

# **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**EF WM UCITS Portfolio** 

For the year ended 31 December 2023



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<sup>\*</sup> Collectively, these comprise the ACD's Report.

#### Authorised Corporate Director's ("ACD") Report

We are pleased to present the Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements for EF WM UCITS Portfolio for the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### **Authorised Status**

EF WM UCITS Portfolio ("the Company") is an investment company with variable capital ("ICVC") incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC000698 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), with effect from 12 November 2008. The Company has an unlimited duration.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Head Office: the Head Office of the Company is at Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7SB.

The Head Office is the address of the place in the UK for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

#### **Structure of the Company**

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different Funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. On the introduction of any new Fund or Share Class, a revised prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each Fund or Share Class.

The Company is a UCITS scheme.

The assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the Investment Objective and Investment Policy applicable to that Fund. Investment of the assets of each of the Funds must comply with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Investment Objective and Policy of each of the relevant Funds.

Currently the Company has only one Fund. In the future there may be other Funds established.

Under the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Remuneration Code, WAY Fund Managers as UCITS Manager, is required to establish and apply remuneration policies and practices for its staff that have a material impact on the risk profile of WAY Fund Managers Limited or the Fund and disclose remuneration information (see page 37) on how those whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

#### **Important events during the Year**

There have been no events during the most recent financial year.

#### Important events after the Year End

There have been no events after the year end which may have had a material impact on these Financial Statements.

#### **Assessment of Value**

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the regulator for Financial Services, in its goal to provide transparency to investors, requires all Authorised Fund Managers (AFMs) to produce an Assessment of Value (AoV) for money offered by each share class in each fund or sub-fund under their management. Broadly speaking, an Assessment of Value requires the AFM to consider a combination of factors, including, but not limited to the quality of service provided to investors, the performance of the fund, the cost of investing in the fund, whether economies of scale can be achieved, comparable market rates and services and classes of units. WFM has chosen to publish the AoV separate to the Fund's annual report. This will be available within four months of the annual accounting end date of 31 December 2023, and can be found on WFM's website, at:

https://www.wayfunds.com/Sponsors/WMCapitalManagementLimited AOV

### **Authorised Corporate Director's ("ACD") Report (continued)**

#### **Going concern assessment**

The ACD's Directors are currently of the opinion that it is appropriate for EF WM UCITS Portfolio to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its Financial Statements. EF WM UCITS Portfolio's assets currently remain readily realisable, and accordingly, the ACD's Directors believe that the Fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

### **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum Share Capital of the Company is £1 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000. Shares in the Company have no par value. The Share Capital of the Company at all times equals the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

# Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the ACD For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### **Directors' Certification**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of COLL, as issued and amended by the FCA. We hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of WAY Fund Managers Limited.

The Directors are of the opinion, unless it is stated differently in the ACD report, that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements as the assets of the Company consist predominantly of securities that are readily realisable, and accordingly, the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

V. Hoare CEO

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**WAY Fund Managers Limited** 

30 April 2024

# Statement of the ACD's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of EF WM UCITS Portfolio ("the Company") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare Financial Statements for each annual accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA SORP") in May 2014; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at the end of that year and the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Company for that year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the applicable IA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on 30 April 2024.

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

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

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

# Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Company For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Scheme documents and the Regulations in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

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

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

#### **Northern Trust Investor Services Limited**

UK Trustee and Depositary Services 30 April 2024

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of EF WM UCITS Portfolio For the year ended 31 December 2023

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

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of EF WM UCITS Portfolio ("the Fund") and its sub-fund for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the balance sheet, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the distribution table. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association May 2014 (the Statement of Recommended Practice), Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Fund's Instrument of Incorporation.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of EF WM UCITS Portfolio and its sub-fund's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the sub-fund for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice, the OEIC Regulations, the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Fund's Instrument of Incorporation.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of EF WM UCITS Portfolio (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- proper accounting records for the Fund and its sub-fund have been kept and the Financial Statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information disclosed in the report of the Authorised Corporate Director for the year end for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the Financial Statements.

#### **Responsibilities of Authorised Corporate Director and Depositary**

As explained more fully in the statement of Depositary's responsibilities and the statement of Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities, the Depositary is responsible for safeguarding the property of the Fund and the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as the Authorised Corporate Director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable through discussions with management and from industry knowledge. The laws and regulations that we considered significant in this context included FRS102, the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the Fund's Instrument of Incorporation and relevant tax legislation.
- We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the Fund with those laws and regulations. These procedures included:
- agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and agreeing that all relevant disclosures under the SORP and COLL were included;
- enquires of management and those charged with governance;
- reviewing correspondence with regulators.

#### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of EF WM UCITS Portfolio (continued)**

#### For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, from discussions with senior management and obtaining an understanding of the controls and processes in place to prevent, deter and detect fraud. The key areas identified were revenue recognition and management override of the controls in place and our tests to address these included but were not limited to:
- agreement of a sample of revenue receipts to third party evidence to check accuracy and existence.
- agreement of a sample of realised gains and losses to third party evidence and bank statements to check accuracy and existence.
- agreement of calculation of unrealised gains and losses and agreement of the valuation of year end investments to third party sources.
- identifying and testing journal entries made throughout the year which were considered to be large or unusual as well as a sample of others.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Fund's Shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook issued by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's Shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's Shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

PKF Littlejohn LLP

#### **PKF Littlejohn LLP**

Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom

30 April 2024

# **Investment Manager's Report For the year ended 31 December 2023**

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund's principal objective is capital growth with income generation being of secondary importance.

#### **Investment Policy**

In aiming to achieve the Fund's objective, the Investment Adviser will invest directly into shares of large companies that dominate their respective niches. The Investment Adviser will identify companies which, in its opinion, fall into this category and will invest the Fund's assets into 100 such companies. Investment into the selected securities will, upon investment, be equally weighted. Each quarter the portfolio will be rebalanced, to restore the equal weighting by security, and will also be reviewed to identify companies that have unfavourable technical price action. This may mean that they are singularly experiencing negative returns in the short term or in fact their particular industry is. Such securities will be removed from the Fund's portfolio and replaced with other eligible securities. The decision to remove a security will be subjective, but will also be based on technical analysis. The Fund will be diversified both globally and by sector.

