# IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC

(formerly WS Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC and TB Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC)

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

for the year ended 29 February 2024



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#### **CHANGES TO THE COMPANY AND THE FUND**

On 1 October 2023 the Authorised Corporate Director T. Bailey Fund Services Limited ('TBFS') changed their name to Waystone Fund Services (UK) Limited ('WFSL'). The Company changed its name from TB Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC to WS Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC.

Since the previous year end, WFSL has also undergone a review of the engagement of the Company's Auditors. Following this review, WFSL took the decision to end the audit engagement with Deloitte LLP and to appoint Cooper Parry Group Limited as the Auditors of the Company. WFSL took this decision as it believes that this is in best interests of the Company's shareholders.

On 9 March 2024 the following changes were made:

- The Authorised Corporate Director of the Company changed from WFSL to Investment Fund Services Limited ('IFSL').
- The Company changed its name from WS Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC to IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC.
- The Custodian of the Company changed from The Northern Trust Company to CACEIS Bank, UK branch.

#### THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR AND INVESTMENT MANAGER

The Authorised Corporate Director (the 'ACD') is Investment Fund Services Limited ('IFSL'). Evenlode Investment Management Limited is the Investment Manager (the 'Investment Manager') of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC (the 'Company').

Evenlode Investment Management Limited and Investment Fund Services Limited are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Further information about Evenlode Investment Management Limited can be found at the website: www.evenlodeinvestment.com

#### YOUR INVESTMENTS

You can buy or sell shares in the sub-funds of the Company through your Financial Advisor. Application forms can be requested in writing from the ACD or by calling the Registrar on the dealing line. They can also be downloaded from the website: www.waystone.com.

The sub-funds of the Company are eligible for ISA investments/transfers and the shares are available as part of a regular savers scheme.

The most recent price of shares in issue can be found at www.ifslfunds.com, or by phone using the contact details set out in the prospectus.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Full details of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC are set out in the Prospectus. This document provides investors with extensive information about the Company and its sub-funds including risks and expenses. A copy of the Prospectus is available on request from the ACD or can be found at www.ifslfunds.com.

The Key Investor Information documents, Supplementary Information document and Value Assessments are also available at www.ifslfunds.com. The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD') reports can be found at https://www.ifslfunds.com/tcfd-reporting.

#### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC (the 'Company') is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC001091 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 27 June 2017 with PRN 777896. The Company has an unlimited duration.

#### STRUCTURE OF THE COMPANY

The Company is a UK UCITS.

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the agreement of the Depositary and the approval of the FCA. On the introduction of any new sub-fund, or share class, a revised prospectus will be prepared and issued setting out the relevant details of each sub-fund or share class.

The Company is compliant with the Protected Cell Regime for OEICs. Under the Protected Cell Regime, each subfund represents a segregated portfolio of assets and accordingly, the assets of a sub-fund belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including any other sub-fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

As at the balance sheet date, there were three sub-funds: IFSL Evenlode Income, IFSL Evenlode Global Income and IFSL Evenlode Global Equity\*.

The base currency of the Company is Pound Sterling.

The assets of the sub-funds have been invested in accordance with the investment objectives and investment policy of the sub-funds. Investment of the assets must comply with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

Subject to the above, the liabilities, expenses, costs, and charges of the Company will be allocated between classes in accordance with the terms of shares of those classes.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. Shareholders are not liable to make any further payment to the Company after they have paid the price on purchase of the shares.

The ACD is the sole director of the Company.

\*On 1 October 2023 TB Evenlode Income changed its name to WS Evenlode Income, TB Evenlode Global Income changed its name to WS Evenlode Global Income and TB Evenlode Global Equity changed its name to WS Evenlode Global Equity. Following this change on 9 March 2024 WS Evenlode Income changed its name to IFSL Evenlode Income, WS Evenlode Global Income changed its name to IFSL Evenlode Global Equity changed its name to IFSL Evenlode Global Equity.

# **CROSS HOLDINGS BETWEEN SUB-FUNDS**

As at the year-end there were no cross holdings between the three sub-funds.

#### REMUNERATION POLICY OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR

#### **Introduction and Scope**

WFSL has policies and practices for those staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the combined activities. WFSL is a UCITS firm and is therefore subject to the UCITS Remuneration Code.

The Remuneration Policy:

- Is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management;
- Does not encourage risk taking that exceeds the level of tolerated risk of the firm;
- Encourages behaviour that delivers results which are aligned to the interests of WFSL's clients and the UCITS funds it manages;
- Aligns the interests of senior management and staff with material impact ('Code Staff') with the longterm interests of WFSL's clients and the UCITS funds it manages;
- Recognises that remuneration should be competitive and reflect both financial and personal performance.
   Accordingly, Remuneration for Code Staff is made up of fixed pay (salary and benefits, including pension) and variable (performance-related) pay; and
- Recognises that fixed and variable components should be appropriately balanced and that the variable
  component should be flexible enough so that in some circumstances no variable component may be paid
  at all. Variable pay is made up of short-term awards typically based on short-term financial and strategic
  measures for the area of the business in which the member of Code Staff works.

In accordance with BIPRU 11.5.18R the following disclosures are made:

# Decision making process for determining remuneration policy, link between pay and performance

There is no remuneration committee. Remuneration is set within the context of a 5-year plan which ensures any threats to capital adequacy, liquidity and solvency caused by excessive remuneration would be identified. The bonus and commission arrangements including the staff bonus pool are set annually as part of the annual operating plan and any changes to the pool require approval by the WFSL Board.

To assist with the above process, a benchmarking exercise was conducted in 2019 which incorporated information from external consultants in connection with remuneration.

## Policy on link between pay and performance

The staff bonus scheme is operated to allow for meaningful rewards to be paid to staff whose performance during the year merits recognition but within the context of an annual operating plan. The Board bears in mind the projected performance of the company when making any adjustments to the scheme. This is agreed within the setting of the annual operating plan and reviewed once full year results are available.

The final bonus total is signed off by the WFSL board. The bonus payments are non-contractual and can be amended or withdrawn at any time.

Payment of scheme bonus to individuals is linked to their performance against agreed objectives from staff appraisals. All bonuses are monetary and paid through the payroll.

# REMUNERATION POLICY OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CONTINUED)

Staff are eligible to be a part of the scheme once they have completed a full years' service prior to the start of the relevant appraisal year. The same process applies to all grades of staff including executive directors.

There are no commission based payments made to staff.

No other pay reward schemes exist within the business.

## Total remuneration paid by the ACD

	For the year ended	For the year ended
	30 September 2022	30 September 2021
Total Number of Staff	65	51
	£'000	£'000
Fixed	2,118	1,797
Variable	143	111
Total Remuneration Paid	2,261	1,908

# Total remuneration paid by the ACD to Remuneration Code Staff

		ar ended 30 ber 2022	-	ear ended 30 nber 2021
	Senior Management	Staff with Material Impact	Senior Management	Staff with Material Impact
Total Number of Staff	9	-	10	-
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed	798	-	800	-
Variable	49	<u>-</u>	9	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Remuneration Paid</b>	847	-	809	-

Please note that there were no remuneration payments made directly from IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC or any of its sub-funds.

On 9 March 2024 the Authorised Corporate Director of the Company changed from WFSL to Investment Fund Services Limited ('IFSL'). As WFSL was the ACD at the period end, the figures in the above tables relate to WFSL.

#### STATEMENT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Authorised Corporate Director (the "ACD") of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC (the "Company") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the Financial Conduct Authority'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 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 amended in June 2017; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of its sub-funds as at the end of that period and the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the property of the Company and each of its sub-funds for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable it 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.

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the board of directors of the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on 17 June 2024.

The Directors are of the opinion 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 and its sub-funds consist predominantly of readily realisable securities and accordingly the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of these financial statements.

Investment Fund Services Limited ACD of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC Bolton, United Kingdom 17 June 2024

#### STATEMENT OF DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), 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, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is 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 Corporate Director ("the ACD") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

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

#### DEPOSITARY'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IFSL EVENLODE INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC

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 ACD:

- (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 and Scheme documents of the Company, and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services Limited London, United Kingdom 17 June 2024

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IFSL EVENLODE INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the sub-funds as at 29 February 2024 and of the net revenues and the net capital gains on the property of the sub-funds for the year ended 29 February 2024;
- have been properly prepared 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", the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds", the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise for each sub-fund:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders;
- the balance sheet;
- the related notes 1 to 15; and
- the distribution tables.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 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 in May 2014, as amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the 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 Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (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 (ACD'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 company'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 ACD with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IFSL EVENLODE INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC (CONTINUED)

#### 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 ACD 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.

#### **Responsibilities of Depositary and ACD**

As explained more fully in the statement of Depositary's responsibilities and the statement ACD's responsibilities, the depositary is responsible for the safeguarding the property of the company and the ACD 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 control as the ACD 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 ACD is responsible for assessing the company'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 ACD either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has 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:

Our assessment focussed on key laws and regulations the company has to comply with and areas of the financial statements we assessed as being more susceptible to misstatement. These key laws and regulations included, but were not limited to, compliance with the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("COLL"), the relevant instruments of incorporation, the statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 ("the SORP") and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and relevant tax legislation.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IFSL EVENLODE INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC (CONTINUED)

We are not responsible for preventing irregularities. Our approach to detect irregularity included, but was not limited to, the following:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations. This included ensuring compliance with the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.
- obtaining an understanding of the company's policies and procedures and how the company has complied with these, through discussions and process walkthroughs.
- obtaining an understanding of the company's risk assessment process, including the risk of fraud, designing our audit procedures to respond to our risk assessment. This included performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims and understanding whether there have been instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reviewing minutes of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with the FCA.

Whilst considering how our audit work addressed the detection of irregularities, we also consider the likelihood of detection based on our approach. Irregularities from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than those arising from error.

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. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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

#### In our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the company and the 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 annual report for the year ended 29 February 2024 for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IFSL EVENLODE INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC (CONTINUED)

# Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Cooper Parry Group Limited Statutory Auditor Sky View Argosy Road East Midlands Airport Castle Donington Derby DE74 2SA 17 June 2024

#### **IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, AUTHORISED STATUS**

IFSL Evenlode Income ('the Fund') is a sub-fund of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC with investment powers equivalent to those of a UK UCITS as defined in the Glossary to the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') Handbook.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of IFSL Evenlode Income (the 'Fund') is to provide income and capital growth over rolling periods of 5 years, with an emphasis on income.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in the equity securities of companies listed in the United Kingdom.

The Fund may also invest in equity securities of companies listed globally, fixed income securities, cash (or near cash) and up to 10% in collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed or operated by the ACD or its associates).

The Fund may invest in derivatives to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (known as "Efficient Portfolio Management").

The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager focuses on companies which offer a combination of high and growing cash-flows (to deliver both capital growth and dividend growth for the Fund) and low business risk. The Investment Manager will perform analysis to identify shares in companies that offer this combination. As part of this analysis, the Investment Manager will consider a company's free cash flow generation. This is a financial measure of how much surplus cash a company is able to generate after funding its operating costs, working capital, capital expenditures, interest and tax. A high level of free cash flow indicates to the Investment Manager that a company has sufficient cash flow to satisfy its obligations, including the ability to provide a sustainable dividend stream.

# **ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE**

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') provides investors with a clearer picture of the total annual costs in running a Collective Investment Scheme. The OCF consists principally of the Annual Management Charge, but also includes the costs for other services paid in respect of Depositary, custody, FCA and audit fees. The Fund has a fixed periodic charge. The OCFs, as calculated in accordance with ESMA guidelines, are disclosed as 'Operating charges (p.a.)' in the Comparative Tables on pages 19 to 24.

## SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates in a standard format where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. It is based on historical performance data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The indicator uses a scale of one to seven. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. The lowest category does not mean a fund is a risk free investment.

The Fund is in risk category five because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past.

#### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, RISK PROFILE

The Fund will be exposed to financial markets and market conditions can change rapidly. Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.

The Fund may be exposed to the shares of smaller companies which are typically riskier than larger, more established companies. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment. Shares in smaller companies may be harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner, especially in difficult market conditions.

The Fund may be exposed to emerging markets, which are typically riskier than more established markets, as they can involve a higher than average risk due to the volatility of currency exchange rates, limited geographic focus, investment in a smaller number of issues, political and economic instability and less liquid markets. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment.

The Fund may be exposed to bonds, the prices of which will be impacted by factors including; changes in interest rates, inflation expectations and perceived credit quality.

The Fund may have exposure to overseas markets, either directly or indirectly, and is therefore exposed to currency risk. As a result, the value of your investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

The Fund will invest mainly in the UK therefore investments will be vulnerable to sentiment in that market which may strongly affect the value of the Fund.

In certain market conditions, the Fund may not be able to sell one or more of its assets for the full value, or at all. This could affect the performance of the Fund and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

A company that we deal with may renege on its obligations, costing the Fund money.

The Fund may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.

Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the Fund, or inconvenience to investors.

Dividends paid by companies are not guaranteed and can be cancelled, which may impact the Fund's ability to deliver an income to investors

# **FUND BENCHMARKS**

Shareholders may wish to compare the performance of the Fund against the FTSE All Share Index (the "Index"). The Index is a broadly based UK index which includes a broad range of companies across all market capitalisations which is consistent with the stock selection process. The stocks comprising the Index are aligned with the Fund's UK focus, and on that basis the Index is considered an appropriate performance comparator for the Fund. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the Index.

The FTSE All Share Index is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

Shareholders may also wish to compare the Fund's performance against other funds within the Investment Association's (IA) UK All Companies sector as that will give investors an indication of how the Fund is performing compared with others investing in a similar but not identical investment universe. As the sector aligns with the Fund's asset allocation, it is considered that this is an appropriate comparator.

The IA UK All Companies sector is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW

#### **Performance**

Cumulative returns for the periods ended 29 February 2024 (%)				ruary 2024 (%)
	1 year	3 years	5 years	From Launch <sup>2</sup>
IFSL Evenlode Income – B Shares <sup>1</sup>	6.11	27.55	36.43	313.39
FTSE ALL Share Index*	0.57	25.21	27.74	159.36
IA UK All Companies Sector*	0.13	11.18	21.74	148.17
	Rolling	g 5 year retur	ns for the per 28/29 Fe	riods ended bruary (%)
	2024	2023 2	<b>022 202</b> 1	1 2020
IFSL Evenlode Income – B Shares <sup>1</sup>	36.43	39.98 39	9.95 52.3:	1 54.21

27.74

21.74

29.18

19.97

25.68

23.92

33.02

36.96

19.12

19.68

FTSE ALL Share Index\*

IA UK All Companies Sector\*

Source: Financial Express. Total Return. bid to bid. Sterling Terms.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investors are reminded that the price of shares and the income derived from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up.

# **Market Background**

The twelve-month period under review began on 1 March 2023. Economic and geopolitical risks were never far from the headlines over the past year. The FTSE All-Share index was down for much of the period and recovered to post a return of 0.6% for the year, whilst most global stock markets ended up posting positive returns. Interest rates continued to march higher, as central banks attempted to rein-in the post-pandemic inflationary spike, and this had a cooling effect on both inflation and global economic activity. Towards the end of 2023 central banks began hinting that we may have arrived at the top of the interest rate cycle which led to a rally\* in the global stock market from the end of October

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance based on accumulation share class.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Performance prior to 1 September 2017 is based on Evenlode Income (launch date 16 October 2009). This fund was managed on the same basis as IFSL Evenlode Income and was merged with IFSL Evenlode Income on 1 September 2017 under a scheme of arrangement.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparator Benchmark.

#### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

#### **Investment Review**

#### **Performance**

The total return (i.e. combined return from dividends and capital performance) for IFSL Evenlode Income was 6.1% (B Accumulation shares) during the twelve-month period to 29 February 2024 compared to 0.6% for the FTSE All-Share Index and 0.1% for the IA UK All Companies sector. (Source – FE Analytics, GBP terms).

The Fund continues to outperform both comparator benchmarks over rolling 5-year periods (the minimum recommended holding period for the Fund) and since launch in October 2009, the Fund has risen +313.4% compared to +159.4% for the FTSE All-Share and +148.2% for the IA UK All Companies sector.

From a dividend perspective, the Fund's full year dividend increased +8.9%. The Fund's income stream is well covered by cash generation and, combined with growth opportunities for underlying holdings, this bodes well for real dividend growth prospects over coming years.

