# Baillie Gifford<sup>®</sup>

# Baillie Gifford Diversified Growth Fund

31 December 2024

#### **About Baillie Gifford**

Philosophy

Long-term investment horizon
A growth bias
Top-down, macroeconomic and research-led approach
Active management with a flexible approach to asset allocation

Partnership

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100% owned by 58 partners with average 20 years' service
Ownership aligns our interests with those of our clients
Enables us to take a thoughtful, long-term view in all that we do

# Investment Proposition The Fund is actively managed. V

The Fund is actively managed. When constructing the portfolio, we consider the associated returns and risks prospects for each asset class; consequently, asset allocation does vary over time depending on where we see the best opportunities. The Fund can invest in a wide range of different asset classes including, but not limited to, listed equities; developed market government and corporate bonds; emerging market debt; property; commodities; infrastructure and absolute return funds.

#### **Fund Facts**

Fund Launch Date	22 December 2008
Fund Size	£1046.0m
Index	UK Base Rate

Stability, quality and consistency

#### **Fund Manager**

Name	Years' Experience		
Scott Lothian	24		
James Squires*	18		
Felix Amoako-Kwarteng	13		
Nicoleta Dumitru	11		

<sup>\*</sup>Partner

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#### **Fund Objective**

To achieve (after deduction of costs):

- an annualised return over rolling five-year periods that is at least 3.5% more than UK Base Rate
- a positive return over rolling three-year periods
- annualised volatility of returns over rolling five-year periods that is below 10%

There is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over rolling three-year periods, or any time period, and capital may be at risk.

The manager believes these are appropriate targets given the investment policy of the Fund and the approach taken by the manager when investing.

There is no guarantee that these objectives will be achieved over any time period and actual results may differ from these objectives, particularly over shorter time periods.

#### Periodic Performance

	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years (p.a.)	5 Years (p.a.)
Class B-Acc (%)	-2.4	5.5	-2.6	0.6
Index (%)*	1.2	5.2	3.8	2.3
Target (%)**	2.1	8.7	7.3	5.8

Source: FE, Revolution. Total return net of charges, in sterling.

Share class returns calculated using 10am prices, while the Index is calculated close-to-close.

Baillie Gifford operates a single swinging price for the Fund and, therefore, may apply a dilution adjustment to the price to protect long-term investors from the costs associated with buying and selling underlying investments that result from other investors joining or leaving the Fund. This adjustment will affect relative performance, either positively or negatively.

#### Discrete Performance

	31/12/19- 31/12/20	31/12/20- 31/12/21	31/12/21- 31/12/22	31/12/22- 31/12/23	31/12/23- 31/12/24
Class B-Acc (%)	2.0	9.2	-16.1	4.5	5.5
Index (%)*	0.2	0.1	1.5	4.8	5.2
Target (%)**	3.7	3.6	5.0	8.2	8.7

Source: FE, Revolution. Total return net of charges, in sterling.

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#### **Delivered Volatility**

	%
Class B2-Acc	9.1

Annualised volatility, calculated over five years to 31 December 2024.

Source: Moody's Analytics UK Limited.

All data as at 31 December 2024 and source Baillie Gifford & Co Limited unless otherwise stated. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

<sup>\*</sup>UK Base Rate.

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#### Market environment

For much of 2024, our base-case economic expectation centred on a 'soft landing' in the United States, meaning low-to-moderate growth, inflation drifting towards the Federal Reserve's 2% target and scope for interest rate cuts through 2025.

Indeed, over the better part of the year, that view largely held true. However, the final stage of taming inflation in the US has proved more challenging, with food prices, housing costs, and medical care all remaining elevated. Meanwhile, continued wage growth in an already tight labour market is propping up consumer demand.

Compounding these inflationary pressures is President Trump's decisive election win, which points to a raft of pro-growth policies, from additional corporate tax relief to deregulation. While such measures can bolster business confidence and investment, possible tariffs and curbs on immigration may constrain supply, contributing to inflation that is stickier than previously forecast.

Looking ahead, rising productivity—including the benefits of Al adoption—could help offset some wage and cost pressures, guiding inflation closer to target over time, albeit more gradually than previously expected and without the need for substantial rate cuts.

Away from the US, there is a glimmer of light in China. Recent measures signal a more proactive fiscal and regulatory stance aimed at stabilising consumer confidence and the property sector. While structural challenges persist, such as high local government debt, these efforts suggest the emergence of a more constructive economic environment, one we are monitoring closely.

