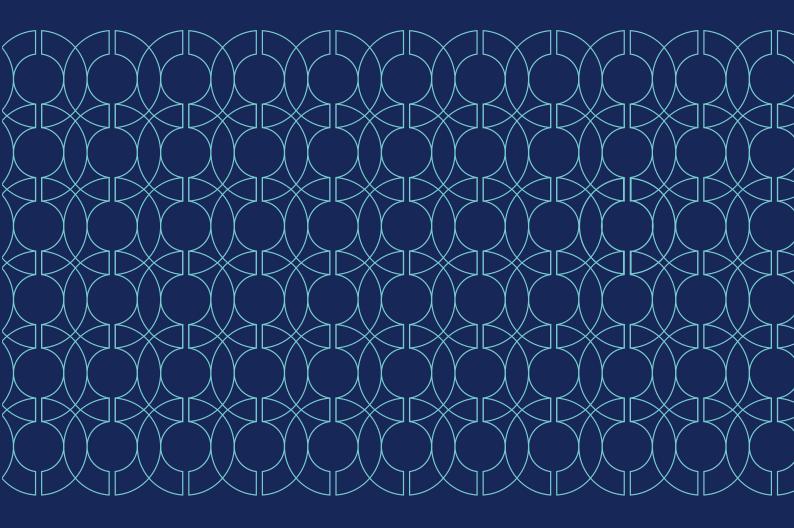
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### Schroder Income Maximiser Interim Report and Accounts 29 February 2024



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1 Collectively these comprise the Manager's report.

## **Fund Information**

#### **Investment objective and policy**

Schroder Income Maximiser (the 'Fund') aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in equity and equity-related securities of UK companies. The Fund aims to deliver an income of 7% per year but this is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 80% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of UK companies which are selected for their long term income and capital growth potential. These are companies that are incorporated, headquartered or have their principal business activities in the UK.

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain 'Value' characteristics. Value is assessed by looking at indicators such as cash flows, dividends and earnings to identify securities which the Investment Manager believes have been undervalued by the market.

To seek to enhance the yield, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities, portfolios of securities or indices held by the Fund, by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in other securities (including in other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, collective investment schemes (including Schroder funds), warrants and money market instruments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently (for more information please refer to section 6 of Appendix 2 of the Prospectus).

The Fund's investment strategy will typically underperform a similar portfolio without derivatives in periods when the underlying stock prices are rising, and outperform when the underlying stock prices are falling.

#### **Fund characteristics**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against the income target of 7% per year, and compared against the FTSE All Share (Gross Total Return) index and the Investment Association UK Equity Income sector average return. The income target has been selected because the investment manager deploys strategies that aim to deliver the level of income stated in the investment objective. The comparator benchmarks have been selected because the investment manager and the manager believe that each of these benchmarks is a suitable comparison for performance purposes given the Fund's investment objective and policy.

#### **Total purchases and sales**

	For the period to 29.2.24 £000's	For the year to 31.8.23 £000's
Total purchases	53,788	136,436
Total sales	76,982	171,397

### **Fund Performance**

	Number of units in issue 29.2.24	Net asset value per unit 29.2.24	Net asset value per unit 31.8.23
A Accumulation units	37,284,320	132.83p	127.56p
A Income units	59,962,797	34.51p	34.03p
L Accumulation units	44,901,256	83.78p	80.19p
L Income units	714,640,436	39.14p	38.47p
Q Income units	6,245,869	39.84p	39.13p
S Income units	10,835,423	39.13p	38.41p
Z Accumulation units	68,952,166	106.87p	102.32p
Z Income units	573,240,584	42.27p	41.55p

Past performance is not a guide to future performance and may not be repeated. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amounts originally invested. Exchange rate changes may cause the value of any overseas investments to rise or fall.

### **Review of Investment Activities**

From 31 August 2023 to 29 February 2024, the price of Z Accumulation units<sup>1</sup> on a dealing price basis rose by 4.57%. In comparison, the FTSE<sup>2</sup> All Share Index and the Investment Association UK Equity Income sector average return delivered a total return of 3.92%<sup>3</sup> and 3.90%<sup>3</sup> respectively. The Fund's performance should also be assessed against the income target of 7% per year. For the yield year ending 30 November 2023, the Fund distributed 7.53%<sup>4</sup>.

The Fund outperformed the broader market over the period.

US tech giant Intel continued to recover, while investment manager M&G was another top contributor, as was Direct Line Insurance Group as it became the subject of bid interest. Insurer Aviva also delivered double-digit share price returns over the period, as did housebuilder Taylor Wimpey, which has a strong balance sheet, and a competitive advantage with its strategic land bank. On the negative side, broadcaster ITV detracted as TV advertising sales came under renewed pressure in 2023. ITV Studios' external content revenues are now a significant part of group sales, and the operating profit from the content division underpins the entire market capitalisation. A decent balance sheet combined with a lowly valuation and a yield of ~7% make this an attractive investment. US pharmaceuticals group Pfizer weakened after reporting that Covid-19 related sales were falling much faster than expected; however we note that Pfizer has a decent track record of commercialising its pipeline drugs, which should bode well for future revenue growth.

The Fund disposed of its holding in engineer Rolls-Royce Holdings and initiated a new position in Johnson Matthey, a specialty chemicals company which has been developing sustainable technologies.

