(2.95)	(2.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	3.30	2.95	2.21
Closing net asset value per share	118.80	113.61	111.96	149.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.08	0.17	0.13
Performance Return after charges	4.57%	1.47%	(25.01)%	38.46%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	282,649	275,152	302,730	422,997
Closing number of shares	237,920,547	242,188,633	270,384,942	283,318,751
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.06% 0.03%	0.06% 0.07%	0.06% 0.13%	0.06% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	123.60 102.40	123.10 98.69	150.70 108.80	149.50 102.70

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	149.56	148.21	198.74	144.34
Return before operating charges*	6.86	2.28	(49.44)	55.43
Operating charges	(0.47)	(0.93)	(1.09)	(1.03)
Return after operating charges*	6.39	1.35	(50.53)	54.40
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(3.51)	(2.95)	(2.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	3.51	2.95	2.02
Closing net asset value per share	155.95	149.56	148.21	198.74
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.10	0.23	0.18
Performance Return after charges	4.27%	0.91%	(25.43)%	37.69%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,638	6,744	7,474	22,810
Closing number of shares	4,256,195	4,509,264	5,043,100	11,477,114
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.62% 0.03%	0.62% 0.07%	0.62% 0.13%	0.62% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	162.40 134.70	162.60 130.60	200.50 144.20	199.00 137.40

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

# **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Equities - 98.65% (31/08/23 - 98.10%)		
Basic Materials - 1.23% (31/08/23 - 1.53%)		
Chemicals – 1.23%		
360,021 Victrex	4,428	1.23
Total Basic Materials	4,428	1.23
Industrials – 36.57% (31/08/23 – 35.69%)		
Aerospace & Defence – 2.66% 2,761,600 Chemring	9,583	2.66
Construction & Materials – 4.47%		
2,663,000 Genuit Group 1,802,004 Marshalls	10,745 5,392	2.98 1.49
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 7.89%		
349,343 Oxford Instruments	7,633	2.12
3,555,985 Rotork 281,100 Spectris	10,960 9.853	3.04 2.73
General Industrials – 2.58%	,,,,,,	
13,659,700 Coats Group	9,289	2.58
Industrial Engineering – 7.89%		
1,528,700 Bodycote	9,455	2.62
600,000 Hill & Smith	10,872	3.02
468,500 IMI	8,119	2.25
Support Services – 11.08%	7 244	2.01
209,600 Diploma 2,719,909 Essentra	7,244 4,526	2.01 1.25
1,010,900 Grafton	9,879	2.74
3,325,000 IntegraFin	9,077	2.52
838,300 Rentokil Initial 735,258 RS Group	3,673 5,541	1.02 1.54
Total Industrials	131,841	36.57
Consumer Goods – 9.08% (31/08/23 – 8.32%)		
Food Producers – 4.94%		
300,040 Cranswick	11,540	3.20
788,053 Hilton Food	6,289	1.74
Household Goods – 2.12%		
283,564 Bellway	7,645	2.12
Leisure Goods – 2.02%		
77,400 Games Workshop	7,276	2.02
Total Consumer Goods	32,750	9.08
Healthcare - 2.31% (31/08/23 - 2.50%)		
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology – 2.31%	0.000	2.5
465,000 Genus	8,333	2.31
Total Healthcare	8,333	2.31
Consumer Services - 10.54% (31/08/23 - 11.2	6%)	
General Retailers – 6.26%		
270,405 Dunelm	3,107	0.86
937,000 Inchcape 1,158,900 Watches of Switzerland Group	6,390 4,684	1.77 1.30
680,000 WH Smith	8,405	2.33
Media – 4.28%		
3,600,000 Ascential	10,735	2.98
8,383,400 ITV	4,688	1.30
Total Consumer Services	38,009	10.54

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Telecomm	unications – 4.31% (31/08/23 – 4.08%)		
Fixed Line	Felecommunications – 2.60%		
641,100	Telecom Plus	9,360	2.60
	communications – 1.71% GlobalData	6,158	1.71
Total Telec	ommunications	15,518	4.31
Financials	<b>–</b> 22.29% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 22.68%)		
Financial So	ervices – 11.34%		
3,230,100	) AJ Bell	9,807	2.72
	Intermediate Capital Group	8,339	2.31
1,268,114		9,891	2.75
	OSB Group	6,154	1.71
1,035,600	Paragon Banking Group	6,669	1.85
Non-Life In:	surance – 4.82%		
	Beazley	9,556	2.65
1,203,300	Lancashire	7,833	2.17
Real Estate	Investment Services – 2.72%		
3,940,467	' Grainger	9,820	2.72
Real Estate	Investment Trusts – 3.41%		
865,000	) Safestore	6,613	1.83
	Unite Group	5,681	1.58
Total Finar	cials	80,363	22.29
Technolog	y – 12.32% (31/08/23 – 12.05%)		
Software &	Computer Services – 9.65%		
	Auction Technology	8,772	2.43
	Bytes Technology Group	6,684	1.86
1,250,000		4,981	1.38
1,656,574		4,701	1.30
	Moonpig Group	4,753	1.32
1,587,843	3 Trainline	4,916	1.36
Technology	Hardware & Equipment – 2.67%		
422,860	) Gamma Communications	5,218	1.45
	Spirent Communications	4,389	1.22
Total Techi	nology	44,414	12.32
Total value	of investments	355,656	98.65
Net other a	ssets	4,849	1.35
Total net as	seets	360,505	100.00
		000,000	.00.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Trainline	4,314
Dunelm	2,954
ITV	2,400
Genus	1,645
IntegraFin	1,342
Auction Technology	916
GlobalData	888
Inchcape	678
JTC	599
Genuit Group	550
Subtotal	16,286
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	20,523

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
B&M European Value Retail	4,507
Rathbones Group	4,009
Restaurant Group	3,549
Hill & Smith	2,754
Intermediate Capital Group	2,160
Unite Group	1,446
Bytes Technology Group	1,391
Liontrust Asset Management	1,213
Diploma	1,126
Paragon Banking Group	868
Subtotal	23,023
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	27,969

**Balance Sheet** 

As at 29 February 2024

# **Financial Statements**

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000 29	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	11,878		21,947
4,416		3,955	
(381)		(450)	
4,035		3,505	
(24)		(43)	
	4,011		3,462
	15,889		25,409
	(101)		(26)
	15,788		25,383
	4,416 (381) 4,035	11,878 4,416 (381) 4,035 (24) 4,011 15,889 (101)	£'000 £'000 £'000  11,878  4,416 3,955 (381) (450)  4,035 3,505  (24) (43)  4,011  15,889  (101)

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	355,656	351,223
Current assets:		
Debtors	347	1,073
Cash and bank balances	4,982	6,052
Total assets	360,985	358,348
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	480	339
Total liabilities	480	339
Net assets attributable to shareholders	360,505	358,009

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		358,009		399,833
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	5,052		7,539	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(18,353)		(12,326)	
		(13,301)		(4,787)
Dilution adjustment charged		9		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,788		25,383
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		360,505		420,429

# **Royal London UK Opportunities Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Opportunities Fund, Class M Accumulation	3.39	-0.94	3.75	17.87
Royal London UK Opportunities Fund, Class R Accumulation	3.77	-0.16	6.12	22.22
Royal London UK Opportunities Fund, Class S Accumulation	3.81	-0.18	5.98	-
FTSE® All-Share Index	3.92	0.57	25.21	27.74
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should also note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Closing Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam. com.

#### **Performance overview**

In the six-month period under review, the Fund produced a positive absolute return but underperformed the benchmark FTSE® All-Share Index. In terms of sector allocation, the Fund's overweight positions in the industrial and technology sectors were positive contributors. Stock selection was a detractor.

#### **Market overview**

Global geopolitical tensions created a challenging and volatile backdrop for economies and stock markets around the world in 2023. The conflict between Israel and Hamas coincided with a precipitous fall in the UK market in October; nevertheless, it was interest rate expectations that dominated market trends through the six-month period. The two-year gilt rate fell from 5% in October to nearly 4% at the end of December, as a series of lower-than-expected inflation data readings suggested that central banks were likely to reduce interest rates sooner than anticipated. This drove equity markets higher, with small and mid-cap companies, as well as growth stocks, generally outperforming. Optimism for all things AI related was the other significant trend within equity markets, albeit the impact was generally focussed on large cap and international markets the Nasdag hit all-time highs following a series of eye-opening earnings statements from global tech companies.

Within the UK, the government's budget statements included a number of cuts to business and personal taxes designed to boost economic growth, albeit the overall message was of relative stability in an election year. Forward-looking indicators such as PMI surveys suggested that the economy was starting 2024 on a more positive footing.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have been a significant theme in the small and mid-cap market in 2023. Fund holding GlobalData revealed that private equity group Inflexion would acquire a 40% minority stake in its Healthcare division, valuing the division at £1.1bn. As the Healthcare division generates c. 36% of GlobalData's total revenues, and the undisturbed market cap of the whole group was £1.4bn, it demonstrated that public markets had vastly undervalued the group. The minority stake sale will also provide GlobalData with a significant net cash position which may be used for further M&A activity.

Ascential announced that it had agreed to sell two of its businesses (WGSN, trend forecasting, and Flywheel, digital commerce services) for cash proceeds of £1.2bn. This compared with a market cap for the whole group of less than £1bn. Most of the proceeds will be returned to shareholders, and the resulting simplified group will remain listed in the UK, operating their high-quality Cannes Lions and Money 20/20 events.

Chemring was a significant positive contributor during the period. The manufacturer of countermeasures and electronic warfare solutions has been a beneficiary of an increased focus on national security and rising defence budgets by NATO members. Their planned capacity expansion will capture a greater share of this budget growth, supported by an order backlog that is up 52% since January 2023. Furthermore, Roke, their highly innovative cyber and electronic warfare division, has recently had its first order from East Asia.

# Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### Portfolio commentary - continued

Detractors to performance included Rentokil and Watches of Switzerland. Rentokil reported lower-than-expected growth in its North American pest control division, and while this was disappointing due to the implications around their recent acquisition of Terminix, the region still grew organically. Results outside of North America were robust. Following a trading statement since the period end, the share price bounced sharply as the company increased the targeted net cost synergies from the Terminix integration to \$225m and revised the integration timeline to de-risk branch mergers. Watches of Switzerland downgraded guidance for the revenues and profits for the full year as a result of weakness in lower to mid-tier luxury watches and unbranded jewellery. Whilst disappointing, we remain content that the long-term demand for supply constrained brands (such as Rolex) remains robust and that the business continues to grow strongly in the US; their robust balance sheet provides them flexibility to trade through a period of weakness.

In terms of activity, the Fund sold its position in Spirax Sarco due to its extreme valuation. While their core steam business has demonstrated consistently high returns, their Electric Thermal Solutions (ETS) division has been less financially compelling. The Fund purchased positions in GlobalData (prior to the Inflexion investment referenced above) and Boku. GlobalData is managed by its founder, Mike Danson, and provides its customers with data, industry insights, thematic research, market forecasts & analytics across a number of different sectors via its unified, easy-to-use platform. The company benefits from having visible and recurring subscription revenues, generates EBITDA margins of over 40% & is highly cash generative. Boku is a leading provider of local mobile payment solutions which enable consumers to easily transact with merchants, and the company has a blue-chip customer base which includes Netflix and Amazon. Going forward the business should deliver strong revenue growth from greater adoption of these payment methods as well as from new merchants signing up to use Boku's services.

#### **Investment outlook**

The surge in interest rates throughout 2022 and 2023 ultimately resulted in the UK entering into a 'technical' recession towards the end of the calendar year. The impact of higher borrowing costs and slower economic growth has constrained demand, particularly in the more discretionary areas of consumer expenditure. However, forward looking data suggests an improving trend, consumers and corporates are coping with higher rates, and central bankers appear to have engineered a 'soft landing'. Consumer and corporate balance sheets remain healthy, as are those in the banking sector, and we expect strengthening demand through 2024.

We believe that small and mid-cap equities continue to offer good value, not only relative to history and international equity indices but also in absolute terms. Our portfolio companies remain well capitalised, and most have net cash balance

sheets which could be deployed on acquisitions or organic investment to enhance earnings growth. Indeed, mergers and acquisitions has been a prominent feature in 2023. However, in an era where capital is no longer 'free', management teams must focus even more rigorously on the appropriate allocation of capital. Equity outflows have taken their toll on the UK stock market over the last four years and in cases where companies have strong balance sheets but depressed share prices, it may be hard to find a higher return for shareholders than simply buying back their own stock. In this way, companies may accrete their earnings per share growth significantly. We expect this to continue given the attractive valuations (equity earnings yields) on offer.

Despite the markets obsession with forecasting short-term macroeconomic data over the recent past, our focus has always been on investing over the long term. We continue to seek out companies with the key fundamental SIMBA attributes (Scaleability, Innovation, strong Management teams, Barriers to entry and unique Assets) that will allow them to take market share and prosper throughout economic cycles. We continue to believe that it is these fundamental attributes that drive earnings and thus stock prices over the long term and we remain excited by the opportunities currently on offer for UK investors.

**Henry Lowson Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class M Accumulation**

9/02/24 (p) 202.55 8.00	31/08/23 (p) 189.77	31/08/22 (p) 238.59	31/08/21 (p)
	189.77	238.59	168 90
8.00			100.00
	14.32	(47.14)	71.20
(0.79)	(1.54)	(1.68)	(1.51)
7.21	12.78	(48.82)	69.69
-	(4.98)	(5.58)	(4.10)
-	4.98	5.58	4.10
209.76	202.55	189.77	238.59
0.09	0.41	0.30	0.22
3.56%	6.73%	(20.46)%	41.26%
818	898	1,356	2,034
389,868	442,967	714,797	852,424
0.77% 0.04%	0.77% 0.20%	0.77% 0.14%	0.77% 0.11%
214.60	216.10	244.50	239.00 162.60
	7.21  -  209.76  0.09  3.56%  818  389,868  0.77%  0.04%	7.21 12.78  - (4.98)  - 4.98  209.76 202.55  0.09 0.41  3.56% 6.73%  818 898 389,868 442,967 0.77% 0.77% 0.04% 0.20%  214.60 216.10	7.21     12.78     (48.82)       -     (4.98)     (5.58)       -     4.98     5.58       209.76     202.55     189.77       0.09     0.41     0.30       3.56%     6.73%     (20.46)%       818     898     1,356       389,868     442,967     714,797       0.77%     0.77%     0.77%       0.04%     0.20%     0.14%       214.60     216.10     244.50

## **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	121.32	112.83	140.83	98.98
Return before operating charges*	4.79	8.54	(27.95)	41.90
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	4.77	8.49	(28.00)	41.85
Distributions on accumulation shares	_	(3.85)	(4.25)	(3.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	3.85	4.25	3.30
Closing net asset value per share	126.09	121.32	112.83	140.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.24	0.18	0.14
Performance Return after charges	3.93%	7.52%	(19.88)%	42.28%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	351,255	352,554	755,548	947,621
Closing number of shares	278,571,601	290,609,330	669,644,718	672,903,372
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.04% 0.04%	0.04% 0.20%	0.04% 0.14%	0.04% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	128.80 114.80	128.90 103.60	144.70 109.30	141.00 95.41

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	107.05	99.59	124.34	87.42
Return before operating charges*	4.24	7.53	(24.67)	36.99
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.07)	(80.0)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	4.20	7.46	(24.75)	36.92
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(3.37)	(3.72)	(2.89)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	3.37	3.72	2.89
Closing net asset value per share	111.25	107.05	99.59	124.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.22	0.16	0.12
Performance Return after charges	3.92%	7.49%	(19.91)%	42.23%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	5	5	6
Closing number of shares	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.07% 0.04%	0.07% 0.20%	0.07% 0.14%	0.07% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	113.70 101.30	113.80 91.46	127.70 96.48	124.50 84.26

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

# **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities	<b>-</b> 97.40 % (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 96.08%)		
Oil & Gas	<b>- 11.10% (31/08/23 – 11.51%)</b>		
Oil & Gas F	Producers -11.10%		
3,004,95 1,027,50		13,844 25,246	3.93 7.17
Total Oil &	Gas	39,090	11.10
Basic Mat	erials - 5.50% (31/08/23 - 6.22%)		
Chemicals 92,08	– 1.24 % 7   Croda International	4,388	1.24
Mining – 4.	26%		
	0 Glencore 3 Rio Tinto	6,219 8,763	1.77 2.49
•	c Materials	19,370	5.50
Industrial	s – 27.48% (31/08/23 – 28.09%)		
	& Defence – 2.23%		
	3 Chemring	7,853	2.23
	on & Materials – 1.37%	,	
	4 Marshalls	4,813	1.37
Electronic	& Electrical Equipment – 1.46%		
1,672,11	1 Rotork	5,153	1.46
Industrial E	ingineering – 5.95%		
,	0 Hill & Smith	10,419	2.96
105,96 474,97		1,836 8,706	0.52 2.47
Support Se	ervices – 16.47%		
	8 Ashtead Group	11,012	3.13
1,700,00	0 Boku 8 DCC	2,720 8,438	0.77 2.40
	5 Experian	10,172	2.40
780,31	9 Grafton	7,625	2.16
	5 Howdens Joinery	5,410	1.54 2.07
	3 IntegraFin 5 Rentokil Initial	7,277 5,310	1.51
Total Indu	strials	96,744	27.48
Consumer	Goods - 9.98% (31/08/23 - 10.74%)		
Beverages	- 2.69%		
319,88	2 Diageo	9,475	2.69
Food Produ	ucers – 0.55%		
1,400,00	0 Premier Foods	1,929	0.55
Household	Goods - 2.31%		
	0 Bellway 4 Berkeley	4,314 3,825	1.22 1.09
Personal G	oods – 2.98%		
271,41	5 Unilever	10,494	2.98
Tobacco –	1.45%		
300,00	0 Imperial Brands	5,111	1.45
Total Cons	sumer Goods	35,148	9.98

		Bid-market	
Holding	Investment	value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Healthcare	e – 10.98% (31/08/23 – 9.12%)		
Healthcare	Equipment & Services – 1.69%		
2,423,34	9 ConvaTec	5,966	1.69
	uticals & Biotechnology – 9.29%	40.200	<b>5.00</b>
280,00	5 AstraZeneca 0 Genus	18,386 5,018	5.22 1.43
	1 GSK	9,278	2.64
Total Heal	tricare	38,648	10.98
Consumer	Services - 9.37% (31/08/23 - 8.47%	<b>b</b> )	
	etailers – 3.93%		
,	Dunelm     Watches of Switzerland Group	4,734 4,055	1.34 1.15
	0 WH Smith	5,068	1.44
Media – 5.4			
	1 Ascential 2 RELX	7,075 12,074	2.01 3.43
Total Cons	sumer Services	33,006	9.37
Financials	- 18.62% (31/08/23 - 18.83%)		
Banks – 3.1			
	0 HSBC	5,223	1.48
,	0 Lloyds Banking Group	5,821	1.65
Life Insurar	nce – 2.83%		
,	6 Prudential	6,219 3,722	1.77 1.06
	0 St James's Place Capital	3,722	1.00
	ervices – 7.57% 3 Intermediate Capital Group	9,499	2.70
122,95	9 London Stock Exchange	10,914	3.10
1,500,00	0 OSB Group	6,240	1.77
	surance – 1.89%		
1,020,00	0 Beazley	6,650	1.89
	e Investment Trusts – 3.20%		
	8 Grainger 4 Unite Group	5,677 5,583	1.61 1.59
Total Final	·	65,548	18.62
		· ·	
_	y – 3.74% (31/08/23 – 3.10%)		
	Computer Services – 3.74%  O Auction Technology	5,657	1.61
500,00		1,992	0.57
375,00	0 Softcat	5,505	1.56
Total Tech	nology	13,154	3.74
Telecomm	unications - 0.63% (31/08/23 - 0.00	%)	
Mobile Tele	ecommunications – 0.63%		
	0 GlobalData	2,225	0.63
Total Telec	communications	2,225	0.63
	e of investments	342,933	97.40
Net other a		9,145	2.60
Total net a	ssets	352,078	100.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
GSK	8,580
HSBC	5,295
Boku	2,449
FDM	2,013
Premier Foods	1,970
GlobalData	1,897
Rotork	1,757
IMI	1,701
Auction Technology	929
Dunelm	812
Subtotal	27,403
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	28,039

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	6,145
Lloyds Banking Group	4,335
Melrose Industries	3,636
Intermediate Capital Group	2,511
Bellway	2,365
Hill & Smith	2,340
Imperial Brands	1,867
DCC	1,193
Glencore	1,080
OSB Group	1,074
Subtotal	26,546
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	34,551

**Balance Sheet** 

As at 29 February 2024

# **Financial Statements**

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	9,846		83,433
4,016		8,682	
(74)		(159)	
3,942		8,523	
-		-	
	3,942		8,523
	13,788		91,956
	(132)		(64)
	13,656		91,892
	<b>£'000</b> 4,016 (74)	9,846 4,016 (74) 3,942  - 3,942 13,788 (132)	\$\partial \partial \part

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	342,933	339,599
Current assets:		
Debtors	1,279	3,638
Cash and bank balances	8,442	11,444
Total assets	352,654	354,681
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	576	1,224
Total liabilities	576	1,224
Net assets attributable to shareholders	352,078	353,457

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		353,457		756,909
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	6,737		3,606	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(21,784)		(11,062)	
		(15,047)		(7,456)
Dilution adjustment charged		12		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,656		91,892
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		352,078		841,345

# **Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund**

# **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund, Class P Accumulation	13.30	19.53	17.34	-
Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	13.39	19.66	17.74	46.23
Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund, Class S Accumulation	13.41	19.66	17.76	-
Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	13.31	19.49	17.33	45.15
FTSE® World Japan Index Price Return (Inception to 8th Aug 21) FTSE® World Japan Index Net Return (Since 9th Aug 21)	13.10	20.09	18.86	39.64
IA Japan TR	11.18	16.74	12.82	42.93

Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019 and Class P Accumulation launched on 21 May 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review. broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund and FTSE® Japan Index Price Return was 0.16% over the six months under review. This was within the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 30% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After eighteen months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October and finished the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December 2023 when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings, discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors contribute to the portfolio have a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

We are underweight companies such as Taiheiyo Cement Corp which are low weight constituents in the index but are also of the highest in carbon Intensity in the index. On the other end of the carbon scale we look at companies such as Exeo Group which has a much lower carbon intensity than the index, is in the same sector as Taiheiyo Cement but has outperformed it over one and three years.

# Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation has peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow Central Banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many. So despite much uncertainty in the global economic outlook we continue to put our trust in those corporates that have a strong track record for delivering on behalf of shareholders.

Michael Sprot **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class P Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	125.14	118.38	123.46	105.95
Return before operating charges*	16.75	6.97	(4.87)	17.72
Operating charges	(0.11)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.21)
Return after operating charges*	16.64	6.76	(5.08)	17.51
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.13)	(2.40)	(2.29)	(2.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.13	2.40	2.29	2.06
Closing net asset value per share	141.78	125.14	118.38	123.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	_	-
Performance Return after charges	13.30%	5.71%	(4.11)%	16.53%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	6	6	6
Closing number of shares	3,571	5,000	5,000	5,000
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17% -
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	141.40 122.10	129.80 109.40	132.50 107.80	127.00 105.70

#### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	116.86	110.41	114.99	98.57
Return before operating charges*	15.64	6.51	(4.52)	16.48
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	15.61	6.45	(4.58)	16.42
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.13)	(2.38)	(2.28)	(2.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.13	2.38	2.28	2.06
Closing net asset value per share	132.47	116.86	110.41	114.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	_	-
Performance Return after charges	13.36%	5.84%	(3.98)%	16.66%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	429,013	388,178	1,177,239	1,272,704
Closing number of shares	323,858,203	332,182,959	1,066,228,758	1,106,747,402
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	132.10 114.10	121.20 102.00	123.40 100.50	118.20 98.35

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	124.89	117.99	122.88	105.33
Return before operating charges*	16.72	6.96	(4.83)	17.61
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	16.69	6.90	(4.89)	17.55
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.21)	(2.54)	(2.44)	(2.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.21	2.54	2.44	2.20
Closing net asset value per share	141.58	124.89	117.99	122.88
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance Return after charges	13.36%	5.85%	(3.98)%	16.66%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	400	617	701	661
Closing number of shares	282,488	494,037	594,138	537,484
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	141.20 121.90	129.50 109.00	131.90 107.40	126.30 105.10

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	304.50	287.96	300.19	257.80
Return before operating charges*	40.76	16.95	(11.82)	43.10
Operating charges	(0.22)	(0.41)	(0.41)	(0.71)
Return after operating charges*	40.54	16.54	(12.23)	42.39
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.80)	(5.94)	(5.69)	(4.83)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.80	5.94	5.69	4.83
Closing net asset value per share	345.04	304.50	287.96	300.19
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	_	_	0.01
Performance Return after charges	13.31%	5.74%	(4.07)%	16.44%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,659	6,549	5,539	5,294
Closing number of shares	2,219,841	2,150,660	1,923,529	1,763,712
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.14%	0.14%	0.14% -	0.14%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	344.00 297.20	315.90 266.00	322.10 262.20	308.90 257.20

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

# **Portfolio Statement**

		Bid-market value	Total net			Bid-market value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Equities –	95.70% (31/08/23-97.86%)			Electronic &	Electrical Equipment – 7.67%		
Oil & Gas -	0.57% (31/08/23 – 0.57%)				Alps Electric	181 137	0.04 0.03
	,			14,000	Amano Azbil	325	0.03
	oducers – 0.57%	400	2.24		Fuji Electric	754	0.17
	Cosmo Energy ENEOS Holdings	190 898	0.04 0.21		Fujikura	346	0.08
	Idemitsu Kosan	500	0.21	,	Furukawa Electric	178	0.04
86,900		923	0.21		Hamamatsu Photonics Hirose Electric	391 268	0.09 0.06
	·	2 511		,	Hitachi	6,948	1.59
Total Oil & C	Jas	2,511	0.57	-,	Horiba	400	0.09
Pacia Matar	iolo E 479/ (24/09/22 E 279/)			38,500		3,961	0.91
basic mater	rials – 5.17% (31/08/23 – 5.37%)				Ibiden Japan Aviation Electronic	400 95	0.09 0.02
Chemicals -	3.87%				JEOL	116	0.02
180,700	Asahi Kasei	992	0.23	,	Keyence	8,323	1.90
43,000		655	0.15		Kyocera	1,707	0.39
21,500		456	0.10	,	Mabuchi Motor	81	0.02
	Kaneka Kansai Paint	234 103	0.05 0.02		Macnica Fuji Electronics Minebea	262 762	0.06 0.17
-,	Mitsubishi Chemical	335	0.02	,	Murata Manufacturing	2,998	0.69
	Mitsubishi Gas Chemical	287	0.07		NGK Insulators	95	0.02
	Mitsui Chemicals	326	0.07	,	Nidec	1,757	0.40
	Nagase & Company	693	0.16		Omron	630	0.14
	Nippon Kayaku Nippon Paint	476 698	0.11 0.16	39,300	Taiyo Yuden	166 1,616	0.04 0.37
	Nissan Chemical Industries	507	0.12		Toshiba TEC Corporation	73	0.02
	Nitto Denko	1,650	0.38		Ushio	133	0.03
12,500		442	0.10	28,100	Yokogawa Electric	468	0.11
	Resonac Holdings Corporation	290	0.07	Conoral Ind	ustrials – 0.22%		
	Shin-Etsu Chemical Sumitomo Bakelite	7,266 145	1.66 0.03			319	0.07
,	Sumitomo Chemical	254	0.05	18,300 2 200	Rengo	12	0.07
59,900		402	0.09		Sojitz	517	0.12
	Toray Industries	585	0.13	8,600	Toyo Seikan	114	0.03
20,300	Zeon	136	0.03	Industrial Er	ngineering – 6.83%		
Forestry & P	aper – 0.04%				Amada	492	0.11
52,400		158	0.04		Daifuku	562	0.11
	•			,	Daikin Industries	3,388	0.78
Industrial Me					Disco	2,595	0.59
,	Daido Steel	433	0.10		DMG Mori	425	0.10
	Dowa Mining Kobe Steel	284 65	0.07 0.02	11,000	Ebara	732 2,633	0.17 0.60
	Maruichi Steel Tube	949	0.22	,	Hino Motors	124	0.00
,	Mitsui Mining & Smelting	198	0.05		Hitachi Construction Machinery	288	0.07
	Nippon Steel	1,059	0.24		Hoshizaki Electric	350	0.08
	Sumitomo Metal Mining	686	0.16	,	Isuzu Motors	848	0.19
,	Toyota Tsusho Yamato Kogyo	1,486 282	0.34 0.06	4,900 32,800	Japan Steel Works	71 235	0.02 0.05
				,	Kawasaki Heavy Industries	476	0.11
Total Basic	Materials	22,532	5.17	114,700	Komatsu	2,630	0.60
					Kubota	1,500	0.34
Industrials -	<b>- 24.70% (31/08/23 – 25.71%)</b>				Kurita Water Industries	445	0.10
Construction	& Materials – 1.35%				Kyudenko Misumi	129 390	0.03 0.09
		450	0.10		Mitsubishi Electric	2,929	0.67
	Comsys EXEO Group	437	0.10		Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	2,250	0.51
	Haseko	495	0.11		Miura	111	0.03
	Infroneer Holdings	232	0.05		Nabtesco	182	0.04
58,100	,	851	0.19	28,300 7100	NSK Okuma	123 264	0.03 0.06
	Kandenko	185	0.04		OSG	99	0.00
	Kinden Lixil Group	150 244	0.03 0.06		Shimadzu	688	0.16
	Obayashi	788	0.08	6,200	SMC	2,943	0.67
	Penta-Ocean Construction	20	-		Sumitomo Heavy Industries	383	0.09
32,100	Sanwa Holding	449	0.10	12,100		210	0.05
	Shimizu	359	0.08		Ulvac Yaskawa Electric	316 1,065	0.07 0.24
8,600 24,700	Sho-Bond Holdings	291 613	0.07 0.14	33,000	Taskawa Electric	1,005	0.24
24,700		116	0.14				
	Toto	312	0.03				

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Industrials – 24.70% (31/08/23 – 25.71%)	- continued		Food Produ	cers – 1.58%		
,				Ajinomoto	1,739	0.40
Industrial Transportation – 1.40%				Calbee	47	0.01
1,000 AZ-Com Maruwa Holdings 8,000 Japan Airport Terminal	8 249	0.06		Ezaki Glico	248	0.06
13,100 Kamigumi	249	0.06		House Foods Itoham Yonekyu	227 154	0.05 0.04
24,400 Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha	922	0.21		Kewpie	178	0.04
18,600 Kyushu Railway	338	0.08		Kikkoman	1,096	0.25
13,200 Mitsubishi Logistics	320	0.07	,	Kotobuki Spirits	100	0.02
38,800 Mitsui OSK Lines 7,900 Nippon Express	1,052 330	0.24 0.08	24,100		429	0.10
54,400 Nippon Yusen KK	1,369	0.31		Morinaga Morinaga Milk Industry	97 111	0.02 0.03
8,000 Sankyu	223	0.05		NH Foods	288	0.07
16,800 Seino	188	0.04		Nichirei	226	0.05
46,200 SG Holdings 35,100 Yamato	458 422	0.10 0.10	,	Nisshin Seifun	313	0.07
33,100 Talliato	422	0.10		Nissin Food Products Toyo Suisan Kaisha	478 400	0.11 0.09
Support Services – 7.23%				Yakult Honsha	465	0.03
3,900 Askul	43	0.01		Yamazaki Baking	240	0.06
500 Benefit One	6	_	11	2 - 1 - 1 100/		
4,300 GMO Payment Gateway	228 186	0.05 0.04		Goods – 1.19%	4.704	0.40
33,000 Hirogin Holdings 154.500 Itochu	5,317	1.22	,	Daiwa House Industry	1,731 59	0.40 0.01
178,100 Marubeni	2,325	0.53		Fujitsu General IIDA Group	172	0.01
394,800 Mitsubishi	6,679	1.53		Kokuyo	268	0.06
172,800 Mitsui & Company	5,980	1.37		Makita	584	0.13
31,800 Monotaro	241	0.06		Rinnai	127	0.03
199,000 Persol Holdings 170.500 Recruit	227 5,442	0.05 1.25		Sanrio	301	0.07
24,800 Secom	1,430	0.33		Sekisui Chemical Sekisui House	359 1,235	0.08 0.28
5,300 SMS CO	74	0.02		Sumitomo Forestry	411	0.28
49,400 Sohgo Securities Services	216	0.05	,			
127,200 Sumitomo	2,356	0.54	Leisure Goo	ods – 4.76%		
11,700 TechnoPro	185 598	0.04 0.14	,	Bandai Namco Entertainment	1,043	0.24
31,900 Toppan Printing		0.14		Casio Computer Daiichi Kosho	147 125	0.03 0.03
Total Industrials	108,055	24.70		Konami	612	0.03
				Nikon	270	0.06
Consumer Goods - 21.61% (31/08/23 - 2	1.83%)		122,200	Nintendo	5,422	1.24
Automobiles & Parts – 11.37%				Panasonic	1,893	0.43
19,300 Aisin Seiki	575	0.13		Sega Sammy Sharp	194 114	0.04 0.03
63,700 Bridgestone	2,168	0.13		Shimano	958	0.03
240,400 Denso	3,497	0.80	143,100		9,781	2.24
583,800 Honda Motor	5,493	1.26	15,200	Yamaha	262	0.06
38,800 JTEKT	286	0.07	Personal Go	oods – 1.27%		
29,600 Koito Manufacturing 87,200 Mazda Motor	296 809	0.07 0.19		ABC-Mart	114	0.03
108,000 Mitsubishi Motors	263	0.19	-,	Asics	730	0.03
31,000 NHK Spring	234	0.05	,	Descente	80	0.02
10,400 Nifco	198	0.05		Fancl	78	0.02
255,400 Nissan Motor	794	0.18		Goldwin	178	0.04
23,700 Niterra 11,400 NOK	568 128	0.13 0.03	52,100	Kao Kose	1,566 124	0.36 0.03
80,200 Subaru Corporation	1,437	0.03	19,300		134	0.03
92,100 Sumitomo Electric Industries	1,080	0.25		Noevir Holdings	88	0.02
13,900 Sumitomo Rubber Industries	128	0.03		Paltac	159	0.04
54,100 Suzuki Motor	1,879	0.43		Pigeon	81	0.02
6,900 Toyo Tire & Rubber	99 107	0.02 0.02		Pola Orbis Shiseido	63 990	0.01 0.23
6,600 Toyoda Gosei 9,200 Toyota Boshoku	115	0.02		Uni-Charm	1,106	0.25
19,200 Toyota Industries	1,510	0.35	42,100	On Onarm	1,100	0.20
1,399,300 Toyota Motor	26,726	6.11	Tobacco – 0	.60%		
11,100 TS Tech	113	0.03	128,000	Japan Tobacco	2,631	0.60
120,600 Yamaha Motor 11.000 Yokohama Rubber	853 231	0.20 0.05	Total Cons	umer Goods	94,320	21.61
Beverages – 0.84%	231	0.05			,	
60,400 Asahi Breweries	1,637	0.37				
24,300 Coca-Cola West Japan	254	0.06				
5,900 Ito En	130	0.03				
5,400 Kagome	98	0.02				
79,200 Kirin	871	0.20				
6,700 Sapporo Breweries 13,900 Suntory Beverage & Food	233 361	0.05 0.08				
18,500 Takara Shuzo	123	0.03				
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Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Healthcare	<b>-</b> 6.32% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 7.25%)			266,400	Seven & I	3,137	0.72
l loolthooro	Favinment & Convince 1 240/			,	Shimamura	202	0.05
	Equipment & Services – 1.34%	00	0.01		Sushiro Global Holdings	166 193	0.04 0.04
	Amvis Holdings AS One	62 58	0.01 0.01	22,900	Takashimaya	315	0.04
	Asahi Intecc	228	0.05		Workman	113	0.07
	Mani	70	0.02		Yamada Holdings	185	0.04
	Menicon	77	0.02	13,200	ZOZO	236	0.05
	Nihon Kohden	122	0.03	Media – 0.61	1%		
12,900	Nipro Olympus Optical	84 1,568	0.02 0.36		Dai Nippon Printing	599	0.14
	Ship Healthcare Holdings	95	0.02		Dentsu	598	0.14
	Sysmex	942	0.22	,	Fuji Media	102	0.02
81,900	Terumo	2,524	0.58		Hakuhodo DY	253	0.06
Pharmaceut	ticals & Biotechnology – 4.98%				Kadokawa Dwango Corporation	130	0.03
	Alfresa	274	0.06		So-Net M3 TBS Holdings	545 87	0.12 0.02
	Astellas Pharmaceuticals	1,904	0.00		Toei Animation	49	0.02
	Chugai Pharmaceuticals	2,344	0.54	12,100		311	0.07
	Daiichi Sankyo	5,750	1.32	T	0.000/		
30,000		990	0.23	Travel & Leis		4.040	0.44
,	Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical JCR Pharmaceuticals	168 44	0.04 0.01		Central Japan Railway	1,943 1,883	0.44 0.43
	Kobayashi Pharmaceutical	192	0.01		East Japan Railway Hankyu	619	0.43
30,200	Kyowa Hakko Kirin	474	0.11		Heiwa	56	0.01
31,100	Medipal	372	0.09	8,100	Keihan Electric Railway	148	0.03
	Nippon Shinyaku	144	0.03		Keikyu	159	0.04
,	Ono Pharmaceutical Otsuka	669 1,720	0.15 0.39	11,700		259 595	0.06 0.14
,	Peptidream	1,720	0.39		Keisei Electric Railway Kintetsu	457	0.14
	Rohto Pharmaceutical	386	0.09		McDonald's	448	0.10
	Santen Pharmaceutical	344	0.08		Nagoya Railroad	304	0.07
	Sawai Group Holdings	127	0.03		Nankai Electric Railway	114	0.03
	Shionogi	1,160 68	0.27 0.02		Nishi-Nippon Railroad Odakyu Electric Railway	164 352	0.04 0.08
	Sumitomo Dainippon Pharmaceuticals Suzuken	273	0.02		Oriental Land	3,048	0.70
	Takara Bio	40	0.01		Resort Trust	120	0.03
180,200	Takeda Pharmaceutical	4,172	0.95	34,000	Sankyo	307	0.07
1,400	Tsumura & Co	20	_	17,400		198	0.05
Total Healtl	ncare	27,550	6.32		Skylark Sotetsu	262 98	0.06 0.02
		,			Tobu Railway	583	0.13
Consumer	Services - 7.70% (31/08/23 - 8.62%)			76,800		755	0.17
	,				West Japan Railway	763	0.17
Food & Drug	g Retailers – 0.46%			13,400	Zensho	464	0.11
	AIN Holdings	92	0.02	Total Consu	ımer Services	33,806	7.70
	Cosmos Pharmaceutical Kobe Bussan	139 296	0.03 0.07				
-,	Lawson	103	0.07	Telecommu	nications - 3.87% (31/08/23 - 3.94%	6)	
,	MatsukiyoCocokara & Co.	609	0.14		,	-,	
11,400		141	0.03		elecommunications - 0.75%		
	Sundrug	231	0.05	3,390,300	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	3,263	0.75
	Tsuruha Welcia	191 147	0.04 0.03	Mobile Telec	communications – 3.12%		
	Yaoko	145	0.03		Hikari Tsushin	357	0.08
,			0.00	184,000		4,425	1.01
	ailers – 3.41%				SoftBank	5,209	1.19
80,000		1,510	0.35	355,300	SoftBank Corporation	3,693	0.84
	Benesse	99	0.02	Total Teleco	ommunications	16,947	3.87
12,500	Bic Camera Dena	112 96	0.03 0.02			,	
	Fast Retailing	4,180	0.96	Utilities _ 1	.11% (31/08/23 – 1.18%)		
	Isetan Mitsukoshi	377	0.09	Othlities – I.	1176 (31706/23 – 1.1676)		
	Izumi	78	0.02	Electricity –	0.15%		
	J. Front Retailing K's Holdings	213	0.05		Kansai Electric Power	365	0.08
	K s Holdings Kakaku.com	107 130	0.02 0.03	67,800	Tokyo Electric Power	290	0.07
	Kusuri No Aoki Holdings	89	0.03	Gas Water	& Multiutilities – 0.96%		
25,300		325	0.07		Iwatani	1,008	0.23
8,700	Nitori	1,010	0.23		Osaka Gas	1,213	0.28
	Pan Pacific	851	0.19		Toho Gas	664	0.15
	Park24	147	0.03		Tokyo Gas	1,296	0.30
	Rakuten Ryohin Keikaku	744 324	0.17 0.07	Total Utilitie	as a	4,836	1.11
20,000	. Go. iii Nomana	024	0.01	Total Otilitie	·•	7,000	

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value	Total net
Holding	investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	investment	(£ 000)	assets (%)
Financials -	<b>-</b> 15.37% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 14.80%)				Investment Trusts – 1.24%		
Banks - 6.92	2%				Activia Properties	253	0.06
		205	0.07		Advance Residence Investment	230	0.05
	Aozora Bank Chiba Bank	285 480	0.07 0.11		Aeon REIT	375	0.09
	Chugin Financial Group	65	0.01	12	Daiwa House Residential Investment	15	
	Concordia Financial	578	0.13	150	Corporation Frontier REIT	356	0.08
	Fukuoka Financial	451	0.10		GLP J REIT	319	0.08
	Hachijuni Bank	159	0.04		Industrial & Infrastructure Fund Investm		0.07
29,000	lyogin Holdings	171	0.04		Corporation	127	0.03
167,200	Japan Post Bank	1,408	0.32	975	Invincible Investment	316	0.07
	Kyoto Financial Group	436	0.10		Japan Logistics	166	0.04
	Kyushu Financial	119	0.03		Japan Prime Realty Investment Corpora		0.02
	Mebuki Financial Group	366	0.08	196	Japan Real Estate Investment Corporat	ion 558	0.13
, ,	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	11,182	2.56		Kenedix Realty Investment Corporation		0.08
	Mizuho Financial	4,464 102	1.02		Lasalle Logiport REIT	148	0.03
	Rakuten Bank Resona	1,183	0.02 0.27		Mitsui Fudosan Logistics	139	0.03
,	Seven Bank	89	0.02		Mori Hills REIT Investment Corporation		0.02
	Shizuoka Financial Group	449	0.02		Nippon Accommodations Fund Nippon Building Fund REIT	168 371	0.04 0.08
	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	6,599	1.51		Nippon Prologis REIT	371	0.08
,	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	1,350	0.31		Nomura Real Estate Master	456	0.09
	Yamaguchi Financial	354	0.08		Orix JREIT	320	0.10
	stment Instruments – 0.09%				United Urban Investment Corporation	266	0.06
	Japan Retail Fund	374	0.09	Total Finan	cials	67,242	15.37
Financial Se	ervices – 2.10%			T	0.00% (04/00/00 0.50%)		
14 800	Aeon Financial Service	102	0.02	recnnology	/ <b>–</b> 9.28% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 8.52%)		
,	Century Tokyo Leasing	244	0.06	Software &	Computer Services – 2.13%		
	Credit Saison	502	0.11		BayCurrent Consulting	285	0.07
271	Daiwa Securities	144	0.03		Biprogy	154	0.07
159,600	Daiwa Securities	928	0.21		Capcom	680	0.16
	Fuyo General Lease	410	0.09		CyberAgent	364	0.08
	Japan Exchange	1,178	0.27		Dentsu	99	0.02
,	Matsui Securities	53	0.01	6,000	GMO Internet	86	0.02
	Mitsubishi HC Capital	716	0.16	3,600	Gungho Online Entertainment	41	0.01
	Money Forward Nihon M&A Center	227 83	0.05 0.02		Internet Initiative Japan	179	0.04
	Nomura	1,568	0.36		IT Holdings	446	0.10
	Orient	32	0.01	,	JMDC	39	0.01
136,200		2,256	0.52		JustSystems	31	0.01
,	SBI Holdings	603	0.14		LY Corporation	654	0.15
	Zenkoku Hosho	157	0.04		Mercari	136	0.03
-,					Net One Systems Nexon	119 617	0.03 0.14
Life Insurance	ce – 1.14%				Nomura Research Institute	1,120	0.14
112,500	Dai-ichi Mutual Life Insurance	2,024	0.46		NTT Data	1,028	0.24
226,200	Japan Post	1,728	0.40	,	Obic	940	0.22
	Japan Post Insurance	389	0.09		Obic Business Consultants	64	0.01
59,500	T&D	816	0.19		Oracle Japan	205	0.05
N 126 . 1	0.000/				Otsuka	361	0.08
	surance – 2.00%				Rakus	183	0.04
	MS & AD Insurance	2,141	0.49	10,800	SCSK	157	0.04
	Sompo Japan Nipponkoa	1,614	0.37		SHIFT	160	0.04
215,300	Tokio Marine	4,976	1.14		Shinnittetsu Sumikin Solutions	79	0.02
Real Estate	Investment Services – 1.88%				Square Enix	324	0.07
		107	0.02		Tecmo Koei Holdings	170	0.04
	Aeon Mall Daito Trust Construction	107 692	0.02 0.16	12,800	Trend Micro	502	0.11
60,300		475	0.11	Technology	Hardware & Equipment – 7.15%		
	Katitas	30	0.01			2 470	0.70
	Mitsubishi Estate	1,687	0.39		Advantest Anritsu	3,179 99	0.73
,	Mitsui Fudosan	2,348	0.54		Brother Industries	351	0.02
	Nomura Real Estate	332	0.08		Canon	2,607	0.08 0.60
	Open House	219	0.05		Canon Marketing Japan	120	0.00
	Relo Group	78	0.02		Fujifilm	2,176	0.50
	Sekisui House REIT	298	0.07		Fujitsu	2,170	0.58
763				20,000	. 41.04		
	Sumitomo Realty & Development	1,191	0.27	59.400	Konica Minolta	155	0.04
50,800 24,300	Sumitomo Realty & Development Tokyo Tatemono Tokyu Fudosan	1,191 278 431	0.27 0.06 0.10		Konica Minolta Lasertec	155 1,813	0.04 0.41

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Technology	– 9.28% (31/08/23 – 8.52%) – continu	ed	
Technology	Hardware & Equipment – 7.15% – contir	nued	
32,200	NEC	1,715	0.39
9,800	NEC Networks & System Integration		
	Corporation	126	0.03
,	Renesas Electronics	2,017	0.46
73,800		485 292	0.11
21,800	Sanken Electric	292 60	0.07 0.01
	Screen	1,068	0.01
	Seiko Epson	414	0.09
	Shinko Electric Industries	212	0.05
	Socionext	405	0.09
19,700	Sumco	244	0.06
51,800	Tokyo Electron	10,082	2.31
	Tokyo Ohka Kogyo	706	0.16
5,800	Tokyo Seimitsu	313	0.07
Total Techn	ology	40,508	9.28
Futures – 0.	32% (31/08/23 – 0.07%)		
	OSE Topix Index Future March 2024	1,395	0.32
Total Future	es	1,395	0.32
Total value	of investments	419,702	96.02
Net other as	ssets	17,375	3.98
Total net as	sets	437,077	100.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

# **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Toyota Motor	497
Denso	398
Recruit	382
Kenedix Realty Investment Corporation	328
Sony	310
Idemitsu Kosan	304
Tokyo Seimitsu	286
Maruichi Steel Tube	285
Iwatani	278
EXEO Group	275
Subtotal	3,343
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	14,266

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Toshiba	1,359
Toyota Motor	1,315
Sony	686
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	556
Lintec	536
Keyence	504
Shin-Etsu Chemical	499
KDDI	482
Mitsubishi	464
Tokyo Electron	443
Subtotal	6,844
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	27,909

## **Financial Statements**

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024		28 Feb 2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/ (losses)		46,597		(16,176)
Revenue	4,335		13,866	
Expenses	(102)		(291)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,231		13,571	
Taxation	(428)		(1,375)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,803		12,196
Total return/(deficit) before distributions		50,400		(3,980)
Distributions		(3,803)		(12,196)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		46,597		(16,176)

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000 £'000		
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		395,350		1,183,485	
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	34,235		26,389		
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(42,945)		(36,639)		
		(8,710)		(10,250)	
Dilution adjustment charged		113		89	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		46,597		(16,176)	
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		3,727		11,973	
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		437,077		1,169,121	

#### **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	419,702	386,896
Current assets:		
Debtors	2,071	503
Cash and bank balances	16,323	7,983
Total assets	438,096	395,382
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	489	_
Other creditors	530	32
Total liabilities	1,019	32
Net assets attributable to shareholders	437,077	395,350

# **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

#### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class P Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1325	_	1.1325	1.1336
Group 2	1.1325	0.0000	1.1325	1.1336
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.1304	_	1.1304	1.1274
Group 2	0.2124	0.9180	1.1304	1.1274
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2079	_	1.2079	1.2047
Group 2	0.0620	1.1459	1.2079	1.2047
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	2.8033	_	2.8033	2.8140
Group 2	0.7812	2.0221	2.8033	2.8140

# **Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund, Class P Accumulation	3.07	0.08	24.75	-
Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	3.13	0.08	24.88	28.24
Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	3.05	0.78	25.57	28.59
Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Income	3.03	1.22	26.12	29.14
FTSE® 350 Index	3.91	0.58	25.84	27.43
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class P Accumulation launched on 14 May 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review. broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund and the FTSE® 350 Index was 0.28% over the six months under review. This was within the Fund's anticipated tracking error of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 10% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After 18 months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in global interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October, finishing the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Global equity markets therefore made positive gains over the period, including UK markets. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors are the main reason why the portfolio has a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

The Fund is underweight in easyJet, the low-cost passenger airline, which has a high level of carbon intensity. Airlines typically have high carbon emissions due to the large amounts of fuel required to fly between destinations.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation appears to have peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real terms pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many.

Nils Jungbacke **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class P Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	119.40	113.12	111.16	88.24
Return before operating charges*	4.60	6.36	2.03	22.99
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	4.56	6.28	1.96	22.92
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.58)	(4.05)	(3.83)	(3.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.58	4.05	3.83	3.27
Closing net asset value per share	123.96	119.40	113.12	111.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance Return after charges	3.82%	5.55%	1.76%	25.97%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6	6	6	5
Closing number of shares	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Operating charges** Direct transaction costs	0.12% 0.02%	0.12% 0.02%	0.11% 0.02%	0.07% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	126.10 116.50	125.70 105.40	118.50 105.80	111.90 83.12

## **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	123.42	116.87	114.80	91.09
Return before operating charges*	4.74	6.59	2.11	23.74
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	4.72	6.55	2.07	23.71
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.65)	(4.25)	(3.99)	(3.42)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.65	4.25	3.99	3.42
Closing net asset value per share	128.14	123.42	116.87	114.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance Return after charges	3.82%	5.60%	1.80%	26.03%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,212,690	5,758,683	6,588,112	6,747,898
Closing number of shares	4,848,227,953	4,666,033,583	5,637,184,818	5,877,859,446
Operating charges** Direct transaction costs	0.08% 0.02%	0.08% 0.02%	0.07% 0.02%	0.03% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	130.30 120.50	129.90 109.00	122.40 109.30	115.60 85.82
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## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

## **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	210.93	198.34	194.99	154.87
Return before operating charges*	8.13	12.80	3.55	40.35
Operating charges	(0.11)	(0.21)	(0.20)	(0.23)
Return after operating charges*	8.02	12.59	3.35	40.12
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.77)	(8.71)	(6.64)	(5.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.77	8.71	6.64	5.64
Closing net asset value per share	218.95	210.93	198.34	194.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.07
Performance Return after charges	3.80%	6.35%	1.72%	25.91%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,717	22,996	18,259	42,496
Closing number of shares	11,745,520	10,902,151	9,205,944	21,794,123
Operating charges*** Direct transaction costs	0.15% 0.02%	0.15% 0.02%	0.14% 0.02%	0.10% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	222.70 205.90	220.50 184.90	207.80 185.60	196.30 145.90

#### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	125.23	122.84	124.91	102.25
Return before operating charges*	4.84	8.51	2.28	26.50
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Return after operating charges*	4.78	8.38	2.15	26.36
Distributions on income shares	(1.64)	(5.99)	(4.22)	(3.70)
Closing net asset value per share	128.37	125.23	122.84	124.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04
Performance Return after charges	3.82%	6.82%	1.72%	25.78%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,758	6,862	4,760	25,433
Closing number of shares	5,264,726	5,479,612	3,873,960	20,361,863
Operating charges***	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.04%
Prices^				
Highest share price	132.20	136.50	132.70	128.30
Lowest share price	122.20	114.50	117.70	96.32

<sup>#</sup> The FMF was reduced on 9 August 2021 to 0.10%.

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

<sup>\*\* 0.05%</sup> of the operating charge relates to estimated weighted charges in underlying collective investment undertakings. This is a new regulatory disclosure for 2022, no restatements have been made for previous years.