In Europe, the macroeconomic picture remains subdued, though there are again reasons for optimism. Services activity, supported by tight labour markets and real income growth, has helped offset persistent weakness in manufacturing, keeping the region out of recession. Potential fiscal easing in Germany, European Central Bank interest rate cuts, and tailwinds from the US and China may support a cyclical recovery. While risks tied to geopolitical uncertainty remain, these factors suggest a cautiously improving outlook.

In Japan, evidence of structural inflation continues to build, driven by rising service-sector prices and record wage agreements. Although real growth remains modest, nominal growth expectations should allow a gradual normalisation of monetary policy. We see substantial room for yields to rise as quantitative tightening accelerates and the Bank of Japan raises policy rates.

Across the world, we remain mindful of fiscal pressures that could push bond yields higher. Rising levels of debt, and the associated servicing costs, increased defence spending in Europe, and expansive economic policies in the U.S. may amplify the market focus on deficits, steepening yield curves in the process, especially if inflation stays elevated. Such a development would likely weigh negatively on sentiment. However, under our 'no landing' view, we see the global economy running somewhat stronger for longer, with inflation above target but not requiring a dramatic policy response.

#### Performance

Against a backdrop of a meaningful rise in US government bond yields and broader inflationary pressures, the Fund delivered a modest negative return over the quarter.

Real assets, including infrastructure, property, and commodities, were among the leading detractors, while structured finance, high yield credit, and insurance linked securities made a positive contribution. Our active rates and currency overlay also performed well.

Of those negative asset classes, infrastructure exhibits longduration characteristics, so valuations faced pressure from rising bond yields. And while the portfolio's exposure to economic infrastructure and renewables saw a pronounced sell-off due to policy concerns following the US election, we remain positive on clean energy's long-term outlook and took this as an opportunity to increase our allocation.

Property was the other clear drag to performance in Q4 with the sensitivity to bond yields being seen through REIT prices falling in the US, Europe and UK. Despite this, we see value in European and UK markets where rental growth is running above inflation on many properties and capitalisation rates (or the rate of return) ought to exhibit more stability. While not all REITs suffered over the quarter – for example, data centre REITs benefitted from positive sentiment towards AI-related stocks – in aggregate property was a more notable detractor from returns during the period.

Within our commodity allocation, while the performance of the underlying holdings was mixed, overall the asset class was marginally negative. Carbon credits rose over the quarter, while copper and rare earth miners fell.

On the positive side, our Active Rates and Currencies asset class performed particularly well. Returns here were led by the short Japanese government bond future, with an additional contribution from our short position in the Chinese yuan. Alongside this, our hard currency emerging market bonds were also in positive territory over the quarter as spreads tightened alongside expectations for a stronger US dollar.

Lastly, the insurance linked security market rebounded from a period of weakness at the start of the quarter brought on by Hurricane Milton. While hurricane season is now behind us, and we do not expect Helene or Milton to cause significant losses for the market, the asset class made a positive contribution as the attractive yields on offer were complemented by the floating-rate coupons on the underlying bonds.

#### **Positioning**

In response to the evolving macroeconomic environment and the increased probability we attach to a 'no landing' scenario, we made several portfolio adjustments to align with a stronger US growth outlook and expectations of abovetarget inflation. This meant reducing the Fund's overall duration and reallocating capital into growth assets that we believe are better equipped to withstand elevated interest rates.

Our largest allocations now lie in listed equities and infrastructure, segments we believe are well-positioned for

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this environment, and both areas we have added to during the quarter.