The option strategy produces an enhanced income by selling some of the potential capital growth on selected holdings (above a certain level) in return for an upfront cash payment on a regular rolling basis. Our aim is to sell just enough potential growth across the portfolio to meet the target, while still benefiting from the first phase of any share price increase. With the underlying dividends running higher at present, we have been able to reduce the amount of income we generate from the option strategy – reducing this can help the Fund to capture a greater share of any upside should the underlying shares perform well.

Typically, the behaviour of the strategy means that, while generating the enhanced income, the options can be positive for performance when share prices are falling, flat or gently rising, and will typically detract from overall performance when share prices are rising fast. Over the past six months, the options have been a positive contributor to performance even as the Fund has risen in value.

The Fund's portfolio of lowly valued companies is generating significant capital, and we believe it is well-placed to generate returns over the medium to long term for unitholders. The strong operational performance of many of these businesses is getting harder and harder for investors to ignore. History suggests that the coming years will see investors well rewarded for putting their capital to work in this currently unloved investment style in a currently unloved UK market.

#### Fund Manager: Global Value Team

The Global Value Team, specifically Kevin Murphy and Andy Evans, are responsible for stock selection in the underlying portfolio. The Global Value team has over 150 years of combined investment experience. Kevin has managed assets in a value style since 2006 and has managed the equity portfolio for Schroder Income Maximiser since 2010. Kevin is Co-head of the Global Value Team, which consists of ten investment professionals who manage both value and income orientated portfolios across UK, European, Global and Emerging Market Equities. Andy has 22 years of investment experience and has always invested both in the UK and European equity markets. Two Investment Directors also support the Global Value team.

#### **Structured Fund Management Team**

Schroders' Structured Fund Management Team consists of Scott Thomson, Jeegar Jagani, CFA, Ghokhulan Manickavasagar, and Kaarthi Chandrasegaram. Scott and Jeegar have managed the option overlay strategy since 2009 and 2012 respectively, and were joined by Ghokhulan in 2017 and Kaarthi in 2019. The Structured Fund Management team have approximately 60 years of combined investment experience in derivatives and structuring, including the management of the £2.9 billion Maximiser range (as at 31 December 2023). The Maximiser range consists of eight listed funds and segregated mandates, all of which apply a two-step income enhancement strategy investing in equities.

- 1 The dealing price of Z Accumulation units reflects the reinvestment of the distributions.
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4 For the Z Income units where distributions are taken out of the Fund and not reinvested.

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## **Risk Profile**

### **Risk and reward indicator**

Lower risk								
Potentially lower reward Potentially higher reward								
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

The risk category was calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The Fund's risk category is not guaranteed to remain fixed and may change over time. A Fund in the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. For specific risks, including the risk and reward profile, please refer to the Key Investor Information Document available on the following website www.schroders.com.



### **Statement of the Manager's Responsibilities**

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the period.

In preparing the accounts the Manager is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so:
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on its website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

S. Reedy Directors 25 April 2024 J. Rainbow

## **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at	Market Value	% of net
Equities 96.45% (99.2	29.2.24 9%)	£000's	assets
Basic Materials 5.33	% (6.28%)		
Anglo American	743,516	12,647	1.78
Johnson			
Matthey	459,091	7,075	1.00
Rio Tinto	345,813	17,564	2.47
South32	389,695	587 <b>37,873</b>	0.08 5.33
Consumer Discretion	nary 14 20% (1		
Bellway	362,875	9,783	1.38
Continental	258,006	16,347	2.30
Currys	12,710,421	8,389	1.18
ITV	24,975,003	13,966	1.97
Kingfisher	6,510,804	15,268	2.15
Pearson	891,281	8,558	1.20
Taylor Wimpey	10,406,821	14,330	2.02
WPP	2,096,585	14,827	2.09
		101,468	14.29
Consumer Staples 13	3.42% (11.58%)		
British American Tobacco	974,186	22,845	3.22
Imperial Brands	961,678	16,382	2.31
Sainsbury	7,491,013	18,690	2.63
Marks &			
Spencer Group	7,688,858	18,207	2.56
Tesco	6,883,506	19,191	2.70
	、 、	95,315	13.42
Energy 8.48% (9.99%	-	10.464	2.74
BP	4,224,105	19,461	2.74
Eni Shell	1,593,193 868,464	19,419 21,338	2.73 3.01
	000,404	<u>60,218</u>	8.48
Financials 28.70% (2	5 64%)	00,210	0.10
Aviva	4,805,780	21,448	3.02
Barclays	12,991,748	21,361	3.01
Direct Line			
Insurance	7 502 026	15 212	2.10
Group	7,583,926	15,312	2.16 3.56
HSBC Holdings Legal & General	4,121,052	25,324	5.50
Group	7,217,188	17,466	2.46
Lloyds Banking			
Group	34,821,658	16,216	2.28
M&G	8,369,671	18,807	2.65
NatWest Group	8,870,543	21,210	2.99
St. James's Place Standard	2,579,415	12,974	1.83
Chartered	2,750,692	18,358	2.58
TP ICAP Group	6,199,335	11,097	1.56
Vanquis			
Banking Group	3,516,715	4,262	0.60
		203,835	28.70
Health Care 8.00% (7		10 005	~ <b></b> -
GSK	1,182,573	19,685	2.77
Pfizer Sanofi	414,558 188,871	8,767 14,201	1.24 2.00
Janun	100,071	14,201	2.00