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 94.87% (31/08/23 - 97.77%)				Electrical Equipment – 0.80%		
Oil & Gas - 10.29% (31/08/23 - 11.26%)			1,015,056		23,367 778	0.37 0.01
				Morgan Advanced Materials Oxford Instruments	3,336	0.01
Alternative Energy – 0.06%	1 151	0.00	79,907	' Renishaw	3,442	0.06
1,095,926 Bluefield Solar Income Fund 740,199 Volution	1,151 2,996	0.02 0.04	2,780,202 304,605	Rotork Spectris	8,569 10,676	0.14 0.17
Oil & Gas Producers – 10.16%			Industrial Er	ngineering – 0.88%		
45,548,885 BP	209,844	3.36		) Bodycote	3,178	0.05
18,487 Energean 899,409 Harbour Energy	189 2,270	0.04	248,841 809,492	Hill & Smith	4,509 14,029	0.07 0.23
81,684 Ithaca Energy 17,177,575 Shell	112 422,053	6.76		Spirax-Sarco Engineering	19,572 13,374	0.23 0.31 0.22
Oil Equipment & Services – 0.07%				ansportation – 0.12%	12,211	
59,562 Hunting	199	_		Clarkson	3,440	0.05
2,822,824 John Wood	4,158	0.07		Royal Mail	4,109	0.07
Total Oil & Gas	642,972	10.29	Support Ser	rvices – 5.56%		
Parts Materials - 0.440/ (04/00/00 - 0.700/)				Ashtead Group	65,660	1.05
Basic Materials - 6.11% (31/08/23 - 6.78%)			1,450,672 991,751	2 Babcock International	7,103 31,260	0.12 0.50
Chemicals – 0.52%			312,821		17,568	0.30
315,083 Croda International	15,014	0.24	317,248	B Diploma	10,964	0.18
536,668 Elementis 881,370 Johnson Matthey	759 13,582	0.01 0.22		l discoverIE Group ) Essentra	620 611	0.01 0.01
256,302 Victrex	3,152	0.05	,	'Eurowag	138	0.01
Forestry & Banon 0 100/				5 Experian	83,848	1.34
Forestry & Paper – 0.10% 419,020 Mondi	5,900	0.10	642,053 5,951,671	Grafton	6,274 5,598	0.10 0.09
419,020 World	5,900	0.10		Howdens Joinery	13,270	0.09
Industrial Metals – 0.00%			653,194	IntegraFin	1,783	0.03
94,226 Ferrexpo	68	_		/ International Workplace I Intertek	3,920 19,956	0.06 0.32
Mining – 5.49%				Melrose Industries	22,885	0.32
3,600,460 Anglo American	61,244	0.98	4,121,779	Mitie Group	4,394	0.07
900,724 Antofagasta	16,366	0.26		PageGroup Redde Northgate	4,471 2,883	0.07 0.05
506,659 Endeavour Mining 381,120 Fresnillo	6,460 1,736	0.11 0.03		Rentokil Initial	28,274	0.05
31,888,985 Glencore	119,472	1.91	1,493,324	RS Group	11,254	0.18
730,505 Hochschild Mining	677	0.01		Serco Group SThree	4,533 154	0.07
2,696,052 Rio Tinto  Total Basic Materials	136,932 381,362	2.19 <b>6.11</b>	Total Indus		730,382	11.70
	301,302		-	Goods – 13.86% (31/08/23 – 15.40	<u> </u>	
Industrials – 11.70% (31/08/23 – 12.07%)				`	J 70)	
Construction & Materials – 0.44%				s & Parts – 0.09%	4 = 0.4	
2,269,625 Balfour Beatty	7,703 889	0.12 0.02		Aston Martin Lagonda Global     Dowlais Group	1,524 3,328	0.02 0.05
241,359 Breedon Group 728,227 Genuit Group	2,938	0.02		5 TI Fluid Systems	1,097	0.02
887,305 lbstock	1,433	0.02	Beverages -	3 10%		
13,474 Keller 571,011 Marshalls	117 1,708	0.03	•	- 3.19 % 9 Barr (AG)	558	0.01
142,297 Morgan Sindall	3,337	0.05		Britvic	8,374	0.13
526,231 Redrow	3,371	0.06		C&C Group	3,060	0.05
681,462 Travis Perkins 237,526 Tyman	5,024 707	0.08 0.01	466,461 5,943,175	Coca-Cola HBC Diageo	11,498 176,037	0.18 2.82
Aerospace & Defence – 3.16%			Food Produ	cers - 0.59%		
8,430,426 BAE Systems	104,706	1.68		Associated British Foods	17,858	0.29
797,224 Chemring	2,766	0.04		Bakkavör Cranswick	71 6 162	0.40
1,803,772 QinetiQ 22,428,958 Rolls-Royce	6,685 82,785	0.11 1.32		' Cranswick 3 Hilton Food	6,162 2,126	0.10 0.03
186,979 Senior	295	0.01		Premier Foods SSP Group	3,326 7,179	0.05 0.12
General Industrials – 0.74%	0.400	004	Household	Goods – 2.66%		
3,219,691 Coats Group 1,694,947 Smith (DS)	2,189 5,459	0.04 0.09		Barratt Developments	12,665	0.20
1,047,172 Smiths Group	16,833	0.03	333,141	Bellway	8,981	0.14
562,504 Smurfit Kappa	18,990	0.30		Berkeley	13,283	0.21
546,469 Vesuvius	2,647	0.04		3 Crest Nicholson 3 Persimmon	1,536 11,137	0.02 0.18
			1,898,597	Reckitt Benckiser	94,892	1.52
				Taylor Wimpey	12,804	0.21
			1,047,092	2 Vistry Group	10,984	0.18

		Bid-market value	Total net		E	Bid-market value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Consume	r Goods – 13.86% (31/08/23 – 15.40°	%) -continued		2.270.004	Firstgroup	3,589	0.06
	•	,			Flutter Entertainment	89,154	1.43
Leisure Go	oods – 0.13%				Intercontinental Hotels	24,448	0.39
	8 Games Workshop	7,699	0.13		International Consolidated Airlines (IAG)		0.0
104,39	Photo-Me International	167	_		Mitchells & Butlers	2,098	0.03
Personal G	Goods – 4.43%				National Express PPHE Hotel	805 176	0.0
	6 Burberry	13,812	0.22	1.045.452		5,766	0.0
	5 Dr. Martens	1,836	0.03	, , -	Wetherspoon (JD)	3,207	0.0
	8 PZ Cussons	451	0.01		Whitbread	26,967	0.43
6,735,78	6 Unilever	260,439	4.17	37,064	Wizz Air Holdings	792	0.0
Tobacco –	2.770/			Total Consi	umer Services	743,246	11.90
		405 400	0.47			,	
	2 British American Tobacco 8 Imperial Brands	135,469 37,205	2.17 0.60	Telecommu	inications – 1.08% (31/08/23 – 1.26%)		
Total Cons	sumer Goods	865,558	13.86		elecommunications – 0.40%		
					Airtel Africa	2,163	0.03
Healthcar	e - 10.93% (31/08/23 - 11.26%)			18,607,344		19,426	0.31
					Helios Towers	896	0.0
Healthcare	Equipment & Services – 1.49%			193,557	Telecom Plus	2,826	0.0
	7 ConvaTec	11,792	0.19	Mobile Tolor	communications – 0.68%		
-,,-	8 Haleon	53,314	0.85			40.044	0.60
,	6 NMC Health <sup>*+</sup>		0.41	61,073,805	vodatone	42,214	0.68
	3 Smith & Nephew 0 Spire Healthcare	25,740 2,170	0.41	Total Teleco	ommunications	67,525	1.08
	·	, -					
	uticals & Biotechnology – 9.44%			Utilities – 3	.23% (31/08/23 – 3.35%)		
-,-,	7 AstraZeneca	393,472	6.30	Electricity	0.959/		
, -	5 Genus	2,556	0.04	Electricity –		0.004	0.46
10,689,69	5 Hikma Pharmaceuticals	177,941 8,412	2.85 0.13	1,335,863		6,221 46,973	0.10
	8 Indivior	6,140	0.13	2,889,759	35E	40,973	0.75
	3 PureTech Health	939	0.02	Gas, Water	& Multiutilities – 2.38%		
Tatalilaal	Alarana	600 476	40.00	16,829,941	Centrica	21,181	0.34
Total Heal	tncare	682,476	10.93		National Grid	88,809	1.42
					Pennon Group	5,015	0.08
Consume	r Services – 11.90% (31/08/23 – 11.2	20%)			Severn Trent United Utilities	13,704 19,865	0.22 0.32
Food & Dru	ug Retailers – 1.30%			, ,	_		
268,10	7 Greggs	7,228	0.11	Total Utilitie	es	201,768	3.23
	9 Ocado	8,031	0.13				
	7 Sainsbury (J)	12,417	0.20	Financials -	– 24.13% (31/08/23 – 23.72%)		
19,209,34	3 Tesco	53,556	0.86	Banks - 8.8	30/		
General Re	etailers – 1.66%				Bank of Georgia	787	0.0
42.33	8 AO World	39	_	39,815,597		65,465	1.05
2,401,49	3 B&M European Value Retail	12,622	0.20	51,977,634		319,403	5.1
3,394,55	8 Currys	2,241	0.04		Lloyds Banking Group	78,931	1.26
	6 Dunelm	4,208	0.07		NatWest Group	35,528	0.57
	9 Frasers Group	2,629	0.04		Standard Chartered	41,931	0.67
	3 Inchcape 8 JD Sports Fashion	8,345 8,200	0.13 0.13		TBC Bank	4,028	0.07
	9 Kingfisher	12,377	0.13	3,610,957	Virgin Money UK	5,592	0.09
	6 Marks & Spencer	13,060	0.21	Non-Life Ins	surance – 0.91%		
	0 Next	28,195	0.45	756.998	Admiral	20,182	0.32
	3 Pets at Home	3,481	0.06	1,924,631		12,549	0.20
,	7 Watches of Switzerland Group	2,786	0.04	3,912,227	Direct Line Insurance	7,899	0.13
444,16	1 WH Smith	5,490	0.09	1,016,044		11,502	0.18
Media – 4.3	33%			776,260	Lancashire	5,053	0.08
	5 4imprint	4,367	0.07	Life Insuran	ce - 2.67%		
	8 Ascential	4,160	0.07	7,713,990	Aviva	34,428	0.5
	4 Future	2,288	0.04		Just Group	3,684	0.00
	8 Informa	33,341	0.53	15,728,143	Legal & General	38,062	0.6
11,486,45		6,423	0.10		Phoenix Group	9,596	0.1
	1 Moneysupermarket.com 8 Pearson	4,313 17,962	0.07 0.29		Prudential	58,492	0.94
	6 RELX	17,962	2.81		St James's Place Capital Standard Life Aberdeen	6,869 15,506	0.1 <sup>2</sup> 0.25
3,122,76		22,084	0.35	9,004,209	Standard Life Aberdeen	10,000	0.23
		•		Equity Inves	tment Instruments – 3.83%		
	eisure – 4.61%	25-	2.24		3i Infrastructure	4,177	0.07
	3 Carnival 5 Compass Group	267 102,859	0.01 1.65		Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust	4,237	0.0
	6 Domino's Pizza	5,410	0.09		Abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Trust Asia Dragon Trust	957 564	0.02
	7 Entain	19,550	0.09		ASIA Dragon Trust AVI Global Trust	4,531	0.0° 0.07
_,,,		10,000	0.01	1,902,040	Avi Giobai IIdal	4,331	U.U

	Bi	d-market				Bid-market	
Holding	Investment	value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials -	- 24.13% (31/08/23 – 23.72%) – continued			1,223,488	HG Capital Trust	5,383	0.09
Faulty Invo	tment lastruments 2 020/ centinued				HICL Infrastructure	6,108	0.10
	tment Instruments – 3.83% – continued	0.505	0.04		Hipgnosis Songs Fund	1,145	0.02
	Baillie Gifford Japan Investment Trust	2,535	0.04		JLEN Environmental Assets JPMorgan Global Growth and Income	376 1,566	0.01 0.03
16,300	BlackRock Greater European Investment Trust	103	_		Murray International Trust	4,904	0.03
76 801	BlackRock Smaller Companies	100			Pershing Square Holdings	17,560	0.28
. 0,00 .	Investment Trust	1,017	0.02		Renewables Infrastructure	6,989	0.11
49,511	BlackRock Throgmorton Investment Trust	285	-	373,106		3,440	0.06
	BlackRock World Mining Investment Trust		0.07	, ,	Sirius Real Estate	2,669	0.04
	Caledonia Investments	3,602	0.06		Target Healthcare	1,171	0.02
	Capital Gearing Trust	2,028	0.03		TwentyFour Income	1,181 6,398	0.02 0.10
	City of London Investment Trust 'A' Edinburgh Investment Trust	5,938 4,401	0.10 0.07	, ,	Witan Investments Worldwide Healthcare Trust	6,343	0.10
	Edinburgh Worldwide Investment Trust	688	0.07	1,923,033	Worldwide Healthcare Hust	0,343	0.10
	European Opportunities Trust	2,090	0.03	Real Estate	Investment Trusts – 1.90%		
	F&C Investment Trust	17,320	0.28	8,670,218	Assura	3,605	0.06
	Fidelity China Special Situations			1,178,289	Balanced Commercial Property Trust	918	0.01
	Investment Trust	2,852	0.05		Big Yellow	5,457	0.09
	Fidelity Emerging Markets	2,059	0.03	, ,	British Land	10,036	0.16
	Fidelity European Values	4,079	0.07		Capital & Counties Properties	7,859	0.13
	Fidelity Special Values	1,972	0.03		Derwent London	6,696 2,535	0.11
	Finsbury Growth & Income Trust GCP Infrastructure Investments	4,013 2,289	0.06 0.04		Great Portland Estates Hammerson	2,535	0.04 0.04
	Greencoat UK Wind	8,884	0.14	-,,	Land Securities	13,263	0.04
	HarbourVest Global Private Equity	5,102	0.08		LondonMetric Property	6,577	0.11
	Henderson Smaller Companies	-,		1,790,658		1,774	0.03
-,-	Investment Trust	1,882	0.03		Primary Health Properties	2,071	0.03
163,557	Herald Investment Trust	3,386	0.05	612,414	Safestore	4,682	0.07
	ICG Enterprise Trust	2,470	0.04	3,306,695		27,942	0.45
	Impax Environmental Markets	3,020	0.05		Supermarket Income REIT	3,865	0.06
	JPMorgan American Investment Trust	4,664	0.07		Tritax Big Box	8,712	0.14
3,934,347	JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust	4,037	0.06		Tritax EuroBox	351 1,493	0.01 0.02
497 218	JPMorgan European Discovery Trust	2,175	0.04		UK Commercial Property Trust Unite Group	5,696	0.02
	JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust	174	0.04		Urban Logistics REIT	454	0.03
	JPMorgan Japanese Investment Trust	1,880	0.03		Workspace	1,872	0.03
	Jupiter Fund Management	1,241	0.02		·	,	
400,058	Law Debenture	3,160	0.05	Financial Se	rvices – 4.80%		
,	Merchants Trust	407	0.01	2,382,192	3i Group	58,769	0.94
	Monks Investment Trust	6,866	0.11	405,374		1,231	0.02
	Murray Income Trust	1,965	0.03		Allianz Technology Trust	2,258	0.04
	NB Private Equity Partners NextEnergy Solar Fund	1,174 1,003	0.02 0.02		Appax Global Alpha	1,627	0.03
	North Atlantic Smaller Companies	1,003	0.02	1,673,410	Bankers Investment Trust	3,464 3,893	0.06 0.06
1,070	Investment Trust	50	_		BBGI Global Infrastructure	3,141	0.05
42,876	Pacific Horizon	248	_		Bridgepoint	1,621	0.03
1,711,716	Pantheon International	5,383	0.09		Close Brothers	1,329	0.02
	Personal Assets Trust	3,235	0.05	508,989	Finablr~+	_	_
	Polar Capital Technology Trust	8,529	0.14		Foresight Group Holdings	95	-
	RIT Capital Partners	5,499	0.09		Hargreaves Lansdown	7,476	0.12
	Schroder Asia Pacific Fund	2,741	0.04		IG Group	6,839	0.11
	Schroder Oriental Income Fund Scottish American Investment Trust	2,506 2,590	0.04 0.04		Intermediate Capital Group	14,788	0.24
	Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	31,326	0.50	1.806.151	International Public Partnership	5,585 8,906	0.09 0.14
, ,	SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	708	0.01	3,596,997		1,721	0.03
	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure		0.0.	368,670		2,876	0.05
	Income Fund	4,379	0.07		London Stock Exchange	103,167	1.65
330,881	Smithson Investment Trust	4,546	0.07	6,266,359		14,081	0.23
	Temple Bar Investment Trust	2,299	0.04	3,338,232	Man Group	8,129	0.13
4,239,190	Templeton Emerging Markets				Network International Holdings	5,288	0.08
4 000 074	Investment Trust	6,316	0.10		Ninety One	2,239	0.04
	The Alliance Trust	11,874	0.19		Octopus Renewables	142	-
	The Global Smaller Companies The Mercantile Investment Trust	2,944 4,388	0.05 0.07		OSB Group	5,133	0.08
	TR Property Investment Trust	3,833	0.07		Paragon Banking Group Petershill Partners	4,579 1,259	0.07 0.02
	Vietnam Enterprise Investments	3,677	0.06	,	Plus500	4,066	0.06
	VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund	2,701	0.04	4,133,802		3,987	0.06
		_,. • .			Rathbones Group	3,009	0.05
Real Estate	Investment Services – 1.19%			1,176,092		3,093	0.05
	Baillie Gifford US Growth Trust	129	_	2,321,426	Schroders	9,125	0.15
	BB Healthcare Trust	1,531	0.02	1,171,637		1,465	0.02
	BH Macro	1,527	0.02		The European Smaller Companies Trus		0.01
	Foresight Solar Fund	188	-	2,532,603	IP ICAP	4,533	0.07
2,337,744	Grainger	5,826	0.09	Total Finance	cials	1,507,109	24.13
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As at 29 February 2024

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1,145 18,682 501 3,882 6,475 4,116 632 2,451 138 5,134 11,953 34,643 4,930	0.02 0.30 0.01 0.06 0.10 0.07 0.01 0.04 - 0.08 0.19 0.55
5,433 1,001	0.09 0.02
1,436	0.02
102,552	1.64
0.500	0.04
2,590	0.04
2,590	0.04
5,927,540	94.91
317,631	5.09
6,245,171	100.00
	18,682 501 3,882 6,475 4,116 632 2,451 138 5,134 11,953 34,643 4,930 5,433 1,001 1,436 102,552 2,590 2,590 5,927,540 317,631

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> Value less than £1,000

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

<sup>~</sup> Suspended

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
AstraZeneca	20,148
BP	10,536
Anglo American	10,387
Unilever	9,949
Shell	8,819
Haleon	8,648
HSBC	8,646
London Stock Exchange	8,001
Standard Life Aberdeen	7,337
Diageo	6,951
Subtotal	99,422
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	275,928

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
CRH (LSE)	69,512
Shell	15,606
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	12,497
BP	9,400
Intercontinental Hotels	4,838
Glencore	4,620
Rio Tinto	3,987
HSBC	3,985
National Grid	3,839
Lloyds Banking Group	3,234
Subtotal	131,518
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	157,263

## **Financial Statements**

## **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	3 Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		143,499		518,839
Revenue	81,692		80,684	
Expenses	(906)		(1,015)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	80,786		79,668	
Taxation	(22)		(169)	
Net revenue after taxation		80,764		79,499
Total return before distributions		224,263		598,338
Distributions		(78,958)		(75,236)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		145,305		523,102

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		5,788,547		6,611,135
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	248,172		10,883	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(18,595)		(20,910)	
		229,577		(10,027)
Dilution adjustment charged		1,252		57
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		145,305		523,102
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		80,490		75,101
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		6,245,171		7,199,368

## **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	5,927,540	5,659,654
Current assets:		
Debtors	26,737	50,174
Cash and bank balances	291,489	80,411
Total assets	6,245,766	5,790,239
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	1,139
Creditors:		
Other creditors	508	299
Distribution payable	87	254
Total liabilities	595	1,692
Net assets attributable to shareholders	6,245,171	5,788,547

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## Distribution in pence per share

### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class P Accumulation				
Group 1	1.5832		1.5832	1.2573
Group 2	1.5832	0.0000	1.5832	1.2573
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.6535		1.6535	1.3307
Group 2	0.7660	0.8875	1.6535	1.3307
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	2.7656	_	2.7656	2.1876
Group 2	1.6990	1.0666	2.7656	2.1876
Class Z Income				
Group 1	1.6420	_	1.6420	1.3541
Group 2	0.7737	0.8683	1.6420	1.3541

# **Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

## **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund, Class P Accumulation	13.23	23.30	48.09	-
Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	13.28	23.44	48.59	104.03
Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund, Class S Accumulation	13.27	23.43	48.56	-
Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund, Class X Accumulation	13.32	23.34	-	-
Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	13.23	23.28	48.01	102.42
FTSE® World USA Price Return (Inception to 8th Aug 21) FTSE® World USA Net Return (Since 9th Aug 21)	14.13	24.55	48.67	97.44
IA North America TR	13.09	20.12	38.54	86.98

Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019, Class P Accumulation launched on 21 May 2019 and Class X Accumulation launched on 15 February

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review, broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the US Equity Tilt Fund and the FTSE® USA Index was 0.13% over the six months under review. This was within the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 30% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After 18 months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in global interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October, finishing the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings, discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Global equity markets therefore made positive gains over the period, including European markets. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors are the main reason why the portfolio has a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

The Fund was underweight in the Southern Company, which generates, wholesales and retails electricity in the southeastern United States. The company scores poorly on carbon intensity, as it uses fossil fuels to generate electricity.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation appears to have peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real terms pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many.

Jojo Chen **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

## **Class P Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	167.54	157.78	153.75	120.60
Return before operating charges*	23.68	9.95	4.22	33.30
Operating charges	(0.10)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges*	23.58	9.76	4.03	33.15
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(2.00)	(1.76)	(1.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	2.00	1.76	1.49
Closing net asset value per share	191.12	167.54	157.78	153.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	-	-
Performance Return after charges	14.07%	6.19%	2.62%	27.49%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	7	6	6	5
Closing number of shares	3,569	3,569	3,569	3,569
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	190.70 161.00	168.40 146.10	166.60 139.00	154.20 116.60

## **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	172.19	162.03	157.76	123.70
Return before operating charges*	24.36	10.22	4.33	34.12
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.06	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	24.32	10.16	4.27	34.06
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(2.18)	(1.94	) (1.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	2.18	1.94	1.63
Closing net asset value per share	196.51	172.19	162.03	157.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	-	_	-
Performance Return after charges	14.12%	6.27%	2.71%	27.53%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,140,151	1,071,006	7,831,852	7,724,458
Closing number of shares	580,211,051	621,981,920	4,833,718,611	4,896,387,727
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	196.00 165.50	173.10 150.10	171.00 142.70	158.20 119.50

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

## **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	168.50	158.56	154.40	121.00
Return before operating charges*	23.81	10.02	4.24	33.47
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	23.77	9.94	4.16	33.40
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(2.12)	(1.88)	(1.59)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	2.12	1.88	1.59
Closing net asset value per share	192.27	168.50	158.56	154.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	_	_
Performance Return after charges	14.11%	6.27%	2.69%	27.60%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,047	5,582	6,669	6,087
Closing number of	1,584,657	3,312,779	4,205,887	3,942,435
shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	191.80 162.00	169.40 146.90	167.40 139.70	154.80 117.00

## **Class X Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	109.47	103.02	100.00
Return before operating charges*	15.46	6.50	3.04
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	15.40	6.45	3.02
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(1.37)	(0.73)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	1.37	0.73
Closing net asset value per share	124.87	109.47	103.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance Return after charges	14.07%	6.26%	3.02%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	3
Closing number of shares	2,500	2,500	2,500
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	124.60 105.20	110.10 95.42	108.70 90.76

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Class X Accumulation launched on 15 February 2022.

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p) 619.51 87.58 (0.45) 87.13	31/08/23 (p) 583.57 36.75 (0.81) 35.94	31/08/22 (p) 568.77 15.60 (0.80) 14.80	31/08/21 (p) 446.70 123.27 (1.20) 122.07 (4.90)
87.58	36.75 (0.81) 35.94	15.60 (0.80) 14.80	123.27 (1.20) 122.07
(0.45)	(0.81)	(0.80)	(1.20)
	35.94	14.80	122.07
87.13			
-	(7.27)	(6.41)	(4.90)
_			
	7.27	6.41	4.90
706.64	619.51	583.57	568.77
0.01	0.01	-	0.01
14.06%	6.16%	2.60%	27.33%
27,551	19,141	23,290	15,661
,898,885	3,089,699	3,991,048	2,753,398
0.14% -	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%
705.00	622.80	616.30	570.30 431.70
	0.01 14.06% 27,551 ,898,885 0.14%	706.64 619.51  0.01 0.01  14.06% 6.16%  27,551 19,141  898,885 3,089,699  0.14% 0.14%  705.00 622.80	706.64         619.51         583.57           0.01         0.01         -           14.06%         6.16%         2.60%           27,551         19,141         23,290           898,885         3,089,699         3,991,048           0.14%         0.14%         -           705.00         622.80         616.30

<sup>#</sup> The FMF was reduced on 9 August 2021 to 0.14%.

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

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities -	- 98.79% (31/08/23 – 94.82%)			Industrials	- 8.65% (31/08/23 - 8.37%)		
UNITED S	STATES - 95.46% (31/08/23 - 91.65	%)		Aerospace 8	k Defence – 1.08%		
	•	,,,			Arconic	641	0.05
Oil & Gas -	- 3.63% (31/08/23 – 4.10%)				Boeing General Dynamics	2,960 1,817	0.25 0.16
Alternative	Energy – 0.08%				Heico	219	0.10
	2 Enphase Energy	424	0.03		Heico 'A'	311	0.03
	7 First Solar 4 SolarEdge Technologies	439 96	0.04 0.01	,	Lockheed Martin Northrop Grumman	2,526 1,545	0.22 0.13
		00	0.01		Teledyne Technologies	511	0.04
	Producers – 3.03%				Textron	409	0.03
	7 APA Corporation O Cheniere Energy	132 872	0.01 0.07	1,833	TransDigm	1,702	0.15
	8 Chevron	6,983	0.60	Construction	n & Materials – 0.69%		
	9 Cobalt International Energy*	<u> </u>	<del>.</del>	,	Builders FirstSource	681	0.06
	9 Conoco Phillips O Coterra Energy	3,492 494	0.30 0.04		Carrier Global Fortune Brands Home & Security	1,286 283	0.11 0.02
	2 Devon Energy	735	0.04		Generac Holdings	176	0.02
	5 Diamondback Energy	843	0.07	4,993	Jacobs Solutions	578	0.05
	9 EOG Resources 4 Exxon Mobil	1,698 10,895	0.15 0.93		Martin Marietta Materials Masco	562 606	0.05 0.05
,	2 Hess	1,007	0.93		Quanta Services	949	0.03
15,137	7 Marathon Oil Corporation	290	0.03	7,944	Sherwin-Williams	2,084	0.18
	8 Marathon Petroleum Corporation	1,872	0.16	4,342	Vulcan Materials	912	0.08
	<ol> <li>Occidental Petroleum</li> <li>Occidental Petroleum Warrants 3/8/20</li> </ol>	1,047 27 131	0.09 0.01	Electronic &	Electrical Equipment – 1.27%		
15,24	1 Phillips 66	1,715	0.15		Agilent Technologies	1,072	0.09
, -	4 Pioneer Natural Resources	1,424	0.12		Ametek	1,143	0.10
	0 Targa Resources 3 Valero Energy	483 1,332	0.04 0.11		Amphenol Corporation 'A' Arrow Electronics	1,661 191	0.14 0.02
	•	.,002	· · · ·		Emerson Electric	1,739	0.02
	ent & Services – 0.52%				General Electric	4,481	0.38
	4 Baker Hughes Company 6 Halliburton	860 1,895	0.07 0.16		Hubbell Keysight Technologies	578 703	0.05 0.06
	7 Kinder Morgan	301	0.02		Mettler Toledo International	676	0.06
	2 ONEOK	787	0.07		Revvity	334	0.03
	7 Schlumberger 9 Williams Companies	1,848 447	0.16 0.04		Roper Technologies Trimble Navigation	1,503 415	0.13 0.03
	·				Zebra Technologies 'A'	395	0.03
Total Oil &	Gas	42,542	3.63	General Indi	ustrials – 1.05%		
Basic Mate	erials – 1.08% (31/08/23 – 1.15%)				3M Company	1,320	0.11
					Ball Corporation	542	0.05
Chemicals		024	0.07		Danaher Fortive	4,338 784	0.37 0.07
	9 Air Products & Chemicals 1 Albemarle	834 483	0.07 0.04		Honeywell International	3,033	0.26
2,62	5 Avery Dennison	449	0.04		Packaging Corporation of America	297	0.02
-, -	Celanese 'A'	391	0.03		Parker-Hannifin Westrock Company	1,720 192	0.15 0.02
	5 CF Industries Holdings 8 Dow	278 1,031	0.02 0.09	,	. ,	102	0.02
15,152	2 Dupont De Nemours	828	0.07		igineering – 1.51%		
	4 Eastman Chemicals 0 Ecolab	342	0.03		Caterpillar Cummins	4,606 992	0.39 0.09
	9 FMC	1,457 184	0.13 0.02		Deere & Co	2,626	0.22
8,42	5 International Flavors & Fragrances	503	0.04		Dover	721	0.06
	2 PPG Industries 4 The Mosaic Company	855 366	0.07	3,323	Idex Illinois Tool Works	619 2,193	0.05 0.19
	8 Westlake Chemical	10	0.03		Ingersoll Rand	982	0.08
					Otis Worldwide	1,027	0.09
,	Paper – 0.03%	20.4	0.00		Paccar Rockwell Automation	1,515 853	0.13 0.07
11,936	3 International Paper	334	0.03		Wabtec Corporation	753	0.07
Industrial M	letals – 0.29%				Xylem Incorporated	786	0.07
	7 Freeport – McMoRan	1,378	0.12	Industrial Tra	ansportation – 1.20%		
	0 Nucor 9 Southern Copper	1,239 217	0.10 0.02		CH Robinson Worldwide	222	0.02
	4 Steel Dynamics	568	0.05	66,140	CSX	1,982	0.17
	•				Expeditors International	564 1,483	0.05 0.13
Mining – 0.0	7 Newmont Mining	940	0.08		Fedex Hunt (JB) Transport Services	436	0.13
	, and the second			7,351	Norfolk Southern	1,470	0.13
Total Basic	c Materials	12,687	1.08		Old Dominion Freight Line Union Pacific	1,095 3,991	0.09 0.34
						3.991	U.34

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Tot asse
ndustrials	- 8.65% (31/08/23 - 8.37%) - continu	ıed		Leisure Goo	ds – 0.19%		
Summort Co.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			9,041	Electronic Arts	996	
	vices – 1.85%	299	0.03	,	Hasbro	171	
	Aramark Corporation  Automatic Data Processing	2,703	0.03		Pool.com Take Two Interactive	379 687	
	Broadridge Financial Solutions	669	0.06	5,914	Take Two Interactive	007	
2,818	Cintas	1,400	0.12	Personal Go	ods – 0.74%		
,	CoStar Group	876	0.07		Colgate-Palmolive	2,018	
	Fastenal Fidelity National Financial Ventures	1,087 416	0.09 0.03		Estee Lauder 'A'	872	
	Fidelity National Information	1,034	0.09		Kimberly-Clark Lululemon Athletica	1,030 1,348	
,	Fiserv	2,366	0.20	,	Nike 'B'	3,175	
	FleetCor Technologies	523	0.04		Vestis	65	
	Global Payments Grainger	885 1,277	0.08 0.11	11,679	VF	151	
	Paychex	1,030	0.09	Tobacco – 0	.38%		
	Republic Services	1,460	0.12	26,290		849	
,	Robert Half International	241	0.02		Philip Morris International	3,640	
	TransUnion United Rentals	385 1,146	0.03 0.10	Total Cana	· ·mar Caada	74.400	
	Verisk Analytics	886	0.10	Total Const	umer Goods	74,499	
	Waste Management	2,181	0.19	1114	40.000/ /24/00/02 44.040/\		
	Willis Towers Watson	844	0.07	Healthcare	<b>–</b> 10.92% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 11.04%)		
otal Indus	trials	101,251	8.65		Equipment & Services – 4.40%		
					Abiomed* Align Technology	628	
onsumer	Goods - 6.36% (31/08/23 - 7.44%)				Avantor	405	
utomobilo	9 Dorto 1 640/				Baxter International	599	
	s & Parts – 1.64%	050	0.00		Becton Dickinson	1,871	
	Autoliv BorgWarner	252 187	0.02 0.02		Bio-Rad Laboratories	116	
	Ford Motor	1,272	0.02		Boston Scientific	2,625	
	General Motors	1,480	0.13		Centene Cigna Corporation	1,075 2,626	
4,628	Genuine Parts	546	0.05		DaVita	172	
	Lear Corporation	256	0.02		Dentsply Sirona	199	
9,600	LKQ Lucid Group	397 62	0.03 0.01		DexCom	1,160	
	Rivian Automotive	184	0.01		Edwards Lifesciences	1,312	
	Tesla Motors	14,512	1.24	,	Elevance Health GE Healthcare	3,061 950	
	1.000/				HCA Holdings	1,693	
Beverages -					Henry Schein	250	
,	Brown-Forman 'B' Coca-Cola	329 6,234	0.03 0.53		Hologic	484	
	Constellation Brands	1,007	0.09	,	Humana IDEXX Laboratories	1,113 1,154	
	Molson Coors Brewing 'B'	343	0.03		Insulet	282	
	Monster Beverage Corporation	1,232	0.10		Intuitive Surgical	3,429	
46,521	PepsiCo	6,078	0.52	3,327	Laboratory Corporation of America	567	
ood Produ	cers – 0.79%				Masimo	158	
	Archer Daniels Midland	739	0.06		Molina Healthcare Quest Diagnostics	589 467	
	Campbell Soup	326	0.03		ResMed	467 657	
	ConAgra Foods	352	0.03		Stryker	3,230	
	General Mills	1,051	0.09	1,550	Teleflex	273	
	Hershey	849 296	0.07		The Cooper Companies	492	
	Hormel Foods JM Smucker	429	0.03 0.04		Thermo Fisher Scientific UnitedHealth	5,729 11,915	
	Kellanova	505	0.04		Universal Health Services 'B'	280	
27,065	Kraft Heinz	754	0.06	,	Waters	549	
	Lamb Weston Holdings	337	0.03		West Pharmaceutical Services	689	
	McCormick	509	0.04	6,930	Zimmer Biomet	681	
-,	Mondelez International 'A' Tyson Foods A	2,642 368	0.23 0.03	Pharmaceut	icals & Biotechnology – 6.52%		
	WK Kellogg	77	0.03		Abbott Laboratories	5,358	
		-			Abbott Laboratories	8,088	
	Goods – 1.32%		_	,	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	487	
,	Church & Dwight	638	0.05	17,668	Amgen	3,822	
	Clorox DR Horton	525 1,194	0.05 0.10		Biogen IDEC	829	
	Lennar	1,194	0.09		BioMarin Pharmaceutical Bio-Techne Corporation	421 316	
	Lennar 'B'	50	-		Bristol Myers Squibb	2,863	
104	NVR	628	0.05		Catalent	247	
	Procter & Gamble	9,909	0.85		Charles River Laboratories	264	
	PulteGroup	616	0.05		Corteva	995	
1 0 9 /	Snap-on Stanley Black & Decker	369 429	0.03 0.04		Eli Lilly Exact Sciences Cornoration	16,544	
				5,804	Exact Sciences Corporation	264	
6,091	Whirlpool	144	0.01	/11 26º	Gilead Sciences	2,351	

## Portfolio Statement (continued)

		d-market value	Total net			Bid-market value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Healthcare	- 10.92% (31/08/23 - 11.04%) - continue	d		.,	Domino's Pizza	380	0.03
Dharmaaauf	ricala 8 Diotachnology 6 529/ continuos				Expedia	456	0.04
	ticals & Biotechnology – 6.52% – continued		0.00	,	Hilton Worldwide	1,131 502	0.10
	Incyte Genomics IQVIA Holding	281 1.119	0.02 0.10		Las Vegas Sands Live Nation	426	0.04 0.04
	Johnson & Johnson	10,145	0.87		Marriott International*	<del>-</del> -20	0.0-
	Merck & Co	8,428	0.72		Marriott International New 'A'	1,230	0.10
10,955	Moderna	799	0.07	24,883	McDonald's	5,743	0.49
186,566		3,916	0.33		MGM Resorts International	307	0.03
	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	2,610	0.22		Raytheon Technologies	3,477	0.30
	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Viatris	2,827 440	0.24 0.04		Starbucks Vail Resorts	2,752 226	0.23
,	Zoetis	2,365	0.20		Wynn Resorts	264	0.02
Total Health	_	127,836	10.92		Yum! Brands	1,012	0.09
Total Health		127,000	10.02	Total Consu	ımer Services	142,070	12.13
Consumer	Services - 12.13% (31/08/23 - 11.32%)			Telecommu	ınications – 0.95% (31/08/23 – 0.8	8%)	
_	g Retailers – 0.80%				elecommunications – 0.76%	,	
	Cencora	992	0.08	239,133		2 105	0.27
-,	Cardinal Health CVS Health	733 2,455	0.06 0.21		L3Harris Technologies	3,195 1,134	0.27
	Keurig Dr Pepper	804	0.21		Verizon Communications	4,513	0.39
	Kroger	934	0.08	,		,-	
	McKesson HBOC	1,817	0.16	Mobile Telec	communications – 0.19%		
	Sysco	1,173	0.10	17,414	T-Mobile	2,246	0.19
27,483	Walgreens Boots Alliance	461	0.04	Total Teleco	ommunications	11,088	0.98
General Ret	ailers – 8.26%						
,	Amazon.com	41,527	3.55	Utilities – 1.	.99% (31/08/23 – 2.13%)		
	Autozone	1,398 287	0.12	Flootricity	1 220/		
	Bath & Body Works Best Buy	433	0.02 0.04	Electricity –		55	0.0
	Burlington Stores	340	0.03		Avangrid Consolidation Edison	55 789	0.0 <sup>7</sup> 0.07
	Carmax	320	0.03		Constellation Energy	1,636	0.07
	Copart	1,139	0.10		Dominion Energy	391	0.03
	Costco Wholesale	8,592	0.73		DTE Energy	423	0.04
,	Dollar General Dollar Tree	818 834	0.07 0.07		Edison International	1,771	0.15
17,214		643	0.07		Eversource Energy	2,161 1.966	0.18 0.17
	Home Depot	10,085	0.86		Exelon FirstEnergy	520	0.17
	Lowe's	3,772	0.32		NextEra Energy	2,499	0.2
	MercadoLibre	1,885	0.16		NRG Energy	424	0.04
	NetFlix	6,894	0.59	91,537		1,206	0.10
	O'Reilly Automotive PayPal	1,704 1,740	0.15 0.15		Public Service Enterprise	1,389	0.12
	Rollins	256	0.02	,	Southern	123 99	0.01 0.01
,	Ross Stores	1,285	0.11	2,307	Xcel Energy	99	0.01
15,518	Target	1,874	0.16	Gas, Water 8	& Multiutilities – 0.67%		
	TJX Companies	2,967	0.25	22,173	American Water Works	2,077	0.18
	Tractor Supply Company Ulta Beauty	715	0.06		Atmos Energy	1,450	0.12
,	Wal-Mart Stores	705 6,550	0.06 0.56		Centerpoint Energy	1,030	0.09
141,307	Wai-Mait Stores	0,550	0.30		Duke Energy	248	0.02
Media – 1.17	7%				Nisource Sempra Energy	322 2,183	0.03 0.19
3,395	Charter Communications 'A'	788	0.07		Veralto	525	0.13
	Comcast 'A'	4,632	0.40				
,	Discovery	506	0.04	Total Utilitie	es	23,287	1.99
	FactSet Research Systems Fox Corporation 'A'	490 203	0.04				
	Fox Corporation 'B'	91	0.02 0.01	Financials -	- 14.34% (31/08/23 – 13.43%)		
	Interpublic Group of Companies	392	0.03	Banks – 3.18	3%		
3,592	Liberty Broadband 'C'	171	0.01		Bank of America	6,302	0.54
,	News Corporation (New) 'A'	301	0.03	- , -	Bank of New York Mellon	1,133	0.52
	News Corporation (New) 'B'	116	0.01	-,	Citigroup	2,929	0.25
	Omnicom Paramount Global	448 181	0.04 0.01	12,238	Citizens Financial	303	0.02
	Sirius XM Holdings	100	0.01		Fifth Third Bancorp	540	0.05
	Walt Disney	5,262	0.45		First Citizens Bancshares	429	0.04
	vvait biolicy	*		,	First Horizon National*	_	-
59,693							
59,693 Fravel & Leis	sure – 1.90%		_		First Republic Bank* Huntingdon Bancshares	- 508	0.04
59,693 Fravel & Leis 13,500	sure – 1.90% Airbnb 'A'	1,679	0.14	49,290	Huntingdon Bancshares	508 14,111	
59,693 Fravel & Leis 13,500 5,697	sure – 1.90% Airbnb 'A' Caesars Entertainment	196	0.02	49,290 96,057 21,997	Huntingdon Bancshares JPMorgan Chase KeyCorp	508	1.20
59,693 Travel & Leis 13,500 5,697 917	sure – 1.90% Airbnb 'A'	,		49,290 96,057 21,997 5,418	Huntingdon Bancshares JPMorgan Chase	508 14,111	0.04 1.20 0.02 0.05 0.13

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials -	– 14.34% (31/08/23 – 13.43%) – cont	inued		Real Estate	Investment Trusts – 2.12%		
	,				Alexandria Real Estate Equities	530	0.05
Banks – 3.18	3% – continued				American Tower	2,528	0.22
	Regions Financial	503	0.04		Annaly Capital Management	392	0.03
	Signature Bank*	_	_		AvalonBay Communities	741	0.06
	SVB Financial Group*	1 126	0.10		Boston Properties	354	0.03
	Truist Financial US Bancorp	1,126 1,633	0.10		Digital Realty Trust	1,043	0.09
	Wells Fargo	5,354	0.46		Equinix Equity Lifestyle Properties	1,921 406	0.16 0.03
	_	-,			Equity Residential	685	0.05
Financial Se	ervices – 5.34%				Essex Property Trust	457	0.04
8,693	Ally Financial	254	0.02		Extra Space Storage	757	0.06
	American Express	3,467	0.30	3,496	Federal Realty Investment Trust	279	0.02
	Ameriprise Financial	1,073	0.09		Healthpeak Properties	254	0.02
	Blackstone Crown (A)	3,033	0.26		Host Marriott	440	0.04
	Blackstone Group 'A' Capital One Financial	2,440 1,397	0.21 0.12		Invitation Homes	533	0.05
	Carlyle Group	163	0.01		Iron Mountain Kimco Realty	669 358	0.06 0.03
	Cboe Global Markets	580	0.05		Mid-America Apartment Communities	384	0.03
	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	2,141	0.18		Net Lease Office Properties	11	-
8,609	Discover Financial Services	821	0.07		Prologis	3,241	0.28
	Equifax	857	0.07		Public Storage	1,285	0.11
	Equitable Holdings	200	0.02		Realty Income	978	0.08
	Franklin Resources	176	0.01		Regency Centers	344	0.03
-,	Goldman Sachs	3,252 2,092	0.28		SBA Communications	609	0.05
	Intercontinental Exchange KKR & Company	1,583	0.18 0.14		Simon Property Sun Communities	1,371 433	0.12 0.04
	LPL Financial Holdings	504	0.04	12,720		433 357	0.04
	MarketAxess Holdings	206	0.02		Ventas	464	0.03
	Mastercard	10,378	0.89		VICI Properties REIT	795	0.07
5,432	Moody's	1,627	0.14		Welltower	1,243	0.11
	Morgan Stanley	2,676	0.23	23,665	Weyerhaeuser	642	0.05
	MSCI	1,062	0.09	8,248	WP Carey	367	0.03
	NASDAQ OMX	493	0.04	Total Finan	riale	167,838	14.34
	Northern Trust Raymond James Financial	447 585	0.04 0.05	- Iotal Fillalli	Ciais	107,030	
	S&P Global	3,614	0.03				
	Schwab	2,567	0.22	lechnology	7 – 35.32% (31/08/23 – 31.77%)		
-,	SEI Investments	149	0.01	Software & 0	Computer Services – 19.25%		
16,998	Square 'A'	1,066	0.09		Adobe	6,726	0.57
	State Street	558	0.05	,	Akamai Techs	445	0.04
	Synchrony Financial	438	0.04		Alphabet 'A'	21,577	1.84
,	T Rowe Price Visa 'A'	642 11,941	0.05 1.02	166,820	Alphabet 'C'	18,410	1.57
55,470	VISA A	11,941	1.02		Ansys	828	0.07
Life Insuran	ce - 0.40%			,	Autodesk	1,448	0.12
22,039	Aflac	1,406	0.12	,	Atlassian Bill.com Holdings	821 167	0.07 0.01
2,898	Globe Life	291	0.03		Booking Holdings	3,326	0.01
20,782	Metlife	1,145	0.10		Cadence Design Systems	2,146	0.18
	Principal Financial	492	0.04		CDW Corporation	916	0.08
	Prudential Financial	1,070	0.09		Cloudflare	723	0.06
4,580	Voya Financial	247	0.02		Cognizant Technology Solutions	1,031	0.09
Non-Life Ins	surance – 2.96%				Coupang	495	0.04
23,664		1,362	0.12		CrowdStrike Holdings 'A'	1,748	0.15
,	Allstate	1,234	0.11	,	Datadog Dayforce	962 301	0.08 0.03
	Arch Capital	846	0.07		DocuSign	276	0.03
	Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	5,834	0.50		DoorDash	1,014	0.09
	Berkshire Hathaway 'B'	13,612	1.16		EPAM Systems	425	0.04
,	Brown & Brown	513	0.04	3,816	Etsy	216	0.02
	Cincinnati Financial	493	0.04		Fair Isaac	802	0.07
	CNA Financial Gallagher (Arthur J)	29 1,430	0.12		Fortinet	1,166	0.10
	Hartford Financial Services	854	0.07	,	Gartner 'A'	862	0.07
	Loews	518	0.05		GoDaddy	488 533	0.04
	Markel	555	0.05		Hewlett Packard Enterprise HubSpot	736	0.05 0.06
	Marsh & Mclennan	2,682	0.23	30,516		4,458	0.38
	Progressive	2,951	0.25		Intuit	4,722	0.40
	Travelers	1,328	0.11		Jack Henry & Associates	343	0.03
6,581	W.R. Berkley	435	0.04		Leidos	198	0.02
Real Estate	Investment Services – 0.34%				Match Group	285	0.02
	CBRE	719	0.06		Meta Platforms	28,303	2.42
	Crown Castle International	1,348	0.06		Microsoft	80,373	6.87
	Tango Holding	1,574	0.12		MongoDB NortonLifeLock	766 304	0.07 0.03
	Texas Pacific Land Corporation	244	0.02	4,954		420	0.03
	Zillow Group	58	0.01		Oracle	4,422	0.38
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Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Technology	– 35.32% (31/08/23 – 31.77%) – conti	nued	
Software & 0	Computer Services – 19.25% – continue	ed	
	Palantir Technologies	1,206	0.1
	Palo Alto Networks	2,415	0.2
	Paycom	246	0.0
	Pinterest	592	0.0
3,481	Roblox	503 467	0.0 0.0
	Salesforce.com	7,635	0.6
	ServiceNow	4,089	0.3
	Snowflake	1,531	0.1
	Splunk	622	0.0
	SS&C Technologies	254	0.0
	Synopsys	2,243	0.1
	The Trade Desk 'A' Twilio	990 263	0.0 0.0
1 512	Tyler Technologies	522	0.0
63.427	Uber Technologies	3,979	0.3
	UiPath	212	0.0
9,888	Unity Software	229	0.0
4,700	Veeva Systems 'A'	836	0.0
	VeriSign	433	0.0
	Workday 'A'	1,519	0.1
	Zillow Group Zoom Video Communications A	254 458	0.0 0.0
	ZoomInfo Technologies	154	0.0
	Zscaler	562	0.0
Technology I	Hardware & Equipment – 16.07%		
	Advanced Micro Devices	8,054	0.6
	Analog Devices	2,529	0.2
492,405		70,352	6.0
	Applied Materials Arista Networks	4,394 1,813	0.3 0.1
	Broadcom	14,818	1.2
	Cisco Systems	5,184	0.4
	Corning	587	0.0
	F5 Networks	337	0.0
29,249		655	0.0
139,556		4,745	0.4
	Juniper Networks KLA Tencor	326 2,398	0.0 0.2
	Lam Research	3.235	0.2
,	Liberty Media Corporation Formula Or Class A	-,	0.0
6,634	Liberty Media Corporation Formula Or	ne	
6 556	Class C Liberty Media Corporation Sirius XM	382 150	0.0 0.0
	Liberty Media Corporation Sirius XM C		0.0
	Marvell Technology	1,601	0.1
16,872	Microchip Technology	1,121	0.1
	Micron Technology	2,521	0.2
	Monolithic Power Systems	851	0.0
	Motorola Solutions	1,422 529	0.1
7,515 78,268	NetApp Nyidia	48,889	0.0 4.1
	ON Semiconductor	804	0.0
	Qorvo	277	0.0
36,296	Qualcomm	4,526	0.3
	Skyworks Solutions	435	0.0
	Teradyne	446	0.0
,	Texas Instruments Western Digital	4,074 488	0.3 0.0
Total Techn	•	413,488	35.3
=	000/ /24/00/22 - 0.020/ \		
rutures – 0.	<b>09% (31/08/23 – 0.02%)</b> CME S&P 500 EMINI March 2024	1,031	0.0
74			
74 Total Future	es	1,031	0.0

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
		(2000)	100010 (70)
BERMUDA	A – 0.12% (31/08/23 – 0.14%)		
Consumer	Goods – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.05%)		
4,778	Services – 0.01% (31/08/23 – 0.00%) Liberty Global Liberty Global	66 100	_ 0.01
	<b>-</b> 0.11% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 0.09%)		
	Credicorp Everest	433 438	0.04 0.04
	RenaissanceRe Holdings	402	0.03
Total Berm	uda	1,439	0.12
CANADA	<b>-</b> 0.00% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 0.00%)		
Consumer	Services - 0.00% (31/08/23 - 0.00%) Sears Canada*		
Total Canad	14		
CAYMAN	ISLANDS - 0.06% (31/08/23 - 0.0	1%)	
	<b>-</b> 0.05% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 0.00%)		
	NU Holdings	645	0.05
	y – 0.01% (31/08/23 – 0.01%) GlobalFoundries	109	0.01
Total Caym	an Islands	754	0.06
CHANNEL	ISLANDS - 0.09% (31/08/23 - 0.	11%)	
	Goods - 0.05% (31/08/23 - 0.07%) Aptiv	595	0.05
	y - 0.04% (31/08/23 - 0.04%) Amdocs	407	0.04
Total Chani	nel Islands	1,002	0.09
IRFI AND	<b>-</b> 2.12% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 2.10%)		
	rials – 0.43% (31/08/23 – 0.43%)		
	Linde	5,188	0.43
	<b>-</b> 1.02% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 0.89%)		
	Accenture	6,106	0.52
	Allegion Eaton	279 3,186	0.03 0.27
	Pentair	403	0.04
	Trane Technologies	1,799	0.16
	- 0.38% (31/08/23 - 0.46%)		
,	ICON	709	0.06
	Jazz Pharmaceuticals	187	0.02
	Medtronic Steris	2,950 602	0.25 0.05
,		<del>-</del>	
	Services – 0.10% (31/08/23 – 0.11%) Johnson Controls Automation	1,173	0.10
Financials 6,840	<b>– 0.15% (31/08/23 – 0.18%)</b> Aon	1,706	0.15
	y - 0.04% (31/08/23 - 0.03%) Seagate Technology Holding	486	0.04
Total Irelan	0. 0.	24,774	2.12
- Otal II Eldii	<u> </u>	44,114	2.12

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
ISRAEL - 0.04% (31/08/23 - 0.04%)		
Technology – 0.04% (31/08/23 – 0.04%) 3,853 Check Point Software Technologies	489	0.04
Total Israel	489	0.04
LIBERIA – 0.05% (31/08/23 – 0.04%)		
Consumer Services – 0.05% (31/08/23 – 0.04%) 5,926 Royal Caribbean Cruises	577	0.05
Total Liberia	577	0.05
LUXEMBOURG - 0.08% (31/08/23 - 0.06%)		
Technology – 0.08% (31/08/23 – 0.06%) 4,852 Spotify Technology	983	0.08
Total Luxembourg	983	0.08
NETHERLANDS - 0.19% (31/08/23 - 0.19%)		
Basic Materials – 0.06% (31/08/23 – 0.06%) 8,537 LyondellBasell	677	0.06
<b>Technology – 0.13% (31/08/23 – 0.13%)</b> 8,135 NXP Semiconductors 10,512 Yandex*	1,604	0.13
Total Netherlands	2,281	0.19
PANAMA - 0.03% (31/08/23 - 0.02%)		
Consumer Services – 0.03% (31/08/23 – 0.02%) 29,270 Carnival	366	0.03
Total Panama	366	0.03
SINGAPORE - 0.04% (31/08/23 - 0.04%)		
Industrials – 0.04% (31/08/23 – 0.04%) 19.332 Flex	430	0.04
Total Singapore	430	0.04
SWITZERLAND - 0.44% (31/08/23 - 0.33%)		
Consumer Services – 0.04% (31/08/23 – 0.00%) 6,209 Bunge Global	463	0.04
Industrials – 0.11% (31/08/23 – 0.11%) 11,546 TE Connectivity	1,309	0.11
Financials – 0.23% (31/08/23 – 0.18%) 13,609 Chubb	2,705	0.23
Technology – 0.06% (31/08/23 – 0.04%) 5,783 Garmin	628	0.06
Total Switzerland	5,105	0.44

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
UNITED KINGDOM - 0.07% (31/08/23 - 0.0	9%)	
Consumer Goods – 0.04% (31/08/23 – 0.04%) 8,288 Coca-Cola European Partners	449	0.04
Consumer Services - 0.00% (31/08/23 - 0.02%)		
Healthcare - 0.03% (31/08/23 - 0.03%) 12,250 Royalty Pharma	294	0.03
Total United Kingdom	743	0.07
Total value of investments	1,156,560	98.79
Net other assets	14,199	1.21
Total net assets	1,170,759	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Unlisted, nil value

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Microsoft	2,775
Apple	2,773
Amazon.com	1,251
Nvidia	1,033
Alphabet 'A'	923
Alphabet 'C'	901
Meta Platforms	745
Tesla Motors	661
Eversource Energy	564
UnitedHealth	490
Subtotal	12,116
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	48,355

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Apple	3,994
Microsoft	3,607
Alphabet 'A'	2,851
Activision	1,958
Amazon.com	1,732
Nvidia	1,629
Tesla Motors	1,102
Meta Platforms	1,087
Seagen	887
Procter & Gamble	810
Subtotal	19,657
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	69,005

## **Financial Statements**

## **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains/ (losses)		137,968		(262,415)
Revenue	8,857		64,308	
Expenses	(227)		(1,498)	
Net revenue before taxation	8,630		62,810	
Taxation	(1,140)		(8,974)	
Net revenue after taxation		7,490		53,836
Total return/(deficit) before distributions		145,458		(208,579)
Distributions		(134)		2,146
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		145,324		(206,433)

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,095,738		7,861,820
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	14,902		486,387	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(85,315)		(357,752)	
		(70,413)		128,635
Dilution adjustment charged		110		1,053
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		145,324		(206,433)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,170,759		7,785,075

## **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,156,560	1,038,992
Current assets:		
Debtors	1,907	1,671
Cash and bank balances	13,610	55,121
Total assets	1,172,077	1,095,784
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	256	_
Other creditors	1,062	46
Total liabilities	1,318	46
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,170,759	1,095,738

# **Royal London European Growth Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London European Growth Fund, Class A Accumulation	8.93	8.12	30.75	59.82
Royal London European Growth Fund, Class M Accumulation	9.19	8.52	32.28	63.64
Royal London European Growth Fund, Class R Accumulation	9.47	9.19	34.84	68.89
FTSE® World Europe ex-UK Index Total Return	9.59	10.74	32.69	61.77
IA Europe Excluding UK TR	9.27	8.20	25.29	55.26

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund underperformed the benchmark for the period under review. Note, the Fund prices at midday, while the benchmark return is taken on an end of day basis, the underlying portfolio (with value taken at the same end of day point as the benchmark) gave a similar return to the benchmark over the period. Markets were very strong in the period, rising by over 9%.

#### **Market overview**

The period under review started with a sell-off in equity markets, triggered by the events in the Middle East and fears that rising geopolitical tensions could result in a significant period of conflict and a sharp rise in the oil price. As it turned out the oil price spiked higher and then was weak, which was seen as helpful for companies and individuals alike, meaning that the energy sector was the worst performing sector in aggregate over the six months. The main point of interest for investors was favourable economic data, particularly from the US, which suggested that inflation had peaked whilst economic growth continued to remain robust, thus avoiding a recession that had been widely predicted following the sharp rise in interest rates. Employment trends have remained strong across the West. In a higher inflation world, pay rises have resulted in a better backdrop for consumers than might have been otherwise expected.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing in continental European companies and will typically hold 50 to 70 positions. We prefer businesses with products or services that can deliver consistent growth over the medium term, operate in markets with high barriers to entry, and generate strong cash flows. Overall, the Fund retains its bias towards companies that we would suggest can be described as quality growth.

The strongest sector in the period was information technology as investors continued to look positively on the potential from recent improvements in artificial intelligence. The Fund owns several companies expected to benefit. These companies added to performance in the period, including Wolters Kluwer, SAP and Capgemini. Negatives in the period were companies exposed to the oil price, principally TotalEnergies.

