

Baillie Gifford™

Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 September 2024



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About the Company

Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC (Investment Company with Variable Capital) ('the Company') is an umbrella UK Open-Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') under regulation 14 (Authorisation) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. An OEIC is a collective investment vehicle in which your funds are pooled with those of other investors and spread across a portfolio of investments, thus reducing risk.

At 30 September 2024, the Company offered three sub-funds and the range may be varied in the future. Each sub-fund is valued on a daily basis. The sub-funds are subject to different charging structures and subscription limits. All shares are single priced. Details of the sub-funds and the share classes are contained in the Prospectus, along with details of the switching facility available between sub-funds. The Prospectus was last revised on 12 September 2024 and the Instrument of Incorporation was last revised on the 22 April 2024. Copies of the Prospectus or Instrument of Incorporation can be obtained from Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') by contacting Client Relations.

The Company is registered in Great Britain, registered number IC000402, and the address of its Head Office is Calton Square, 1 Greenside Row, Edinburgh EH1 3AN. The operation of the Company is governed by the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('COLL') (the 'Regulations'), its Instrument of Incorporation and its Prospectus.

The Company's shareholders are not liable for its debts beyond the amount subscribed. Each sub-fund is classed as a UK UCITS retail scheme under COLL.

Any comments expressed in this report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice.

Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund

On 22 January 2024, the ACD informed shareholders of its decision to close the Fund on 22 April 2024. The Fund was subsequently closed on that date and is no longer available for subscription.

Assessment of value for the Sub-Funds

Under COLL 6.6.20R (1), Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, the ACD of the Company, must conduct an assessment at least annually for each UK authorised sub-fund it manages, of whether the payments out of the sub-funds set out in the prospectus are justified in the context of the overall value delivered to shareholders. This assessment of value must, as a minimum, consider seven criteria, namely: quality of service, performance, authorised fund manager costs, economies of scale, comparable market rates, comparable services and classes of shares. The ACD will issue the statement of value in a separate composite report, performing the assessment across their full range of UK authorised sub-funds. The ACD has chosen a reference date of 31 March and will publish a composite report by 31 July each year. The latest report as at 31 March 2024 is available on the website at www.bailliegifford.com.

Sub-fund Cross-holdings Table

At 30 September 2024 none of the shares in the sub-funds were held by any other sub-funds of the Company.

About the Company cont.

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Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director of the OEIC, is wholly owned by Baillie Gifford & Co. We only provide information about our products and do not provide investment advice.

Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('COLL') requires the Authorised Corporate Director to prepare financial statements for each interim and annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of its revenue and expenditure and of its net gains and losses on the property of the Company for the year. In preparing the financial statements the Authorised Corporate Director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to the Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued in 2014;
- follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland";
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation; and
- take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the Regulations.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Authorised Corporate Director and signed on its behalf by:

M J C Wylie, Chairman
C M Fraser, Director
Baillie Gifford & Co Limited
29 November 2024

Statement of Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC ('The Company') for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (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 the shares of 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 Fund Manager ('the AFM') 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.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the

information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AFM:

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

*National Westminster Bank Plc
Trustee & Depositary Services
Edinburgh
1 October 2024*

Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC (the "Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of the sub-funds as at 30 September 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/losses on the scheme property of the Company and each of the sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC is an Open Ended Investment Company ('OEIC') with four sub-funds. The financial statements of the Company comprise the financial statements of each of the sub-funds. We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheets as at 30 September 2024; the Statements of Total Return and the Statements of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the year then ended; the Distribution Tables; the accounting policies; the Risk Disclosures and the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Emphasis of Matter - financial statements of a sub-fund prepared on a basis other than a going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we draw attention to note (1) Basis of accounting in the Accounting Policies which describes the Authorised Corporate Director's reason why the financial statements for the Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund (the "terminating sub-fund"), a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC, have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. The financial statements of the remaining sub-funds of the Company (the "continuing sub-funds") have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In respect of the Company as a whole and the continuing sub-funds, 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 or the continuing sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

With the exception of the terminating sub-fund, in auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Company's or any sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern.