#### **Performance Drivers**

The Fund's outperformance was driven mainly by overweight positions (where the fund had a larger weighting compared to the FTSE All-Share Index comparator benchmark) in technology and data analytics businesses which performed well, including Sage, Microsoft, RELX, Wolters Kluwer and Experian. This more than offset underperformance in consumer staples, in which the Fund also had a larger weighting than the benchmark. In terms of company performance, the majority of portfolio companies have updated the market since the start of 2024, and while the economic backdrop has not been easy, the aggregate portfolio is making reassuring progress, with organic revenue growth (which excludes growth arising from mergers and acquisitions) for 2023 averaging +6% (\*Source: Evenlode, Visible Alpha). The outlook for profitability is improving as input cost inflation (changes in prices of materials, fuel and other costs which companies face) falls back to more normal levels, and global wage inflation is easing back. Growth in free cash flow\*\* is also healthy, helped by the normalisation of supply chains and stock levels.

For the review period, the most positive contributors to return were RELX, Sage, Microsoft and Experian. RELX, a leading provider of information and data analytics to corporates and academic institutions, delivered strong growth in 2023 driven by the continued shift in business towards higher growth digital analytics and decision tools. Sage continues to benefit from increasing adoption of cloud-based financial software by small and medium sized businesses. Microsoft's strong position in cloud software and infrastructure drove double digit growth in revenue and profit over the past year. Experian, a leading credit referencing agency, delivered solid growth in 2023 despite tightening credit conditions in the US, benefiting from the broadening of its data and software offering across credit risk, marketing, decisioning and fraud prevention.

The most negative contributors to the Fund's return were Diageo, Burberry, Reckitt Benckiser and Victrex. At Diageo, the global leader in spirits, sales weakened over the past year as consumer demand slowed and retail and distribution customers reduced stock levels. Medium term growth prospects remain attractive, driven by the move to premium brands in developed markets and increasing penetration of premium spirits in emerging markets. Burberry saw a slowdown in sales during 2023, following a period of strong growth as economies reopened from pandemic-related lockdowns. We view Burberry as well positioned for the medium and long term. It is a strong heritage brand and has built direct distribution in key markets across Europe, the US and Asia, helping to strengthen its customer relationships and pricing power. Its net cash balance sheet is particularly helpful during this period of higher interest rates and weaker demand, allowing management to continue investing appropriately for future growth. Reckitt is a market leader in the health and hygiene consumer goods categories and reported solid sales growth in 2023 despite a slight decline in the last quarter as its main competitor in the US infant nutrition market recovered from a product recall. Encouragingly, management significantly increased brand investments in 2023 and are focused on returning Reckitt to consistent mid-single-digit organic sales growth, following a period of volatility\*\*\* caused by Covid and competitor supply chain issues. Victrex is the market leader in PEEK, a high performance polymer typically used to replace metal in demanding applications across a range of industries including aeroplanes, cars, medical devices and energy infrastructure. Sales decreased over the past year as the global economy slowed and industrial customers reduced stock levels. Looking further out, growth prospects are strong as PEEK's

#### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

superior performance and sustainability characteristics drives adoption in new applications, with a strong focus commercialising PEEK in the medical sector in areas such as knee implants and trauma plates.

#### **Portfolio Changes**

In terms of portfolio changes, we were less active than in the previous financial year (during which we added seven holdings and exited six). We continued, though, to evolve the portfolio as we look to optimise the combination of quality and valuation appeal.

We added one new position from July – Spirax Sarco. Spirax is the global leader in steam and electric systems essential for the transfer of heat and energy into industrial processes. Deep knowledge of customers' industrial systems drives longer-term relationships and a solid base of recurring revenue from maintenance and modernisation projects, with the business generating strong operating margins of 20%+ and organic growth averaging around 2x the rate of global industrial production historically. Growth prospects are strong as it helps customers meet efficiency and decarbonisation targets.

We also topped up a wide range of existing holdings including Experian, Diageo, Savills, Halma, Integrafin, Hays, Howden, Roche, Burberry, Victrex, SGS and Smith & Nephew.

To make room for these additions, we exited Cisco, Moneysupermarket and Astrazeneca. We also reduced a number of other holdings for valuation reasons – most notably Procter & Gamble and PepsiCo. In the last few months of the financial year, we also trimmed back the Fund's holdings in Sage, Microsoft, Wolters Kluwer and RELX, as their relative valuation and dividend appeal reduced somewhat due to strong share price appreciation.

#### **Outlook**

Looking ahead, the outlook is not without complications. The geopolitical backdrop is challenging as uncertainty persists over the Russia/Ukraine conflict, tensions in the Middle East, and China's relationship with Western liberal democracies. 2024 is also the biggest election year in history, with more than 60 countries (representing half the world's population) holding elections – including the UK and the US. On the economic front, one can credibly take either a half-empty or half-full view. For the pessimists, the effects of higher interest rates continue to work their way through the system. For the optimists, inflation is cooling rapidly and interest rates could fall quite significantly in 2024.

With these uncertainties in mind, we think that Evenlode Income's underlying holdings are in good shape to cope with the wide range of operational conditions that may prevail, as they have done over the last few volatile years.

With times tough and interest rates back at more normal levels, sensibly run market-leading companies with self-funding business models and strong balance sheets are well placed to strengthen their competitive position. We suspect that this theme has further to run – and it applies just as much to more economically sensitive holdings as it does to the repeat-purchase bedrock of the Fund. Valuations are also attractive, with most high-quality UK-listed cash compounders trading on modest valuations. The Fund's free cash flow yield\*\*\*\* stands at a healthy 5.1%. This resilient free cash flow\*\* stream provides a nice safety buffer for the Fund's 2.8% dividend yield\*\*\*\*\*, and we think prospects for dividend growth are good thanks to the cash compounding potential of the aggregate portfolio over coming years.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

We'd like to wish you all the best for the coming year and look forward to keeping you updated on the Fund.

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<sup>\*</sup> Rally - a period of sustained increases in stock prices.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Free cash flow - cash remaining after a company has paid its operating expenses and capital expenditure

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Volatility – a tendency to change quickly and unpredictably.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Free cash flow yield – free cash flow (see above) expressed as a percentage of the company's share price. Fund Free cash flow yield is calculated as a weighted average of the portfolio companies' free cash flow yields as at 12 March 2024 (based on FactSet estimates for 2024).

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Dividend yield - calculated as dividends in previous 12 months, expressed as a percentage of the latest price.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	French Equities		
	(1.3%; 28.02.23 - 1.2%)		
59,878	LVMH	43,195,394	1.3
		43,195,394	1.3
	Notherland Faultice		
	Netherland Equities (1.4%; 28.02.23 - 2.1%)		
260 000	Wolters Kluwer	46,036,260	1.4
300,090	Wolter's Nuwer	40,030,200	1.4
		46,036,260	1.4
	III/ Facility		
	UK Equities (86.8%; 28.02.23 - 84.3%)		
19,335,357		40,024,189	1.2
5,008,858		157,879,204	4.8
3,651,545		46,904,096	1.4
3,940,361		85,466,430	2.6
8,821,890		261,304,382	7.9
1,315,337		45,458,047	1.4
3,915,882		132,552,606	4.0
	Games Workshop	63,896,782	1.9
5,892,675		98,089,468	2.9
2,667,262		61,400,371	1.8
	Hargreaves Lansdown	46,163,304	1.4
70,599,506	<del>=</del>	66,434,135	2.0
	Howden Joinery	86,993,572	2.6
6,219,490		50,390,308	1.5
16,451,117		44,911,549	1.4
2,109,412		97,475,929	2.9
922,700	London Stock Exchange	81,898,852	2.5
14,565,223	PageGroup	65,893,069	2.0
3,933,129	Reckitt Benckiser	196,577,787	5.9
8,390,062	RELX	290,296,145	8.7
10,663,527	Rotork	32,864,990	1.0
6,941,429	Sage	86,351,377	2.6
7,195,884	Savills	66,346,050	2.0
13,349,519		52,476,959	1.6
9,354,896	Smith & Nephew	97,290,918	2.9
6,644,451	Smiths	106,809,550	3.2
2,483,979	Spectris	87,063,464	2.6
402,805	Spirax	41,569,476	1.3
6,528,567	Unilever	252,427,043	7.6
3,158,120	Victrex	38,844,876	1.2
		2,882,054,928	86.8
			30.0

# **IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Switzerland Equities (5.1%; 28.02.23 - 3.2%)		
341,379		71,003,281	2.1
1,297,611	SGS	98,670,564	3.0
		169,673,845	5.1
294,668	US Equities (4.4%; 28.02.23 - 8.6%) Microsoft Pepsico Procter & Gamble	57,755,451 38,598,542 49,638,194	1.7 1.2 1.5
		145,992,187	4.4
	Portfolio of investments	2 296 052 614	99.0
	Portiono of mivestments	3,286,952,614	99.0
	Net other assets	34,001,913	1.0
	Total net assets	3,320,954,527	100.0

All holdings are equities listed on recognised stock exchanges.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, COMPARATIVE TABLE

B Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	245.94	239.06	213.23
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	17.47 (2.19)	15.74 (2.09)	34.44 (2.11)
Return after operating charges*	15.28	13.65	32.33
Distributions	(7.37)	(6.77)	(6.50)
Closing net asset value per share	253.85	245.94	239.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.28	0.14
Performance Return after charges	6.21%	5.71%	15.16%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£244,445,636 96,296,588 0.88% 0.05%	£258,025,303 104,913,437 0.87% 0.12%	£262,890,954 109,970,338 0.87% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	261.87 233.67	254.60 219.53	258.40 214.93

B Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	388.65	367.33	318.96
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	28.00 (3.50)	24.57 (3.25)	51.56 (3.19)
Return after operating charges*	24.50	21.32	48.37
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(11.74) 11.74	(10.48) 10.48	(9.80) 9.80
Closing net asset value per share	413.15	388.65	367.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.44	0.21
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	6.30%	5.80%	15.16%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£472,214,294 114,297,161 0.88% 0.05%	£582,474,545 149,871,812 0.87% 0.12%	£482,469,022 131,345,163 0.87% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	422.27 374.21	399.10 337.34	393.86 321.49

C Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	247.86	240.68	214.46
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	17.62 (1.95)	15.85 (1.86)	34.64 (1.88)
Return after operating charges*	15.67	13.99	32.76
Distributions	(7.44)	(6.81)	(6.54)
Closing net asset value per share	256.09	247.86	240.68
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.28	0.14
Performance Return after charges	6.32%	5.81%	15.28%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£1,646,218,213 642,836,665 0.78% 0.05%	£1,572,545,443 634,447,528 0.77% 0.12%	£1,523,001,980 632,797,179 0.77% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	264.18 235.64	256.58 221.03	260.12 216.17

C Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	391.70	369.83	320.80
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	28.24 (3.13)	24.76 (2.89)	51.87 (2.84)
Return after operating charges*	25.11	21.87	49.03
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(11.84) 11.84	(10.56) 10.56	(9.87) 9.87
Closing net asset value per share	416.81	391.70	369.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.44	0.21
Performance Return after charges	6.41%	5.91%	15.28%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£385,277,407 92,435,695 0.78% 0.05%	£515,850,287 131,694,131 0.77% 0.12%	£319,307,325 86,339,182 0.77% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	426.00 377.40	402.22 339.63	396.47 323.34

D Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	249.07	241.49	214.90
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	17.73 (1.59)	15.93 (1.51)	34.73 (1.58)
Return after operating charges*	16.14	14.42	33.15
Distributions	(7.48)	(6.84)	(6.56)
Closing net asset value per share	257.73	249.07	241.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.29	0.14
Performance Return after charges	6.48%	5.97%	15.43%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£448,876,118 174,166,235 0.63% 0.05%	£479,893,355 192,672,815 0.62% 0.12%	£462,688,784 191,598,240 0.62% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	265.87 237.03	257.82 221.77	260.93 216.62

D Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	393.56	371.06	321.47
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	28.39 (2.53)	24.84 (2.34)	51.98 (2.39)
Return after operating charges*	25.86	22.50	49.59
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(11.90) 11.90	(10.60) 10.60	(9.89) 9.89
Closing net asset value per share	419.42	393.56	371.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.22	0.44	0.21
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	6.57%	6.06%	15.43%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£123,922,859 29,546,052 0.63% 0.05%	£120,451,151 30,605,383 0.62% 0.12%	£139,085,581 37,483,701 0.62% 0.06%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	428.67 379.58	404.11 340.77	397.70 324.02

		TAL RETURN		
For the year ended 29 February 2024			29.02.24	28.02.23
	Note	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains	2		133,140,317	118,912,311
Revenue	3	103,279,492		95,693,203
Expenses	4	(26,048,283)		(25,610,805)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(19,447)		(11,679)
Net revenue before taxation		77,211,762		70,070,719
Taxation	5	(2,544,651)		(2,269,485)
Net revenue after taxation	_		74,667,111	67,801,234
Total return before distributions			207,807,428	186,713,545
Distributions	6		(100,283,403)	(93,276,716)
shareholders from investment activ  Note: All of the Company's and sub-fun		re derived from co	107,524,025 ontinuing operations.	93,436,829
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET AS	SSETS ATT	RIBUTABLE TO S	HAREHOLDERS	
	SSETS ATTI	RIBUTABLE TO S	HAREHOLDERS	
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET AS For the year ended 29 February 2024	SSETS ATTI	RIBUTABLE TO S	29.02.24 £	
	Note	£	29.02.24	1
For the year ended 29 February 2024	Note sharehold	£	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £ 3,189,443,646
Opening net assets attributable to  Movements due to sales and repurchase	Note sharehold	£	29.02.24 £	3,189,443,646
Opening net assets attributable to  Movements due to sales and repurchase  Amounts receivable on issue of shares	Note  sharehold  es of shares:	£ ers 740,040,482	29.02.24 £ 3,529,240,084	3,189,443,646 1,185,673,728
Opening net assets attributable to  Movements due to sales and repurchase	Note  sharehold  es of shares:	£	29.02.24 £ 3,529,240,084	3,189,443,646 1,185,673,728 (975,851,566
Opening net assets attributable to  Movements due to sales and repurchase  Amounts receivable on issue of shares	Note  sharehold  es of shares:	£ ers 740,040,482	29.02.24 £ 3,529,240,084	1,185,673,728 (975,851,566 209,822,162
Opening net assets attributable to  Movements due to sales and repurchase  Amounts receivable on issue of shares  Amounts payable on cancellation of share	Note  sharehold  es of shares:	£ ers 740,040,482	29.02.24 £ 3,529,240,084 (345,513,287)	3,189,443,646 1,185,673,728 (975,851,566 209,822,162 3,597,091
Opening net assets attributable to Movements due to sales and repurchase Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shall Dilution adjustment Change in net assets attributable to shall	Note  sharehold  es of shares:	£ ers 740,040,482	29.02.24 £ 3,529,240,084 (345,513,287) 1,493,400	£

#### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, BALANCE SHEET As at 29 February 2024 Note 29.02.24 28.02.23 £ £ **Assets: Fixed Assets:** Investments 3,286,952,614 3,508,123,939 **Current Assets:** Debtors 7 18,075,162 22,689,241 Cash and bank balances 8 52,328,120 39,978,658 **Total assets** 3,357,355,896 3,570,791,838 Liabilities: **Creditors:** Distribution payable on income shares 21,787,422 18,744,153 Other creditors 9 14,613,947 22,807,601 **Total liabilities** 36,401,369 41,551,754 3,320,954,527 3,529,240,084 Net assets attributable to shareholders

#### IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 29 February 2024

## 1. Accounting 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The Directors are of the opinion 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 and its sub-funds consist predominantly of readily realisable securities and accordingly the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of the financial statements.

# (b) Functional currency

The functional currency used in the financial statements is Pound Sterling because it is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on holdings, net of any irrecoverable tax credits, are recognised when the underlying equity is quoted ex-dividend. Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

All revenue is recognised on the condition that the flow of economic benefits is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

# (d) Treatment of stock dividends

Stock dividends are credited to the capital account when the stock is quoted ex-dividend. The cash equivalent is then transferred to the revenue account and forms part of the distributable revenue.

The allocation of special dividends is considered on a case-by-case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital.

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, net of any associated tax effect, are allocated to the capital account with the exception of bank interest which is allocated to the revenue account on an accrual basis.

#### (f) Allocation of revenue and expense to multiple share classes

Any assets or liabilities not attributable to a particular share class are allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the relevant share classes.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 29 February 2024

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

# (g) Taxation/deferred taxation

Corporation tax is provided for on taxable revenue, less deductible expenses, at a rate of 20%. This is the rate that has been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided for in respect of all items that have been included in these financial statements, or those of a previous period, that will be included in future periods for taxation purposes, other than those timing differences regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred tax is provided for at the rate of tax expected to apply.

Income tax on interest distributions is classed as 'income tax recoverable' and is recovered on a yearly basis on submission of the Fund's annual tax return.

#### (h) Distribution Policy

Revenue produced by the Fund's investments is accrued quarterly. At the end of each period, the revenue, plus an adjustment for expenses allocated to capital, is distributed/accumulated at the discretion of the Investment Manager, as per the prospectus.

If a distribution made in relation to any income shares remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will become the property of the Fund.