	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Viatris	1,467,285	14,151	1.99
	, , ,	56,804	8.00
Industrials 6.17% (	5.82%)		
International			
Distributions	7 070 1 11	17 10 1	2.44
Services Mondi	7,070,141	17,124	2.41
Travis Perkins	845,507 2,010,117	11,905 14,818	1.67 2.09
	2,010,117	43,847	<u> </u>
Real Estate 5.35% (	5 21%)	-13,047	0.17
British Land REIT	5,806,663	20,201	2.84
Land Securities	3,000,003	20,201	2.01
Group REIT	2,880,765	17,832	2.51
		38,033	5.35
Technology 0.97% (	2.68%)		
Intel	203,383	6,896	0.97
		6,896	0.97
Telecommunicatio	ns 5.74% (5.58%	)	
BT Group	10,480,730	10,942	1.54
Orange	1,475,688	13,387	1.88
Vodafone Group	23,821,843	16,466	2.32
		40,795	5.74
Equities total		685,084	96.45
Options (0.56)% ((0	.48)%)		
Written Options (0	.56)% ((0.48)%)		
Anglo American Call 26.776 06/03/2024	(49,593)	0	0.00
Anglo American Call 20.692 13/03/2024	(46,005)	0	0.00
Anglo American Call 24.437 20/03/2024	(40,149)	0	0.00
Anglo American Call 23.955 03/04/2024	(42,659)	0	0.00
Anglo American Call 21.375 17/04/2024	(43,495)	(2)	0.00
Anglo American Call 22.778			
24/04/2024 Anglo American Call 21.403	(42,659)	(1)	0.00
08/05/2024 Anglo American Call 20.931	(45,168)	(6)	0.00
22/05/2024 Anglo American	(46,841)	(10)	0.00
Call 20.549 29/05/2024 Aviva Call 4 629	(46,841)	(14)	0.00
Aviva Call 4.639 06/03/2024 Aviva Call 4.553	(320,553)	(2)	0.00
13/03/2024 Aviva Call 4.657	(363,437)	(17)	0.00
20/03/2024 Aviva Call 4.659	(317,181)	(9)	0.00
03/04/2024	(337,005)	(14)	0.00

	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Aviva Call 4.402 17/04/2024	(343,613)	(24)	(0.01)	BP Call 5.112 13/03/2024	(389,145)	0	0.00
Aviva Call 4.485 24/04/2024	(337,005)	(16)	0.00	BP Call 5.148 20/03/2024	(339,618)	(1)	0.00
Aviva Call 4.335 08/05/2024	(356,829)	(42)	(0.01)	BP Call 5.292 03/04/2024	(360,844)	(1)	0.00
Aviva Call 4.605 22/05/2024	(370,045)	(16)	0.00	BP Call 5.006 17/04/2024	(367,919)	(12)	0.00
Aviva Call 4.585 29/05/2024	(336,404)	(18)	0.00	BP Call 4.955 24/04/2024	(360,844)	(20)	0.00
Barclays Call 1.559 06/03/2024	(866,571)	(135)	(0.02)	BP Call 5.151 08/05/2024 BP Call 5.119	(382,070)	(11)	0.00
Barclays Call 1.603	( , ,			22/05/2024	(396,221)	(20)	0.00
13/03/2024 Barclays	(982,500)	(116)	(0.02)	BP Call 5.013 29/05/2024	(354,824)	(27)	(0.01)
Call 1.706 20/03/2024 Barclays	(857,455)	(40)	(0.01)	British American Tobacco Call 25.432 13/03/2024	(60,277)	0	0.00
Call 1.703 03/04/2024 Barclays	(911,046)	(56)	(0.01)	British American Tobacco Call 24.867	(,,		
Call 1.593 17/04/2024 Barclays	(928,909)	(141)	(0.02)	20/03/2024 British American Tobacco	(38,669)	(1)	0.00
Call 1.666 24/04/2024 Barclays	(911,046)	(94)	(0.01)	Call 24.935 03/04/2024 British American	(41,086)	(1)	0.00
Call 1.633 08/05/2024 Barclays	(964,637)	(135)	(0.02)	Tobacco Call 24.895 17/04/2024	(46,323)	(4)	0.00
Call 1.803 22/05/2024 Barclays	(1,000,364)	(58)	(0.01)	British American Tobacco Call 24.431 24/04/2024	(45,432)	(8)	0.00
Call 1.867 29/05/2024 Bellway	(909,422)	(37)	(0.01)	British American Tobacco	(13,132)		0.00
Call 27.768 06/03/2024	(24,299)	(2)	0.00	Call 24.676 08/05/2024 British American	(59,181)	(11)	0.00
Bellway Call 30.427 13/03/2024 Bellway	(33,429)	0	0.00	Tobacco Call 25.063 22/05/2024	(61,373)	(11)	0.00
Call 28.848 20/03/2024 Bellway	(23,949)	(3)	0.00	British American Tobacco Call 24.623 29/05/2024	(61,373)	(18)	0.00
Call 28.771 03/04/2024 Bellway	(25,446)	(7)	0.00	British Land Call 4.324			
Call 29.858 17/04/2024 Bellway	(25,945)	(6)	0.00	06/03/2024 British Land Call 4.073	(307,027)	0	0.00
Call 30.847 24/04/2024	(25,446)	(4)	0.00	13/03/2024 British Land Call	(224,301)	0	0.00
Bellway Call 32.469	(, ,			4.77 20/03/2024 British Land Call	(313,559)	0	0.00
08/05/2024 Bellway	(26,943)	(3)	0.00	4.64 03/04/2024 British Land	(333,157)	0	0.00
Call 31.609 22/05/2024 Bellway	(34,037)	(8)	0.00	Call 4.391 17/04/2024 British Land	(294,804)	0	0.00
Call 29.486 29/05/2024	(34,037)	(19)	0.00	Call 4.311 24/04/2024	(333,157)	0	0.00
BP Call 5.132 06/03/2024	(332,542)	0	0.00	British Land Call 4.37 08/05/2024	(226,903)	(1)	0.00