The Fund started new positions in Orange, Air Liquid, Genmab and Argenx. Orange is a French telecoms provider, where we see the potential for increased profits as spending on networks is reduced. Air Liquid is a mature industrial gases company, which we feel is well positioned to benefit from the upcoming energy transition. Genmab and Argenx are biotech companies focused on auto-immune disease and oncology respectively. These purchases were funded by selling out of several smaller positions including Eurofins, Lonza, Adyen and ASR.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment outlook**

We remain positive about the outlook for corporate profits and hence the ability for markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, promises to allow companies the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher costs for consumers. We aim to address the overall risk in markets by being broadly neutral across the different sectors and focusing on individual companies. We continue to monitor opportunities in the market with the objective of keeping the Fund's overall bias towards attractive long-term growth and participating in a market

**Steve Bolton Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

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# **Comparative Tables**

## **Class A Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	1,204.00	1,047.67	1,192.30	949.26
Return before operating charges*	118.49	169.16	(132.25)	254.97
Operating charges	(6.73)	(12.83)	(12.38)	(11.93)
Return after operating charges*	111.76	156.33	(144.63)	243.04
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(20.06)	(15.60)	(6.83)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	20.06	15.60	6.83
Closing net asset value per share	1,315.76	1,204.00	1,047.67	1,192.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.33	0.29	0.33	0.21
Performance Return after charges	9.28%	14.92%	(12.13)%	25.60%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	58,508	55,163	50,083	60,653
Closing number of shares	4,446,719	4,581,670	4,780,357	5,086,991
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	1.10% 0.03%	1.10% 0.03%	1.10% 0.03%	1.10% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	1,318.00 1,145.00	1,268.00 1,000.00	1,245.00 991.80	1,200.00 893.20

## **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	1,299.96	1,126.67	1,276.98	1,012.19
Return before operating charges*	128.17	182.15	(141.90)	272.70
Operating charges	(4.63)	(8.86)	(8.41)	(7.91)
Return after operating charges*	123.54	173.29	(150.31)	264.79
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.20)	(26.76)	(21.68)	(12.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.20	26.76	21.68	12.29
Closing net asset value per share	1,423.50	1,299.96	1,126.67	1,276.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.36	0.32	0.35	0.23
Performance Return after charges	9.50%	15.38%	(11.77)%	26.16%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,550	11,020	5,618	4,830
Closing number of shares	1,092,336	847,741	498,602	378,243
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.70% 0.03%	0.70% 0.03%	0.70% 0.03%	0.70% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	1,426.00 1,237.00	1,367.00 1,076.00	1,334.00 1,064.00	1,286.00 953.30

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	154.44	132.98	149.76	117.94
Return before operating charges*	15.26	21.53	(16.71)	31.89
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	15.22	21.46	(16.78)	31.82
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.65)	(4.13)	(3.47)	(2.29)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.65	4.13	3.47	2.29
Closing net asset value per share	169.66	154.44	132.98	149.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03
Performance Return after charges	9.85%	16.14%	(11.20)%	26.98%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,345,255	2,130,705	1,805,819	2,100,169
Closing number of shares	1,382,326,614	1,379,664,397	1,357,917,738	1,402,362,033
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.05% 0.03%	0.05% 0.03%	0.05% 0.03%	0.05% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price	169.90	162.10	156.70	150.80
Lowest share price	147.10	127.10	125.30	111.20

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Equities	<b>–</b> 99.41% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 98.72%)		
Belgium –	0.00% (31/08/23 - 0.29%)		
Denmark -	- 6.05% (31/08/23 – 5.85%)		
Healthcare	· – 5.28%		
	3 Genmab	8,367	0.35
1,263,45	2 Novo Nordisk	119,307	4.93
Industrials	*****		
	3 DSV	18,584	0.77
Total Denr	mark	146,258	6.05
Finland –	2.84% (31/08/23 – 2.72%)		
	rials – 1.11% 5 UPM-Kymmene	26,951	1.11
Financials	- 0.91%		
620,79	8 Sampo Oyj	21,971	0.91
Telecommi	unications – 0.82%		
552,53	7 Elisa Oyj	19,754	0.82
Total Finla	ind	68,676	2.84
France – 3	1.93% (31/08/23 – 29.21%)		
Basic Mate	erials – 2.47%		
372,09	5 Air Liquide	59,813	2.47
Consumer	Goods – 10.18%		
	1 L'Oreal	76,996	3.18
	0 LVMH 1 Michelin	122,218 47,127	5.05 1.95
	Services – 0.92% 8 Publicis Group	22,323	0.92
Financials	·	,-	
2,745,01		77,201	3.19
Healthcare		, -	
	4 Essilor International	56,687	2.35
Industrials	- 6.03%		
	9 Legrand	18,690	0.77
	4 Safran 8 Schneider Electric	62,871 64,401	2.60 2.60
		04,401	2.00
Oil & Gas - 1.842.11	- 3.64% 7 TotalEnergies	92,963	3.84
Technology		,	
٠.	5 Capgemini	52,016	2.15
	unications – 0.80%		
	7 Orange	19,378	0.80
Total Fran	ce	772,684	31.93
Germany -	- 22.67% (31/08/23 – 21.50%)		
_	erials – 0.74%		
	9 Symrise	17,936	0.74
	Goods – 3.23%		
	6 Daimler	65,300	2.70
356.73	0 Puma	12,961	0.53

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Consumer S	Services – 0.26%		
	Cts Eventim	6,251	0.26
Financials – 281,530	1.94% Deutsche Börse	46,832	1.94
Healthcare -	- 2.44%		
	Merck KGaA Siemens Healthineers	32,533 26,500	1.34 1.10
Industrials -			
1,523,703 238,118	DHL Group	56,051 7,610	2.32 0.31
	Heidelberg Materials	40,366	1.67
591,894	Siemens	92,653	3.83
Technology	- 5.93%		
1,432,029 693,481	Infineon Technologies SAP	40,648 102,860	1.68 4.25
Total Germ		548,501	22.67
	-		
•	% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 1.75%)		
Financials – 1,792,524	UniCredit	47,385	1.96
Total Italy		47,385	1.96
Luxemboui	rg – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.39%)		
	s – 9.50% (31/08/23 – 7.69%)		
Basic Mater	ials – 0.95%		
	IMCD Group	22,996	0.95
	Services – 2.68% Wolters Kluwer	64,870	2.68
Financials – 3,887,423	1.74% ING Groep certificates	42,189	1.75
Healthcare -	- 0.40%		
	Argenx	9,720	0.40
Technology			
	ASML Holding	90,199	3.73
Total Nethe	riands	229,974	9.51
Norway – 0	.72% (31/08/23 – 1.52%)		
Telecommu 1,995,261	nications – 0.72%	17,292	0.71
Total Norwa		17,292	0.71
Spain - 4.2	8% (31/08/23 – 4.32%)		
Financials –	2.05% Banco Santander	49,449	2.05
Utilities – 2.		,	
5,947,069	Iberdrola	54,005	2.23
Total Spain		103,454	4.28
Sweden – 4	.90% (31/08/23 – 4.81%)		
Industrials -		_	
	Assa Abloy 'B'	35,734 26,041	1.48 1.07
1,201,675	Epiroc AB 'A' SKF 'B'	26,041 20,749	0.86
	Volvo 'B'	35,984	1.49
Total Swed	en	118,508	4.90

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Switzerlan	d – 14.56% (31/08/23 – 18.67%)		
Basic Mater 185,983	rials – 1.76% 3 Sika	42,645	1.76
	Goods – 3.99% 7 Nestlé (registered)	96,655	3.99
Financials - 3,283,315	- 3.07% 5 UBS (registered)	74,282	3.07
Healthcare 453,984	– 3.91% I- Roche Holding	94,538	3.91
Industrials - 51,811	- 0.99% I Geberit	23,872	0.99
	nications – 0.84% Swisscom	20,284	0.84
Total Switz	erland	352,276	14.56
Total value	of investments	2,405,008	99.41
Net other a	ssets	14,305	0.59
Total net as	ssets	2,419,313	100.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Air Liquide	52,458
ASML Holding	36,710
Publicis Group	21,604
Orange	20,324
Safran	17,504
ING Groep certificates	17,495
Argenx	13,950
Genmab	11,401
Nestlé (registered)	10,498
UPM-Kymmene	9,142
Subtotal	211,086
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	306,153

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
BNP Paribas	48,268
Pernod-Ricard	31,302
Lonza	21,532
ASR Nederland	19,419
Adyen	18,171
Boliden	17,717
Equinor	17,094
Logitech	16,154
Sika	13,148
A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	9,208
Subtotal	212,013
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	278,158

## **Financial Statements**

## **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		207,875		290,293
Revenue	11,104		10,329	
Expenses	(895)		(783)	
Interest payable and similar charges	_		(191)	
Net revenue before taxation	10,209		9,355	
Taxation	(855)		(1,120)	
Net revenue after taxation		9,354		8,235
Total return before distributions		217,229		298,528
Distributions		(9,092)		(8,023)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		208,137		290,505

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		2,196,888		1,861,520
Amounts transferred from other funds*		-		20,019
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	50,142		83,435	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(44,973)		(84,103)	
		5,169		(668)
Dilution adjustment charged		86		210
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		208,137		290,505
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		9,033		8,181
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		2,419,313		2,179,767

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  On 15 December 2022 £20,019,376 was transferred via in-specie from The Royal London Liver With Profits European Equities Fund.

## **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	2,405,008	2,168,663
Current assets:		
Debtors	5,906	31,528
Cash and bank balances	13,496	14,608
Total assets	2,424,410	2,214,799
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	5,097	17,911
Total liabilities	5,097	17,911
Net assets attributable to shareholders	2,419,313	2,196,888

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

		Distribution	Distribution
Net	Equalisation	payable	paid 30/04/23
IIICOIIIC	Equalisation	30/04/24	30/04/23
for the period	ended 29 Februar	y 2024 (28/02/23	same).
1.2030	_	1.2030	1.2555
0.5558	0.6472	1.2030	1.2555
0.6525	_	0.6525	0.5986
0.4966	0.1559	0.6525	0.5986
	1.2030 0.5558	income         Equalisation           for the period ended 29 Februar           1.2030         -           0.5558         0.6472           0.6525         -	Net income         Equalisation         payable 30/04/24           for the period ended 29 February 2024 (28/02/23)         1.2030         —         1.2030           0.5558         0.6472         1.2030         —         0.6525

# **Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

## **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund, Class A Accumulation	5.01	2.28	21.23	35.98
Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund, Class M Accumulation	5.20	2.73	22.93	39.52
Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund, Class M Income	5.17	2.68	22.87	39.46
Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund, Class R Accumulation	5.59	3.46	25.41	44.22
Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund, Class Z Income	5.27	2.84	_	_
FTSE® All-Share Index	3.92	0.57	25.21	27.74
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class Z Income launched on 10 February 2022.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

During the six month period under review the Fund outperformed both its benchmark and its relevant peer group median.

#### Market overview

A defining feature of the period has been the slowing in the rate of inflation, increasing investor confidence that the cycle of interest rate rises is over, and that 2024 will see interest rates being reduced. The extent and timing of cuts is still under debate and with certain elements of inflation such as wage growth remaining a little high, it may be that rates are cut neither as early or as aggressively as some expect. The conflict in the Middle East could also have implications for inflation, given the oil price's sensitivity to the events in the region and also the disruption to shipping that is being experienced in the Red Sea. Another positive influence on markets has been strength in technology companies, particularly those linked to data, artificial intelligence and computer chip manufacture.

There has been a noteworthy increase in the amount of corporate activity occurring in the UK market. These have included takeovers of businesses by overseas companies or private equity firms (for example the takeover of Restaurant Group by Apollo) and also mergers of companies operating in the same industries, for example the proposed merger of the paper companies DS Smith and Mondi, or the housebuilders Barratt and Redrow.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The outperformance of the Fund was driven by a wide range of holdings, spread across differing sectors. These included the financial firms 3i and Intermediate Capital, shipping broker Clarkson, accounting software company Sage, media company Ascential and food producer Cranswick. A common theme across all of these stocks was that they reported strong results in the period. The takeover of Restaurant Group also helped performance.

The holding that was the most notable detractor from returns was Close Brothers, whose share price has been hit by the Financial Conduct Authority announcing an investigation into the motor financing market; a market in which Close is a significant player. The scale of the impact on the share price appears, on our analysis, excessive and we have used the weakness to add to the Fund's holding. Doc Martens shares were also weak, as the company reported weak trading in its US business.

The Fund trimmed holdings in Sage, Hikma and Clarkson, locking in gains and added to holdings in BP and Drax after some share price weakness in the stocks. The Fund also exited its holding in Restaurant Group, following the bid for the company.

The Fund established a new holding in, and subsequently took part in an equity placing by Videndum, who needed to strengthen their financial position after the impact of the strikes by Hollywood actors and writers on their business.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment outlook**

While the direction of inflation and interest rates is probably less uncertain than it has been over the last couple of years, there are plenty of major unknowns impacting markets. There are still major conflicts in the Ukraine and the Middle East and many countries have elections this year. In many of those countries, whoever wins the elections will take over stretched government finances.

Rather than trying to second guess these types of unknowns, we continue to feel that our approach of investing in a broad range of companies from different sectors and stages of their lifecycle is appropriate. This approach will allow performance to continue to be driven more by the success of our hunting for undervalued long-term cashflows, than by the prevailing winds of the macroeconomy, or factors such as growth or value styles being in vogue.

**Richard Marwood Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

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## **Class A Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	429.68	397.14	438.71	323.27
Return before operating charges*	24.40	37.39	(36.70)	119.93
Operating charges	(2.52)	(4.85)	(4.87)	(4.49)
Return after operating charges*	21.88	32.54	(41.57)	115.44
Distributions on accumulation shares	(5.80)	(14.88)	(14.09)	(12.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.80	14.88	14.09	12.97
Closing net asset value per share	451.56	429.68	397.14	438.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.32	0.47	0.28
Performance Return after charges	5.09%	8.19%	(9.48)%	35.71%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	47,477	46,449	45,044	52,218
Closing number of shares	10,513,916	10,810,068	11,342,123	11,902,616
Operating charges#	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.08%	0.11%	0.07%
Prices^				
Highest share price	458.10	448.70	449.20	441.80
Lowest share price	416.40	373.10	383.90	307.50

<sup>#</sup> The FMF was reduced on 6 November 2020 to 1.15%.

## **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	232.05	213.38	234.66	172.09
Return before operating charges*	13.15	20.29	(19.68)	64.05
Operating charges	(0.84)	(1.62)	(1.60)	(1.48)
Return after operating charges*	12.31	18.67	(21.28)	62.57
Distributions on accumulation shares	(3.12)	(7.99)	(7.26)	(6.92)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.12	7.99	7.26	6.92
Closing net asset value per share	244.36	232.05	213.38	234.66
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.17	0.25	0.16
Performance Return after charges	5.30%	8.75%	(9.07)%	36.36%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,660	15,627	16,158	5,646
Closing number of shares	6,408,708	6,734,532	7,572,661	2,406,096
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.71% 0.04%	0.71% 0.08%	0.71% 0.11%	0.71% 0.07%
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	247.70 225.00	241.70 200.60	240.60 206.10	236.30 163.90

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

## **Class M Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	103.36	98.42	111.86	84.77
Return before operating charges*	5.83	9.32	(9.22)	31.23
Operating charges	(0.37)	(0.74)	(0.76)	(0.77)
Return after operating charges*	5.46	8.58	(9.98)	30.46
Distributions on income shares	(1.38)	(3.64)	(3.46)	(3.37)
Closing net asset value per share	107.44	103.36	98.42	111.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.08	0.12	0.08
Performance Return after charges	5.28%	8.72%	(8.92)%	35.93%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,809	5,124	4,329	3,014
Closing number of shares	5,406,636	4,957,352	4,398,036	2,694,672
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.71% 0.04%	0.71% 0.08%	0.71% 0.11%	0.71% 0.07%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	109.60 100.20	110.90 92.51	114.10 96.11	113.70 80.72
Lowest share price	100.20	92.51	90.11	00.

## **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	135.50	123.84	135.28	98.54
Return before operating charges*	7.72	11.70	(11.40)	36.77
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	7.70	11.66	(11.44)	36.74
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.83)	(4.67)	(4.37)	(3.98)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.83	4.67	4.37	3.98
Closing net asset value per share	143.20	135.50	123.84	135.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.09
Performance Return after charges	5.68%	9.42%	(8.46)%	37.28%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	984,409	931,312	912,685	1,008,856
Closing number of shares	687,438,711	687,293,217	736,960,862	745,743,181
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.03% 0.04%	0.03% 0.08%	0.03% 0.11%	0.03% 0.07%
Prices^	445.00	440.00	100.10	100.00
Highest share price Lowest share price	145.00 131.50	140.60 116.50	139.10 119.50	136.20 93.94

## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	94.73	90.12	100.00
Return before operating charges*	5.36	8.49	(7.52)
Operating charges	(0.28)	(0.55)	(0.30)
Return after operating charges*	5.08	7.94	(7.82)
Distributions on income shares	(1.27)	(3.33)	(2.06)
Closing net asset value per share	98.54	94.73	90.12
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.07	0.11
Performance Return after charges	5.36%	8.81%	(7.82)%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,669	15,699	16,658
Closing number of shares	17,931,166	16,571,042	18,484,025
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.58% 0.04%	0.58% 0.08%	0.58% 0.11%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	100.50 91.88	101.50 84.72	100.00 87.95

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Income launched on 10 February 2022.

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

 $<sup>{\</sup>hat{\ }}$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 97.76% (31/08/23 - 97.36%)		
Oil & Gas - 11.11% (31/08/23 - 12.63%)		
Oil & Gas Producers – 11.11%		
8,500,000 BP 3,250,000 Shell	39,159 79.853	3.66 7.45
Total Oil & Gas	119,012	11.11
Basic Materials – 8.47% (31/08/23 – 9.65%)		
Chemicals – 2.26%		
300,000 Croda International	14,295	1.34
640,000 Johnson Matthey	9,862	0.92
Mining – 6.21%		
850,000 Anglo American	14,458	1.35
9,500,000 Glencore 325,000 Rio Tinto	35,592 16,507	3.32 1.54
Total Basic Materials	90,714	8.47
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Industrials – 22.17% (31/08/23 – 18.96%)		
Aerospace & Defence – 1.06%		
1,150,000 Avon Protection	11,339	1.06
Construction & Materials - 0.59%		
3,900,000 lbstock	6,298	0.59
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 2.84%		
200,000 Halma	4,604	0.43
735,400 Spectris	25,776	2.41
General Industrials – 1.96%		
16,500,000 Coats Group	11,220	1.05
3,009,618 Vitec	9,781	0.91
Industrial Engineering – 1.73%		
2,500,000 Bodycote	15,463	1.44
30,000 Spirax-Sarco Engineering	3,096	0.29
Industrial Transportation – 3.12%		
930,000 Clarkson	33,387	3.12
Support Services – 10.87%		
725,000 Ashtead Group	41,180	3.84
760,000 Bunzl	23,955	2.24
385,000 DCC 2,000,000 Howdens Joinery	21,622 16,536	2.02 1.54
3,000,000 Rentokil Initial	13,146	1.54
Total Industrials	237,403	22.17

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)		
Consumer	Consumer Goods – 14.53% (31/08/23 – 15.45%)				
Beverages -	- 1.73%				
625,000	Diageo	18,512	1.73		
Food Produ	cers – 2.96%				
825,000	Cranswick	31,729	2.96		
Household (	Goods – 3.29%				
	Bellway	11,458	1.07		
	Berkeley Reckitt Benckiser	10,064 13,720	0.94 1.28		
Personal Go	oods – 3.51%				
	Dr. Martens	9,510	0.89		
	Unilever	28,032	2.62		
Tobacco – 3	3.04%				
	British American Tobacco	8,794	0.82		
1,400,000	Imperial Brands	23,849	2.22		
Total Cons	umer Goods	155,668	14.53		
Healthcare	<b>-</b> 9.37% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 10.44%)				
Healthcare I	Equipment & Services – 1.39%				
1,428,700	Smith & Nephew	14,859	1.39		
Pharmaceut	ticals & Biotechnology – 7.98%				
	AstraZeneca	43,426	4.06		
1,225,000 1.100.000	Hikma Pharmaceuticals	20,391 21,637	1.90 2.02		
Total Healt		100,313	9.37		
		,			
Consumer	Services - 10.07% (31/08/23 - 8.56%)				
General Ret	ailers – 1.96%				
1,000,000		11,490	1.07		
775,000	WH Smith	9,579	0.89		
Media – 8.1					
7,750,000 1,400,000	Ascential	23,110 11,343	2.16 1.06		
1,450,000		50,170	4.68		
	YouGov	2,200	0.21		
Total Cons	umer Services	107,892	10.07		
Utilities – 3	.47% (31/08/23 – 2.75%)				
Electricity –	3.47%				
4,500,000	Drax	20,957	1.95		
1,000,000	SSE	16,255	1.52		
Total Utiliti	es	37,212	3.47		

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials -	- 16.83% (31/08/23 – 16.06%)		
Banks – 5.7	1%		
20,000,000 60,600,000	Barclays Lloyds Banking Group	32,884 28,221	3.07 2.64
Life Insuran	ce - 0.42%		
900,000	St James's Place Capital	4,527	0.42
Non-Life Ins	urance – 0.89%		
6,027,800	Sabre Insurance	9,488	0.89
Financial Se	rvices – 9.81%		
1,825,000		45,023	4.20
	Close Brothers IG Group	8,995 22,718	0.84 2.12
	Intermediate Capital Group	28,342	2.65
Total Finan	cials	180,198	16.83
Technology	v – 1.74% (31/08/23 – 2.86%)		
Software &	Computer Services – 1.74%		
1,500,000	Sage	18,660	1.74
Total Techn	ology	18,660	1.74
Total value	of investments	1,047,072	97.76
Net other a	ssets	23,952	2.24
Total net as	sets	1,071,024	100.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Drax	11,378
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	6,434
Vitec	6,371
Bunzl	5,912
Unilever	5,708
Close Brothers	4,640
Imperial Brands	4,486
Croda International	4,176
Rentokil Initial	4,072
Halma	3,963
Subtotal	57,140
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	81,232

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Sage	14,887
BP	12,897
Restaurant Group	6,649
Clarkson	5,991
British American Tobacco	5,333
Cranswick	5,129
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	4,674
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	3,000
Marshalls	2,862
Glencore	2,373
Subtotal	63,795
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	65,544

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		43,915		105,280
Revenue	13,731		13,793	
Expenses	(532)		(529)	
Net revenue before taxation	13,199		13,264	
Taxation	-		(123)	
Net revenue after taxation		13,199		13,141
Total return before distributions		57,114		118,421
Distributions		(13,731)		(13,671)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		43,383		104,750

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,014,211		994,874
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	9,960		5,268	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,973)		(15,043)	
		(13)		(9,775)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		43,383		104,750
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		13,443		13,396
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,071,024		1,103,245

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,047,072	987,469
Current assets:		
Debtors	5,342	10,663
Cash and bank balances	19,198	21,298
Total assets	1,071,612	1,019,430
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	438	4,987
Distribution payable	150	232
Total liabilities	588	5,219
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,071,024	1,014,211

### **Distribution Tables**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### First Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 30 November 2023

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/01/24	Distribution paid 31/01/23
Class A Accumulation				
Group 1	2.9133		2.9133	2.3012
Group 2	1.9570	0.9563	2.9133	2.3012
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	1.5649	_	1.5649	1.2318
Group 2	1.0253	0.5396	1.5649	1.2318
Class M Income				
Group 1	0.6971	_	0.6971	0.5681
Group 2	0.5285	0.1686	0.6971	0.5681
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9204	-	0.9204	0.7188
Group 2	0.6820	0.2384	0.9204	0.7188
Class Z Income				
Group 1	0.6391	-	0.6391	0.5202
Group 2	0.6391	0.0000	0.6391	0.5202

# **Distribution Tables** (continued)

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### **Second Interim**

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 December 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class A Accumulation				
Group 1	2.8854	-	2.8854	3.1655
Group 2	2.1362	0.7492	2.8854	3.1655
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	1.5520	-	1.5520	1.7000
Group 2	1.0754	0.4766	1.5520	1.7000
Class M Income				
Group 1	0.6868	-	0.6868	0.7796
Group 2	0.4613	0.2255	0.6868	0.7796
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9143	-	0.9143	0.9916
Group 2	0.3574	0.5569	0.9143	0.9916
Class Z Income				
Group 1	0.6298	-	0.6298	0.7139
Group 2	0.5257	0.1041	0.6298	0.7139

# **Royal London UK Equity Income Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class A Income	5.45	0.92	29.32	27.95
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class M Accumulation	5.70	1.37	30.89	31.03
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class M Income	5.66	1.33	30.92	31.07
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class R Accumulation	6.03	1.96	33.50	35.36
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class S Accumulation	5.96	1.91	33.36	-
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class Z Accumulation	5.67	1.40	31.17	_
Royal London UK Equity Income Fund, Class Z Income	5.69	1.38	30.83	31.21
FTSE® All-Share Index	3.92	0.57	25.21	27.74
IA UK All Companies TR	3.97	-0.93	19.55	21.90

Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019 and Class Z Accumulation launched on 1 August 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

During the six month period under review the Fund outperformed both its benchmark and its relevant peer group median.

#### **Market overview**

A defining feature of the period has been the slowing in the rate of inflation, increasing investor confidence that the cycle of monetary tightening is over, and that 2024 will see interest rates being reduced. The extent and timing of cuts is still under debate and with certain elements of inflation such as wage growth remaining a little high, it may be that rates are cut neither as early or as aggressively as some expect. The conflict in the Middle East could also have implications for inflation, given the oil price's sensitivity to the events in the region and also the disruption to shipping that is being experienced in the Red Sea. Another positive influence on markets has been strength in technology companies, particularly those linked to data, artificial intelligence and computer chip manufacture.

There has been a noteworthy increase in the amount of corporate activity occurring in the UK market. These have included takeovers of businesses by overseas companies or private equity firms (for example the takeover of Restaurant Group by Apollo) and also mergers of companies operating in the same industries, for example the proposed merger of the paper companies DS Smith and Mondi, or the housebuilders Barratt and Redrow.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The outperformance of the Fund was driven by a wide range of holdings, spread across differing sectors. These included the private equity firm 3i, specialist lender Paragon, accounting software company Sage, engineering company IMI and housebuilder Taylor Wimpey. A common theme across all of these stocks was that they reported strong results in the period. The takeover of Restaurant Group also helped performance.

The holding that was the most notable detractor from returns was Close Brothers, whose share price has been hit by the Financial Conduct Authority announcing an investigation into the motor financing market; a market in which Close is a significant player. The scale of the impact on the share price appears, on our analysis, excessive and we have used the weakness to add to the Fund's holding.

The Fund trimmed holdings in Sage, Hikma and RELX, locking in gains and added to holdings in Glencore and BP after some share price weakness in the stocks. The Fund also exited its holding in Restaurant Group, following the bid for the company, and took place in a placing of new shares by Videndum.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment outlook**

While the direction of inflation and interest rates is probably less uncertain than it has been over the last couple of years, there are plenty of major unknowns impacting markets. There are still major conflicts in the Ukraine and the Middle East and many countries have elections this year. In many of those countries, whoever wins the elections will take over stretched government finances.

Rather than trying to second guess these types of unknowns, we continue to feel that our approach of investing in a broad range of companies from different sectors and stages of their lifecycle is appropriate and will allow performance to continue to be driven more by the success of our hunting for undervalued long-term cashflows, than by the prevailing winds of the macroeconomy, or factors such as growth or value styles being in vogue.

**Richard Marwood Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class A Income**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
732.82	717.44	758.17	596.93
44.65	57.73	0.07	194.83
(4.25)	(8.45)	(8.49)	(7.95)
40.40	49.28	(8.42)	186.88
(13.39)	(33.90)	(32.31)	(25.64)
759.83	732.82	717.44	758.17
0.18	1.18	0.67	0.41
5.51%	6.87%	(1.11)%	31.31%
63,626	63,334	63,474	74,121
8,373,688	8,642,567	8,847,207	9,776,306
1.13% 0.02%	1.13% 0.16%	1.13% 0.09%	1.13% 0.06%
786.10 713.70	806.90 665.90	783.50 686.50	770.10 565.30
	(p) 732.82 44.65 (4.25) 40.40 (13.39) 759.83 0.18 5.51% 63,626 8,373,688 1.13% 0.02% 786.10	(p)         (p)           732.82         717.44           44.65         57.73           (4.25)         (8.45)           40.40         49.28           (13.39)         (33.90)           759.83         732.82           0.18         1.18           5.51%         6.87%           63,626         63,334           8,373,688         8,642,567           1.13%         0.16%           786.10         806.90	(p)         (p)         (p)           732.82         717.44         758.17           44.65         57.73         0.07           (4.25)         (8.45)         (8.49)           40.40         49.28         (8.42)           (13.39)         (33.90)         (32.31)           759.83         732.82         717.44           0.18         1.18         0.67           5.51%         6.87%         (1.11)%           63,626         63,334         63,474           8,373,688         8,642,567         8,847,207           1.13%         1.13%         0.09%           786.10         806.90         783.50

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny \#}}$  The FMF was reduced on 6 November 2020 to 1.13%.

### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	237.35	221.23	222.99	168.55
Return before operating charges*	14.53	17.81	(0.14)	55.83
Operating charges	(0.88)	(1.69)	(1.62)	(1.39)
Return after operating charges*	13.65	16.12	(1.76)	54.44
Distributions on accumulation shares	(4.36)	(10.65)	(9.68)	(7.36)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.36	10.65	9.68	7.36
Closing net asset value per share	251.00	237.35	221.23	222.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.37	0.20	0.12
Performance Return after charges	5.75%	7.29%	(0.79)%	32.20%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	598,652	593,473	453,742	514,052
Closing number of shares	238,510,530	250,041,867	205,100,604	230,529,017
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.72% 0.02%	0.72% 0.16%	0.72% 0.09%	0.72% 0.06%
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	257.50 231.30	251.50 205.50	235.30 206.00	224.10 159.80

### **Class M Income**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
789.19	769.44	810.11	634.95
48.13	61.97	0.06	207.68
(2.92)	(5.78)	(5.80)	(5.18)
45.21	56.19	(5.74)	202.50
(14.44)	(36.44)	(34.93)	(27.34)
819.96	789.19	769.44	810.11
0.19	1.27	0.72	0.43
5.73%	7.30%	(0.71)%	31.89%
282,583	278,733	272,679	357,733
34,463,064	35,318,999	35,438,766	44,158,431
0.72% 0.02%	0.72% 0.16%	0.72% 0.09%	0.72% 0.06%
847.70 769.20	867.10 714.50	839.00 734.90	822.70 601.90
	(p) 789.19 48.13 (2.92) 45.21 (14.44) 819.96 0.19 5.73% 282,583 34,463,064 0.72% 0.02% 847.70	(p)         (p)           789.19         769.44           48.13         61.97           (2.92)         (5.78)           45.21         56.19           (14.44)         (36.44)           819.96         789.19           0.19         1.27           5.73%         7.30%           282,583         278,733           34,463,064         35,318,999           0.72%         0.72%           0.02%         0.16%           847.70         867.10	(p)         (p)         (p)           789.19         769.44         810.11           48.13         61.97         0.06           (2.92)         (5.78)         (5.80)           45.21         56.19         (5.74)           (14.44)         (36.44)         (34.93)           819.96         789.19         769.44           0.19         1.27         0.72           5.73%         7.30%         (0.71)%           282,583         278,733         272,679           34,463,064         35,318,999         35,438,766           0.72%         0.72%         0.09%           847.70         867.10         839.00

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	127.20	117.79	117.95	88.57
Return before operating charges*	7.79	9.49	(0.09)	29.44
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Return after operating charges*	7.75	9.41	(0.16)	29.38
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.34)	(5.69)	(5.15)	(3.88)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.34	5.69	5.15	3.88
Closing net asset value per share	134.95	127.20	117.79	117.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.20	0.11	0.06
Performance Return after charges	6.09%	7.99%	(0.14)%	33.17%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	169,452	164,330	166,872	192,119
Closing number of shares	125,564,152	129,193,967	141,669,947	162,887,015
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.06% 0.02%	0.06% 0.16%	0.06% 0.09%	0.06% 0.06%
Prices^	400.55	10.1	404.55	440 ==
Highest share price Lowest share price	138.30 124.10	134.30 109.50	124.90 109.40	118.50 84.04

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	120.20	111.33	111.49	83.73
Return before operating charges*	7.36	8.97	(80.0)	27.84
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.10)	(80.0)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	7.30	8.87	(0.16)	27.76
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.21)	(5.38)	(4.84)	(3.67)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.21	5.38	4.84	3.67
Closing net asset value per share	127.50	120.20	111.33	111.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.19	0.10	0.06
Performance Return after charges	6.07%	7.97%	(0.14)%	33.15%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6	6	6	6
Closing number of shares	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.09% 0.02%	0.09% 0.16%	0.09% 0.09%	0.09% 0.06%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	130.60 117.30	126.90 103.50	118.10 103.40	112.00 79.46

### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	115.87	107.93	108.71	82.10
Return before operating charges*	7.09	8.67	(80.0)	27.22
Operating charges	(0.38)	(0.73)	(0.70)	(0.61)
Return after operating charges*	6.71	7.94	(0.78)	26.61
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.13)	(5.20)	(4.71)	(3.59)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.13	5.20	4.71	3.59
Closing net asset value per share	122.58	115.87	107.93	108.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.18	0.10	0.06
Performance Return after charges	5.79%	7.36%	(0.72)%	32.41%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,451	1,620	5,273	7,811
Closing number of shares	1,183,886	1,398,422	4,885,604	7,185,309
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.64% 0.02%	0.64% 0.16%	0.64% 0.09%	0.64% 0.06%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	125.70 112.90	122.70 100.20	114.70 100.50	109.20 77.84
Lowest stiate bitte	112.30	100.20	100.30	11.04

### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	118.44	115.38	121.88	95.47
Return before operating charges*	7.23	9.30	(0.30)	31.21
Operating charges	(0.39)	(0.77)	(0.77)	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	6.84	8.53	(1.07)	30.52
Distributions on income shares	(2.17)	(5.47)	(5.43)	(4.11)
Closing net asset value per share	123.11	118.44	115.38	121.88
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.19	0.11	0.06
Performance Return after charges	5.78%	7.39%	(0.88)%	31.97%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,601	33,532	60,064	380,768
Closing number of shares	24,044,666	28,310,763	52,056,214	312,400,197
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.64% 0.02%	0.64% 0.16%	0.64% 0.09%	0.64% 0.06%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	127.30 115.50	130.10 107.20	125.80 110.30	123.80 90.51

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

### **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 98.99% (31/08/23 - 98.55%)		
Oil & Gas - 11.15% (31/08/23 - 11.09%)		
Oil & Gas Producers – 11.15%		
10,000,000 BP 3,325,000 Shell	46,070 81,695	4.02 7.13
Total Oil & Gas	127,765	11.15
Basic Materials - 6.02% (31/08/23 - 6.56%)		
Chemicals – 1.28% 950,000 Johnson Matthey	14,640	1.28
Mining – 4.74%		
600,000 Anglo American	10,206	0.89
6,000,000 Glencore 425,000 Rio Tinto	22,479 21,586	1.97 1.88
Total Basic Materials	68,911	6.02
Total Busic Materials	00,311	0.02
Industrials – 15.53% (31/08/23 – 13.56%)		
Construction & Materials – 1.18%		
4,500,000 Marshalls	13,464	1.18
General Industrials – 2.98%	22 200	2.04
1,450,000 Smiths Group 3,312,723 Vitec	23,309 10,766	0.94
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 2.52%		
825,000 Spectris	28,916	2.52
Industrial Engineering – 2.87% 1,900,000 IMI	32,927	2.87
Industrial Transportation – 1.09% 348,500 Clarkson	12,511	1.09
Support Services – 4.89%	,- : :	
329,526 DCC	18,506	1.62
9,000,000 De La Rue	7,731	0.67
615,000 Diploma 2,000,000 Ricardo	21,254	1.86 0.74
Total Industrials	8,440 177,824	15.53
Total maastrais	177,024	10.00
Consumer Goods – 12.33% (31/08/23 – 12.91%	6)	
Food Producers – 1.26% 375,000 Cranswick	14,422	1.26
Household Goods – 1.86%		
15,500,000 Taylor Wimpey	21,343	1.86
Personal Goods – 3.31% 980,000 Unilever	37,892	3.31
Tobacco – 5.90%		
1,500,000 British American Tobacco 1,900,000 Imperial Brands	35,175 32,366	3.07 2.83
Total Consumer Goods	141,198	12.33
Healthcare – 9.85% (31/08/23 – 10.99%)		
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology – 9.85%		
622,500 AstraZeneca	62,144	5.43
1,950,000 GSK	32,460	2.83
925,000 Hikma Pharmaceuticals	18,195	1.59
Total Healthcare	112,799	9.85

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Consumer	Services – 11.03% (31/08/22 – 11.1	6%)	
General Re	etailers – 2.80%		
	1 Dunelm	20,969	1.83
900,000	0 WH Smith	11,124	0.97
Media – 8.2			
3,475,000 28,500,000	0 Informa n ITV	28,154 15.937	2.46 1.39
1,450,000		50,170	4.38
Total Cons	sumer Services	126,354	11.03
Utilities -	4.11% (31/08/23 – 3.24%)		
Electricity -	- 2.03%		
5,000,000	0 Drax	23,285	2.03
Gas, Water	& Multiutilities – 2.08%		
	0 National Grid	23,863	2.08
Total Utilit	ies	47,148	4.11
Financials	<b>- 27.34% (31/08/23 - 26.30%)</b>		
5,400,000		33,183	2.90
	NatWest Group	22,715	1.98
Non-Life In	surance – 0.15%		
1,080,000	9 Personal Group	1,696	0.15
Life Insurar	nce – 4.53%		
6,100,000		27,224	2.38
	0 Chesnara 0 Legal & General	12,474 12,100	1.09 1.06
	3	12,100	1.00
	ervices – 13.55%	40 556	2.70
	0 3i Group 0 Close Brothers	42,556 10,404	3.72 0.91
3,250,000	0 IG Group	22,718	1.98
	0 Intermediate Capital Group	23,827	2.08
	0 Investec 0 Ninety One	21,696 8,241	1.89 0.72
	Paragon Banking Group	25,760	2.25
Real Estate	e Investment Trusts – 4.23%		
	0 Land Securities	27,391	2.39
2,499,80	0 Segro	21,123	1.84
Total Finar	ncials	313,108	27.34
Technolog	y - 1.63% (31/08/23 - 2.74%)		
Software &	Computer Services – 1.63%		
1,500,000	0 Sage	18,660	1.63
Total Tech	nology	18,660	1.63
Total value	e of investments	1,133,767	98.99
Net other a	assets	11,604	1.01
Total net a	ssets	1,145,371	100.00

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Total Purchases**

	Cost £'000
BP	12,193
Drax	11,864
Glencore	7,064
Clarkson	5,878
Videndum	4,728
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	3,589
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	2,833
Ricardo	2,571
Close Brothers	2,426
Imperial Brands	521
Subtotal	53,667
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	53,866

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Sage	18,555
Hikma Pharmaceuticals	9,636
Restaurant	8,965
Anglo American	8,000
BP	6,657
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	4,433
RELX	3,734
IMI	3,705
HSBC	3,342
Shell	3,214
Subtotal	70,241
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	86,868

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		48,244		101,954
Revenue	20,673		18,236	
Expenses	(3,702)		(3,173)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(5)	
Net revenue before taxation	16,971		15,058	
Taxation	_		_	
Net revenue after taxation		16,971		15,058
Total return before distributions		65,215		117,012
Distributions		(20,445)		(17,977)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		44,770		99,035

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,135,028		1,022,110
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	38,013		69,749	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(86,300)		(99,759)	
		(48,287)		(30,010)
Dilution adjustment charged		233		418
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		44,770		99,035
Unclaimed distributions		5		4
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		13,622		11,232
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,145,371		1,102,789

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,133,767	1,118,525
Current assets:		
Debtors	6,088	11,877
Cash and bank balances	10,597	11,278
Total assets	1,150,452	1,141,680
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	2,129	1,758
Distribution payable	2,952	4,894
Total liabilities	5,081	6,652
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,145,371	1,135,028

### **Distribution Tables**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### First Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 30 November 2023

Net		Distribution	Distribution paid
income	Equalisation	31/01/24	31/01/23
7.4240	_	7.4240	6.5564
3.6489	3.7751	7.4240	6.5564
2.4058	_	2.4058	2.0230
1.2237	1.1821	2.4058	2.0230
8.0002	_	8.0002	7.0357
4.6520	3.3482	8.0002	7.0357
1.2906	-	1.2906	1.0781
0.7352	0.5554	1.2906	1.0781
1.2196	_	1.2196	1.0190
1.2196	0.0000	1.2196	1.0190
1.1747	-	1.1747	0.9871
0.7998	0.3749	1.1747	0.9871
1.2009	-	1.2009	1.0552
0.8405	0.3604	1.2009	1.0552
	7.4240 3.6489  2.4058 1.2237  8.0002 4.6520  1.2906 0.7352  1.2196 1.2196  1.1747 0.7998	T.4240	Net income         Equalisation         paid 31/01/24           7.4240         -         7.4240           3.6489         3.7751         7.4240           2.4058         -         2.4058           1.2237         1.1821         2.4058           8.0002         -         8.0002           4.6520         3.3482         8.0002           1.2906         -         1.2906           0.7352         0.5554         1.2906           1.2196         -         1.2196           1.2196         0.0000         1.2196           1.1747         -         1.1747           0.7998         0.3749         1.1747           1.2009         -         1.2009

# **Distribution Tables** (continued)

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### **Second Interim**

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 December 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class A Income				
Group 1	5.9708	_	5.9708	6.6345
Group 2	4.1423	1.8285	5.9708	6.6345
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	1.9562	_	1.9562	2.0668
Group 2	1.1157	0.8405	1.9562	2.0668
Class M Income				
Group 1	6.4408	-	6.4408	7.1267
Group 2	3.8647	2.5761	6.4408	7.1267
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.0512	_	1.0512	1.1032
Group 2	0.5298	0.5214	1.0512	1.1032
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9931	_	0.9931	1.0426
Group 2	0.9931	0.0000	0.9931	1.0426
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9553		0.9553	1.0087
Group 2	0.6474	0.3079	0.9553	1.0087
Class Z Income				
Group 1	0.9669	-	0.9669	1.0691
Group 2	0.6247	0.3422	0.9669	1.0691

# **Royal London UK Equity Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Equity Fund, Class M Accumulation	2.64	0.28	27.77	30.34
Royal London UK Equity Fund, Class R Accumulation	2.90	0.95	30.13	34.57
Royal London UK Equity Fund, Class S Accumulation	2.97	-	-	-
FTSE® All-Share Index	3.92	0.57	25.21	27.74
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class S Accumulation launched on 3 May 2023.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund rose in value over the six-month period, but underperformed the FTSE® All-Share Index as the portfolio had a slightly more defensive portfolio. Over the last three and five years this has proved correct positioning, however in the last six months it has not been helpful. The Fund continues to seek those companies that can deliver sustained growth despite the challenges of the uncertain economic environment. The factors that we particularly focus upon include the quality of the business model, the strength of the management team, a macroeconomic assessment of where corporates can find the most supportive operating conditions to run a business and finally the valuation that the market puts on the business.

#### **Market overview**

After eighteen months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review showed a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in interest rates will be downwards.

Overall, during the six-month period the FTSE® All-Share Index rose by just over 3.9%, however like most periods there was much volatility. At the start of the period the events in the Middle East sparked a large sell-off in equity markets as investors grew concerned that rising geopolitical tensions could result in a significant period of conflict and as a result a sharp rise in the oil price. As it turned out the oil price spiked higher and then was weak for the rest of the year which proved clearly beneficial for corporates and consumers. The main point of interest for investors was favourable economic data, particularly from the US, which suggested that inflation had peaked whilst economic growth continued to remain robust, thus avoiding a recession that had been widely predicted following the sharp rise in interest rates. Employment trends have remained strong across the West and in a higher inflation world, pay rises have resulted in a better backdrop for consumers than might have been otherwise expected.

Markets started to rise from the end of October and finished the year strongly, with a further boost in December when the US Federal Reserve discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Market expectations are that inflation will generally fall back to central bank target levels of 2%, and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system. Factors such as poor demographic trends mean that in certain industries there are skills gaps, meaning employers will need to keep paying above average pay rises to attract talent and thus fuelling inflationary forces. Overall, the change in sentiment on the global economy was the factor that pushed markets higher from a difficult start to the period and we remain watchful for any changes to consensus.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

### **Portfolio commentary**

We have had a long-time bias towards quality growth stocks and a number of those played out well during the period. The main movers were 3i, which is an investment company where its main holding is the European discount retailer Action. As the retailer expands across Europe and builds market share its value continues to grow and this is then reflected in the value of 3i. Sage, the accounting software company, was another strong performer as it managed to deliver strong reoccurring revenue growth from its small and medium sized company client base. On the negative side, Rentokil warned that growth in pest control in the US would be lower than had been expected, resulting in a share price fall of greater than 20%. We believe that management has the opportunity to fix the problem and hopefully rebuild trust, but this will take time. A further disappointment was a holding in Close Brothers. which fell sharply on fears that they will need to compensate customers who were mis-sold loans to acquire new cars. The Fund also struggled relative to the market as it had limited exposure to a number of domestic businesses that performed well on hopes of lower interest rates.

Overall, the portfolio has a bias to longer term growth opportunities, strong business with growing opportunities through the adoption of artificial intelligence or beneficiaries of the strong economic growth in the US. Equally we have a number of companies where we feel prices are attractive. These companies have decided the best use for excess cash is to return it to shareholders, as they operate in mature industries. Companies in the oil, banks and tobacco sectors would come into that category. Compared to the past, they are set to deliver improving returns on capital and hence providing hope that they will deliver improved share price performance going forward.

#### **Investment outlook**

We remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, promises to allow companies the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation has peaked in the short term. At some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates, which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many. So despite much uncertainty in the global economic outlook we continue to put our trust in those corporates that have a strong track record for delivering on behalf of shareholders.

Joe Walters **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	206.99	194.28	191.49	150.61
Return before operating charges*	6.71	14.08	4.10	42.02
Operating charges	(0.70)	(1.37)	(1.31)	(1.14)
Return after operating charges*	6.01	12.71	2.79	40.88
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.07)	(5.84)	(5.48)	(4.60)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.07	5.84	5.48	4.60
Closing net asset value per share	213.00	206.99	194.28	191.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.08
Performance Return after charges	2.90%	6.54%	1.46%	27.14%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	55,224	41,640	38,883	40,210
Closing number of shares	25,927,177	20,117,025	20,013,903	20,998,800
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.67% 0.03%	0.67% 0.04%	0.67% 0.04%	0.67% 0.05%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	217.30 201.70	215.70 182.50	202.30 181.60	192.80 142.00

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	133.59	124.60	122.03	95.38
Return before operating charges*	4.33	9.04	2.62	26.69
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	4.30	8.99	2.57	26.65
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.76)	(4.59)	(4.29)	(3.61)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.76	4.59	4.29	3.61
Closing net asset value per share	137.89	133.59	124.60	122.03
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.05
Performance Return after charges	3.22%	7.22%	2.11%	27.94%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	663,232	643,322	653,649	664,104
Closing number of shares	480,970,932	481,573,249	524,597,882	544,211,878
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.04% 0.03%	0.04% 0.04%	0.04% 0.04%	0.04% 0.05%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	140.60 130.30	138.80 117.10	129.50 116.10	122.90 90.05

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/8/2023* (p)
Opening net asset value per share	97.89	100.00
Return before operating charges*	3.16	(2.10)
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	3.14	(2.11)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.28)	(1.39)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.28	1.39
Closing net asset value per share	101.03	97.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.04
Performance Return after charges	3.21%	(2.11)%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	8,503 8,415,954 0.04% 0.03%	8,574 8,759,214 0.04% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	103.00 95.50	100.80 94.52

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Class S Accumulation launched on 3 May 2023.

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# **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 97.78% (31/08/23 - 97.37%)		
Oil & Gas - 11.48% (31/08/23 - 11.65%)		
Oil & Gas Producers – 11.48%		
5,768,882 BP 2,314,679 Shell	26,577 56,872	3.66 7.82
Total Oil & Gas	83,449	11.48
Basic Materials – 6.47% (31/08/23 – 7.31%)		
Chemicals – 1.12%		
115,559 Croda International 212,475 Victrex	5,506 2,613	0.76 0.36
Mining -5.35%		
268,609 Anglo American	4,569	0.63
4,027,758 Glencore 379,672 Rio Tinto	15,090 19,284	2.07 2.65
Total Basic Materials	47,062	6.47
Total Basic Materials	47,002	0.47
Industrials – 16.10% (31/08/23 – 15.08%)		
Aerospace & Defence – 3.14%	12 511	1.00
1,087,880 BAE Systems 2,527,755 Rolls-Royce	13,511 9,330	1.86 1.28
General Industrials – 0.63%		
1,427,897 Smith (DS)	4,599	0.63
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 0.90%	0.504	0.00
186,121 Spectris	6,524	0.90
Industrial Engineering – 1.05% 73,643 Spirax-Sarco Engineering	7,600	1.05
Support Services – 10.38%		
301,784 Ashtead Group	17,141	2.36
281,402 Bunzl	8,870	1.22
292,195 Diploma	10,098	1.39
515,757 Experian 895,732 Howdens Joinery	17,459 7,406	2.40 1.02
967.023 Melrose Industries	6,135	0.84
1,903,071 Rentokil Initial	8,339	1.15
Total Industrials	117,012	16.10
Consumer Goods – 15.04% (31/08/23 – 17.05%	b)	
Beverages – 2.87%		
705,355 Diageo	20,893	2.87
Food Producers – 0.41%		<u>.</u>
1,358,504 SSP Group	2,975	0.41
Personal Goods – 5.16%	0 =0=	2.5
508,780 Burberry 800,831 Unilever	6,535 30,964	0.90 4.26
Household Goods – 3.11%		
365,894 Persimmon	4,989	0.69
253,178 Reckitt Benckiser 471,846 Vistry Group	12,654 4,950	1.74 0.68
Tobacco – 3.49%	1,000	0.00
566,517 British American Tobacco	13,285	1.83
	-,	
710,718 Imperial Brands	12,107	1.66

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Healthcare	- 9.40% (31/08/23 - 9.62%)		
Healthcare	Equipment & Services – 0.73%		
1,099,891 164,694	Haleon Smith & Nephew	3,645 1,713	0.50 0.23
Pharmaceu	ticals & Biotechnology – 8.67%		
471,594 956,701	AstraZeneca GSK	47,079 15,925	6.48 2.19
Total Healt		68,362	9.40
Consumer	Services - 11.51% (31/08/23 - 9.82%)		
Food & Dru	g Retailers – 1.58%		
4,123,146	•	11,495	1.58
General Re	tailers – 1.83%		
	Marks & Spencer	1,517	0.21
102,486 266 970	S Next D WH Smith	8,521 3,300	1.17 0.45
,		0,000	0.10
Media – 3.6 764,615	4% 5 RELX	26,456	3.64
Travel & Lei	sure – 4.46%		
	B Compass Group D Intercontinental Hotels	20,919 4,859	2.88 0.67
,	Whitbread	6,626	0.91
Total Cons	umer Services	83,693	11.51
Utilities - 3	3.92% (31/08/23 – 4.32%)		
Electricity –	1 55%		
694,181		11,284	1.55
Gas Water	& Multiutilities – 2.37%		
	) Centrica	6,911	0.95
482,341	National Grid	5,004	0.69
211,236	S Severn Trent	5,281	0.73
Total Utiliti	es	28,480	3.92
Financials	<b>–</b> 22.10% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 21.08%)		
Banks - 9.6			
4,545,051 6,055,359	Barclays	7,473 37,210	1.03
	Lloyds Banking Group	15,139	5.12 2.08
1,486,795	Standard Chartered	9,923	1.37
	stment Instruments – 0.22% 3 Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	1,600	0.22
	ervices – 6.52%		
	3i Group	17,735	2.44
437,198	3 Close Brothers	1,516	0.21
	Intermediate Capital Group  London Stock Exchange	1,537 18,788	0.21 2.58
	Paragon Banking Group	7,841	1.08
Life Insuran	ce – 2.66%		
	Aviva	3,888	0.53
	Legal & General	4,580	0.63
	Prudential St James's Place Capital	8,851 2,006	1.22 0.28
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	nsurance – 0.35% 3 Admiral	2,556	0.35
30,000		2,000	0.00

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials -	- 22.10% (31/08/23 – 21.08%) – cont	tinued	
Real Estate	& Investment Services – 0.47%		
370,185	Savills	3,413	0.47
Real Estate I	Investment Trusts – 2.28%		
801,818	British Land	2,790	0.38
855,562	Segro	7,230	1.00
683,480	Unite Group	6,561	0.90
Total Financ	sials	460 627	22.10
TOTAL FILIALIC	Jiais	160,637	22.10
	r – 1.76% (31/08/23 – 1.44%)	160,637	22.10
Technology		160,637	22.10
Technology	- 1.76% (31/08/23 - 1.44%)  Computer Services - 1.76%	12,760	1.76
Technology Software & C	z – 1.76% (31/08/23 – 1.44%) Computer Services – 1.76% Sage	,	
Technology Software & C 1,025,762 Total Techno	z – 1.76% (31/08/23 – 1.44%) Computer Services – 1.76% Sage	12,760	1.76
Technology Software & C 1,025,762 Total Techno	- 1.76% (31/08/23 - 1.44%)  Computer Services - 1.76%  Sage  ology  of investments	12,760 12,760	1.76 <b>1.76</b>

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
HSBC	3,523
Shell	3,508
GSK	3,252
British Land	2,924
Admiral	2,610
Centrica	2,246
BAE Systems	2,170
London Stock Exchange	1,912
Marks & Spencer	1,810
Persimmon	1,777
Subtotal	25,732
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	36,549

### **Total Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
NatWest Group	3,460
Pennon Group	2,790
CRH	4,694
Unilever	1,548
3i Group	934
AstraZeneca	635
Diageo	506
Glencore	2
Total proceeds from sales for the period	14,569

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		13,533		56,265
Revenue	9,401		8,758	
Expenses	(299)		(263)	
Net revenue before taxation	9,102		8,495	
Taxation	(6)		(5)	
Net revenue after taxation		9,096		8,490
Total return before distributions		22,629		64,755
Distributions		(9,096)		(8,490)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,533		56,265

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

**Attributable to Shareholders** 

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		693,536		692,532
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	14,389		1,176	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,614)		(21,276)	
		10,775		(20,100)
Dilution adjustment charged		-		9
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,533		56,265
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		9,115		8,412
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		726,959		737,118

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	710,807	675,324
Current assets:		
Debtors	3,675	6,242
Cash and bank balances	12,583	13,434
Total assets	727,065	695,000
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	106	1,464
Total liabilities	106	1,464
Net assets attributable to shareholders	726,959	693,536

### **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	2.0652	-	2.0652	1.8369
Group 2	1.5887	0.4765	2.0652	1.8369
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.7615	-	1.7615	1.5806
Group 2	1.3111	0.4504	1.7615	1.5806
Class S Accumulation*				
Group 1	1.2787	-	1.2787	n/a
Group 2	0.8409	0.4378	1.2787	n/a

<sup>\*</sup> Class S Accumulation launched on 3 May 2023.

# **Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund, Class M Accumulation	6.92	0.16	-14.67	19.22
Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund, Class N Accumulation	7.03	0.29	-14.47	_
Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund, Class R Accumulation	7.32	0.92	-12.77	23.69
FTSE® Small Cap ex Investment Trust Index	3.96	0.52	6.08	32.28
IA UK Smaller Companies TR	3.90	-3.85	-15.04	13.05

Class N Accumulation launched on 20 March 2020.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

In the six-month period under review, the Fund produced a healthy positive absolute return and outperformed its benchmark index, the FTSE® Smaller Companies ex-IT. This was due to a mix of positive stock selection and sector allocation. In particular, holdings within the Financials and Healthcare sectors performed well.

#### **Market overview**

Global geopolitical tensions created a challenging and volatile backdrop for economies and stock markets around the world in 2023. The conflict between Israel and Hamas coincided with a precipitous fall in the UK market in October.

Interest rate expectations dominated market trends through the six-month period. The two-year gilt rate fell from 5% in October to nearly 4% at the end of the period as a series of lower-thanexpected inflation data readings provided optimism that rate cuts were likely to happen sooner than originally anticipated. This drove equity markets higher, with small and medium sized companies, as well as those seeing faster growth, generally outperforming, even as expectations for rate cuts softened somewhat after December. The artificial intelligence (AI) megatrend drove larger international equities, with the Nasdaq hitting all-time highs following a series of eye-opening earnings statements from the likes of Nvidia.

The UK government's recent budget statements have revealed several cuts to business and personal taxes designed to boost economic growth. Furthermore, better data gave cause for optimism that the economy was starting 2024 more positively.

### **Portfolio commentary**

Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have been a significant theme in the small and mid-cap market in 2023. Fund holding City Pub Group announced that it had reached an agreement for Youngs PLC to acquire the group at a 46% premium to its share price. As part of the acquisition, City Pub Group shareholders will receive approximately 75% of the proceeds in cash and the remaining 25% in Youngs shares. Other Fund holdings, Ergomed, Restaurant Group and Kin & Carta were also subject to recommended all-cash takeover offers by private equity, at substantial premiums to their prior day closing share prices. While these bids clearly highlight the significant value opportunity presented within our investment universe, it has been frustrating to see good companies be valued on their short-term earnings expectations instead of being sold at prices which reflect their long-term potential.

GlobalData also revealed that private equity group, Inflexion, would acquire a 40% minority stake in its Healthcare division, valuing the business unit at £1.1bn. Given that the company's Healthcare division represents approximately 36% of total revenue and the market cap of the company was £1.4bn, this demonstrated that the public markets had vastly undervalued the business. The minority stake sale will also provide GlobalData with a significant net cash position which may be used for further M&A activity.

The biggest negative for performance relative to the benchmark was a stock which the Fund does not own, Wincanton, the logistics operator. The company has been the object of a competitive bid process between Ceva Logistics and US Group GXO. A significant detractor to performance held in the Fund came from Team 17. The company's shares performed poorly following news that the videogames market had become increasingly competitive, had seen heavy discounting in a weak consumer environment, and that the implementation of associated cost saving initiatives had been delayed. The holding was subsequently sold.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

### Portfolio commentary - continued

YouGov, the market research and polling company, was an important contributor during the period following a reassuring trading update. Management reiterated earnings expectations for the coming financial year and referenced sequentially improving demand from their large customers in the US tech sector. The share price had been very weak in advance of the trading update, anticipating earnings downgrades, but the share price rallied by over 60% - demonstrating the extent of market irrationality during peak despondency in September and October.

New positions were initiated in Cohort, a specialist provider of technology-based solutions to the defence & security markets, and Bloomsbury, a leading publisher. Cohort is led by an experienced and incentivised management team, and the company's communications, intelligence and sensors solutions are both innovative and unique. Cohort should benefit from a backdrop of larger defence budgets following events in Ukraine and heightened geopolitical tensions. Indeed, at the recent interim results, order intake was up 34% and the company reported a record order book of £54m. Despite this, the valuation remains undemanding, in part due to the lack of analyst research coverage. Bloomsbury is a publisher of consumer books, including authors such as J K Rowling and Sarah J Maas, and academic and professional journals (nonconsumer). The company has developed a digital platform (Bloomsbury Digital Resources) which is typically subscription based and sold to academic institutions. Bloomsbury's strategy is to grow this division by using their net cash balance sheet to acquire non-consumer titles and leverage their platform.

#### **Investment outlook**

The surge in interest rates throughout 2022 and 2023 ultimately resulted in the UK entering into a 'technical' recession towards the end of the calendar year. The impact of higher borrowing costs and slower economic growth has constrained demand, particularly in the more discretionary areas of consumer expenditure. However, forward looking data suggests an improving trend, consumers and corporates are coping with higher rates, and central bankers appear to have engineered a 'soft landing'. Consumer and corporate balance sheets remain healthy, as are those in the banking sector, and we expect strengthening demand through 2024.