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

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 based on these responsibilities.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook requires us also to report certain opinions as described below.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report

In our opinion, the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Authorised Corporate Director is also responsible for such internal control as they determine is

necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's and each of the sub-funds ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to wind up or terminate the Company or individual sub-fund, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Based on our understanding of the Company/industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements, in particular those parts of the sourcebook which may directly impact on the determination of amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to increase the net asset value of the Company or the sub-funds. Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with the Authorised Corporate Director, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes, including those of the Authorised Corporate Director’s board of directors;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, specifically any journals posted as part of the financial year end close process; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 auditors’ report.

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company’s shareholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook as required by paragraph 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

Opinion on matter required by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook

In our opinion, we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit.

Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook exception reporting

Under the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook we are also required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Edinburgh
29 November 2024*

Accounting Policies

(1) *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 UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, the Instrument of Incorporation, the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued in May 2014 and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('COLL'). Unless otherwise stated accounting policies within these financial statements are consistent with prior year policies.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, with the exception of Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund. Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund is no longer considered to be a going concern because the sub-fund closed on 22 April 2024 with termination proceeds paid to shareholders on 25 April 2024. Consequently the sub-fund is not a going concern and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. There is no impact on the financial statements or disclosure notes of Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund, on the basis that the assets and liabilities on the balance sheet are valued at fair value, which materially equate to the sub-fund's residual value. Investments have been reclassified from fixed assets to current assets.

FRS 102 requires the Company to disclose, for the financial instruments held, the level within the fair value hierarchy that the fair value measurement of those instruments should be categorised. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

- Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

(2) *Recognition of income*

Debt Securities: Income on debt securities is recognised on an effective interest basis by reference to the purchase price.

Swap Agreements: Income payable or receivable on swap agreements is accrued on a daily basis.

Deposits and Other Income: Interest on deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis. Underwriting commission is recognised when the issue takes place. Other income is accounted for on either an accruals or a receipts basis depending on the circumstances of each particular case.

(3) *Treatment of expenses*

For the purpose of calculating the distribution, all expenses are allocated to capital.

For all of the sub-funds, VAT is written off to the extent that it is not considered to be recoverable.

(4) *Allocation of revenue and expenses to share classes*

Revenue is allocated when earned in the proportion of the net asset value of each share class to the total net asset value of the relevant sub-fund. Expenses incurred solely in respect of a share class are allocated directly to that class. Expenses incurred in respect of, or attributable to, the relevant sub-fund as a whole are allocated when incurred in the proportion of the net asset value of each share class to the total net asset value of the relevant sub-fund.

(5) *Distribution policies*

Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund distributes monthly and pays interest distributions. All the other sub-funds distribute quarterly and pay interest distributions. All sub-funds pay distributions out of income.

(6) *Taxation*

Corporation tax is charged at 20% of the revenue liable to corporation tax less allowable expenses and, where applicable, interest distributions made. All sub-funds satisfied the qualifying investments test of Statutory Instrument 2006/964 Authorised Investment Funds (Tax) Regulations 2006 Regulation 19 throughout the year. All distributions are therefore made as interest distributions.

Accounting Policies cont.

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay less or receive more tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the ACD considers that it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax assets are not discounted.

(7) *Basis of valuation of investments*

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at the closing bid prices on 30 September 2024, or the Investment Adviser's valuation where indicated. Investments are valued using the fair value hierarchy, referenced in accounting policy 1.

(8) *Foreign exchange*

All foreign securities and currencies held at the year end have been translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at 30 September 2024. Transactions during the year have been translated at the exchange rate ruling on the transaction date.

(9) *Financial Derivative Instruments*

Currency Contracts: Spot and forward currency contracts are marked to market daily and the change in value, if any, is recorded by the sub-fund as an unrealised gain or loss. Realised gains or losses equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed are recorded upon delivery or receipt of the currency or, if a spot or forward currency contract is offset by entering into another spot or forward currency contract with the same broker, upon settlement of the net gain or loss.

Futures Contracts: Futures contracts are marked to market daily and an appropriate gain or loss for the change in value ('variation margin') is recorded by the sub-fund as realised.