# (i) Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies at the year-end are translated into Sterling at the latest available rates of exchange on the balance sheet date. Transactions in overseas currencies occurring during the year are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction.

# (j) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Fund's balance sheet when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price (including transaction costs) and subsequently measured at amortised cost, except for the Fund's investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially recognised at fair value (excluding transaction costs).

The investments are measured at bid prices, and quoted prices for single priced funds, on the balance sheet date, with any gains or losses arising on measurement recognised in the statement of total return. If bid prices and quoted price for single priced funds are not available, the latest available prices are used. If separate offer and bid prices are quoted for shares or units, then the bid price is used. If no price or recent available price exists, the investments are valued at a price which, in the opinion of the ACD, reflects the fair value of the asset. This may involve the use of an appropriate valuation technique/methodology.

# (k) Significant judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements or sources of estimated uncertainty in the period.

# **IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**For the year ended 29 February 2024

2.	Net capital gains		
		29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	Non-derivative securities Currency (losses)/gains CSDR penalties	140,559,508 (7,419,191)	88,255,005 30,655,729 1,577
	Net capital gains	133,140,317	118,912,311
3.	Revenue		
		29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	UK franked dividends	88,521,360	82,949,304
	Overseas dividends	12,643,632	12,035,196
	Franked income currency (losses)/gain Bank interest	(64,905) 2,154,696	20,405 678,061
	Unfranked income currency gains	24,709	10,237
	Total revenue	103,279,492	95,693,203
4.	Expenses		
		29.02.24	28.02.23
		£	£
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either:		
	Periodic charge	26,048,283	25,610,805
		26,048,283	25,610,805
	Total expenses	26,048,283	25,610,805

The audit fees of the Fund are paid by the Investment Manager. The audit fees for the current year are £6,250 plus VAT (28.02.2023: £8,700 plus VAT).

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#### 5. Taxation

# (a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	29.02.24	28.02.23
Analysis of chause in the year	£	£
Analysis of charge in the year Overseas tax	2,544,651	2,269,485
Total current tax for the year (see note 5(b))	2,544,651	2,269,485
Deferred tax (see note 5(c))		-
Total taxation for the year	2,544,651	2,269,485

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

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised Open-Ended Investment Company (20%). The differences are explained below:

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Net revenue before taxation	77,211,762	70,070,719
Corporation tax at 20%	15,442,352	14,014,144
Effects of: Revenue not subject to taxation Excess expenses for which no relief taken	(20,220,017) 4,777,665	(19,000,981) 4,986,837
Overseas taxation Current tax charge for the year (see note 5(a))	2,544,651 <b>2,544,651</b>	2,269,485 <b>2,269,485</b>

#### (c) Provision for deferred tax

As at the 29 February 2024 the Fund had surplus management expenses of £159,398,482 (28 February 2023: £135,510,158). The deferred tax asset in respect of this would be £31,879,696 (28 February 2023: £27,102,032). It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised at the year-end or at the previous year end (see note 5(a)). Changes in tax laws and rates may affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities and our effective tax rate in the future.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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# 6. Distributions

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

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Interim - Income (31 May) Interim - Income (31 Aug) Interim - Income (30 Nov) Final - Income (28 Feb)	16,104,109 16,046,036 15,687,671 21,787,422 69,625,238	14,378,166 14,681,529 14,593,158 18,744,153 62,397,006
Interim - Accumulation (31 May) Interim - Accumulation (31 Aug) Interim - Accumulation (30 Nov) Final - Accumulation (28 Feb)	6,631,871 6,513,690 6,035,630 9,029,114 28,210,305	6,667,106 8,076,185 8,418,404 9,778,661 32,940,356
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares Net distribution for the year	7,083,754 (4,635,894) <b>100,283,403</b>	5,595,264 (7,655,910) <b>93,276,716</b>
Interest	19,447	11,679
Total finance costs	100,302,850	93,288,395
Reconciliation to net distribution for the year Net revenue after taxation for the year Expenses allocated to capital, net of tax relief Net distribution for the year	74,667,111 25,616,292 100,283,403	67,801,234 25,475,482 <b>93,276,716</b>

Details of the distributions per share are set out on pages 39 to 42.

# **IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)** For the year ended 29 February 2024

# 7. Debtors – Amounts falling due within one year

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	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Amounts receivable for issue of shares Sales awaiting settlement Accrued revenue Income tax recoverable Total debtors	8,237,927 - 9,073,197 764,038 18,075,162	9,228,697 6,301,489 6,169,125 989,930 22,689,241
Cash and bank balances		
	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Cash and bank balances Total cash and bank balances	52,328,120 <b>52,328,120</b>	39,978,658 <b>39,978,658</b>

Sterling denominated bank account balances bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points.

#### 9. Other creditors

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	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	12,547,784	9,717,463
Purchases awaiting settlement	<del>-</del>	10,964,945
Accrued annual management charge	2,066,163_	2,125,193
Total creditors	14,613,947	22,807,601

# 10. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as a related party of the Fund. The ACD acts as either agent or principal for the Depositary in respect of all transactions in the Fund's shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

As at the balance sheet date, The Sandwood Fund, an authorised fund which was also administered by WSFL at the period end, held 237,077 shares in the IFSL Evenlode Income Fund (C GBP Income Shares).

As at the balance sheet date there were no shareholders holding more than 25% of the Fund's total net asset value.

Details of transactions occurring during the accounting period with the ACD and the Depositary, and any balances due at the year end, are fully disclosed in notes 4 and 9 of the financial statements.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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# 11. Share classes

As at the balance sheet date the Fund had six share classes. The following table shows a breakdown of the change in shares in issue of each share class in the year:

	B Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	104,913,436.923
Total creation of shares in the year	26,956,586.150
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(35,573,435.429)
Closing shares at the end of the year	96,296,587.644
	C Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	634,447,528.495
Total creation of shares in the year	101,674,602.683
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(93,285,466.161)
Closing shares at the end of the year	642,836,665.017
	D Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	192,672,814.880
Total creation of shares in the year	26,604,960.922
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(45,111,541.049)
Closing shares at the end of the year	174,166,234.753
	B Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	149,871,812.241
Total creation of shares in the year	36,484,301.249
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(72,058,952.121)
Closing shares at the end of the year	114,297,161.369
	C Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	131,694,130.973
Total creation of shares in the year	46,031,407.402
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(85,289,842.959)
Closing shares at the end of the year	92,435,695.416
	D Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	30,605,383.131
Total creation of shares in the year	5,493,000.748
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(6,552,331.609)
Closing shares at the end of the year	29,546,052.270

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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# 11. Share Classes (continued)

As at the balance sheet date the periodic charge of each share class was as follows:

B Income Shares -0.88% p.a.; B Accumulation Shares -0.88% p.a.; C Income Shares -0.78% p.a.; C Accumulation Shares -0.78% p.a.; D Income Shares -0.63% p.a.; D Accumulation Shares -0.63% p.a.

Please note the Fund operates a tiered discount system, the maximum periodic charge for each share class is as follows:

B Income Shares – 0.90% p.a.; B Accumulation Shares – 0.90% p.a.; C Income Shares – 0.80% p.a.; C Accumulation Shares – 0.80% p.a.; D Income Shares – 0.65% p.a.; D Accumulation Shares – 0.65% p.a.

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 19 to 24. The distributions per share are given in the Distribution Tables on pages 39 to 42. Income, and the associated tax, which is not attributable to a particular share class is allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the share classes. All share classes have the same rights on winding up.

# 12. Risk management policies

In pursuing the investment objectives financial instruments are held which may expose the Fund to various types of risk. The main risks inherent in the investment portfolio, and the ACD's policies for managing these risks, which were applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below:

# (a) Currency exposures

The Fund's financial assets are invested in listed equities whose prices are generally quoted in Sterling. The Fund may also invest in listed equities whose prices are quoted in other currencies. This gives rise to a direct currency exposure, details of which are shown in the following table:

	Net foreign currency assets at 29 February 2024			Net foreign currency assets at 28 February 2023		
	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary	Total	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary	Total
	£'000	exposures £'000	£'000	£'000	exposures £'000	£'000
Euro	-	89,996	89,996	-	114,904	114,904
Swiss franc	-	169,674	169,674	-	113,587	113,587
US dollar	=	146,334	146,334	=	304,149	304,149

There are no specific policies employed to manage the currency exposure.

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £36,808,880 (28 February 2023: £48,311,513) If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £44,988,632 (28 February 2023: £59,047,404). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

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# 12. Risk management policies (continued)

### (b) Cash flow risk and interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The Fund's revenue is mainly received from holdings in listed equities. The Fund does not have any long term financial liabilities. The Fund is affected by the impact of movements in interest rates on its own cash balances.

The direct exposure to interest rate risk as at the balance sheet date is shown in the following table:

	Floating	Fixed	<b>Financial</b>	Floating	<b>Financial</b>	Total
	rate	rate	assets	rate	liabilities	
	financial	financial	not	financial	not	
	assets	assets	carrying	liabilities	carrying	
			interest		interest	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
28.02.24						
Euro	=	=	89,996	-	=	89,996
Sterling	52,328	=	2,899,024	-	(36,401)	2,914,951
Swiss franc	=	=	169,674	-	=	169,674
US dollar	-	-	146,334	-	-	146,334
28.02.23						
Euro	=	=	114,904	-	=	114,904
Sterling	39,979	=	2,998,173	-	(41,552)	2,996,600
Swiss franc	-	-	113,587	-	-	113,587
US dollar	-	-	304,149	-	-	304,149

Short-term debtors and creditors are included as non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities in the above table.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise: Sterling denominated bank account balances that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points. Non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities mainly comprise investments that do not have a maturity date.

Cash flow risk and interest rate risk is managed by only holding cash at reputable financial institutions.

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) Liquidity risk

All of the Fund's underlying financial assets are considered to be readily realisable. Where investments cannot be realised in time to meet any potential liability, the Fund may borrow up to 10% of its net asset value to ensure settlement. All of the Fund's financial liabilities are payable on demand or in less than one year.

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# 12. Risk management policies (continued)

## (d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. This includes counterparty and issuer risk. Cash is held with reputable credit institutions and credit risk is assessed on a regular basis.

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Fund has fulfilled its obligations. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty and these are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

# (e) Market price risk

The value of shares/units in the underlying investments is 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 share/unit held within an underlying investment 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 diversified portfolios of collective investment schemes and transferable securities in line with the investment objectives. In addition, the management of the Fund complies with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 20% of the assets of the Fund in any one underlying investment.

If the value of shares/units in the underlying investments were to increase or decrease by 10% the change in the net asset value of the Fund would be £328,695,261 (28 February 2023: £350,812,394). This calculation assumes all other variables remain constant.

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

	INVESTMENT ASSETS		
	28 February 2024	28 February 2023	
Valuation technique	£	£	
Level 1: Quoted Prices	3,286,952,614	3,508,123,939	
Level 2: Observable Market Data	-	-	
Level 3: Unobservable Data	<u> </u>		
	3,286,952,614	3,508,123,939	

As at the year-end there were no investment 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.

# (g) Commitments on derivatives

No derivatives were held at the balance sheet date (28 February 2023: £nil).

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## 13. Transaction costs

# (a) Direct transaction costs

Direct transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties incurred when purchasing and selling the underlying securities. In addition to the direct transaction costs below, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread. It is not possible for the ACD to quantify these indirect costs. A breakdown of the purchases and sales, and the related direct transaction costs incurred by the Fund in the year are shown in the table below:

	29.02.24 £		28.02.23 £	
Analysis of total purchase costs	Ε.		ž.	
PURCHASES Equities Net purchases before direct transaction costs	434,181,255 434,181,255		1,035,532,889 1,035,532,889	
<b>DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS</b> Equities Total direct transaction costs	1,480,042 1,480,042	% of total purchases 0.34% 0.34%		% of total purchases 0.35% 0.35%
Gross purchases total	435,661,297		1,039,140,781	
Analysis of total sale costs				
<b>SALES</b> Equities Gross sales before direct transaction costs	790,854,083 790,854,083	% of total	802,815,226 802,815,226	% of total
DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS Equities	(350,936)	<b>sales</b> 0.04%	(306,775)	<b>sales</b> 0.04%
Total direct transaction costs	(350,936)	0.04%	(306,775)	0.04%
Net sales total	790,503,147		802,508,451	
	29.02.24 £	% of ave NAV	28.02.23 £	% of ave NAV
Analysis of total direct transaction costs				
Equities	1,830,978	0.05%	3,914,667	0.12%
Total direct transaction costs	1,830,978	0.05%	3,914,667	0.12%

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# 13. Transaction costs (continued)

## (b) Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.05% (28 February 2023: 0.05%). This is calculated as the difference between the offer and bid value of the portfolio as a percentage of the offer value.

# 14. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The Fund had no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (28 February 2023: £nil).

### 15. Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year-end, the net asset value per share of each share class has changed as follows:

B Income Shares – Increased from 253.85 pence per share to 256.27 pence per share (3 June 2024).

B Accumulation Shares – Increased from 413.15 pence per share to 419.93 pence per share (3 June 2024).

C Income Shares – Increased from 256.09 pence per share to 258.61 pence per share (3 June 2024).

C Accumulation – Increased from 416.81 pence per share to 423.75 pence per share (3 June 2024).

D Income Shares – Increased from 257.73 pence per share to 260.39 pence per share (3 June 2024).

D Accumulation Shares – Increased from 419.42 pence per share to 426.58 pence per share (3 June 2024).

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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# **Interim Distribution (31 May 2023)**

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 28 February 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 28 February 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 31.07.23	Paid/Accumulated 31.07.22
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6700 0.1652	- 1.5048	1.6700 1.6700	1.5900 1.5900
C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6830 0.3441	1.3389	1.6830 1.6830	1.6011 1.6011
D Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6914 0.4042	- 1.2872	1.6914 1.6914	1.6070 1.6070
B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6389 0.4380	2.2009	2.6389 2.6389	2.4451 2.4451
C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6598 0.3102	- 2.3496	2.6598 2.6598	2.4622 2.4622
D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6725 0.5345	2.1380	2.6725 2.6725	2.4708 2.4708

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, DISTRIBUTION TABLE (CONTINUED)

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# **Interim Distribution (31 August 2023)**

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 May 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 May 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 31.10.23	Paid/Accumulated 31.10.22
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6700 -	- 1.6700	1.6700 1.6700	1.5900 1.5900
C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6832 0.0090	- 1.6742	1.6832 1.6832	1.6012 1.6012
D Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6921	- 1.6921	1.6921 1.6921	1.6073 1.6073
B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6432 -	- 2.6432	2.6432 2.6432	2.4496 2.4496
C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6647 -	- 2.6647	2.6647 2.6647	2.4671 2.4671
D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6783	- 2.6783	2.6783 2.6783	2.4761 2.4761

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, DISTRIBUTION TABLE (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 29 February 2024

# **Interim Distribution (30 November 2023)**

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 August 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 August 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 31.01.24	Paid/Accumulated 31.01.23
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6700 -	- 1.6700	1.6700 1.6700	1.5900 1.5900
C Income Group 1 Group 2	1.6838 -	1.6838	1.6838 1.6838	1.6015 1.6015
<b>D Income</b> Group 1 Group 2	1.6932 -	1.6932	1.6932 1.6932	1.6080 1.6080
B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6595 -	- 2.6595	2.6595 2.6595	2.4676 2.4676
C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6817	2.6817	2.6817 2.6817	2.4861 2.4861
D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	2.6964 -	- 2.6964	2.6964 2.6964	2.4961 2.4961

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

# IFSL EVENLODE INCOME, DISTRIBUTION TABLE (CONTINUED)

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# Final Distribution (29 February 2024)

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 30 November 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 30 November 2023

Group 1	Revenue (pence)	Equalisation <sup>1</sup> (pence)	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.24 (pence)	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.23 (pence)
B Income Group 1 Group 2	2.3642 0.8532	1.5110	2.3642 2.3642	1.9956 1.9956
C Income Group 1 Group 2	2.3851 0.8572	- 1.5279	2.3851 2.3851	2.0108 2.0108
<b>D Income</b> Group 1 Group 2	2.3990 0.8918	- 1.5072	2.3990 2.3990	2.0202 2.0202
B Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	3.8014 1.6178	- 2.1836	3.8014 3.8014	3.1188 3.1188
C Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	3.8347 1.8528	- 1.9819	3.8347 3.8347	3.1423 3.1423
D Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	3.8564 1.4224	- 2.4340	3.8564 3.8564	3.1564 3.1564

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Evenlode Global Income ('the Fund') is a sub-fund of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC with investment powers equivalent to those of a UK UCITS as defined in the Glossary to the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') Handbook.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

The investment objective of IFSL Evenlode Global Income (the 'Fund') is to provide income and capital growth over rolling periods of 5 years with an emphasis on income.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in equity securities of companies listed on international exchanges.