	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
British Land Call 4.296 22/05/2024	(239,877)	(3)	0.00	Direct Line Insurance Group Call 1.912 13/03/2024	(219,195)	(34)	(0.01)
British Land Call 3.987 29/05/2024	(302,789)	(18)	0.00	Direct Line Insurance Group Call 2.208	(219,195)	(54)	(0.01)
BT Group Call 1.59 06/03/2024	(554,168)	0	0.00	20/03/2024 Direct Line	(406,814)	(7)	0.00
BT Group Call 1.232 13/03/2024 BT Group	(648,495)	0	0.00	Insurance Group Call 2.164 03/04/2024	(314,053)	(13)	0.00
Call 1.452 20/03/2024 BT Group	(565,959)	0	0.00	Direct Line Insurance Group Call 1.895 17/04/2024	(441,440)	(89)	(0.01)
Call 1.356 17/04/2024	(681,247)	(1)	0.00	Direct Line Insurance	(441,440)	(89)	(0.01)
BT Group Call 1.377 24/04/2024 BT Group	(601,331)	(1)	0.00	Group Call 1.9 24/04/2024 Direct Line	(214,170)	(44)	(0.01)
Call 1.255 08/05/2024	(636,704)	(8)	0.00	Insurance Group Call 2.006 08/05/2024	(209,929)	(30)	(0.01)
BT Group Call 1.227 29/05/2024	(660,285)	(15)	0.00	Direct Line Insurance Group Call 1.941	(251 071)	(48)	(0.01)
Continental Call 81.828 06/03/2024	(13,821)	0	0.00	22/05/2024 Direct Line Insurance	(251,971)	(48)	(0.01)
Continental Call 84.782 13/03/2024	(19,511)	(1)	0.00	Group Call 2.504 29/05/2024 Eni Call 15.995	(287,886)	(4)	0.00
Continental Call 86.647 20/03/2024	(17,028)	(1)	0.00	06/03/2024 Eni Call 15.584	(142,246)	0	0.00
Continental Call 84.899	(,0_0)			13/03/2024 Eni Call 16.049 20/03/2024	(142,391) (143,387)	0	0.00
03/04/2024 Continental	(18,092)	(3)	0.00	Eni Call 16.395 03/04/2024	(143,387)	0	0.00
Call 81.758 17/04/2024	(18,447)	(13)	0.00	Eni Call 15.729 17/04/2024	(134,624)	(2)	0.00
Continental Call 81.868 24/04/2024	(18,092)	(15)	0.00	Eni Call 15.303 24/04/2024	(132,035)	(6)	0.00
Continental Call 81.933				Eni Call 15.262 08/05/2024	(139,802)	(10)	0.00
08/05/2024 Continental	(19,156)	(15)	0.00	Eni Call 14.938 22/05/2024 Eni SpA	(144,980)	(17)	0.00
Call 83.566 22/05/2024 Continental	(19,866)	(16)	0.00	Call 14.919 29/05/2024	(167,285)	(23)	0.00
Call 83.335 29/05/2024	(19,866)	(19)	0.00	GSK Call 15.401 06/03/2024	(62,528)	(75)	(0.01)
Currys Call 0.539 06/03/2024	(401,627)	(52)	(0.01)	GSK Call 17.467 13/03/2024	(73,171)	(1)	0.00
Currys Call 0.577 03/04/2024	(308,773)	(33)	(0.01)	GSK Call 15.54 20/03/2024	(63,858)	(72)	(0.01)
Currys Call 0.564 24/04/2024	(467,923)	(60)	(0.01)	GSK Call 16.439 03/04/2024	(67,850)	(33)	(0.01)
Currys Call 0.804 22/05/2024 Direct Line	(409,696)	(15)	0.00	GSK Call 17.187 17/04/2024 GSK Call 16.709	(69,180)	(15)	0.00
Direct Line Insurance Group Call 2.188				GSK Call 16.709 24/04/2024 GSK Call 17.823	(67,850)	(32)	(0.01)
06/03/2024	(402,884)	(1)	0.00	08/05/2024	(71,841)	(11)	0.00