Swap Agreements: Swaps are marked to market daily based upon quotations from market makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded by the sub-fund as an unrealised gain or loss. A liquidation payment received or made at the termination of all or part of the swap is used to calculate the realised gain or loss. Costs relating to the clearing of swaps are included as part of realised gains or losses.

Risk Disclosures

General Risk Management Process

The Company's overall risk management process is the responsibility of the ACD. Risks which are specific to the sub-funds are managed by the ACD in accordance with the Risk Management Policy, with oversight by the Depositary. The ACD has established a risk management framework, including a permanent risk management function, to monitor the risks in relation to the sub-funds. Where appropriate, the risk management function builds on the existing parts of the risk management framework of the Investment Adviser to make use of expertise and advice, and avoid unnecessary duplication.

The risk profile of each of the sub-funds is considered by the ACD to determine the nature and extent of risk management procedures and assess the appropriateness of disclosures made to investors. The ACD then considers the material risks facing the sub-funds via the receipt of quarterly reports from the risk management function.

Sub-Fund Risk Profile

The risk profile of a sub-fund is determined using a number of factors including market risk (comprising foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. As described above, the ACD operates a risk management framework to oversee the risks that the sub-funds are exposed to and assess the sensitivity of a sub-fund's portfolio to these risks. The approach to managing these risks is set out below with oversight and monitoring provided by the ACD's risk management function.

Market risk

Market risk is the potential for changes in the market value of underlying investments in a sub-fund. This comprises foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Asset allocation is determined by the Investment Adviser who ensures that the distribution of the sub-funds' assets is appropriate in terms of the investment objectives. Divergence from the target asset allocation is strictly controlled and the portfolio closely monitored in terms of risk.

A sub-fund may use derivatives for the purposes of hedging (which includes efficient portfolio management) and also for the purposes of meeting its investment objectives. The strategies used may include active currency management, bond curve strategies, interest rate strategies, asset allocation and market spread strategies. In addition, derivatives are used for the purposes of efficient portfolio management. The Investment Adviser makes use of these strategies as and when it considers it appropriate to do so. Derivative investments (which may be exchange-traded and/or off-exchange) are undertaken on a covered basis and the types of asset which underlie the derivative contract are appropriate in the context of each sub-fund's investment objective and policy. The Investment Adviser's use of derivatives is constrained to a level that ensures the risk and exposure is within prescribed limits. The Investment Adviser anticipates that such use of derivatives will not have any adverse effect on the overall risk profile of any sub-fund.

The market risk of each sub-fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Adviser using Value at Risk (VaR) analysis. VaR analysis attempts to reflect the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level. Disclosure on the VaR is contained in the Notes to the Financial Statements of each sub-fund.

Foreign currency risk

The Investment Adviser has identified three principal areas where foreign currency risk could impact the sub-funds, being where movements in exchange rates affect the value of investments, short-term timing differences and the revenue received.

A proportion of the net assets of all the sub-funds are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by currency movements. The balance sheet currency exposure is disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements of each sub-fund, where appropriate.

The sub-funds may be subject to short-term exposure to exchange rate movements, for instance where the date of an investment purchase and the date when the settlement occurs are different. To reduce this risk the Investment Adviser will normally execute a foreign currency contract on the transaction date wherever practicable.

Risk Disclosures cont.

The sub-funds may receive revenue in currencies other than sterling and hence movements in exchange rates can affect the sterling value of this revenue. To minimise this risk arrangements are in place to convert all revenue receipts to sterling on, or shortly after, the date of receipt.

Interest rate risk

The sub-funds are subject to interest rate risk because bond yields are linked to underlying bank rates or equivalents. Disclosure on the interest rate risk profile is contained in the Notes to the Financial Statements of each sub-fund.

Other price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of the financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the sub-funds might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

Investment markets can go down as well as up and market conditions can change rapidly. This means the value of an investor's holding may go down as well as up, and an investor may not recover the amounts invested especially if investments are not held for the long term. A market price decrease applied to the assets of the sub-fund would result in a decrease on the net asset value of the sub-fund and vice versa.