The Fund may also invest in cash (or near cash securities) and, up to 10% in collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed or operated by the ACD or its associates).

The Fund may invest in derivatives to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (known as "Efficient Portfolio Management").

The Fund is actively managed, and the Investment Manager aims to invest in a focused portfolio of equity securities of companies which offer a combination of high and growing cash-flows (to deliver both capital growth and dividend growth for the Fund) and low business risk. The Investment Manager will perform analysis to identify shares in companies that offer this combination. As part of this analysis, the Investment Manager will consider a company's free cash flow generation. This is a financial measure of how much surplus cash a company is able to generate after funding its operating costs, working capital, capital expenditures, interest and tax. A high level of free cash flow indicates to the Investment Manager that a company has sufficient cash flow to satisfy its obligations, including the ability to provide a sustainable dividend stream.

## **ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE**

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') provides investors with a clearer picture of the total annual costs in running a Collective Investment Scheme. The OCF consists principally of the Annual Management Charge, but also includes the costs for other services paid in respect of Depositary, custody, FCA and audit fees. The Fund has a fixed periodic charge. The OCFs, as calculated in accordance with ESMA guidelines, are disclosed as 'Operating charges (p.a.)' in the Comparative Tables on pages 51 to 65.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates in a standard format where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. It is based on historical performance data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The indicator uses a scale of one to seven. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. The lowest category does not mean a fund is a risk free investment.

The Fund is in risk category five because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past.

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, RISK PROFILE

The Fund will be exposed to financial markets and market conditions can change rapidly. Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.

The Fund may be exposed to the shares of smaller companies which are typically riskier than larger, more established companies. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment. Shares in smaller companies may be harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner, especially in difficult market conditions.

The Fund may be exposed to emerging markets, which are typically riskier than more established markets, as they can involve a higher than average risk due to the volatility of currency exchange rates, limited geographic focus, investment in a smaller number of issues, political and economic instability and less liquid markets. Difficulty in trading may arise, resulting in a negative impact on your investment.

The Fund may be exposed to bonds, the prices of which will be impacted by factors including; changes in interest rates, inflation expectations and perceived credit quality.

The Fund will have exposure to overseas markets, either directly or indirectly, and is therefore exposed to currency risk. As a result, the value of your investment can be affected by changes in exchange rates.

In certain market conditions, the Fund may not be able to sell one or more of its assets for the full value, or at all. This could affect the performance of the Fund and could cause the Fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

A company that we deal with may renege on its obligations, costing the Fund money.

The Fund may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.

Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the Fund, or inconvenience to investors.

Dividends paid by companies are not guaranteed and can be cancelled, which may impact the Fund's ability to deliver an income to investors

## **FUND BENCHMARKS**

Shareholders may wish to compare the performance of the Fund against the MSCI World Index (GBP) (the "Index"). The Index is a broadly based global index which includes a broad range of companies across large and mid-cap market capitalisations which is consistent with the stock selection process. The stocks comprising the Index are aligned with the Fund's global focus, and on that basis the Index is considered an appropriate performance comparator for the Fund. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the Index.

The MSCI World Index (GBP) is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

Shareholders may also wish to compare the Fund's performance against other funds within the Investment Association's (IA) Global Equity Income sector as that will give investors an indication of how the Fund is performing compared with other funds that invest in global equities and have an income focus. As the sector aligns with the Fund's asset allocation and income delivery objectives, it is considered that this is an appropriate comparator.

The IA Global Equity Income sector is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW

#### **Performance**

**Cumulative returns for the periods ended 28 February 2024** 

(%)

				( • • )
	1 year	3 years	5 years	From Launch <sup>2</sup>
IFSL Evenlode Global Income – B Shares <sup>1</sup>	8.18	32.03	58.57	70.48
MSCI World Index*	19.59	41.73	82.49	90.84
IA Global Equity Income Sector*	9.18	32.04	53.08	55.08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Performance based on GBP accumulation share classes.

Source: Financial Express. Total Return. bid to bid. Sterling Terms.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investors are reminded that the price of shares and the income derived from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up.

# **Market Background**

The global equity market was very strong in the year to end-February 2024, with the benchmark MSCI World index returning 19.6% in sterling. The Fund also produced a positive return, but a more modest 8.2% for the B Acc GBP units. (Source – FE Analytics, GBP terms). The broader market has been driven by large technology companies in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) Information Technology and Communications Services sectors, but the rally\* was seen across most sectors. Positive sentiment has been fired up by the promises of artificial intelligence and the rapidly rising revenues seen at companies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) chipmaker NVIDIA, a strong United States (US) economy, and falling inflation raising the prospects for central bank interest rate cuts. With 71% of the benchmark being made up of companies listed in the US³, the performance of the global stock market is fundamentally linked to the country and particularly the large technology companies that dominate it. The top ten constituents of the index make up 22% of its weight, and only two companies, Lilly and Tesla, are not information technology or communications businesses.

Looking at underlying company performance, sales (revenue) growth for the benchmark slowed significantly in 2023 over 2022 to around 1% in US dollars, as did profitability growth, and dividends paid grew at 5% as a post-pandemic rebuilding of payouts continued. In this context the median\*\* organic revenue growth (which excludes growth arising from mergers and acquisitions) reported by portfolio companies of 6% is an encouraging signal of consistent fundamental performance within the Fund, as is the year-on-year dividend growth from the Fund of 7.7% in sterling terms (B Inc GBP shares).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IFSL Evenlode Global Income Fund launched on 20 November 2017.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparator Benchmark.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: MSCI World Index factsheet 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

### **Investment Review**

#### **Performance**

By sector the Information Technology exposure of the Fund contributed the most with a return of 31% within the portfolio. This sector was also the biggest source of relative underperformance compared to the benchmark, a sign of just how strong the sector has been returning 51% in the broader market. Whilst some of this strength is justified by very strong corporate performance, it has left valuations in a less appealing place and we have reduced the Fund's holdings in the sector to reflect the changing valuation risk landscape.

The Industrials sector was the second strongest performer for the portfolio, returning 16% and was the biggest source of relative outperformance. For the Fund the sector name is something of a misnomer, consisting predominantly of Commercial and Professional Services firms like Wolters Kluwer, RELX and Experian. Being providers of software, data and analytics to different industries, these companies have found favour in the market as potential beneficiaries of the application of artificial intelligence tools within their products. As with the Information Technology sector we have reduced exposure incrementally to certain companies where the valuations are less attractive than they once were, although remain acceptable in absolute terms.

The Health Care and Consumer Staples sectors are significant exposures for the Fund and the source of attractive dividend yields\*\*\* but underperformed in the year with returns of 0% and -2% respectively. Whilst each company has its own story, a general theme that emerged toward the end of the period was companies seeing revenues normalise from unusually high levels during the pandemic generally witnessing negative share price reactions. In the healthcare sector this included medical testing lab operator Sonic Healthcare and pharmaceutical & testing equipment maker Roche. In consumer goods Reckitt's health business was lapping the after-effects of an unusually strong post-pandemic flu season in 2022 as populations emerged from lockdown. It also saw the temporary benefits of competitor supply issues in its infant nutrition business wearing off. In all such cases for portfolio companies our analysis is that the health of the underlying franchises is unaffected, and any negative price reactions mean that valuations remain attractive, indeed becoming more-so.

# **Portfolio Changes**

We discussed the additions of Shimano, Jack Henry, CTS Eventim and Diageo and the sales of Broadridge, Clorox and Wiley during the first half of the year in the Fund's interim report (please see the report for full details).

In the second half of the year we added positions in US payroll and HR services company Paychex, US tool maker Snap-on, and Swiss logistics broker Kuehne + Nagel to the portfolio. All are trading on attractive valuations in the market, have the profitable and cash generative, market leading characteristics that we seek, and bring diversification to the portfolio.

We sold the Fund's positions in German sportswear company adidas, German industrial and consumer conglomerate Henkel, and US consumer goods company PepsiCo. The latter was disposed of on valuation grounds and as we looked to manage the Fund's overall consumer goods exposure. The disposal of adidas was partly on valuation grounds, but also because the company had moved to a net debt position as a result of very tough operating conditions through and in the immediate aftermath of the pandemic. We would prefer such a company to have a stronger balance sheet, so it remains on our 'subs bench' of companies that may make a return to the investable universe (the list of companies which meet Evenlode's quality criteria for investment) should it reduce its debt burden. Henkel was disposed of for more fundamental reasons. The company's industrial adhesives division is a clear market leader and has many attractive qualities, but its consumer division is relatively small compared to competitors and we think that the capital required to create a globally competitive business may hamper returns in the medium term.

### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

The asset allocations at the balance sheet date are shown below:

Sector	Asset allocation as at	Asset allocation as at
	28 February 2024	28 February 2023
	(%)	(%)
Commercial Services	22.1	22.7
Consumer Discretionary	3.3	6.2
Consumer Non-Durables	20.8	27.2
Consumer Durables	2.1	-
Consumer Services	6.3	4.6
Electronic Technology	3.0	2.1
Financial Services	9.4	3.7
Health Services	5.2	4.2
Health Technology	14.6	15.1
Process Industries	3.8	2.2
Technology Services	5.9	8.4
Transportation	2.7	2.4
Cash and Other	0.8	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0

### Outlook

Looking at corporate performance going forward, analysts at S&P estimate<sup>4</sup> that global dividend growth will be under 1% in 2024, with US companies leading increases in payouts followed by Europe, but with the Asia Pacific region holding global payouts back. In this context the announced dividend increases from the portfolio averaging +6% in local currencies indicates solid progress should be made within the Fund. Importantly these increases are backed by free cash flow\*\*\*\*, with the forward free cash flow yield\*\*\*\*\* of the portfolio at 4.9% and an underlying (pre-withholding tax) dividend yield of 2.6%.

The free cash flow yield indicates that the portfolio is attractively valued, an observation backed up by our long-term discounted cash flow modelling. A market environment where capital growth is taking charge, as we are currently experiencing, is one where we would expect the strategy to deliver positive returns but perhaps behind the market, as was experienced during the period. However, with our core aim of delivering dividend growth coming through backed by resilient corporate performance and attractive valuations we believe the Fund is set up well for a range of economic and market conditions to come.

<sup>4</sup>Stella Lim, Seven key dividend forecasts for 2024, S&P Market Intelligence.

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<sup>\*</sup> Rally - a period of sustained increases in stock prices.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Median – the middle number in a sorted list of numbers.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Dividend yield – calculated as dividends in previous 12 months, expressed as a percentage of the latest price.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Free cash flow - cash remaining after a company has paid its operating expenses and capital expenditure

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Free cash flow yield – free cash flow (see above) expressed as a percentage of the company's share price. Portfolio free cash flow yield is calculated as a weighted average of the portfolio companies' free cash flow yields.

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Commercial Services		
	(22.1%; 28.02.23 - 22.7%)		
280,342	Accenture	83,133,835	4.5
	Bureau Veritas	38,609,773	2.1
	Capgemini	45,306,390	2.5
900,779		41,624,998	2.3
	Omnicom	38,437,992	2.1
	Publicis Groupe	38,857,737	2.1
2,183,287		75,541,730	4.1 2.4
572,480	565	43,531,478	2.4
		405,043,933	22.1
	Consumer Discretionary (3.3%; 28.02.23 - 6.2%)		
84,803	LVMH	61,176,041	3.3
		61,176,041	3.3
2,192,021 130,888 786,938	L'Oreal	64,927,662 49,479,316	3.5 2.7 3.5
	Procter & Gamble	64,750,207 59,339,632	3.5 3.2
	Reckitt Benckiser	61,547,021	3.4
2,118,071		81,895,215	4.5
		381,939,053	20.8
	Consumer Durables		
	(2.1%; 28.02.23 - 0.0%)		
348,917	Shimano	38,449,195	2.1
		38,449,195	2.1
	Consumer Services		
	(6.3%; 28.02.23 - 4.6%)		
	CTS Eventim	36,005,190	2.0
624,133	Wolters Kluwer	77,889,747	4.3
		113,894,937	6.3

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (CONTINUED) As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Electronic Technology		
	(3.0%; 28.02.23 - 2.1%)		
1,430,490	Cisco Systems	54,750,228	3.0
		54,750,228	3.0
	Financial Services		
	(9.4%; 28.02.23 - 3.7%)		
1,782,074		60,323,205	3.3
	Jack Henry & Associates	52,655,176	2.9
	Paychex	58,452,427	3.2
		171,430,808	9.4
	Health Services		
E44 002	(5.2%; 28.02.23 - 4.2%) Quest Diagnostics	53,813,104	2.9
	Sonic Healthcare	42,576,285	2.3
2,772,107	Some riedicheare	72,370,203	2.5
		96,389,389	5.2
	Health Technology		
	(14.6%; 28.02.23 - 15.1%)		
174,163	EssilorLuxottica	29,239,348	1.6
2,779,982		46,275,580	2.5
	Medtronic	65,861,014	3.6
	Roche Holding	53,912,776	2.9
	Roche Holding (Bearer)	6,159,426	0.3
562,079		42,284,622	2.3
518,291	Siemens Heathineers	24,727,844	1.4
		268,460,610	14.6
	Process Industries		
	(3.8%; 28.02.23 - 2.2%)		
1,003.602	Fuchs Petrolub (Pref Shares)	33,897,231	1.9
	Fuchs Petrolub	2,496,442	0.1
•	Snap-on	33,633,700	1.8
		70,027,373	3.8

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (CONTINUED) As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Technology Services (5.9%; 28.02.23 - 8.4%)		
2,977,272	,	27,509,233	1.5
246,882	Microsoft	80,870,145	4.4
		108,379,378	5.9
	Transportation (2.7%; 28.02.23 - 2.4%)		
451,427	C.H. Robinson Worldwide	26,501,702	1.4
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Kuehne + Nagel	23,147,793	1.3
		49,649,495	2.7
	Portfolio of investments	1,819,590,440	99.2
	Net other assets	14,819,434	0.8
	Total net assets	1,834,409,874	100.0

All holdings are equities listed on recognised stock exchanges.

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, COMPARATIVE TABLE

B GBP Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	139.41	136.24	118.75
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	12.99 (1.20)	7.30 (1.16)	21.40 (1.16)
Return after operating charges*	11.79	6.14	20.24
Distributions on income shares	(3.21)	(2.97)	(2.75)
Closing net asset value per share	147.99	139.41	136.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.10	0.18
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.46%	4.51%	17.04%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£74,290,125 50,198,498 0.84% 0.08%	£72,326,631 51,880,831 0.84% 0.07%	£75,384,022 55,331,158 0.84% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	150.59 135.04	145.03 127.65	149.20 119.34

C GBP Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	140.24	136.91	119.22
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	13.08 (1.06)	7.33 (1.02)	21.48 (1.03)
Return after operating charges*	12.02	6.31	20.45
Distributions on income shares	(3.23)	(2.98)	(2.76)
Closing net asset value per share	149.03	140.24	136.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.10	0.18
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.57%	4.61%	17.15%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£54,853,339 36,806,722 0.74% 0.08%	£19,505,022 13,908,513 0.74% 0.07%	£15,947,198 11,647,896 0.74% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	151.64 135.93	145.89 128.33	149.91 119.81

F GBP Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	141.68	138.05	119.96
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	13.23 (0.79)	7.39 (0.75)	21.63 (0.76)
Return after operating charges*	12.44	6.64	20.87
Distributions on income shares	(3.26)	(3.01)	(2.78)
Closing net asset value per share	150.86	141.68	138.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.12	0.10	0.18
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.78%	4.81%	17.40%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£1,033,254,099 684,902,437 0.54% 0.08%	£940,188,989 663,588,957 0.54% 0.07%	£896,780,912 649,620,356 0.54% 0.13%
<b>Prices</b> Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	153.50 137.51	147.38 129.47	151.10 120.56

B GBP Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to	1 Mar 2022 to	1 Mar 2021 to
	29 Feb 2024	28 Feb 2023	28 Feb 2022
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	156.98	150.15	128.27
Return before operating charges*	14.79	8.11	23.15
Operating charges	(1.36)	(1.28)	(1.27)
Return after operating charges*	13.43	6.83	21.88
Distributions	(3.63)	(3.29)	(2.98)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.63	3.29	2.98
Closing net asset value per share	170.41	156.98	150.15
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.11	0.19
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.56%	4.55%	17.06%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£165,957,926	£167,294,153	£202,492,105
	97,389,417	106,570,628	134,856,617
	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%
	0.08%	0.07%	0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	172.32	162.43	163.62
	153.68	141.45	128.89