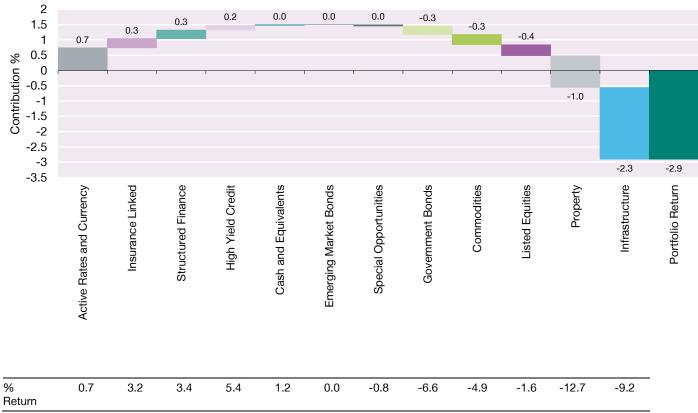
Other key changes include the complete sale of our long US Treasuries and Australian 30-year government bonds. alongside a reduced exposure to Emerging Market debt, property, and core infrastructure. Nevertheless, infrastructure remains a key holding in the portfolio. While the underlying assets typically benefit most from an environment of falling interest rates, their high yield provides a strong income as we await more accommodative conditions. Moreover, our latest scenario analysis indicates that infrastructure's yield profile can still contribute positively to overall returns even if rates remain higher for longer by virtue of its stable cash flows, inflation-linked revenues, and attractive valuation, with many assets trading at a substantial discount to net asset values. Conversely, we have reduced positions in asset classes more heavily reliant on interest rate declines for generating attractive returns from current valuations, notably in developed and Emerging Market government bonds, which aligns with our higher-for-longer interest rate outlook. We also exited our December VIX futures position during Q4. One-third of this was sold ahead of the US election, with the remainder immediately after the election. This meant we broke even on the position over its life. We retain, and indeed added to, the other protective position in the portfolio held through Credit Default Swaps, referencing a pool of European and US high yield bonds. With spreads at or near all-time lows, and with interest rates likely to remain higher for longer, we continue to believe these swap positions offer very efficient portfolio protection.

Lastly, we increased the fund's cash holding. While our growth outlook is more optimistic, particularly in the US, risks remain, and valuations on mainstream assets (including within equity and credit markets) are not obviously cheap by historical metrics. Therefore, we see the benefit of maintaining a balance of 'dry powder', to go alongside the portfolio protection positions. In addition to T-Bills, some of that cash is now invested in Blackrock's 'LEAF' money market fund, which was a new buy for the portfolio at the end of December.

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# Asset Class Contributions to Performance

### Quarter to 31 December 2024

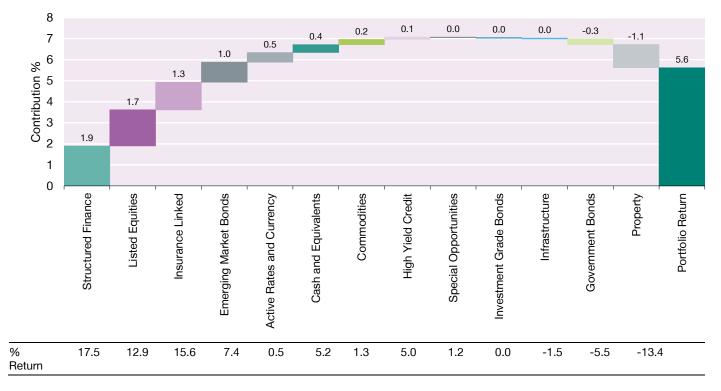


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## One Year to 31 December 2024



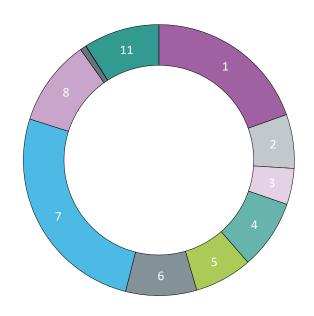
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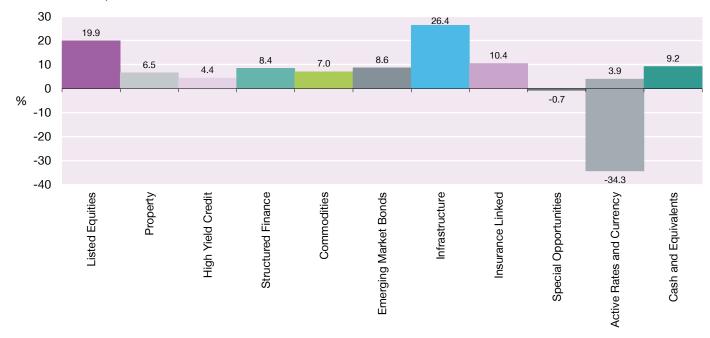
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## Asset Allocation at Quarter End