Counterparty credit risk

The Investment Adviser monitors both the creditworthiness of counterparties and the extent to which the counterparty risk is diversified. The organisations with whom derivative transactions are arranged are either top rated institutions themselves or subsidiaries of such institutions. The aim is to strike a balance between spreading counterparty risk amongst a number of institutions and keeping costs low by achieving economies of scale.

Stock settlement is normally on a delivery versus payment (DVP) basis where the payment for stock is due at the time of delivery. Where stock settlement is not on a DVP basis, additional procedures are in place and approvals required to manage the settlement risks that may arise.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the potential that there are insufficient realisable assets to cater for investor redemptions. Liquidity is managed by the Investment Advisor by taking into account the investment strategy, liquidity profile, and redemption policy of each sub-fund. The level of liquidity maintained by each sub-fund is appropriate to its underlying obligations based on an assessment of the relative liquidity of the sub-fund's assets in the market, taking account of the time required for liquidation and the price or value at which those assets can be liquidated, and their sensitivity to other market risks or factors.

Operational risk

Failure of Baillie Gifford's accounting systems or those of other third party service providers could lead to an inability to provide accurate reporting and monitoring or a misappropriation of assets. Baillie Gifford & Co have a comprehensive business continuity plan which facilitates continued operation of the business in the event of a service disruption or major disaster. The ACD reviews Baillie Gifford & Co's report on internal controls and the reports by other key third party providers.

Fair values

The financial assets and liabilities of the sub-funds are included in the valuation at market value or at the Investment Adviser's valuation (as indicated in the portfolio statement of the sub-funds). These values have been determined by reference to prices available from the markets on which the instruments are traded.

Remuneration Report

Baillie Gifford & Co ('Baillie Gifford') maintains a Remuneration Policy (the 'Policy') which applies to group companies, including Baillie Gifford & Co Limited (the 'Company'), which is the group's sole UK UCITS management company for the range of UK UCITS operated within the group. The Policy is subject to review on at least an annual basis by the Management Committee of Baillie Gifford and the Board of the Company. Details of the policy are set out in the Remuneration Disclosure, updated in June 2024, and are summarised below.

Application of the UCITS Remuneration Code

The Company is required to identify individuals whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the UK UCITS it manages (known as 'Material Risk Takers'), and the UCITS Remuneration Code requirements and disclosures apply to those individuals. The list of Material Risk Takers compiled by the Company principally covers governance and control functions.

The Company delegates portfolio management and certain administration roles to other entities, namely its parent Baillie Gifford and another affiliate Baillie Gifford Overseas Limited. These delegates are not required to comply with the UCITS Remuneration Code as they are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are considered equally as effective as those applicable under the UCITS Remuneration Code.

General Principles of the Policy

The Company endeavours to reward staff fairly and appropriately for their contribution towards the success of the business and the level of service and performance delivered to its clients. The Policy is designed to be consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and should not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles of the UK UCITS the Company manages. It is designed to be in line with the Company's strategy, objectives, values and the long-term interests of investors in the UK UCITS funds it manages. The Policy has been designed to avoid conflicts of interest and is subject to independent internal review by the compliance and risk functions. In order to achieve this, the remuneration of staff is reviewed annually, taking into account individual performance and market practice for the role being undertaken.

Governance of Remuneration

Baillie Gifford's Remuneration Policy is overseen by the group's Remuneration Committee. The Remuneration Committee in turn reports to the management body of Baillie Gifford, the Management Committee. The Board of the Company also oversees adherence to the UCITS Remuneration Code.

Approach to Remuneration

The key elements of staff remuneration are:

Fixed pay: salary and pension contributions. The aim is to offer compensation which is well positioned relative to the industry, supported by a positive working environment and strong culture.

The Annual Performance Award: an annual variable compensation award determined by performance measures that are important to the firm and its clients, with measures generally shared across the firm, weighted according to the role each member performs.

A Long-Term Profit Award: an annual variable compensation award distributing a proportion of the firm's profitability to all staff, reinforcing the collegiate culture and the sense of collective responsibility and purpose. Awards will rise and fall alongside the financial performance of the firm.

These elements are balanced to achieve an appropriate ratio between fixed and variable pay. The different levels within both performance-linked and profit awards offer the opportunity for people to progress over time, in line with changes to their role, responsibilities and contribution to the firm.