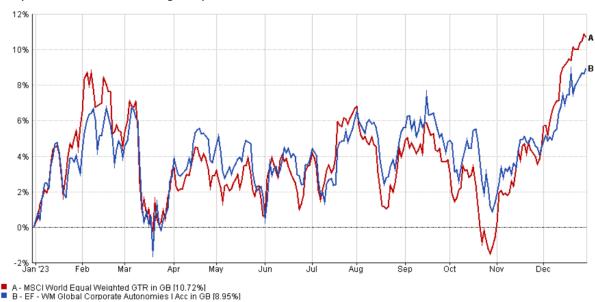
The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits.

Use may also be made of derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (typically hedging, which attempts to mitigate against falls in the value of the Fund's assets and the effects of changes in currency exchange rates against the Fund's base currency, which is pounds sterling).

#### **Investment Review**

The strategy taken by your Investment Manager is to select 100 stocks that we deem to be Autonomies. An Autonomy is a multi-national company that dominates its space, is independently run, focused on finding the best profit potential and usually leverages off the growth of the global consumer. They generally have established brands and the ability to expand decisively in the world's major population centres. More often than not, they are supplying goods and services that contribute to an improvement in the standard of living for hundreds of millions, if not billions, of people. We believe these types of companies will outperform others over the long term.

The Fund's comparator benchmark is the MSCI World Equal Weighted Index. Over the period under review, the EF WM Global Corporate Autonomies Fund (Share Class I Accumulation) rose by 8.95%, slightly underperforming the comparator benchmark, the MSCI World Equal Weighted Index, which returned 10.72 %. Over a five-year period, the Fund's recommended minimum holding period, the Fund rose by 67.15%, outperforming the MSCI Equal Weighted Index (which rose by 51.26%) by 15.89%. The chart below shows how the Fund has performed against its comparator benchmark during the period under review:

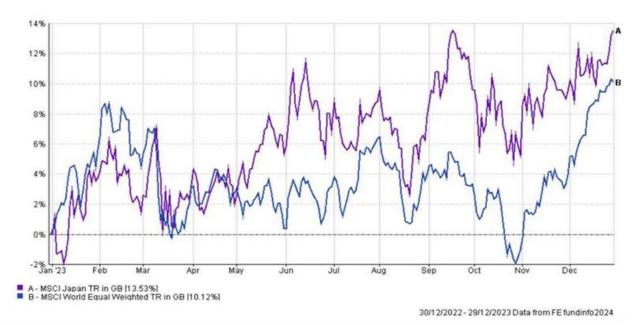


30/12/2022 - 29/12/2023 Data from FE fundinfo2024

# Investment Manager's Report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2023

#### **Investment Review (continued)**

There are two main reasons for the Fund underperforming the benchmark over the year. The first is country allocation; the Fund does not have a significant weighting towards Japan, whereas the benchmark has >15% exposure. The MSCI Japan Index rose 13.53% in the period under review, which contributed to the gains seen by the comparator benchmark. See the chart immediately below:



The second reason is that the Fund invests in some of the world's largest stable companies, whereas the MSCI Equal Weighted Index has an allocation to some of the world's fastest growing companies. This means that the Fund may underperform the Comparator Benchmark during a rally in that sector.

The Fund benefitted from the continued rise of most global equity markets as inflation continued to fall globally. Some of the best performers were Amazon, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argenta, Carnival, Linde, Microsoft, Pfizer and Rolls Royce. Some of the poor performers were BHP, Brambles and Deere & Co.

Each quarter the current 100 holdings will be re-assessed and a rebalance will take place to ensure that the most favored 100 companies from our universe of autonomies will be invested in. Companies that will be excluded will be the ones that are technically overvalued against their trend line (200 day moving average), those that have broken below their trend line, those that are in an industry that is on the decline or those that simply have internal structural issues. This decision will be subjective from the Fund manager. After undergoing the quarterly reviews during the period, some new companies were purchased, these being Adidas, and McDonalds, and the investment manager sold out of companies such as Merck, Newmont, and Unilever.

#### **Investment Manager**

WM Capital Management Limited 30 April 2024

#### Performance record As at 31 December 2023

	1	I Accumulation			I Income	
	31/12/23 (p)	31/12/22 (p)	31/12/21 (p)	31/12/23 (p)	31/12/22 (p)	31/12/21 (p)
Change in net assets per Share						
Opening net asset value per Share	206.42	202.05	175.13	189.63	188.36	164.69
Return before operating charges*	21.02	6.44	28.85	19.21	5.91	27.09
Operating charges	(2.20)	(2.07)	(1.93)	(2.01)	(1.92)	(1.81)
Return after operating charges*	18.82	4.37	26.92	17.20	3.99	25.28
Distributions	(2.58)	(2.93)	(1.71)	(2.37)	(2.72)	(1.61)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.58	2.93	1.71	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per Share	225.24	206.42	202.05	204.46	189.63	188.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.46	0.41	0.37	0.42	0.38	0.35
Performance						
Return after operating charges	9.12%	2.16%	15.37%	9.07%	2.12%	15.35%
Other information						
Closing net asset value	14,498,495	11,593,628	11,300,596	959,283	738,666	834,436
Closing number of Shares	6,437,041	5,616,449	5,592,987	469,182	389,523	443,001
Operating charges	1.02%	1.03%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%	1.01%
Direct transaction costs	0.21%	0.20%	0.19%	0.21%	0.20%	0.19%
Prices						
Highest Share price	225.74	209.26	202.64	205.55	193.64	189.74
Lowest Share price	204.48	189.26	171.10	205.55 187.84	175.00	160.91
Lowest Stiate price	204.40	109.20	1/1.10	107.04	1/3.00	100.91

### Performance Information As at 31 December 2023

#### **Operating Charges**

Date	AMC* (%)	Other expenses (%)	Operating Charges (%)
31/12/23			
Share Class I	0.55	0.47	1.02
31/12/22			
Share Class I	0.55	0.48	1.03

<sup>\*</sup> Annual Management Charge

The Operating Charge is the total expenses paid by the Fund in the year, annualised, against its average Net Asset Value. This will fluctuate as underlying costs change.