C GBP Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to	1 Mar 2022 to	1 Mar 2021 to
	29 Feb 2024	28 Feb 2023	28 Feb 2022
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	157.56	150.57	128.52
Return before operating charges*	14.88	8.13	23.17
Operating charges	(1.23)	(1.14)	(1.12)
Return after operating charges*	13.65	6.99	22.05
Distributions	(3.64)	(3.30)	(2.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.64	3.30	2.99
Closing net asset value per share	171.21	157.56	150.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.11	0.19
Performance Return after charges	8.66%	4.64%	17.16%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£8,856,995	£12,644,074	£12,521,328
	5,173,267	8,025,061	8,316,187
	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%
	0.08%	0.07%	0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	173.13	163.04	164.08
	154.34	141.88	129.15

F GBP Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	159.32	151.95	129.44
Return before operating charges*	15.04	8.21	23.34
Operating charges	(0.89)	(0.84)	(0.83)
Return after operating charges*	14.15	7.37	22.51
Distributions	(3.69)	(3.33)	(3.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.69	3.33	3.02
Closing net asset value per share	173.47	159.32	151.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.11	0.20
Performance			
Return after charges	8.88%	4.85%	17.39%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£474,015,528	£483,649,803	£401,891,040
Closing number of shares	273,256,605	303,565,934	264,488,863
Operating charges (p.a.)	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	0.08%	0.07%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest published share price (pence)	175.42	164.86	165.52
Lowest published share price (pence)	156.28	143.27	130.07

B EUR Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	124.50	121.67	106.05
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	11.61 (1.07)	6.51 (1.03)	19.11 (1.04)
Return after operating charges*	10.54	5.48	18.07
Distributions on income shares	(2.86)	(2.65)	(2.45)
Closing net asset value per share	132.18	124.50	121.67
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.09	0.16
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.47%	4.50%	17.04%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£159,447 120,630 0.84% 0.08%	£153,425 123,230 0.84% 0.07%	£198,601 163,230 0.84% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (€) Lowest published share price (€)	1.5732 1.3838	1.5201 1.3288	1.5875 1.2336

C EUR Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024	28 Jun 2022 to* 28 Feb 2023	1 Mar 2021 to 18 Jan 2022*
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	135.40	130.02	104.75
Return before operating charges*	12.62	7.36	23.63
Operating charges	(1.03)	(0.66)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	11.59	6.70	22.82
Distributions on income shares	(3.11)	(1.32)	(1.85)
Closing net asset value per share	143.88	135.40	125.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.07	0.14
Performance			
Return after charges	8.56%	5.15%	21.79%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£53,399	£50,251	£42,447
Closing number of shares	37,113	37,113	33,762
Operating charges (p.a.)	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%
Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	0.08%	0.07%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest published share price (€)	1.7125	1.6420	1.5704
owest published share price (€)	1.5059	1.4404	1.2184

<sup>\*</sup>Share class was closed as of 18th January 2022 and re-opened on 28th June 2022

F EUR Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	126.69	123.44	107.26
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	11.62 (0.70)	6.61 (0.67)	19.35 (0.68)
Return after operating charges*	10.92	5.94	18.67
Distributions on income shares	(2.91)	(2.69)	(2.49)
Closing net asset value per share	134.70	126.69	123.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.09	0.16
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.62%	4.81%	17.41%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£2,062,478 1,531,132 0.54% 0.08%	£3,005,849 2,372,516 0.54% 0.07%	£2,906,284 2,354,424 0.54% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (€) Lowest published share price (€)	1.6032 1.4088	1.5444 1.3505	1.6097 1.2478

B EUR Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	140.19	133.48	113.45
Return before operating charges*	13.17	7.91	21.15
Operating charges	(1.22)	(1.20)	(1.12)
Return after operating charges*	11.95	6.71	20.03
Distributions	(3.24)	(2.93)	(2.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.24	2.93	2.26
Closing net asset value per share	152.14	140.19	133.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.10	0.17
Performance			
Return after charges	8.52%	5.03%	17.66%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£17,336	£23,566	£1,491,393
Closing number of shares	11,395	16,810	1,117,295
Operating charges (p.a.)	0.84%	0.84%	0.84%
Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	0.08%	0.07%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest published share price (€)	1.7995	1.6843	1.7332
Lowest published share price (€)	1.5656	1.4746	1.3200

F EUR Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	138.58	132.07	112.52
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	13.16 (0.78)	7.24 (0.73)	20.27 (0.72)
Return after operating charges*	12.38	6.51	19.55
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(3.21) 3.21	(2.90) 2.90	(2.62) 2.62
Closing net asset value per share	150.96	138.58	132.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.10	0.17
Performance Return after charges	8.93%	4.93%	17.37%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£533,361 353,318 0.54% 0.08%	£386,427 278,838 0.54% 0.07%	£416,724 315,527 0.54% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (€) Lowest published share price (€)	1.7853 1.5478	1.6640 1.4547	1.7141 1.3088

B USD Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	100.47	98.19	85.32
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	9.28 (0.85)	5.25 (0.83)	15.61 (0.82)
Return after operating charges*	8.43	4.42	14.79
Distributions on income shares	(2.31)	(2.14)	(1.92)
Closing net asset value per share	106.59	100.47	98.19
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.07	0.12
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.39%	4.50%	17.33%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£926,896 869,555 0.84% 0.08%	£20,230 20,136 0.84% 0.07%	£19,771 20,136 0.84% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (\$) Lowest published share price (\$)	1.3768 1.1797	1.3316 1.0441	1.4487 1.1927

F USD Income Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	104.80	101.93	88.60
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	9.70 (0.58)	5.65 (0.56)	15.94 (0.56)
Return after operating charges*	9.12	5.09	15.38
Distributions on income shares	(2.41)	(2.22)	(2.05)
Closing net asset value per share	111.51	104.80	101.93
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.07	0.13
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	8.70%	4.99%	17.36%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£9,712,189 8,709,770 0.54% 0.08%	£8,301,668 7,921,299 0.54% 0.07%	£11,675,190 11,454,148 0.54% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (\$) Lowest published share price (\$)	1.4403 1.2321	1.3828 1.0857	1.5032 1.2387

B USD Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	<b>1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022</b> (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	118.81	113.46	97.02
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	12.10 (1.04)	6.32 (0.97)	17.42 (0.98)
Return after operating charges*	11.06	5.35	16.44
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(2.76) 2.76	(2.47) 2.47	(2.26) 2.26
Closing net asset value per share	129.87	118.81	113.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.08	0.15
Performance Return after charges	9.31%	4.72%	16.94%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£34,254 26,375 0.84% 0.08%	£76,109 64,062 0.84% 0.07%	£442,132 389,690 0.84% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (\$) Lowest published share price (\$)	1.6670 1.4148	1.5390 1.2213	1.6660 1.3562

F USD Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	119.97	114.45	97.70
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	11.29 (0.67)	6.15 (0.63)	17.37 (0.62)
Return after operating charges*	10.62	5.52	16.75
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(2.77) 2.77	(2.51) 2.51	(2.28) 2.28
Closing net asset value per share	130.59	119.97	114.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.08	0.15
Performance Return after charges	8.85%	4.82%	17.14%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£9,682,502 7,414,516 0.54% 0.08%	£9,249,269 7,709,769 0.54% 0.07%	£10,414,441 9,099,899 0.54% 0.13%
Prices Highest published share price (\$) Lowest published share price (\$)	1.6761 1.4259	1.5528 1.2329	1.6796 1.3658

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 29 February 2024

	Note	£	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Income Net capital gains Revenue Expenses Interest payable and similar charges Net revenue before taxation	2 3 4 6	44,729,303 (10,652,472) (5,392) 34,071,439	123,427,607	56,548,270 41,202,094 (10,338,523) (9,932) 30,853,639
Taxation Net revenue after taxation	5	(4,130,704)	29,940,735	(3,590,008) 27,263,631
Total return before distributions			153,368,342	83,811,901
Distributions	6		(40,316,080)	(37,524,172)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	5	_	113,052,262	46,287,729

Note: All of the Company's and sub-fund's results are derived from continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 29 February 2024

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	Note £	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Opening net assets attributable to shar	eholders	1,716,875,466	1,632,581,141
Movements due to sales and repurchases of sales	hares:		
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	514,025,752 (525,076,178)		466,978,359 (444,082,419) 22,895,940
Dilution adjustment		578,725	510,196
Change in net assets attributable to sharehold from investment activities	ers	113,052,262	46,287,729
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6	14,953,847	14,600,460
Closing net assets attributable to share	holders	1,834,409,874	1,716,875,466

#### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, BALANCE SHEET As at 29 February 2024 Note 29.02.24 28.02.23 £ £ **Assets:** Fixed assets: 1,819,590,440 1,695,701,262 Investments **Current assets:** Debtors 7 13,404,534 10,695,752 Cash and bank balances 8 18,238,098 27,323,435 **Total assets** 1,851,233,072 1,733,720,449 Liabilities: **Creditors:** Distribution payable on income shares 6 7,343,820 5,579,421 Creditors 9 9,479,378 11,265,562 **Total liabilities** 16,844,983 16,823,198 1,834,409,874 1,716,875,466 Net assets attributable to shareholders

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 29 February 2024

# 1. Accounting 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The Directors are of the opinion 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 and its sub-funds consist predominantly of readily realisable securities and accordingly the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of the financial statements.

## (b) Functional currency

The functional currency used in the financial statements is Pound Sterling because it is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

## (c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on holdings, net of any irrecoverable tax credits, are recognised when the underlying equity is quoted ex-dividend. Bank interest and management fee rebates are accounted for on an accruals basis.

All revenue is recognised on the condition that the flow of economic benefits is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

# (d) Treatment of stock dividends

Stock dividends are credited to the capital account when the stock is quoted ex-dividend. The cash equivalent is then transferred to the revenue account and forms part of the distributable revenue.

The allocation of special dividends is considered on a case-by-case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital.

### (e) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, net of any associated tax effect, are allocated to the capital account with the exception of bank interest which is allocated to the revenue account on an accrual basis.

### (f) Allocation of revenue and expense to multiple share classes

Any assets or liabilities not attributable to a particular share class are allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the relevant share classes.

For the year ended 29 February 2024

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

## (g) Taxation/deferred taxation

Corporation tax is provided for on taxable revenue, less deductible expenses, at a rate of 20%. This is the rate that has been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided for in respect of all items that have been included in these financial statements, or those of a previous period, that will be included in future periods for taxation purposes, other than those timing differences regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred tax is provided for at the rate of tax expected to apply to the reversal of timing difference.

Income tax on interest distributions is classed as 'income tax recoverable' and is recovered on a yearly basis on submission of the Fund's annual tax return.

## (h) Distribution Policy

Revenue produced by the Fund's investments is accrued quarterly. At the end of each period, the revenue, plus an adjustment for expenses allocated to capital, is distributed/accumulated at the discretion of the Investment Manager, as per the prospectus.

If a distribution made in relation to any income shares remains unclaimed for a period of six years after it has become due, it will be forfeited and will become the property of the Fund.

# (i) Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies at the year-end are translated into Sterling at the latest available rates of exchange on the balance sheet date. Transactions in overseas currencies occurring during the year are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction.

## (j) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Fund's balance sheet when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price (including transaction costs) and subsequently measured at amortised cost, except for the Fund's investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially recognised at fair value (excluding transaction costs).

The investments are measured at bid prices, and quoted price for single priced funds, on the balance sheet date, with any gains or losses arising on measurement recognised in the statement of total return. If closing prices are not available, the latest available prices are used. If separate offer and bid prices are quoted for shares or units, then the bid price is used. If no price or recent available price exists, the investments are valued at a price which, in the opinion of the ACD, reflects the fair value of the asset. This may involve the use of an appropriate valuation technique/methodology.

## (k) Management fee rebates

Management fee rebates are accounted for on an accruals basis and are allocated to the capital or revenue account of the Fund, according to whether the underlying fund charges its fees to capital or revenue.

## (I) Significant judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements or sources of estimated uncertainty in the period.

# **IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)** For the year ended 29 February 2024

2.	Net capital gains		
		29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	Non-derivative securities Currency (losses)/gains CSDR penalties Market associated costs Net capital gains	165,682,519 (42,258,561) 3,663 (14) 123,427,607	(48,924,703) 105,472,656 317 - 56,548,270
3.	Revenue		
		<b>29.02.24</b> £	28.02.23 £
	UK franked dividends Overseas dividends Franked income currency (losses)/gains Bank interest Unfranked income currency gains Total revenue	11,467,197 31,965,659 (94,580) 1,378,906 12,121 44,729,303	9,182,609 31,317,037 302,606 391,941 7,901 41,202,094
4.	Expenses		
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	agents of either: Periodic charge	10,652,472	10,338,523
		10,652,472	10,338,523
	Total expenses	10,652,472	10,338,523

The audit fees of the Fund are paid by the Investment Manager. The audit fees for the current year are £6,250 plus VAT (28.02.2023: £8,700 plus VAT).

#### 5. Taxation

## (a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Analysis of charge in the year Overseas tax Total current tax for the year (see note 5(b))	4,130,704 4,130,704	3,590,008 3,590,008
Deferred tax (see note 5(c))  Total taxation for the year	4,130,704	3,590,008

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

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised Open-Ended Investment Company (20%). The differences are explained below:

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Net revenue before taxation	34,071,439	30,853,639
Corporation tax at 20%	6,814,288	6,170,728
Effects of: Revenue not subject to taxation	(8,667,655)	(8,160,451)
Excess expenses for which no relief taken	1,853,367	1,989,723
Overseas taxation	4,130,704	3,590,008
Current tax charge for the year (see note 5(a))	4,130,704	3,590,008

#### (c) Provision for deferred tax

At the 29 February 2024 the Fund had surplus management expenses of £35,902,481 (28 February 2023: £26,635,644). The deferred tax asset in respect of this would be £7,180,496 (28 February 2023: £5,327,129). It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year. Changes in tax laws and rates may affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities and our effective tax rate in the future.

#### 6. Distributions

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

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Interim - Income (31 May) Interim - Income (31 Aug) Interim - Income (30 Nov) Final - Income (28 Feb)	5,812,306 6,134,954 6,136,896 7,343,820 25,427,976	5,760,778 5,812,154 5,739,760 
Interim - Accumulation (31 May) Interim - Accumulation (31 Aug) Interim - Accumulation (30 Nov) Final - Accumulation (28 Feb)	3,621,988 3,680,102 3,571,058 4,080,699 14,953,847	3,673,026 3,680,227 3,673,892 3,573,315 14,600,460
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares Net distribution for the year	3,116,140 (3,181,883) 40,316,080	2,494,106 (2,462,507) <b>37,524,172</b>
Interest	(5,392)	(9,932)
Total finance costs	40,310,688	37,514,240
Reconciliation to net distribution for the year Net revenue after taxation for the year Expenses allocated to capital, net of tax relief Net distribution for the year	29,940,735 10,375,345 <b>40,316,080</b>	27,263,631 10,260,541 37,524,172

Details of the distributions per share are set out on pages 82 to 98.

### 7. Debtors – Amounts falling due within one year

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	8,986,114	3,552,938
Sales awaiting settlement	· · · · -	4,392,671
Accrued revenue	2,776,756	1,556,075
Income tax recoverable	1,641,664	1,194,068
Total debtors	13,404,534	10,695,752
Cash and bank balances		
	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	18,238,098	27,323,435
Total cash and bank balances	18.238.098	27,323,435

Sterling denominated bank account balances bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points.

#### 9. Other creditors

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	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	8,619,377	10,460,171
Accrued annual management charge	860,001	805,391
Total creditors	9,479,378	11,265,562

## 10. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as a related party of the Fund. The ACD acts as either agent or principal for the Depositary in respect of all transactions in the Fund's shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

As at the balance sheet date, Unity Fund, an authorised fund which is also administered by the ACD, held 3,804,164 shares in the IFSL Evenlode Global Income Fund (C GBP Income Shares).

As at the balance sheet date there were no shareholders holding more than 25% of the Fund's total net asset value.

Details of transactions occurring during the accounting period with the ACD and the Depositary, and any balances due at the year end, are fully disclosed in notes 4 and 9 of the financial statements.