Additionally, the firm's deferral arrangements enhance this common sense of purpose and longer-term view by re-investing between 10% and 50% of any award into funds that broadly represent the overall investment approach of the firm.

Full details of these arrangements can be found in the Remuneration Disclosure at www.bailliegifford.com.

Remuneration Report cont.

Remuneration Attributable to the Company

	Headcount	Total Remuneration ¹ £'000
Baillie Gifford & Co Limited		
Fixed remuneration	48	1,760
Variable remuneration	48	110
Baillie Gifford & Co Limited Remuneration Code Staff²		
Total remuneration	29	1,790

This remuneration disclosure has been provided at the level of Baillie Gifford & Co Limited as authorised fund manager of UK UCITS, as at 31 March 2024. Remuneration information at an individual AIF or UK UCITS level is not readily available.

¹The total remuneration is the proportion of overall remuneration for Baillie Gifford staff as it relates to the time spent on UK UCITS related activity for Baillie Gifford & Co Limited.

²All Material Risk Takers are senior managers or staff engaged in control functions of Baillie Gifford & Co Limited and therefore a breakdown of remuneration between senior management and other risk takers is not applicable.

Baillie Gifford™

Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund

a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC

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Investment Report

Following the closure of the Fund on 22 April 2024, the ACD is no longer actively seeking subscriptions for the Fund.

Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 September 2024

Largest Purchases	Cost £'000	Largest Sales	Proceeds £'000
Poland 6% 25/10/2033	5,100	Brazil 0% 01/01/2024	25,071
EBRD 0% 10/11/203	3,150	Colombia 7% 26/03/2031	18,320
Dominican Republic 13.625% 03/02/2033	2,602	Mexico 7.75% 23/11/2034	16,659
Mexico 7.75% 23/11/2034	1,626	Brazil 10% 01/01/2025	15,774
EBRD 0% 13/02/2031	1,385	South Africa 8.5% 31/01/2037	12,789
Egypt T Bill 04/03/2025	766	China Development Bank 3.23% 10/01/ 2025	11,866
Egypt T Bill 11/03/2025	526	Indonesia 8.375% 15/03/2034	11,590
		Uruguay 8.25% 21/05/2031	11,338
		Indonesia 9% 15/03/2029	11,261
		Malaysia 4.254% 31/05/2035	11,020

The largest purchases and sales have been shown, with the exception of UK Treasury Bills, which are used for cash management purposes, and derivatives.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Fixed Income - 0.00% (90.23%)			
Brazil - 0.00% (13.61%)			
Chile - 0.00% (2.16%)			
China - 0.00% (4.03%)			
Colombia - 0.00% (5.37%)			
Czech Republic - 0.00% (4.48%)			
Dominican Republic - 0.00% (2.53%)			
Hungary - 0.00% (2.65%)			
Indonesia - 0.00% (10.65%)			
Malaysia - 0.00% (6.57%)			
Mexico - 0.00% (11.03%)			
Peru - 0.00% (3.18%)			
Poland - 0.00% (1.68%)			
Romania - 0.00% (2.49%)			
Serbia - 0.00% (0.42%)			
South Africa - 0.00% (8.78%)			
South Korea - 0.00% (0.69%)			

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Thailand - 0.00% (5.03%)			
Ukraine - 0.00% (0.93%)			
Uruguay - 0.00% (3.21%)			
Zambia - 0.00% (0.74%)			
Derivatives - 0.00% (0.09%)			
Portfolio of investments		-	0.00
Net other liabilities - 0.00% (9.68%)		-	0.00
Net assets		-	0.00

On 22 January 2024, the ACD informed shareholders of its decision to close the Fund on 22 April 2024. The Fund was subsequently closed on that date and is no longer available for subscription.

Figures in brackets in the investment category headings refer to 30 September 2023.