	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
GSK Call 17.656 22/05/2024	(74,502)	(16)	0.00	International Distributions			
GSK Call 17.688 29/05/2024	(74,502)	(17)	0.00	Services Call 3.272 20/03/2024	(220,185)	0	0.00
HSBC Holdings Call 6.642 06/03/2024	(334,855)	0	0.00	International Distributions Services	(,		
HSBC Holdings Call 6.383 13/03/2024	(339,986)	0	0.00	Call 3.118 03/04/2024 International	(184,205)	(1)	0.00
HSBC Holdings Call 6.406 20/03/2024	(296,715)	(1)	0.00	Distributions Services Call 2.875			
HSBC Holdings Call 6.502 03/04/2024	(315,260)	(2)	0.00	17/04/2024 International Distributions	(174,176)	(5)	0.00
HSBC Holdings Call 6.171 17/04/2024	(358,943)	(26)	(0.01)	Services Call 3.22 24/04/2024 International	(213,035)	(3)	0.00
HSBC Holdings Call 6.253 24/04/2024	(352,040)	(22)	0.00	Distributions Services Call 3.238			
HSBC Holdings Call 6.527 08/05/2024	(333,805)	(11)	0.00	08/05/2024 International Distributions	(166,861)	(3)	0.00
HSBC Holdings Call 6.177 29/05/2024	(386,554)	(46)	(0.01)	Services Call 3.02 22/05/2024 International	(165,804)	(7)	0.00
Imperial Brands Call 19.349 06/03/2024	(92,432)	0	0.00	Distributions Services Call 2.881 29/05/2024	(202,656)	(13)	0.00
Imperial Brands Call 19.419 13/03/2024	(79,338)	0	0.00	ITV Call 0.723 06/03/2024	(1,025,032)	0	0.00
Imperial Brands Call 19.062	( )			ITV Call 0.652 13/03/2024	(629,671)	(8)	0.00
20/03/2024 Imperial Brands	(94,398)	0	0.00	ITV Call 0.756 20/03/2024 ITV Call 0.746	(1,198,800)	(1)	0.00
Call 19.295 03/04/2024 Imperial Brands	(100,298)	0	0.00	ITV Call 0.746 03/04/2024 ITV Call 0.66	(1,004,858)	(4)	0.00
Call 19.662 17/04/2024	(102,265)	0	0.00	17/04/2024 ITV Call 0.664	(894,971)	(13)	0.00
Imperial Brands Call 19.838 24/04/2024	(100,298)	0	0.00	24/04/2024 ITV Call 0.657	(1,086,561)	(17)	0.00
Imperial Brands Call 19.47	(100,290)	0	0.00	08/05/2024 ITV Call 0.635 22/05/2024	(998,551) (721,392)	(21) (23)	0.00
08/05/2024 Imperial Brands	(77,855)	(1)	0.00	ITV Call 0.614 29/05/2024	(934,016)	(23)	(0.01)
Call 19.514 22/05/2024 Imperial Brands	(80,780)	(3)	0.00	J Sainsbury Call 3.164 06/03/2024	(790,729)	0	0.00
Call 18.338 29/05/2024 International	(74,049)	(12)	0.00	J Sainsbury Call 2.969			
Distributions Services Call 2.835				13/03/2024 J Sainsbury Call 3.309	(772,510)	0	0.00
06/03/2024 International	(219,334)	0	0.00	20/03/2024 J Sainsbury	(494,406)	0	0.00
Distributions Services Call 2.91 13/03/2024	(128,993)	0	0.00	Call 3.367 03/04/2024 J Sainsbury	(573,062)	0	0.00
				Call 3.114 17/04/2024	(730,373)	0	0.00