#### Risk and Reward Profile As at 31 December 2023

	Typically lo	wer reward	ls		Ту	pically high	er rewards
	Lower risk						Higher risk
Share Class I Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share Class I Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The Fund is ranked as a "6" on the scale. This is because the Fund by its nature invests in a mixture of investments. The value of some of these investments may vary more widely than others.
- The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.
- The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

For full details of the Fund's risks please see the 'Risk Factors' section of the Fund's Prospectus which can be viewed on the ACD's website, <u>www.wayfunds.com.</u>

#### **Risk Warning**

An investment in an Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

### Portfolio Statement As at 31 December 2023

Investments	Holdings			
Australia 2.06% [3.11%]   Equities 2.06% [3.11%]	or Nominal	Turreturente		
Equities 2.06% [3.11%]   6,231 BHP Billiton   167,583   1.08     21,007 Brambles   151,169   0.98     318,752   2.06     Belgium 0.00% [1.04%]     Equities 0.00% [1.04%]     Equities 0.94% [0.77%]     Equities 0.94% [0.77%]     Equities 0.94% [0.77%]     Equities 0.97% [1.07%]     Equities 0.97% [1.07%]     Equities 0.97% [1.07%]     12,577 Herbalife   150,577   0.97     1,900 Qinqin Foodstuffs Group Cayman   139   0.00     China 2.59% [0.83%]     Equities 2.59% [0.83%]     18,296   0.77     142,000 Great Wall Motor   144,582   0.94     16,900 Shenzou International   136,352   0.88     Denmark 0.94% [1.12%]     Equities 0.94% [1.12%]     Equities 0.94% [1.12%]     Equities 7.19% [9.21%]     1,785 Novo Nordisk A/S   144,880   0.94     France 7.19% [9.21%]     Equities 7.19% [9.21%]     1,020 Air Liquide   155,980   1.01     6,093 AYA   156,015   1.01     3,081 Danone   156,899   1.02     9.29 Essilorluxottica   146,436   0.95     427 L'Oreal   167,063   1.08     2,372 Publicis Groupe   173,003   1.12     1,979 Sanofi   154,151   1.00     1,014 Adidas   162,159   1.05     3,916 BASF   165,644   1.07     1,223 SAP   149,576   0.975     1,015 SAPS   165,644   1.07     1,234 SAP   149,576   0.975     1,016 SAPS   149,576   0.975     1,017 April 1,007   149,576   0.975     1,018 SAPS   149,576   0.975     1,019 SAPS   149,576   0.975     1,019 SAPS   149,576   0.975     1,019 SAPS   149,576   0.975     1,020 SAPS   149,576	value		<b></b>	Net Assets
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### Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 December 2023

Holdings or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	£	Net Assets
	Hong Kong 2.01% [0.00%] Equities 2.01% [0.00%]		
20,000	AIA	136,662	0.88
160,000	Lenovo	175,441	1.13
		312,103	2.01
	Ireland 0.89% [2.00%]		
	Equities 0.89% [2.00%]		
426	LINDE	137,285	0.89
		137,285	0.89
	7 PTO/ F4 000/ 7		
	Japan 3.57% [1.00%]		
4,700	Equities 3.57% [1.00%] Bridgestone	151,947	0.98
45,900		140,830	0.98
4,300		149,771	0.97
	Unicharm	110,120	
		552,668	0.71 <b>3.57</b>
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	Netherlands 0.94% [2.77%]		
1 202	Equities 0.94% [2.77%]	145.005	0.04
1,203	Airbus	145,985 <b>145,985</b>	0.94 <b>0.94</b>
		145,985	0.54
	Portugal 0.00% [0.00%]		
	Equities 0.00% [0.00%]		
246,142	Banco Espirito Santo †	-	0.00
		-	0.00
	Spain 2 190/. [2 250/.]		
	Spain 3.18% [3.25%] Equities 3.18% [3.25%]		
22,373		159,799	1.03
47,926	Banco Santander	157,257	1.02
5,101	INDITEX	174,640	
		491,696	1.13 <b>3.18</b>
	Sweden 1.13% [0.00%]		
12 552	Equities 1.13% [0.00%]	172.002	1 12
12,553	Hennes & Mauritz	173,992 <b>173,992</b>	1.13 1.13
		1/3,992	1.15
	Switzerland 3.15% [6.44%]		
	Equities 3.15% [6.44%]		
5,325	ABB	184,733	1.20
830	Chubb	147,174	0.95
1,962	Novartis	154,839	1.00 <b>3.15</b>
		486,746	3.15

### Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 December 2023

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Holdings or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	Market value	Net Assets
	United Kingdom 14.86% [12.40%]		
	Equities 14.86% [12.40%]		
13,122	BAE Systems	145,720	0.94
110,469	Barclays	169,879	1.10
5,926	British American Tobacco	135,972	0.88
5,063	Bunzl	161,510	1.04
16,916	Carnival	222,107	1.44
5,665	Experian	181,337	1.17
10,538	GSK	152,822	0.99
24,724	HSBC	157,096	1.02
3,873	Intertek	164,448	1.06
2,719	Reckitt Benckiser	147,370	0.95
66,951	Rolls-Royce	200,384	1.30
5,745	Sensata Technologies	169,339	1.10
4,998	Shell	128,424	0.83
24,096	Standard Chartered	160,528	1.04
,		2,296,936	14.86
	United States of America 52.41% [48.91%]		
	Equities 52.41% [48.91%]		
1,423	Alphabet	155,966	1.00
1,299	Amazon	154,849	1.00
2,894	American International	153,805	1.00
985	Apple	148,755	0.96
3,716	Ball	167,695	1.08
758	Biogen	153,884	1.00
762	Caterpillar	176,804	1.14
1,231	Chevron	144,029	0.93
3,218		127,549	0.83
2,429	Colgate-Palmolive	151,903	0.98
949	Danaher	172,303	1.11
488	Deere & Co	153,112	0.99
3,705	Dow	159,380	1.03
2,664	DuPont de Nemours	160,831	1.04
1,062	Ecolab	165,257	1.07
1,842	Emerson Electric	140,657	0.91
1,667	Exxon Mobil	130,760	0.85
672	FedEx	133,367	0.86
5,901	Fox Corp	137,317	0.89
1,682	General Electric	168,411	1.09
4,511	Halliburton	127,905	0.83
3,894	Hasbro	155,962	1.01
978	Honeywell International	160,910	1.04
784	Illinois Tool Works	161,112	1.04
1,912	Ingredion	162,804	1.05
4,521	Intel	178,236	1.15
291	Lam Research	178,803	1.16
362	Lockheed Martin	128,716	0.83
476	MasterCard	159,284	1.03

### Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 December 2023

Holdings			
or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	£	Net Assets
	United States of America (continued)		
0.205	Equities (continued)	120 042	0.00
9,385 684		138,942	0.90 1.03
593		159,065 164,673	1.07
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2,467		174,544	1.13
496		146,282	0.95
2,678	Mondelez International	152,179	0.99
8,539		164,536	1.06
1,734		147,633	0.96
362	Northrop Grumman	133,073	0.86
1,707		141,156	0.91
,	PepsiCo	146,308	0.95
	Pfizer	134,981	0.87
1,993	Philip Morris International	147,122	0.95
1,458		171,057	1.11
1,093		125,679	0.81
1,560		177,014	1.15
828		170,959	1.11
132		155,032	1.00
2,953	Schlumberger	120,543	0.78
407	Thermo Fisher Scientific	169,633	1.10
737		150,655	0.97
,	Wal-Mart Stores	135,551	0.88
2,181		154,497	1.00
1,468	Yum Brands	150,439	0.97
		8,101,919	52.41
	Portfolio of investments	15,445,411	99.92
	Net other assets	12,367	0.08
	Net assets	15,457,778	100.00
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The investments have been valued in accordance with note 1(h) of the Accounting Policies and Financial Instruments.

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Comparative figures shown above in square brackets relate to 31 December 2022.

Gross purchases for the year: £14,594,714 [2022: £11,879,329] (See Note 15).

Total sales net of transaction costs for the year: £12,465,071 [2022: £11,717,910] (See Note 15).

<sup>†</sup> The holdings constitued are illiquid assets which cannot be sold. Banco Espirito Santo-Reg holds no value to the Fund.

### Statement of Total Return For the year ended 31 December 2023

		01/01/23 to 31/12/23		01/01/22 to 3	31/12/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital gains	2		1,098,595		81,369
Revenue	3	323,101		330,133	
Expenses	4	(132,458)		(119,900)	
Interest paid and similar charges	5	(357)		(2,633)	
Net revenue before taxation		190,286		207,600	
Taxation	6	(27,261)		(33,935)	
Net revenue after taxation			163,025		173,665
Total return before distributions			1,261,620		255,034
Finance costs: Distributions	7		(163,023)		(175,899)
Change in net assets attributable to					
Shareholders from investment acti	vities		1,098,597		79,135

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders For the year ended 31 December 2023

	01/01/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/22 to 31/12/22
	££	£ £
Opening net assets attributable		
to Shareholders	12,332,294	12,135,031
Amounts received on issue of Shares	3,171,889	794,663
Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Shares	(1,298,069)	(841,001)
	1,873,820	(46,338)
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders		
from investment activities (see above)	1,098,597	79,135
Retained distribution on accumulation Shares	153,067	164,466
Closing net assets attributable		
to Shareholders	15,457,778	12,332,294

# **Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2023**

	31/12/23		31/12	/22
Note	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Fixed assets:				
Investment		15,445,411		12,201,229
Current assets:				
Debtors 8	34,144		41,612	
Cash and bank balances 9	100,677		108,522	
Total current assets		134,821		150,134
Total assets		15,580,232		12,351,363
Liabilities				
Creditors:				
Distribution payable on income Shares	(2,969)		(4,848)	
Other creditors 10	(119,485)		(14,221)	
Total creditors		(122,454)		(19,069)
Total liabilities		(122,454)		(19,069)
Net assets attributable				
to Shareholders		15,457,778		12,332,294

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Fund's Instrument of Incorporation.

As described in the Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the ACD on page 5, the ACD continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements of the Fund.

#### (b) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses have been calculated as the proceeds from disposal less book cost.

Unrealised gain/losses are calculated with reference to the original recorded value of the asset or liability, and only the element of gain/loss within the accounting period is recorded in the Financial Statements. All unrealised and realised gains are capital in nature and do not form part of the Fund's distributable income.

All foreign currency transactions are recorded using an exchange rate from the effective date of the transaction (e.g. the trade date of a trade, the ex-div date of a dividend, or the date of a currency disposal).

Central Securities Depositaries Regulation (CSDR) entered into force in 2014 with an objective of improving securities settlements in the European Union. One of the cornerstones of the CSDR is the introduction of an obligation on central securities depositaries (CSDs) to impose cash penalties on participants to their securities settlement systems that cause settlement failures. The cash penalties may be accounted for as an expense or income (if the 3rd party was responsible for the failure of trade settlement). The CSDR penalties will be reimbursed by the Investment Manager as necessary to ensure that the Funds will not suffer undue costs.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on quoted equities and preference Shares are recognised when the securities are quoted exdividend and are recognised net of attributable tax credits.