		(%)
1	Listed Equities	19.9
2	Property	6.5
3	High Yield Credit	4.4
4	Structured Finance	8.4
5	Commodities	7.0
6	Emerging Market Bonds	8.6
7	Infrastructure	26.4
8	Insurance Linked	10.4
9	Special Opportunities	-0.7
10	Active Rates and Currency	0.0
11	Cash and Equivalents	9.2
	Total	100.0
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# Asset Class Exposures at Quarter End

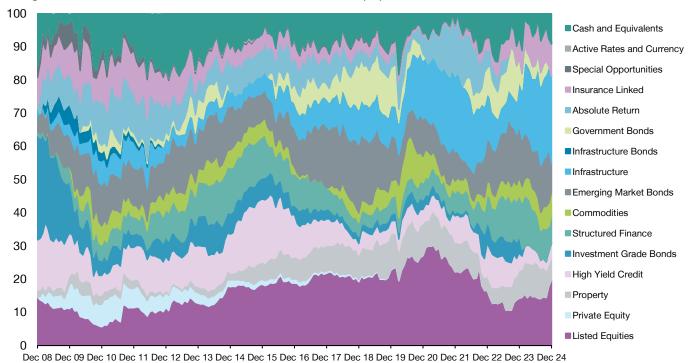


Source: Baillie Gifford & Co Total may not sum due to rounding

Any difference between the weight of an asset class (as shown in the Asset Allocation at Quarter End table above) and its exposure relates to future positions, as do any negative exposures. The weight shown against Active Rates and Currency reflects the net unrealised profit or loss of open positions in the Fund. In other asset classes, any negative exposures relate to futures positions.

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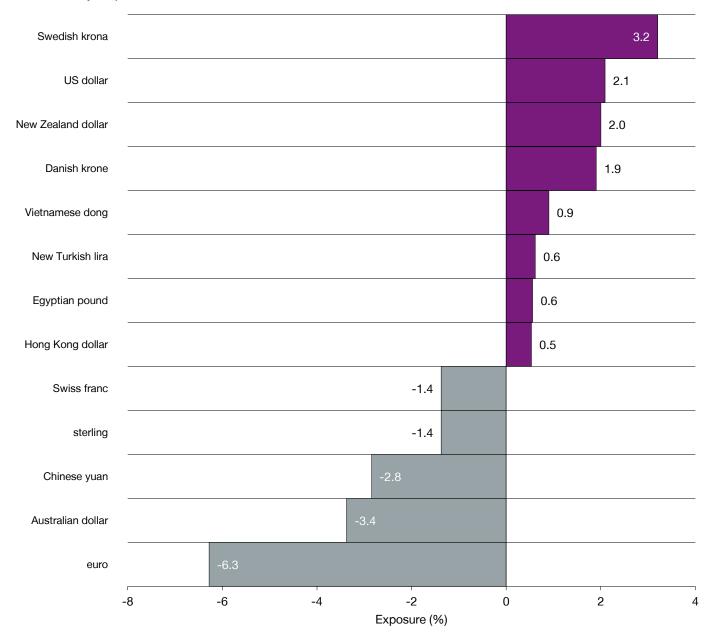
# Changes in Asset Allocation Since Launch of the Fund<sup>†</sup> (%)



† 22 December 2008

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## Net Currency Exposures at Quarter End



Source: Baillie Gifford & Co. Only includes relative currency positions greater than +/- 0.5%.

The chart shows material currency positions in the Fund relative to the sterling denominated index.

The bars represent net long and short currency positions held in the portfolio including:

- Exposures gained through unhedged investments in non-sterling assets, and;
- Active Currency: currency exposures which may be return-seeking or portfolio hedges.