Comparative Tables

Comparative Table: A Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	68.27	70.73	77.47
Return before operating charges*	(0.79)	3.71	(1.20)
Operating charges	(0.19)	(0.84)	(0.89)
Return after operating charges*	(0.98)	2.87	(2.09)
Distributions on income shares	(2.66)	(5.33)	(4.65)
Closing net asset value per share¹	64.63	68.27	70.73
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	(1.44)%	4.06%	(2.70)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	0	138	221
Closing number of shares	0	201,496	313,074
Operating charges	n/a	1.19%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	71.14	73.35	78.89
Lowest share price (pence)	64.63	67.77	69.55

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	133.78	127.58	130.22
Return before operating charges*	(1.72)	6.88	(2.02)
Operating charges	(0.16)	(0.68)	(0.62)
Return after operating charges*	(1.88)	6.20	(2.64)
Distributions	(5.26)	(9.85)	(7.96)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.26	9.85	7.96
Closing net asset value per share¹	131.90	133.78	127.58
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	(1.41)%	4.86%	(2.03)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	0	3,199	2,900
Closing number of shares	0	2,391,042	2,272,656
Operating charges	n/a	0.52% ²	0.49%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	139.6	136.9	135.1
Lowest share price (pence)	130.6	122.4	120.9

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	70.51	72.52	78.86
Return before operating charges*	(0.80)	3.86	(1.23)
Operating charges	(0.09)	(0.39)	(0.37)
Return after operating charges*	(0.89)	3.47	(1.60)
Distributions on income shares	(2.76)	(5.48)	(4.74)
Closing net asset value per share¹	66.86	70.51	72.52
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	(1.26)%	4.78%	(2.03)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	0	11,196	8,905
Closing number of shares	0	15,879,193	12,279,560
Operating charges	n/a	0.53% ²	0.49%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	73.59	75.39	80.43
Lowest share price (pence)	66.86	69.53	70.81

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	199.05	189.06	192.20
Return before operating charges*	(2.64)	10.18	(2.93)
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.19)	(0.21)
Return after operating charges*	(2.65)	9.99	(3.14)
Distributions	(7.84)	(14.62)	(11.78)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.84	14.62	11.78
Closing net asset value per share¹	196.40	199.05	189.06
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	(1.33)%	5.28%	(1.63)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	0	351,373	400,859
Closing number of shares	0	176,529,153	212,028,135
Operating charges	n/a	0.10%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	208.0	203.6	200.3
Lowest share price (pence)	194.3	181.4	179.0

¹The final valuation point was 22 April 2024, all the shares were redeemed. The Fund was subsequently closed on that date and is no longer available for subscription.

² As at 30 September 2023 the ACD considered 0.50% to be more indicative rate for the ongoing charges for Class B Shares.

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Statement of Total Return for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	1		(5,312)		(8,148)
Revenue	3	9,870		34,361	
Expenses	4	(105)		(462)	
Net revenue before taxation		9,765		33,899	
Taxation	5	(53)		(286)	
Net revenue after taxation			9,712		33,613
Total return before distributions			4,400		25,465
Distributions	6		(9,778)		(34,062)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			(5,378)		(8,597)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		365,906		412,885
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,534		175,375	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(368,731)		(246,795)	
		(367,197)		(71,420)
Dilution adjustment		937		2,131
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,378)		(8,597)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		5,732		30,907
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		-		365,906

Financial Statements cont.

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments	13	-	333,439
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	110	13,498
Cash and bank balances	9	548	26,160
Total assets		658	373,097
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities	13	-	(2,947)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	9	-	(1,855)
Distributions payable		-	(399)
Other creditors	10	(658)	(1,990)
Total liabilities		(658)	(7,191)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		-	365,906

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Net capital gains/(losses)

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	(3,675)	872
Derivative contracts	(744)	(639)
Forward currency contracts	(522)	(7,596)
Currency gains/(losses)	(359)	(778)
Transaction costs	(12)	(7)
Net capital gains/(losses)	(5,312)	(8,148)

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Purchases and transaction costs		
Gross purchases of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	38,152	212,059
Commissions	-	-
Taxes	-	4
Total transaction costs on bond purchases	-	4
Purchases including transaction costs	38,152	212,063

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	%	%
Transaction costs as a percentage of principal amount		
Commission on bond purchases	0.00	0.00
Taxes on bond purchases	0.00	0.00