Interest on bank and other cash deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

All revenue includes withholding taxes but excludes irrecoverable tax credits.

#### (d) Treatment of expenses

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund.

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis but the Fund may incur additional allowable expenses which are charged as and when they are incurred.

#### (e) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple Share Classes

Any revenue or expenses not directly attributable to a particular Share Class will normally be allocated prorata to the net assets of the relevant Share Classes.

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

#### (f) Taxation

Tax is provided for using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Corporation tax is provided for on the income liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

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

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is probable that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

#### (g) Distribution policy

The net revenue after taxation, as disclosed in the Financial Statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Shareholders as dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

In addition, the portfolio transaction charges will be charged wholly to the capital of the Fund. Accordingly, the imposition of such charges may constrain the capital growth of the Fund.

The ACD has elected to pay all revenue less expenses charged to revenue and taxation bi-annually as a distribution, at the end of each accounting reference date.

#### (h) Basis of valuation of investments

Listed investments are valued at close of business bid prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed interest securities, on the last business day of the accounting year.

Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is the bid value of each security.

All investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date, and any trades that occur between valuation point and close of business are included in the Financial Statements.

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

The Fund holds Banco Espirito Santo-Reg which is currently valued at zero by the Fair Value Pricing Committee of the ACD.

#### (i) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting year are translated into Sterling at the closing mid market exchange rates ruling on that date.

#### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

#### (j) Dilution Levy

The ACD may require a dilution levy on the sale and redemption of Shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for sales) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on 'large deals'; in any case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

#### (k) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to Shares purchased during the distribution 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.

#### (I) Derivatives

The Fund may enter into permitted transactions such as derivative contracts or forward foreign currency transactions. Where these transactions are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses are included within net revenue in the Statement of Total Return.

Where the transactions are used to protect or enhance capital, the gains/losses are treated as capital and included within gains/losses on investments in the Statement of Total Return. Any open positions in these types of transactions at the year end are included in the Balance Sheet at their mark to market value. There were no derivative transactions during the year.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Management of risk is a critical responsibility of the ACD in managing the Company.

The Fund for which WAY Fund Managers Limited acts as ACD are exposed to a wide range of risks. The purpose of the ACD's Risk Management Policy ("RMP") is to identify these risks and document the controls and processes in place to manage and mitigate these risks. The specific risks to the Funds are documented in sections (a) to (i) below and are reviewed on a regular basis.

In pursuing the investment objectives a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations. Derivatives, such as futures or forward currency contracts, may be utilised for hedging purposes.

The main risks from the Company's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed below:

#### (a) Foreign currency risk

A significant portion of the Company's assets in which the Company invests may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Company or Class. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any distributions from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are valued and priced.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Foreign currency risk (continued)

The Company is not required to hedge its foreign currency risk, although it may do so through foreign currency exchange contracts, forward contracts, currency options and other methods. To the extent that the Company does not hedge its foreign currency risk or such hedging is incomplete or unsuccessful, the value of the Company's assets and revenue could be adversely affected by currency exchange rate movements. There may also be circumstances in which a hedging transaction may reduce currency gains that would otherwise arise in the valuation of the Company in circumstances where no such hedging transactions are undertaken.

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investments will fluctuate due to changes in the interest rate. Cashflows from floating rate securities, bank balances, or bank overdrafts will be affected by the changes in interest rates. As the Company's objective is to seek capital growth, these cashflows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

The Company did not have any long term financial liabilities at the balance sheet date.

#### (c) Credit risk

The Company may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit credit risk.

#### (d) Liquidity risk

Subject to the Regulations, the Company may invest up to and including 20% of the Scheme Property of the Company in transferable securities which are not approved securities (essentially transferable securities which are admitted to official listing in an EEA state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market). Such securities and instruments are generally not publicly traded, may be unregistered for securities law purposes and may only be able to be resold in privately negotiated transactions with a limited number of purchasers. The difficulties and delays associated with such transactions could result in the Company's inability to realise a favourable price upon disposal of such securities, and at times might make disposition of such securities and instruments impossible. To the extent the Company invests in securities and instruments the terms of which are privately negotiated, the terms of such securities and instruments may contain restrictions regarding resale and transfer.

In addition, certain listed securities and instruments, particularly securities and instruments of smaller capitalised or less seasoned issuers, may from time to time lack an active secondary market and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than securities of larger, more established companies or stock market averages in general. In the absence of an active secondary market the Company's ability to purchase or sell such securities at a fair price may be impaired or delayed.

#### 2 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (e) Market price risk

The Company invests principally in equities. The value of these investments are not fixed and may go down as well as up. This may be the result of a specific factor affecting the value of an individual equity or be caused by general market factors (such as government policy or the health of the underlying economy) which can affect the entire portfolio. The Investment Manager seeks to minimise these risks by holding a diversified portfolio of equity in line with the Company's objectives. In addition, the management of the Company complies with the FCA's COLL sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 35% of assets in any one Fund.

#### (f) Counterparty risk

Transactions in securities entered into by the Company give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfil their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. The Investment Manager minimises this risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counterparties.

Counterparty risk is also managed by limiting the exposure to individual counterparties through adherence to the investment spread restrictions included within the Company's prospectus and COLL.

#### (g) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Company cannot eliminate operational risks but, through the continual review and assessment of its control environment, by monitoring and responding to potential risks, they can be managed.

High level controls include effective segregation of duties, trade confirmation checking and reconciliation procedures, incident reporting and oversight of delegated functions.

#### (h) Leverage

In accordance with the IA SORP issued in May 2014, as ACD we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives (calculated as the sum of the net asset value and the incremental exposure through the derivatives and in accordance with the IA SORP commitment approach (CESR/10-788)) divided by the net asset value.

The Fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the Financial Statements Note 14(d).

#### (i) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

### 1 Accounting Basis And Policies

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 21, 22 and 23.