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Asset Name	Weight (%)	Exposure (%)
Listed Equities		
Baillie Gifford LTGG Investment Fund C Acc	3.8	3.8
Baillie Gifford EM Lead Co Fund C Accum	3.3	3.3
Baillie Gifford American Fund C Accum	3.3	3.3
Baillie Gifford Global Income Growth Fund C Acc	3.1	3.1
Dimensional Global Value Fund	2.5	2.5
BG WW China A Shares Growth C GBP Acc	2.1	2.1
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust	0.9	0.9
Vinacapital Vietnam Opportunities	0.5	0.5
Vietnam Enterprise	0.5	0.5
Eurovestech	0.0	0.0
Total Listed Equities	19.9	19.9
Property		
Ctp N.V.	0.9	0.9
Equinix	0.7	0.7
American Tower Corp REIT	0.6	0.6
Warehouses De Pauw	0.5	0.5
Unite Group	0.5	0.5
Segro Plc	0.5	0.5
Assura Group	0.4	0.4
Tritax Big Box REIT	0.3	0.3
Montea NV	0.3	0.3
Prologis Inc REIT	0.3	0.3
Life Science Reit Plc	0.3	0.3
Grainger PLC	0.2	0.2
Target Healthcare Reit Plc	0.2	0.2
Sun Communities Inc REIT	0.2	0.2
Crown Castle International REIT	0.2	0.2
Lineage Inc	0.2	0.2
LondonMetric Property	0.2	0.2
Care Reit PLC	0.2	0.2
Total Property	6.5	6.5
High Yield Credit		
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund	1.6	1.6
Blackstone Secured Lending Fund	0.8	0.8
Ares Capital Corp	0.7	0.7
Brightline East 11% 2030 (144A)	0.5	0.5
Sixth Street Specialty Lending	0.4	0.4
Golub Capital BDC Inc	0.4	0.4

Asset Name	Weight (%)	Exposure (%)
Total High Yield Credit	4.4	4.4
Structured Finance		
Galene Fund	3.0	3.0
Aegon ABS Opportunity Fund Acc	2.4	2.4
Accunia European CLO Fund EUR	1.4	1.4
HSBC Global Asset Backed High Yield Bond Fund	0.9	0.9
TwentyFour Income Fund	0.8	0.8
Total Structured Finance	8.4	8.4
Commodities		
SparkChange Physical Carbon ETC	2.2	2.2
WisdomTree Copper ETC	1.7	1.7
WisdomTree Aluminium ETC	1.7	1.7
Lynas Corporation	0.9	0.9
MP Materials	0.5	0.5
Total Commodities	7.0	7.0
Emerging Market Bonds		
EBRD 0% 2036 11/07/2036	0.6	0.6
Egypt T Bill 11/03/2025	0.5	0.5
Sweihan 3.625% 2049	0.4	0.4
Mexico 6.35% 09/02/2035 (USD)	0.4	0.4
Brazil 10% 01/01/2035	0.3	0.3
North Macedonia 1.625% 10/03/2028 (EUR)	0.3	0.3
Uzbekistan 3.9% 19/10/2031 (USD)	0.3	0.3
Chile 4.34% 07/03/2042 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Ivory Coast 5.25% 2030 (EUR)	0.2	0.2
Ukraine 1.75% 01/02/2034 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Poland 2.5% 25/07/2027	0.2	0.2
Abu Dhabi 3.125% 30/09/2049 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Oman 6.5% 08/03/2047 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Colombia 3% 30/01/2030 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Turkiye 4.875% 16/04/2043 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Tajikistan 7.125% 14/09/2027 (USD)	0.2	0.2
Mexico 7.75% 23/11/2034	0.2	0.2
Indonesia 8.375% 15/04/2039	0.2	0.2
Malaysia 3.906% 15/07/2026	0.2	0.2
Peru 6.9% 12/08/2037	0.2	0.2
Turkiye 5.95% 15/01/2031 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Argentina 5% 09/01/2038 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Hungary 3.125% 21/09/2051 (USD)	0.1	0.1