	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
J Sainsbury Call 3.023 24/04/2024	(601,158)	0	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 7.068 06/03/2024	(152,320)	0	0.00
J Sainsbury Call 2.831 08/05/2024	(758,465)	(7)	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 6.824 13/03/2024	(217,857)	0	0.00
J Sainsbury Call 2.99 22/05/2024	(786,556)	(4)	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 8.065 20/03/2024	(190,130)	0	0.00
J Sainsbury Call 2.833 29/05/2024	(612,488)	(11)	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 7.801		0	0.00
Johnson Matthey Call 17.303 13/03/2024	(28,406)	0	0.00	03/04/2024 Land Securities Group Call 7.122 17/04/2024	(199,930) (147,192)	0 (2)	0.00
Johnson Matthey Call 18.785	(20,200)	0	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 7.238 24/04/2024	(184,372)	(3)	0.00
20/03/2024 Johnson Matthey Call 18.567	(30,300)	0	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 7.272 08/05/2024	(176,488)	(4)	0.00
03/04/2024 Johnson	(32,193)	0	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 7.13 22/05/2024	(170,887)	(10)	0.00
Matthey Call 18.062 17/04/2024	(32,825)	(1)	0.00	Land Securities Group Call 6.96 29/05/2024	(168,109)	(17)	0.00
Johnson Matthey Call 18.15 24/04/2024	(32,193)	(2)	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.633 06/03/2024	(481,398)	0	0.00
Johnson Matthey Call 18.015				Legal & General Group Call 2.537 13/03/2024	(496,181)	(8)	0.00
08/05/2024 Johnson Matthey	(27,889)	(3)	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.709 20/03/2024	(476,334)	0	0.00
Call 17.485 29/05/2024	(28,922)	(9)	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.65 03/04/2024	(506,105)	(4)	0.00
Kingfisher Call 2.5 06/03/2024 Kingfisher	(346,738)	0	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.685 17/04/2024	(516,028)	(5)	0.00
Call 2.373 13/03/2024 Kingfisher	(399,402)	(6)	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.75 24/04/2024	(506,105)	(3)	0.00
Call 2.734 20/03/2024 Kingfisher	(351,583)	0	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.542 08/05/2024	(535,876)	(11)	0.00
Call 2.661 03/04/2024 Kingfisher	(373,557)	0	0.00	Legal & General Group Call 2.502			
Call 2.461 17/04/2024 Kingfisher	(380,882)	(13)	0.00	22/05/2024 Legal & General Group Call 2.512	(505,203)	(18)	0.00
Call 2.536 24/04/2024	(373,557)	(7)	0.00	29/05/2024 Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.507	(555,723)	(20)	0.00
Kingfisher Call 2.504 08/05/2024	(384,942)	(6)	0.00	06/03/2024 Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.464	(2,322,663)	0	0.00
Kingfisher Call 2.545 22/05/2024	(325,710)	(5)	0.00	13/03/2024 Lloyds Banking	(2,633,387)	(40)	(0.01)
Kingfisher Call 2.546 29/05/2024	(398,556)	(8)	0.00	Group Call 0.521 20/03/2024 Lloyds Banking	(2,298,229)	(1)	0.00
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	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.465 17/04/2024	(2,489,748)	(30)	(0.01)	Mondi Call 16.023 06/03/2024	(50,791)	0	0.00
Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.459 24/04/2024	(2,441,868)	(39)	(0.01)	Mondi Call 15.344 13/03/2024	(52,315)	0	0.00
Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.452 08/05/2024	(2,585,508)	(59)	(0.01)	Mondi Call 14.922 08/05/2024	(51,364)	(7)	0.00
Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.467 22/05/2024	(2,681,267)	(46)	(0.01)	Mondi Call 14.997 22/05/2024	(53,266)	(9)	0.00
Lloyds Banking Group Call 0.496 29/05/2024	(2,437,516)	(18)	0.00	Mondi Call 15.018 29/05/2024	(65,104)	(12)	0.00
M&G Call 2.349 06/03/2024 M&G Call 2.491	(703,522)	(5)	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.542 06/03/2024	(580,797)	(2)	0.00
13/03/2024 M&G Call 2.285 20/03/2024	(557,558) (672,921)	(2) (9)	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.466 13/03/2024	(670,834)	(27)	(0.01)
M&G Call 2.26 03/04/2024	(668,100)	(3)	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.512 20/03/2024	(585,455)	(5)	0.00
M&G Call 2.272 17/04/2024 M&G Call 2.34	(506,449)	(15)	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.427			
24/04/2024 M&G Call 2.321	(617,897)	(11)	0.00	03/04/2024 NatWest Group Call 2.298	(622,046)	(28)	(0.01)
08/05/2024 M&G Call 2.466 29/05/2024	(689,530) (481,802)	(19) (6)	0.00	17/04/2024 NatWest Group Call 2.403	(634,243)	(81)	(0.01)
Marks & Spencer Group Call 2.929 06/03/2024	(549,192)	0	0.00	24/04/2024 NatWest Group Call 2.429 08/05/2024	(622,046) (658,637)	(52) (59)	(0.01)
Marks & Spencer Group Call 2.628 13/03/2024	(792,913)	0	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.526 22/05/2024	(683,031)	(47)	(0.01)
Marks & Spencer Group Call 3.059		<b>^</b>	0.00	NatWest Group Call 2.617 29/05/2024 Orange	(620,938)	(30)	(0.01)
20/03/2024 Marks & Spencer Group	(618,184)	0	0.00	Call 11.752 06/03/2024	(117,949)	0	0.00
Call 3.241 03/04/2024 Marks &	(686,230)	0	0.00	Orange Call 11.382 13/03/2024	(121,744)	0	0.00
Spencer Group Call 2.898 17/04/2024	(749,663)	0	0.00	Orange Call 11.184 20/03/2024	(118,645)	(2)	0.00
Marks & Spencer Group Call 2.904	(725.247)	0	0.00	Orange Call 11.437 03/04/2024	(126,060)	(2)	0.00
24/04/2024 Marks & Spencer Group	(735,247)	0	0.00	Orange Call 11.821 17/04/2024	(128,532)	(1)	0.00
Call 2.777 08/05/2024 Marks &	(778,496)	(4)	0.00	Orange Call 11.827 24/04/2024	(126,060)	(1)	0.00
Spencer Group Call 2.753 22/05/2024 Marka 8	(753,508)	(10)	0.00	Orange Call 11.397 08/05/2024	(119,530)	(7)	0.00
Marks & Spencer Group Call 2.727 29/05/2024	(807,330)	(18)	0.00	Orange Call 11.574 22/05/2024	(123,957)	(6)	0.00