We believe that small and mid-cap equities continue to offer good value, not only relative to history and international equity indices but also in absolute terms. Our portfolio companies remain well capitalised, and most have net cash balance sheets which could be deployed on acquisitions or organic investment to enhance earnings growth. Indeed, mergers and acquisitions has been a prominent feature in 2023. However, in an era where capital is no longer 'free', management teams must focus even more rigorously on the appropriate allocation of capital. Equity outflows have taken their toll on the UK stock market over the last four years and in cases where companies

have strong balance sheets but depressed share prices, it may be hard to find a higher return for shareholders than simply buying back their own stock. In this way, companies may accrete their earnings per share growth significantly. We expect this to continue given the attractive valuations (equity earnings yields) on offer.

Despite the markets obsession with forecasting short-term macroeconomic data over the recent past, our focus has always been on investing over the long term. We continue to seek out companies with the key fundamental SIMBA attributes (Scaleability, Innovation, strong Management teams, Barriers to entry and unique Assets) that will allow them to take market share and prosper throughout economic cycles. We continue to believe that it is these fundamental attributes that drive earnings and thus stock prices over the long term and we remain excited by the opportunities currently on offer for UK small and mid-cap investors.

**Henry Lowson Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class M Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
233.55	251.49	369.96	243.16
16.55	(16.05)	(116.10)	129.17
(0.93)	(1.89)	(2.37)	(2.37)
15.62	(17.94)	(118.47)	126.80
(2.36)	(4.66)	(2.72)	(0.98)
2.36	4.66	2.72	0.98
249.17	233.55	251.49	369.96
0.15	0.19	0.18	0.21
6.69%	(7.13)%	(32.02)%	52.15%
32,234	21,646	19,905	14,162
12,936,175	9,268,496	7,914,592	3,827,994
0.77% 0.06%	0.77% 0.08%	0.77% 0.06%	0.77% 0.07%
260.60 223.40	260.70 227.90	378.40 254.30	373.10 236.30
	(p) 233.55 16.55 (0.93) 15.62 (2.36) 2.36 249.17 0.15 6.69% 32,234 12,936,175 0.77% 0.06% 260.60	(p)         (p)           233.55         251.49           16.55         (16.05)           (0.93)         (1.89)           15.62         (17.94)           (2.36)         (4.66)           249.17         233.55           0.15         0.19           6.69%         (7.13)%           32,234         21,646           12,936,175         9,268,496           0.77%         0.77%           0.06%         0.08%           260.60         260.70	(p)         (p)         (p)           233.55         251.49         369.96           16.55         (16.05)         (116.10)           (0.93)         (1.89)         (2.37)           15.62         (17.94)         (118.47)           (2.36)         (4.66)         (2.72)           2.36         4.66         2.72           249.17         233.55         251.49           0.15         0.19         0.18           6.69%         (7.13)%         (32.02)%           32,234         21,646         19,905           12,936,175         9,268,496         7,914,592           0.77%         0.77%         0.77%           0.06%         0.08%         0.06%           260.60         260.70         378.40

### **Class N Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	127.05	136.72	200.97	131.98
Return before operating charges*	9.02	(8.73)	(63.05)	70.11
Operating charges	(0.47)	(0.94)	(1.20)	(1.12)
Return after operating charges*	8.55	(9.67)	(64.25)	68.99
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.34)	(2.62)	(1.60)	(0.64)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.34	2.62	1.60	0.64
Closing net asset value per share	135.60	127.05	136.72	200.97
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11
Performance Return after charges	6.73%	(7.07)%	(31.97)%	52.27%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,674	4	4	7
Closing number of shares	18,933,556	3,327	3,327	3,327
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.70% 0.06%	0.70% 0.08%	0.70% 0.06%	0.70% 0.07%
Prices^	444.00	444.00	205.50	200 70
Highest share price Lowest share price	141.80 121.60	141.80 123.90	205.50 138.30	202.70 128.30

### **Class R Accumulation**

31/08/21 (p) 103.53 55.19 (0.05) 55.14
55.19
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 $<sup>{\</sup>hat{\ }}$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

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

# **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 96.34% (31/08/23 - 97.67%)		
Oil & Gas – 4.25% (31/08/23 – 5.12%)		
Alternative Energy – 2.52% 1,225,000 Porvair	7,668	2.52
Oil & Gas Producers – 1.73% 3,050,000 Serica Energy	5,289	1.73
Total Oil & Gas	12,957	4.25
Basic Materials – 1.78% (31/08/23 – 2.03%)		
Chemicals – 1.78% 1,380,000 Treatt	5,410	1.78
Total Basic Materials	5,410	1.78
Industrials – 28.58% (31/08/23 – 27.98%)		
Aerospace & Defence – 3.46%		
2,125,000 Chemring 600,000 Cohort	7,374 3,180	2.42 1.04
Construction & Materials - 5.31%		
2,979,571 Eurocell 1,390,000 Marshalls	3,456 4,159	1.13 1.37
632,099 Norcros	1,116	0.37
655,000 Renew Holdings	5,731	1.88
1,544,624 Stelrad Group	1,699	0.56
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 3.80%		4.0=
860,000 Gooch & Housego 242,240 Oxford Instruments	3,870 5,293	1.27 1.74
850,000 Volex	2,418	0.79
General Industrials – 1.89%		
2,225,000 Macfarlane	2,748	0.90
923,641 Videndum	3,002	0.99
Industrial Engineering – 2.26%		
380,000 Hill & Smith	6,886	2.26
Industrial Transportation – 0.48%		
570,000 Fisher (James) & Sons	1,462	0.48
Support Services – 11.38%		
5,250,000 Boku	8,400	2.76
535,000 discoverIE Group 4,246,509 Johnson Service Group	3,590 6,064	1.18 1.99
2,450,000 Kin and Carta	3,141	1.03
1,480,000 Restore	3,374	1.11
1,075,000 Ricardo	4,536	1.49
870,000 Robert Walters 875,000 RWS Holdings	3,741 1,806	1.23 0.59
Total Industrials	87,046	28.58

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Consumer Goods – 6.96% (31/08/23 – 5.75%	)	
Beverages -1.15%		
675,000 Barr (AG)	3,517	1.15
Food Producers – 3.90%		
168,500 Cranswick 675,000 Hilton Food	6,480 5,386	2.13 1.77
Household Goods – 0.67% 209,173 Churchill China	2,050	0.67
Leisure Goods – 1.24%		
900,000 Focusrite	3,780	1.24
Total Consumer Goods	21,213	6.96
Healthcare - 4.93% (31/08/23 - 7.36%)		
Healthcare Equipment & Services – 2.99%		
3,325,000 Advanced Medical Solutions	6,933	2.28
3,750,000 Inspecs Group	2,175	0.71
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology – 1.94%	F 014	1.04
330,000 Genus	5,914	1.94
Total Healthcare	15,022	4.93
Consumer Services – 20.44% (31/08/23 – 18	.62%)	
General Retailers – 8.93%		
1,500,000 Alpha Financial Markets 3,600,000 City Pub Group	5,250 4,968	1.72 1.63
154,042 Fintel	377	0.13
2,450,000 Halfords	3,724	1.22
1,028,300 Keystone Law Group 3,000,000 XPS Pension	6,067 6,810	1.99 2.24
Media – 6.77%		
634,000 Bloomsbury Publishing	3,455	1.14
2,131,579 Reach	1,260	0.41
1,550,000 STV	3,100	1.02
1,900,000 Wilmington 560,000 YouGov	6,650 6,160	2.18 2.02
Travel & Leisure – 4.74%	-,	
310,000 Fuller Smith & Turner	1,792	0.59
3,050,000 Hollywood Bowl	9,943	3.26
1,125,000 Patisserie Holdings* 275,000 Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	2,717	0.89
Total Consumer Services	62,273	20.44
Financials – 9.48% (31/08/23 – 9.21%)		
Financial Services – 7.93%		
2,100,000 AJ Bell	6,376	2.09
85,000 Alpha Group	1,436	0.47
408,571 Liontrust Asset Management 555,000 Mortgage Advice Bureau	2,615 4,462	0.86 1.46
1,075,000 OSB Group	4,472	1.47
886,552 Tatton Asset Management	4,805	1.58
Real Estate Investment Trusts – 1.55%		
6,230,000 Warehouse REIT	4,710	1.55
Total Financials	28,876	9.48

# Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Telecomm	unications – 2.40% (31/08/23 – 2.28%)		
Mobile Tele	ecommunications – 2.40%		
4,107,10	0 GlobalData	7,311	2.40
Total Tele	communications	7,311	2.40
Technolog	y – 17.52% (31/08/23 – 19.32%)		
Software &	Computer Services – 15.96%		
	0 Alfa Financial Software	7,225	2.37
,,	0 Auction Technology	6,413	2.11
	8 Big Technologies	1,390	0.46
835,00	Bytes Technology Group	4,651	1.53
	0 Cerillion	3,442	1.13
	0 Craneware	6,195	2.03
5,025,00		1,859	0.61
	0 FDM	3,646	1.20 1.86
2,000,00	0 GB 0 Moonpig Group	5,676 3.101	1.80
	0 Moonpig Group 0 Tracsis	5,005	1.64
Technology	/ Hardware & Equipment – 1.56%		
0.	0 Gamma Communications	4,751	1.56
Total Tech	nology	53,354	17.52
Total value	e of investments	293,462	96.34
Net other	assets	11,135	3.66
Total net a	ssets	304,597	100.00
* I Inliated			

<sup>\*</sup> Unlisted, nil value

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

# **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Barr (AG)	3,684
Cohort	3,113
Young & Co's Brewery 'A'	2,955
Genus	2,323
Treatt	1,699
XPS Pension	1,597
FDM	1,592
Advanced Medical Solutions	1,493
Alpha Group	1,402
Auction Technology	1,324
Subtotal	21,182
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	45,467

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Ergomed	5,712
Restaurant Group	3,963
Blancco Technology	3,340
Team17 Group	3,229
Mattioli Woods	2,412
Kin and Carta	2,281
Instem	1,443
Fuller Smith & Turner	1,347
Alpha Financial Markets	1,136
Moonpig Group	1,004
Subtotal	25,867
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	30,411

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

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7	(3,555)
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# **Statement of Change in Net Assets**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

**Attributable to Shareholders** 

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		270,095		312,579
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	42,356		8,440	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(26,349)		(8,389)	
	-	16,007		51
Dilution adjustment charged		119		6
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		14,617		(3,555)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		3,759		3,073
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		304,597		312,154

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	293,462	263,790
Current assets:		
Debtors	440	2,403
Cash and bank balances	12,322	4,569
Total assets	306,224	270,762
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	1,627	667
Total liabilities	1,627	667
Net assets attributable to shareholders	304,597	270,095

### **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	2.3553	-	2.3553	1.6375
Group 2	0.5906	1.7647	2.3553	1.6375
Class N Accumulation	-			
Group 1	1.3371	-	1.3371	0.9331
Group 2	0.2964	1.0407	1.3371	0.9331
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.4122	-	1.4122	1.0970
Group 2	0.5484	0.8638	1.4122	1.0970

# Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund, Class P Accumulation	7.73	3.80	7.24	_
Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	7.83	3.96	7.74	40.46
Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund, Class S Accumulation	7.82	3.97	7.65	-
Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	7.80	3.90	7.30	39.29
FTSE® Asia Pacific ex Japan Index (Price Return)	7.84	4.55	6.69	31.97
IA Asia Pacific Excluding Japan Total Return	3.23	-2.40	-9.83	23.18

Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019 and Class P Accumulation launched on 14 May 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review. broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund and the FTSE® World Asia Pacific ex Japan Index was 0.24% over the six months under review. This was slightly below the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 30% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After 18 months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in global interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October, finishing the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Global equity markets therefore made positive gains over the period, including Asian markets. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors are the main reason why the portfolio has a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

We are underweight companies such as Taiwan cement, which are low weight constituents in the index but are also of the highest in carbon Intensity in the index. On the other end of the carbon scale we look at companies such as Reece, which has a much lower carbon intensity than the index, is in the same sector as Taiwan Cement but has outperformed it over one and five years.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation appears to have peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real terms pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many.

**Michael Sprot Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class P Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	129.92	135.11	137.89	106.70
Return before operating charges*	10.21	(4.88)	(2.46)	31.50
Operating charges	(0.16)	(0.31)	(0.32)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges*	10.05	(5.19)	(2.78)	31.19
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.60)	(4.41)	(4.05)	(3.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.60	4.41	4.05	3.02
Closing net asset value per share	139.97	129.92	135.11	137.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges	7.74%	(3.84)%	(2.02)%	29.23%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	5	5	5
Closing number of shares	3,564	3,564	3,564	3,564
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.24% 0.01%	0.24% 0.02%	0.24% 0.01%	0.24% 0.02%
Prices^				
Highest share price Lowest share price	141.70 125.20	143.60 118.10	140.90 124.60	140.30 105.70

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	127.12	131.98	134.47	103.88
Return before operating charges*	10.00	(4.77)	(2.39)	30.68
Operating charges	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	9.95	(4.86)	(2.49)	30.59
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.68)	(4.52)	(4.17)	(3.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.68	4.52	4.17	3.15
Closing net asset value per share	137.07	127.12	131.98	134.47
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges	7.83%	(3.68)%	(1.85)%	29.45%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,449,440	1,349,706	1,220,963	1,248,969
Closing number of shares	1,057,457,999	1,061,753,873	925,104,466	928,794,214
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.07% 0.01%	0.07% 0.02%	0.07% 0.01%	0.07% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	138.70 122.60	140.40 115.40	137.50 121.60	136.80 102.90

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	124.60	129.41	131.90	101.93
Return before operating charges*	9.79	(4.68)	(2.36)	30.09
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	9.73	(4.81)	(2.49)	29.97
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.62)	(4.40)	(4.05)	(3.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.62	4.40	4.05	3.06
Closing net asset value per share	134.33	124.60	129.41	131.90
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03
Performance Return after charges	7.81%	(3.72)%	(1.89)%	29.40%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	248	626	883	831
Closing number of shares	184,552	502,286	682,170	629,955
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.10% 0.01%	0.10% 0.02%	0.10% 0.01%	0.10% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	136.00 120.10	137.60 113.10	134.90 119.30	134.20 101.00

### **Class Z Accumulation**

29/02/24	31/08/23	31/08/22	31/08/21
(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
737.42	766.55	781.96	605.44
57.95	(27.71)	(13.94)	178.66
(0.72)	(1.42)	(1.47)	(2.14)
57.23	(29.13)	(15.41)	176.52
(9.27)	(25.36)	(23.18)	(16.70)
9.27	25.36	23.18	16.70
794.65	737.42	766.55	781.96
0.05	0.15	0.11	0.18
7.76%	(3.80)%	(1.97)%	29.16%
7,517	6,671	7,509	8,384
945,942	904,715	979,564	1,072,145
0.19% 0.01%	0.19% 0.02%	0.19% 0.01%	0.19% 0.02%
804.40 710.90	814.90 670.10	799.30 706.60	795.80 599.80
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<sup>#</sup> The FMF was reduced on 9 August 2021 to 0.19%.

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

 $<sup>{^{\</sup>hat{}}}$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
		(3.55)	(10)				. ,
Equities -	- 96.54% (31/08/23 – 97.98%)			,	Suncorp Vicinity Centres	4,120 1,596	0.28 0.11
Australia –	29.22% (31/08/23 – 30.05%)				Westpac Banking	19,806	1.36
Basic Mater	rials – 6.22%			Healthcare -	- 2 79%		
	BHP Billiton	47,290	3.25	49,888		606	0.04
, ,	Bluescope Steel	1,974	0.14		Cochlear	4,811	0.33
	Deterra Royalties	1,247	0.09	200,464		29,306	2.01
	Evolution Mining Fortescue Metals	1,048 8,996	0.07 0.62		IDP Education	1,091	0.07
349,870		1,425	0.02		Ramsay Health Care Sonic Healthcare	2,143 2,813	0.15 0.19
	Iluka Resources	634	0.04	,		2,010	0.10
	Incitec Pivot	842	0.06	Industrials –			
	B Liontown Resources E Lynas Rare Earths	416 1,211	0.03 0.08	200,027		1,217	0.08
	Mineral Resources	2,915	0.20	592,462 471 111	Afficor Atlas Arteria	4,166 1,305	0.29 0.09
198,812	New Hope Corporation	481	0.03		Aurizon Holdings	1,448	0.10
	Northern Star Resources	3,029	0.21	51,954		158	0.01
306,079 187,936	Nufarm	890 1,643	0.06 0.11	,	Brambles	4,371	0.30
	Pilbara Minerals	2,603	0.18	182,308	Cleanaway Waste Management	2,014 827	0.14 0.06
154,276	Rio Tinto	9,808	0.67		Downer EDI	793	0.05
	Sims Metal Management	1,246	0.09	986,887	Lottery Corporation	2,565	0.18
	3 South32 3 Whitehaven Coal	1,334 993	0.09 0.07	594,615 705,124		814	0.06
	3 Yancoal Australia	410	0.03	99,468		1,172 1,374	0.08 0.09
ŕ				142,366		1,839	0.13
	Goods – 0.15%	0.045	0.45		Transurban	9,123	0.63
350,699	Treasury Wine Estates	2,215	0.15	76,796	Washington H. Soul Pattinson	1,364	0.09
Consumer S	Services – 3.24%			Oil & Gas -	1.55%		
281,607	' Aristocrat Leisure	6,617	0.45	122,520	Ampol	2,482	0.17
	3 CAR Group	2,699	0.19	321,733		1,297	0.09
	5 Coles Group 5 Domino s Pizza	4,506 550	0.31 0.04		Beach Energy	763	0.05
	Endeavour Group	1,607	0.04	1,113,513 775 445	Woodside Energy Group	4,041 12,115	0.28 0.83
	Pright Centre International	909	0.06		Worleyparsons	1,950	0.13
	Harvey Norman	670	0.05	Taskaslası	0.000/		
	5 JB Hi-Fi 3 Metcash	1,419 797	0.10 0.05	Technology		4.544	0.40
	3 Qantas Airways	747	0.05	45,468 247 938	Computershare	1,514 3,290	0.10 0.23
	Seven Group Holdings	1,343	0.09		Domain Holdings Australia	137	0.23
	3 Star Entertainment	255	0.02	21,141	Pro Medicus	1,128	0.08
	'Tabcorp Wesfarmers	604 15,825	0.04 1.09		Vodafone Hutchison	310	0.02
	Woolworths	8,605	0.59	65,266	WiseTech Global	3,142	0.22
		-,		Telecommur	nications – 0.36%		
Financials -		0.44	2.24		Nextdc	1,885	0.13
1,116,544 72,187		641 2,419	0.04 0.17	1,681,190	Telstra	3,297	0.23
	ASA  Australia & New Zealand Banking	18,204	1.25	Utilities - 0.2	20%		
	Bank of Queensland	933	0.06		Origin Energy	2,855	0.20
	Bendigo Bank	1,051	0.07			,	
	Challenger Charter Hall	529 1,179	0.04 0.08	Futures – 0.0		225	
	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	41,858	2.87	98	SFE SPI 200 Future March 2024	225	0.02
472,705	Dexus Property	1,774	0.12	Total Austra	alia	425,642	29.22
	General Property	1,754	0.12				
	Goodman Insignia Financial	11,485 324	0.79 0.02	Bermuda -	0.35% (31/08/23 – 0.40%)		
	Insurance Australia	3,182	0.22	Financials –	0.00%		
332,728	B Lend Lease	1,089	0.07		China Oceanwide	5	
	Macquarie	15,053	1.03	, ,	Hong Kong Land	1,247	0.09
	) Magellan Financial ? Magellan Financial Warrant 16/4/2027	172	0.01			-,	2.30
,	Medibank	2,028	0.14	Industrials –		_	
1,722,778	B Mirvac	1,916	0.13		Jardine Matheson	2,690	0.18
	National Australia Bank	22,756	1.56		Johnson Electric Kerry Logistics Network	242 230	0.02 0.02
	Perpetual Platinum Asset Management	706 115	0.05 0.01		Orient Overseas (International)	620	0.02
	QBE Insurance	5,578	0.38		,		
23,350		2,261	0.16	Oil & Gas – (			
	Region Group	651	0.04		Brightoil Petroleum Holdings*# United Energy Group	_ 5	-
	' Scentre	3,538	0.24				
	'Steadfast Group Stockland Trust	1,199 2,171	0.08 0.15	Total Bermu	ıda	5,039	0.35

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Cayman Isla	ands – 1.33% (31/08/23 – 1.28%)		
Consumer G	oods – 0.13%		
703,700	Budweiser Brewing	901	0.06
	Chow Tai Fook Jewellery	927	0.06
317,000	Nexteer Automotive Group	116	0.01
Consumer S	ervices – 0.38%		
	MGM China	519	0.04
	Nagacorp Sands China	392 2,288	0.03 0.16
3,654,500		1,742	0.10
750,400	Wynn Macau	498	0.03
Financials –	0.17%		
563,272	Chailease Holding	2,458	0.17
Healthcare -	- 0.03%		
	Hutchmed China	494	0.03
			0.00
Industrials –		404	0.02
	AAC Technologies Advanced Energy Solution	404 142	0.03 0.01
	Airtac International	1,616	0.11
	Silergy Corporation	1,259	0.09
	SITC International Holdings Zhen Ding Technology	528 553	0.04 0.04
	3 3,		0.0 .
Real Propert	ty – 0.07% ESR Cayman	1,088	0.07
1,032,000	ESR Cayman	1,000	0.07
Technology -			
	Alchip Technologies Parade Technologies	2,792 581	0.19 0.04
	· ·	301	0.04
	nications – 0.00%		
ŕ	Hutchison Telecom	33	
Total Cayma	an Islands	19,331	1.33
Hong Kong	<b>-</b> 7.43% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 8.69%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.02%		
	Huabao International	45	- 0.00
1,300,000	Minerals and Metals Group	293	0.02
	ioods – 0.38%		
	Man Wah Holdings	448 4,657	0.03 0.32
	Techtronic Industries Vitasoy International Holdings	186	0.32
	Yue Yuen Industrial	214	0.02
Consumer S	ervices – 0.44%		
150,000	Café De Coral	126	0.01
	China Travel International	188	0.01
	DFI Retail Galaxy Entertainment	179 3,864	0.01 0.27
	I-CABLE Communications*	-	-
	MTR Corporation	1,606	0.11
	Shangri-La Asia SJM Holdings	16 305	0.02
48,500	Sun Art Retail	7	_
	SuperHi	174	0.01
Financials –	4.95%		
4,809,758	AIA	30,890	2.12
	Bank of East Asia	409	0.03
	BOC Hong Kong Champion REIT	3,218 202	0.22 0.01
	CK Asset Holdings	3,184	0.22
•	-	-	

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
52.800	Dah Sing Banking	26	_
65,200	Dah Sing Finance	108	0.01
	Guotai Junan International	24	- 0.00
	Hang Lung Hang Lung Properties	258 568	0.02 0.04
	Hang Seng Bank	2,732	0.19
	Henderson Land Developments	1,244	0.09
	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	12,730	0.87
	Hysan Developments Kerry Properties	410 575	0.03 0.04
1,094,906		4,301	0.30
	New World Development	718	0.05
1,600,668		1,364	0.09
	Sun Hung Kai Properties	4,974	0.34
	Swire Properties Wharf Holdings	986 1,289	0.07 0.09
	Wharf Real Estate Investment	1,761	0.12
Industrials -	0.44%		
	CK Hutchison	4,349	0.30
	Melco International Development NWS Holdings	211 309	0.01 0.02
	Swire Pacific 'A'	1,324	0.02
,	Swire Pacific 'B'	273	0.02
Technology -	- 0.30%		
	ASM Pacific Technology	1,274	0.09
	Lenovo Group	2,762	0.19
61,000		279	0.02
2,107,000	ications – 0.06%	830	0.06
		000	0.00
Utilities – 0.8		4 226	0.30
	CLP Holdings Hong Kong & China Gas	4,326 2,802	0.30 0.19
	Power Assets	5,156	0.35
Futures - 0.0	00%		
	HKG Hang Sang Index Future March 2 HKG MSCI Taiwan USD March 2024	(24)	_
Total Hong I		108,147	7.43
- Total Hong I	tong	100,147	
Ireland - 0.3	7% (31/08/23 – 0.32%)		
Industrials -			
,	James Hardie Industries	5,385	0.37
Total Ireland	1	5,385	0.37
Italy - 0.08%	o (31/08/23 – 0.08%)		
Consumer G	oods – 0.08%		
207,600	Prada	1,159	0.08
Total Italy		1,159	0.08
Luxembourg	g – 0.14% (31/08/23 – 0.15%)		
Consumer G	oods – 0.11%		
	Samsonite International	1,624	0.11
Consumer Se	ervices – 0.03%		
	L'Occitane International	479	0.03
Total Luxem	bourg	2,103	0.14

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total ne						
Malaysia – 2.52% (31/08/23 – 2.58%)								
Basic Materials – 0.12%								
698,600 Petronas Chemical 1,151,500 Press Metal Berhad	811 898	0.06 0.06						
Consumer Goods – 0.34%								
323,500 FGV Holdings Berhad	77	0.01						
113,000 Fraser & Neave 322,400 IOI Corporation	550 214	0.04 0.01						
333,221 Kuala Lumpur Kepong	1,243	0.09						
44,400 Nestlé Malaysia 444,380 PPB Group Berhad	919 1,152	0.06 0.08						
682,150 QL Resources Berhad	660	0.05						
Consumer Services – 0.14%								
2,574,500 Astro Malaysia Holdings	152	0.01						
285,700 Genting 2,313,100 Genting Malaysia	227 1,098	0.02 0.08						
1,402,900 MR.DIY	362	0.02						
289,800 Sime Darby Plantation Berhad	209	0.0						
Financials – 1.14%								
649,800 Alliance Financial 1,016,100 AMMB Holdings	385 733	0.03 0.03						
3,370,066 CIMB Group	3,621	0.2						
329,824 Hong Leong Bank	1,082	0.0						
130,852 Hong Leong Credit 3,075,948 Malayan Banking	369 4,878	0.03 0.33						
6,026,980 Public Bank	4,408	0.30						
1,188,367 RHB Capital Berhad	1,109	0.08						
Healthcare – 0.14%	164	0.0						
391,800 Hartalega 1,700,300 IHH Healthcare	164 1,742	0.0° 0.12						
1,310,300 Top Glove	175	0.0						
Industrials – 0.26%								
1,409,528 Gamuda	1,219 786	0.08						
2,204,000 IJM Corporation 410,440 Malaysia Airports	574	0.05 0.04						
3,040,774 Sime Darby Berhad	1,368	0.09						
Oil & Gas – 0.13%								
2,639,900 Dialog Group Berhad 248,100 Petronas Dagangan	924 943	0.06						
	943	0.07						
Telecommunications – 0.25% 2,045,351 Axiata	944	0.06						
1,797,800 CelcomDigi	1,300	0.08						
1,372,577 Maxis 539,314 Telekom Malaysia	851 544	0.00						
Total Malaysia	36,691	2.52						
Total malayola		2.02						
New Zealand – 1.61% (31/08/23 – 1.68%)								
Consumer Goods – 0.06%		_						
281,002 The a2 Milk Company	835	0.06						
Consumer Services – 0.02%	004	0.00						
368,600 Skycity Entertainment	334	0.02						
Financials – 0.02%	225	0.00						
562,046 Kiwi Income Property Trust	225	0.02						
Healthcare – 0.31%		2 -						
68,015 EBOS	1,189	0.08 0.19						
230,418 Fisher & Paykel Healthcare	2,719							

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
	0.440/		
Industrials –	Auckland International Airport	2,120	0.15
315,089	Fletcher Building	615	0.04
468,892	Infratil Mainfreight	2,306 1,248	0.16 0.09
	•	1,240	0.00
Technology 52,271		3,413	0.23
Telecommur	nications – 0.13%		
811,776	Spark New Zealand	1,961	0.13
Utilities – 0.4	10%		
	Contact Energy	1,791	0.12
	Mercury Meridian Energy	1,824 2,140	0.13 0.15
Total New Z	• •	23,292	1.61
Singapore -	- 4.83% (31/08/23 – 5.33%)		
	Goods – 0.12%		
520,420 757,300	Olam Wilmar International	300 1,478	0.02 0.10
	ervices – 0.27%	1, 1. 5	
	BOC Aviation	707	0.05
238,000	City Developments	793	0.05
	ComfortDelGro Genting Singapore	536 1,459	0.04 0.10
	Jardine Cycle & Carriage	497	0.03
Financials –	3.35%		
	Ascendas Real Estate	2,300	0.16
	Ascott Residence REIT CapitaLand Investment	377 1,484	0.03 0.10
	CapitaMall	2,434	0.17
	CDL Hospitality REIT	15	- 4.04
749,171 1,328,000	Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust	14,681 796	1.01 0.05
260,400	Keppel DC REIT	260	0.02
	Keppel REIT Mapletree Commercial Trust REIT	472 783	0.03 0.05
	Mapletree Industrial Trust REIT	1,145	0.08
	Mapletree Logistics Trust REIT	1,283	0.09
	Overseas-Chinese Banking Singapore Exchange	11,109 1,944	0.76 0.13
747,300	Suntec	505	0.03
501,643 286,809	United Overseas Bank	8,243 993	0.57 0.07
Industrials –			
	Hutchison Port	236	0.02
	Keppel Corporation	4,358	0.30
422,467 17,105,754		651 895	0.05 0.06
293,300	SIA Engineering	395	0.03
	Singapore Post	326	0.02
	Singapore Technologies Engineering Venture Corporation	2,389 1,008	0.16 0.07
Technology 1,749,000	– 0.06% NetLink NBN Trust	864	0.06
Telecommur	nications – 0.32%		
3,207,333	Singapore Telecommunications Starhub	4,431 296	0.30 0.02
Futures – 0.0	00%		
	SGX FTSE Taiwan Index March 2024	15	-
	SGX MSCI Singapore Index ETS Marc		-
Total Singa	pore	70,450	4.83

Holding	Investment	sid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Bio	d-ma v £'
South Kore	ea – 20.44% (31/08/23 – 20.44%)			24,096	Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance	4
					Indus Bank of Korea	1,10
	rials – 1.47%				KakaoBank	1,41
	2 Ecopro	3,026	0.21		KB Financial	6,331
	Hanwha Solutions Corporation	766	0.05		Korea Investment	769
	B Hyundai Steel	421	0.03		Meritz Finance	2,111
	6 Korea Zinc	1,298	0.09	,	Mirae Asset Securities	552
	Kumho Petro Chemical	579	0.04		NH Investments & Securities	550
	3 LG Chemical	5,268	0.36		Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance	2,422
	LG Chemical Preference	483	0.03		Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance NVDR	130
,	3 Lotte Chemical Corporation	636	0.04		Samsung Life Insurance	2,158
	7 OCI	333	0.02		Samsung Securities	487
	) Posco	7,652	0.53		Shinhan Financial	5,275
	7 Samsung Fine Chemical	105 192	0.01		SK Square	1,759 2,668
	SK chemicals		0.01	301,040	Woori Financial Group	2,000
	S SK IE Technology	366 358	0.03 0.02	Healthcare -	- 1 18%	
1,299	9 SKC	336	0.02			1,059
nsumer (	Goods – 2.67%				Alteogen Celltrion	6,766
	3 AmorePacific	237	0.02		Celltrion	588
	2 AmorePacific Corporation	1,011	0.02	,	Green Cross Corporation	173
	AmorePacific Corporation Preference	72	0.07		Hanmi Pharmaceutical	570
	BGF Retail	609	0.04		Hanmi Science	126
	CJ Cheiliedang	456	0.04	45.092		2,179
	CJ CheilJedang Preference	29	-	-,	Samsung Biologics	3,527
	3 CJ Corporation	484	0.03		SD Biosensor	94
	CJ Corporation Preference	25	-	,	Seegene	176
	5 Coway	718	0.05	16,874	SillaJen	48
	6 Dongsuh	182	0.01	11,540	SK Biopharmaceuticals	663
25,339	Hankook Tire & Technology	815	0.06	10,035	SK Bioscience	365
61,559	Hanon Systems	225	0.02	21,729	Yuhan Corporation	869
6,460	) HiteJinro	77	0.01		0.450/	
29,889	Hyundai Mobis	4,303	0.30	Industrials –		
	Hyundai Motor	8,590	0.59		CJ Logistics	305
	Hyundai Motor Preference	775	0.05		Daelim Industrial	110
	Hyundai Motor Second Preference	1,213	0.08		Daewoo Engineering & Construction	402
	Hyundai Wia Corporation	256	0.02	,	Doosan Bobcat	571
	KIA Corporation	7,666	0.53		Doosan Solus	69
	3 KT & G	859	0.06		EcoPro BM	3,049
,	5 LG Electronics	2,477	0.17		GS Engineering & Construction	499
	5 LG Electronics Preference	164	0.01		Hanwha Ocean	650
	B LG Energy Solution	4,120	0.28	22,392	HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore	4 400
	LG Household & Healthcare LG Household & Healthcare Preference	739	0.05	24.042	Engineering	1,488
103	Shares	72	0.01	113,781	HDC Hyundai	881 1,234
2 387	Lotte Chilsung Beverages	178	0.01		Hyundai Doosan Infracore	284
	Lotte Comporation	170	0.01		Hyundai Engineering & Construction	1,010
	Mando Corporation	242	0.02		Hyundai Glovis	754
	N C Soft	765	0.05		Hyundai Heavy Industries	530
- ,	Nong Shim	212	0.01		Hyundai Mipo Dockyard	376
	Orion Corp/Republic of Korea	505	0.03		KakaoPay	233
	Ottogi Corporation	381	0.03		KCC Corporation	68
,	Pearl Abyss	204	0.01		Kepco Plant Service & Engineering	341
	•				Korea Aerospace Industries	1,008
sumer S	Services – 0.52%			10,607		1,069
46,322	2 Cheil Communications	509	0.04	39,060	LG Corporation	2,171
5,714	L CJ ENM	269	0.02		LG Innotek	764
	I DL E&C	588	0.04		LS Cable	399
	B E-Mart	456	0.03		Mirae Asset Daewoo Preference	136
	5 F&F	354	0.02		Pan Ocean	104
	Fila Korea	628	0.04	, -	POSCO Chemical	2,186
	2 GS Retail	301	0.02		POSCO International	629
	Hanjin Kal Corporation	412	0.03		S1 Corporation	466
	) Hotel Shilla	570	0.04		Samsung C&T Corporation	3,708
	HYBE	1,064	0.07		Samsung Electro-Mechanics	1,858
	Hyundai Department Store	149	0.01		Samsung Electronics	87,488
	R Kangwon Land	510 013	0.04		Samsung Electronics preference	10,993
	Korean Airlines     Lette Shapping	913	0.06		Samsung Engineering	1,032
	7 Lotte Shopping	353	0.02		Samsung Heavy Industries Samsung SDI	1,251 4,907
	2 Paradise	184 426	0.01		SK Networks	4,907
4,100	S Shinsegae	420	0.03		Ssangyong Cement Industrial	224
ancials –	- 2.41%			34,134	Country on a content industrial	224
	) BNK Financial	698	0.05	Oil & Gas - 0	0.27%	
	2 DB Insurance	1,190	0.03		Doosan Enerbility	1,652
	DGB Financial	536	0.04		SK Innovation	1,674
	Hana Financial Holdings	3,974	0.27		S-Oil Corporation	673
118,269		-,	V.=.	,		

Technology - 2.63%	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Bi	d-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Technology - 2.63%   1.500.428   Shanapha Commercial & Savings Bank   1.67   0.967   0.967   0.967   0.968	South Kore	a – 20.44% (31/08/23 – 20.44%) – conti	nued		4,335,898	Mega Financial	4,191	0.29
9.967 CosmoamST		0.000/						0.04
10,733 Kakao   3,820								0.12
16,781   Kakao Games							,	0.08
1,200 Korea Bigliat Inte** 1,226 Kright 1,22								0.17 0.12
12.268 Krafton	,		233					0.12
75,73 LG Display 24,078 LG Display 3,75 Lotte Energy Materials 3,76 Lotte Energy Materials 3,77 Lotte Energy Mater			1.646		, ,			0.16
Spide   Navy Corporation   6,355   0.01   Healthcare - 0.09%	75,743	LG Display	511	0.04	4,880,384	Yuanta Financial		0.23
12,166   Netmarbie Cames				0.01	Healthcare -	- 0.09%		
13,311 Samsung SIS 14,565 SK Hydnix 20,569 1,41 303,000 Catcher Technology (1,489 0,000 Part Sk Hydnix 21,875 Sk Hydnix 20,569 1,41 303,000 Catcher Technology (1,544 0,000 0,000 Part Sk Hydnix 21,875 Catcher Sk Hydnix 21,875 Catcher Sk Hydnix 23,850 LG Uplus 33,675 Samsung SID Preference 51 - 37,000 File Hor Teng 33 375 Samsung SID Preference 51 - 37,000 Genius Electronic Ciptical 391 3,595 SK Felecom 112 0.01 101,004 Hiwin Technology (1,000 Catcher Techno			6,835	0.47	120,601	Oneness Biotech	532	0.04
14,956 Sk Holdings	,				83,000	PharmaEssentia	678	0.05
221,907 SK Hynx					Industrials _	2 30%		
Beacommunications = 0.06%							1 400	0.10
Telecommunications – 0.06% 123.950 LG Uplus							,	0.10
Telecommunications	0,00.	Tromado Entortaminono	.00	0.01				0.13
133,950 LC Uplus	Telecommu	nications – 0.06%						0.11
3,566 SK Telecom			758	0.05	317,000	Fit Hon Teng	33	_
Utilitiès - 0.06%   S.525   Korea Gas Corporation   920   0.06   678.572   Taiwan Class   34.000   3								0.03
Utilities - 0.08%	3,596	SK Telecom	112	0.01	,	ě .		0.04
Fultures	I Itilities _ ∩ (	16%						0.82
Futures = 0.02%   174,000   Taiwan High Speed Rall Corporation   553   174,000   Taiwan High Speed Rall Corporation   174   107   175			020	0.06				0.03 0.02
Futures - 0.02%   398,500   Taiwan Secom   914   100   1017   KFE KOSPI200 Index Future March 2024   225   0.02   485,000   Unimcron Technology   2,171   0.02   1016	33,323	Rolea Gas Corporation	920	0.00				0.04
Total South Korea   298,116   20.44   21,000   Voltronic Power Technology   1,080   0.77   1,080   0.84   116,000   Walsin Technology   322   0.84   116,000   Walsin Technology   322   0.84   116,000   Walsin Technology   322   0.85   0.8	Futures - 0.	02%						0.06
Total South Korea   298,116   20.44   1160,406   Walsin Liliwa   1,072   0.07	107	KFE KOSPI200 Index Future March 202	24 225	0.02	485,000	Unimcron Technology	2,171	0.15
Taiwan - 25.14% (31/08/23 - 23.10%)	Takal Caush		000 440	00.44				0.07
Talwan - 25.14% (31/08/23 - 23.10%)   1826/259   73pec Corporation   376   0.0	Iotal South	Korea	298,116	20.44				0.07
Basic Materials — 0.65%   162,095   Yageo Corporation   2,266   0.   3,646,270   China Steel   2,243   0.15   Technology - 16,84%   1,000   1,					,	0,		0.02 0.03
Basic Materials - 0.65%   Commercial	Taiwan – 25	5.14% (31/08/23 – 23.10%)						0.03
3,646,270   China Steel   2,243   0.15   Technology - 16.84%   621,554   Enternal Materials   499   0.03   120,000   Accton Technology   2,710   1,089,000   Formosa Chemicals & Fibre   1,527   0.11   1,445,086   Acer   1,630   0.0   0.03   1,450,000   Accton Technology   2,710   0.00   0.000	Rasic Mater	ials _ 0.65%						0.06
Consumer Goods - 1.16%   1.557   0.11   210.000   Acctor Technology   2.710   0.109.800   Formosa Plastics   1.854   0.13   1.445.086   Acer   1.630   0.23   1.92.658   Advanatch   1.879   0.0   0.25,254.810   Nan Ya Plastics   3.361   0.23   1.92.658   Advanatch   1.879   0.0			2 242	0.15				
1,069,600   Formosa Chemicals & Fibre   1,527   0.11   210,000   Accton Technology   2,710   0.1033,990   Formosa Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advanted   1,879   0.254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   1,879   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,810   0.254,8	, ,				Technology	– 16.84%		
1,033,990   Formosa Plastics   1,854   0.13   1,445,086   Acer   1,630   0.2   2,254,810   Nan Ya Plastics   3,361   0.23   192,658   Advantech   1,879   0.0   1,305,421   ASE Technology   894   0.0   1,7000   Asmedia Technology   999   0.07   289,448   Asustek Computer   3,294   0.0   687,353   Cheng Shin Rubber Industry   807   0.06   2,653,791   AUC corporation   1,161   0.0								0.19
Consumer Goods - 1.16%   September   Sep			,		, ,			0.11
Consumer Goods - 1.16%	2,254,810	Nan Ya Plastics	3,361	0.23			,	0.13
17,000 Asmedia Technology	0	A 400/						0.32 0.06
1,000 Airmola Redinibygy   939   0.07   2,653,791   AUO Corporation   1,161   0.05								0.00
158,400   China Motor   495   0.03   1,894,000   Compal Electronics   1,654   0.09   1,894,000   Compal Electronics   1,724   0.09   3,8685   Eclat Textile   1,330   0.09   28,000   Ememory Technology   1,898   0.00   2,214,82   Feng Tay Enterprises   914   0.06   312,500   Ememory Technology   1,898   0.00   2,214,82   Feng Tay Enterprises   914   0.06   312,500   Ememory Technology   1,674   0.00   1,308,000   Formosa Taffeta   825   0.06   8,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,308,000   Formosa Taffeta   825   0.06   8,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,605   Giant Manufacturing   671   0.05   538,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,605   Giant Manufacturing   671   0.05   538,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,674   0.00   1,674   0.00   0.							,	0.08
98,685         Eclat Textile         1,330         0.09         1,894,000         Compal Electronics         1,724         0.1           1,909,948         Far Eastern New Century         1,552         0.11         28,000         Ememeny Technology         1,898         0.           221,482         Feng Tay Enterprises         914         0.06         81,500         Eronsoar         335         0.           1,398,000         Formosa Taffeta         825         0.06         538,000         Formosa Sumco         31           1,385,000         Giant Manufacturing         671         0.05         538,000         Formosa Sumco         669         0.           41,000         Largan Precision         2,651         0.18         194,000         Gigabyte Technology         1,674         0.           1,358,000         Por Lon         1,034         0.07         34,000         Global Unichip         1,348         0.           1,987,687         Uni-President Enterprises         3,803         0.26         304,000         HTC         371         0.           1,987,687         Uni-President Enterprises         3,803         0.26         304,000         HTC         371         0.           303,996         Yulon Motor								0.11
1,999,948   Far Eastern New Century	,				1,894,000	Compal Electronics	1,724	0.12
221,482   Feng Tay Enterprises   914   0.06   312,500   Ennosar 3   1,398,000   Formosa Tarfeta   825   0.06   8,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,398,000   Formosa Tarfeta   825   0.06   8,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,398,000   Formosa Tarfeta   825   0.06   8,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,398,000   Formosa Tarfeta   336   0.06   131,605   Giant Manufacturing   671   0.05   538,000   Formosa Sumco   31   1,348   0.07   1,348   0.07   34,000   Gigabyte Technology   1,674   0.07   1,348   0.07   1,348   0.07   1,348   0.07   1,348   0.07   1,976,687   Uni-President Enterprises   3,803   0.26   3,400   HTC   3,71   0.07   1,976,687   Uni-President Enterprises   3,803   0.26   3,400   HTC   3,71   0.07   1,976,687   Uni-President Enterprises   3,803   0.26   3,404,000   HTC   3,71   0.07   0,900   Vulon Nissan Motor   38   -4   1,282,000   Inventec   1,763   0.07   0,000								0.13
131,605   Giant Manufacturing								0.02
1,000   Largan Precision   2,651   0.18   194,000   Gigabyte Technology   1,674   0.08   1,358,000   Pou Chen   1,034   0.07   34,000   Giobal Unichip   1,348   0.18   1,987,687   Uni-President Enterprises   3,803   0.26   304,000   HTC   371   0.18   0.19			825	0.06				0.05
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1,950,000   Teco Electric & Machinery   1,192   0.08   304,000   HTC   371   0.08   371   0.08   304,000   HTC   371   0.08   0.08   0.							1 0 10	0.09
1,987,687   Uni-President Enterprises   3,803   0.26   3,104,772   Innolux   1,173   0.1								0.07
303,996   Yulon Motor   9,000   Yulon Nissan Motor   38					304,000	HTC	371	0.03
9,000 Yulon Nissan Motor 38 - 1,282,000 linventec 1,763 0.  Consumer Services - 0.36% 574,858 MediaTek 16,318 1.  498,000 China Airlines 249 0.02 326,000 Micro-Star International 1,553 0.  562,000 EVA Airways 441 0.03 397,000 Nanya Technology 667 0.  140,460 Hotai Motor Company 2,350 0.16 220,586 Novatek Microelectronics 3,316 0.  25,080 Momo.Com 279 0.02 1,030,000 Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing 710 0.  55,000 Nien Made Enterprise 508 0.03 247,000 Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing 710 0.  212,822 President Chain Store 1,434 0.10 10 247,000 Powertech Technology 961 0.  802,770 Capital Securities 336 0.02 220,586 Novatek Microelectronics 3,316 0.  802,770 Capital Securities 336 0.02 220,000 Sino-American Silicon 1,021 0.  3,677,832 Cathay Financial 4,139 0.28 9,379,509 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing 11,860 11.  2,357,597 Chang Hwa Commercial Bank 1,047 0.07 1,015,000 Tatung 1,315 0.  6,880,038 China Development Financial 2,151 0.15 0.15 301,000 Tatung 1,315 0.  282,185 China Development Financial Preference 7,234,144 CTBC Financial Holding 5,301 0.36 260,000 Vanguard International Semiconductor 468 0.  5,749,866 E.Sun Financial 3,624 0.25 155,000 WIN Semiconductors Corporation 589 0.  3,972,041 First Financial 2,692 0.18 1,147,437 Wistron 3,300 0.  3,981,343 Fubon Financial 5,240 0.36 35,000 Wiwnn 2,2040 0.								0.08
Consumer Services = 0.36%				_				0.12
498,000 China Airlines         249         0.02         326,000 Micro-Star International         1,553         0.           562,000 EVA Airways         441         0.03         397,000 Nanya Technology         667         0.           140,460 Hotai Motor Company         2,350         0.16         220,586 Novatek Microelectronics         3,316         0.           25,080 Momo.Com         279         0.02         896,181 Pegatron         1,914         0.           25,080 Nien Made Enterprise         508         0.03         1,030,000 Powerteh Semiconductor Manufacturing         710         0.           212,822 President Chain Store         1,434         0.10         247,000 Powertech Technology         961         0.           802,770 Capital Securities         336         0.02         220,000 Sino-American Silicon         1,021         0.           802,770 Capital Securities         336         0.02         220,000 Sino-American Silicon         1,021         0.           3,677,832 Cathay Financial         4,139         0.28         9,379,509 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing         161,860         11.           2,880,038 China Development Financial         2,151         0.15         301,000 Tatung         1,315         0.           3,874,9866 E.Sun Financial         3,624						0,		0.16
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140,460   Hotal Motor Company   2,350   0.16   220,586   Novatek Microelectronics   3,316   0.16   25,080   Momo.Com   279   0.02   1,030,000   Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing   710   0.16								0.05
140,460   Flotal Middle Collegary   2,350   0.16   25,080   Momo. Com   279   0.02   0.02   1,030,000   Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing   710   0.00								0.23
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Financials – 3.11%	,	•						0.07
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As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Taiwan – 25	.14% (31/08/23 – 23.10%) – continued		
Telecommur	nications – 0.54%		
1,543,000	Chunghwa Telecom	4,650	0.32
614,022	Far EasTone Telecommunications Taiwan Mobile	1,202 1,971	0.08 0.14
Total Taiwa	n	366,334	25.14
Thailand – 3	3.08% (31/08/23 – 3.88%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.07%		
	Indorama Ventures	328	0.02
	IRPC (foreign) PTT Global Chemical (foreign)	165 622	0.01 0.04
Consumer G	soods - 0.40%		
	Central Retail Corporation	974	0.07
	Charoen Pokphand Foods	1,161	0.08
	Delta Electronics Land and Houses	1,802 1,227	0.12 0.08
	Osotspa	257	0.02
	Thai Union	449	0.03
Consumer S	ervices – 0.44%		
	Carabao Group	221	0.02
	CP All (foreign) CP Axtra	3,504 623	0.24 0.04
	Home Product Center (foreign)	770	0.04
1,797,617	Minor International Thai Airways	1,258 57	0.09
Financials -	0.69%		
2,563,800	Asset World Corporation	218	0.02
	Bangkok Bank	1,024	0.07
	Bangkok Life Assurance Bangkok Life Assurance	33 47	_
	Bangkok Life Assurance NVDR	81	0.01
1,179,600	Central Pattana (foreign)	1,677	0.12
	Kasikornbank (foreign)	2,090	0.14
	Krung Thai Bank (foreign) Krungthai Card	1,070 448	0.07 0.03
	Muangthai Capital	193	0.03
776,900	Siam Commercial Bank	1,918	0.13
	Srisawad Corporation	161	0.01
	Srisawad Corporation Warrants 23/6/2 Thai Life Insurance	025+ – 71	0.01
24,453,767	TMBThanachart Bank TMBThanachart Bank Warrants 10/5/2	992	0.07
Healthcare -	- 0.29%		
4,660,000	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (foreign)	gn) 2,902 1,342	0.20 0.09
Industrials –	0.31%		
1,703,700	Airports of Thailand	2,375	0.16
5,076,200	Bangkok Expressway and Metro	895	0.06
,	Berli Jucker	394	0.03 0.04
5,249,929 628.586	BTS Warrants 20/11/2026	590 1	0.04
	BTS Warrants 7/11/2024+	<u>.</u>	_
	Kerry Express	16	_
1,311,800	Sri Trang Gloves	247	0.02

Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
0.62%		
PTT Exploration & Production PTT Oil and Retail PTT Public	1,093 1,767 909 4,550 757	0.08 0.12 0.06 0.31 0.05
- 0.05%		
Infrastructure Fund	187 557	0.01 0.04
nications – 0.21%		
	2,173 876	0.15 0.06
nd	45,075	3.08
	D.62% Energy Absolute PTT Exploration & Production PTT Oil and Retail PTT Public Thai Oil (foreign) - 0.05% Digital Telecommunications	Investment

Total value of investments**	1,406,764	96.54
Net other assets	50,446	3.46
Total net assets	1,457,210	100.00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> Value less than £1,000

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

<sup>#</sup> Suspended

<sup>\*</sup>Unlisted with nil value

<sup>\*\*</sup> Including investment liabilities

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

# **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Ecopro	4,369
CLP Holdings	2,599
Alchip Technologies	1,806
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	1,589
Samsung Electronics	1,452
Gigabyte Technology	1,319
Global Unichip	1,302
Tatung	1,132
Liontown Resources	1,023
Cosmoam&T	919
Subtotal	17,510
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	40,115

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Newcrest Mining	4,605
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	2,839
Samsung Electronics	1,952
Allkem	1,306
BHP Billiton	1,191
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1,032
Want Want China	1,032
NWS Holdings	975
National Australia Bank	877
Australia & New Zealand Banking	765
Subtotal	16,574
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	45,187

## **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	86,559		(27,099)
19,166		19,285	
(485)		(425)	
-		(5)	
18,681		18,855	
(870)		(1,142)	
	17,811		17,713
	104,370		(9,386)
	(17,741)		(17,429)
	86,629		(26,815)
	19,166 (485) — 18,681	86,559  19,166 (485)  -  18,681 (870)  17,811  104,370 (17,741)	£'000     £'000       86,559       19,166     19,285       (485)     (425)       -     (5)       18,681     18,855       (870)     (1,142)       17,811     104,370       (17,741)     (17,741)

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,357,008		1,229,360
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	42,040		99,902	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(46,756)		(14,801)	
		(4,716)		85,101
Dilution adjustment charged		477		644
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		86,629		(26,815)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		17,812		18,399
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,457,210		1,306,689

### **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,406,799	1,329,601
Current assets:		
Debtors	5,555	5,923
Cash and bank balances	45,116	21,937
Total assets	1,457,470	1,357,461
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	35	56
Creditors:		
Other creditors	225	397
Total liabilities	260	453
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,457,210	1,357,008

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class P Accumulation				
Group 1	1.6025	_	1.6025	1.7816
Group 2	1.6025	0.0000	1.6025	1.7816
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.6758	_	1.6758	1.8470
Group 2	0.7570	0.9188	1.6758	1.8470
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	1.6228	_	1.6228	1.7921
Group 2	1.6228	0.0000	1.6228	1.7921
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	9.2661	-	9.2661	10.2803
Group 2	3.8799	5.3862	9.2661	10.2803

# **Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund, Class P Accumulation	8.98	9.92	29.25	_
Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	9.07	10.10	29.82	58.90
Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund, Class S Accumulation	9.13	10.10	29.80	-
Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	9.02	9.99	29.49	57.91
FTSE® World Europe ex UK Index Price Return (Inception to 8 Aug 2021) FTSE® World Europe ex-UK Index Net Return (Since 9 Aug 2021)	9.47	9.85	28.02	47.53
IA Europe ex UK Total Return	9.27	8.20	25.29	55.26

Class P Accumulation launched on 14 May 2019 and Class S Accumulation launched on 23 April 2019.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review. broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between Royal London Europe ex-UK Equity Tilt Fund and the FTSE® World Europe ex-UK Index was 0.29% over the six months under review. This was close to the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 30% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After eighteen months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October and finished the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors contribute to the portfolio have a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

We are underweight companies such as Rockwool which are low weight constituents in the index but are also of the highest in carbon Intensity in the index. On the other end of the carbon scale we look at companies such as Hochteif AG, which has a much lower carbon intensity than the index, is in the same sector as Rockwool but has outperformed it over the past year.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation has peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow Central Banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many. So despite much uncertainty in the global economic outlook we continue to put our trust in those corporates that have a strong track record for delivering on behalf of shareholders.

Michael Sprot **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class P Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	139.58	121.42	137.74	108.63
Return before operating charges*	13.50	18.44	(16.06)	29.35
Operating charges	(0.15)	(0.28)	(0.26)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	13.35	18.16	(16.32)	29.11
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.48)	(3.39)	(2.90)	(2.07)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.48	3.39	2.90	2.07
Closing net asset value per share	152.93	139.58	121.42	137.74
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	0.03	0.01	0.01
Performance Return after charges	9.56%	14.96%	(11.85)%	26.80%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	6	5	4	7
Closing number of shares	3,571	3,571	3,571	5,000
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.20%	0.20% 0.02%	0.20% 0.01%	0.20% 0.01%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	153.70 132.50	145.50 113.60	142.90 113.20	138.30 102.40

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	148.15	128.69	145.78	114.81
Return before operating charges*	14.34	19.55	(17.01)	31.05
Operating charges	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	14.29	19.46	(17.09)	30.97
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.63)	(3.80)	(3.26)	(2.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.63	3.80	3.26	2.37
Closing net asset value per share	162.44	148.15	128.69	145.78
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.03	0.01	0.01
Performance Return after charges	9.65%	15.12%	(11.72)%	26.98%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,107,619	1,032,122	791,138	880,359
Closing number of shares	681,851,809	696,666,504	614,761,465	603,910,621
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.06% 0.02%	0.06% 0.01%	0.06% 0.01%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	163.30 140.60	154.40 120.50	151.30 119.90	146.40 108.30

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	136.28	118.40	134.12	105.63
Return before operating charges*	13.18	17.96	(15.64)	28.56
Operating charges	(0.04)	(80.0)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	13.14	17.88	(15.72)	28.49
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.58)	(3.50)	(3.00)	(2.18)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.58	3.50	3.00	2.18
Closing net asset value per share	149.42	136.28	118.40	134.12
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	0.03	0.01	0.01
Performance Return after charges	9.64%	15.10%	(11.72)%	26.97%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,092	1,365	1,276	1,323
Closing number of shares	730,756	1,001,148	1,077,357	986,527
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.06% 0.02%	0.06% 0.01%	0.06% 0.01%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	150.20 129.40	142.00 110.80	139.20 110.30	134.70 99.61

### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	214.01	186.06	210.94	166.43
Return before operating charges*	20.71	28.24	(24.60)	44.96
Operating charges	(0.15)	(0.29)	(0.28)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	20.56	27.95	(24.88)	44.51
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.82)	(5.33)	(4.56)	(3.10)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.82	5.33	4.56	3.10
Closing net asset value per share	234.57	214.01	186.06	210.94
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.05	0.02	0.02
Performance Return after charges	9.61%	15.02%	(11.79)%	26.74%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,777	1,386	1,008	964
Closing number of shares	757,570	647,801	541,760	456,803
Operating charges# Direct transaction costs	0.14%	0.14% 0.02%	0.14% 0.01%	0.14% 0.01%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	235.80 203.10	223.00 174.10	218.90 173.40	211.90 156.90

 $<sup>^{\</sup>it \#}$  The FMF was reduced on 9 August 2021 to 0.14%.