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Asset Name	Weight (%)	Exposure (%)
Chile 2.55% 27/07/2033 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Dominican Republic 6% 19/07/2028 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Egypt 5.875% 16/02/2031 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Nigeria 8.375% 24/03/2029 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Paraguay 5.4% 30/03/2050 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Czech Republic 0.25% 10/02/2027	0.1	0.1
Dominican Republic 11.25% 15/09/2035	0.1	0.1
South Africa 6.5% 28/02/41	0.1	0.1
South Africa 8.5% 31/01/2037	0.1	0.1
Indonesia 9% 15/03/2029	0.1	0.1
Hungary 4.5% 23/03/2028	0.1	0.1
Thailand 2% 17/06/2042	0.1	0.1
Nigeria 7.625% 28/11/2047 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Bahamas 8.95% 15/10/2032 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Colombia 7% 26/03/2031	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 3.35% 15/03/2033 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Mexico 8.5% 31/05/2029	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 3.6% 15/02/2038 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Romania 3.65% 24/09/2031	0.1	0.1
Chile 5% 01/03/2035	0.1	0.1
Uruguay 8.25% 21/05/2031	0.1	0.1
Poland 6% 25/10/2033	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 4% 15/04/2028 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Bahamas 6% 21/11/2028 (USD)	0.1	0.1
EBRD 0% 19/11/2034	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 3.6% 15/06/2035 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Colombia 3.875% 15/02/2061 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Serbia 5.875% 08/02/2028	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 3.1% 15/01/2030 (USD)	0.1	0.1
Sri Lanka 3.6% 15/05/2036 (USD)	0.0	0.0
Ivory Coast 6.875% 17/10/2040 (EUR)	0.0	0.0
Dominican Republic 4.875% 23/09/2032 (USD)	0.0	0.0
Thailand 3.775% 25/06/2032	0.0	0.0
Egypt T Bill 04/03/2025	0.0	0.0
Argentina 0.75% 09/07/2030 (USD)	0.0	0.0
Total Emerging Market Bonds	8.6	8.6
Infrastructure		
3i Infrastructure	2.1	2.1
United Utilities	1.7	1.7
Severn Trent	1.7	1.7
Terna	1.6	1.6

Asset Name	Weight (%)	Exposure (%)
Orsted	1.5	1.5
Iberdrola SA	1.5	1.5
RWE	1.5	1.5
Greencoat UK Wind	1.5	1.5
Redeia Corporación SA	1.3	1.3
Eversource Energy	1.2	1.2
Foresight Environmental Infrastructure Ltd	1.2	1.2
Enel SpA	1.1	1.1
Renewables Infrastructure Group	1.1	1.1
Getlink S.E.	1.0	1.0
Octopus Renewables Infrastructure	1.0	1.0
Aquila European Renewables Income	1.0	1.0
EDP Renovaveis	0.8	0.8
Brookfield Renewable	0.8	0.8
US Solar Fund	0.7	0.7
Hydro One	0.4	0.4
Fortis	0.4	0.4
Prysmian	0.4	0.4
NKT Holding AS	0.3	0.3
Nexans	0.3	0.3
WEC Energy Group	0.2	0.2
Total Infrastructure	26.4	26.4
Insurance Linked		
Leadenhall UCITS ILS Fund	4.9	4.9
IBRD Jamaica A 2024 (144A)	1.0	1.0
Catahoula Re 2022-1 A (144A)	0.9	0.9
Athena Re	0.8	0.8
IBRD Mexico 2024 - 1 A (144a)	0.8	0.8
MetroCat 2023-1 Class A	0.6	0.6
Ursa Re II 2022 AA (144A)	0.4	0.4
Ursa Re II 2022 C (144A)	0.3	0.3
Armor Re II 2024-2 A	0.3	0.3
Vitality Re XV 2024 B (144A)	0.3	0.3
Vitality Re XIV 2023 B (144A)	0.3	0.3
Total Insurance Linked	10.4	10.4
Special Opportunities		
CDIB ITRX Crossover GOS	4.8	4.8
CDIB CDX.NA.HY.43 MLA 201	4.6	4.6
CDIB CDX.NA.HY.43 MLA 201	-5.0	
CDIB ITRX Crossover GOS	-5.0 -5.2	-5.0 -5.2
ODID THIN GIOSSOVOL GOO	-0.2	-0.2

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Asset Name	Weight (%)	Exposure (%)
Total Special Opportunities	-0.7	-0.7
Total Active Rates and Currency	0.0	-30.3
Total Cash and Equivalents	9.2	9.2
Total	100.0	69.7

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Futures positions are included at their net exposure weight in the portfolio exposure column, and cash includes collateral held to back all long futures positions. Therefore total portfolio exposure may not sum to 100%.

The weight shown against Total Active Rates and Currency reflects the net unrealised profit or loss of open positions in the Fund. Any difference between the weight of an asset class and its exposure relates to futures positions, as do any negative exposures.

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#### Fund Name

#### Update

#### Baillie Gifford Diversified Growth Fund

During the most recent quarter, we made several asset allocation changes at the Fund level and within asset classes.

During the quarter, we increased our allocation to both growth and value equities. This was achieved through a new investment in the internal American Fund and an additional commitment to the Dimensional Global Value fund. This reflects a tilt towards positive near-term risk and reward brought on by the US election as we believe both productivity and earnings growth could increase as artificial intelligence is increasingly adopted and markets are deregulated. Additionally, we established a new position within our growth allocation to the internal China A Shares Fund as we sought to have exposure given the recent reforms announced by the government to stimulate the economy.