2	Net capital gains	01/01/23 to 31/12/23 £	01/01/22 to 31/12/22 £
	The net capital gains during the year	252	
	Central Securities Depositaries Regulation (CSDR) Receipts	353 742	-
	Compensation payment Currency gains/(losses)	45,383	(8,099)
	Non-derivative securities	1,058,599	96,382
	Non Resident Alien (NRA) Tax Refund	201	-
	Transaction charges	(6,683)	(6,914)
	Net capital gains	1,098,595	81,369
3	Revenue	01/01/23 to	01/01/22 to
5	Revenue	31/12/23	31/12/22
		£	£
	Bank interest	4,339	522
	Overseas dividends	262,871	263,819
	UK dividends	55,891	65,792
	Total revenue	323,101	330,133
4	Expenses	01/01/23 to	01/01/22 to
	Payable to the ACD acceptator of the ACD and accepts of	31/12/23 £	31/12/22 £
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD, and agents of either of them		_
	AMC fees	74,957	66,153
	General Administration Charge (GAC)	40,886	36,084
	Registration fees	343	335
	Transfer agency fees	11,870	9,710
		128,056	112,282
	Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary, and agents of either of them		
	Safe custody fees	3,480	4,442
		3,480	4,442
	Other expenses		2 220
	Central Securities Depositaries Regulation (CSDR) Penalties	-	2,230
	EPT (European PRIIPs Template) reporting fee	113	170
	KIID fees LEI License Fee	459 124	482
	MIFID II reporting fee	226	78 216
	THE 12 II reporting fee	922	3,176
	Total expenses	132,458	119,900

Audit fees of £5,660 + VAT for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: £5,145 + VAT) are paid out of the GAC.

5	Interest paid and similar charges	01/01/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/22 to 31/12/22
	Bank Interest	<b>£</b> 357	<b>±</b> 2,633
	Total Interest paid and similar charges	357	2,633
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6	Taxation	01/01/23 to	01/01/22 to
		31/12/23	31/12/22
		£	£
	(a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year		
	Overseas tax	27,261	33,935
	Total current tax charge (Note 6 (b))	27,261	33,935
	Deferred tax (Note 6 (c))	-	-
	Total taxation for the year	27,261	33,935

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

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for an open ended investment company of 20% (2022: 20%) is applied to the net revenue before taxation

The differences are explained below:

	01/01/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/22 to 31/12/22
	£	£
Net revenue before taxation	190,286	207,600
Net revenue for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	38,057	41,520
Effects of:		
Movement in excess management expenses	25,695	24,402
Overseas tax	27,261	33,979
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(63,752)	(65,922)
Total tax charge for the year	27,261	33,979

OEICs are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the reconciliation above.

#### (c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### (d) Factors that may affect future tax charges

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £181,180 (2022: £155,486\*) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

<sup>\*</sup> Restated Prior year potential deferred tax asset figure in accordance with the prior year CT600.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2023

# 7 Finance costs Distributions

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

	01/01/23 to 31/12/23	01/01/22 to 31/12/22
	£	£
Interim	116,769	94,778
Final	47,752	80,659
Add: Revenue paid on cancellation of Shares	2,642	2,960
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of Shares	(4,140)	(2,498)
Net distribution for the year	163,023	175,899
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions		
Net revenue after taxation	163,025	175,895
Net movement in revenue account	(2)	4
Net distribution for the year	163,023	175,899

Details of the distributions per Share are set out in the distribution table on page 35.

8	Debtors	31/12/23	31/12/22
		£	£
	Accrued bank interest	351	136
	Accrued revenue	19,958	27,969
	Amounts receivable for creation of Shares	560	3,640
	Overseas withholding tax recoverable	13,275	9,867
	Total debtors	34,144	41,612

9	Cash and bank balances	31/12/23	31/12/22
		£	£
	Cash and bank balances	100,677	108,522
	Total cash and bank balances	100,677	108,522

0 Creditors	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of Shares	105,451	739
	105,451	739
Accrued expenses		
Manager and Agents		
AMC fees	7,164	5,745
General Administration Charge (GAC)	3,908	3,133
Registration fees	29	26
Transfer agency fees	990	800
	12,091	9,704
Depositary and Agents		
Safe custody fees	624	1,041
Transaction charges	979	2,346
	1,603	3,387
Other accrued expenses		
Central Securities Depositaries Regulation (CSDR) Penalties	-	451
EPT (European PRIIPs Template) reporting fee	142	170
KIID	229	(230)
LEI licence fee	(31)	-
	340	391
Total creditors	119,485	14,221

#### 11 Related party transactions

The monies received and paid by the ACD through the issue and cancellation of Shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets and amounts due at the year end are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

The ACD and its associates (including other authorised investment funds managed by the ACD) have no Shareholdings in the Company at the year end.

#### **Significant Shareholdings**

WAY Fund Managers Limited, as the Fund's Authorised Corporate Director, wishes to disclose to the Fund's Shareholders that 67.79% (2022: 67.52%) of the Fund's shares in issue are under the control of a single nominee and its related parties.

### 12 Share Classes

The Share Class and ACD's Annual Management Charges applicable to the Fund are as follows:

Share Class%I Accumulation0.55I Income0.55

Each Share Class has equal rights in the event of the wind up of any fund.

The reconciliation of the opening and closing numbers of Shares of each class is shown below:

	31/12/22	Issued	Cancelled	Converted	31/12/23
I Accumulation	5,616,449	1,365,301	(544,709)	-	6,437,041
I Income	389,523	139,328	(59,669)	-	469,182

#### 13 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2022: nil).

#### 14 Derivatives and other financial instruments

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in note 2 on pages 23, 24 and 25.