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

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

# **Portfolio Statement**

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Equities – 99.35% (31/08/23 – 98.63%)		
Austria – 0.39% (31/08/23 – 0.42%)		
Oil & Gas – 0.06%		
17,868 OMV	626	0.06
Basic Materials – 0.02%		
8,130 Voestalpine	177	0.02
Industrials – 0.04%		
9,057 Andritz	455	0.04
Telecommunications – 0.02%		
8,448 EuroTeleSites 33,793 Telekom Austria	26 213	0.02
	210	0.02
Utilities – 0.06%	717	0.00
12,539 Verbund	717	0.06
Financials – 0.19%		
55,799 Erste Bank 20,523 Raiffeisen Bank International	1,763 336	0.10
Total Austria	4,313	0.39
	.,0.0	
Belgium – 1.51% (31/08/23 – 1.60%)		
Basic Materials – 0.11%		
4,271 Syensqo 38,579 Umicore	302 637	0.0
46,274 Viohalco	237	0.0
Industrials – 0.07%		
6,315 Ackermans	838	0.0
Consumer Goods – 0.63%		
140,915 Anheuser-Busch InBev	6,715	0.6
42 Lotus Bakeries	312	0.0
Healthcare – 0.17%		
20,786 UCB	1,894	0.17
Consumer Services – 0.04%		
3,237 D leteren	493	0.0
Utilities – 0.04%		
5,193 Elia Group	455	0.0
Financials – 0.45%		
29,055 Ageas (Bruxelles listed)	974	0.0
3,305 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert	196	0.0
10,745 Groupe Bruxelles Lambert (London liste		0.0
38,073 KBC Group 2,369 Sofina	2,114 427	0.19 0.04
26,457 Warehouses De Pauw	559	0.0
Total Belgium	16,790	1.5
Bermuda – 0.14% (31/08/23 – 0.01%)		
,		
Financials – 0.13% 289,930 Aegon	1,375	0.13
	1,573	0.1
Technology – 0.01%	400	0.0
102,115 AutoStore Holdings	130	0.0
Total Bermuda	1,505	0.14

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Colombia	- 0.05% (31/08/23 - 0.05%)		
Financials	- 0.05%		
	4 Komercni Banka	368	0.03
	4 Moneta Money Bank	162	0.02
Total Colo	mbia	530	0.05
Czech Rep	oublic – 0.01% (31/08/23 – 0.01%)		
Consumer	Goods – 0.00%		
	5 Philip Morris	18	_
	•		
Industrials		40	0.04
2,38	5 Colt CZ	49	0.01
Utilities - 0	0.00%		
1,82	3 Cez	49	-
Total Czec	ch Republic	116	0.01
Denmark -	- 6.61% ( 31/08/23 – 6.13%)		
Industrials	0.78%		
	2 A.P. Moller-Maersk 'A'	609	0.06
	2 A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	703	0.06
- ,	0 DSV	3,684	0.33
	5 Rockwool International 'B'	122	0.01
103,37	6 Vestas Wind System	3,592	0.32
Consumer	Goods - 0.34%		
	7 Carlsberg 'B'	1,516	0.14
,	0 Pandora	1,814	0.16
1,30	0 Royal Unibrew	381	0.04
Healthcare	- 5.03%		
	5 Coloplast 'B'	2,137	0.19
	9 Genmab 8 Lundbeck	2,340 37	0.21
	5 Lundbeck	164	0.02
	9 Novozymes	2,466	0.22
	6 Novo Nordisk	48,212	4.34
14,99	7 William Demant	593	0.05
Utilities - 0	1.13%		
32,68	0 Orsted	1,448	0.13
Financials	- 0.33%		
	2 Danske Bank	2,650	0.24
	5 Tryg	931	0.09
Total Denr	mark	73,399	6.61
Finland – 2	2.02% (31/08/23 – 2.22%)		
Oil & Gas -			
	- 0.14% 1 Neste Oyi	1,522	0.14
,	**	1,022	0.14
	erials – 0.28%		
	2 Stora Enso	1,043	0.09
80,01	7 UPM-Kymmene	2,134	0.19
Industrials	- 0.42%		
	1 Kone 'B'	2,110	0.19
,	5 Metso	1,023	0.09
	5 Valmet 8 Wartsila	527 1,032	0.05 0.09
		1,032	0.03
Healthcare			
17,94	3 Orion Oyj	559	0.05
Consumer	Services – 0.07%		
	3 Kesko 'B'	787	0.07
,.0	-		

		Bid-market value	Total net		In contrast	Bid-market value	Total net
Holding I	nvestment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Finland – 2.02	2% (31/08/23 – 2.22%) – continued				nications – 0.28%	3,074	0.28
Telecommunic	ations – 0.09%			336,915	Orange	3,074	0.20
27,500 E	Elisa Oyj	983	0.09	Utilities – 0.5	53%		
Utilities – 0.02	%			293,231		3,721	0.34
18,775 F		186	0.02		Neoen Veolia Environnement	469 1,665	0.04 0.15
,		100	0.02	07,925	veolia Environnement	1,005	0.13
Financials – 0.				Financials -			
	/landatum Holding lordea Bank	267 5,403	0.02 0.49	,	Amundi	607	0.05
	Sampo Oyj	2,540	0.49	295,145 178,020	AXA BNP Paribas	8,301 8,432	0.75 0.76
		,			Covivio	308	0.03
Technology – (		0.000	0.04		Credit Agricole	1,952	0.18
847,981 N	NOKIA	2,369	0.21		Eurazeo Gecina	235 863	0.02 0.08
Total Finland		22,485	2.02	,	Klepierre	705	0.06
				27,381	Scor Regroupe	660	0.06
France – 21.12	2% (31/08/23- 21.42%)			,	Societe Generale	2,125	0.19
Oil & Gas – 1.6	35%				Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield Wendel	1,024 215	0.09 0.02
	otalEnergies	18,369	1.65	_,		210	0.02
	•	-,		Technology -			
Basic Material		40.050			Capgemini Dassault Systemes	5,007 3,967	0.45 0.36
68,155 A 10,610 A	Air Liquide	10,956 869	0.99 0.08		Teleperformance	884	0.30
10,010 7	anema	000	0.00		Ubisoft Entertainment	264	0.02
Industrials – 4.				39,166	Worldline	356	0.03
-,	ADP Promesses	560	0.05	Futures – 0.0	00%		
51,331 A 164,092 B		542 889	0.05 0.08		EOP CAC 10 Euro Future March 20	)24 23	_
42,901 E		1,342	0.12	Total France	_	004 505	04.40
	Bureau Veritas	1,121	0.10	Total France	e 	234,525	21.12
3,948 E 41,384 E	Dassault Aviation	618 1,621	0.06 0.15	Carmanii	46 200/ /24/00/22 45 050/\		
17,384 E		1,497	0.13	Germany –	16.39% (31/08/23 – 15.95%)		
54 F	inanciere de l'Odet	66	0.01	Oil & Gas –	0.07%		
60,315		815	0.07	- , -	Fuchs Petrolub	140	0.01
43,027 L 39,563 F		3,440 802	0.31 0.07	18,768	Fuchs Petrolub Preference	634	0.06
56,253 S		9,320	0.84	Basic Materi	als – 1.40%		
	Saint Gobain	4,346	0.39	146,523	BASF	5,919	0.53
88,471 S 16,121 T	Schneider Electric	15,837 1,889	1.43 0.17	154,134		3,720	0.33
85,158 V		8,624	0.78		Brenntag Covestro	2,071 1,313	0.19 0.12
,		-,			Evonik Industries	339	0.12
Consumer Go		<b>5</b> 4 <b>5</b> 0	2.47		Symrise	2,042	0.18
102,559 E	Janone Hermes International	5,178 11,098	0.47 1.00	2,352	Wacker Chemie	204	0.02
37,886 L		14,306	1.29	Industrials –	2.88%		
40,270 L	VMH	29,035	2.61	145,074	DHL	5,337	0.48
107,410 N	∕lichelin Pernod-Ricard	3,142 4,246	0.28 0.38		Fraport	218	0.02
- ,	Remy Cointreau	254	0.02	27,913 6 316	GEA Hochtief	892 593	0.08 0.05
32,324 F	Renault	1,065	0.10	11,456		453	0.04
5,208 S		487	0.04		Knorr-Bremse	819	0.07
35,310 V	raleo	323	0.03		MTU Aero Engines Rational	1,799	0.16
Healthcare – 2	2.14%				Sartorius	557 97	0.05 0.01
	BioMérieux	615	0.06		Sartorius Preference	1,128	0.10
	Essilor International	8,295 504	0.75 0.05		Siemens	18,491	1.67
176,865 S	osen Promesses Sanofi	13,298	1.20		Siemens Energy Thyssenkrupp	1,069 220	0.10 0.02
	Sartorius Stedim Biotech	943	0.08		Traton	338	0.03
Consumer Sor	vices – 1.19%			,			
10,837 <i>A</i>		372	0.03		Goods – 3.07% Adidas	4 004	0.38
32,458 A		157	0.01		Beiersdorf	4,221 1,732	0.36
99,602	Carrefour	1,323	0.12	53,851	BMW	5,044	0.45
	rançaise des Jeux	652 157	0.06		BMW Preference	683	0.06
9,601 J 11,971 K	C Decaux Kering	157 4,350	0.01 0.39		Continental Daimler	1,291 9,019	0.12 0.81
14,614 F	Pluxee	328	0.03		Daimler Daimler Truck	2,696	0.61
41,148 F	Publicis Group	3,441	0.31	5,647	Hella Hueck	394	0.04
14,614 S 3,664 S		921 423	0.08 0.04	13,819	Henkel	744	0.07
	OILUU	423	0.04				

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Germany –	16.39% (31/08/23 – 15.95%) – continue	d	
30,712 19,761 6,404 3,909	ioods – 3.07% Henkel Preference Puma Rheinmetall Volkswagen Volkswagen Preference	1,824 718 2,332 485 2,991	0.16 0.06 0.21 0.04 0.27
Germany –	16.39% (31/08/23 – 15.95%) – continue	d	
64,990 35,753 19,980	- 0.71% Carl Zeiss Meditec Fresenius Fresenius Medical Care Merck KGaA Siemens Healthineers	556 1,443 1,078 2,707 2,056	0.05 0.13 0.10 0.24 0.19
11,671 4,091 23,870 37,517 3,586 4,254	ervices – 0.21%  Cts Eventim Fielmann Hellofresh Lufthansa Sixt Sixt Preference Zalando	729 153 260 231 266 227 550	0.07 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.03
	nications – 0.94% Deutsche Telekom	10,423	0.94
Utilities – 0.5 426,441 53,587	E.On	4,323 1,424	0.39 0.13
166,896 323,763 28,814 5,635 2,026 9,245 10,395 22,172 10,358	3.40% Allianz Commerzbank Deutsche Bank Deutsche Börse Deutsche Wohnen DWS Group & GmbH Hannover Re LEG Immobilien Muenchener Rueckver Talanx Vonovia	14,160 1,535 3,429 4,793 92 66 1,884 608 8,209 586 2,358	1.2: 0.1: 0.3 0.4: 0.0 0.0: 0.1: 0.0: 0.7: 0.0: 0.0:
28,401 220,025 11,064 177,812	Bechtle Delivery Hero Infineon Technologies Nemetschek	569 518 6,245 834 26,374 678	0.00 0.05 0.00 2.30 0.00
	01% EUX DAX Index Future March 2024 EUX Swiss Market Index Future March :	68 2024 (2)	0.0
Total Germa	-	181,997	16.39
Greece - 0.	43% (31/08/23 – 0.43%)		
	0.03% Hellenic Petroleum Motor Oil	103 203	0.0
Industrials – 30,981	0.01% Ellaktor	71	0.0
Consumer G	oods – 0.05% Jumbo	534	0.0

Holding	Bid	-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Consumer S	services – 0.05%		
,	Folli Follie*# Greek Organisation of Football Prognostics	- 540	0.05
	nications – 0.04%	340	0.03
	OTE-Hellenic Telecommunications	446	0.04
Utilities – 0.0			
	EYDAP Athens Water Supply & Sewage Terna Energy	43 475	0.04
Financials –			
	Alpha Services And Holdings Eurobank Ergasias	514 743	0.05 0.07
27,833	Lamda Development	161	0.01
	National Bank of Greece Piraeus Financial Holdings	523 362	0.05 0.03
Total Greec		4,718	0.43
Hungany (	229/ (24/09/22 - 0.249/)		
Oil & Gas –	0.23% (31/08/23 – 0.21%)		
	MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	209	0.02
Healthcare - 27,429	- 0.05% Richter Gedeon Nyrt	577	0.05
	nications – 0.03% Magyar Telecom	338	0.03
Financials –	0.13% OTP Bank	1,438	0.13
Total Hunga		2,562	0.23
	-		
	53% (31/08/23 – 0.58%)		
Industrials – 25,268	Kingspan Group	1,804	0.17
	Goods – 0.18%	222	0.00
	Glanbia Kerry 'A' (London listed)	236 1,806	0.02 0.16
Financials –	0.18% AIB Group	800	0.07
	Bank of Ireland	1,242	0.11
Total Irelan	d	5,888	0.53
Italy – 4.00	% (31/08/23 – 3.93%)		
Oil & Gas – 337,360		4,101	0.37
Industrials -	0.29%		
	Interpump Group	430	0.04
	Leonardo Prysmian	1,157 1,685	0.10 0.15
	•	.,500	0.10
	Goods – 0.19% Moncler Pirelli	1,884 269	0.17 0.02
Healthcare -	- 0.13%		
20,844	Amplifon	550	0.05
	DiaSorin Recordati	179 622	0.02 0.06
		022	0.00
	nications – 0.06% Telecom Italia	476	0.04
	Telecom Italia RNC	192	0.02

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net
Italy - 4.00%	% (31/08/23 – 3.93%) – continued		
Utilities – 0.8	34%		
	A2A SpA	122	0.01
1,161,666	Enel	5,837	0.53
	Hera SpA	994	0.09
206,159		885	0.08
200,616 113,310		741 702	0.07
Financials –	2 04%		
	Banca Mediolanum	326	0.0
	Banco BPM	944	0.0
	Finecobank Banco Fineco	1,095	0.1
	Fondiaria-Sai	255	0.0
,	Generali	3,897 6,228	0.3
	Intesa Sanpaolo Mediobanca	1,275	0.5 0.1
94,535		547	0.0
	Poste Italiane	664	0.0
283,437	UniCredit	7,493	0.6
Technology -	- 0.07%		
	Infrastrutture Wireless	249	0.02
5,104	Reply	546	0.0
Futures – 0.0		0.4 70	0.0
	MIL FTSE®/MIB Index Future March 20		0.0
Total Italy		44,423	4.00
Luxembour	g – 0.34% (31/08/23 – 0.37%)		
Basic Materia	als – 0.16%		
42.958	ArcelorMittal	886	0.08
	Tenaris	882	0.08
Industrials –	0.13%		
22,238	Eurofins Scientific	1,051	0.09
36,588	Inpost	452	0.04
Consumer S	ervices – 0.01%		
4,771	RTL	139	0.0
Technology -	- 0.04%		
64,663	Allegro.EU	413	0.04
Total Luxer	nbourg	3,823	0.34
Netherlands	s – 12.63% (31/08/23 – 11.66%)		
Basic Materia	als – 0.33%		
36,648	Akzo Nobel	2,111	0.1
	IMCD Group	1,558	0.14
Industrials –	1.56%		
15,268	Aalberts Industries	542	0.0
96,869		12,674	1.1
	Ferrovial	2,628	0.2
	Randstad Signify	1,040 463	0.0
	oods – 1.68%		
	Davide Campari-Milano	622	0.0
	Ferrari	6,179	0.5
	Heineken	3,195	0.2
18,789	Heineken Holdings	1,148	0.1
	JDE Peet's	302	0.0
346,206	Stellantis	7,144	0.6
Healthcare -			
	Argenx	2,823	0.2
	Koninklijke Philips Qiagen	2,091 1,237	0.1 0.1
50,000	g-··	1,201	5.1

Holding	Investment	3id-market value (£'000)	
Consumer S	ervices – 1.04%		
	Koninklijke Ahold	3,547	0.32
	Universal Music	2,917	0.26
,	Wolters Kluwer	5,064	0.46
	nications – 0.16%		
594,397	KPN Koninklijke	1,720	0.16
Financials -	1.63%		
	ABN AMRO	862	0.08
24,691	ASR Nederland CTP	900 262	0.08 0.02
12,894	Euronext	940	0.08
16,512 587.402	Exor ING Groep certificates	1,410 6,375	0.13 0.57
	NN Group	1,726	0.16
246,837	Prosus	5,699	0.51
Technology -	- 5.68%		
,	Adyen	6,002	0.54
	ASM International ASML Holding	3,623 47,867	0.33 4.31
	BE Semiconductor Industries	1,931	0.17
	STMicroelectronics	3,705	0.33
Futures – 0.0	00%		
4	EOE Amsterdam Index Future March 20	24 1	_
Total Nethe	rlands	140,308	12.63
Norway – 1.	33% (31/08/23 – 1.52%)		
Oil & Gas –	0.38%		
	Aker BP	1,081	0.10
	Equinor Var Energi	3,027 68	0.27 0.01
	-		
Basic Materi	Norsk Hydro	821	0.07
	Yara International	270	0.02
Industrials –	0.14%		
	Aker 'A'	338	0.03
,	Kongsberg Gruppen	758	0.07
41,893	Tomra	441	0.04
Consumer G	600ds - 0.23%		
75,214		1,150	0.10
135,148	Orkla Salmar	767 630	0.07 0.06
		000	0.00
	ervices – 0.07%	400	0.04
	Schibsted 'B'	488 274	0.04 0.03
	nications – 0.09% Telenor	976	0.09
		370	0.00
Financials –		0.000	0.07
	DNB Bank ASA Gjensidige Forsikring	2,998 350	0.27 0.03
Technology -	- 0.03% Adevinta 'B'	381	0.03
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Total Norwa	, y	14,818	1.33
Poland – 0.6	61% (31/08/23 – 0.50%)		
Oil & Gas –	0.07%		
67,130	Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen	825	0.07
Basic Materi	als – 0.04%		
	KGHM	490	0.04

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Poland - 0.61% (31/08/23 - 0.50%) - continu	ed	
Consumer Goods – 0.12%		
6,611 Dino Polska	608	0.06
184 LPP	654	0.06
Financials – 0.38%		
30,232 Bank Pekao	1,036	0.09
142,436 PKO Bank Polski	1,569	0.14
99,843 PZU	972	0.09
5,942 Santander Bank  Total Poland	647 6,801	0.06 <b>0.61</b>
Portugal – 0.28% ( 31/08/23 – 0.31%)		
Oil & Gas – 0.11% 93,149 Galp Energia SGPS	1,161	0.11
93,149 Gaip Ellergia 3GF3	1,101	0.11
Consumer Services – 0.07%		
42,920 Jeronimo Martins	812	0.07
Utilities – 0.10%		
360,347 Energias de Portugal	1,134	0.10
Total Portugal	3,107	0.28
Spain – 4.95% (31/08/23 – 5.13%)		
Oil & Gas – 0.23%		
205,805 Repsol	2,593	0.23
203,000 Nepsoi	2,393	0.23
Industrials – 0.33%		
5,403 Acciona	474	0.04
39,593 Actividades de Construccion y Se 12,851 Aena	ervicios 1,283 1,924	0.12 0.17
,	,-	
Healthcare – 0.05%	245	0.00
53,212 Grifols 'A' 38,827 Grifols 'B'	345 171	0.03 0.02
		0.02
Consumer Services – 0.55%		
173,509 Inditex	6,087	0.55
Telecommunications – 0.50%		
94,297 Cellnex Telecom	2,684	0.24
871,454 Telefonica	2,826	0.26
Utilities – 1.13%		
19,615 Corp ACCIONA Energias Renova	ables 320	0.03
81,009 EDP Renovaveis	873	0.08
6,556 Enagas	75	0.01
41,849 Endesa	596	0.05
1,010,739 Iberdrola 16,709 Naturgy Energy	9,179 314	0.83 0.03
89,647 Red Electrica de Espana	1,127	0.10
Financials – 1.85%		
771,558 Banco de Sabadell	790	0.07
2,643,629 Banco Santander	8,696	0.78
91,105 Bankinter	457	0.04
992,597 BBVA 592,589 CaixaBank	7,800 2,113	0.70 0.19
220,816 Corporacion Mapfre	370	0.19
53,001 Merlin Properties REIT	397	0.04
Technology – 0.31%		
74,217 Amadeus IT 'A'	3,453	0.31
Futures – 0.00%		
4 MFM Ibex 35 Index Future March	2024 (1)	_
Total Spain	54,946	4.95
	,0-10	

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Sweden – 6	.56% (31/08/23 – 5.80%)		
Basic Materi	als - 0.30%		
5.836	Alleima 'AB'	30	_
	Boliden	1,035	0.09
	Holmen	646	0.06
	SCA 'B' SSAB 'B'	1,192 457	0.11 0.04
	Svenska Cellulosa	34	-
Industrials –	3.43%		
	Alfa Laval	1,681	0.15
	Assa Abloy 'B' Atlas Copco 'A'	3,605	0.33
	Atlas Copco 'B'	5,916 2,814	0.53 0.25
	Beijer Ref AB	676	0.06
	Epiroc AB 'A'	1,387	0.13
	Epiroc AB 'B'	658	0.06
	Hexagon	3,319 946	0.30
	Indutrade Latour	484	0.09 0.04
	Nibe Industrier	1.111	0.10
	Saab 'B'	994	0.09
	Sandvik	3,137	0.28
	Securitas 'B'	758	0.07
	Skanska 'AB' SKF 'B'	987 1,364	0.09 0.12
	Sweco	402	0.04
34,438	Trelleborg 'B'	988	0.09
28,007	Volvo 'A'	620	0.06
	Volvo 'B' Volvo 'B'	5,870 243	0.53 0.02
	Goods – 0.18%	210	0.02
	Electrolux	228	0.02
	Essity 'B'	1,412	0.02
	Husqvarna 'B'	341	0.03
3,328	Husqvarna Group AB 'A'	20	-
Healthcare -	- 0.15%		
	BioVitrum	478	0.04
	Getinge 'B' Lifco AB	462 724	0.04 0.07
,	ervices – 0.42%	724	0.07
	AXFD	460	0.04
	Evolution Gaming Group	3,158	0.28
	Hennes & Mauritz 'B'	1,058	0.10
Telecommur	nications – 0.13%		
97,838	Tele2 'B'	650	0.06
435,237	Telia Company (Stockholm listed)	821	0.07
Financials -	****		
	Castellum	628	0.06
	EQT AB Fastighets AB Balder	1,374 633	0.12 0.06
	Handelsbanken 'B'	55	0.00
	Industivarden 'A'	914	0.08
	Industivarden 'C'	354	0.03
	Investor AB 'A'	2,005	0.18
	Investor AB 'B' Kinnevik 'B'	4,907 238	0.44 0.02
-,	Lundbergs AB 'B'	305	0.02
	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 'A'	2,886	0.26
	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken 'C'	41	-
	Svenska Handelsbanken 'A' Swedbank 'A'	2,121 2,716	0.19 0.25
		2,110	0.23
Technology -		0.4	
	Ericsson 'A' Ericsson 'B'	24 1,990	0.18
.52,010		1,000	0.10

Holding	B	id-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Sweden -	6.56% (31/08/23 – 5.80%) – continued			12,992	Swiss Prime Site	986	0.09
	,				Swiss Reinsurance	4,528	0.41
	erty – 0.04%	400			UBS (registered)	11,068	1.00
	4 Sagax 'B' 9 Sagax 'D'	433 22	0.04	23,659	Zurich Insurance	9,983	0.90
				Technology	- 0.22%		
Futures – 0		0			Logitech	1,823	0.16
2	3 SSE OMXS30 Index Future March 2024	8		,	Temenos Group	633	0.06
Total Swe	den	72,820	6.56	Total Switz	erland	202,231	18.21
Switzerlar	nd – 18.21% (31/08/23 – 19.30%)			Turkey – 0.9	97% (31/08/23 – 1.03%)		
Basic Mate	erials - 0.99%			Oil & Gas –	0.05%		
44,28	3 Clariant	435	0.04		Alfa Solar Enerji	38	_
	3 EMS Chemie	57	0.01		Margün Enerji Üretim	91	0.01
, -	3 Givaudan	4,836	0.44	112,384	Tupras-Turkiye Petrol Rafine	460	0.04
24,43	8 Sika	5,603	0.50	Basic Mater	ials - 0.08%		
Industrials	- 2.20%			66,983	Bera Holding	34	_
242,22	0 ABB	8,853	0.80		Erciyas Steel Pipe	33	_
,	4 Adecco	1,019	0.09		Gubre Fabrikalari	47	
	3 Belimo Holding AG	668	0.06	- ,	Hektas	64	0.01
	0 Flughafen Zuerich 4 Geberit	633 2,435	0.06 0.22		Iskenderun Demir Celik Kimteks Poliuretan Sanayi	187 6	0.02
,	2 Georg Fischer	853	0.22		Kocaer Celik Sanayi	109	0.01
	6 Holcim	3,101	0.28		Kordsa Global Endustriyel	6	-
	1 Kuehne & Nagel	2,146	0.19		Koza Altin Isletmeleri	116	0.01
	9 Schindler	492	0.04		Petkim Petrokimya	96	0.01
	3 Schindler participation certificates	1,794	0.16		QUA Granite	26	
	5 Sig Combibloc Group	887	0.08	205,820	SASA	206	0.02
3,82	9 Vat Group	1,522	0.14	Industrials -	- 0.15%		
Consumer	Goods - 4.63%				Akcansa Cimento	154	0.01
	'1 Barry Callebaut	525	0.05		Alarko	317	0.03
	7 Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprungli	1,618	0.15	10,948	Borusan Mannesman	198	0.02
,	9 CIE Financiere Richemont 'A'	10,578	0.95		Enka Insaat	343	0.03
	8 Emmi AG	281	0.03		Europen Endustri Insaat Sanayi	24	-
	7 Lindt & Spruengli-participating certificate	s 1,331 35,785	0.12		Europower Enerji Girisim Elektrik Taahhut	25 17	_
	11 Nestlé (registered) 19 Swatch 'B'	1,016	3.22 0.09		Konya Cimento	70	0.01
	2 Swatch 'R'	218	0.02		Otokar Otomotiv Ve Savunma San	82	0.01
,					Sarkuysan Elektrolitik	100	0.01
Healthcare					TAV Havalimanlari	222	0.02
,	9 Alcon	5,427	0.49	4,711	Turk Traktor Ve Ziraat Makin	104	0.01
	8 Bachem	331	0.03	Consumer G	Goods – 0.16%		
	4 DSM Firmenich 11 Lonza	2,305 4,720	0.21 0.42		AG Anadolu	166	0.01
	6 Novartis (registered)	26,425	2.38		Anadolou Efes Biracilik	109	0.01
	5 Roche Holding	23,601	2.12	7,722	Anadolu Isuzu Automotive Industry	14	_
3,72	6 Roche Holding 'B'	821	0.07	38,527	Arcelik	165	0.01
	8 Sandoz Group	1,622	0.15		Astor Transformator Enerji	104	0.01
	2 Sonova	2,058	0.18		Brisa Bridgestone Coca Cola Icecek	66 272	0.01 0.02
	0 Straumann Holding 7 Tecan	2,149 664	0.19 0.06		EGE Endustri	131	0.02
2,17	r recair	004	0.00		Ford Otomotiv Sanayi	310	0.03
Consumer	Services – 0.24%				Karsan Automotive Industry	53	_
14,81	0 Avolta	460	0.04		Mavi Giyim	224	0.02
	7 DKSH	354	0.03		Tofas Turk Otomobil Fabrikasi	193	0.02
24,65	0 SGS	1,877	0.17	,	Ulker Biskuvi Sanayi Vestel Elektronik	29 94	0.01
Telecommi	unications – 0.19%					0.	0.01
4,66	0 Swisscom	2,114	0.19	Healthcare -	- 0.02%		
1.14:11:4:	0.040/			39,335		71	0.01
Utilities – 0		400	2.24	13,756	MLP Saglik Hizmetleri	60	0.01
3,88	3 BKW Energie	432	0.04	Consumer S	Services – 0.12%		
Financials	- 3.40%				BIM Birlesik Magazalar	643	0.06
	9 Baloise	982	0.09		Dogan Sirketler Grubu Holdings	41	_
	9 Banque Cantonale Vaudoise	325	0.03		Dogus Otomotiv Servis	94	0.01
6,08	1 Helvetia Holding	682	0.06		Migros	215	0.02
	4 Julius Baer	1,470	0.13		Selcuk Ecza Deposu	40	0.01
	6 Partners	3,915	0.35		Sok Marketler Turk Hava Yollari	116 56	0.01
	4 PSP Swiss Property 7 Swiss Life	917 2,873	0.08 0.26	224,141		124	0.01
4,90	OWIGO LITE	2,013	0.20	,		127	0.01

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Bi	d-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Turkey - 0.9	7% (31/08/23 – 1.03%) – continued		
Telecommun	nications – 0.03%		
	Turk Telekomunikasyon Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri	15 334	0.03
Utilities – 0.0	99%		
,	Ahlatci Dogal Gaz Dagi	157	0.01
	Aydem Renewables	192 395	0.02 0.04
101,687 28,744	Baskent Dogalgaz Dagitim Gayrimenkul Y		0.04
188,483	Galata Wind	133	0.01
	Smart Gunes Enerjisi Tekn	35	0.01
	Zorlu Enerji Electrik	60	0.01
Financials –		504	0.05
	Akbank T.A.S Borusan Yatirim ve Pazarlama	501 170	0.05 0.02
	Emlak Konut Gayrimenkul	161	0.01
	Garanti Bankasi	133	0.01
,	Investco Holding Is Gayrimenkul Yatrim Ortaligi	23 28	_
	Is Yatirim Menkul Degerler	34	_
38,080		59	0.01
132,024	KOC Oyak Yatirim Menkul	562 9	0.05
63.016	Ozak Gayrimenkul Reit	15	_
437,088	Polisan Holding	158	0.01
	Torunlar Gayrimenkul Yatirim Ortakligi TSKB Electrik	23 55	0.01
,	Turkiye Halk Bankasi	55 55	0.01
1,042,484	Turkiye Is Bankasi	293	0.03
	Turkiye Vakiflar Bankasi	70	0.01
	Yapi Ve Kredi Bankasi Ziraat Gayrimenkul Yatirim Ortakligi	305 87	0.03 0.01
Technology -	- 0.01%		
	Kontrolmatik Enerji Ve	104	0.01
25,524	Penta Teknoloji Urunleri Dagitim	13	_
Total Turkey	/	10,760	0.97
United King	dom – 0.04% (31/08/23 – 0.05%)		
Consumer G	soods – 0.01%		
	Pepco Group	99	0.01
Financials –	0.03%		
	Allfunds	364	0.03
Total United	I Kingdom	463	0.04
Total value	of investments*	1,103,328	99.35
Net other as	ssets	7,166	0.65
Total net as	sets	1,110,494	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Including investment liabilities

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>+</sup> Value less than £1,000

<sup>#</sup> Suspended

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

# **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Banco de Sabadell	690
Avolta AG	507
Holcim	470
Volkswagen Preference	454
Siemens	411
LEG Immobilien	274
DSM Firmenich	268
Stellantis	254
Veolia Environnement	241
Sika	227
Subtotal	3,796
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	7,081

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
CNH Industrial	1,492
Novo Nordisk	778
TotalEnergies	527
ASML Holding	404
UniCredit	395
Zurich Insurance	387
UBS (registered)	350
Holcim	349
BNP Paribas	344
Proximus	337
Subtotal	5,363
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	18,228

## **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	93,671		108,404
5,248		4,256	
(314)		(248)	
(1)		-	
4,933		4,008	
(513)		(568)	
	4,420		3,440
	98,091		111,844
	(4,331)		(3,461)
	93,760		108,383
	5,248 (314) (1) 4,933	93,671 5,248 (314) (1) 4,933 (513) 4,420 98,091 (4,331)	£'000     £'000       93,671       5,248     4,256       (314)     (248)       (1)     -       4,933     4,008       (513)     (568)       4,420     98,091       (4,331)

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,103,331	1,020,833
Current assets:		
Debtors	2,289	2,525
Cash and bank balances	5,407	11,796
Total assets	1,111,027	1,035,154
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	3	135
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	358	73
Other creditors	172	68
Total liabilities	533	276
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,110,494	1,034,878

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,034,878		793,426
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	8,960		85,659	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(31,506)		(34,503)	
		(22,546)		51,156
Dilution adjustment charged		122		412
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		93,760		108,383
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		4,280		3,689
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,110,494		957,066

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class P Accumulation				
Group 1	0.4843	_	0.4843	0.4439
Group 2	0.4843	0.0000	0.4843	0.4439
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	0.6262		0.6262	0.5674
Group 2	0.3340	0.2922	0.6262	0.5674
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	0.5760	_	0.5760	0.5220
Group 2	0.1541	0.4219	0.5760	0.5220
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8175	-	0.8175	0.7424
Group 2	0.1915	0.6260	0.8175	0.7424

# **Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund**

## **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund, Class P Accumulation	3.29	-0.27	-17.73	-
Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund, Class R Accumulation	3.29	-0.17	-17.22	11.08
Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund, Class S Accumulation	3.36	-0.11	-17.18	_
Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund, Class Z Accumulation	3.26	-0.19	-17.59	10.27
MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Net Return GBP Index	3.11	0.01	-16.13	11.34
IA Global Emerging Markets Total Return	5.06	3.66	-10.25	14.69

Class P Accumulation launched on 14 May 2019 and Class S Accumulation launched on 12 November 2020

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review. broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund and the MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Net Return GBP Index was 0.29% over the six months under review. This was within the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

#### **Market overview**

After 18 months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in global interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October, finishing the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Global equity markets therefore made positive gains over the period, including emerging markets. As markets stand today the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation appears to have peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real terms pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many.

JoJo Chen **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

# **Comparative Tables**

### **Class P Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
106.76	116.42	132.42	114.80
3.01	(9.31)	(15.61)	18.05
(0.17)	(0.35)	(0.39)	(0.43)
2.84	(9.66)	(16.00)	17.62
-	(2.39)	(2.17)	(1.55)
-	2.39	2.17	1.55
109.60	106.76	116.42	132.42
0.02	0.05	0.06	0.16
2.66%	(8.30)%	(12.08)%	15.35%
19	19	21	55
17,662	17,662	17,662	41,427
0.32% 0.01%	0.32% 0.05%	0.32% 0.05%	0.32% 0.12%
111.00 103.10	119.50 97.92	135.70 106.00	146.60 115.30
	(p) 106.76 3.01 (0.17) 2.84 109.60 0.02 2.66% 19 17,662 0.32% 0.01% 111.00	(p)         (p)           106.76         116.42           3.01         (9.31)           (0.17)         (0.35)           2.84         (9.66)           -         (2.39)           -         2.39           109.60         106.76           0.02         0.05           2.66%         (8.30)%           19         19           17,662         17,662           0.32%         0.32%           0.01%         0.05%           111.00         119.50	(p)         (p)         (p)           106.76         116.42         132.42           3.01         (9.31)         (15.61)           (0.17)         (0.35)         (0.39)           2.84         (9.66)         (16.00)           -         (2.39)         (2.17)           -         2.39         2.17           109.60         106.76         116.42           0.02         0.05         0.06           2.66%         (8.30)%         (12.08)%           19         19         21           17,662         17,662         17,662           0.32%         0.32%         0.32%           0.01%         0.05%         0.05%           111.00         119.50         135.70

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	112.79	122.78	139.32	120.56
Return before operating charges*	3.17	(9.87)	(16.41)	18.90
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Return after operating charges*	3.11	(9.99)	(16.54)	18.76
Distributions on accumulation shares	_	(2.72)	(2.59)	(1.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	_	2.72	2.59	1.93
Closing net asset value per share	115.90	112.79	122.78	139.32
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.16
Performance Return after charges	2.76%	(8.14)%	(11.87)%	15.56%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,841,903	4,383,334	3,991,512	4,056,180
Closing number of shares	4,177,584,119	3,886,129,219	3,251,002,904	2,911,407,407
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.10% 0.01%	0.10% 0.05%	0.10% 0.05%	0.10% 0.12%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	117.40 109.00	126.20 103.30	142.80 111.70	154.10 121.10

# **Comparative Tables** (continued)

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	85.52	93.08	105.62	100.00
Return before operating charges*	2.39	(7.47)	(12.44)	5.71
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Return after operating charges*	2.35	(7.56)	(12.54)	5.62
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(2.06)	(1.96)	(1.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	2.06	1.96	1.27
Closing net asset value per share	87.87	85.52	93.08	105.62
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.12
Performance Return after charges	2.75%	(8.12)%	(11.87)%	5.62%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,508	3,414	24,920	26,772
Closing number of shares	3,991,940	3,991,940	26,773,574	25,347,683
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.10% 0.01%	0.10% 0.05%	0.10% 0.05%	0.10% 0.12%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	88.99 82.62	95.64 78.31	108.20 84.70	116.80 100.00

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Class S Accumulation was launched on 12 November 2020.

### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets	29/02/24	31/08/23	31/08/22	31/08/21
per share	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Opening net asset value per share	101.37	110.48	125.61	108.96
Return before operating charges*	2.86	(8.85)	(14.80)	17.09
Operating charges	(0.13)	(0.26)	(0.33)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	2.73	(9.11)	(15.13)	16.65
Distributions on accumulation shares	_	(2.33)	(2.11)	(1.43)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	2.33	2.11	1.43
Closing net asset value per share	104.10	101.37	110.48	125.61
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.15
Performance Return after charges	2.69%	(8.25)%	(12.05)%	15.28%
	2.0970	(0.23)70	(12.03)70	13.20 /0
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	59,016	58,426	60,748	36,287
Closing number of shares	56,692,864	57,636,592	54,986,119	28,887,353
Operating charges#	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.35%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.05%	0.05%	0.12%
Prices^				
Highest share price	105.40	113.50	128.70	139.10
Lowest share price	97.91	92.93	100.60	109.40

<sup>#</sup> The FMF was reduced on 10 February 2022 to 0.25%.

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

 $<sup>{^{\</sup>hat{}}}$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

# **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities –	97.47% (31/08/23 – 96.56%)		
Bermuda –	0.57% (31/08/23 – 0.56%)		
Financials –	0.28%		
102,870	Credicorp	13,897	0.28
Industrials – 223,500	0.06% Orient Overseas (International)	2,744	0.06
Oil & Gas – 7,138,000	0.10% Kunlun Energy	4,822	0.10
	– 0.11% Alibaba Health Information Technology China Ruyi Holdings	3,992 1,508	0.08 0.03
Utilities – 0.0 4,614,000	02% Beijing Enterprises Water Group	857	0.02
Total Bermi	ıda	27,820	0.57
Brazil – 4.0	6% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 3.95%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.27%		
1,120,500 1,924,075 1,002,300		2,997 6,582 3,599	0.06 0.14 0.07
	Goods – 0.06% Cosan Industries	3,037	0.06
Consumer S	ervices – 0.61%		
	Localiza Rent Localiza Rent	13,104 45	0.27
1,463,673	Lojas Renner Magazine Luiza Rights	3,680 13	0.08
4,832,800	Magazine Luiza SA	1,638	0.03
	Natura & Co Raia Drogasil	3,488 7,945	0.07 0.16
Financials –	1.47%		
	Atacadao Distribuicao Comercio e Indu		0.05
	Banco Bradesco Banco Santander Brasil	18,154 2,096	0.37 0.04
8,697,872	Hapvida Participacoes Itau Unibanco Banco Preference	5,079 44,011	0.11 0.90
0,154,600 - Healthcare		44,011	0.50
	Rede D'Or Sao Luiz SA	3,612	0.07
Industrials –		2 052	0.06
	Rumo SA	2,852 7,482	0.06 0.15
2,715,760	Weg	15,854	0.33
Oil & Gas – 1,366,900	0.19% Petro Rio	9,504	0.19
Technology 910,800		4,447	0.09
	nications – 0.21%		
,	Telefonica Brasil TIM Brazil	5,926 4,458	0.12 0.09
Utilities – 0.5	55%		
	Companhia Energetica	4,423	0.09
	Energisa Equatorial Energia	2,877 8,402	0.06 0.17
518,300	Sabesp	6,528	0.13
	Ultrapar Participacoes	4,762	0.10
Total Brazil		199,202	4.06

Note				
Consumer Goods	Holding	Investment	value	
9,562,000         Bosideng International Holdings         3,124         0.08           7,933,000         China Feihe         3,124         0.06           3,200,600         Chow Tai Fook Jewellery         3,781         0.08           11,455,000         Geely Automobile         9,902         0.22           2,346,400         NIO         10,629         0.22           7,20,000         Vinda International Holdings         1,690         0.03           10,889,000         Want China         4,728         0.10           3,234,000         Yadea Group Holdings         4,004         0.08           Consumer Services – 0.26%         936,500         East Buy Holding         2,289         0.05           1,053,000         Pop Mart International         2,078         0.04           547,700         Vipshop Holdings         2,207         0.04           4,1500         Country Garden Services         2,355         0.05           3,894,000         Country Garden Services         2,355         0.05           3,894,000         Country Garden Services         2,355         0.05           3,894,000         Country Garden Services         2,355         0.05           3,200         Georgh Services         2,355	Cayman Isla	ands – 15.84% (31/08/23 – 19.80%)		
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Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
China – 6.74	1% (31/08/23 – 7.16%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.14%		
8,205,000	China Molybdenum	4,010	0.08
1,119,359	Jiangxi Ganfeng Lithium	2,933	0.06
Consumer G	6oods – 2.12%		
1,810,000		35,330	0.72
	Haier Smart Home	10,764	0.22
1,960,600		35,082	0.72
3,521,000 1,918,600	Nongfu Spring	15,769 6,955	0.32 0.14
, ,		0,933	0.1-
	ervices – 0.05%		
, ,	Air China	1,029 1,481	0.02 0.03
	CTG Duty Free	1,401	0.03
Financials –			
	Agricultural Bank of China	13,591	0.28
	China Construction Bank China Merchants Bank	76,645 19.807	1.56 0.40
	China Resources Land	12,163	0.25
, ,	China Vanke	2,586	0.05
	Huatai Securities	5,730	0.12
100,803,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China 'CNY'	41,123	0.84
11,995,000	Postal Savings Bank of China	5,002	0.10
Healthcare -	- 0.34%		
	Shandong Weigao Group Medical	3,084	0.07
	Shanghai Fosun Pharmaceutical	2,081	0.04
1,979,200	Shanghai Pharmaceuticals	2,518	0.05
	Sinopharm Group	5,051	0.10
700,479	WuXi AppTec 'H'	3,769	0.08
Industrials –	0.49%		
	Anhui Conch Cement	4,142	0.08
	Jiangsu Expressway Weichai Power	1,824 5,900	0.04 0.12
	Zhejiang Expressway	1,907	0.12
	ZTO Express	10,490	0.21
Total China		330,766	6.74
Colombia –	0.17% (31/08/23 – 0.14%)		
Corporate P	reference – 0.08%		
579,325	Bancolombia Sa Preferred	3,723	0.08
Financials –	0.050/		
	Bancolombia	2,253	0.05
*		2,200	0.00
Utilities – 0.0			
634,311	Interconexion Electrica	2,135	0.04
Total Colon	nbia	8,111	0.17
Czech Repu	ublic - 0.17% (31/08/23 - 0.17%)		
Financials –	0.17%		
	Komercni Banka	3,978	0.08
,	Moneta Money Bank	4,457	0.09
Total Czech	Republic	8,435	0.17
Egypt – 0.14	1% (31/08/23 – 0.12%)		
Financials –	0.14%		
	Commercial International Bank	6,792	0.14
		6,792	0.14
Total Egypt			

Holding lı	nvestment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Greece - 0.43	% (31/08/23 – 0.37%)		
Basic Materials 105,264 M	s – 0.07% Nytilineos Holdings	3,242	0.07
	22% Alpha Services And Holdings Eurobank Ergasias	4,948 5,877	0.10 0.12
Oil & Gas – 0.0		2,553	0.05
	ations – 0.09% DTE-Hellenic Telecommunications	4,422	0.09
Total Greece		21,042	0.43
Hong Kong –	1.57% (31/08/23 – 1.72%)		
Basic Materials 4,627,500 F	s – 0.04% fosun International	2,107	0.04
Consumer God 5,809,000 C	ods – 0.24% China Mengniu Dairy	11,544	0.24
Consumer Ser 763,800 C	vices – 0.04% China Literature	1,859	0.04
3,284,000 F	23% China Overseas Land and Investments ar East Horizon ongfor Group Holdings	6,316 2,056 3,128	0.13 0.04 0.06
15,574,960 C	.36% China Resources Pharmaceutical Grou SPC Pharmaceutical Sino Biopharmaceutical	1,421 9,625 6,603	0.03 0.20 0.13
6,652,000 C	China Merchants Port	411 5,313 2,440	0.01 0.11 0.05
Technology – 0 14,236,000 L		12,435	0.25
Utilities – 0.24 <sup>o</sup> 1,372,100 C 1,315,200 E	% China Resources Gas ENN Energy Holdings	3,277 8,546	0.07 0.17
Total Hong Ko	ong	77,081	1.57
Hungary – 0.5	50% (31/08/23 – 0.48%)		
Financials – 0. 376,016 C		14,197	0.29
Healthcare – 0 230,157 F	.10% Richter Gedeon Nyrt	4,842	0.10
Oil & Gas – 0.1 857,622 M	11% #OL Hungarian Oil & Gas	5,392	0.11
Total Hungary	1	24,431	0.50
India – 16.30%	% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 13.01%)		
1,880,978 H 101,261 P 267,623 P	erger Paints dindalco Industries PI Industries Pidilite Industries	3,230 9,036 3,546 6,981	0.07 0.18 0.07 0.14
650,377 L 1,315,455 V		2,913 3,362	0.06 0.07

Holding li	nvestment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment
India – 16.30%	% (31/08/23 – 13.01%) – continued			Financials -	1.64%
Consumer God	ods – 2.01%				Bank Central Asia
205.311 E	Britannia Industries	9,719	0.20	113,035,700	) Bank Ratyat Indonesia
231,128	Colgate-Palmolive	5,568	0.11	Healthcare -	- 0.06%
	Cummins India	6,732	0.14	41,882,300	Kalbe Farma
726,868 E	Dabur India Eicher Motors	3,729 7,798	0.08 0.16	Industrials -	0.06%
	Hero MotoCorp	6,732	0.10		
	lindustan Unilever	32,025	0.65	50,725,742	Barito Pacific
1,080,648 N		5,384	0.11	Telecommu	nications – 0.36%
	lestle India	13,428	0.27 0.15		Sarana Menara Nusantara
	VS Motor Company	7,349	0.15	82,661,600	Telekomunikasi Indonesia
Consumer Ser		7.024	0.14	Total Indon	esia
1,256,961 II 112,977 Ir		7,031 5,674	0.14 0.12		
	nterGlobe Aviation	7,509	0.12	Kuwait – 0.	60% (31/08/23 – 0.49%)
		•		Financials -	0.60%
Financials – 2.		40.5			Kuwait Finance House
247,491 A 3.866.439 A	U Small Finance Bank	1,345 39,632	0.03 0.81	, ,	
	axis Bank Bajaj Finance	39,632 26,425	0.81	Total Kuwa	it
1,135,368 E	)ĹF	9,755	0.20		
	CICI Prudential Life Insurance	2,769	0.06	Luxembou	rg – 0.11% (31/08/23 – 0.11%
, , -	Kotak Mahindra Bank	29,604 10,486	0.60 0.21	Technology	- 0.11%
	Shriram Transport Finance	10,400	0.21	0,	Allegro.EU
Healthcare – 0		40.000	2.22	Total Luxer	nbourg
985,234 C 399,098 L		13,906 6,168	0.28 0.13		
	Max Healthcare Institute	8,434	0.17	Malaysia -	2.29% (31/08/23 – 2.21%)
154,073 T	orrent Pharmaceuticals	3,916	0.08	•	,
Industrials – 1.	81%			Basic Mater	
115,355 A		5,989	0.12		Petronas Chemical Press Metal Berhad
	shok Leyland	4,269	0.09	0,171,100	1 1033 Wetai Bernad
	sian Paints	17,044	0.35	Consumer (	Goods – 0.27%
163,594 A		3,227	0.06		Kuala Lumpur Kepong
,	Grasim Industries Grasim Industries	112 9,199	0.19		Nestlé Malaysia
	lavells India	6,206	0.19		PPB Group Berhad QL Resources Berhad
	Mahindra & Mahindra	27,680	0.56	700,000	QE Nesources Bernau
	Shree Cement	3,389	0.07	Consumer S	Services – 0.03%
158,342 S		7,064	0.14	4,803,400	Mr D.I.Y. Group Berhad
122,455 8	Supreme Industries	4,846	0.10	Financials -	- 1.06%
Oil & Gas – 3.0	07%				AMMB Holdings
4,183,770		7,270	0.15	, ,	CIMB Group
	Reliance Industries	137,783	2.81	9,803,657	Malayan Banking
12,309,255 S	ouzion Energy	5,311	0.11		Public Bank
Technology – 3	3.81%				RHB Capital Berhad
	ICL Technologies	26,139	0.53	Healthcare -	- 0.09%
5,446,617 Ir		86,925	1.77	4,310,700	IHH Healthcare
1,506,014 T 9,569,893 Z	ata Consultancy Services	58,800 15,096	1.20 0.31	Industrials -	- 0 16%
a,50a,6a3 Z	.omato	15,090	0.31		Gamuda
Telecommunic	ations – 0.81%				Malaysia Airports
3,704,720 E	Bharti Airtel	39,679	0.81	1,739,700	Misc Berhad
Utilities – 0.68	%			5,374,500	Sime Darby Berhad
	dani Green Energy	9,040	0.19	Oil & Gas –	0.22%
	GMR Airports Infrastructure	2,503	0.05		Petronas Dagangan
457,458 Ir	ndraprastha Gas	1,858	0.04		Petronas Gas
7,343,934 F	Power Grid Corporation of India	19,805	0.40	Telecommu	nications – 0.17%
Total India		799,420	16.30	2,386,878	Axiata
Indonesia - 2	.21% (31/08/23 – 2.32%)			5,372,000 1,775,300	CelcomDigi Berhad
	,				Telekom Malaysia
Basic Material				Utilities- 0.1	10/2
	neka Tambang Mardaka Cappar Cald	1,411	0.03		
13,042,028 1	lerdeka Copper Gold	1,574	0.03		YTL Corporation YTL Power International
				1,101,000	
Consumer Go	ods – 0.03%			Total Malay	

		Did market	
Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials –	1 64%		
92,164,400	Bank Central Asia Bank Ratyat Indonesia	45,784 34,828	0.93 0.71
Healthcare - 41,882,300	- 0.06% Kalbe Farma	3,108	0.06
Industrials – 56,725,742	0.06% Barito Pacific	2,782	0.06
Telecommur	nications – 0.36%		
	Sarana Menara Nusantara Telekomunikasi Indonesia	865 16,592	0.02 0.34
Total Indon	esia	108,528	2.21
Kuwait – 0.6	60% (31/08/23 – 0.49%)		
Financials –		20.446	0.60
Total Kuwai	Kuwait Finance House	29,416 <b>29,416</b>	0.60
Total Ruwai	· ·	23,410	0.00
Luxembour	g - 0.11% (31/08/23 - 0.11%)		
Technology -		E EG1	0.11
Total Luxen	Allegro.EU	5,561 <b>5,561</b>	0.11 <b>0.11</b>
Total Luxell	ibourg	5,561	0.11
Malaysia – 2	2.29% (31/08/23 – 2.21%)		
Basic Materi		4.404	0.00
	Petronas Chemical Press Metal Berhad	4,161 4,811	0.08 0.10
Consumer G	soods - 0.27%		
	Kuala Lumpur Kepong Nestlé Malaysia	3,570 4,272	0.07 0.09
1,732,620	PPB Group Berhad	4,491	0.09
	QL Resources Berhad	733	0.02
	ervices – 0.03% Mr D.I.Y. Group Berhad	1,240	0.03
Financials –	1.06% AMMB Holdings	2,378	0.05
10,456,759	CIMB Group	11,236	0.23
	Malayan Banking Public Bank	15,548 19,164	0.32 0.39
	RHB Capital Berhad	3,633	0.07
Healthcare -			
, ,	IHH Healthcare	4,416	0.09
Industrials – 2,568,360		2,221	0.05
836,524	Malaysia Airports	1,171	0.02
	Misc Berhad Sime Darby Berhad	2,200 2,417	0.04 0.05
Oil & Gas –	0.22%		
	Petronas Dagangan Petronas Gas	1,695 9,045	0.04 0.18
	nications – 0.17%	3,043	0.10
2,386,878		1,101	0.02
	CelcomDigi Berhad	3,884 1,100	0.08 0.02
	Telekom Malaysia	2,469	0.05
Utilities- 0.11			
	YTL Corporation YTL Power International	2,809 2,755	0.06 0.05
Total Malay	sia	112,520	2.29

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Mexico - 2	.92% (31/08/23 – 2.76%)		
Basic Mate	rials – 0.12%		
	9 Industrias Peñoles	3,243	0.07
1,692,200	Orbia Advance Corporation	2,471	0.05
	Goods – 1.03%		
	Arca Continental	7,349	0.15
	9 Bimbo 'A' 9 Fomento Economico Mexicano	7,509 31,137	0.15 0.64
	1 Gruma 'B'	4,631	0.09
Financials -	- 0.88%		
4,758,038	3 Fibra Uno Administracion	6,771	0.14
	Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB CV	34,072 2,341	0.69 0.05
	6 PrologisProperty Mexico REIT	2,341	0.00
Industrials		12 527	0.05
22,395,300 314,91	J. Cemex 4. Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste 'B'	13,527 7,310	0.27 0.15
		.,	
	ınications – 0.47% O América Móvil	22,934	0.47
Total Mexi		143,295	2.92
TOTAL INCX		140,200	2.02
Netherland	ds - 0.09% (31/08/23 - 0.08%)		
Financials -	- 0.09%		
804,37	5 NEPI Rockcastle	4,464	0.09
Total Neth	erlands	4,464	0.09
Philippine	s – 0.57% (31/08/23 – 0.51%)		
Consumer	Goods – 0.13%		
	3 JG Summit Holdings	3,144	0.06
	Universal Robina	3,281	0.07
Consumer	Services – 0.13%		
473,750	) SM Investments	6,149	0.13
Financials -	- 0.17%		
	SM Prime Holdings	8,486	0.17
Industrials -	- 0.10%		
	- 0.10 % D. Ayala	4,943	0.10
	•	.,0.0	0
107,02	inications – 0.04%	1 880	0.0/
Total Phili	5 PLDT	1,880	
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	5 PLDT		
Poland – 0	5 PLDT  ppines		
Poland – 0 Basic Mate	5 PLDT ppines .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)		0.57
Poland – 0 Basic Mate 214,718	5 PLDT ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)  rials – 0.09%  3 KGHM	27,883	
Poland – 0 Basic Mate 214,718 Financials - 20,99	5 PLDT  ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)  rials – 0.09%  3 KGHM  - 0.65%  1 mBank	<b>27,883</b> 4,589 2,892	0.09
Poland – 0 Basic Mate 214,718 Financials - 20,99 1,355,79	5 PLDT ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%) rials – 0.09% 3 KGHM - 0.65% 1 mBank 1 PKO Bank Polski	27,883 4,589 2,892 14,933	0.57 0.09 0.06 0.3
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Poland – 0 Basic Mate 214,71 Financials - 20,99 1,355,79 826,389 52,500	5 PLDT ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)  rials – 0.09%  3 KGHM  - 0.65%  1 mBank  1 PKO Bank Polski  9 PZU  3 Santander Bank	27,883 4,589 2,892 14,933 8,045	0.09 0.09 0.06 0.3 0.16
Poland – 0 Basic Mate 214,718 Financials - 20,99 1,355,79 826,388 52,508	5 PLDT ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)  rials – 0.09%  3 KGHM  - 0.65%  1 mBank  1 PKO Bank Polski  9 PZU  3 Santander Bank	27,883 4,589 2,892 14,933 8,045	0.09
Poland – 0  Basic Mate 214,71i  Financials - 20,99 1,355,79 826,38: 52,50i  Oil & Gas – 817,550	5 PLDT  ppines  .99% (31/08/23 – 0.81%)  rials – 0.09%  3 KGHM  - 0.65%  1 mBank  1 PKO Bank Polski  9 PZU  3 Santander Bank  .0.21%  6 Polski Koncern Naftowy Orlen	27,883 4,589 2,892 14,933 8,045 5,720	0.05 0.06 0.3 0.16 0.12
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Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Qatar – 0.61% (31/08/23 – 0.72%)		
Financials – 0.49%		
7,390,187 Qatar National Bank	24,133	0.49
Industrials – 0.07% 4,002,329 Qatar Gas Transport	3,475	0.07
Oil & Gas – 0.05% 755,649 Qatar Fuel	2,454	0.05
Total Qatar	30,062	0.61
Russia – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.00%)		
Basic Materials – 0.00%		
2,022,590 Novolipetsk Steel*	_	_
196,595 PJSC PhosAgro GDR* 1,266 PJSC PhosAgro GDR*	<del>-</del> .	_
42,464 Polyus Gold*	-	-
Financials – 0.00% 898,320 Moscow Exchange Mic	ex* –	_
Oil & Gas - 0.00%		
15,553,020 Gazprom*		-
539,080 Lukoil* 115,725 Novatek*	_ _	_
Telecommunications – 0.00%		
581,200 Mobile Telesystems AD	PR* –	
Total Russia		-
Saudi Arabia – 2.21% (31/08/23 – 2	.22%)	
Basic Materials – 0.58%		
1,449,555 Saudi Basic Industries 653,325 Saudi International Peti	24,048 rochemical 4,221	0.49 0.09
Consumer Goods – 0.09%		
379,737 Savola Group	4,242	0.09
Financials – 0.46% 1,579,375 Alinma Bank	14,632	0.30
770,764 Bank Albilad	8,010	0.16
Healthcare – 0.22% 158,000 Dr. Sulaiman Al-Habib	Medical Group 10,924	0.22
Oil & Gas – 0.77%		
151,667 International Company	for Water &	
Power Projects 4,360,744 Saudi Arabian Oil Com	8,440 pany 29,139	0.17 0.60
Utilities – 0.09%	20,100	0.00
1,104,785 Saudi Electricity	4,611	0.09
Total Saudi Arabia	108,267	2.21
Singapore - 0.02% (31/08/23 - 0.02	2%)	
Consumer Services – 0.02%		
168,100 BOC Aviation	979	0.02
Total Singapore	979	0.02