## 11. Share classes

As at the balance sheet date the Fund had fifteen share classes. The following table shows a breakdown of the change in shares in issue of each share class in the year:

	B GBP Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	51,880,830.566
Total creation of shares in the year	14,681,943.102
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(16, 364, 276.021)
Closing shares at the end of the year	50,198,497.647
	C GBP Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	13,908,512.583
Total creation of shares in the year	25,695,880.844
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(2,797,671.085)
Closing shares at the end of the year	36,806,722.342
	F GBP Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	663,588,956.740
Total creation of shares in the year	130,464,812.455
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(109,151,331.742)
Closing shares at the end of the year	684,902,437.453
	<b>B GBP Accumulation</b>
Opening shares at the start of the year	106,570,628.030
Total creation of shares in the year	35,572,600.278
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(44,753,811.332)
Closing shares at the end of the year	97,389,416.976
	C GBP Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	8,025,061.071
Total creation of shares in the year	5,268,324.015
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(8,120,118.333)
Closing shares at the end of the year	5,173,266.753
	F GBP Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	303,565,934.271
Total creation of shares in the year	119,976,765.208
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(150,286,094.299)
Closing shares at the end of the year	273,256,605.180

## 11. Share classes (continued)

	B EUR Income
Opening shares at the start of the year Total creation of shares in the year	123,229.651
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(2,600.000)
Closing shares at the end of the year	120,629.651
	C EUR Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	37,112.852
Total creation of shares in the year	-
Total cancellation of shares in the year  Closing shares at the end of the year	37,112.852
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	F EUR Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	2,372,515.926
Total creation of shares in the year	45,802.457
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(887,186.000)
Closing shares at the end of the year	1,531,132.383
	B EUR Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	16,810.000
Total creation of shares in the year	- (5.445.000)
Total cancellation of shares in the year  Closing shares at the end of the year	(5,415.000) <b>11,395.000</b>
closing shares at the end of the year	11,353.000
	F EUR Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	278,837.592
Total creation of shares in the year	107,755.073
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(33,275.100)
Closing shares at the end of the year	353,317.565

## 11.

Share classes (continued)	
	B USD Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	20,136.034
Total creation of shares in the year	869,555.414
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(20,136.034)
Closing shares at the end of the year	869,555.414
	F USD Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	7,921,299.480
Total creation of shares in the year	2,501,237.772
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(1,712,767.274)
Closing shares at the end of the year	8,709,769.978
	B USD Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	64,061.661
Total creation of shares in the year	484.350
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(38,170.545)
Closing shares at the end of the year	26,375.466
	F USD Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	7,709,768.736
Total creation of shares in the year	499,455.947
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(794,708.909)
Closing shares at the end of the year	7,414,515.774

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## 11. Share classes (continued)

As at the balance sheet date the periodic charge of each share class was as follows\*:

B Income (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.84% p.a.; B Accumulation (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.84% p.a.; C Income (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.74% p.a.; C Accumulation (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.74% p.a.; F Income (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.54% p.a.; F Accumulation (GBP, EUR and USD) shares 0.54% p.a.

\*Please note the fund operates a tiered discount system on the periodic charge, as at the balance sheet date the Fund had not reached the limit applicable to apply a discount.

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 51 to 65. The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Tables on page 82 to 89. Income, and the associated tax, which is not attributable to a particular share class is allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the share classes. All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 12. Risk management policies

In pursuing the investment objectives financial instruments are held which may expose the Fund to various types of risk. The main risks inherent in the investment portfolio, and the ACD's policies for managing these risks, which were applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below:

#### (a) Currency exposures

The Fund's financial assets are invested in listed equities whose prices are quoted in various different currencies. This gives rise to a direct currency exposure, details of which are shown in the following table:

	ass	foreign curre sets/(liabilitie 9 February 20	s)	ass	oreign curren ets/(liabilities 3 February 20	5)
	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary	Total	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary	Total
		exposures			exposures	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Australian dollar	-	42,576	42,576	-	22,044	22,044
Euro	45	481,597	481,642	8	556,929	556,937
Japanese yen	-	38,683	38,683	-	=	-
Swedish krona	-	27,509	27,509	-	32,190	32,190
Swiss franc	-	191,502	191,502	-	183,606	183,606
US dollar	75	607,868	607,943	10	555,200	555,210

There are no specific policies employed to manage the currency exposure.

## 12. Risk management policies (continued)

## (a) Currency exposures (continued)

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £126,132,275 (28 February 2023: £122,198,438). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £154,161,670 (28 February 2023: £149,353,646). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

#### (b) Cash flow risk and interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The Fund's revenue is mainly received from holdings in listed equities. The Fund does not have any long term financial liabilities. The Fund is affected by the impact of movements in interest rates on its own cash balances.

The direct exposure to interest rate risk as at the balance sheet date is shown in the following table:

28.02.24  Australian dollar 42,576 42,576  Euro 45 - 481,529 - (15) 481,559  Japanese yen - 38,683 38,683  Sterling 18,118 - 443,170 - (16,733) 444,555  Swedish krona - 27,509 - 27,509  Swiss franc - 191,502 - 191,502  US dollar 75 - 608,026 - (75) 608,026  28.02.23  Australian dollar 22,044 22,044  Furo 8 - 556,946 - (17) 556,937		Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets	Non interest bearing financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial liabilities £'000	Non interest bearing financial liabilities £'000	Total £'000
Australian dollar 42,576 42,576 Euro 45 - 481,529 - (15) 481,559 Japanese yen 38,683 38,683 Sterling 18,118 - 443,170 - (16,733) 444,555 Swedish krona 27,509 27,509 Swiss franc - 191,502 191,502 US dollar 75 - 608,026 - (75) 608,026	28.02.24						
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Euro 45 - 481,529 - (15) 481,559  Japanese yen - 38,683 38,683  Sterling 18,118 - 443,170 - (16,733) 444,555  Swedish krona - 27,509 27,509  Swiss franc - 191,502 191,502  US dollar 75 - 608,026 - (75) 608,026  28.02.23  Australian dollar - 22,044 22,044	Australian dollar	_	_	42.576	_	_	42,576
Japanese yen       -       -       38,683       -       -       38,683         Sterling       18,118       -       443,170       -       (16,733)       444,555         Swedish krona       -       -       27,509       -       -       27,509         Swiss franc       -       -       191,502       -       -       191,502         US dollar       75       -       608,026       -       (75)       608,026         28.02.23         Australian dollar       -       -       22,044       -       -       22,044		45	-	•	-	(15)	•
Swedish krona       -       -       27,509       -       -       27,509         Swiss franc       -       -       191,502       -       -       191,502         US dollar       75       -       608,026       -       (75)       608,026         28.02.23         Australian dollar       -       -       22,044       -       -       22,044	Japanese yen	-	-	,	-	-	•
Swiss franc - 191,502 - 191,502 US dollar 75 - 608,026 - (75) 608,026 <b>28.02.23</b> Australian dollar - 22,044 22,044	Sterling	18,118	=	443,170	=	(16,733)	444,555
US dollar 75 - 608,026 - (75) 608,026 <b>28.02.23</b> Australian dollar 22,044 22,044	Swedish krona	-	-	27,509	-	-	27,509
<b>28.02.23</b> Australian dollar 22,044 22,044		-	=	•	-	-	•
Australian dollar 22,044 22,044	US dollar	75	-	608,026	-	(75)	608,026
, ,	28.02.23						
, ,	Australian dollar	_	_	22.044	_	_	22.044
230,510 (17) 330,557	Euro	8	-	556,946	-	(17)	556,937
Sterling 27,305 - 356,366 - (16,783) 366,888	Sterling	27,305	-	•	-	(16,783)	•
Swedish krona 32,190 32,190	Swedish krona	-	-	32,190	-	-	32,190
Swiss franc - 183,606 - 183,606		-	-	•	-	-	•
US dollar 10 - 555,245 - (45) 555,210	US dollar	10	=	555,245	-	(45)	555,210

Short-term debtors and creditors are included as non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities in the above table.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise: Sterling denominated bank account balances that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points. Non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities mainly comprise investments that do not have a maturity date.

Cash flow risk and interest rate risk is managed by only holding cash at reputable financial institutions.

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.

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## 12. Risk management policies (continued)

## (c) Liquidity risk

All of the Fund's underlying financial assets are considered to be readily realisable. Where investments cannot be realised in time to meet any potential liability, the Fund may borrow up to 10% of its net asset value to ensure settlement. All of the Fund's financial liabilities are payable on demand or in less than one year.

## (d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. This includes counterparty and issuer risk. Cash is held with reputable credit institutions and credit risk is assessed on a regular basis.

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Fund has fulfilled its obligations. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty and these are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

### (e) Market price risk

The value of shares/units in the underlying investments is 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 share/unit held within an underlying investment 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 diversified portfolios of collective investment schemes and transferable securities in line with the investment objectives. In addition, the management of the Fund complies with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 20% of the assets of the Fund in any one underlying investment.

If the value of shares/units in the underlying investments were to increase or decrease by 10% the change in the net asset value of the Fund would be £181,959,044 (28 February 2023: £169,570,126). This calculation assumes all other variables remain constant.

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

	INVESTMEN	IT ASSETS
	29 February 2024	28 February 2023
Valuation technique	£	£
Level 1: Quoted Prices	1,819,590,440	1,695,701,262
Level 2: Observable Market Data	-	-
Level 3: Unobservable Data		
	1,819,590,440	1,695,701,262

As at the year-end there were no investment 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.

#### (g) Commitments on derivatives

No derivatives were held at the balance sheet date (28 February 2023: £nil)

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#### 13. Transaction costs

#### (a) Direct transaction costs

Direct transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties incurred when purchasing and selling the underlying securities. In addition to the direct transaction costs below, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread. It is not possible for the ACD to quantify these indirect costs. A breakdown of the purchases and sales, and the related direct transaction costs incurred by the Fund in the year are shown in the table below:

	29.02.24		28.02.23	
	£		£	
Analysis of total purchase costs				
PURCHASES				
Equities	663,437,211		625,964,149	
Net purchases before direct transaction costs	663,437,211		625,964,149	
		% of total		% of total
DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS		purchases		purchases
Equities	1,132,083	0.17%	975,368	0.16%
Total direct transaction costs	1,132,083	0.17%	975,368	0.16%
Gross purchases total	664,569,294		626,939,517	
Analysis of total sale costs				
SALES				
Equities	663,630,852		598,901,949	
Gross sales before direct transaction costs	663,630,852		598,901,949	
		% of total		% of total
DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS		sales		sales
Equities	(307,165)	0.05%	(285,980)	0.05%
Total direct transaction costs	(307,165)	0.05%	(285,980)	0.05%
	(00.7200)		(===,===,	
Net sales total	663,323,687		598,615,969	
	29.02.24	% of	28.02.23	% of
	£ a	average NAV	£ a	average NAV
Analysis of total direct transaction costs				
Equities Total direct transaction costs	1,439,248 1,439,248	0.08% <b>0.08</b> %	1,261,348 1,261,348	0.07% 0.07%

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### 13. Transaction costs (continued)

#### (b) Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.05% (28 February 2023: 0.05%). This is calculated as the difference between the offer and bid value of the portfolio as a percentage of the offer value.

### 14. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The Fund had no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

#### 15. Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year-end, the net asset value per share of each share class has changed as follows:

B GBP Income Shares – Increased from 147.99 pence per share to 145.70 pence per share (3 June 2024).

C GBP Income Shares – Increased from 149.03 pence per share to 146.77 pence per share (3 June 2024).

F GBP Income Shares – Increased from 150.86 pence per share to 148.65 pence per share (3 June 2024).

B GBP Accumulation Shares – Increased from 170.41 pence per share to 168.72 pence per share (3 June 2024).

C GBP Accumulation Shares – Increased from 171.21 pence per share to 169.55 pence per share (3 June 2024).

F GBP Accumulation Shares – Increased from 173.47 pence per share to 171.88 pence per share (3 June 2024).

B EUR Income Shares – Increased from 141.93 cents per share to 152.76 cents per share (3 June 2024).

C EUR Income Shares – Increased from 154.36 cents per share to 166.23 cents per share (3 June 2024).

F EUR Income Shares – Increased from 144.43 cents per share to 155.71 cents per share (3 June 2024).

B EUR Accumulation Shares – Increased from 159.82 cents per share to 177.53 cents per share (3 June 2024).

F EUR Accumulation Shares – Increased from 157.98 cents per share to 175.42 cents per share (3 June 2024).

B USD Income Shares – Increased from 121.52 cents per share to 133.45 cents per share (3 June 2024).

F USD Income Shares – Increased from 126.76 cents per share to 139.66 cents per share (3 June 2024).

B USD Accumulation Shares – Increased from 143.70 cents per share to 163.49 cents per share (3 June 2024).

F USD Accumulation Shares – Increased from 145.10 cents per share to 164.51 cents per share (3 June 2024).

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL INCOME, DISTRIBUTION TABLE

For the year ended 29 February 2024

**Interim Distribution (31 May 2023)** 

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 28 February 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 28 February 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated	Paid/Accumulated
			31.07.23	31.07.22
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7600	-	0.7600	0.7400
Group 2	0.1179	0.6421	0.7600	0.7400
C GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7644	-	0.7644	0.7437
Group 2	-	0.7644	0.7644	0.7437
F GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7724	-	0.7724	0.7500
Group 2	=	0.7724	0.7724	0.7500
<b>B GBP Accumulation</b>				
Group 1	0.8557	-	0.8557	0.8161
Group 2	0.1365	0.7192	0.8557	0.8161
<b>C GBP Accumulation</b>				
Group 1	0.8589	-	0.8589	0.8182
Group 2	0.2479	0.6110	0.8589	0.8182
F GBP Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8686	-	0.8686	0.8259
Group 2	0.1768	0.6918	0.8686	0.8259
<b>B EUR Income</b>				
Group 1	0.6787	-	0.6787	0.6609
Group 2	0.6787	-	0.6787	0.6609
C EUR Income				
Group 1	0.7381	-	0.7381	N/A
Group 2	0.7381	-	0.7381	N/A
F EUR Income				
Group 1	0.6907	-	0.6907	0.6705
Group 2	0.3644	0.3263	0.6907	0.6705
B EUR Accumulation				
Group 1	0.7642	-	0.7642	0.7284
Group 2	0.7642	-	0.7642	0.7284
F EUR Accumulation				
Group 1	0.7555	-	0.7555	0.7177
Group 2	0.7555	-	0.7555	0.7177

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## Interim Distribution (31 May 2023) Continued

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 28 February 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 28 February 2023

B USD Income Group 1	0.5477	-	0.5477	0.5331
Group 2	0.5477	-	0.5477	0.5331
F USD Income				
Group 1	0.5713	-	0.5713	0.5538
Group 2	0.5131	0.0582	0.5713	0.5538
<b>B USD Accumulation</b>				
Group 1	0.6477	=	0.6477	0.6169
Group 2	0.1865	0.4612	0.6477	0.6169
F USD Accumulation				
Group 1	0.6539	=	0.6539	0.6216
Group 2	0.2347	0.4192	0.6539	0.6216

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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**Interim Distribution (31 August 2023)** 

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 May 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 May 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated	-
	(	(	31.10.23	31.10.22
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7600	-	0.7600	0.7400
Group 2	-	0.7600	0.7600	0.7400
C GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7645	-	0.7645	0.7437
Group 2	=	0.7645	0.7645	0.7437
F GBP Income				
Group 1	0.7726	-	0.7726	0.7501
Group 2	-	0.7726	0.7726	0.7501
<b>B GBP Accumulation</b>				
Group 1	0.8554	=	0.8554	0.8158
Group 2	-	0.8554	0.8554	0.8158
C GBP Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8593	-	0.8593	0.8181
Group 2	=	0.8593	0.8593	0.8181
F GBP Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8685	-	0.8685	0.8259
Group 2	=	0.8685	0.8685	0.8259
B EUR Income				
Group 1	0.6788	-	0.6788	0.6604
Group 2	0.6788	-	0.6788	0.6604
C EUR Income				
Group 1	0.7382	-	0.7382	0.2635
Group 2	0.7382	-	0.7382	0.2635
F EUR Income				
Group 1	0.6909	_	0.6909	0.6708
Group 2	-	0.6909	0.6909	0.6708
B EUR Accumulation				
Group 1	0.7635	-	0.7635	0.7164
Group 2	0.7635	-	0.7635	0.7164
F EUR Accumulation				
Group 1	0.7554	=	0.7554	0.7192
Group 2	-	0.7554	0.7554	0.7192

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## **Interim Distribution (31 August 2023) Continued**

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 May 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 May 2023

B USD Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5483	- 0.5483	0.5483 0.5483	0.5335 0.5335
F USD income Group 1 Group 2	0.5712	- 0.5712	0.5712 0.5712	0.5539 0.5539
B USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6475 -	- 0.6475	0.6475 0.6475	0.6168 0.6168
F USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6537	- 0.6537	0.6537 0.6537	0.6221 0.6221

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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**Interim Distribution (30 November 2023)** 

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 August 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 August 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 31.01.24	Paid/Accumulated 31.01.23
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B GBP Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7600 -	- 0.7600	0.7600 0.7600	0.7400 0.7400
C GBP Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7648 -	- 0.7648	0.7648 0.7648	0.7439 0.7439
F GBP Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7733 -	- 0.7733	0.7733 0.7733	0.7508 0.7508
B GBP Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8602	- 0.8602	0.8602 0.8602	0.8207 0.8207
C GBP Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8633	- 0.8633	0.8633 0.8633	0.8235 0.8235
F GBP Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8742 -	- 0.8742	0.8742 0.8742	0.8315 0.8315
B EUR Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6788 0.6788	- -	0.6788 0.6788	0.6609 0.6609
C EUR Income Group 1 Group 2	0.7383 0.7383	- -	0.7383 0.7383	0.3360 0.3360
F EUR Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6911	- 0.6911	0.6911 0.6911	0.6714 0.6714
B EUR Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.7681 0.7681	-	0.7681 0.7681	0.7346 0.7346
F EUR Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.7604 -	- 0.7604	0.7604 0.7604	0.7240 0.7240