	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Orange Call 11.258 29/05/2024	(138,419)	(15)	0.00	Sanofi Call 92.598 08/05/2024	(14,023)	(6)	0.00
Pearson Call 10.375 06/03/2024	(162,626)	(1)	0.00	Sanofi Call 92.062 22/05/2024	(14,543)	(10)	0.00
Pearson Call 10.602 20/03/2024	(160,915)	(5)	0.00	Sanofi Call 91.745 29/05/2024	(13,220)	(11)	0.00
Pearson Call 10.827	(150 574)	(4)	0.00	Shell Call 26.964 06/03/2024	(61,226)	0	0.00
03/04/2024 Pearson Call 10.609	(159,574)	(4)	0.00	Shell Call 26.184 13/03/2024	(89,560)	(1)	0.00
17/04/2024 Pearson	(174,325)	(13)	0.00	Shell Call 27.581 20/03/2024	(78,161)	0	0.00
Call 10.321 24/04/2024	(170,972)	(28)	(0.01)	Shell Call 27.958 03/04/2024 Shell Call 25.676	(83,046)	0	0.00
Pearson Call 10.164		(12)		51611 Call 25.676 17/04/2024 Shell Call 25.517	(84,675)	(26)	(0.01)
08/05/2024 Rio Tinto	(53,934)	(13)	0.00	24/04/2024 Shell Call 26.353	(83,046)	(36)	(0.01)
Call 61.423 06/03/2024 Rio Tinto	(28,099)	0	0.00	08/05/2024 Shell Call 26.582	(87,931)	(25)	(0.01)
Call 55.691 13/03/2024	(31,858)	0	0.00	22/05/2024 Shell Call 26.095	(91,188)	(23)	0.00
Rio Tinto Call 62.636				29/05/2024 South32	(85,109)	(34)	(0.01)
20/03/2024 Rio Tinto	(27,803)	0	0.00	Call 1.939 06/03/2024	(105,413)	0	0.00
Call 62.942 03/04/2024 Rio Tinto	(29,541)	0	0.00	South32 Call 2.008 20/03/2024	(118,881)	0	0.00
Call 57.878 17/04/2024 Rio Tinto	(30,120)	(2)	0.00	South32 Call 2.051 17/04/2024	(96,403)	0	0.00
Call 58.824 24/04/2024	(29,541)	(2)	0.00	South32 Call 2.08 24/04/2024	(68,998)	0	0.00
Rio Tinto Call 57.69 08/05/2024	(31,278)	(5)	0.00	St James's Place Call 8.145 20/03/2024	(56,300)	0	0.00
Rio Tinto Call 55.517 22/05/2024	(29,048)	(11)	0.00	St James's Place Call 7.652 03/04/2024	(59,819)	0	0.00
Rio Tinto Call 53.939 29/05/2024	(29,048)	(20)	0.00	St James's Place Call 7.321 17/04/2024	(74,546)	0	0.00
Sanofi Call 94.14 06/03/2024 Sanofi Call	(12,366)	0	0.00	St James's Place Call 7.885 24/04/2024	(73,112)	0	0.00
90.977 13/03/2024	(14,283)	(1)	0.00	St James's Place Call 7.284 08/05/2024	(63,338)	0	0.00
Sanofi Call 96.857 20/03/2024	(12,465)	0	0.00	St James's Place Call 7.473 22/05/2024	(95,817)	0	0.00
Sanofi Call 101.114 03/04/2024	(13,244)	0	0.00	Standard Chartered Call 7.554	(20,0.7)	ŭ	
Sanofi Call 103.716 17/04/2024	(13,504)	0	0.00	06/03/2024 Standard Chartered	(150,116)	0	0.00
Sanofi Call 100.152 24/04/2024	(13,244)	(1)	0.00	Call 6.547 13/03/2024	(208,021)	(42)	(0.01)

	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets		Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
Standard Chartered				Tesco Call 2.99 22/05/2024	(645,672)	(10)	0.00
Call 7.546 20/03/2024	(165,041)	0	0.00	Tesco Call 2.923 29/05/2024	(578,214)	(17)	0.00
Standard Chartered Call 7.415 03/04/2024	(175,356)	(3)	0.00	TP ICAP Group Call 2.109 06/03/2024	(291,925)	0	0.00
Standard Chartered Call 6.884	(			TP ICAP Group Call 1.942 13/03/2024	(109,380)	0	0.00
17/04/2024 Standard	(196,674)	(32)	(0.01)	TP ICAP Group Call 2.241 20/03/2024	(216,583)	0	0.00
Chartered Call 7.07 24/04/2024	(192,892)	(25)	(0.01)	TP ICAP Group Call 2.184	(210,303)	Ŭ	0.00
Standard Chartered Call 6.99 08/05/2024	(204,238)	(43)	(0.01)	03/04/2024 TP ICAP Group	(211,176)	0	0.00
Standard Chartered				Call 2.07 17/04/2024 TP ICAP Group	(71,073)	0	0.00
Call 6.991 22/05/2024 Standard	(211,803)	(54)	(0.01)	Call 2.057 24/04/2024	(94,142)	0	0.00
Chartered Call 7.337 29/05/2024	(211,803)	(33)	(0.01)	TP ICAP Group Call 1.971 08/05/2024 TP ICAP Group	(104,555)	(1)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.481 06/03/2024	(567,943)	0	0.00	Call 1.973 22/05/2024 TP ICAP Group	(94,191)	(1)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.571 13/03/2024	(958,728)	0	0.00	Call 1.896 29/05/2024 Travis Perkins	(111,343)	(3)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.632 20/03/2024	(686,850)	0	0.00	Call 8.773 06/03/2024	(54,538)	0	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.55 03/04/2024	(729,778)	0	0.00	Travis Perkins Call 8.729 24/04/2024	(66,936)	(1)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.596 17/04/2024	(744,087)	0	0.00	Travis Perkins Call 8.65 08/05/2024	(39,157)	(1)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.563 24/04/2024	(729,778)	(2)	0.00	Travis Perkins Call 8.525 22/05/2024	(31,504)	(2)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.6 08/05/2024	(772,706)	(2)	0.00	Travis Perkins Call 8.038 29/05/2024	(44,693)	(6)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.588 22/05/2024	(976,159)	(4)	0.00	Vodafone Group Call 0.809 20/03/2024	(1,286,379)	(3)	0.00
Taylor Wimpey Call 1.46 29/05/2024	(976,159)	(24)	(0.01)	Vodafone Group Call 0.837 03/04/2024	(1,366,778)	(4)	0.00
Tesco Call 3.112 06/03/2024	(559,317)	0	0.00	Vodafone Group Call 0.807 17/04/2024	(1,393,577)	(14)	0.00
Tesco Call 3.032 13/03/2024	(634,142)	0	0.00	Vodafone Group Call 0.797			
Tesco Call 3.094 20/03/2024 Tesco Call 3.206	(553,433)	0	0.00	24/04/2024 Vodafone	(1,366,778)	(20)	0.00
03/04/2024 Tesco Call 3.301	(588,023)	0	0.00	Group Call 0.757 08/05/2024	(1,447,176)	(45)	(0.01)
17/04/2024 Tesco Call 3.226	(599,553)	0	0.00	WPP Call 8.058 06/03/2024 WPP Call 8.21	(136,467)	0	0.00
24/04/2024 Tesco Call 3.025	(588,023)	0	0.00	13/03/2024	(158,554)	0	0.00
08/05/2024	(622,613)	(4)	0.00				