#### (a) Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the foreign currency risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	Net foreign currency assets		
	Monetary	Non-	Total
	exposures	monetary	
Currency		exposures	
	£	£	£
31/12/23			
Australian Dollar	-	151,169	151,169
Canadian Dollar	-	145,376	145,376
Danish Krone	-	144,880	144,880
Euro	11,689	2,224,808	2,236,497
Hong Kong Dollar	793	711,472	712,265
Japanese Yen	2,734	552,667	555,401
Swedish Krona	793	173,992	174,785
Swiss Franc	-	339,572	339,572
US Dollar	12,168	8,706,295	8,718,463
Total foreign currency exposure	28,177	13,150,231	13,178,408
Pound Sterling	(15,810)	2,295,180	2,279,370
Total net assets	12,367	15,445,411	15,457,778
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Currency	Net foreign c	urrency assets/(	liabilities)
31/12/22		255 222	255 222
Australian Dollar	722	255,223	255,223
Canadian Dollar	723	95,221	95,944
Danish Krone	24 027	138,008	138,008
Euro	21,037	2,871,386	2,892,423
Hong Kong Dollar	167	234,770	234,937
Japanese Yen	505	123,676	124,181
Swedish Krona	1,572	-	1,572
Swiss Franc	-	658,642	658,642
US Dollar	84,907	6,281,250	6,366,157
Total foreign currency exposure	108,911	10,658,176	10,767,087
Pound Sterling	22,154	1,543,054	1,565,208
Total net assets	131,065	12,201,230	12,332,295

#### 14 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Foreign currency risk (continued)

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened/increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £1,198,037 (2022: £978,826). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened/decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £1,464,268 (2022: £1,196,343). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The table below shows the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	Floating rate financial	Financial assets not carrying	
Currency	assets	interest	Total
Assets	£	£	£
31/12/23			
Australian Dollar	-	151,169	151,169
Canadian Dollar	-	145,376	145,376
Danish Krone	-	144,880	144,880
Euro	-	2,236,497	2,236,497
Hong Kong Dollar	-	712,266	712,266
Japanese Yen	-	555,401	555,401
Pound Sterling	99,916	2,301,907	2,401,823
Swedish Krona	-	174,785	174,785
Swiss Franc	-	339,572	339,572
US Dollar	760	8,717,703	8,718,463
Total	100,676	15,479,556	15,580,232
31/12/22			
Australian Dollar	-	255,223	255,223
Canadian Dollar	-	95,944	95,944
Danish Krone	-	138,008	138,008
Euro	-	2,892,423	2,892,423
Hong Kong Dollar	-	234,937	234,937
Japanese Yen	-	124,181	124,181
Pound Sterling	33,479	1,550,799	1,584,278
Swedish Krona	-	1,572	1,572
Swiss Franc	-	658,642	658,642
US Dollar	75,044	6,291,113	6,366,157
Total	108,523	12,242,842	12,351,365

#### 14 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Currency Liabilities 31/12/23 Round Storling	Floating rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Pound Sterling	-	122,454	122,454
Total	-	122,454	122,454
31/12/22 Pound Sterling	-	19,069	19,069
Total	-	19,069	19,069

Changes in interest rates would have no material impact to the valuation of floating rate financial assets or liabilities as at the balance sheet date. Consequently, no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

#### (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 2 (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the period). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

	Increase	Decrease
	£	£
2023	1,544,541	1,544,541
2022	1,220,123	1,220,123

#### (d) Leverage

The Fund has not employed any significant leverage during the period covered by this report.

# Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2023

Portfolio transaction costs	01/01/23 to 31/12/23	)	01/01/22 31/12/2	
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of total purchase costs				
Purchases in year before transaction costs				
Equities	14	,573,306		11,862,915
	14	,573,306		11,862,915
Commissions - Equities	8,636		6,908	
Fees - Equities	12,772		9,506	
Total purchase costs		21,408		16,414
Gross purchase total	14,5	594,714		11,879,329

Analysis of total sale costs				
Gross sales in year before transaction costs				
Equities		12,472,520		11,726,093
		12,472,520		11,726,093
Commissions - Equities	(6,653)		(7,184)	
Fees - Equities	(796)		(999)	
Total sale costs		(7,449)		(8,183)
Total sales net of transaction costs		12,465,071		11,717,910

The portfolio transaction costs table above includes direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

### 15 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

	01/01/23 to	01/01/22 to
	31/12/23	31/12/22
Transaction costs as percentage	%	%
of principal amounts		
Purchases - Commissions		
Equities	0.0593%	0.0582%
Purchases - Fees		
Equities	0.0876%	0.0801%
Sales - Commissions		
Equities	0.0533%	0.0613%
Sales - Fees		
Equities	0.0064%	0.0085%
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	01/01/23 to	01/01/22 to
	31/12/23	31/12/22
Transaction costs as percentage	%	%
of average net asset value		
Commissions	0.1122%	0.1172%
Fees	0.0996%	0.0873%

### 16 Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events which require adjustments at the year end.

#### 17 Fair value disclosure

	31/12/23		31/12/22		
Valuation technique	Assets £	Liabilities £	Assets £	Liabilities £	
Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities	15,445,411	-	12,201,229	-	
Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly	-	-	-	-	
Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability*	-	-	-	-	
	15,445,411	-	12,201,229	-	

<sup>\*</sup> The valuation techniques and the ACD's policy is disclosed in note 1(h) on page 22.

# **Distribution Table As at 31 December 2023**

### **Interim Distribution in pence per Share**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2023

Group 2 Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

	Net revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	Distribution paid 31/08/23 (p)	Distribution paid 31/08/22 (p)
Share Class I Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	1.8877 1.5700	- 0.3177	1.8877 1.8877	1.5824 1.5824
Share Class I Income Group 1 Group 2	1.7396 1.6759	0.0637	1.7396 1.7396	1.4755 1.4755

### **Final Distribution in pence per Share**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2023

Group 2 Shares purchased on or after 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Net revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable 28/02/24 (p)	Distribution paid 28/02/23 (p)
Share Class I Accumulation Group 1	0.6957	-	0.6957	1.3498
Group 2 Share Class I Income	0.3797	0.3160	0.6957	1.3498
Group 1 Group 2	0.6327 0.3715	- 0.2612	0.6327 0.6327	1.2446 1.2446

#### **General Information**

#### **Classes of Shares**

The Company can issue different classes of Shares in respect of the Fund. Holders of Income Shares are entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Shares, in respect of each annual and interim accounting period. Holders of Accumulation Shares are not entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Shares, but that revenue is retained and accumulated for the benefit of Shareholders and is reflected in the price of Shares.