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## Interim Distribution (30 November 2023) Continued

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 31 August 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 31 August 2023

B USD Income Group 1 Group 2	0.5476 0.5476	- -	0.5476 0.5476	0.5335 0.5335
F USD income Group 1 Group 2	0.5716	0.5716	0.5716 0.5716	0.5546 0.5546
B USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6573	0.6573	0.6573 0.6573	0.6036 0.6036
F USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.6579	- 0.6579	0.6579 0.6579	0.6264 0.6264

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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Annual Distribution (28 February 2024)

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 30 November 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 30 November 2023

Shares	Revenue	<b>Equalisation</b> <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.24	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.23
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B GBP Income				
Group 1 Group 2	0.9251 0.2944	0.6307	0.9251 0.9251	0.7457 0.7457
·	0.2344	0.0307	0.9231	0.7-57
C GBP Income Group 1	0.9317	_	0.9317	0.7500
Group 2	0.2859	0.6458	0.9317	0.7500
F GBP Income				
Group 1	0.9425	-	0.9425	0.7574
Group 2	0.2812	0.6613	0.9425	0.7574
<b>B GBP Accumulation</b>				
Group 1	1.0556	-	1.0556	0.8334
Group 2	0.2812	0.7744	1.0556	0.8334
C GBP Accumulation				
Group 1 Group 2	1.0600 0.4440	0.6160	1.0600 1.0600	0.8363 0.8363
·	0.4440	0.0100	1.0000	0.8303
F GBP Accumulation Group 1	1.0737		1.0737	0.8453
Group 2	0.3646	0.7091	1.0737	0.8453
B EUR Income				
Group 1	0.8262	_	0.8262	0.6659
Group 2	0.8262	-	0.8262	0.6659
C EUR Income				
Group 1	0.8991	-	0.8991	0.7254
Group 2	0.8991	-	0.8991	0.7254
F EUR Income				
Group 1	0.8416	-	0.8416	0.6773
Group 2	0.3252	0.5164	0.8416	0.6773
B EUR Accumulation	0.0400			
Group 1 Group 2	0.9423 0.9423	-	0.9423 0.9423	0.7488 0.7488
·	0.3423	-	0.9423	U./400
F EUR Accumulation Group 1	0.9349	_	0.9349	0.7349
Group 2	0.1955	0.7394	0.9349	0.7349
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## Annual Distribution (28 February 2024) Continued

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 30 November 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 30 November 2023

B USD Income Group 1 Group 2	0.6663 0.3114	- 0.3549	0.6663 0.6663	0.5373 0.5373
F USD income Group 1 Group 2	0.6966 0.1725	- 0.5241	0.6966 0.6966	0.5603 0.5603
B USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8050 0.2844	- 0.5206	0.8050 0.8050	0.6309 0.6309
F USD Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.8088 0.1577	0.6511	0.8088 0.8088	0.6367 0.6367

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

#### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, AUTHORISED STATUS

IFSL Evenlode Global Equity ('the Fund') is a sub-fund of IFSL Evenlode Investment Funds ICVC with investment powers equivalent to those of a UK UCITS as defined in the Glossary to the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') Handbook.

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY**

The investment objective of IFSL Evenlode Global Equity (the 'Fund') is to provide capital growth over rolling periods of 5 years.

At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in equity securities of companies listed on international exchanges.

The Fund may also invest in cash (or near cash securities), and up to 10% in collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed or operated by the ACD or its associates).

The Fund may invest in derivatives to reduce risk or cost or to generate additional capital or income at proportionate risk (known as "Efficient Portfolio Management").

The Fund is actively managed and the Investment Manager aims to invest in a focused portfolio of equity securities of companies which offer a combination of high and growing cash-flows and low business risk (to deliver long-term capital growth for the Fund). The Investment Manager will perform analysis to identify shares in companies that offer this combination. As part of this analysis, the Investment Manager will consider a company's free cash flow generation and its potential to grow this in real terms over a long period. Free cash flow is a financial measure of how much surplus cash a company is able to generate after funding its operating costs, working capital, capital expenditures, interest and tax. A high level of free cash flow indicates to the Investment Manager that a company has sufficient cash flow to satisfy its obligations and is able to fund investment to drive future real growth in free cash flow.

#### **ONGOING CHARGES FIGURE**

The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') provides investors with a clearer picture of the total annual costs in running a Collective Investment Scheme. The OCF consists principally of the Annual Management Charge, but also includes the costs for other services paid in respect of Depositary, custody, FCA and audit fees. The Fund has a fixed periodic charge. The OCFs, as calculated in accordance with ESMA guidelines, are disclosed as 'Operating charges (p.a.)' in the Comparative Tables on pages 96 to 99.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates in a standard format where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. It is based on historical performance data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The indicator uses a scale of one to seven. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. The lowest category does not mean a fund is a risk free investment. As the Fund launched on 15 July 2020, the indicator has been calculated based in part on the volatility of the Investment Association Global Sector (GBP) average over the last five years (in total return and GBP terms).

The Fund is in risk category six because its investments have experienced high volatility in the past.

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, RISK PROFILE

The value of investments may go down as well as up in response to general market conditions and the performance of the assets held. Investors may not get back the money which they invested.

There is no guarantee that the Fund will meet its stated objectives.

A limited number of investments may be held which has the potential to increase the volatility of performance.

The movements of exchange rates may lead to further changes in the value of investments.

There is a risk that any company providing services such as safe keeping of assets or acting as counterparty to derivatives may become insolvent, which may cause losses to the Fund.

The Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money in the short-term (within 5 years). The Fund should be viewed as a medium to long-term investment only.

#### **FUND BENCHMARKS**

Shareholders may wish to compare the performance of the Fund against the MSCI World Index (GBP) (the "Index"). The Index is a broadly based global index which includes a broad range of companies across large and mid-cap market capitalisations which is consistent with the stock selection process. The stocks comprising the Index are aligned with the Fund's global focus, and on that basis the Index is considered an appropriate performance comparator for the Fund. Please note the Fund is not constrained by or managed to the Index.

The MSCI World Index is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

Shareholders may also wish to compare the Fund's performance against other funds within the Investment Association's (IA) Global sector as that will give investors an indication of how the Fund is performing compared with other funds that invest in global equities. As the sector aligns with the Fund's asset allocation it is considered that this is an appropriate comparator.

The IA Global Sector is a Comparator Benchmark of the Fund.

### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, INVESTMENT REVIEW

#### **Performance**

Cumulative returns for the periods ended 28 February 2024

(%)

				(%)
	1 year	2 years	3 years	From Launch <sup>1</sup>
IFSL Evenlode Global Equity – B Shares	17.59	21.96	44.87	50.68
IA Global Sector*	12.89	14.96	22.81	37.41
MSCI World Index*	19.59	22.82	41.73	52.98

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IFSL Evenlode Global Equity Fund launched on 15 July 2020.

Source: Financial Express. Total Return. bid to bid. Sterling Terms.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Investors are reminded that the price of shares and the income derived from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up.

#### **Market Background**

Markets broadly rose through the year with particular strength from December onwards as confidence in a soft landing\* in the US grew. Having started the period in the tail end of 2022's sell-off (a period when investors were selling shares in large volumes leading to falling prices), we finished in the middle of another burst of exuberance, which cost the Fund in relative terms compared to the MSCI World Index due to it's lower exposure to companies in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) Sectors of Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary (non-essential goods and services), and the sub-sector of Capital Goods (otherwise known as industrials – includes manufacturers of machinery and equipment, commercial services and transporation).

#### **Investment Review**

#### **Performance**

The Fund (B Acc GBP share class) returned 17.6% in the year to 29 February 2024 vs its comparator benchmark the MSCI World Index which returned 19.6%. Since its launch on 15 July 2020 the Fund has returned 12% per annum on an annualised basis vs 12.4% per annum for the comparator benchmark. (Source – FE Analytics, GBP terms).

## **Portfolio Changes**

The Fund continued to manage valuation risk and business model risk (factors that can threaten company profitability) through the year, resulting in the initial purchases of stakes in Johnson & Johnson, Beiersdorf, Clarkson, Airbnb, and Informa, and exits of its stakes in Intuit, LVMH, Synopsys, Estee Lauder, CH Robinson Worldwide, Unilever, and Aon. As with previous years, these purchases and exits were entirely in our smaller portfolio positions, with a focus on improving portfolio quality and valuation.

<sup>\*</sup> Comparator Benchmark.

#### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, INVESTMENT REVIEW (CONTINUED)

On the purchase side, we concentrated on businesses which benefited from attractive and unusual network effects\*\*\* like Airbnb, Clarkson, and Informa, and those with robust brands, which Beiersdorf enjoys in consumer skincare, and Johnson & Johnson has in ethical drugs and medical devices (largely surgical devices). On the exit side, sales were predominantly driven by valuation, as well as concerns about the impact of certain mergers and acquisitions (Intuit and Aon), structural changes in industry (CH Robinson Worldwide), and underinvestment in consumer franchises (Estee Lauder and Unilever). We continue to monitor the exited companies.

#### Outlook

The broader market is markedly more optimistic year-on-year. Our sense is that expectations are framed firstly on a resilient global economy with scope for rate cuts in the year ahead, and secondly by strong optimism about the productivity benefits of machine learning innovations. Nothing has changed in our philosophy and process, and we continue to manage the Fund in order to deliver attractive organic cashflow growth in a broad variety of scenarios, with lower leverage (exposure to borrowing), cyclicality (exposure to the health of the economy), and capital intensity (amount of spending on assets necessary to support revenue) than the broader equity market.

Our objective remains to deliver capital growth over the long term, defined as five years and more. Our focus on managing valuation and business model risk aims to produce attractive returns relative to our comparator benchmark and reduce our relative volatility\*\*, although these are not primary objectives of the Fund. We expect and accept that there will be periods of underperformance.

We continue to focus on companies which offer three critical components: differentiated competitive advantages based on hard to replicate assets; participation in structurally growing\*\*\*\* markets; and focus on reinvestment and long-term profitability.

'Hard to replicate assets' are always intangible (i.e. not physical) and not available for sale in the market, and broadly fall into three types: network effects\*\*\*, as with Informa's B2B exhibitions franchise; switching costs, such as those enjoyed by Wolters Kluwers's workflow tools for accountants, medics, and company secretaries; and brands, as with Beiersdorf's ubiquitous 'Nivea'. Markets in structural growth\*\*\*\* ideally benefit from deeply rooted cultural trends, for instance increased spending on leisure travel and within it, alternative accommodation, as offered by Airbnb, or the increasing burden of age and morbid lifestyles driving Johnson & Johnson's medical franchises.

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17 June 2024

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- \* Soft landing a moderate economic slowdown following a period of growth where a recession is avoided.
- \*\* Volatility a tendency to change quickly and unpredictably.
- \*\*\* Network effects where the value of a product or service increases when the number of people using it increases
- \*\*\*\* Structural growth growth driven by change to the structure of a market, often driven by technological innovation or socioeconomic factors

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT As at 29 February 2024

Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	Europe ex. UK		
F7 017	(30.8%; 28.02.23 - 34.0%)	17 174 050	4.0
•	Accenture	17,174,959	4.0
,	Amadeus	12,086,622	2.8
- /	Beiersdorf	11,146,838	2.6
•	Heineken	14,517,452	3.4
	Hermes	9,295,160	2.2
29,470		11,140,482	2.6
209,637		17,249,185	4.0
•	Pernod Ricard	8,748,353	2.0
134,307		10,212,727	2.4
164,/64	Wolters Kluwer	20,562,006	4.8
		132,133,784	30.8
	Japan	,,	
	(1.7%; 28.02.23 - 1.7%)		
161,112	Nintendo	7,150,923	1.7
•			
		7,150,923	1.7
	United Kingdom (18.4%; 28.02.23 - 14.6%)		
117 217	(16.4%; 28.02.23 - 14.6%) Clarkson	4,211,680	1.0
582,240		17,245,949	4.0
•	<u> </u>		4.3
539,887 743,727		18,275,175	1.4
		6,025,676	2.5
639,017	London Stock Exhange	10,918,456	2.5 5.2
039,017	KEIX	22,109,988	5.2
		78,786,924	18.4

# IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (CONTINUED) As at 29 February 2024

United States (47.8%; 28.02.23 - 48.4%)  49,426 Airbnb	Holding or nominal value of positions		Bid market value £	Percentage of total net assets %
49,426 Airbnb       6,163,266       1.4         194,908 Alphabet Inc       21,364,648       5.0         76,506 Amazon       10,707,323       2.5         77,398 Broadridge Financial Solutions       12,481,095       2.9         38,428 CME Group       6,705,788       1.6         119,705 Intercontinental Exchange       13,119,448       3.1         81,573 Jack Henry & Associates       11,229,622       2.6         104,621 Johnson & Johnson       13,371,786       3.1         49,247 Marsh & Mclennan       7,887,639       1.8         79,971 Mastercard       30,036,187       7.0         268,586 Medtronic       17,749,624       4.1         65,706 Microsoft       21,523,050       5.0         23,650 S&P Global       8,023,043       1.9         75,465 Verisk Analytics       14,450,617       3.4         46,413 Visa       10,391,333       2.4         205,204,469       47.8         Portfolio of investments       423,276,100       98.7         Net other assets       5,749,964       1.3		United States		
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Net other assets 5,749,964 1.3			205,204,469	47.8
		Portfolio of investments	423,276,100	98.7
Total net assets 429,026,064 100.0		Net other assets	5,749,964	1.3
		Total net assets	429,026,064	100.0

All holdings are equities listed on recognised stock exchanges.

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, COMPARATIVE TABLE

B Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023	1 Mar 2022	1 Mar 2021
	to 29 Feb 2024	to 28 Feb 2023	to 28 Feb 2022
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	127.60	123.22	103.24
Return before operating charges*	24.15	5.45	21.05
Operating charges	(1.18)	(1.07)	(1.07)
Return after operating charges*	22.97	4.38	19.98
Distributions	(0.84)	(0.44)	(0.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.84	0.44	0.41
Closing net asset value per share	150.57	127.60	123.22
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.33	0.18	0.35
Performance Return after charges	18.00%	3.55%	19.35%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£24,566,483	£8,367,662	£6,609,980
	16,315,870	6,557,921	5,364,449
	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
	0.24%	0.14%	0.28%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	152.29	137.39	135.86
	125.90	114.34	103.48

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, COMPARATIVE TABLE (CONTINUED)

C Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023 to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2022 to 28 Feb 2023 (pence per share)	1 Mar 2021 to 28 Feb 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share Opening net asset value per share	127.87	123.36	103.30
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	24.16 (1.05)	5.46 (0.95)	20.98 (0.92)
Return after operating charges*	23.11	4.51	20.06
Distributions Retained distributions on accumulation shares	(0.94) 0.94	(0.57) 0.57	(0.52) 0.52
Closing net asset value per share	150.98	127.87	123.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.33	0.18	0.34
Performance Return after charges	18.07%	3.66%	19.42%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£204,167 135,227 0.75% 0.24%	£382,166 298,869 0.75% 0.14%	£367,022 297,522 0.75% 0.28%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	152.70 126.18	137.61 114.50	135.99 103.54

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, COMPARATIVE TABLE (CONTINUED)

F Accumulation Shares	1 Mar 2023	1 Mar 2022	1 Mar 2021
	to 29 Feb 2024	to 28 Feb 2023	to 28 Feb 2022
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	128.56	123.78	103.43
Return before operating charges*	24.38	5.48	21.04
Operating charges	(0.77)	(0.70)	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	23.61	4.78	20.35
Distributions	(1.26)	(0.83)	(0.77)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.26	0.83	0.77
Closing net asset value per share	152.17	128.56	123.78
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.34	0.18	0.36
<b>Performance</b> Return after charges	18.36%	3.86%	19.68%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£162,209,968	£56,238,575	£23,926,902
	106,597,457	43,743,805	19,330,672
	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%
	0.24%	0.14%	0.28%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	153.91	138.22	136.41
	126.87	114.96	103.68

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, COMPARATIVE TABLE (CONTINUED)

F Income Shares	3 Jul 2023 <sup>1</sup> to 29 Feb 2024 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b> Opening net asset value per share	139.72
Return before operating charges* Operating charges	12.38 (0.52)
Return after operating charges*	11.86
Distributions on income shares	(0.63)
Closing net asset value per share	151.58
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.23
Performance Return after charges	8.49%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges (p.a.) Direct transaction costs (p.a.)	£242,045,446 159,679,662 0.55% 0.24%
Prices Highest published share price (pence) Lowest published share price (pence)	153.95 134.08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Share class was opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023.