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
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South Afric	ca – 4.31% (31/08/23 – 4.94%)			Healthcare -	- 0.19% SK Biopharmaceuticals	2,868	0.06
Basic Mater	rials – 0.63%				SK Bioscience	1,250	0.00
	Anglo American Platinum	3,044	0.06		Yuhan Corporation	5,210	0.11
	O Gold Fields	15,166 3,698	0.31 0.08	Industrials –	1 150/		
	' Impala Platinum Kumba Iron Ore	2,485	0.05			2 14 4	0.04
	Northam Platinum	2,326	0.05		Doosan Bobcat HDC Hyundai	2,144 3,514	0.04 0.07
4,890,366	S Sibanye-Stillwater	4,002	0.08	376,458		4,083	0.08
Consumer 9	Services – 0.62%				Hyundai Engineering & Construction	2,671	0.05
	Bid Corporation	10,427	0.21		Hyundai Glovis	2,675	0.05
	Clicks Group	6,555	0.14		LG Corporation POSCO Future M	9,632 9,170	0.20 0.19
	' Shoprite	9,469	0.19		Samsung Engineering	3,169	0.07
1,490,115	5 Woolworths	3,930	0.08		Samsung SDI	19,566	0.40
Financials -	- 1.64%			Oil & Gas –	0.28%		
	3 Absa Group	9,277	0.19		Doosan Enerbility	6,987	0.14
	Capitec Bank	11,653	0.24	94,879	SK Innovation	6,596	0.14
	Discovery Limited FirstRand	4,799 20,565	0.10 0.42	Technology	_ 1 17%		
	Nedbank Group	6,318	0.13	506,551		16,029	0.33
	Old Mutual	2,695	0.05		LG Display	2,774	0.06
2,447,616		7,402	0.15		LG Display	149	-
2,133,674	Standard Bank	17,745	0.36	208,558	Naver Corporation	24,144	0.49
Healthcare	- 0.10%				Netmarble Games	997	0.02
	3 Aspen Pharmacare	5,114	0.10		Samsung SDS SK Holdings	5,683 7,400	0.12 0.15
Industrials -	0.009/				· ·	.,	****
	- 0.09% Bidvest Group	4,359	0.09		nications – 0.04% LG Uplus	2,108	0.04
	·	.,000	0.00		•		
Oil & Gas – 804,671		4,797	0.10	Total South	Korea	296,618	6.05
		4,737	0.10	Taiwan – 22	2.32% (31/08/23 – 19.27%)		
Technology					,		
305,099	Naspers	39,668	0.81	Basic Materi			
Telecommu	nications - 0.32%			-, ,	China Steel	12,145	0.25
2,976,709	MTN Group	10,242	0.21	7,592,000	Nan Ya Plastics	11,317	0.23
1,425,671	Vodacom Group	5,521	0.11	Consumer G	Goods - 0.50%		
Total South	n Africa	211,257	4.31		Far Eastern New Century Uni-President Enterprises	8,084 16,705	0.16 0.34
0 1 1/2	0.050/ /04/00/00 0.000/)				·	10,700	0.01
South Kore	ea – 6.05% (31/08/23 – 6.30%)				Services – 0.43%	0.040	0.04
Basic Mater	rials – 0.74%			, ,	China Airlines EVA Airways	2,042 3,324	0.04 0.07
177,675	Hanwha Solutions Corporation	2,922	0.06		Hotai Motor Company	7,829	0.07
-,	Korea Zinc	4,056	0.08		President Chain Store	7,744	0.16
	Rumho Petro Chemical	3,201	0.07	E1	0.750/		
	2 LG Chemical LG Chemical Preference	21,085 1,304	0.43 0.03	Financials –			
	B Lotte Chemical Corporation	2,067	0.03		Cathay Financial CTBC Financial Holding	16,982 19,833	0.35 0.41
	2 SK IE Technology	1,035	0.02		E.Sun Financial	12,775	0.26
9,375	SKC	460	0.01		First Financial	12,298	0.25
Congumer	Coods 0.959/				Fubon Financial	21,756	0.44
	Goods – 0.85%	2 414	0.05		Hua Nan Financial	7,512	0.15
	AmorePacific Corporation CJ Cheiljedang	2,414 4,023	0.05 0.08		Mega Financial	17,165 9,118	0.35 0.19
	Coway	2,673	0.05	18,183,279 17,118,915	Taishin Financial	7,428	0.19
	Hanon Systems	437	0.01		Taiwan Cooperative Financials	9,890	0.20
	LG Electronics	9,400	0.19				
	B LG Energy Solution	17,907	0.37 0.05	Financials –			
	' LG Household & Healthcare ' N C Soft	2,304 2,489	0.05	379,000	PharmaEssentia	3,095	0.06
	Services – 0.08%	, ,		Industrials –			
		0.000	0.00		Delta Electronic Industry	24,210	0.49
281,298	8 Korean Airlines	3,833	0.08		Evergreen Marine Corporation	7,071	0.15
Financials -	- 1.55%				Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation Voltronic Power Technology	2,048 4,722	0.04 0.10
	Hana Financial Holdings	15,009	0.31		Wan Hai Lines	1,621	0.10
597,059	KB Financial	22,508	0.46		Yang Ming Marine Transport Corporati		0.08
	Mirae Asset Securities	1,532	0.03	, , ,		,	
	Samsung Securities	4,194	0.08				
	3 Shinhan Financial	18,788	0.38 0.12				
	SK Square	5,739					

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Taiwan – 22	.32% (31/08/23 – 19.27%) – continued		
Technology -	- 16.39%		
3,605,000		4,066	0.08
10,897,000	AU Optronics	4,769	0.09
	Lite-On Technology	8,320	0.17
2,467,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	70,028 694,945	1.43 14.17
	United Microelectronics	21,950	0.45
Telecommur	ications – 0.82%		
	Chunghwa Telecom	22,018	0.45
	Far EasTone Telecommunications	7,069	0.14
4,535,000	Taiwan Mobile	11,206	0.23
Total Taiwa	1	1,094,885	22.32
Thailand – 2	2.17% (31/08/23 – 2.69%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.10%		
3,652,700	Indorama Ventures	1,876	0.04
3,779,100	PTT Global Chemical (foreign)	3,145	0.06
Consumer G	oods - 0.23%		
	Charoen Pokphand Foods	3,199	0.06
5,277,100	Delta Electronics	8,259	0.17
Consumer S	ervices – 0.30%		
	Central Retail Corporation	1,378	0.03
	CP All (foreign)	9,886	0.20
	Home Product Center (foreign) Minor International	1,226 2,003	0.03 0.04
Financials –	0.10%		
	Asset World Corporation	1,477	0.03
	Kasikornbank (foreign)	2,885	0.06
720,100	Muangthai Capital	726	0.01
Healthcare -	- 0.30%		
	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (foreig		0.21
908,300	Bumrungrad Hospital (foreign)	4,485	0.09
Industrials –			
	Airports of Thailand	8,594	0.18
8,417,800 31,453,621	Bangkok Expressway and Metro	1,484 3,536	0.03 0.07
	BTS Warrants 7/11/2024	3,330	0.07
	BTS Warrants 20/11/2026	4	_
	SCG Packaging PCL	1,838	0.04
1,761,200	Siam Cement (foreign)	10,404	0.21
Oil & Gas –			
	Energy Absolute	2,872	0.06
	PTT Exploration & Production PTT Oil and Retail	7,766 2,862	0.16 0.06
, ,	ications – 0.33%	•	
	Advanced Info Service (foreign)	11,301	0.23
3,296,400	` ,	4,923	0.10
Total Thaila		106,336	2.17

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Turkey = 0.	52% (31/08/23 – 0.49%)		
-	,		
	Goods – 0.07% F Turk Sise Ve Cam Fabrikalari	3,558	0.07
	Services – 0.14% ) Turk Hava Yollari	6,872	0.14
,		0,072	0.14
Financials -		0.044	0.00
1,397,604	Haci Omer Sabanci	2,814 5,156	0.06 0.10
	Turkiye Is Bankasi	3,896	0.08
	Yapi Ve Kredi Bankasi	3,282	0.07
Total Turke	ey .	25,578	0.52
United Ara	b Emirates – 1.99% (31/08/23 – 1.94%)		
Financials -			
	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	8,992	0.18
	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	6,532	0.13
	' Aldar Properties ) Emaar Properties	6,651 18,877	0.14 0.39
	2 Emirates NBD Bank	12,801	0.39
	National Bank of Abu Dhabi	21,483	0.20
	nications – 0.45% Emirates Telecommunications Group	22,071	0.45
, ,	d Arab Emirates	97,407	1.99
Total Ollito	a rii ab Eiiii atoo	01,401	
United Stat	tes - 0.49% (31/08/23 - 0.46%)		
Consumer S	Services – 0.46%		
661,400	Yum! China	22,400	0.46
Futures – 0.	03%		
2,947	NYF MSCI Emerging Market March 202	24 1,607	0.03
Total Unite	d States	24,007	0.49
Bonds - 0.	00% (31/08/23 – 0.00%)		
India – 0.00	0% (31/08/23 – 0.00%)		
Corporate E	Bonds – 0.00%		
	7 Britannia Industries 5.5% 3/6/2024	37	_
Total India		37	-
Total value	of investments	4,780,384	97.47
Net other a	ssets	124,062	2.53
Total net as	ssets	4,904,446	100.00
* Unlisted, r	nil value		

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

# **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

# **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	35,135
Tencent Holdings	21,158
LG Energy Solution	17,940
Power Grid Corporation of India	15,142
Cipla	13,908
Alibaba Group Holding	11,129
Innovent Biologics	10,065
Max Healthcare Institute	8,592
Reliance Industries	7,983
InterGlobe Aviation	7,531
Subtotal	148,583
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	489,322

## **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Celltrion	9,416
Taiwan Cement	8,965
COSCO Shipping Holdings	4,829
Microport Scientific Corporation	2,987
B Grimm Power	2,860
3SBio	2,603
Growthpoint Properties	2,451
Tencent Holdings	2,426
China Everbright International	2,350
Nestlé Malaysia	2,065
Subtotal	40,952
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	107,940

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains/ (losses)		103,725		(260,893)
Revenue	43,581		33,681	
Expenses	(2,362)		(2,006)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	41,216		31,673	
Taxation	(14,481)		603	
Net revenue after taxation		26,735		32,276
Total return/(deficit) before distributions		130,460		(228,617)
Distributions		1,261		1,301
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		131,721		(227,316)

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	4,780,384	4,292,088
Current assets:		
Debtors	82,851	28,100
Cash and bank balances	187,777	201,625
Total assets	5,051,012	4,521,813
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	6,081
Creditors:		
Other creditors	121,780	58,792
Deferred tax liability	24,786	11,747
Total liabilities	146,566	76,620
Net assets attributable to shareholders	4,904,446	4,445,193

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		4,445,193		4,077,201
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	355,340		317,666	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(29,092)		(51,548)	
		326,248		266,118
Dilution adjustment charged		1,284		1,342
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		131,721		(227,316)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders		4,904,446		4,117,345

## **Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund, Class M Accumulation	12.96	22.17	51.16	93.77
Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund, Class M Income	13.01	22.17	51.15	93.71
Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund, Class R Accumulation	13.19	22.56	52.67	96.93
Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund, Class Z Accumulation	13.01	22.24	-	_
Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund, Class Z Income	13.15	22.33	-	_
MSCI World Net GBP Index	12.66	19.59	41.73	82.49
MSCI World Net GBP Index +0.8% p.a.	13.06	20.39	44.13	86.49
IA Global TR	10.12	12.56	21.89	59.93

Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 11 November 2022. Class S Accumulation launched on 6 November 2023, hence there are no performance percentages.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund outperformed the benchmark during the period under review

#### **Market overview**

A defining feature of the period has been the slowing in the rate of inflation, increasing investor confidence that the cycle of rising interest rates is over, and that 2024 will see interest rates being reduced. The extent and timing of cuts is still under debate and with certain elements of inflation such as wage growth remaining a little high, it may be that rates are cut neither as early or as aggressively as some expect. The conflict in the Middle East could also have implications for inflation, given the oil price's sensitivity to the events in the region and also the disruption to shipping that is being experienced in the Red Sea.

Another positive influence on markets has been strength in technology companies, particularly those linked to data, artificial intelligence and computer chip manufacture.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

US auto insurance group Progressive, currently in the Accelerating portion of the Corporate Life Cycle framework that underpins our investment process, was a top contributor to performance during the period under review. Progressive reported results for December during the period and this was well received by the market with a special focus paid to their improved combined ratio of 83.4%. The combined ratio of an insurance business measures the efficiency of their underwriting business, an improvement here is considered material. Constellation Software, a diversified software businesses in the Compounding stage of the Life Cycle was also a strong contributor to performance. Our investment thesis for Constellation Software centres on its ability to rationally redeploy capital at high rates of returns through an acquisition process that is difficult to replicate. We saw evidence of this in January as Constellation announced two new acquisitions. The business continues to track well against our thesis milestones and we believe that the potential remains positive.

Roche meanwhile detracted over the period. Roche is a leading Swiss multinational pharmaceutical and diagnostics company in the Slowing & Maturing phase of the Life Cycle. Roche is focused on hospital medicine for critical diseases and differentiated unmet medical needs. Roche is also the world leader in oncology, with a high exposure to biologic based drugs and has recently expanded its therapeutic focus, with successful launches in neurology and haemophilia. The latest set of results were disappointing versus consensus expectations. There are signs of growth in certain areas but in aggregate sales and other financial metrics were down year on year. The market appears to have taken a dim view on Roche's ability to revitalise its pipeline and our thesis is centred on just that, Roche has demonstrated over time it has the ability to replace the drugs going off patent with new products. Following the share performance in recent months, we believe that the opportunity remains attractive.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment outlook**

With this volatile background, we believe that our approach of diversifying the strategies across broad range of companies from different sectors and stages of their Life Cycle will allow performance to continue to be driven more by the success of our hunting for superior shareholder wealth creating companies with undervalued long-term cash flows than by the prevailing winds of the macroeconomy, or factors such as growth or value styles being in vogue.

Will Kenney **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

## **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	183.89	165.65	163.08	127.51
Return before operating charges*	25.22	18.94	3.24	36.19
Operating charges	(0.39)	(0.70)	(0.67)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	24.83	18.24	2.57	35.57
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.93)	(2.56)	(2.26)	(1.79)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.93	2.56	2.26	1.79
Closing net asset value per share	208.72	183.89	165.65	163.08
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.03
Performance Return after charges	13.50%	11.01%	1.58%	27.90%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	162,894	20,897	5,173	2,201
Closing number of shares	78,044,738	11,364,152	3,122,475	1,349,891
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.41% 0.01%	0.41% 0.04%	0.41% 0.03%	0.41% 0.02%
Prices^	208.30	184.60	175.50	163.50
Highest share price Lowest share price	177.70	155.70	149.20	124.80

#### **Class M Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	169.11	154.55	154.28	122.03
Return before operating charges*	23.21	17.59	3.04	34.56
Operating charges	(0.36)	(0.65)	(0.64)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	22.85	16.94	2.40	33.94
Distributions on income shares	(0.85)	(2.38)	(2.13)	(1.69)
Closing net asset value per share	191.11	169.11	154.55	154.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.03
Performance Return after charges	13.51%	10.96%	1.56%	27.81%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,284	1,073	314	298
Closing number of shares	1,195,315	634,505	203,266	192,924
Operating charges	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%	0.41%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%
Prices^				
Highest share price	191.60	171.40	166.00	155.70
Lowest share price	163.40	145.20	140.50	119.40

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	186.73	167.69	164.57	128.27
Return before operating charges*	25.64	19.20	3.27	36.43
Operating charges	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	25.55	19.04	3.12	36.30
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.25)	(3.15)	(2.82)	(2.25)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.25	3.15	2.82	2.25
Closing net asset value per share	212.28	186.73	167.69	164.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.03
Performance Return after charges	13.68%	11.35%	1.90%	28.30%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,153,097	3,743,223	3,363,321	3,314,138
Closing number of shares	1,956,417,409	2,004,601,959	2,005,737,332	2,013,861,444
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.09% 0.01%	0.09% 0.04%	0.09% 0.03%	0.09% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	211.90 180.50	187.50 157.60	177.20 150.90	165.00 125.60

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	14.05
Operating charges	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	14.01
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.41
Closing net asset value per share	114.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01
Performance Return after charges	14.01%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3 2,500 0.11% 0.01%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	113.80 100.00

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Class S Accumulation launched on 6 November 2023, hence there are no comparatives.

## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	109.59	100.00
Return before operating charges*	15.06	9.84
Operating charges	(0.17)	(0.25)
Return after operating charges*	14.89	9.59
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.62)	(1.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.62	1.38
Closing net asset value per share	124.48	109.59
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges	13.59%	9.59%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	236,341 189,866,647 0.30% 0.01%	37,552 34,267,183 0.30% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	124.30 105.90	110.00 95.17

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation launched on 11 November 2022.

#### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	108.21	100.00
Return before operating charges*	14.85	9.83
Operating charges	(0.16)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	14.69	9.59
Distributions on income shares	(0.62)	(1.38)
Closing net asset value per share	122.28	108.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.04
Performance Return after charges	13.58%	9.59%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3 2,500 0.30% 0.01%	3 2,500 0.30% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	122.70 104.60	109.70 95.17

<sup>\*\*</sup>Class Z Income launched on 11 November 2022.

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

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

### **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities –	99.66% (31/08/23 – 99.55%)		
Australia –	1.69% (31/08/23 – 2.07%)		
Basic Materi	als – 0.79%		
	BHP Group Northern Star Resources	23,570 12,345	0.52 0.27
145,357	0.90% Commonwealth Bank of Australia Macquarie Westpac Banking	9,504 14,516 16,949	0.21 0.32 0.37
Total Austra	alia	76,884	1.69
Canada – 4.	46% (31/08/23 – 4.41%)		
Consumer S	ervices – 0.33%		
349,112	Metro	14,946	0.33
Financials –	1.54%		
	Brookfield	15,857	0.35
	Brookfield Asset	3,501	0.08
	Intact Financial Corporation	21,835	0.48
	National Bank of Canada Toronto-Dominion Bank	13,558 15,101	0.30 0.33
Industrials –		13,101	0.33
289,319	Canadian Pacific Kansas City	19,426	0.43
Oil & Gas –	1.01%		
	Canadian Natural Resources	13,916	0.30
	MEG Energy	14,435	0.32
663,325	Suncor Energy	18,012	0.39
Technology	<b>–</b> 1.15%		
	Constellation Software	37,782	0.83
	Constellation Software Warrants	-	_
	Shopify Topicus.com	12,071 2,775	0.26 0.06
Total Canad	la	203,215	4.46
Denmark –	1.31% (31/08/23 – 1.60%)		
Healthcare -	- 0.68%		
	Genmab	9,182	0.20
,	Novo Nordisk	21,583	0.48
Industrials –			
	A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	7,840	0.17
165,111	DSV	20,939	0.46
Total Denm	ark	59,544	1.31
Finland – 0.	67% (31/08/23 – 0.77%)		
Basic Materi 771,568	als – 0.45% UPM-Kymmene	20,422	0.45
Financials –	0.22%		
	Sampo Oyj	9,948	0.22
Total Finlan	d	30,370	0.67
France - 2.6	62% (31/08/23 – 2.67%)		
Basic Materi	als - 0.30%		
	Air Liquide	13,562	0.30
Consumer G	Goods – 0.68%		
	LVMH	23,231	0.51
	Pernod-Ricard	23,231 7,827	0.51
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Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials – 0.51%		
530,648 AXA 173,837 BNP Paribas	14,924 8,234	0.33 0.18
Industrials – 1.13% 211,378 Legrand 208,976 Safran	16,901 34,622	0.37 0.76
Total France	119,301	2.62
Germany – 1.51% (31/08/23 – 1.14%)		
Consumer Goods – 0.42%		
302,972 Daimler	19,126	0.42
Healthcare – 0.46% 217,294 Carl Zeiss Meditec	21,099	0.46
Technology – 0.63%		
274,097 Bechtle 228,766 Nemetschek	11,176 17,253	0.25 0.38
Total Germany	68,654	1.51
Hong Kong – 0.13% (31/08/23 – 0.14%)		
Utilities – 0.13%	E 907	0.13
882,000 CLP Holdings  Total Hong Kong	5,807 <b>5,807</b>	0.13
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Ireland – 0.78% (31/08/23 – 0.66%)		
Consumer Services – 0.27% 71,572 Flutter Entertainment	12,242	0.27
Industrials – 0.51% 351,108 CRH	23,382	0.51
Total Ireland	35,624	0.78
Italy – 0.32% (31/08/23 – 0.25%)		
Utilities – 0.32%	14 611	0.32
5,384,269 Hera SpA  Total Italy	14,611 14,611	0.32
	14,011	0.02
Japan – 7.14% (31/08/23 – 7.20%) Basic Materials – 0.37%		
473,400 NOF	16,733	0.37
Consumer Goods – 0.91% 699,300 Bandai Namco Entertainment 277,800 Sony 631,500 Toyota Motor	10,682 18,987 12,061	0.23 0.42 0.26
Consumer Services – 0.55% 1,563,500 Sankyo	14,118	0.31
798,600 USS	10,986	0.24
Financials – 1.70% 151,200 Daito Trust Construction 5,783 Japan Logistics	14,140 7,786	0.31 0.17
832,400 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial 836,800 Tokio Marine	36,642 19,342	0.80 0.42
Healthcare – 0.50% 861,100 Daiichi Sankyo	22,619	0.50

### Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Japan – 7.14% (31/08/23 – 7.20%) – continued		
Industrials – 2.17%		
359,000 Ebara	23,902	0.53
793,200 Itochu	27,295	0.60
184,300 Okuma 421,700 Recruit	6,863 13,460	0.15 0.30
734,500 Shimadzu	15,836	0.35
22,700 SMC	10,777	0.24
Technology – 0.36% 470,600 Otsuka	16,351	0.36
Telecommunications – 0.33%	10,331	0.50
625,400 KDDI	15,040	0.33
Utilities – 0.25% 294,700 Iwatani	11,561	0.25
Total Japan	325,181	7.14
·	020,101	7.17
Jersey - 0.28% (31/08/23 - 0.36%)		
Basic Materials – 0.28% 3,438,923 Glencore	12,884	0.28
Total Jersey	12,884	0.28
Netherlands – 2.20% (31/08/23 – 2.27%)		
Consumer Goods – 0.38%		
234,014 Heineken	17,101	0.38
Consumer Services – 0.55%	04.000	0.55
199,085 Wolters Kluwer	24,832	0.55
Financials – 0.45% 1,899,830 ING Groep certificates	20,618	0.45
Healthcare – 0.22% 34,638 Argenx	10,170	0.22
Technology – 0.60% 36,696 ASML Holding	27,324	0.60
Total Netherlands	100,045	2.20
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New Zealand - 0.23% (31/08/23 - 0.29%) Telecommunications - 0.23%		
4,406,789 Spark New Zealand	10,644	0.23
Total New Zealand	10,644	0.23
Norway – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.31%)		
Singapore – 0.44% (31/08/23 – 0.50%)		
Financials – 0.44%		
1,029,723 DBS	20,179	0.44
Total Singapore	20,179	0.44
South Korea – 0.31% (31/08/23 – 0.32%)		
Technology – 0.31% 13,096 Samsung Electronics GDR	14,080	0.31
Total South Korea	14,080	0.31
Spain – 0.15% (31/08/23 – 0.17%)		
Financials – 0.15%	0.000	0.15
1,320,295 Bankinter	6,628	0.15
Total Spain	6,628	0.15

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Sweden - 0	.78% (31/08/23 – 0.63%)		
Financials – 1,528,488	0.32% Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'	14,457	0.32
Industrials – 956,344	0.46% Volvo 'B'	20,864	0.46
Total Swede	en	35,321	0.78
Switzerland	<b>-</b> 2.28% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 2.65%)		
Basic Materi 74,536		17,091	0.38
Financials –		31,701	0.70
Healthcare – 204,015	- 0.93% Roche Holding	42,484	0.93
	nications – 0.27%	40.040	0.07
27,221 Total Switze	Swisscom	12,346	0.27
TOTAL SWILZE	eriano	103,622	2.28
	14% (31/08/23 – 0.37%)		
Technology - 198,926	- 0.44%  Taiwan Semiconductor  Manufacturing ADR	20,214	0.44
Total Taiwaı	· ·	20,214	0.44
United King	dom – 4.28% (31/08/23 – 4.65%)		
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	oods – 0.56% British American Tobacco	25,729	0.56
2,128,891	Admiral	8,360 9,501 16,237	0.18 0.21 0.36
Industrials –			
	Ashtead Group Berkeley	22,099 10,285	0.48 0.23
Oil & Gas –		00.704	4.07
3,654,487		89,791	1.97
18,842,410	ications – 0.29% Vodafone	13,024	0.29
Total United	l Kingdom	195,026	4.28
United State	es - 67.64% (31/08/23 - 66.12%)		
Basic Materi	als – 2.27%		
	Reliance Steel & Aluminium	27,544	0.60
	RPM International Steel Dynamics	17,767 35,174	0.39 0.77
	Sylvamo	23,008	0.51
	oods - 5.43%		
207,674	Church & Dwight Ford Motor	16,432 16,160	0.36
	General Motors	16,160 18,206	0.35 0.40
407,989		6,128	0.13
642,586	Kraft Heinz	17,907	0.39
	McCormick PepsiCo	11,324 34,468	0.25 0.76
	Philip Morris International	21,698	0.48
157,523	Polaris Industries	11,539	0.25
321,797 318 008	Procter & Gamble Thor Industries	40,380 32,204	0.89 0.71
	Tyson Foods 'A'	21,114	0.46

### Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)			
United States – 67.64% (31/08/23 – 66.12%) – continued					
Consumer S	ervices – 8.98%				
1,010,251	Amazon.com	141,025	3.10		
	BJ's Wholesale Club	17,615	0.39		
	Cinemark Holdings	12,288	0.27		
	Comcast 'A'	10,567	0.23 0.51		
548,647 586,030	Delta Airlines	23,048 19,551	0.51		
	FactSet Research Systems	19,876	0.44		
	Home Depot	32,039	0.70		
	Lithia Motors	12,384	0.27		
- , -	MercadoLibre	24,343	0.53		
	NetFlix	22,071	0.48		
	Ollie's Bargain Outlet	11,231	0.25 0.18		
168,688 591 322	Sprouts Farmers Market	8,039 29,179	0.16		
	TJX Companies	25,680	0.56		
Financials –	9.53%				
	Berkshire Hathaway 'B'	59,815	1.31		
	BlackRock Brown & Brown	19,264 18.009	0.42 0.40		
	CareTrust	8,401	0.40		
	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	23.132	0.10		
	Goldman Sachs	18,477	0.41		
110,130	Jones Lang LaSalle	16,533	0.36		
	JP Morgan Chase	73,194	1.61		
	Kinsale Capital Group	20,744	0.46		
	PNC Financial Services	11,485	0.25		
,	Primerica Progressive	18,516 37,637	0.41 0.83		
	Prologis	11,596	0.03		
	Schwab	14,572	0.32		
	Truist Financial	10,966	0.24		
338,373 267,220	US Bancorp	11,219 59,674	0.25 1.31		
Healthcare –		33,074	1.51		
295,348		40.008	0.90		
	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	40,998 10,301	0.90		
	Bristol Myers Squibb	19,034	0.42		
	Elevance Health	29,510	0.65		
105,009	Eli Lilly	62,471	1.37		
	HCA Holdings	37,831	0.83		
	IDEXX Laboratories	18,018	0.40		
	Johnson & Johnson Moderna	39,802 9,773	0.87 0.21		
	Shockwave Medical	7,323	0.21		
112,856		31,083	0.68		
56,736	Thermo Fisher Scientific	25,519	0.56		
	UnitedHealth	77,762	1.71		
,,,,,,	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	27,516	0.60		
Industrials –		20.450	0.64		
204,796 138,770	CoStar Group	29,150 9,544	0.04		
	Expeditors International	18,590	0.41		
	Installed Building Products	12,920	0.28		
48,715	Landstar System	7,315	0.16		
	Mettler Toledo International	16,018	0.35		
- ,	Northrop Grumman	19,231	0.42		
	Old Dominion Freight Line	23,678	0.52		
247,780 38,853	Roper Technologies	21,710 16.710	0.48 0.37		
58,133		26.440	0.57		
239,539		15,892	0.35		
48,490	TopBuild	15,415	0.34		
150,139		15,190	0.33		
82,836	Union Pacific	16,598	0.36		

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Oil & Gas – 1	1.87%		
1,286,489 277,371 375,159 459,258	Coterra Energy Kinder Morgan Occidental Petroleum OGE Energy Range Resources Valero Energy	12,936 17,676 13,284 9,755 11,473 20,413	0.28 0.39 0.29 0.21 0.25 0.45
Technology -	- 23.54%		
94,520 1,245,718 23,521 1,495,546 249,296 9,342 18,345 134,841 543,908 203,533 212,877 786,742 249,664 54,967	Adobe Alphabet 'A' Ansys Applie Applied Materials Booking Holdings Broadcom CDW Corporation Cisco Systems Meta Platforms Micron Technology Microsoft	41,839 136,197 6,208 213,676 39,712 25,572 18,831 26,219 20,764 78,744 15,228 257,048 155,948 8,181 28,268	0.92 2.99 0.14 4.69 0.87 0.56 0.41 0.58 0.46 1.73 0.33 5.64 3.42 0.18
			****
	ications – 0.26% Verizon Communications	11,964	0.26
Utilities - 0.3	37%		
	Eversource Energy IDACORP	7,580 9,245	0.17 0.20
Total United	l States	3,081,326	67.64

Total value of investments	4,539,160	99.66
Net other assets	15,462	0.34
Total net assets	4,554,622	100.00

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Microsoft	29,101
Apple	23,244
UnitedHealth	20,067
Alphabet 'A'	18,917
Broadcom	17,796
Tokio Marine	17,111
Carl Zeiss Meditec	14,510
Recruit	13,281
Vodafone	12,871
Amazon.com	10,945
Subtotal	177,843
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	509,157

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
S&P Global	25,289
Intuitive Surgical	22,655
Altium	18,795
Nvidia	17,802
Sompo Japan Nipponkoa	14,573
NY Times 'A'	14,304
Telenor	13,784
Fujitsu	10,922
MGE Energy	8,588
Anglo American	7,460
Subtotal	154,172
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	256,296

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	501,176		74,316
30,779		27,396	
(2,045)		(1,465)	
(3)		(1)	
28,731		25,930	
(3,413)		(3,236)	
	25,318		22,694
	526,494		97,010
	(25,337)		(22,538)
	501,157		74,472
	30,779 (2,045) (3) 28,731	501,176 30,779 (2,045) (3) 28,731 (3,413) 25,318 526,494 (25,337)	£'000         £'000         £'000           501,176         30,779         27,396           (2,045)         (1,465)         (1)           28,731         25,930           (3,413)         (3,236)           25,318         526,494           (25,337)         (25,337)

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	4,539,160	3,785,577
Current assets:		
Debtors	11,770	33,467
Cash and bank balances	9,761	21,189
Total assets	4,560,691	3,840,233
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	6,059	37,475
Distribution payable	10	10
Total liabilities	6,069	37,485
Net assets attributable to shareholders	4,554,622	3,802,748

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		3,802,748		3,368,808
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	431,434		290,252	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(207,593)		(259,138)	
		223,841		31,114
Dilution adjustment charged		535		476
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		501,157		74,472
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		26,341		23,559
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		4,554,622		3,498,429

### **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9310	_	0.9310	0.8881
Group 2	0.4038	0.5272	0.9310	0.8881
Class M Income				
Group 1	0.8528	_	0.8528	0.8261
Group 2	0.2764	0.5764	0.8528	0.8261
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2495	-	1.2495	1.1623
Group 2	0.3201	0.9294	1.2495	1.1623
Class S Accumulation*				
Group 1	0.4060	_	0.4060	n/a
Group 2	0.0232	0.3828	0.4060	n/a
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	0.6159	_	0.6159	0.3178
Group 2	0.2314	0.3845	0.6159	0.3178
Class Z Income				
Group 1	0.6164	-	0.6164	0.3178
Group 2	0.6164	0.0000	0.6164	0.3178

<sup>\*</sup> Class S Accumulation launched on 6 November 2023.

## **Royal London Global Equity Select Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Global Equity Select Fund, Class M Accumulation	15.67	28.26	76.02	136.54
Royal London Global Equity Select Fund, Class M Income	15.73	28.29	76.12	136.80
Royal London Global Equity Select Fund, Class R Accumulation	16.07	29.05	79.39	144.16
Royal London Global Equity Select Fund, Class S Accumulation	16.14	29.24	-	_
Royal London Global Equity Select Fund, Class Z Accumulation	15.73	28.30	_	_
MSCI World Net GBP Index	12.66	19.59	41.73	82.49
MSCI World Net GBP Index +2.5% p.a.	13.91	22.09	49.23	94.99
IA Global TR	10.12	12.56	21.89	59.93

Class Z Accumulation launched on 24 June 2021 and Class S Accumulation launched on 17 December 2021.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

### **Performance overview**

The Fund outperformed the benchmark owing to positive stock selection.

#### **Market overview**

A defining feature of the period has been the slowing in the rate of inflation, increasing investor confidence that the cycle of rising interest rates is over, and that 2024 will see interest rates being reduced. The extent and timing of cuts is still under debate and with certain elements of inflation such as wage growth remaining a little high, it may be that rates are cut neither as early or as aggressively as some expect. The conflict in the Middle East could also have implications for inflation, given the oil price's sensitivity to the events in the region and also the disruption to shipping that is being experienced in the Red Sea.

Another positive influence on markets has been strength in technology companies, particularly those linked to data, artificial intelligence and computer chip manufacture.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

US auto insurance group Progressive, currently in the Accelerating portion of the Corporate Life Cycle framework that underpins our investment process, was a top contributor to performance during the period under review. Progressive reported results for December during the period and this was well received by the market with a special focus paid to their improved combined ratio of 83.4%. The combined ratio of an insurance business measures the efficiency of their underwriting business, an improvement here is considered material. Constellation Software, a diversified software businesses in the Compounding stage of the Life Cycle was also a strong contributor to performance. Our investment thesis for Constellation Software centres on its ability to rationally redeploy capital at high rates of returns through an acquisition process that is difficult to replicate. We saw evidence of this in January as Constellation announced two new acquisitions. The business continues to track well against our thesis milestones and we believe that the potential remains positive.

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Will Kenney **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

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## **Comparative Tables**

### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	226.66	193.15	177.13	131.54
Return before operating charges*	38.46	34.95	17.34	46.73
Operating charges	(0.84)	(1.44)	(1.32)	(1.14)
Return after operating charges*	37.62	33.51	16.02	45.59
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.59)	(1.83)	(1.83)	(1.91)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.59	1.83	1.83	1.91
Closing net asset value per share	264.28	226.66	193.15	177.13
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.17	0.25	0.07
Performance Return after charges	16.60%	17.35%	9.04%	34.66%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	364,408	445,607	225,674	8,660
Closing number of shares	137,886,063	196,601,134	116,838,035	4,888,978
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.71% 0.02%	0.71% 0.08%	0.71% 0.13%	0.71% 0.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.06%	0.13%	0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price	263.30	227.20	202.60	178.30
Lowest share price	222.50	181.90	169.20	129.30

#### **Class M Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	212.79	182.86	169.30	127.16
Return before operating charges*	36.11	33.03	16.56	45.06
Operating charges	(0.79)	(1.37)	(1.26)	(1.08)
Return after operating charges*	35.32	31.66	15.30	43.98
Distributions on income shares	(0.55)	(1.73)	(1.74)	(1.84)
Closing net asset value per share	247.56	212.79	182.86	169.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.16	0.24	0.06
Performance Return after charges	16.60%	17.31%	9.04%	34.59%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,039	40,572	19,692	3,471
Closing number of shares	13,345,667	19,066,590	10,768,507	2,050,196
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.71% 0.02%	0.71% 0.08%	0.71% 0.13%	0.71% 0.04%
	0.02 /0	0.0076	0.1370	0.0476
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	247.20 208.90	214.40 172.20	193.10 161.50	171.50 124.90

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	237.19	200.87	183.06	135.11
Return before operating charges*	40.35	36.49	17.96	48.08
Operating charges	(0.10)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	40.25	36.32	17.81	47.95
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.40)	(3.24)	(3.09)	(2.96)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.40	3.24	3.09	2.96
Closing net asset value per share	277.44	237.19	200.87	183.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.17	0.25	0.07
Performance Return after charges	16.97%	18.08%	9.73%	35.49%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	169,691	151,235	357,491	360,389
Closing number of shares	61,162,605	63,760,502	177,967,509	196,872,540
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.08% 0.02%	0.08% 0.08%	0.08% 0.13%	0.08% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	276.40 233.10	237.70 189.30	210.60 174.90	184.20 133.00

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	123.03	104.13	100.00
Return before operating charges*	20.93	18.95	4.16
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.03)
Return after operating charges*	20.92	18.90	4.13
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.77)	-	(1.32)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.77	_	1.32
Closing net asset value per share	143.95	123.03	104.13
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.08	0.13
Performance Return after charges	17.00%	18.15%	4.13%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3 2,402 0.05% 0.02%	3 2,402 0.05% 0.08%	68,565 65,846,647 0.05% 0.13%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	143.60 121.10	123.20 97.97	109.10 93.47

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class S Accumulation launched on 17 December 2021.

## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	136.40	116.18	106.48	100.00
Return before operating charges*	23.15	21.02	10.43	6.60
Operating charges	(0.46)	(0.80)	(0.73)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	22.69	20.22	9.70	6.48
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.40)	(1.17)	(1.16)	(0.31)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.40	1.17	1.16	0.31
Closing net asset value per share	159.09	136.40	116.18	106.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.10	0.15	0.04
Performance Return after charges	16.63%	17.40%	9.11%	6.48%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	233,919	249,963	78,621	5,196
Closing number of shares	147,035,994	183,252,393	67,669,964	4,880,573
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.65% 0.02%	0.65% 0.08%	0.65% 0.13%	0.65% 0.04%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	158.50 133.90	136.70 109.40	121.90 101.70	107.10 100.70

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation launched on 24 June 2021.

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

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

### **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 99.80% (31/08/23 - 97.07%)		
Oil & Gas - 5.84% (31/08/23 - 6.55%)		
Oil & Gas Producers – 5.84%		
749,281 MEG Energy	12,643	1.58
887,339 Shell 455,779 Suncor Energy	21,802 12,376	2.72 1.54
Total Oil & Gas	46,821	5.84
Basic Materials - 9.37 (31/08/23 - 9.73%)		
Forestry & Paper – 1.86%		
563,011 UPM-Kymmene	14,902	1.86
·	11,002	1.00
Industrial Metals – 7.51%	22 542	2.04
92,877 Reliance Steel & Aluminium 346,194 Steel Dynamics	23,543 36,605	2.94 4.57
Total Basic Materials	75,050	9.37
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Industrials – 9.54% (31/08/23 – 10.28%)		
Aerospace & Defence – 3.91%		
188,917 Safran	31,299	3.91
Construction & Materials – 0.69%		
393,516 Sanwa Holding	5,508	0.69
Electronic & Electrical Equipment – 1.86%		
186,114 Legrand	14,881	1.86
Industrial Transportation – 3.08%		
286,844 Kamigumi	5,292	0.66
55,550 Old Dominion Freight Line	19,417	2.42
Total Industrials	76,397	9.54
Consumer Goods – 6.11% (31/08/23 – 6.26%)		
Food Producers – 2.19%		
408,699 Tyson Foods A	17,525	2.19
Leisure Goods – 3.92%		
310,284 Thor Industries	31,422	3.92
Total Consumer Goods	48,947	6.11
Healthcare - 15.07% (31/08/23 - 15.90%)		
Healthcare Equipment & Services – 8.27%		
127,482 HCA Holdings	31,389	3.92
89,467 UnitedHealth	34,864	4.35
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology – 6.80%		
17,022 Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	2,031	0.25
	2,060	0.26
6,857 Argenx ADR		1.10
336,200 Daiichi Sankyo	8,831	0.00
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		Bid-market value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	
Consumer S	Services – 14.38% (31/08/23 – 10.85	%)	
General Reta	ailers – 9.12%		
	Amazon.com	43,313	5.41
	Lithia Motors MercadoLibre	17,867	2.23 1.48
ŕ		11,888	1.40
Media – 2.73		04.050	0.70
1/5,256	Wolters Kluwer	21,859	2.73
Travel & Leis			
608,880	Delta Airlines	20,313	2.53
Total Consu	ımer Services	115,240	14.38
Financials -	- 14.56% (31/08/23 – 15.22%)		
Banks - 5.14	9%		
,	KB Financial	22,594	2.82
421,677	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	18,562	2.32
Financial Se	rvices – 2.36%		
84,656	Visa 'A'	18,905	2.36
Non-Life Ins	urance – 7.06%		
568,605		15,159	1.89
	Kinsale Capital Group Progressive	15,944 25,444	1.99 3.18
Total Finance	· ·	116,608	14.56
Technology	<b>- 24.93% (31/08/23 – 22.28%)</b>		
	Computer Services – 16.29%		
	Alphabet 'A'	18,499	2.31
	Booking Holdings Constellation Software	12,192 30,428	1.52 3.80
	Constellation Software Warrants	30,420	3.00
	31/3/2040*		_
	Lumine Microsoft	1,284 63,543	0.16 7.93
	Topicus.com	4,575	0.57
Technology I	Hardware & Equipment – 8.64%		
160,379		22,914	2.86
43,771	Nvidia	27,341	3.42
186,085	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	18 000	2.36
	· ·	18,909	
Total Techn	ology	199,685	24.93
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	of investments	799,486	99.80
Net other as		1,574	0.20
Total net as		801,060	100.00
* Value less	<i>'</i>		"
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## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Tyson Foods A	21,947
Wolters Kluwer	21,695
MercadoLibre	13,578
Booking Holdings	13,566
Kinsale Capital Group	13,378
Daiichi Sankyo	9,066
Visa 'A'	8,021
UnitedHealth	6,665
HCA Holdings	6,268
Delta Airlines	6,158
Subtotal	120,342
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	150,509

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Eli Lilly	34,191
Visa 'A'	25,308
Microsoft	19,341
UnitedHealth	15,670
Amazon.com	15,406
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	14,936
Old Dominion Freight Line	12,319
Progressive	12,282
Apple	11,926
British American Tobacco	11,066
Subtotal	172,445
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	328,722

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000	
	116,158		47,267	
5,443		5,849		
(2,269)		(1,553)		
(1)		(4)		
3,173		4,292		
(579)		(737)		
	2,594		3,555	
	118,752		50,822	
	(2,594)		(3,567)	
	116,158		47,255	
	5,443 (2,269) (1) 3,173	116,158 5,443 (2,269) (1) 3,173 (579) 2,594 118,752 (2,594)	£'000 £'000 £'000  116,158  5,443 5,849  (2,269) (1,553)  (1) (4)  3,173 4,292  (579) (737)  2,594  118,752  (2,594)	

**Balance Sheet** 

As at 29 February 2024

29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
799,486	861,376
3,916	23,931
597	3,721
803,999	889,028
2,865	1,431
74	217
2,939	1,648
801,060	887,380
	2,865 74 2,939

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	3 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		887,380		750,043
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	21,707		201,668	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(226,619)		(253,830)	
		(204,912)		(52,162)
Dilution adjustment charged		181		401
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		116,158		47,255
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2,253		2,903
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		801,060		748,440

### **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
0.5883	_	0.5883	0.6218
0.5517	0.0366	0.5883	0.6218
0.5524	-	0.5524	0.5913
0.5064	0.0460	0.5524	0.5913
1.4006	_	1.4006	1.2800
1.3408	0.0598	1.4006	1.2800
0.7664	-	0.7664	n/a
0.7664	0.0000	0.7664	n/a
0.3978	-	0.3978	0.4097
0.3797	0.0181	0.3978	0.4097
	0.5883 0.5517 0.5524 0.5064 1.4006 1.3408 0.7664 0.7664	1.4006 - 1.3408 0.0598  0.7664 - 0.7664 0.0000	Net income         Equalisation         payable 30/04/24           0.5883         -         0.5883           0.5517         0.0366         0.5883           0.5524         -         0.5524           0.5064         0.0460         0.5524           1.4006         -         1.4006           1.3408         0.0598         1.4006           0.7664         -         0.7664           0.7664         0.0000         0.7664           0.3978         -         0.3978

## **Royal London Global Equity Income Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class M Income	12.68	-	_	_
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class M Accumulation	12.62	15.97	53.33	_
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class R Income	12.99	16.73	56.41	-
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class V Accumulation	12.82	16.40	_	_
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class Z Accumulation	12.67	_	_	_
Royal London Global Equity Income Fund, Class Z Income	12.73	-	-	-
MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP (Inception to 20th August 23) MSCI World Net GBP Index (Since 21st August 23)	12.66	18.88	35.78	74.79
MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP +2% p.a.	13.66	20.88	41.78	84.79
IA Global Equity Income Total Return	8.14	8.98	32.07	53.69

Class M Income and Class R Income launched on 25 February 2020, Class V Accumulation launched on 17 February 2023, Class M Accumulation, Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 31 March 2023.

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#### **Performance overview**

The Fund performed in line with the benchmark during the period under review.

#### **Market overview**

A defining feature of the period has been the slowing in the rate of inflation, increasing investor confidence that the cycle of rising interest rates is over, and that 2024 will see interest rates being reduced. The extent and timing of cuts is still under debate and with certain elements of inflation such as wage growth remaining a little high, it may be that rates are cut neither as early or as aggressively as some expect. The conflict in the Middle East could also have implications for inflation, given the oil price's sensitivity to the events in the region and also the disruption to shipping that is being experienced in the Red Sea.

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Niko de Walden **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

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## **Comparative Tables**

### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	105.16	100.00
Return before operating charges*	14.28	5.44
Operating charges	(0.40)	(0.28)
Return after operating charges*	13.88	5.16
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.17)	(0.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.17	0.94
Closing net asset value per share	119.04	105.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.28
Performance Return after charges	13.20%	5.16%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	21,324 17,913,862 0.72% 0.09%	306 290,675 0.72% 0.28%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	119.10 105.10	105.70 98.60

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class M Accumulation launched on 31 March 2023.

### **Class M Income**

	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	29/02/24 (p)	Change in net assets per share
99.36	128.86	131.15	142.28	Opening net asset value per share
5 33.54	6.95	16.44	19.24	Return before operating charges*
4) (0.87)	(0.94)	(1.00)	(0.54)	Operating charges
1 32.67	6.01	15.44	18.70	Return after operating charges*
2) (3.17)	(3.72)	(4.31)	(1.57)	Distributions on income shares
5 128.86	131.15	142.28	159.41	Closing net asset value per share
3 0.07	0.08	0.39	0.14	* after direct transaction costs of:
32.88%	4.66%	11.77%	13.14%	Performance Return after charges
6 97	856	67,784	570,330	Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)
74,893	652,435	47,640,722	357,785,669	Closing number of shares
	0.72% 0.06%	0.72% 0.28%	0.72% 0.09%	Operating charges Direct transaction costs
	136.70 121.90	147.80 124.80	160.20 142.20	Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price
2	0.729 0.069 136.7	0.72% 0.28% 147.80	0.72% 0.09% 160.20	shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs  Prices^ Highest share price

### **Class R Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	145.47	133.25	130.02	99.59
Return before operating charges*	19.68	16.74	7.12	33.73
Operating charges	(0.07)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	19.61	16.61	6.99	33.62
Distributions on income shares	(1.61)	(4.39)	(3.76)	(3.19)
Closing net asset value per share	163.47	145.47	133.25	130.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.40	0.08	0.07
Performance Return after charges	13.48%	12.47%	5.38%	33.76%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	511,461	495,201	26,755	26,106
Closing number of shares	312,873,346	340,421,148	20,078,387	20,078,387
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.09% 0.09%	0.09% 0.28%	0.09% 0.06%	0.09% 0.06%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	164.30 145.50	150.60 126.90	138.90 123.70	131.20 98.48

### **Class V Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	99.45	100.00
Return before operating charges*	13.49	(0.38)
Operating charges	(0.18)	(0.17)
Return after operating charges*	13.31	(0.55)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.10)	(2.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.10	2.09
Closing net asset value per share	112.76	99.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.27
Performance Return after charges	13.38%	(0.55)%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3 2,500 0.35% 0.09%	2 2,500 0.35% 0.28%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	112.80 99.44	100.00 92.25

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class V Accumulation launched on 17 February 2023.

## **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	105.24	100.00
Return before operating charges*	14.30	5.47
Operating charges	(0.31)	(0.23)
Return after operating charges*	13.99	5.24
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.17)	(0.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.17	0.94
Closing net asset value per share	119.23	105.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.29
Performance Return after charges	13.29%	5.24%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	49,460 41,483,816 0.56% 0.09%	3,107 2,952,629 0.56% 0.28%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	119.20 105.20	105.80 98.61

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation launched on 31 March 2023.

#### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	104.27	100.00
Return before operating charges*	14.11	5.44
Operating charges	(0.31)	(0.23)
Return after operating charges*	13.80	5.21
Distributions on income shares	(1.15)	(0.94)
Closing net asset value per share	116.92	104.27
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.29
Performance		
Return after charges	13.23%	5.21%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,349	3,104
Closing number of shares	13,127,418	2,976,896
Operating charges	0.56%	0.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.28%
Prices^		
Highest share price	117.50	105.30
Lowest share price	104.20	98.62

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Income launched on 31 March 2023.

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

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

### **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
Equities - 98.43% (31/08/23 - 98.67%)		
Australia – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 1.56%)		
Canada - 3.09% (31/08/23 - 1.82%)		
Financials – 0.39%		
186,791 Great-West Lifeco	4,537	0.39
Oil & Gas – 1.06% 453,484 Suncor Energy Technology-1.64	12,314	1.06
8,741 Constellation Software	19,173	1.64
Total Canada	36,024	3.09
Channel Islands – 1.22% (31/08/23 – 2.03%)		
Basic Materials – 1.22%		
3,815,460 Glencore	14,295	1.22
Total Channel Islands	14,295	1.22
Denmark – 1.35% (31/08/23 – 3.06%)		
Industrials – 1.35% 14.182 A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	15 775	1.25
Total Denmark	15,775 15,775	1.35 <b>1.35</b>
	10,7.70	
Finland – 0.96% (31/08/23 – 2.07%)		
Financials – 0.96% 317,886 Sampo Oyj	11,250	0.96
Total Finland	11,250	0.96
France - 2.19% (31/08/23 - 0.76%)		
Consumer Goods – 1.18%		
19,165 LVMH	13,818	1.18
Financials – 1.01%		
248,613 BNP Paribas	11,776	1.01
Total France	25,594	2.19
India – 1.52% (31/08/23 – 1.47%)		
Technology – 1.52% 1,122,528 Infosys ADR	17,713	1.52
Total India	17,713	1.52
Ireland – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.80%) Japan – 5.74% (31/08/23 – 4.72%)		
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Consumer Goods – 0.52% 399,300 Bandai Namco Entertainment	6,099	0.52
Financials – 0.63% 166,223 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	7,317	0.63
Industrials – 3.05%		
198,600 Ebara	13,222	1.13 0.54
339,000 Kamigumi 744,800 Shimadzu	6,254 16,058	1.38
Telecommunications – 1.54%		
749,700 KDDI	18,029	1.54
Total Japan	66,979	5.74

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Luxembou	rg – 1.14% (31/08/23 – 1.18%)		
Basic Mater	rials – 1.14%		
550,935	5 Aperam 5 Aperam*	13,310	1.14
Total Luxe	mbourg	13,310	1.14
Netherland	ls – 2.40% (31/08/23 – 1.62%)		
	Services – 2.40% Wolters Kluwer	28,072	2.40
Total Nethe		28,072	2.40
New Zealar	nd – 0.52% (31/08/23 – 0.66%)		
	nications – 0.52%	6 100	0.50
	Spark New Zealand	6,102	0.52
Total New 2	Zealand	6,102	0.52
Singapore	<b>-</b> 0.00% (31/08/23 <b>-</b> 0.37%)		
South Kore	ea – 2.99% (31/08/23 – 2.48%)		
Financials - 344,223	- 1.11% 3 KB Financial	12,977	1.11
Industrials - 276,760	- 0.66% )	7,690	0.66
Technology	- 1.22%		
13,211	Samsung Electronics GDR	14,204	1.22
Total Souti	n Korea	34,871	2.99
Switzerlan	d – 1.19% (31/08/23 – 4.29%)		
Healthcare		22.22	1.01
Total Switz	Roche Holding	22,333	1.91
TOTAL SWILZ	eriand	22,333	1.91
Taiwan – 2	25% (31/08/23 – 1.94%)		
Technology	<ul><li>− 2.25%</li><li>2 Taiwan Semiconductor</li></ul>		
200,002	Manufacturing ADR	26,251	2.25
Total Taiwa	ın	26,251	2.25
United Kin	gdom – 11.80% (31/08/23 – 12.79%)		
Consumer	Goods – 2.61%		
,	British American Tobacco Imperial Brands	16,928 13,521	1.45 1.16
Financials - 1,324,041	- 2.80%   3i Group	32,664	2.80
Industrials -	- 3.61%		
543,949	Ashtead Group Halma	30,896 11,248	2.65 0.96
Oil & Gas –		32,502	2.78
	d Kingdom	137,759	11.80
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### Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

		Bid-market	<b>T</b>
Holding	Investment	value (£'000)	
United Stat	es - 59.35% (31/08/23 - 55.05%)		
Basic Mater	ials – 6.14%		
	Reliance Steel & Aluminium	11,836	1.01
	Steel Dynamics Sylvamo	36,616 23,228	3.14 1.99
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1,752,100	Goods – 6.63%	26,317	2.25
	Kraft Heinz	16,187	1.39
169,801	Philip Morris International	12,064	1.03
533,911	Tyson Foods 'A'	22,894	1.96
Consumer S	Services – 2.56%		
,	Delta Airlines	19,212	1.64
29,273	FactSet Research Systems	10,698	0.92
Financials –			
	Chicago Mercantile Exchange JP Morgan Chase	9,228 19,687	0.79 1.69
40.678	Kinsale Capital Group	16,582	1.42
147,406	Progressive	22,076	1.89
	Truist Financial	7,042	
	US Bancorp Visa 'A'	4,778 19,170	0.41 1.64
Healthcare -	- 13 /12%		
190,899		26,499	2.27
	Eli Lilly	18,866	1.62
	Gilead Sciences	41,705	3.57
	HCA Healthcare Johnson & Johnson	26,179 12,748	2.24 1.09
	UnitedHealth	30,739	2.63
Industrials -	2.97%		
25,572	Old Dominion Freight Line	8,939	0.77
223,943		19,621	1.68
19,661	Watsco	6,119	0.52
Oil & Gas –			
590,702	Coterra Energy	12,029	1.03
Technology			
	Alphabet 'A'	31,361	2.69
99,559 277,999	Applied Materials	14,225 44,284	1.22 3.79
23,488	Broadcom	24,111	2.06
	Cisco Systems	25,824	2.21
	Microsoft	72,349	6.19
Total United	d States	693,213	59.35
Total value	of investments	1 140 544	00 42
		1,149,541	98.43
Net other a		18,386	1.57
Total net as	sets	1,167,927	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> Unlisted, nil value

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Microsoft	32,966
Alphabet 'A'	31,916
Gilead Sciences	25,728
Kenvue	24,356
Broadcom	22,762
Tyson Foods 'A'	22,705
Applied Materials	18,343
A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	17,654
Delta Airlines	17,319
Wolters Kluwer	17,100
Subtotal	230,849
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	652,355

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Altium	24,059
A.P. Moller-Maersk 'B'	15,611
Ascential	14,515
Amazon.com	14,341
Thor Industries	11,048
Nestlé (registered)	8,559
Eli Lilly	8,097
Novartis (registered)	6,933
UPM-Kymmene	6,487
Accenture	6,173
Subtotal	115,823
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	167,813

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
	102,986		1,054
9,830		374	
(1,378)		(22)	
(3)		_	
8,449		352	
(989)		(42)	
	7,460		310
	110,446		1,364
	(8,745)		(331)
	101,701		1,033
	9,830 (1,378) (3) 8,449	102,986 9,830 (1,378) (3) 8,449 (989) 7,460 110,446 (8,745)	£'000 £'000 £'000  102,986  9,830 374  (1,378) (22)  (3) -  8,449 352  (989) (42)  7,460  110,446  (8,745)

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	1,149,541	561,942
Current assets:		
Debtors	8,580	10,103
Cash and bank balances	20,542	7,146
Total assets	1,178,663	579,191
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	5,529	7,031
Distribution payable	5,207	2,656
Total liabilities	10,736	9,687
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,167,927	569,504

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000 £'000		£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		569,504		27,611
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	537,792		12,359	
Amounts receivable on in-specie transfer of shares	-		116,205	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(42,489)		(413)	
		495,303		128,151
Dilution adjustment charged		809		20
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		101,701		1,033
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		610		_
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,167,927		156,815

### **Distribution Tables**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### First Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 30 November 2023

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution paid 31/01/24	Distribution paid 31/01/23
Class M Accumulation**				
Group 1	0.6037	_	0.6037	n/a
Group 2	0.2668	0.3369	0.6037	n/a
Class M Income				
Group 1	0.8169	_	0.8169	0.6522
Group 2	0.4383	0.3786	0.8169	0.6522
Class R Income				
Group 1	0.8360	_	0.8360	0.6637
Group 2	0.8360	0.0000	0.8360	0.6637
Class V Accumulation*				
Group 1	0.5712	_	0.5712	n/a
Group 2	0.5712	0.0000	0.5712	n/a
Class Z Accumulation**				
Group 1	0.6044	_	0.6044	n/a
Group 2	0.3821	0.2223	0.6044	n/a
Class Z Income**				
Group 1	0.5988	_	0.5988	n/a
Group 2	0.2603	0.3385	0.5988	n/a

<sup>\*</sup> Class V Accumulation launched on 17 February 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class M Accumulation, Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 31 March 2023.