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	Holding at 29.2.24	Market Value £000's	% of net assets
WPP Call 8.696 22/05/2024	(161,437)	0	0.00
WPP Call 7.841 29/05/2024	(146,760)	(10)	0.00
Written Options tot	al	(3,993)	(0.56)
Options total		(3,993)	(0.56)
Portfolio of investm	ients	681,091	95.89
Net other assets		29,199	4.11
Net assets attributa unitholders	able to	710,290	100.00

The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 31 August 2023. Unless otherwise stated, all securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings.



### Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

For the six months ended 29 February 2024

	29.2.24		28.2.23	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income				
Net capital gains		13,587		79,333
Revenue	22,199		21,740	
Expenses	(3,416)		(3,554)	
Net revenue before taxation	18,783		18,186	
Taxation	(1,746)		(1,543)	
Net revenue after taxation		17,037		16,643
Total return before distributions		30,624		95,976
Distributions		(19,012)		(19,256)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		11,612		76,720

### Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders (unaudited)

#### For the six months ended 29 February 2024

	29.2.24		28.2.23	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		693,804^		697,747
Amounts receivable on issue of units	40,564		21,103	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(39,979)		(29,167)	
		585		(8,064)
Dilution adjustment		1		1
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		11,612		76,720
Retained distribution on Accumulation units		4,288		4,308
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		710,290		<b>770,712</b> <sup>^</sup>

^ The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to unitholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

### **Balance Sheet (unaudited)**

#### As at 29 February 2024

	29.2.24	31.8.23
	£000's	£000's
Assets		
Investments	685,084	688,829
Current assets		
Debtors	5,177	7,603
Cash and bank balances	36,729	13,348
Total assets	726,990	709,780
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(3,993)	(3,312)
Creditors		
Distributions payable	(5,488)	(10,708)
Other creditors	(7,219)	(1,956)
Total liabilities	(16,700)	(15,976)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	710,290	693,804

## Notes to the Accounts (unaudited)

### **Accounting policies**

#### **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been produced as at 29 February 2024, being the final day of February 2024. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

The Manager has undertaken a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, fluctuations in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months after the financial statements are signed and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and are described in those annual accounts.

## **General Information**

#### Manager

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

#### **Investment Adviser**

Schroder Investment Management Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

**Trustee** J.P. Morgan Europe Limited Chaseside Bournemouth BH7 7DA Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority

#### Registrar

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place London EC2Y 5AU Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority The Manager is responsible for maintaining the register for each Fund. It has delegated certain registrar functions to HSBC Bank Plc, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 8HQ.

#### **Administration Details**

Schroders Investor Services PO BOX 1402 Sunderland SR43 4AF

#### **Independent Auditor**

KPMG LLP 319 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5AS

#### **Authorisation**

The Fund is an authorised unit trust and is constituted pursuant to the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and is structured as a Trust. The Fund is a UCITS scheme for the purpose of the categorisation of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook.

#### Value Assessment

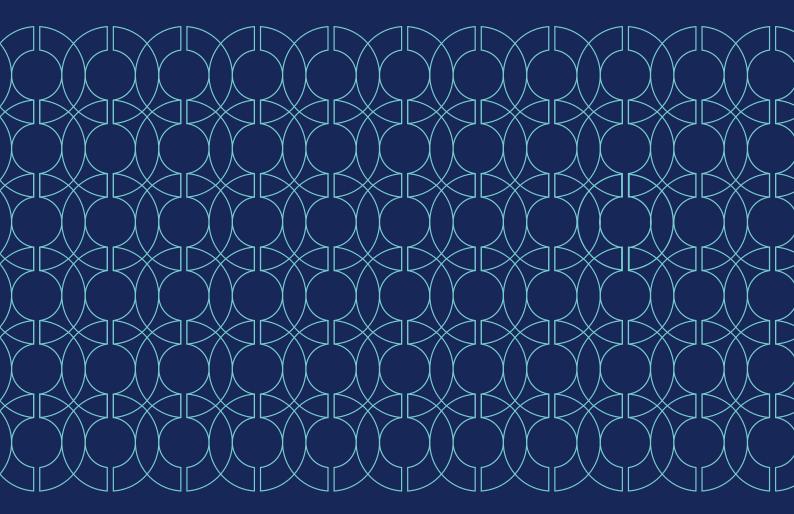
A statement on the Assessment of Value is published on the Global Fund Centre in the Fund Literature section at www.Schroders.com within 4 months of the annual 'reference date' 31 December.

#### **Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures**

A statement on the climate related financial disclosures is published at www.schroders.com/en/global/individual/corporate-transparency/tcfd-entity-and-product-reports/.

#### **Other information**

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document and details of investment charges and costs are available on request or can be downloaded from our website www.schroders.com.





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