#### **Buying and Selling Shares**

The ACD will accept orders to deal in the Shares on normal business days between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Instructions to buy or sell Shares should be in writing to: WAY Fund Managers Limited - Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7SB. A contract note will be issued by close of business on the next business day after the dealing date to confirm the transaction.

#### **Valuation Point**

The valuation point for the Fund is 12 noon on each dealing day (being each day which is a business day in London). Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

#### **Prices**

The prices of Shares for each class in the Fund will be available from the WAY Fund Managers on 01202 855856, or by email to customerservice-wayfunds@apexgroup.com.

#### Report

The annual report of the Company will normally be published within four months of each annual accounting period end.

Interim Financial Statements period ended: 30 June
Annual Financial Statements year ended: 31 December

#### **Distribution Payment Dates**

Interim 31 August Annual 28 February

#### **General Information (continued)**

#### **Significant Information**

Under the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Remuneration Code, WAY Fund Managers Limited as UCITS Manager, is required to disclose how those whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

The remuneration strategy across WAY Fund Managers Limited is governed by the WAY Fund Managers Limited Board and WAY Fund Managers Limited has chosen not to establish a Remuneration Committee. The WAY Fund Managers Limited Board has established a Remuneration Policy designed to ensure the UCITS Remuneration Code in the UK Financial Conduct Authority's handbook is met proportionately for all UCITS Remuneration Code Staff.

WAY Fund Managers Limited considers its activities as non complex due to the fact that regulation limits the UCITS strategies conducted and the scope of investment in such a way that investor risk is mitigated. The discretion of WAY Fund Managers Limited and the portfolio manager is strictly controlled within certain predefined parameters as determined in the prospectus of each UCITS.

In its role as a UCITS Manager, WAY Fund Managers Limited deems itself as lower risk due to the nature of the activities it conducts. WAY Fund Managers Limited does not pay any form of variable remuneration currently. Therefore WAY Fund Managers Limited has provided a basic overview of how staff whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

December 23	Number of Beneficiaries	Total remuneration paid (GBP)	Fixed remuneration (GBP)	Variable remuneration paid (GBP)	Carried interest paid by the UCITS (GBP)
Total remuneration paid by WFM during the financial year	18	639,790	639,790	0	0
Remuneration paid to employees of WFM who have a material impact on the risk profile of the UCITS	5	241,309	241,309	0	0
Senior Management	5	241,309	241,309	0	0
Control functions	5	241,309	241,309	0	0
Employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers	0	0	0	0	0

The only material change to the adopted remuneration policy, since the previous year end, is the identification of new risk takers and inclusion of delegates required by UCITS.

#### **General Information (continued)**

#### **Other Information**

Under normal circumstances the Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"), Supplementary Information Document ("SID") and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the ACD which is also the Head Office of the Company. However, at this time these documents, except for the Instrument of Incorporation, can only be viewed on our website, at <a href="https://www.wayfunds.com">www.wayfunds.com</a>, or on request, can be received by email or through the post.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a Shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection**

By completing and submitting an application to invest in any of the Funds that WAY Fund Managers Limited operates, you will be giving your consent to the processing of your personal data (including any anti-money laundering verification check), by us for the administration of services in connection with your investment on a contractual basis. Additionally we may be requested to share your personal data with our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority, or for wider compliance with any legal or regulatory obligation to which we might be subject.

If you have used an intermediary to submit the application we may also share information about your investment with them, to help them to continue to provide their services to you, unless you request us not to.

We may share your personal data with contracted third parties for the purposes mentioned above (however this does not entitle such third parties to send you marketing or promotional messages) and we do not envisage that this will involve your personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Area.

We make every effort to maintain the registration of your holdings accurately. However, if you feel that we have incorrectly recorded any of your personal data, you may request its correction. You have the right to request copies of your personal data stored by us and can do so by using our contact details below.

Your data will be stored and processed securely for the period of your contract with us and for a minimum of seven years after our relationship ceases, for regulatory and legislation purposes only.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller and Data Processor for this purpose. Further information on how we manage your personal data can be found within our Privacy Notice which can be found on our website <a href="https://www.wayfunds.com">www.wayfunds.com</a>.

Should you wish to make a complaint or request further information on how we collect and process your personal data please contact us at: Data Protection Office, WAY Fund Managers Limited, Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7SB. Email: DPO@wayfunds.com Tel: 01202 855856.

Alternatively, if you have any concerns or complaints as to how we have handled your personal data, you may lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office through their website which can be found at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/how-to-make-a-data-protection-complaint/">https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/how-to-make-a-data-protection-complaint/</a>.

#### **Effects of Personal Taxation**

Investors should be aware that unless their Shares are held within an ISA, selling Shares is treated as a disposal for the purpose of Capital Gains Tax.

#### **Risk Warning**

An investment in an Open Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

#### **Contact Information**

### The Company and its Head Office

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#### **Directors of the ACD**

V. Hoare

C. Oliver

D. Kane (Independent Non-Executive Director)

P. Woodman (Independent Non-Executive Director)

#### **Transfer Agent & Registrar**

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#### **Depositary**

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#### **Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")**

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Telephone: 01202 855 856\*

Website address: <a href="www.wayfunds.com">www.wayfunds.com</a> (Authorised and regulated by the FCA and a member of the Investment Association)

#### **Investment Manager**

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#### **Auditor**

PKF Littlejohn LLP Statutory Auditor 15 Westferry Circus Canary Wharf London E14 4HD

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that telephone calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes, and to confirm investors' instructions.