### **Distribution Tables** (continued)

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### **Second Interim**

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 December 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class M Accumulation**				
Group 1	0.5627	-	0.5627	n/a
Group 2	0.2681	0.2946	0.5627	n/a
Class M Income				
Group 1	0.7568	_	0.7568	0.6830
Group 2	0.3356	0.4212	0.7568	0.6830
Class R Income				
Group 1	0.7754	_	0.7754	0.6958
Group 2	0.7754	0.0000	0.7754	0.6958
Class V Accumulation*				
Group 1	0.5328	_	0.5328	0.0457
Group 2	0.5328	0.0000	0.5328	0.0457
Class Z Accumulation**				
Group 1	0.5635	-	0.5635	n/a
Group 2	0.2411	0.3224	0.5635	n/a
Class Z Income**				
Group 1	0.5550	-	0.5550	n/a
Group 2	0.2665	0.2885	0.5550	n/a

<sup>\*</sup> Class V Accumulation launched on 17 February 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class M Accumulation, Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 31 March 2023.

## **Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund, Class M Accumulation	11.87	20.37	33.28	_
Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund, Class R Accumulation	12.21	21.07	35.70	_
Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund, Class S Accumulation	12.13	21.07	_	_
Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund, Class Z Accumulation	11.97	_	_	_
Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund, Class Z Income	11.92	_	_	_
MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP	11.86	17.86	34.62	73.29
MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP +2.5% p.a.	13.11	20.36	42.12	85.79
IA Global TR	10.12	12.56	21.89	59.93

Class M Accumulation and Class R Accumulation launched on 25 February 2020. Class S Accumulation launched on 19 July 2021 and Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 6 April 2023.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

During the period under review, the Fund was broadly ahead of its benchmark, while some share classes tracked closer in line with the benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

Over the last two years, markets have been driven by the direction of inflation, interest rates and economic growth, with investors alternating between different scenarios: soft landing where economic growth remains positive but inflation slows; hard landing where inflation and economic growth fall; and the last scenario, one of higher energy prices and interest rates increase impacting economic activity and creating higher inflation.

While last summer the market focused on the third scenario, the end of 2023 saw a significant shift towards the soft landing one through a combination of falling inflation and unexpectedly dovish comments (favouring lower interest rates) from the US Federal Reserve. It seems increasingly likely that we have reached peak interest rates and the global economy has proven more resilient than initially expected. This is an environment that is generally positive for financial assets, particularly equities.

Over the six-month period, global equities (as shown by the MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP) returned 11.9% in sterling terms and UK equities (as shown by the FTSE® All Share) gained 3.9%. In a more 'risk-on' environment, traditionally more cyclical sectors have outperformed. Technology was the best performing sector driven by artificial intelligence which is triggering significant investments in technology infrastructure particularly semiconductors. The industrial sector was among the best performing sectors with many companies benefitting from investments in decarbonization and electrification, as well as a sense the much-feared US recession is becoming less likely. The weakest sectors have included traditionally defensive ones such as consumer staples but also energy.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Portfolio commentary**

Our sustainable strategies are orientated to those companies that have a net benefit to society and create value for investors through their products and services and the way they manage environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. Areas such as healthcare and technology remain at the core of the equity portfolios, complemented by engineering, utilities, selected financial services, and companies that lead their industries in ESG performance.

This means that we do not invest in some sectors, such as oil & gas, extractive industries or tobacco. We believe that the exposure to those sectors which offer a positive contribution to society is consistent with outperformance over the medium term.

The Fund's strong performance in the period was driven by our industrial holdings. The main contributors within industrials was our Comfort Systems, Schneider Electric and Trane Technologies positions. Another strong contributor was our consumer discretionary holdings, with MercadoLibre a strong performer.

Our information technology holdings also contributed, with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co and ASML the standouts. Both are exposed to manufacturing advanced semiconductor chips which are used for generative artificial intelligence.

Our performance was held back by lagging financials, however, as Standard Chartered, HDFC and AIA performed poorly for us.

#### **Investment outlook**

As fund managers, we create our own investment identity which we imprint on markets. This identity can be a function of objective evidence as to what delivers performance in the long run, beliefs such as the importance of sustainability and the strengths and weaknesses of the people who are enacting it. Done thoughtfully and applied consistently, we believe this is the path to long-term investment success. Alongside this we are market observers. Each day there is messaging from within and across asset classes as to what is occurring in the global economy. Sometimes this is right, and sometimes this is wrong, but it is always worth paying attention to. What are the trends in the global economy markets are pointing to today?

Inflation came down significantly in 2023 but remains above most central banks targets, and now does not have the 'easy' wins of base effects to push this lower. In our view, wage inflation is the key metric to watch. However, consumer resilience has been greater than expected in both the US and globally, which has helped support growth and prevent a sharp recession.

Perhaps the only certainty for 2024 is it will turn out differently to how we expect. Our solution is to follow the greater certainty of industry and company trends, which should remain robust whatever happens to broader economic trends.

**George Crowdy Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

## **Comparative Tables**

### **Class M Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	149.30	134.39	151.23	117.19
Return before operating charges*	19.46	15.91	(15.83)	34.99
Operating charges	(0.55)	(1.00)	(1.01)	(0.95)
Return after operating charges*	18.91	14.91	(16.84)	34.04
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.17)	(0.81)	(0.31)	(0.12)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.17	0.81	0.31	0.12
Closing net asset value per share	168.21	149.30	134.39	151.23
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.10	0.13	0.11
Performance Return after charges	12.67%	11.09%	(11.14)%	29.05%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	70,838	55,889	46,308	35,714
Closing number of shares	42,111,958	37,434,338	34,457,801	23,616,613
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.72% 0.01%	0.72% 0.07%	0.72% 0.10%	0.72% 0.09%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	168.20 139.50	150.60 124.30	160.00 119.30	151.80 116.80

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Class M Accumulation launched on 25 February 2020.

### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21 (p)
Opening net asset value per share	152.42	136.35	152.50	117.47
Return before operating charges*	19.92	16.23	(15.99)	35.18
Operating charges	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges*	19.83	16.07	(16.15)	35.03
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.65)	(1.68)	(1.15)	(0.86)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.65	1.68	1.15	0.86
Closing net asset value per share	172.25	152.42	136.35	152.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.10	0.13	0.11
Performance Return after charges	13.01%	11.79%	(10.59)%	29.82%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	168,741	137,922	157,143	129,431
Closing number of shares	97,963,828	90,490,643	115,247,484	84,874,798
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.11% 0.01%	0.11% 0.07%	0.11% 0.09%	0.11% 0.09%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	172.20 142.50	153.70 126.20	161.60 120.90	153.10 117.10

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class R Accumulation launched on 25 February 2020.

### **Comparative Tables** (continued)

#### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22 (p)	31/08/21** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	106.66	95.42	106.72	100.00
Return before operating charges*	13.93	11.35	(11.19)	6.74
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	13.87	11.24	(11.30)	6.72
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.45)	(1.18)	(0.80)	(0.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.45	1.18	0.80	0.08
Closing net asset value per share	120.53	106.66	95.42	106.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.07	0.09	0.09
Performance Return after charges	13.00%	11.78%	(10.59)%	6.72%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000)	70,753	62,608	57,517	3
Closing number of shares	58,701,530	58,701,530	60,277,602	2,500
Operating charges Direct transaction costs	0.11% 0.01%	0.11% 0.07%	0.11% 0.09%	0.11% 0.09%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	120.50 99.75	107.60 88.32	113.10 84.61	107.10 99.73

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class S Accumulation launched on 19 July 2021.

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	107.32	100.00
Return before operating charges*	13.95	7.55
Operating charges	(0.26)	(0.23)
Return after operating charges*	13.69	7.32
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.22)	(0.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.22	0.49
Closing net asset value per share	121.01	107.32
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.08
Performance Return after charges	12.76%	7.32%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	4,853 4,010,178 0.57% 0.01%	3 2,500 0.57% 0.07%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	121.00 100.30	108.30 99.88

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation launched on 6 April 2023.

#### **Class Z Income**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	106.82	100.00
Return before operating charges*	13.94	7.54
Operating charges	(0.31)	(0.23)
Return after operating charges*	13.63	7.31
Distributions on income shares	(0.21)	(0.49)
Closing net asset value per share	120.24	106.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.08
Performance Return after charges	12.76%	7.31%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	3 2,500 0.57% 0.01%	3 2,500 0.57% 0.07%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	120.50 99.83	108.30 99.88

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Income launched on 6 April 2023.

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

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

### **Portfolio Statement**

As at 29 February 2024

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 98.07% (31/08/23 - 97.92%)		
Canada – 2.27% (31/08/23 – 1.90%)		
Industrials – 2.27% 69,706 Canadian National Railway	7,142	2.27
Total Canada	7,142	2.27
Channel Islands – 2.30% (31/08/23 – 2.51%)		
Consumer Services – 2.30%		
43,472 Ferguson	7,263	2.30
Total Channel Islands	7,263	2.30
Denmark – 2.14% (31/08/23 – 2.18%)		
Healthcare – 2.14%		
71,444 Novo Nordisk	6,746	2.14
Total Denmark	6,746	2.14
France - 5.16% (31/08/23 - 5.10%)		
Consumer Goods – 1.68% 14,020 L'Oreal	5,294	1.68
Industrials – 3.48% 61,295 Schneider Electric	10,972	3.48
Total France	16,266	5.16
Hong Kong – 1.96% (31/08/23 – 2.69%)		
Financials – 1.96% 963,800 AIA	6,190	1.96
Total Hong Kong	6,190	1.96
India – 2.58% (31/08/23 – 2.84%)		
Financials – 2.58% 192,560 HDFC Bank ADR	8,143	2.58
Total India	8,143	2.58
Indonesia – 1.48% (31/08/23 – 1.03%)		
Financials – 1.48%		
15,103,900 Bank Ratyat Indonesia	4,654	1.48
Total Indonesia	4,654	1.48
Ireland – 4.40% (31/08/23 – 4.99%)		
Healthcare – 2.29% 39,174 Steris	7,204	2.29
Industrials – 2.11%	2 222	•
29,933 Trane Technologies	6,666	2.11
Total Ireland	13,870	4.40

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Japan – 2.	00% (31/08/23 – 1.87%)		
Consumer	Goods – 2.00%		
57,100 Shimano		6,290	2.00
Total Japan		6,290	2.00
Netherlan	ds - 4.39% (31/08/23 - 4.06%)		
	rials – 1.59% 2 IMCD Group	5,022	1.59
Technology 11,82	y – 2.80% 7 ASML Holding	8,807	2.80
Total Neth	erlands	13,829	4.39
Switzerlar	nd – 3.07% (31/08/23 – 3.61%)		
Basic Mate	rials – 0.90%		
12,36	7 Sika	2,836	0.90
Industrials	- 2.17%		
60,25	1 TE Connectivity	6,833	2.17
Total Swit	zerland	9,669	3.07
Taiwan – 2	2.93% (31/08/23 – 2.62%)		
Technolog	y – 2.93%		
90,93	Taiwan Semiconductor     Manufacturing ADR	9,240	2.93
Total Taiw	· ·	9,240	2.93
United Kir	ngdom – 15.06% (31/08/23 – 17.95%)	· · ·	
	Goods – 1.78% 0 Unilever	5,628	1.78
	Services – 2.11%		
	0 Compass Group	6,661	2.11
Financials	<b>-</b> 4.75%		
	3 London Stock Exchange	7,792	2.47
	5 Standard Chartered	7,173	2.28
Healthcare 83,33	- 2.64% 0 AstraZeneca	8,319	2.64
Industrials 1.091.49	– 1.52% 0 Rentokil Initial	4,783	1.52
Utilities – 2		.,. 00	
	4 SSE	7,111	2.26
Total Unite	ed Kingdom	47,467	15.06

### Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 29 February 2024

		Did madeat	
Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	
United State	es - 48.33% (31/08/23 - 44.57%)		
Consumer S	ervices – 6.37%		
153,893	Amazon.com Core & Main MercadoLibre	6,802 5,803 7,469	2.16 1.84 2.37
Financials -	4.56%		
	Prologis Visa 'A'	4,907 9,457	1.56 3.00
Healthcare -	- 8.29%		
11,070 24,530	Hologic Intuitive Surgical IQVIA Holding Thermo Fisher Scientific	7,808 3,371 4,782 10,183	2.48 1.07 1.51 3.23
Industrials -	11.02%		
27,645 31,949 22,620	AGCO Corporation Comfort Systems USA Nordson Corporation TopBuild Wabtec Corporation	3,704 6,652 6,705 7,191 10,473	1.18 2.11 2.13 2.28 3.32
Technology -	- 18.09%		
61,437 31,940 12,730 42,809 12,342	Adobe Alphabet 'A' Autodesk Intuit Microsoft Nvidia Texas Instruments	5,803 6,717 6,519 6,664 13,987 7,709 9,622	1.84 2.13 2.07 2.11 4.44 2.45 3.05
Total United		152,328	48.33
Total value	of investments	309,097	98.07
Net other as	ssets	6,091	1.93
Total net as	sets	315,188	100.00

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Hologic	7,605
Core & Main	4,811
HDFC Bank ADR	2,043
Shimano	1,801
Bank Ratyat Indonesia	1,644
AGCO Corporation	1,607
Texas Instruments	1,494
Canadian National Railway	1,400
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1,097
Prologis	1,086
Subtotal	24,588
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	

### **Total Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Agilent Technologies	2,061
Trane Technologies	1,943
Adobe	1,682
Ferguson	1,630
Sika	597
TopBuild	581
Novo Nordisk	499
Nvidia	487
MercadoLibre	422
Amazon.com	282
Subtotal	10,184
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000			
	33,499		8,912			
1,402		1,373				
(332)		(267)				
1,070		1,106				
(101)		(84)				
	969		1,022			
	34,468		9,934			
	(949)		(853)			
	33,519		9,081			
	1,402 (332) 1,070	33,499 1,402 (332) 1,070 (101) 969 34,468 (949)	£'000     £'000       33,499       1,402     1,373       (332)     (267)       1,070     1,106       (101)     (84)       969       34,468       (949)			

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 29 February 2024

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	309,097	251,089
Current assets:		
Debtors	5,188	1,388
Cash and bank balances	2,519	4,194
Total assets	316,804	256,671
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	1,616	246
Total liabilities	1,616	246
Net assets attributable to shareholders	315,188	256,425

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		256,425		260,968
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	36,365		17,923	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(12,166)		(70,036)	
		24,199		(52,113)
Dilution adjustment charged		62		59
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		33,519		9,081
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		983		760
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		315,188		218,755

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 Septemer 2023 and 29 February 2024

			-		
	Net		Distribution payable	Distribution paid	
	income	Equalisation	30/04/24	30/04/23	
Class M Accumulation					
Group 1	0.1699	_	0.1699	0.1661	
Group 2	0.1378	0.0321	0.1699	0.1661	
Class R Accumulation					
Group 1	0.6491		0.6491	0.5795	
Group 2	0.3743	0.2748	0.6491	0.5795	
Class S Accumulation					
Group 1	0.4542	_	0.4542	0.4056	
Group 2	0.4542	0.0000	0.4542	0.4056	
Class Z Accumulation*					
Group 1	0.2178	_	0.2178	n/a	
Group 2	0.0263	0.1915	0.2178	n/a	
Class Z Income*					
Group 1	0.2075	_	0.2075	n/a	
Group 2	0.2075	0.0000	0.2075	n/a	

<sup>\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation and Class Z Income launched on 6 April 2023.

## **Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund, Class R Accumulation	3.25	0.72	_	_
Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund, Class S Accumulation	3.18	0.71	-	-
Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund, Class Z Accumulation	3.16	0.54	-	-
FTSE® All-Share Index	3.92	0.57	25.21	27.74
IA UK All Companies TR	4.11	0.18	11.03	21.25

Class R Accumulation was launched following the merger in from the Royal London All Share Tracker Fund. Class Z Accumulation launched on 3 December 2021 and Class S Accumulation launched 15 July 2022.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com. The tracking error shown in the performance overview below is calculated using the unofficial end of day Fund price to align with the official end of day benchmark price.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review, broadly in line with the benchmark index.

The tracking error between the Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund and the FTSE® All-Share Index was 0.22% over the six months under review. This was within the Fund's anticipated tracking error range of 0% to 0.50%.

The Fund has achieved its objective to achieve carbon intensity of at least 10% lower than that of the Fund's benchmark.

#### **Market overview**

After 18 months of concerns regarding rising inflation and upward moves in global interest, the six months under review was the first period to demonstrate a consistent decline in inflation and a growing expectation that the next move in global interest rates will be downwards.

Markets started to rise from the end of October, finishing the year strongly and were given further stimulus in December when the US Federal Reserve at one of their monthly meetings discussed the prospects for cutting interest rates in 2024 and concluded that this would be a likely outcome. Global equity markets therefore made positive gains over the period, including UK markets. As markets stand today, the expectation is that inflation will generally fall back to targets over time and rates will decline later in the year. The risk to this scenario is that inflation proves harder than expected to squeeze out of the system.

#### **Portfolio commentary**

The Fund uses sophisticated portfolio modelling tools to help construct a portfolio designed to track the performance of the benchmark without necessarily holding all the constituents in their exact benchmark weights. In practice, the Fund holds most of its benchmark's names.

The Fund will take underweight and overweight stock positions relative to the Index to achieve carbon intensity and ESG profile improvements, focusing on areas such as superior corporate governance, lower social risk, higher social value and superior environmental risk/reward. These factors contribute to the portfolio have a different weighting to some sectors than the index, for example a lower weighting in energy and a higher weighting in healthcare.

The Fund is underweight easyJet, the low-cost passenger airline, which has a high level of carbon intensity. Airlines typically have high carbon emissions due to the large amounts of fuel required to fly between destinations.

### Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Investment Outlook**

Going forward we remain positive regards the outlook for corporate profits and hence markets to move higher over time. The introduction of new technologies such as artificial intelligence promises to allow corporates the ability to become more efficient and grow profits at the same time. Inflation appears to have peaked in the short term and at some stage this should allow central banks the opportunity to reduce interest rates which will also provide stimulus to global growth. Employment trends have held up surprisingly well and this coupled with the level of real terms pay rises that we are seeing should go some way to offset higher mortgage costs for many.

Nils Jungbacke **Fund Manager Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

## **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class R Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	106.68	101.24	100.00
Return before operating charges*	4.25	5.49	1.28
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Return after operating charges*	4.22	5.44	1.24
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.43)	(3.62)	(2.78)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.43	3.62	2.78
Closing net asset value per share	110.90	106.68	101.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.02	0.02
Performance Return after charges	3.96%	5.37%	1.24%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges# Direct transaction costs	560,321 505,267,195 0.11% 0.01%	533,683 500,246,541 0.11% 0.02%	597,863 590,543,933 0.11% 0.02%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	112.90 104.60	112.40 94.26	105.90 94.37

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class R Accumulation launched on 3 December 2021.

### **Class S Accumulation**

Change in net assets	29/02/24	31/08/23	31/08/22**	
per share	(p)	(p)	(p)	
Opening net asset value per share	108.80	103.25	100.00	
Return before operating charges*	4.32	5.60	3.26	
Operating charges	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.01)	
Return after operating charges*	4.29	5.55	3.25	
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.45)	(3.70)	(0.83)	
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.45	3.70	0.83	
Closing net asset value per share	113.09	108.80	103.25	
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.02	0.02	
Performance Return after charges	3.94%	5.38%	3.25%	
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares	5,121 4,527,871	13,175 12,110,350	16,994 16,459,325	
Operating charges#	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	115.10 106.70	114.60 96.13	107.60 100.00	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class S Accumulation launched on 15 July 2022.

#### **Class Z Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
106.59	101.20	100.00
4.25	5.51	1.28
(0.06)	(0.12)	(0.08)
4.19	5.39	1.20
(1.40)	(3.57)	(2.74)
1.40	3.57	2.74
110.78	106.59	101.20
0.02	0.02	0.02
3.93%	5.33%	1.20%
59,406 53,623,359 0.17% 0.01%	37,927 35,580,444 0.17% 0.02%	48,847 48,265,640 0.17% 0.02%
112.80 104.50	112.30 94.22	105.90 94.35
	(p) 106.59 4.25 (0.06) 4.19 (1.40) 1.40 110.78 0.02 3.93% 59,406 53,623,359 0.17% 0.01%	(p)         (p)           106.59         101.20           4.25         5.51           (0.06)         (0.12)           4.19         5.39           (1.40)         (3.57)           1.40         3.57           110.78         106.59           0.02         0.02           3.93%         5.33%           59,406         37,927           53,623,359         35,580,444           0.17%         0.01%           0.01%         0.02%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Class Z Accumulation launched on 3 December 2021.

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

 $<sup>^{\</sup>sharp}$  0.06% of the operating charge relates to estimated weighted charges in underlying collective investment undertakings. This is a new regulatory disclosure for 2022, no restatements have been made for previous years.

<sup>^</sup> The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value	Total net assets (%)	Holding	Investment	Bid-market value	Total ne
Holding	investment	(£ 000)	assets (70)	Holding	mvestment	(£ 000)	assets (%
Equities -	93.11% (31/08/23 -95.69%)				Galliford Try	93	0.0
Oil & Gas -	9.96% (31/08/23 – 10.79%)				Genuit Group Keller	292 194	0.0
	,			170,183		231	0.0
	Energy – 0.09%	255	0.04		Marshalls	199	0.0
	Bluefield Solar Income Fund Ceres Power Holdings	255 42	0.04 0.01		MJ Gleeson Morgan Sindall	72 364	0.0
	Porvair	46	0.01		Norcros	35	0.0
49,115	Volution	199	0.03		Redrow	355	0.0
Oil & Gas Pr	oducers – 9.75%			,	Travis Perkins	447 187	0.0
4,285,502		19,743	3.16	02,742	Tyman	107	0.0
62,196	Capricorn Energy	72	0.01	Electronic &	Electrical Equipment – 0.84%		
	Energean Oil & Gas	231	0.04	102,871		2,368	0.3
	Harbour Energy Ithaca Energy	318 52	0.05 0.01		Morgan Advanced Materials Oxford Instruments	83 269	0.0 0.0
	Kenmare Resources	74	0.01		Renishaw	363	0.0
1,645,958		40,441	6.47	282,244		870	0.1
169,945	SOCO International	33	-		Spectris	1,146	0.1
Oil Equipme	nt & Services – 0.12%			24,283	TT Electronics	64 25	0.0 0.0
	Hunting	344	0.05		XP Power	39	0.0
	John Wood	368	0.06	Conoral Ind	vietrials 0.60%		
145,608	Petrofac	38	0.01		ustrials – 0.69% Coats Group	191	0.0
Total Oil & 0	Gas	62,256	9.96		Macfarlane Group	56	0.0
					Smith (DS)	446	0.0
Basic Mate	rials - 5.82% (31/08/23 - 6.47%)			,	Smiths Group	1,579	0.2
Chemicals –	0.53%				Smurfit Kappa Smurfit Kappa Group	26 1,790	0.2
	Croda International	1,795	0.29		Vesuvius	212	0.0
	Johnson Matthey	987	0.16		Videndum	43	0.0
31,164	Synthomer	45	0.01	Industrial Er	ngineering – 0.88%		
25,595		100	0.01		Bodycote	165	0.0
	Victrex Zotefoams	334 45	0.05 0.01		Hill & Smith	607	0.1
		.0	0.0.	82,527		1,430	0.2
•	aper – 0.08%				Severfield	41 1,936	0.3
34,734	Mondi	489	0.08		Spirax-Sarco Engineering Trifast	32	0.3
Industrial Me	etals -0.00%			71,288		1,307	0.2
5,294	Ferrexpo	4	_	Industrial Tr	ansportation – 0.13%		
Mining – 5.2	1%				Clarkson	267	0.04
ŭ	Anglo American	5,130	0.82		Fisher (James) & Sons	43	0.0
	Antofagasta	1,520	0.24		Gulf Marine Services	15	
108,253	Capital Limited	94	0.01		Ocean Wilsons Holdings	30	0.0
	Endeavour Mining	543	0.09		Royal Mail Taylor Maritime Investments	428 25	0.0
	Fresnillo Glencore	162 11,369	0.03 1.82		•		
	Hochschild Mining	182	0.03		vices – 5.51%		
	Kenmare Resources	117	0.02		Ashtead Group Babcock International	6,355 693	1.03 0.1
	Petra Diamonds Rio Tinto	21 13,445	2.15	95,142		2,999	0.4
				438,603	Capita	89	0.0
Total Basic	Materials	36,382	5.82		CMC Markets	43	0.0
				30,593 42,260	De La Rue	1,718 36	0.2
Industrials	<b>–</b> 11.82% (31/08/23 <b>–</b> 12.06%)				Diploma	1,116	0.18
Aerospace 8	& Defence – 3.03%				discoverIE Group	177	0.03
	Avon Protection	76	0.01		Essentra Experian	63 7,991	0.0 <sup>2</sup> 1.28
	BAE Systems	9,854	1.58		Grafton	7,991 569	0.09
	Chemring QinetiQ	268 605	0.04 0.10	529,409	Hays	498	0.08
	Rolls-Royce	7,940	1.27		Howdens Joinery	1,062	0.1
123,557		195	0.03		IntegraFin International Workplace	182 383	0.00
Construction	n & Materials – 0.74%				Intertek	2,040	0.33
	n & Materials – 0.74% Balfour Beatty	703	0.11	47,843	Kin and Carta	61	0.0
	Berkeley	1,319	0.11		Mears Group	32	0.00
	Boot Henry	86	0.01		Melrose Industries Mitie Group	2,231 346	0.3
	Costain	48	0.01	J27,J0J	milio Oroup	J+0	0.0

		Bid-market value	Total net			Bid-market value	Total ne
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%
Industrials	- 11.82% (31/08/23 - 12.06%) - cor	itinued			icals & Biotechnology – 9.01%		
Support Ser	rvices - 5.51% - continued				AstraZeneca	37,513	6.00
	Paypoint	99	0.02	,	Genus	245	0.04
	Redde Northgate	229	0.02	1,023,544	Hikma Pharmaceuticals	17,038 761	2.73 0.12
	! Renewi	29	-		Indivior	607	0.17
	Rentokil Initial	2,728	0.44	,	Oxford Biomedica	34	0.0
	Ricardo	109	0.02		PureTech Health	89	0.0
,	Robert Walters	76	0.01	Total Health	20070	59,821	9.57
,	RS Group  Serco Group	1,221 541	0.20 0.09	TOTAL HEALT	icare	39,021	9.5
233,848		72	0.09				
	SThree	215	0.03	Consumer	Services - 11.62% (31/08/23 -10.88%)		
Total Indus	trials	73,873	11.82	_	g Retailers – 0.43%	693	0.1
				152,639	Greggs Ocado	780	0.1
Consumer	Goods - 13.87% (31/08/23 - 15.45%	6)			Sainsbury (J)	1,154	0.19
٠	9 Danta   0.000/					,	
	s & Parts – 0.09%	440		General Ret	ailers – 2.50%		
	Aston Martin Lagonda Global	143	0.03		AO World	120	0.02
	Properties Production   Programme   Progra	319 78	0.05 0.01		ASOS	129	0.02
J1, <del>1</del> 30	. III laid Oystollis	70	0.01		B&M European Value Retail Card Factory	1,237 83	0.2
Beverages -	- 3.04%			301,901		199	0.0
22,661	Barr (AG)	118	0.02		Dunelm	382	0.00
	Britvic	753	0.12	,	Eurowag	20	
	C&C Group	249	0.04	30,418	Frasers Group	246	0.0
,	Coca-Cola HBC	1,309	0.21	1,424,729		4,722	0.7
558,465	Diageo	16,542	2.65		Halfords	111	0.0
ood Produ	cers – 1.45%				Inchcape	766 750	0.12 0.12
	Anglo-Eastern Plantations	39	_		JD Sports Fashion Kingfisher	1,217	0.12
	Associated British Foods	1,765	0.28		Marks & Spencer	1,221	0.20
49,365	Bakkavör	47	0.01		Motorpoint	25	
	Cranswick	628	0.10	31,680		2,634	0.42
,	Greencore Group	235	0.04		Pinewood Technologies	158	0.03
	Hilton Food Premier Foods	130 356	0.02 0.06		Pets at Home	319	0.0
	S SSP Group	639	0.00		Pollen Street Group Superdry	45 22	0.0
1,875,331		5,228	0.84		Topps Tiles	17	_
		,			Watches of Switzerland Group	246	0.04
	Goods – 2.35%				WH Smith	667	0.1
,	Barratt Developments	1,204	0.19		Wickes Group	170	0.03
	Bellway	901	0.15	56,197	XPS Pension Group	128	0.02
	Crest Nicholson DFS Furniture	111 129	0.02 0.02	Media – 4.15	5%		
	Headlam	21	0.02		4imprint	383	0.06
	Persimmon	1,092	0.18		Ascential	402	0.00
	Reckitt Benckiser	9,022	1.44		Bloomsbury Publishing	193	0.03
	Taylor Wimpey	1,209	0.19		Future	213	0.03
	Ultimate Products	19	- 0.40		Informa	3,030	0.48
94,725	Vistry Group	994	0.16	1,095,689		613	0.10
Leisure Goo	ods - 0.15%				Moneysupermarket.com Pearson	422 1,727	0.07 0.28
8.748	Games Workshop	822	0.13	100,678		60	0.20
- , -	Photo-Me International	114	0.02	485,138		16,786	2.69
				12,872	STV	26	-
	oods – 4.18%			295,765	WPP	2,092	0.34
	Burberry	1,297	0.21	Travel & Lei	sure – 4.54%		
	Dr. Martens PZ Cussons	164 51	0.02 0.01			200	0.04
	Unilever	24,601	3.94		888 Holdings Carnival	302 57	0.05 0.07
,		£ 7,00 l	0.04		Compass Group	9,764	1.56
Tobacco – 2	2.61%				Domino's Pizza	507	0.08
,	British American Tobacco	12,741	2.04	178,299	Entain	1,627	0.26
211,020	Imperial Brands	3,595	0.57		Firstgroup	295	0.0
Total Consi	umer Goods	86,665	13.87		Flutter Entertainment	7,865	1.26
				-,	Fuller Smith & Turner Gym Group	119 116	0.02 0.02
Hoalthear-	_ 0 57% (34/00/22 40 44%)\				Hollywood Bowl	273	0.0
neamicare	<b>- 9.57% (31/08/23 – 10.11%)</b>				Hostelworld	89	0.0
Healthcare I	Equipment & Services – 0.56%				Intercontinental Hotels	2,729	0.4
388,358	ConvaTec	956	0.15		International Consolidated Airlines (IA		0.0
26,121	NMC Health*#	_	_		Marston's	67	0.0
231.653	Smith & Nephew	2,409	0.38	,	Mitchells & Butlers Mobico	278 118	0.0
	Spire Healthcare	169	0.03				

		Bid-market value	Total net
olding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
onsumer S	Services - 11.62% (31/08/23 -10.88%) -	- continued	
aval 9 Lair	iouro 4.549/ continued		
	isure – 4.54% <b>– continued</b>		
	3 On The Beach	221	0.04
,	5 PPHE Hotel	105	0.02
	2 Rank Group	63	0.01
113,945		628	0.10
	2 Wetherspoon (JD)	355	0.06
71,339	9 Whitbread	2,356	0.38
	•		44.00
Total Consu	umer Services	72,579	11.62
Telecommu	unications - 1.01% (31/08/23 - 1.15%)		
relecommu	unications = 1.0176 (31700/23 = 1.1376)		
Fixed Line To	Telecommunications – 0.40%		
		0.44	0.04
,	2 Airtel Africa	241	0.04
	B BT Group	1,879	0.30
	5 Helios Towers	93	0.02
17,901	1 Telecom Plus	261	0.04
Mobile Telec	communications – 0.61%		
5 557 716	3 Vodafone	3,841	0.61
0,00.,	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7		
Total Teleco	communications	6,315	1.01
	450/ (04/00/00 0 040/)		
utilities – 3.	3.15% (31/08/23 – 3.24%)		
Flootricity	0.030/		
Electricity –			
143,891		670	0.11
34,966 274,748	6 Luceco	48 4,466	0.01 0.71
.,. 70		.,	
Gas. Water 8	& Multiutilities – 2.32%		
1 533 690	) Centrica	1,930	0.31
, ,	5 National Grid	8,811	1.41
	Pennon Group	532	0.08
,	S Severn Trent	1,378	0.22
181,271	1 United Utilities	1,858	0.30
Total Utilitie	ies.	19,693	3.15
TOTAL OTHER	163	15,053	3.15
Financials -	<b>- 24.66% (31/08/23 - 24.06%)</b>		
Banks - 8.51	51%		
	5 Bank of Georgia	426	0.07
,	•		
	B Barclays	6,224	1.00
4,945,227		30,388	4.86
	Lloyds Banking Group	7,573	1.21
	Metro Bank Holdings	42	0.01
	9 NatWest Group	3,393	0.54
	2 Secure Trust Bank	46	0.01
	9 Standard Chartered	4,127	0.66
,	5 TBC Bank	383	0.06
369,515	5 Virgin Money UK	572	0.09
E	atarant landaum color 5 5000		
	stment Instruments – 5.53%		
	3 3i Infrastructure	516	0.08
	Aberdeen Diversified Income and Grov		0.01
,	2 Aberdeen New India Investment Trust	97	0.02
	Aberdeen Standard European Logistic		0.02
19,881	Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust	257	0.04
	Aberforth Split Level Income	19	_
	6 Abrdn Asia Focus	114	0.02
,	1 Abrdn Asian Income Fund	116	0.02
	Abrun Asian income rund     Abrun China Investment Company	30	0.02
,	, ,		
	1 Abrdn Equity Income Trust	64	0.01
	4 Abrdn Private Equity Opportunities Tru		0.03
19,327	7 Abrdn UK Smaller Companies Growth	Trust 85	0.01
	3 Alcentra European Floating Rate		
.,0	Income Fund*#	_	_
35 158	3 Allianz Technology Trust	121	0.02
	5 Allianz reciniology rrust 5 Artemis Alpha Trust	28	0.02
		40	0.01
	O Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust		
	7 Asia Dragon Trust	177	0.03
	1 Augmentum Fintech	13	<del>.</del>
15,654	4 Aurora Investment Trust	38	0.0
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Bid-market					F	Bid-market	
Haldina		value	Total net	Haldin o		value	Total net
Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)	Holding	Investment	(£′000)	assets (%)
Financials -	- 24.66% (31/08/23 – 24.06%) – continued			,	The Alliance Trust	1,107	0.18
Equity Inves	tment Instruments – 5.53% – continued				The Global Smaller Companies Trust	242	0.04
	JPMorgan American Investment Trust	381	0.06	-, -	The Mercantile Investment Trust TR European Growth Trust	526 212	0.08 0.03
	JPMorgan Asian Growth and Income Trust	133	0.00		TR Property Investment Trust	282	0.05
	JPMorgan China Growth and Income Trust		0.02		Troy Income & Growth Trust	34	0.01
	JPMorgan Claverhouse Investment Trust	101	0.02		TwentyFour Income	30	-
353,498	JPMorgan Emerging Markets	202	0.00		Twentyfour Select Monthly Income Fund		- 0.04
42 514	Investment Trust JPMorgan European Discovery Trust	363 186	0.06 0.03		Utilico Emerging Markets Value & Income Trust	261 18	0.04
	JPMorgan European Growth & Income	161	0.03	-,	Vietnam Enterprise Investments	319	0.05
	JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Fund	142	0.02	,	VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund	201	0.03
	JPMorgan Global Growth and Income	430	0.07	,	Witan Investments	554	0.09
	JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust JPMorgan Japanese Investment Trust	130 220	0.02 0.04	164,727	Worldwide Healthcare Trust	543	0.09
	JPMorgan Japanese Smaller Companies	220	0.04	Financial Se	rvices – 4.60%		
.0,000	Investment Trust	52	0.01	247,829	3i Group	6,114	0.98
	JPMorgan Smaller Companies Trust	94	0.01		AJ Bell	167	0.03
	JPMorgan US Smaller Companies Trust	92	0.01		Apax Global Alpha	180	0.03
,	Jupiter Fund Management Law Debenture	139 287	0.02 0.05		BBGI Global Infrastructure Bridgepoint	266 206	0.04 0.03
	Lindsell Train Investment Trust	60	0.03		CAB Payments Holdings	41	0.03
	Lowland Investment Company	85	0.01		Chrysalis Investments	260	0.04
	M&G Credit Income Investment Trust	31	_		City of London Investment	24	_
	Majedie Investment Trust	16	_	, -	Close Brothers	145	0.02
,	Manchester & London Investment Trust Martin Currie Global Portfolio	18 102	0.02		Finablr+# Ashmore	351	0.06
	Merchants Trust	119	0.02		Foresight Group Holdings	109	0.02
,	Mid Wynd International Investment Trust	115	0.02		Funding Circle	14	_
	Middlefield Canadian Income Trust	38	0.01		Hargreaves Lansdown	776	0.12
,	Mobius Investment Trust	52 482	0.01 0.08		IG Group	650 1,449	0.10 0.23
	Monks Investment Trust Montanaro European Smaller Companies	402	0.06		Intermediate Capital Group International Personal Finance	35	0.23
21,011	Trust	30	_		International Public Partnership	490	0.08
30,796	Montanaro UK Smaller Companies Trust	30	_		Investec	866	0.14
	Murray Income Trust	249	0.04	286,745		137	0.02
	Murray International Trust NB Global Monthly Income Fund	444 12	0.07		JPMorgan Global Core Real Assets	33 246	0.01 0.04
	NB Private Equity Partners	164	0.03	31,505 12,312	Liontrust Asset Management	79	0.04
	NextEnergy Solar Fund	192	0.03		London Stock Exchange	10,132	1.62
	Nippon Active Value Fund	69	0.01		Man Group	826	0.13
	North American Income Trust	145	0.02		Molten Ventures	99	0.02
	North Atlantic Smaller Companies Octopus Renewables	50 61	0.01 0.01		Network International Holdings Ninety One	486 227	0.08 0.04
	Pacific Assets Trust	206	0.03		Odyssean Investment Trust	29	0.04
	Pacific Horizon Investment Trust	246	0.04		OSB Group	494	0.08
,	Pantheon Infrastructure	28	_		Paragon Banking Group	373	0.06
	Pantheon International	461	0.07		Petershill Partners	52	0.01
	Pershing Square Holdings Personal Assets Trust	1,749 130	0.28 0.02		Plus500 Vanguis Banking	355 108	0.06 0.02
	Picton Property Income	199	0.02	374,881		362	0.02
123,647	Polar Capital Global Financials Trust	195	0.03		Rathbones Group	274	0.04
28,231	Polar Capital Global Healthcare Growth				Record	1	_
10.642	& Income Trust	104	0.02	80,919		213	0.03
,	Polar Capital Technology Trust Real Estate Credit Investments	568 107	0.09 0.02		S & U Schroders	12 887	0.14
	RIT Capital Partners	553	0.09		Syncona	132	0.02
	Riverstone Energy	122	0.02		Templeton Emerging Markets		
	Schroder Asia Pacific Fund	232	0.04		Investment Trust	528	0.08
45,253	Schroder Asian Total Return Investment	404	0.00		TP ICAP	422	0.07
10 53/	Company Schroder Income Growth Fund	194 50	0.03 0.01	108,677	VH Global Sustainable Energy Opportunities	79	0.01
	Schroder Japan Trust	67	0.01	92.629	VPC Specialty Lending Investments	49	0.01
	Schroder UK Mid Cap Fund	27	_	,	, , ,		
	Schroders Capital Global Innovation Trust	62	0.01	Life Insurance			
	Schroder Oriental Income Fund	182	0.03	725,611		3,238	0.52
	Scottish American Investment Trust Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	237 2,919	0.04 0.47		Chesnara	96 280	0.02
	Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies	2,919	0.47		Just Group Legal & General	3,671	0.04 0.59
	SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	116	0.02	562,547		1,264	0.20
	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure			189,892	Phoenix Group	944	0.15
00 =0=	Income Fund	321	0.05		Prudential	5,594	0.90
	Smithson Investment Trust	283	0.05		St James's Place Capital	700	0.11
	STS Global Income & Growth Trust Strategic Equity Capital	49 54	0.01 0.01	632,144	ADIUII	995	0.16
	Temple Bar Investment Trust	281	0.05				

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Investment	sid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Financials -	- 24.66% (31/08/23 – 24.06%) – continue	ed	
Non-Life Ins	urance - 0.90%		
75,524	Admiral	2,013	0.32
	Beazley	1,189	0.19
	Direct Line Insurance Hiscox	720 1,040	0.11 0.17
	Lancashire	482	0.17
	Sabre Insurance	125	0.02
52,198		64	0.01
	Investment Services – 0.44%	_	
	Digital 9 Infrastructure Foresight Solar Fund	7 143	0.02
	Foxtons	107	0.02
	Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	39	0.01
	Grainger	482	0.08
	Harworth Group Helical Bar	10 67	0.01
	HICL Infrastructure	534	0.01
	JLEN Environmental Assets	112	0.02
	LSL Property Services	76	0.01
	Palace Capital Renewables Infrastructure	23 667	0.11
	Savills	361	0.11 0.06
	Starwood European Real Estate Finance		0.02
	Investment Trusts – 1.99%		
	Abrdn Property Income Trust	64	0.01
1,005,952	AEW UK Assura	48 418	0.01 0.07
	Balanced Commercial Property Trust	188	0.03
46,205	Big Yellow	463	0.08
	British Land	907	0.15
34,620	Capital and Regional	8 32	_
	Custodian	111	0.02
	Derwent London	671	0.11
	Empiric Student Property Great Portland Estates	73 255	0.01 0.04
	Hammerson	297	0.05
	Home REIT#+		-
	Impact Healthcare	87	0.01
	Intu Properties* Land Securities	1,199	0.19
,	LondonMetric Property	643	0.10
265,511	LXI	263	0.04
	NewRiver Retail	65	0.01
	Phoenix Spree Primary Health Properties	32 141	0.01 0.02
187,465		140	0.02
11,092	Regional	2	-
	Residential Secure	9	-
	Safestore Schroder European	413 17	0.07
	Schroder Real Estate Investment Trust	64	0.01
317,899		2,686	0.43
	Shaftesbury Capital	600	0.10
	Sirius Real Estate	299 76	0.05
	Supermarket Income REIT Target Healthcare	76 53	0.01 0.01
	Triple Point Social Housing	76	0.01
518,659	Tritax Big Box	760	0.12
	Tritax EuroBox	89 145	0.02
	UK Commercial Property Trust Unite Group	145 522	0.02 0.08
	Urban Logistics REIT	225	0.04
81,546	Warehouse REIT	62	0.01
42,766	Workspace	209	0.03
Total Finance	cials	154,101	24.66

Holding	Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Technolog	y - 1.63% (31/08/23 - 1.48%)		
Software &	Computer Services – 1.60%		
22,32; 26,23; 229,16 66,73; 54,97; 21,31; 104,96; 18,85; 21,65; 93,40; 103,94; 90,22; 205,97; 255,06; 33,70; 162,44;	4 Playtech 3 Rightmove	95 72 159 1,697 157 306 619 375 75 239 157 131 400 1,167 3,173 495 503	0.01 0.01 0.02 0.27 0.03 0.05 0.10 0.06 0.01 0.04 0.03 0.02 0.06 0.19 0.51
•	·	100	0.00
0,	Hardware & Equipment – 0.03% Spirent Communications	171	0.03
Total Tech	nology	10,150	1.63
	0.05% (31/08/23 – (0.01%)) 3 ICF FTSE® 100 Index Future March 2024	275 275	0.05 <b>0.05</b>
Total value	of investments	582,110	93.16
Net other a	assets	42,738	6.84
Total net a	ssets	624,848	100.00
* Zero value * Suspende			

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
AstraZeneca	1,202
London Stock Exchange	1,058
Reckitt Benckiser	635
RELX	582
Haleon	567
Diageo	564
Compass Group	490
BAE Systems	439
Unilever	439
British American Tobacco	432
Subtotal	6,408
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	18,646

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
CRH	6,647
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	1,104
Shell	921
Glencore	553
HSBC	443
Reckitt Benckiser	416
Barclays	379
British American Tobacco	308
Restaurant Group	292
Intercontinental Hotels	188
Subtotal	11,251
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	11,595

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	Feb 2023 £'000
Income				
Net capital gains		15,451		50,559
Revenue	8,474		8,120	
Expenses	(165)		(181)	
Net revenue before taxation	8,309		7,939	
Taxation	(187)		(130)	
Net revenue after taxation		8,122		7,809
Total return before distributions		23,573		58,368
Distributions		(7,936)		(7,412)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,637		50,956

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

	£'000	9 Feb 2024 £'000	£'000	8 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		584,785		663,704
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	54,076		21,808	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(37,955)		(45,343)	
		16,121		(23,535)
Dilution adjustment charged		279		125
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,637		50,956
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		8,026		7,245
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		624,848		698,495

### **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	582,110	559,579
Current assets:		
Debtors	5,002	4,901
Cash and bank balances	38,648	20,570
Total assets	625,760	585,050
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	_	47
Creditors:		
Other creditors	912	218
Total liabilities	912	265
Net assets attributable to shareholders	624,848	584,785

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution payable 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	1.4269	_	1.4269	1.1450
Group 2	0.7557	0.6712	1.4269	1.1450
Class S Accumulation				
Group 1	1.4549	-	1.4549	1.1677
Group 2	1.4549	0.0000	1.4549	1.1677
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	1.3995	_	1.3995	1.1197
Group 2	0.6127	0.7868	1.3995	1.1197

## **Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund**

### **Manager's Investment Report**

#### **Fund performance**

#### 6 months to 29 February 2024

	6 month total return %	1 year total return %	3 year total return %	5 year total return %
Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund, Class M Accumulation	9.09	12.75	-	-
Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund, Class R Accumulation	9.40	13.37	_	_
Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund, Class S Accumulation	9.27	12.93	_	-
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares TR	6.46	6.13	9.34	27.57

The Fund launched on 24 May 2022.

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

Source: Royal London Asset Management Limited and Lipper, as at 29 February 2024. Returns are net of management fees. Investors should note that the total return is calculated on the Fund's official midday price whereas the Fund has been valued as at close of business for the Net Asset Value quoted within the Comparative Table. For further information, including ongoing performance and Fund breakdown information, please refer to the latest factsheet at www.rlam.com.

#### **Performance overview**

The Fund delivered positive returns for the period under review and outperformed the peer group average. The Fund's performance was supported by both its equity and corporate bond holdings.

#### **Market overview**

Over the last two years, markets have been driven by the direction of inflation, interest rates and economic growth, with investors alternating between different scenarios: soft landing where economic growth remains positive but inflation slows; hard landing where inflation and economic growth fall; and the last scenario, one of higher energy prices and interest rates increase impacting economic activity and creating higher inflation.

While last summer the market focused on the third scenario, the end of 2023 saw a significant shift towards the soft landing one through a combination of falling inflation and unexpectedly dovish comments (favouring lower interest rates) from the US Federal Reserve. It seems increasingly likely that we have reached peak interest rates and the global economy has proven more resilient than initially expected. This is an environment that is generally positive for financial assets, particularly equities.

Over the six-month period, global equities (as shown by the MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index GBP) returned 11.9% in sterling terms and UK equities (as shown by the FTSE® All Share) gained 3.9%. In a more 'risk-on' environment, traditionally more cyclical sectors have outperformed. Technology was the best performing sector driven by artificial intelligence which is triggering significant investments in technology infrastructure particularly semiconductors.

UK government bond yields started the review period continuing the rising trend that started in late 2021. This reflected market views that rising inflation could necessitate even higher interest rates. Yet, with inflation starting to come down, and growth remaining weak, expectations of rate cuts in 2024 contributed to significant falls in bond yields in the final months of 2023. As a result, overall returns for gilts were negative. Sterling corporate bonds produced positive returns, helped by the additional yield these offer and optimism that interest rate cuts would support the corporate sector.

## Manager's Investment Report (continued)

#### **Portfolio commentary**

Our sustainable strategies invest in companies providing a net benefit to society and create value for investors through their products and services and the way they manage their operations. Areas such as healthcare and technology remain at the core of the equity portfolios, complemented by engineering. selected financial services, and companies that lead their industries in ESG performance.

This means that we do not invest in some sectors, such as oil & gas, extractive industries or tobacco. We believe that the exposure to companies which offer a positive contribution to society is consistent with outperformance over the medium term.

Over the period, the Fund's performance was driven by our equity allocation but our credit exposure also produced a positive absolute return for the Fund.

Positive contributors included our industrial holdings notably Schneider Electric and Trane Technologies – which benefitted from investments in decarbonization and electrification. Another positive included our semiconductor holdings ASML and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, these companies remain critical enablers of the ongoing digitalization process of which AI is the latest iteration. Key detractors were concentrated within financials, with our holdings in HDFC and AIA underperforming.

Within the credit portfolio, our insurance bonds were standouts, with Prudential, Rothesay Life and Southern Water contributing strongly. Our overweight structured position proved detrimental in the period.

#### **Investment outlook**

Markets have moved significantly over the last six months, pricing in peak interest rates, yet history has taught us the macroeconomic environment can change quickly. We are not macroeconomic forecasters and refrain from predicting the direction of interest rates or inflation but evidence is accumulating that we might be at peak interest rates. We believe longer-term microeconomic trends are more important drivers of investment returns and should be the focus of investors.

There is a narrative that sustainable investing is becoming less relevant given the economic and political changes we have seen over the last few years, however we believe the drive towards a more sustainable society which we define as cleaner. healthier, safer, and more inclusive continues unabated. When looking at markets we see sustainability becoming more, not less relevant and is illustrated by, but not limited to, trends in digitalisation through artificial intelligence, infrastructure through electrification and healthcare through obesity drugs. These trends make us optimistic about the long-term outlook for sustainable investing.

We will continue to follow our process which has served us well over the years and believe our portfolios are diversified and focused on high quality sustainable and financial companies that are well positioned to drive long-term performance.

Mike Fox, George Crowdy and Sebastien Beguelin **Fund Managers Royal London Asset Management Limited** 29 February 2024

Please note that this commentary is written as at end of the review period. For insights into market events or positioning since then, please go to www.rlam.com.

This report covers investment performance, activity and outlook. For a wider look at the Fund, our Annual Assessment of Value report is available at www.rlam.com.

The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures Report can be found under the relevant Fund name at https:// www.rlam.com/uk/individual-investors/funds. This report has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the TCFD, which aims to help the investment community build a more in-depth and consistent picture of the impact of climate change. A copy of Royal London Asset Management Limited's annual TCFD Report can also be found on our website.

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

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

## **Comparative Tables**

#### **Class M Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
107.34	102.40	100.00
10.92	5.74	2.61
(0.42)	(0.80)	(0.21)
10.50	4.94	2.40
(0.59)	(1.44)	(0.28)
0.59	1.44	0.28
117.84	107.34	102.40
0.01	0.06	0.08
9.78%	4.82%	2.40%
3,893 3,303,206 0.77% 0.01%	355 331,028 0.77% 0.06%	10 9,625 0.77% 0.08%
118.00 102.60	108.50 93.81	109.70 95.17
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Class M Accumulation launched on 24 May 2022.

### **Class R Accumulation**

29/02/24 (p) 108.09	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
108.09	102 54	
		100.00
10.94	5.64	2.56
(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.02)
10.89	5.55	2.54
s (0.89)	(2.01)	(0.43)
0.89	2.01	0.43
118.98	108.09	102.54
0.01	0.06	0.08
10.07%	5.41%	2.54%
118,980 100,000,000 0.09% 0.01%	108,088 100,000,000 0.09% 0.06%	102,539 100,000,000 0.09% 0.08%
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Class R Accumulation launched on 24 May 2022.

### **Class Z Accumulation**

Change in net assets per share	29/02/24 (p)	31/08/23 (p)	31/08/22** (p)
Opening net asset value per share	107.50	102.42	100.00
Return before operating charges*	10.95	5.71	2.59
Operating charges	(0.35)	(0.63)	(0.17)
Return after operating charges*	10.60	5.08	2.42
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.66)	(1.56)	(0.31)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.66	1.56	0.31
Closing net asset value per share	118.10	107.50	102.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.06	0.08
Performance Return after charges	9.86%	4.96%	2.42%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	550 465,762 0.62% 0.01%	149 138,736 0.62% 0.06%	5 5,000 0.62% 0.08%
Prices^ Highest share price Lowest share price	118.30 102.80	108.70 93.84	109.70 95.17

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  Class Z Accumulation launched on 24 May 2022.

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

 $<sup>\</sup>hat{\ }$  The high and low prices disclosed are the high and low prices for the accounting period and not the calendar year. The net asset value per share price is based on the net asset value in the published financial statements and may be different due to the prior year end accounting adjustments.