During the quarter we increased our allocation to mezzanine structured finance and loans. Our assessment indicates a heightened probability of interest rates remaining elevated for the short term, which should benefit these asset classes through enhanced yields and growing demand for alternative financing solutions. To fund this increase, we divested from our leveraged senior structured finance position, the Plutus CLO Fund. Initially acquired for its attractive spread and leverage potential, we determined that the investment case had largely played out as yields normalised towards historical averages, prompting us to seek more lucrative opportunities elsewhere.

Within infrastructure, we took the opportunity to add to economic infrastructure positions after a sell-off due to concerns over future policy to renewable assets in the US, adding to renewable operators. We also purchased a new holding, Getlink, which operates the Channel Tunnel. Getlink is looking to expand its offering of services through the tunnel and offer a second electricity transmission line between the UK and France, while also growing market share against ferry and air freight operators. Within core infrastructure, we reduced our exposure to US utilities to lock in gains after positive performance.

During the quarter, we sold out of our developed market government bond allocation and reduced our emerging market (EM) exposure. We believe the likelihood of a developed market recession has reduced, and inflation concerns have increased. Therefore, we felt the upside potential was limited from this starting point, and we sold our long-dated Australian and US government bonds. These concerns also transcend to the EM government bond allocation, alongside concerns around a strong dollar and the potential impact of tariffs, which led us to reduce our position.

We reduced our property exposure during the quarter due to concerns over the interest rate sensitivity of the asset class. With more risks to the upside for yields over the short term, we reduced the overall allocation with particular emphasis on US holdings. Within the asset class, we completely sold the position in Rexford Industrial Realty, the Californian industrial warehousing provider, instead favouring the European logistics provider, Montea. We also purchased Grainger PLC, one of the UK's largest residential landlords, due to the strength of its private rental portfolio and development pipeline.

We also sold the VIX futures position after a fairly benign outcome from the US election. These were due to expire in December but we took the opportunity to remove our exposure. The cash position has risen over the quarter as a result of the aforementioned trading but this is considered as a tactical allocation and will be used for future trading.

Credit ratings measure the creditworthiness of a bond issuer, such as a company or government. It tells you how likely the issuer is to pay back the money borrowed when they issued the bond. A higher rating means the issuer is considered more reliable and less likely to default on their debt, while a lower rating indicates a higher risk of not getting the invested money back. Baillie Gifford uses a blend of credit ratings from two agencies, Moody's and S&P. Where there is no official rating for a bond issuer, Baillie Gifford will rate these internally. The ratings scale from highest to lowest (AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC and C).

# Voting Activity

Votes Cast in Favour	Votes Cast Against Votes Abstained/Withheld			
Companies 5	Companies None		Companies	None
Resolutions 45	Resolutions	None	Resolutions	None

# Company Engagement

Company		
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust plc, CTP N.V., MP Materials Corp.		
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust plc, CTP N.V.		
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust plc, Athena I Reinsurance Designated Activity Company, CTP N.V., Foresight Environmental Infrastructure Limited, MP Materials Corp.		
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust plc, CTP N.V.		

For further details on company engagement please contact us. You can also find further information on how we integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters into our investment approach, <u>here</u>.

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Share Class	Share Class Inception Date	ISIN	SEDOL	Annual Management Fee (%)	Ongoing Charge Figure (%)
Class B-Inc	09 March 2011	GB00B3FD0V53	B3FD0V5	0.55	0.69
Class B-Acc	05 January 2016	GB00BYQCYV62	BYQCYV6	0.55	0.69

The table displays the primary shares classes. Other share classes may be available for those investors who have a separate arrangement. Charges will reduce the value of your investment. Please refer to the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document for further details. The Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF') may be lower than previous declarations as a result of a revision to how the indirect fees associated with closed-ended investment companies need to be shown. This does not necessarily mean that fund expenses have gone down rather that we have reverted to how they have been calculated until 30 June 2022 to reflect the revised Investment Association's Guidance on Disclosure of Fund Charges and Costs (July 2020, updated January 2022, revised November 2023). A more detailed Costs and Charges disclosure is available upon request.

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