<b>IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, 9</b> For the year ended 29 February 2024	STATEMENT C	F TOTAL RETUR	RN	
			29.02.24	28.02.23
	Note	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains	2		42,320,517	1,149,454
Revenue	3	3,924,221	, ,	598,640
Expenses	4	(1,495,640)		(281,612)
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(24,856)		(1,938)
Net revenue before taxation		2,403,725		315,090
Taxation	5	(370,767)		(61,114)
Net revenue after taxation			2,032,958	253,976
Total return before distributions			44,353,475	1,403,430
Distributions	6		(2,032,958)	(253,975)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activ		_	42,320,517	1,149,455
For the year ended 29 February 2024	SSETS ATTRII	BUTABLE TO SHA	AREHOLDERS	
			29.02.24	28.02.23
	Note	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to	shareholders		64,988,404	30,903,904
Movements due to sales and repurchases	of shares:			
Amounts receivable on issue of shares		500,036,928		36,678,038
Amounts payable on cancellation of share	s	(180, 330, 134)		(4,181,263)
			319,706,794	32,496,775
Dilution adjustment			529,712	45,331
Change in net assets attributable to share from investment activities	eholders		42,320,517	1,149,455
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6		1,480,637	392,939
Closing net assets attributable to sl	hareholders	_	429,026,064	64,988,404

#### IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, BALANCE SHEET As at 29 February 2024 29.02.24 Note 28.02.23 £ £ Assets: Fixed assets: Investments 423,276,100 64,156,251 **Current assets:** 7 Debtors 7,431,036 1,761,715 Cash and bank balances 8 1,139,598 5,367,236 **Total assets** 430,405,051 72,726,885 Liabilities: **Creditors:** Distribution payable on income shares 1,003,609 Other creditors 9 375,378 7,738,481 **Total liabilities** 1,378,987 7,738,481 Net assets attributable to shareholders 429,026,064 64,988,404

As at 29 February 2024

## 1. Accounting 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The Directors are of the opinion 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 and its sub-funds consist predominantly of readily realisable securities and accordingly the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of the financial statements.

### (b) Functional currency

The functional currency used in the financial statements is Pound Sterling because it is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on holdings, net of any irrecoverable tax credits, are recognised when the underlying equity is quoted ex-dividend. Bank interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

All revenue is recognised on the condition that the flow of economic benefits is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

## (d) Treatment of stock dividends

Stock dividends are credited to the capital account when the stock is quoted ex-dividend. The cash equivalent is then transferred to the revenue account and forms part of the distributable revenue.

The allocation of special dividends is considered on a case-by-case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital.

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, except those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are allocated to the revenue account on an accrual basis.

#### (f) Allocation of revenue and expense to multiple share classes

Any assets or liabilities not attributable to a particular share class are allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the relevant share classes.

As at 29 February 2024

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Taxation/deferred taxation

Corporation tax is provided for on taxable revenue, less deductible expenses, at a rate of 20%. This is the rate that has been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided for in respect of all items that have been included in these financial statements, or those of a previous period, that will be included in future periods for taxation purposes, other than those timing differences regarded as permanent. Any liability to deferred tax is provided for at the rate of tax expected to apply to the reversal of timing difference.

Income tax on interest distributions is classes as 'income tax recoverable' and is recovered on a yearly basis on submission of the Fund's annual tax return.

### (h) Distribution Policy

Revenue produced by the Fund's investments is accrued annually. At the end of each year the revenue, less the expenses allocated to the revenue account, is distributed/accumulated at the discretion of the Investment Manager, as per the prospectus.

As the Fund only has accumulation shares in issue, there is no policy for unclaimed distributions.

### (i) Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies at the year-end are translated into Sterling at the latest available rates of exchange on the balance sheet date. Transactions in overseas currencies occurring during the year are recorded at the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction.

#### (j) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Fund's balance sheet when the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price (including transaction costs) and subsequently measured at amortised cost, except for the Fund's investments classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially recognised at fair value (excluding transaction costs).

The investments are measured at bid prices, and quoted price for single priced funds, on the balance sheet date, with any gains or losses arising on measurement recognised in the statement of total return. If bid prices and quoted price for single priced funds are not available, the latest available prices are used. If separate offer and bid prices are quoted for shares or units, then the bid price is used. If no price or recent available price exists, the investments are valued at a price which, in the opinion of the ACD, reflects the fair value of the asset. This may involve the use of an appropriate valuation technique/methodology.

#### (k) Significant judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There have been no significant judgements or sources of estimated uncertainty in the period.

2.	Net capital gains		
		29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	Non-derivative securities Currency (losses)/gains CSDR penalties Net capital gains	47,733,372 (5,413,743) 888 42,320,517	(1,662,169) 2,811,556 67 <b>1,149,454</b>
3.	Revenue		
		29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	UK franked dividends Overseas dividends Franked income currency (losses)/gains Bank interest Unfranked income currency gains/(losses) Total revenue	783,289 3,047,298 (11,525) 97,221 7,938 3,924,221	99,222 492,500 649 7,110 (841) <b>598,640</b>
4.	Expenses		
	Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
	agents of either: Periodic charge	1,495,640 1,495,640	281,612 281,612
	Total expenses	1,495,640	281,612

The audit fees of the Fund are paid by the Investment Manager. The audit fees for the current year are £6,250 plus VAT (28.02.2023: £8,700 plus VAT).

#### 5. Taxation

## (a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	-	-
Overseas tax	370,767	61,114
Total current tax for the year (see note 5(b))	370,767	61,114
Deferred tax (see note 5(c))		
Total taxation for the year	370,767	61,114

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

The taxation assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised Open-Ended Investment Company (20%). The differences are explained below:

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Net revenue before taxation	2,403,725	315,090
Corporation tax at 20%	480,745	63,018
Effects of: Revenue not subject to taxation Excess expenses for which no relief taken Overseas taxation	(763,812) 283,067 370,767	(118,474) 55,456 61,114
Current tax charge for the year (see note 5(a))	370,767	61,114

## (c) Provision for deferred tax

As at the 29 February 2024 the Fund had surplus management expenses of £1,799,228 (28 February 2023: £383,891). The deferred tax asset in respect of this would be £359,846 (28 February 2023: £76,778). It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year. Changes in tax laws and rates may affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities and our effective tax rate in the future.

#### 6. Distributions

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

	29.02.24 £	28.02.23 £
Final - Income (28 Feb)	1,003,609 1,003,609	
Final - Accumulation (28 Feb)	1,480,637 1,480,637	392,939 392,939
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares Net distribution for the year	965,924 (1,417,212) <b>2,032,958</b>	14,687 (153,650) <b>253,976</b>
Interest	(24,856)	(1,938)
Total finance costs	2,008,102	252,038
Reconciliation to net distribution for the year Net revenue after taxation for the year Net distribution for the year	2,032,958 2,032,958	253,976 <b>253,976</b>

Details of the distributions per share are set out on page 114.

### 7. Debtors – Amounts falling due within one year

		29.02.24	28.02.23
		£	£
	Amounts receivable for issue of shares	1,348,494	7,374,484
	Accrued revenue	347,793	44,055
	Income tax recoverable	65,428	12,496
	Total debtors	1,761,715	7,431,035
8.	Cash and bank balances		
		29.02.24	28.02.23
		£	£
	Cash and bank balances	5,367,236	1,139,598
	Total cash and bank balances	5,367,236	1,139,598

Sterling denominated bank account balances bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points.

#### 9. Other creditors

	29.02.24	28.02.23
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	184,233	12,293
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	7,698,748
Accrued annual management charge	191,145	27,440
Total creditors	375,378	7,738,481

#### 10. Related party transactions

The ACD is regarded as a related party of the Fund. The ACD acts as either agent or principal for the Depositary in respect of all transactions in the Fund's shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

As at the balance sheet date Evenlode Investment Management Limited held 44,660 shares in the Fund. As at the balance sheet date one nominee shareholder (Nortrust Nominees Limited) held 65.0% of the Fund's total net asset value.

As at the balance sheet date Calibre Equity Fund, an authorised fund which is also administered by the ACD, held 3,200,000 shares in the IFSL Evenlode Global Equity Fund (F Accumulation Shares).

Details of transactions occurring during the accounting period with the ACD and the Depositary, and any balances due at the year end, are fully disclosed in notes 4 and 9 of the financial statements.

## 11. Share classes

As at the balance sheet date the Fund had four share classes. The following table shows a breakdown of the change in shares in issue of each share class in the year:

	B Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	6,557,921.166
Total creation of shares in the year	16,911,021.326
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(7,153,072.002)
Closing shares at the end of the year	16,315,870.490
	C Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	298,869.236
Total creation of shares in the year	67,165.204
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(230,807.551)
Closing shares at the end of the year	135,226.889
	F Accumulation
Opening shares at the start of the year	43,743,804.569
Total creation of shares in the year	186,230,670.771
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(123,377,018.174)
Closing shares at the end of the year	106,597,457.166
	F Income
Opening shares at the start of the year	-
Total creation of shares in the year	160,827,693.627
Total cancellation of shares in the year	(1,148,032.000)
Closing shares at the end of the year	159,679,661.627

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## 11. Share classes (continued)

As at the balance sheet date the periodic charge of each share class was as follows\*:

B Accumulation shares 0.85% p.a.

C Accumulation shares 0.75% p.a.

F Accumulation shares 0.55% p.a.

F Income shares 0.55% p.a.

\*Please note the Fund operates a tiered discount system on the periodic charge, as at the balance sheet date the Fund had not reached the limit applicable to apply a discount.

The net asset value of each share class, the net asset value per share, and the number of shares in each share class are given in the Comparative Tables on pages 96 to 99. The distributions per share class are given in the Distribution Table on page 114. Income, and the associated tax, which is not attributable to a particular share class is allocated by the ACD in a manner which is considered fair to shareholders in general, usually pro-rata based on the net asset values of the share classes. All classes have the same rights on winding up.

#### 12. Risk management policies

In pursuing the investment objectives financial instruments are held which may expose the Fund to various types of risk. The main risks inherent in the investment portfolio, and the ACD's policies for managing these risks, which were applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below:

### (a) Currency exposures

The Fund's financial assets are invested in listed equities whose prices are quoted in various different currencies. This gives rise to a direct currency exposure, details of which are shown in the following table:

	ass	foreign curren ets/(liabilities 9 February 20	s)	ass	oreign curren ets/(liabilities February 202	s)
	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary exposures	Total	Monetary exposures	Non- monetary exposures	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Euro Japanese yen Swiss franc US dollar	- - -	87,562 7,151 27,462 222,527	87,562 7,151 27,462 222,527	- - - -	13,542 953 4,449 30,267	13,542 953 4,449 30,267

There are no specific policies employed to manage the currency exposure.

## 12. Risk management policies (continued)

## (a) Currency exposures (continued)

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £31,317,198 (28 February 2023: £4,968,327). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £38,276,575 (28 February 2023: £6,072,399). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

#### (b) Cash flow risk and interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The Fund's revenue is mainly received from holdings in listed equities. The Fund does not have any long-term financial liabilities. The Fund is affected by the impact of movements in interest rates on its own cash balances.

The direct exposure to interest rate risk as at the balance sheet date is shown in the following table:

	Floating rate financial assets	Fixed rate financial assets	Non interest bearing financial assets	Floating rate financial liabilities	Non interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
29.02.24						
Euro	-	-	87,562	-	-	87,562
Japanese yen	-	-	7,151	-	-	7,151
Sterling	5,367	-	80,336	_	(1,379)	84,324
Swiss franc	-	-	27,462	-	-	27,462
US dollar	-	-	222,527	-	-	222,527
28.02.23						
Euro	-	-	14,971	-	(1,429)	13,542
Japanese yen	-	-	1,084	-	(131)	953
Sterling	1,140	-	16,905	-	(2,267)	15,778
Swiss franc	-	-	4,856	-	(407)	4,449
US dollar	-	-	33,771	-	(3,504)	30,267

Short-term debtors and creditors are included as non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities in the above table.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise: Sterling denominated bank account balances that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate less 75 basis points (to a minimum of NIL) and overdrafts that bear interest at the Bank of England base rate plus 100 basis points. Non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities mainly comprise investments that do not have a maturity date.

Cash flow risk and interest rate risk is managed by only holding cash at reputable financial institutions.

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.

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## 12. Risk management policies (continued)

## (c) Liquidity risk

All of the Fund's underlying financial assets are considered to be readily realisable. Where investments cannot be realised in time to meet any potential liability, the Fund may borrow up to 10% of its net asset value to ensure settlement. All of the Fund's financial liabilities are payable on demand or in less than one year.

#### (d) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. This includes counterparty and issuer risk. Cash is held with reputable credit institutions and credit risk is assessed on a regular basis.

Certain transactions in securities that the Fund enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Fund has fulfilled its obligations. The Fund only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty and these are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

### (e) Market price risk

The value of shares/units in the underlying investments is 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 share/unit held within an underlying investment 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 diversified portfolios of collective investment schemes and transferable securities in line with the investment objectives. In addition, the management of the Fund complies with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 20% of the assets of the Fund in any one underlying investment.

If the value of shares/units in the underlying investments were to increase or decrease by 10% the change in the net asset value of the Fund would be £42,327,610 (28 February 2023: £6,415,625). This calculation assumes all other variables remain constant.

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

	INVESTMENT ASSETS		
Valuation technique	29 February 2024 £	28 February 2023 £	
Level 1: Quoted Prices	423,276,100	64,156,251	
Level 2: Observable Market Data Level 3: Unobservable Data	- -	- -	
	423,276,100	64,156,251	

As at the year-end there were no investment 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.

#### (g) Commitments on derivatives

No derivatives were held at the balance sheet date (28 February 2023: £nil).

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#### 13. Transaction costs

#### (a) Direct transaction costs

Direct transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties incurred when purchasing and selling the underlying securities. In addition to the direct transaction costs below, indirect costs are incurred through the bid-offer spread. It is not possible for the ACD to quantify these indirect costs. A breakdown of the purchases and sales, and the related direct transaction costs incurred by the Fund in the year are shown in the table below:

	29.02.24 £		28.02.23 £	
Analysis of total purchase costs	2			
PURCHASES				
Equities	372,582,021		47,665,790	
Net purchases before direct transaction costs	372,582,021		47,665,790	
		% of total	c	% of total
DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS		purchases	F	urchases
Equities	608,264	0.16%	59,931	0.13%
Total direct transaction costs	608,264	0.16%	59,931	0.13%
Gross purchases total	373,190,285		47,725,721	
Analysis of total sale costs				
SALES				
Equities	56,907,687		15,293,141	
Gross sales before direct transaction costs	56,907,687		15,293,141	
		% of total	c	% of total
DIRECT TRANSACTION COSTS		sales		sales
Equities	(24,392)	0.04%	(5,808)	0.04%
Total direct transaction costs	(24,392)	0.04%	(5,808)	0.04%
Net sales total	56,883,295		15,287,333	
Net sales total	50,665,295		15,267,333	
	29.02.24	% of	28.02.23	% of
	£ erage NAV		£ erage NAV	
Analysis of total direct transaction costs				
Equities	632,656	0.24%	65,739	0.14%
Total direct transaction costs	632,656	0.24%	65,739	0.14%

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## **13.** Transaction costs (continued)

## (b) Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.05% (28 February 2023: 0.04%). This is calculated as the difference between the offer and bid value of the portfolio as a percentage of the offer value.

## 14. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

The Fund had no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

#### 15. Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year-end, the net asset value per share of each share class has changed as follows:

B Accumulation Shares – Increased from 150.57 pence per share to 150.13 pence per share (3 June 2024).

C Accumulation Shares – Increased from 150.98 pence per share to 150.58 pence per share (3 June 2024).

F Accumulation Shares – Increased from 152.17 pence per share to 151.85 pence per share (3 June 2024).

F Income Shares - Increased from 151.58 pence per share to 151.26 pence per share (3 June 2024).

## IFSL EVENLODE GLOBAL EQUITY, DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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## Annual Distribution (29 February 2024)

Group 1 - Shares purchased on or prior to 28 February 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased after 28 February 2023

Shares	Revenue	Equalisation <sup>1</sup>	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.24	Paid/Accumulated 30.04.23
	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)	(pence)
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.8383	-	0.8383	0.4443
Group 2	0.2711	0.5672	0.8383	0.4443
C Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9439	-	0.9439	0.5700
Group 2	0.0998	0.8441	0.9439	0.5700
F Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2594	-	1.2594	0.8277
Group 2	0.7836	0.4758	1.2594	0.8277
F Income				
Group 1	0.6285	-	0.6285	N/A
Group 2	0.3646	0.2639	0.6285	N/ A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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