## **Portfolio Statement**

Holding Investment	Bid-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
Equities - 74.06% (31/08/23 - 74.79%)		
Canada – 2.67% (31/08/23 – 2.58%)		
Industrials – 2.67%		
32,128 Canadian National Railway	3,292	2.67
Total Canada	3,292	2.67
Channel Islands – 1.66% (31/08/23 – 2.48%)		
Consumer Services – 1.66%		
12,247 Ferguson	2,046	1.66
Total Channel Islands	2,046	1.66
Denmark - 1.91% (31/08/23 - 1.90%)		
Healthcare – 1.91%		
24,966 Novo Nordisk	2,358	1.91
Total Denmark	2,358	1.91
France – 6.05% (31/08/23 – 6.51%)		
Consumer Goods – 2.17%		
7,105 L'Oreal	2,683	2.17
Financials – 1.14% 29,804 BNP Paribas	1,412	1.14
Industrials – 2.74% 18,887 Schneider Electric	3,381	2.74
Total France	7,476	6.05
Germany – 0.00% (31/08/23 – 0.45%)		
Hong Kong – 1.71% (31/08/23 – 2.09%)		
Financials – 1.71%		
328,000 AIA	2,107	1.71
Total Hong Kong	2,107	1.71
India – 1.22% (31/08/23 – 1.47%)		
Financials – 1.22%		
35,574 HDFC Bank ADR	1,504	1.22
Total India	1,504	1.22
Indonesia – 1.60% (31/08/23 – 1.29%)		
Financials – 1.60%		
6,412,600 Bank Ratyat Indonesia	1,976	1.60
Total Indonesia	1,976	1.60
Ireland – 5.47% (31/08/23 – 4.91%)		
Basic Materials – 1.80% 6,273 Linde	2,224	1.80
Healthcare – 2.03%		
13,637 Steris	2,508	2.03
Industrials – 1.64%	0.047	4.04
9,055 Trane Technologies	2,017	1.64
Total Ireland	6,749	5.47

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Holding	Investment	(£'000)	assets (%)
Japan – 0.4	48% (31/08/23 – 0.40%)		
	Goods – 0.48%		0.40
	) Shimano	595 <b>595</b>	0.48
Total Japa	II	595	0.40
Netherland	ds - 4.63% (31/08/23 - 3.86%)		
	rials – 2.07% 5 IMCD Group	2,554	2.07
Technology			
0,	6 ASML Holding	3,162	2.56
Total Neth	erlands	5,716	4.63
Switzerlan	d – 2.44% (31/08/23 – 2.74%)		
Basic Mate	rials - 0.94%		
,	7 Sika	1,155	0.94
Industrials -	- 1.50% 4 TE Connectivity	1,858	1.50
Total Switz	•	3,013	2.44
	440/ (04/00/00 0 000/)		
	.14% (31/08/23 – 2.20%)		
Technology 25,944	7 – 2.14% 4 Taiwan Semiconductor		
	Manufacturing ADR	2,636	2.14
Total Taiwa	an	2,636	2.14
United Kin	gdom – 11.41% (31/08/23 – 14.11%)		
	Goods - 0.83%		
	) Unilever	1,019	0.83
	Services – 1.95% 3 Compass Group	2,409	1.95
Financials -	·	2,400	1.00
30,684	4 London Stock Exchange	2,724	2.21
	Standard Chartered	2,510	2.03
Healthcare 26,969	– 2.18% 9   AstraZeneca	2,692	2.18
Industrials -		,	
277,274	4 Rentokil Initial	1,215	0.98
Utilities – 1.			4.00
,	9 SSE ed Kingdom	1,515 <b>14,084</b>	1.23
		14,004	11.41
	tes - 30.67% (31/08/23 - 27.80%)		
	Services – 2.97% 6 Core & Main	1,768	1.43
	7 MercadoLibre	1,897	1.54
Financials -			
ŕ	5 Visa 'A'	3,860	3.13
Healthcare 3.562	– 5.17% 2 Intuitive Surgical	1,085	0.88
9,754	IQVIA Holding Thermo Fisher Scientific	1,902 3,390	1.54 2.75
1,550	THEITHOT ISHEL SCIENTIFIC	3,390	2.13

Holding	Bio	d-market value (£'000)	
United Stat	tes - 30.67% (31/08/23 - 27.80%) - continu	ıed	
Industrials -	- 6.16%		
	AGCO Holdings	760	0.62
	Agilent Technologies	1,191	0.96
	Comfort Systems USA Nordson Corporation	1,391 1,860	1.13 1.51
	Wabtec Corporation	2,396	1.94
Technology	- 13.24%		
	2 Adobe	1,842	1.49
	3 Alphabet 'A'	3,805	3.08
	3 Autodesk 2 Broadcom	1,238 1,881	1.00 1.53
	5 Intuit	1,369	1.11
	2 Microsoft	4,310	3.49
14,405	Texas Instruments	1,904	1.54
Total Unite	d States	37,849	30.67
Bonds - 2	23.75% (31/08/23 – 23.23%)		
Australia –	0.22% (31/08/23 – 0.23%)		
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£300 000	National Australia Bank 1.699%		
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	В	id-market	
Holding	Investment	value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
France - 1.1	6% (31/08/23 – 1.25%)		
Corporate B	onds – 1.16%		
	AXA 6.6862% variable perpetual	206	0.17
	BNP Paribas 2% variable 24/5/2031 BNP Paribas 2.875% 24/2/2029	272 178	0.22 0.15
	BPCE 2.5% variable 30/11/2032	174	0.14
	Credit Agricole 4.875% 23/10/2029 Credit Agricole 5.75% variable 29/11/202	199 7 201	0.16 0.16
	Credit Agricole 7.5% variable perpetual	198	0.16
Total Franc	0	1,428	1.16
Ireland – 0.4	48% (31/08/23 – 0.53%)		
Corporate B	onds – 0.34%		
	Freshwater Finance 4.556% 3/4/2036	149	0.12
	Freshwater Finance 5.182% 20/4/2035	168 52 106	0.14 0.08
,	Zurich Finance 5.125% variable 23/11/20	52 100	0.06
	Mortgage Backed Securities – 0.14%		
	Deco 2019-RAM DAC FRN 7/8/2030 Frost CMBS 2021 1 DAC FRN 22/11/202	32 6 135	0.03 0.11
Total Irelan	_	590	0.48
Japan – 0.2	8% (31/08/23 – 0.31%)		
Corporate B	onds – 0.28%		
•	East Japan Railway 5.25% 22/4/2033	203	0.17
£139,000	Mizuho Financial 5.628% 13/6/2028	141	0.11
Total Japan		344	0.28
Netherland	s – 0.47% (31/08/23 – 0.52%)		
Corporate B	onds – 0.47%		
	ING Groep NV 5% variable 30/8/2026	198	0.16
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Total Nethe	rlands	585	0.47
Sweden - 0	.15% (31/08/23 – 0.17%)		
	onds – 0.15%		
-	Akelius Residential Property 2.375%		
	15/8/2025	95	0.07
£100,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 4.625% variabl 23/8/2032	e 95	0.08

Holding	Bio	d-market value (£'000)	Total net	Holding		narket value £'000)	Total net assets (%)
		(2000)				, ,	
United King	dom – 17.77% (31/08/23 – 17.54%)				National Express 4.25% variable perpetual	181	0.15
Corporate B	onds – 17.40%				NatWest 3.619% variable 29/3/2029 NatWest 7.416% variable 6/6/2033	185 103	0.15 0.08
	3i Group 5.75% 3/12/2032	258	0.21		NatWest 7.410 % Variable 0/0/2033 NatWest Markets 6.375% 8/11/2027	103	0.08
,	Affinity Water Finance 2004 5.875%	200	0.21		NGG Finance 5.625% variable 18/6/2073	197	0.16
,	13/7/2026	201	0.16		NIE Finance 5.875% 1/12/2032	104	0.08
£100,000	Anglian Water Services Financing 6%			£100,000	Northern Powergrid Northeast 3.25%		
0450 000	20/6/2039	104	0.08	0400 000	1/4/2052	70	0.06
	Annington Funding 3.685% 12/7/2034	125 75	0.10 0.06	£180,000	Northumbrian Water Finance 2.375% 5/10/2027	162	0.13
	Annington Funding 3.935% 12/7/2047 Annington Funding 4.75% 9/8/2033	92	0.06	£100 000	Northumbrian Water Finance 6.375%	102	0.13
	Argiva Financing 7.21% 30/6/2045	106	0.09	2100,000	28/10/2034	105	0.09
	Aviva 6.125% variable 14/11/2036	353	0.29	£150,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.25% 12/10/2048	106	0.09
	Aviva 6.875% variable 27/11/2053	103	0.08		OSB Group 8.875% variable 16/1/2030	103	0.08
	Aviva 6.875% variable 20/5/2058	153	0.12		OSB Group 9.5% variable 7/9/2028	187	0.15
	Bazalgette Finance 2.375% 29/11/2027	103	0.08		OSB Group 9.993% variable 27/7/2033	149	0.12
	Bazalgette Finance 2.75% 10/3/2034	80	0.06		Orbit Capital 2% 24/11/2038 Peabody Capital 5.25% 17/3/2043	66 146	0.05 0.12
£150,000	BBC Pacific Quay Finance 5.5653% 25/7/2034	112	0.09		Peabody Capital 3.23 % 17/3/2043 Peabody Capital No Two 2.75% 2/3/2034	80	0.12
£101 000	Blend Funding 3.508% 4/5/2059	71	0.06		Penarian Housing Finance 3.212% 7/6/2052	141	0.11
	British Land 5.357% 31/3/2028	98	0.08		Pension Insurance 3.625% 21/10/2032	318	0.26
	Broadgate Finance 4.821% 5/7/2036	194	0.16	£200,000	Pension Insurance 8% 13/11/2033	212	0.17
£100,000	BUPA Finance 4.125% 14/6/2035	81	0.07		Places for People Homes 3.625% 22/11/2028		0.11
	Cadent Finance 5.625% 11/1/2036	100	0.08		Places for People Homes 6.625% 30/9/2038	150	0.12
	Close Brothers Finance 1.625% 3/12/2030		0.06	£100,000	Poplar Housing & Regeneration Community	0.5	0.07
	Close Brothers Group 2% variable 11/9/20 Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/6/2028	31 81 99	0.07 0.08	£150 000	4.843% 30/9/2043 Principality Building Society 8.625%	85	0.07
,	Community Finance 5.017% 31/7/2034	297	0.08	2130,000	12/7/2028	161	0.13
	Dignity Finance 3.5456% 31/12/2034	174	0.14	£200.000	Prudential 6.125% 19/12/2031	202	0.16
	Direct Line Insurance 4% 5/6/2032	164	0.13		RAC 8.25% 06/05/2046	108	0.09
£100,000	ENW Finance 4.893% 24/11/2032	99	0.08	£100,000	Phoenix 5.867% 13/6/2029	97	0.08
£250,000	Equity Release Funding No.3 5.05%				Rothesay Life 6.875% variable perpetual	366	0.30
	26/4/2033	220	0.18		Rothesay Life 7.734% 16/5/2033	106	0.09
	Eskmuir Group Finance 4.255% 12/12/204		0.10		RSA Insurance 5.125% variable 10/10/2045	197 125	0.16 0.10
	Eversholt Funding 2.742% 30/6/2040 Eversholt Funding 3.529% 7/8/2042	89 78	0.07 0.06		Sage 2.875% 8/2/2034 Saltaire Finance 4.818% 1/12/2033	712	0.10
	Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	179	0.15		Santander UK 7.098% variable 16/11/2027	151	0.12
	Exchequer Partnership 5.396% 13/7/2036		0.18	,	Saxon Weald Capital 5.375% 6/6/2042	147	0.12
	Experian Finance 3.25% 7/4/2032	90	0.07	£100,000	Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission 5.5%		
	GB Social Housing 5.193% 12/2/2038	240	0.19		15/1/2044	100	0.08
	Genfinance II 6.064% 21/12/2039	106	0.09		Scottish Power 6.375% Step 31/5/2041	107	0.09
	Great Polling Stock 6 5% 5/4/2021	78	0.06		Scottish Widows 7% 16/6/2043 Severn Trent 6.25% 7/6/2029	217 177	0.18 0.14
	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 5/4/2031 Great Rolling Stock 6.875% 27/7/2035	188 55	0.15 0.04	,	Severn Trent Utilities Finance 5.25% 4/4/203		0.14
	Greater Gabbard OFTO 4.137% 29/11/203		0.80		South West Water 5.875% 16/7/2040	331	0.27
	GreenSquareAccord 5.25% 30/11/2047	92	0.07		Southern Electric Power Distribution 5.5%		
	Grosvenor UK Finance 6.5% 29/9/2026	257	0.21		7/6/2032	238	0.19
	Gwynt y Môr OFTO 2.778% 17/2/2034	81	0.07	,	Southern Housing Group 2.375% 8/10/2036	72	0.06
	Harbour Funding 5.28% 31/3/2044	98	0.08		SSE 3.74% variable perpetual	95	0.08
£100,000	Hexagon Housing Association 3.625% 22/4/2048	71	0.06	£100,000	St. James Oncology Financing 2.804% 31/3/2037	62	0.05
£100 000	Home Group 3.125% 27/3/2043	71	0.06	£200 000	Swan Housing Capital 3.625% 5/3/2048	149	0.12
	Housing and Care 3.288% 8/11/2049	217	0.18		TC Dudgeon OFTO 3.158% 12/11/2038	186	0.15
	HSBC 8.201% variable 16/11/2034	433	0.35		Telereal Secured Finance 4.01% 10/12/2033	99	0.08
£127,000	International Finance Facility for				Telereal Securitisation 1.3657% 10/12/2033	118	0.10
	Immunisation 2.75% 7/6/2025	123	0.10	,	Telereal Securitisation 3.5625% 10/12/2036	101	0.08
	Just Group 7% variable 15/4/2031	202	0.16		Telereal Securitisation 3.5625% 10/12/2036	101	0.08
	Legal & General 5.5% variable 27/6/2064 Lloyds Bank 0% Step 22/3/2032	231 66	0.19 0.05		Telereal Securitisation 4.9741% 10/12/2033 Telereal Securitisation 6.1645% 10/12/2033	145 163	0.12 0.13
	Lloyds Banking Group 2.707% variable	00	0.03	,	Thames Water Kemble Finance 4.625%	100	0.13
2200,000	3/12/2035	158	0.13	2100,000	19/5/2026	35	0.03
£250,000	Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% variable			£300,000	Thames Water Utilities 7.75% 30/4/2044	307	0.25
	2/6/2033	250	0.20	£150,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 7.738%		
	Longstone Finance 4.791% 19/4/2036	171	0.14		9/4/2058	158	0.13
	M&G 5.625% variable 20/10/2051	188	0.15		THFC Funding No. 3 5.2% 11/10/2043	98	0.08
,	M&G 5.7% variable 19/12/2063	564	0.46		TSB Bank FRN 22/6/2028	297	0.24
	M&G 6.25% variable 20/10/2068 Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 12/1/2032	144 158	0.12 0.13	£120,000	Uliving@essex3 LLP NEW ISSUE 2.72% 31/8/2066 FIX	72	0.06
	MIELI London 4.82% 12/8/2027	148	0.13	£200 000	University of Oxford 2.544% 8/12/2117	108	0.00
	Morhomes 3.4% 19/2/2040	133	0.12		UPP Bond Issuer 4.9023% 28/2/2040	149	0.12
	Motability Operations Group 5.625%			£200,000	Virgin Money 3.375% variable 24/4/2026	193	0.16
	24/1/2054	103	0.08		Virgin Money 5.125% variable 11/12/2030	290	0.23
				£100,000	Virgin Money 7.625% variable 23/8/2029	105	0.08

As at 29 February 2024

Holding	Bid	-market value (£'000)	Total net assets (%)
United King	dom – 17.77% (31/08/23 – 17.54%) – conti	nued	
Corporate B	onds – 17.40% – continued		
£200,000	Wessex Water Services 1.5% 17/9/2029	162	0.13
	Wessex Water Services 5.125% 31/10/2032		0.08
	National Grid 5.75% 16/4/2032	285	0.23
	National Grid 5.875% 25/3/2027 Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642%	100	0.08
£200,000	4/8/2031	180	0.15
£250,000	Wods Transmission 3.446% 24/8/2034	157	0.13
	Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% variable		
	13/9/2028	187	0.15
£160,000	Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% variable		0.40
6100 000	15/11/2028 Vorkshire Water Finance 1.75% 27/10/2022	162 : 73	0.13 0.06
	Yorkshire Water Finance 1.75% 27/10/2032 Yorkshire Water Finance 5.5% 28/4/2035	96	0.08
	Yorkshire Water Services 6.454% 28/5/202		0.00
	Mortgage Backed Securities – 0.37%		
£320,000	Finance for Residence Social Housing 'A1'		0.40
6110.000	8.369% 4/10/2058	232	0.19
£110,000	Income Contingent Student Loan 2.5% 24/7/2056	61	0.05
£259.000	Income Contingent Student Loan 2.5%	01	0.03
2200,000	24/7/2058	151	0.12
£330,000	Income Contingent Student Loan FRN		
	24/7/2056	19	0.01
Total United	Kingdom	21,938	17.77
United State	es - 1.25% (31/08/23 - 1.08%)		
Corporate B	onds – 1.25%		
£150.000	AT&T 7% 30/4/2040	169	0.14
	Fidelity National Information Services		
	3.36% 21/5/2031	91	0.07
£100,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 0.625%		
6140.000	8/12/2027 Metropolitan Life Clobal Funding 4 1259/	85	0.07
149,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 4.125% 2/9/2025	147	0.12
£100.000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding 5%	171	0.12
	10/1/2030	100	0.08
	Morgan Stanley 5.789% variable 18/11/203	3 115	0.09
£137,000	New York Life Global Funding 0.75%		
CE74 000	14/12/2028	114	0.09
£5/1,000	Protective Life Global Funding 5.248% 13/1/2028	575	0.47
£150,000	Welltower 4.8% 20/11/2028	146	0.47
Total United		1,542	1.25
- Iotai Ointet	· Otatos	1,342	1.25
Total value	of investments	120,720	97.81
Net other as	ssets	2,703	2.19
Total net as	sets	123,423	100.00
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All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are "approved securities" within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

## **Summary of Portfolio Investments**

	29 Fel	2024	31 Aug 2023			
Credit breakdown*	Bid-Market value £'000	Total net assets %	Bid-Market value £'000	Total net assets %		
Investments of investment grade	26,286	21.28	22,240	20.48		
Investments of below investment grade	390	0.32	241	0.22		
Unrated bonds	2,643	2.15	2,757	2.53		
Total bonds	29,319	23.75	25,238	23.23		
Equities	91,401	74.06	81,209	74.78		
Investments as shown in the balance sheet	120,720	97.81	106,447	98.01		

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

## **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

## **Significant Purchases**

	Cost £'000
Broadcom	1,779
Core & Main	1,493
Comfort Systems USA	890
Linde	877
Greater Gabbard OFTO 4.137% 29/11/2032	866
AGCO Holdings	750
MercadoLibre	722
Saltaire Finance 4.818% 1/12/2033	720
Lunar Funding 5.75% 18/10/2033	629
Standard Chartered	616
Subtotal	9,342
Total cost of purchases, including the above, for the period	15,804

### **Significant Sales**

	Proceeds £'000
Stryker	939
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	938
Experian	692
Trane Technologies	655
Aptiv	636
Texas Instruments	589
Ferguson	530
SSE	523
Nordson Corporation	516
Unilever	501
Subtotal	6,519
Total proceeds from sales, including the above, for the period	11,766

### **Financial Statements**

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

29 Feb 2024 £'000 £'000	
10,250	1,053
1,128	994
(57)	(45)
1,071	949
(166)	(137)
905	812
11,155	1,865
(905	) (757)
10,250	1,108
	£'000 £'000  10,250  1,128 (57)  1,071  (166)  905  11,155

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

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

		£'000	29 Feb	£'000	£'	000	28 Feb 2023 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders			108,5	92			102,554
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	3,667					43	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(4)					-	
				3,663			43
Dilution adjustment charged			2				-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			10,25	0			1,108
Retained distributions on accumulation shares			916				757
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders			123,42	23			104,462

### **Balance Sheet**

	29 Feb 2024 £'000	31 Aug 2023 £'000
Assets		
Investments	120,720	106,447
Current assets:		
Debtors	1,143	786
Cash and bank balances	1,921	1,597
Total assets	123,784	108,830
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	361	238
Total liabilities	361	238
Net assets attributable to shareholders	123,423	108,592

## **Distribution Table**

For the six month period ended 29 February 2024

### Distribution in pence per share

#### Interim

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2023

Group 2: Shares purchased between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024

	Net income	Equalisation	Distribution paid 30/04/24	Distribution paid 30/04/23
Class M Accumulation				
Group 1	0.5942	_	0.5942	0.4842
Group 2	0.2484	0.3458	0.5942	0.4842
Class R Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8935	_	0.8935	0.7563
Group 2	0.8935	0.0000	0.8935	0.7563
Class Z Accumulation				
Group 1	0.6557	_	0.6557	0.5405
Group 2	0.4049	0.2508	0.6557	0.5405

### **Fact File**

### Constitution

### **Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund**

Launch date		30 October 2009		
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)		
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)	
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)	
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (the	ereafter £1,000)	
	Class N	£5,000,000 (1	thereafter £50,000)	
	Class R	n/a		
	Class Z	£25,000,000	(thereafter £50,000)	
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil	
		Class N	nil	
		Class R	nil	
		Class Z	nil	
	Annual	Class M	0.77%	
		Class N	0.70%	
		Class R	0.06%	
		Class Z	0.62%	

### **Royal London UK Opportunities Fund**

Launch date		30 October 2	009
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
Minimum investment	Class C	£1,000 (there	after £100)
	Class M	£100,000 (the	ereafter £1,000)
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£25,000,000	(thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class C	nil
		Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class C	1.45%
		Class M	0.77%
		Class R	0.04%
		Class S	0.07%
		Class Z	0.60%

### **Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund**

Launch date		26 February	2010
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	final)
		30 April (inte	rim)
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.17%
		Class R	0.05%
		Class S	0.05%
		Class Z	0.14%

## **Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund**

Launch date		26 February 20	010
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of Feb	oruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (fin	al)
		30 April (interir	n)
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class Z Acc	£3,000,000 (thereafter £50,000	
	Class Z Inc	£3,000,000 (th	ereafter £100)
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class Z Acc	nil
		Class Z Inc	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.07%
		Class R	0.03%
		Class Z Acc	0.10%
		Class Z Inc	0.10%

## Constitution (continued)

## **Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund**

Launch date		26 February 2	2010
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of Fe	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (fi	nal)
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class X	£100,000,000	(thereafter £50,000)
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (thereafter £50,000)	
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class X	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.11%
		Class R	0.04%
		Class S	0.05%
		Class X	0.07%
		Class Z	0.14%

## **Royal London European Growth Fund**

Launch date		30 April 2010	
Accounting end dates		31 August (fin	al)
		Last day of Fe	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (fi	nal)
		30 April (interi	im)
Minimum investment	Class A	£1,000 (therea	after £100)
	Class M	£100,000 (the	reafter £1,000)
	Class R	n/a	
Management charges:	Initial	Class A	nil
		Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
	Annual	Class A	1.10%
		Class M	0.70%
		Class R	0.05%

## **Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund**

Launch date		30 April 2010	
Accounting end dates		31 August (fir	nal)
		Last day of Fe	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
		31 January (i	nterim)
		30 April (inter	im)
		31 July (interi	m)
Minimum investment	Class A	£1,000 (there	after £100)
	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (t	hereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class A	nil
		Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class A	1.15%
		Class M	0.71%
		Class R	0.03%
		Class Z	0.58%

## Constitution (continued)

### **Royal London UK Equity Income Fund**

Launch date		05 Novembe	r 2010
Accounting end dates		31 August (fi	nal)
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
		31 January (i	nterim)
		30 April (inte	rim)
		31 July (inter	im)
Minimum investment	Class A	£1,000 (there	eafter £100)
	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£15,000,000	(thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class A	nil
		Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class A	1.13%
		Class M	0.72%
		Class R	0.06%
		Class S	0.09%
		Class Z	0.64%

### **Royal London UK Equity Fund**

	05 November 2010	
	31 August (final)	
	Last day of February (interim)	
	31 October (final)	
	30 April (interim)	
Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
Class R	n/a	
Class S	n/a	
Initial	Class M nil	
	Class R nil	
	Class S nil	
Annual	Class M 0.67%	
	Class R 0.04%	
	Class S 0.04%	
	Class R Class S Initial	31 August (final)

### **Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund**

Launch date		05 November	r 2010
Accounting end dates		31 August (fir	nal)
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
		30 April (inter	rim)
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (the	ereafter £1,000)
	Class N	£5,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
	Class R	n/a	
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil
		Class N	nil
		Class R	nil
	Annual	Class M	0.77%
		Class N	0.70%
		Class R	0.04%

### Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund

Launch date		05 Novembe	r 2010	
Accounting end dates		31 August (fi	nal)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)	
Distribution dates		31 October (	final)	
		30 April (inte	rim)	
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a		
	Class R	n/a		
	Class S	n/a		
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	(thereafter £50,000)	
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil	
		Class R	nil	
		Class S	nil	
		Class Z	nil	
	Annual	Class P	0.24%	
		Class R	0.07%	
		Class S	0.10%	
		Class Z	0.19%	

## Constitution (continued)

### Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund

Launch date		04 June 201	3
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (	final)
		30 April (interim)	
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	(thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.20%
		Class R	0.06%
		Class S	0.06%
		Class Z	0.14%

### **Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund**

Launch date		12 June 2017	7
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of February (interim)	
Distribution dates		31 October (final)	
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	(thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.32%
		Class R	0.10%
		Class S	0.10%
		Class Z	0.25%

### **Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund**

Launch date		10 October 2	017
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
		30 April (inter	rim)
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class M	0.41%
		Class R	0.09%
		Class S	0.11%
		Class Z	0.30%

### **Royal London Global Equity Select Fund\***

Launch date		10 October 2	017
Accounting end dates		31 August (fi	nal)
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	final)
		30 April (interim)	
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class M	0.71%
		Class R	0.08%
		Class S	0.05%
		Class Z	0.65%

<sup>\*</sup> The issue of shares in Royal London Global Equity Select Fund has been limited until further notice.

## Constitution (continued)

## **Royal London Global Equity Income Fund**

Launch date		25 February	2020	
Accounting end dates		31 August (fir	t (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)	
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)	
		31 January (i	nterim)	
		30 April (inter	rim)	
		31 July (inter	im)	
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)		
	Class R	n/a		
	Class S	n/a		
	Class V	£25,000,000 (thereafter £50,000)		
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)	
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil	
		Class R	nil	
		Class S	nil	
		Class V	nil	
		Class Z	nil	
	Annual	Class M	0.72%	
		Class R	0.09%	
		Class S	0.09%	
		Class V	0.35%	
		Class Z	0.56%	

### **Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund**

Launch date		25 February	2020
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	inal)
		30 April (inte	rim)
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (thereafter £1,000)	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class M	0.72%
		Class R	0.11%
		Class S	0.11%
		Class Z	0.57%

## **Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund**

Launch date		03 Decembe	r 2021
Accounting end dates		31 August (final)	
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (f	final)
		30 April (inte	rim)
Minimum investment	Class P	n/a	
	Class R	n/a	
	Class S	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class P	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class S	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class P	0.10%
		Class R	0.05%
		Class S	0.05%
		Class Z	0.11%

## Constitution (continued)

## **Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund**

Launch date		24 May 2022	
Accounting end dates		31 August (fi	nal)
		Last day of F	ebruary (interim)
Distribution dates		31 October (final)	
		30 April (interim)	
Minimum investment	Class M	£100,000 (th	ereafter £1,000)
	Class R	n/a	
	Class Z	£3,000,000 (	(thereafter £50,000)
Management charges:	Initial	Class M	nil
		Class R	nil
		Class Z	nil
	Annual	Class M	0.77%
		Class R	0.09%
		Class Z	0.62%

### **Investment Objective and Policies**

### **Royal London UK Mid Cap Growth Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK medium-sized companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® 250 ex-IT (investment trust) Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. This Index represents the 250 medium-sized companies among the approximately 600 that make up the FTSE® All-Share Index (these are the 600 largest UK-listed companies on the London Stock Exchange).

The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, Exchange Traded Funds, and cash. It may also hold derivatives and forward transactions for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

#### **Royal London UK Opportunities Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® All-Share Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The FTSE® All-Share Index is regarded as a good measure of the share-price performance of the approximately 600 largest UK companies on the London Stock Exchange. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital and income over the medium term (3 to 5 years), by primarily investing in the largest companies listed on the Japanese Stock Exchange, and incorporating responsible investment and environmental, social & governance insights into the investment process.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital growth and income over the medium term (3-5 years), by primarily investing in shares of the 350 largest companies by market capitalisation listed on the London Stock Exchange, and incorporating responsible investment and environmental, social & governance insights into the investment process.

The Fund may hold transferable securities (including Exchange Traded Funds which are closed ended funds, but not those which are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment. shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

#### **Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital and income over the medium term (3 to 5 years), by primarily investing in the largest companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and incorporating responsible investment and environmental. social & governance insights into the investment process.

The Fund may hold transferable securities (including Exchange Traded Funds which are closed ended funds, but not those which are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds

### **Royal London European Growth Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of European companies, not including the UK, listed on European stock exchanges.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® Europe ex-UK Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the share-price performance of large-and medium-sized companies listed on public stock exchanges in Continental Europe.

The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a growing income with some capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of medium-sized and larger UK companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® All-Share Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the share-price performance of the approximately 600 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, including Exchange Traded Funds (but not those that are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

#### **Royal London UK Equity Income Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a total return over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® All-Share Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods.

The Fund also aims to produce an income in excess of the Index's income over rolling 3-year periods. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the share-price performance of the approximately 600 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities (including Exchange Traded Funds which are closed ended funds but not those which are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

#### **Royal London UK Equity Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK companies included in the FTSE® All-Share Index.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® All-Share Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods. The Index is regarded as a good measure of the share-price performance of the approximately 600 largest companies on the London Stock Exchange. The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, including Exchange Traded Funds (including those that are closed ended funds, but not those which are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

#### **Royal London UK Smaller Companies Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3-5 years, by predominantly investing in the shares of UK smaller companies listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The Fund's performance target is to outperform the FTSE® Small Cap ex-IT (Investment Trusts) Index (the "Index") over rolling 5-year periods.

This Index represents the approximately 250 smallest companies of the 600 in the FTSE® All-Share Index (these are the 600 largest UK-listed companies on the London Stock Exchange). The Index is considered an appropriate benchmark for the Fund's performance, as the Fund's potential investments will predominantly be included in the Index.

The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, including Exchange Traded Funds (including those that are closed ended funds, but not those which are collective investment schemes), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares).

The Fund may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

### Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital and income over the medium term (3 to 5 years) primarily investing in companies within the developed and emerging markets of Asia Pacific, excluding Japan, and incorporating responsible investment and environmental, social & governance insights into the investment process.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital and income over the medium term (3 to 5 years), by primarily investing in shares of companies from developed countries in Europe (excluding the UK), and incorporating responsible investment and environmental, social & governance insights into the investment process.

The Fund may hold transferable securities, collective investment schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds), government and public securities, deposits and cash (for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management and redemption of shares). It may also hold derivatives for the purpose of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### Royal London Emerging Markets ESG **Leaders Equity Tracker Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver over the long term, which should be considered as a period of 7-plus years, the capital growth and income of the MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Net Return Index (expressed in GBP).

The Fund will invest primarily in the securities that make up the MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Index and instruments that provide exposure to these securities.

The Fund may obtain this indirect exposure to emerging markets by investing in American Depositary Receipts, American Depository Shares, Global Depositary Receipts and Global Depositary Shares, which are listed or traded on stock exchanges and regulated markets outside emerging markets. The Fund may also obtain exposure to emerging markets by investing in Participatory Notes. The Fund may also invest in cash and near cash, money market instruments, government and public securities, other transferable securities and other collective investment schemes (including Exchange Traded Funds). The Fund may hold derivatives for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management only.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

#### **Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the long term, which should be considered as a period of 7-plus years, by investing predominantly in the shares of companies globally that are listed on stock exchanges.

The Fund will aim to outperform the MSCI World Net Total Return Index by 0.4-0.8% p.a. over rolling three year periods (net of fees). The Fund will invest at least 90% in a diversified portfolio of global equities. The Fund's holdings will be diversified by country and by sector. The equities in which the Fund invests may be from both developed and emerging market countries and from any sector or industry and of any market capitalisation. Country and sector exposures within the Fund will be broadly in line with the index weights.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities. money market instruments collective investment schemes. exchange traded funds, deposits and cash. The collective investment schemes invested in may include those operated by the ACD. The Fund may also use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 5 because its share price has shown a medium to high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

#### **Royal London Global Equity Select Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the long term, which should be considered as a period of 7-plus years, by predominantly investing in the shares of companies globally that are listed on a stock exchange.

The Fund will aim to outperform the MSCI World Net Total Return Index by 2.5% p.a. over rolling three year periods (net of fees). The Fund will invest predominantly in a concentrated portfolio of global equities. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by the constituents or weightings of the benchmark Index. The equities in which the Fund invests may be from both developed and emerging market countries, from any sector or industry and of any market capitalisation.

The investment manager expects that the Fund will generally hold between 25-45 equities at any one time.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities. money market instruments, collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, deposits and cash. The collective investment schemes invested in may include those operated by the ACD. The Fund may also use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management.

#### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 5 because its share price has shown a medium to high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

# Fact File (continued)

# **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

### **Royal London Global Equity Income Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a combination of income and capital growth (a total return) over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by predominantly investing in shares of companies globally.

The Fund will aim to outperform the MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index by 2% p.a. over rolling three year periods (net of fees). The Fund will invest predominantly in a concentrated portfolio of global equities. At least 80% of the Fund will be invested the shares of companies globally. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by the constituents or weightings of the benchmark Index. The equities in which the Fund invests may be from both developed and emerging market countries, from any sector or industry and of any market capitalisation.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, deposits and cash. The collective investment schemes invested in may include those operated by the ACD. The Fund may also use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 5 because its share price has shown a medium to high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by predominantly investing globally in the shares of companies listed on stock exchanges that are deemed to make a positive contribution to society. Investments in the Fund will adhere to the Investment Manager's ethical and sustainable investment policy.

The Fund will aim to outperform the MSCI All Countries World Net Total Return Index by 2.5% p.a. over rolling three year periods (net of fees). The Fund will invest predominantly in a concentrated portfolio of global equities. The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by the constituents or weightings of the benchmark Index. The equities in which the Fund invests may be from both developed and emerging market countries, from any sector or industry and of any market capitalisation.

The investment manager expects that the Fund will generally hold between 30–50 equities at any one time.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds, deposits and cash. The collective investment schemes invested in may include those operated by the ACD. The Fund may also use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its share price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

# Fact File (continued)

### **Investment Objective and Policies** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to deliver capital growth and income over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by primarily investing in the 600 largest UK companies by market capitalisation listed on the London Stock Exchange, and incorporating responsible investment ("RI") and environmental, social & governance ("ESG") insights into the investment process.

The Fund's performance target is to deliver the performance, after the deduction of charges, of the FTSE® All-Share Total Return GBP Index (the "Index") over rolling 3-year periods.

The Investment Manager will seek to achieve carbon intensity for the Fund of at least 10% lower than that of the Index whilst also considering a company's ability and willingness to transition and contribute to a lower carbon economy.

The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in shares of companies that belong to the Index. The Fund's manager, however, will typically invest around 90% of the Fund's assets in companies that belong to the Index. Up to 30% of the Fund's assets may be invested in the shares of companies that are listed in the UK but which are not UK companies (UK companies being defined for this purpose as companies domiciled in the UK, or which have significant UK business operations).

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 6 because its simulated price has shown a high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

### **Royal London Sustainable Growth Fund**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve capital growth over the medium term, which should be considered as a period of 3–5 years, by investing in a diverse range of equity and fixed income assets. Investments in the Fund will adhere to the Investment Manager's ethical and sustainable investment policy. The Fund focuses on the sustainability of the products and services of the companies it invests in, as well as their standards of environmental, social & governance (ESG) management, alongside financial analysis. The Fund is actively managed, meaning that the Investment Manager will use their expertise to select investments to meet the objective. The IA Mixed Investments 40–85% Shares sector is considered an appropriate benchmark for performance comparison.

At least 50%, up to a maximum of 75%, of the Fund's assets will be invested in the shares of companies. These will be businesses that are listed on stock exchanges in their respective countries. The Fund has no particular geographic focus and the companies in which it invests may be based anywhere in the world. The Fund may also invest up to 50% of its assets in investment grade corporate bonds. Subinvestment grade bonds are limited to a maximum of 5% of the Fund's assets. The Fund may also use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management.

### Risk and reward profile



The Fund is ranked in risk category 5 because its simulated price has shown a medium to high level of volatility historically. As an investment, shares are more volatile than money market instruments and bonds.

The indicators have been calculated using some synthetic data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the funds. The indicators are calculated using standard methodology that is used by all companies offering such funds in Europe.

The risk/reward indicators are an estimate and not a guarantee. Going forward, the funds' actual volatility could be higher or lower, and their rated risk/reward profile could change. The lowest category does not mean the investment is risk free.

# **Appendix - Additional Information**

# **Securities Financing Transactions**

The Funds engage in Securities Financing Transactions (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, securities financing transactions include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sellbuy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Funds' involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the period ended 29 February 2024 are detailed on the following pages.

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Opportunities Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	6.84%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£23,443,635	6.66%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

Collater		teral
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 1.9% 20/9/2030	405,700,000	2,368
Government of Germany 15/8/2046	4,965,792	2,347
Government of Austria 20/10/2040	4,580,000	2,347
Nippon Steel	60,900	1,195
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	1,240,300	1,194
SoftBank	25,700	1,193
Fujitsu	9,600	1,186
Emerson Electric	9,577	799
National Grid	77,613	799
RELX	23,234	799

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	11,138
HSBC Bank	7,541
Natixis	3,426
JP Morgan Securities	1,028
Morgan Stanley & Co International	176
Merrill Lynch	135
	23,444

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	17,240
Bonds	Investment grade	7,344
		24,584

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	24,584
	24,584

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	5,719
Euro	8,187
Hong Kong dollar	130
Japanese yen	7,303
Swedish krona	109
Swiss franc	447
US dollar	2,689
	24,584

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	23,444
	23,444

### Country in which counterparties are established

ounterparty	Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	4	
Agents fee	(1)	20.00%
Fund net return	3	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	8.88%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£37,151,707	8.50%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Austria 0% 20/10/2040	10,189,000	5,346
Government of Japan 0% 10/05/2024	876,000,000	5,313
Government of Denmark 0% 15/11/2031	48,042,884	4,700
Government of Belgium 2.15% 22/06/2066	7,076,696	4,697
Government of Germany 2.10% 12/04/2029	5,457,328	4,697
Meituan	101,726	854
Tencent Holding	29,284	854
US Treasury 3.875% 31/12/2027	1,030,400	841
Alibaba Group Holding	109,327	839
Alstom	77,318	838

### All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	25,052
JP Morgan Securities	7,782
HSBC Bank	1,065
Natixis	1,009
Macquarie Bank	977
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	926
Merrill Lynch International	230
Goldman Sachs	111
	37,152

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	11,545
Bonds	Investment grade	27,312
		38,857

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	38,857
	38,857

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	1,019
Danish krone	4,583
Euro	20,920
Hong Kong dollar	3,385
Japanese yen	4,994
Swiss franc	1,751
US dollar	2,205
	38,857

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

# Royal London Japan Equity Tilt Fund – continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Maturity tenor of SFTs** 

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	37,152
	37,152

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
UK	37,152
	37,152

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	46	
Agents fee	(9)	20.00%
Fund net return	37	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	11.82%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£700,611,023	11.22%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

Collateral	
Holding	Fair value £'000
52,263,544	46,837
53,809,000	46,836
50,578,000	46,836
49,412,870	41,921
54,570,000	40,663
3,976,500,000	22,786
3,809,500,000	22,776
499,493	18,977
71,630	18,977
1,114,008	18,972
	Holding 52,263,544 53,809,000 50,578,000 49,412,870 54,570,000 3,976,500,000 499,493 71,630

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value
Counterparty	£'000
Barclays Capital Securities	339,527
Natixis	179,591
Morgan Stanley & Co International	72,785
HSBC Bank	24,415
Bank of Nova Scotia	20,260
Merrill Lynch International	19,916
JP Morgan Securities	14,304
Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	8,757
UBS	7,165
BNP Paribas Arbitrage London/Paris	6,449
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce London Branch	4,995
Societe Generale	2,273
Citigroup Global Markets	174
	700,611

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	404,961
Bonds	Investment grade	332,086
		737,047

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	737,047
	737,047

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### Royal London UK Core Equity Tilt Fund continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Currency of collateral** 

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	240,340
Euro	323,005
Hong Kong dollar	5,996
Japanese yen	58,564
Swedish krona	106
Swiss franc	2,999
US dollar	106,037
	737,047

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	700,611
	700,611

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
UK	694,162
France	6,449
	700,611

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	256	
Agents fee	(51)	20.00%
Fund net return	205	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London US Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

#### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	6.80%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£78,530,716	6.71%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Alphabet	67,175	8,912
Pentair	103,498	7,935
Dollar General	55,386	7,935
Exelon	221,652	7,935
S&P Global	18,480	7,935
Netflix	13,303	7,935
Bristol Myers	155,832	7,935
Lilly	10,473	7,935
Tesla	39,272	7,935
Phillip Morris	87,750	7,934

### All counterparties

	Gross volume
	of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage	63,450
HSBC Bank	9,307
JP Morgan Securities	3,216
RBC Dominion Securities	2,241
Natixis	317
	78,531

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	100,453
Bonds	Investment grade	335
		100,788

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	100,788
	100,788

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	91,030
Euro	2,432
Hong Kong dollar	1,002
Swiss franc	712
US dollar	5,612
	100,788

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	78,531
	78,531

### Country in which counterparties are established

# Counterparty All counterparties are UK based

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	56	
Agents fee	(9)	20.00%
Fund net return	47	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London European Growth Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	13.64%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£327,957,139	13.56%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

Issuer	Collat	Collateral	
	Holding	Fair value £'000	
Paccar	236,050	20,783	
Ross Store	174,735	20,783	
Travelers	119,267	20,783	
AmerisourceBergen	111,332	20,783	
Amazon	151,818	20,782	
Intercontinental Exchange	189,346	20,782	
Microsoft	64,477	20,782	
Parker-Hannifin	49,498	20,782	
Nvidia	33,849	20,782	
Iveco Group	1,746,445	17,458	

### All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	196,283
Natixis	84,472
Societe Generale	19,308
Morgan Stanley & Co International	16,622
JP Morgan Securities	3,935
Merrill Lynch	3,445
HSBC Bank	2,833
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	1,059
	327,957

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	325,918
Bonds	Investment grade	21,098
		347,016

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	347,016
	347,016

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	60,626
Euro	41,171
Hong Kong dollar	2,077
Japanese yen	14,138
Swiss franc	840
US dollar	228,164
	347,016

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

# Royal London European Growth Fund – continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Maturity tenor of SFTs** 

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	327,957
	327,957

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	184	
Agents fee	(36)	20.00%
Fund net return	148	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Dividend Growth Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	2.21%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£23,155,875	2.16%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
US Treasury 3.75% 31/05/2030	12,944,900	10,017
Government of Japan 0.5% 20/03/2060	521,450,000	1,831
Government of Germany 15/08/2046	3,838,824	1,815
Government of Austria 0.75% 20/10/2026	2,232,000	1,814
SoftBank	19,900	924
NTT Data	958,500	923
Nippon Steel	47,000	922
Fujitsu General	7,400	914
Abbott Laboratories	5,109	485
Salesforce.com	2,046	485

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
Goldman Sachs International	9,460
Barclays Capital Securities	8,959
Natixis	4,737
	23,156

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	8,473
Bonds	Investment grade	15,477
		23,950

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	23,950
	23,950

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	969
Euro	5,496
Japanese yen	5,528
Swiss franc	485
US dollar	11,472
	23,950

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	23,156
	23,156

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	10	
Agents fee	(2)	20.00%
Fund net return	8	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Equity Income Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	2.26%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£25,655,768	2.24%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 0.8% 20/03/2046	954,900,000	26,854
Government of Germany 04/07/2040	7,739,259	4,384
Government of Austria 20/02/2030	5,987,000	4,346
Government of Denmark 15/11/2031	26,705,207	4,345
NTT	2,297,400	2,547
SoftBank	47,500	2,212
Fujitsu	14,900	2,205
Government of Japan 0.1% 20/12/2028	225,000,000	1,840
Government of Japan 1.9% 20/09/2042	202,800,000	1,175
Government of Japan 2.5% 20/09/2037	184,950,000	1,175

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	20,936
Goldman Sachs	3,916
HSBC Bank	699
Merrill Lynch	105
	25,656

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	7,038
Bonds	Investment grade	19,816
		26,854

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	26,854
	26,854

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	459
Danish krone	2,547
Euro	8,758
Japanese yen	14,791
US dollar	299
	26,854

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	25,656
	25,656

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	13	
Agents fee	(3)	20.00%
Fund net return	10	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Equity Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	8.10%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£57,589,191	7.92%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 0.5% 20/3/2059	2,765,200,000	9,814
Government of Germany 4/7/2039	16,867,082	9,728
Government of Denmark 15/11/2031	101,969,686	9,727
Government of Austria 20/2/2031	10,860,000	7,654
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	5,141,500	4,951
SoftBank	106,500	4,945
Government of Austria 20/10/2028	2,752,000	2,073
Nibe Industrier	172,684	771
Incyte	16,254	771
Analog Devices	5,192	771

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value
Counterparty	£'000
Barclays Capital Securities	46,176
HSBC	7,353
Goldman Sachs International	1,851
Natixis	1,844
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	210
Morgan Stanley & Co International	151
JP Morgan Securities	4
	57,589

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	19,580
Bonds	Investment grade	41,089
		60,669

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	60,669
	60,669

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	2,329
Danish krone	9,727
Euro	20,906
Hong Kong dollar	2
Japanese yen	21,750
Swedish krona	771
Swiss franc	190
US dollar	4,994
	60,669

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	57,589
	57,589

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	15	
Agents fee	(3)	20.00%
Fund net return	12	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	10.67%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£150,114,500	10.30%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collat	teral
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 0.6% 20/9/2050	2,966,750,000	12,211
Government of Japan 0.1% 20/12/2024	2,309,200,000	12,208
Government of Japan 1.7% 20/12/2031	1,810,750,000	10,465
Government of Japan 0.005% 10/3/2033	1,371,500,000	7,856
Government of Austria 20/10/2040	10,315,000	5,286
Government of Belgium 4.5% 28/3/2026	5,765,615	5,285
Government of France 3% 25/5/2054	6,453,028	5,285
Government of Germany 2.2% 15/2/2034	6,320,513	5,285
Government of Finland 2.875% 15/4/2029	6,072,000	5,285
Government of Japan 1.6% 20/12/2052	621,450,000	3,208

### All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value £'000
Goldman Sachs International	33,746
Barclays Capital Securities	23,913
UBS AG	16,596
HSBC Bank	28,033
Morgan Stanley & Co International	15,156
JP Morgan Securities	10,656
Citigroup Global Markets	7,403
Merrill Lynch International	7,168
Macquarie Bank	6,402
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	791
Natixis	251
	150,115

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	75,987
Bonds	Investment grade	93,295
		169,282

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	169,282
	169,282

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### Royal London Asia Pacific ex Japan Tilt Fund continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Currency of collateral** 

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	11,883
Canadian dollar	344
Euro	40,218
Hong Kong dollar	16,959
Japanese yen	69,202
Swiss franc	3,440
US dollar	27,236
	169,282

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	150,115
	150,115

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	634	
Agents fee	(127)	20.00%
Fund net return	507	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	14.37%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£158,468,539	14.27%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 0.10% 10/03/2028	1,625,200,000	9,753
Government of Japan 2.20% 20/03/2041	1,604,950,000	9,748
Aeon	360,400	6,805
Nomura Holdings	1,514,300	6,805
Japan Tobacco	331,000	6,804
Toho	264,900	6,803
SoftBank	146,500	6,802
Microsoft	20,955	6,754
BP	1,460,628	6,752
Novartis (registered)	83,550	6,751

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value
Counterparty	£'000
Barclays Capital Securities	63,323
Morgan Stanley & Co International	30,732
JP Morgan Securities	27,469
Natixis	19,634
Merrill Lynch	5,753
Goldman Sachs	3,183
HSBC Bank	3,076
UBS	1,467
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	1,449
Citigroup Global Markets	853
Bank of Nova Scotia	680
Macquarie Bank	540
Societe Generale	310
	158,469

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	127,452
Bonds	Investment grade	42,635
		170,087

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	170,087
	170,087

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

# Royal London Europe ex UK Equity Tilt Fund – continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Currency of collateral** 

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	27,855
Danish krone	638
Euro	18,314
Hong Kong dollar	13,087
Japanese yen	69,323
Swedish krona	6,640
Swiss franc	13,771
US dollar	20,459
	170,087

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	158,469
	158,469

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	158,469
	158,469

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	157	
Agents fee	(31)	20.00%
Fund net return	126	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	5.81%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£277,764,886	5.66%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### **Concentration data**

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collater	al
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 0.4% 20/9/2040	4,005,550,000	18,535
Government of Japan 0.3% 20/12/2028	3,514,800,000	18,535
Government of Japan 2.3% 20/3/2040	2,998,850,000	18,531
Government of Japan 0.6% 20/6/2050	3,878,400,000	15,974
Government of Japan 0.005% 10/3/2031	2,449,100,000	14,904
Government of Japan 0.6% 20/6/2037	2,189,700,000	11,022
Government of Japan 0.7% 20/12/2050	2,616,700,000	10,990
Government of Japan 0.3% 20/12/2039	2,351,000,000	10,842
Government of Japan 20/11/2024	1,881,950,000	9,944
US Treasury 0.75% 15/2/2042	11,584,800	9,863

### All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value £'000
Goldman Sachs	55,203
Morgan Stanley & Co International	44,450
UBS	38,360
Merrill Lynch International	34,484
HSBC Bank	26,885
Barclays Capital Securities	23,415
JP Morgan Securities	22,180
Macquarie Bank	21,680
Citigroup Global Markets	4,291
The Bank of Nova Scotia	2,573
Natixis	2,425
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	1,819
	277,765

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	137,041
Bonds	Investment grade	173,836
		310,877

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	310,877
	310,877

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### Royal London Emerging Markets ESG Leaders Equity Tracker Fund – continued

### Aggregate transaction data

**Currency of collateral** 

Currency	Fair value £'000
Currency	2 000
Sterling	18,294
Canadian dollar	163
Danish krone	9,190
Euro	34,766
Hong Kong dollar	33,092
Japanese yen	150,571
Swiss franc	8,903
US dollar	55,898
	310,877

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	277,765
	277,765

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
United Kingdom	273,373
France	1,819
United States	2,573
	277,765

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	778	
Agents fee	(158)	20.00%
Fund net return	620	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	13.05%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£592,184,700	13.00%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collat	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000	
Microsoft	103,031	33,209	
Flutter	162,141	27,434	
Lonza Group	44,038	18,353	
Bae	1,464,747	18,009	
BP	3,615,784	16,716	
National Grid	1,586,447	16,332	
Experian Group	480,225	16,332	
Veolia Environnement	642,245	16,318	
Sage Group	1,277,410	15,540	
Nestle	185,641	15,342	

### All counterparties

Counterparty	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	157,899
HSBC Bank	154,284
Natixis	105,459
JP Morgan Securities	69,155
Goldman Sachs	34,168
UBS	32,513
Morgan Stanley & Co International	19,198
BMO Nesbitt Burns	16,383
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	1,445
Royal Bank of Canada	948
Bank of Nova Scotia	733
	592,185

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	563,003
Bonds	Investment grade	62,970
		625,973

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	625,973
	625,973

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

# Royal London Global Equity Diversified Fund – continued

### Aggregate transaction data - continued

**Currency of collateral** 

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	261,105
Euro	105,708
Hong Kong dollar	21,574
Japanese yen	69,597
Swedish krona	8,189
Swiss franc	57,074
US dollar	102,726
	625,973

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	592,185
	592,185

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
United Kingdom	590,007
France	1,445
United States	733
	592,185

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	336	
Agents fee	(67)	20.00%
Fund net return	269	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Global Equity Select Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	14.01%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£111,970,506	13.98%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
GS Yuasa	290,300	4,316
Nomura	960,300	4,315
Japan Tobacco	209,900	4,315
Aeon	228,500	4,315
Toho	168,000	4,314
SoftBank	92,900	4,313
Microsoft	13,290	4,284
BP	926,324	4,282
Novartis	52,986	4,281
Government of Belgium 2.25% 22/6/2057	5,921,823	3,968

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	59,495
HSBC Bank	18,002
UBS	16,324
Natixis	11,159
JP Morgan Securities	3,125
Morgan Stanley & Co International	2,708
Merrill Lynch International	1,158
	111,971

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	93,785
Bonds	Investment grade	23,943
		117,728

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	117,728
	117,728

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	24,824
Euro	27,330
Hong Kong dollar	1,306
Japanese yen	32,661
Swedish krona	3,217
Swiss franc	6,133
US dollar	22,257
	117,728

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	111,971
	111,971

### Country in which counterparties are established

All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	46	
Agents fee	(9)	20.00%
Fund net return	37	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Global Equity Income Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	4.66%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£1,258,270	4.59%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Altria	167,133	5,416
Alphabet	49,849	5,416
Broadcom	5,313	5,416
Microsoft	16,802	5,416
National Grid	525,902	5,414
Antofagasta	305,281	5,414
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	52,718	5,414
Reckitt Benckiser	106,956	5,414
Flutter Entertainment	31,998	5,414
PPG Industries	41,366	4,594

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
HSBC Bank	50,565
BNP Paribas Arbitrage	3,043
	53,608

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	57,347
		57,347

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### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	57,347
	57,347

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	22,479
Euro	6,042
US dollar	28,826
	57,347

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	53,608
	53,608

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
UK	50,565
France	3,043
	53,608

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	24	
Agents fee	(5)	20.00%
Fund net return	19	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London Global Sustainable Equity Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	7.49%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£15,922,625	7.28%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### All collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
DBV Unstripped BGS Equity Participant	6,251,100	6,251
UK Treasury 0.5% IL 22/3/2050	1,332,576	2,129
Government of France 0.25% 25/7/2024	1,964,088	2,116
US Treasury 0.125% 15/10/2024	2,276,100	2,115
Auto Trader	180,022	1,075
National Grid	100,442	1,075
Diageo	29,866	1,075
Flutter Entertainment	7,981	1,074
Government of Denmark 4.5% 15/11/2039	909	_

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions Fair value
Counterparty	£'000
HSBC Bank	15,923
	15,923

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	10,550
Bonds	Investment grade	6,360
		16,910

<sup>\*</sup> Quality of collateral has been interpreted as pertaining to bond instruments, which have been assessed and reported in accordance with whether they are considered investment grade, below investment grade or not-rated.

### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	16,910
	16,910

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	12,679
Euro	2,116
US dollar	2,115
	16,910

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	15,923
	15,923

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	13	
Agents fee	(3)	20.00%
Fund net return	10	80.00%

# **Securities Financing Transactions** (continued)

### **Royal London UK Broad Equity Tilt Fund**

The Fund carried out stock lending activities for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and in order to generate income. Revenue earned from these activities is shown in the Statement of Total Return.

### Global data

### Amount of securities and commodities on loan

	% of total lendable assets*
Securities	1.97%

### Amount of assets engaged in each type of SFT

Amount of assets	% of AUM
£11,447,044	1.83%

<sup>\*</sup> Total lendable assets excludes cash and cash equivalents. It also excludes other monetary amounts such as net debtors and creditors which are not deemed 'lendable assets'.

#### Concentration data

### Top Ten collateral issuers (across all SFT)

	Collateral	
Issuer	Holding	Fair value £'000
Government of Japan 1.2% 20/9/2035	197,250,000	1,088
Government of Germany 4/7/2040	1,921,608	1,079
Government of Austria 15/7/2024	1,278,000	1,078
NTT	570,200	549
SoftBank	11,800	548
Nippon Steel	27,900	547
Fujitsu	4,400	543
Meituan	41,580	335
Tencent Holdings	11,761	329
ABB	9,077	329

### All counterparties

	Gross volume of outstanding transactions
Counterparty	Fair value £'000
Barclays Capital Securities	5,139
JP Morgan Securities	3,330
HSBC Bank	2,723
Bank of Nova Scotia	255
	11,447

### Aggregate transaction data

### Type and quality of collateral

Туре	Quality*	Fair value £'000
Equities	n/a	8,590
Bonds	Investment grade	3,534
		12,124

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### Maturity tenor of collateral

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	12,124
	12,124

### **Currency of collateral**

Currency	Fair value £'000
Sterling	2,728
Euro	3,760
Hong Kong dollar	986
Japanese yen	3,287
Swiss franc	989
US dollar	374
	12,124

### **Maturity tenor of SFTs**

Maturity	Fair value £'000
Rolling Maturity	11,447
	11,447

### Country in which counterparties are established

Counterparty	
All counterparties are UK based	

	£'000	% of overall returns
Fund gross return	6	
Agents fee	(1)	20.00%
Fund net return	5	80.00%

### **General Information**

### **Pricing and dealing**

The prices of shares are determined by reference to the underlying market value of the net assets of each sub-fund at the relevant valuation point.

Share prices are normally calculated daily however, if the markets are exceptionally volatile the ACD may conduct more frequent valuations to reflect any significant changes in the value of a sub-fund's underlying assets.

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

Dealing in shares is conducted between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a forward pricing basis.

### **Buying shares**

Shares may be bought on any business day via an authorised intermediary or from the ACD by telephoning the Dealing desk on 08456 04 04 04\*. Alternatively, an application form should be completed and sent to the ACD. Shares will be allocated at the price ruling at the next valuation point and a contract note confirming the purchase will be issued immediately thereafter.

### **Selling shares**

Shares may be sold back to the ACD on any business day. Shares can be sold by telephone by calling the Dealing desk on 08456 04 04 04\* or alternatively by putting your request in writing. The ACD will allocate the price calculated from the next valuation point and issue a contract note as evidence of the sale.

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

### **Cancellation rights**

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

#### **UK** taxation

The Company is not subject to Capital Gains Tax.

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

Investors receive a distribution of net revenue with tax credit equivalent to the lower rate of income tax. Where the distribution is retained within a sub-fund and not paid out it should be included in investors' Income Tax Return. No further liability exists if they pay at the lower or basic rate, but higher rate tax will be payable as appropriate. If investors are not liable to tax they are unable to claim repayment of the tax credit from HM Revenue & Customs. The treatment of distributions as received by corporate shareholders is detailed on the reverse of dividend warrants.

The first distribution received after purchasing shares includes an amount described as 'equalisation'. This is a repayment of capital and is therefore not liable to Income Tax. It should, however, be deducted from the initial cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

### **Authorisation**

The Company was authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 9 October 2009. The Company is a UCITS umbrella scheme.

### **Company Reports and Prospectus**

Copies of the latest yearly and half yearly financial statements and copies of the Prospectus may be obtained from Royal London Unit Trust Managers Limited upon request.

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