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sales and transaction costs		
Gross sales of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	366,390	274,490
Commissions	-	-
Taxes	(4)	(3)
Sales net of transaction costs	366,386	274,487

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs (continued)

	2024	2023		
	%	%		
Transaction costs as a percentage of principal amount				
Commission on bond sales	0.00	0.00		
Taxes on bond sales	0.00	0.00		
	2024	2023		
	£'000	£'000		
Transaction cost on derivative contracts				
Commission on trading futures contracts	2	1		
	2024	2023		
	£'000	£'000		
	%	%		
	NAV	NAV		
Portfolio transaction costs				
Commissions	2	0.00	1	0.00
Taxes	4	0.00	7	0.00
Total direct transaction costs	6	0.00	8	0.00
	2024	2023		
	%	%		
Average portfolio dealing spread	n/a	0.50		

Funds incur transaction costs such as broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. In the case of bonds, typically no transaction costs are incurred however transaction taxes may be incurred in some jurisdictions. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of futures contracts.

A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section.

Dealing spread is the difference in the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment. The Fund may have holdings in single priced funds. The notional spread on these holdings is not included in the average dealing spread calculated for this Fund.

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

3 Revenue

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interest on debt securities	9,967	33,060
Bank interest	216	433
Swaps interest	(313)	868
Total revenue	9,870	34,361

4 Expenses

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	15	55
Expenses rebate	(13)	-
	2	55
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	5	31
Bank charges	96	361
	101	392
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	11	11
Non-audit fees paid to auditors	-	4
Professional fees	(9)	-
	2	15
Total expenses	105	462

5 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	-	-
Overseas tax	53	286
Total taxation	53	286

The Fund is subject to corporation tax at 20% (2023: 20%), however, the Fund is a bond fund making interest distributions and the interest distributions made by the Fund are allowable in arriving at the amount of revenue liable to tax. As a result, this has reduced the corporation tax liability of the Fund to nil.

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

5 Taxation (continued)

The tax charge is explained as follows:

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue before taxation	9,765	33,899
Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	1,953	6,780
Effects of:		
Interest distributions	(1,953)	(6,812)
Overseas offsetable withholding tax	(11)	(57)
Overseas tax on coupons	53	286
Expenses charged to capital	22	92
Tax on undistributed income carried forward	(11)	(3)
Total taxation	53	286

6 Distributions

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interim to 31 December	3,816	6,346
Interim to 31 March	2,220	6,427
Interim to 30 June	n/a	6,367
Final to 30 September	n/a	12,601
	6,036	31,741
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	3,757	4,445
Amounts added on issue of shares	(15)	(2,124)
Total distributions	9,778	34,062

The distributions take account of revenue transactions on the issue and cancellation of shares. Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables.

7 Reconciliation of net revenue to net distributions for the year

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation for the year	9,712	33,613
Add expenses allocated to capital	105	462
Add distributable revenue brought forward	15	2
Less distributable revenue carried forward	(54)	(15)
Net distributions for the year	9,778	34,062

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Receivable for issue of shares	-	95
Sales awaiting settlement	-	4,826
Accrued income	-	5,549
Overseas tax recoverable	110	924
VAT recoverable	-	1
Collateral held by counterparties	-	630
Amounts due from clearing brokers	-	408
Amounts due from clearing house	-	835
Other debtors	-	230
Total debtors	110	13,498

9 Cash and bank balances

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Foreign amounts held at clearing houses and brokers	-	449
Sterling bank accounts	548	25,711
	548	26,160
Sterling amounts held at clearing houses and brokers overdrawn	-	(138)
Foreign amounts held at clearing houses and brokers overdrawn	-	(49)
Sterling bank accounts overdrawn	-	(1,668)
	-	(1,855)
Total cash and bank balances	548	24,305

10 Other creditors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable for cancellation of shares	548	-
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	83
Due to the ACD or associates	97	5
Due to the Depositary or associates	-	45
Collateral held on behalf of counterparty	-	775
Amounts due to clearing broker	-	881
Capital gains tax provision	-	159
Other accrued expenses	13	42
Total other creditors	658	1,990

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

11 Related party transactions

Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, as ACD, is regarded as a related party by virtue of the services provided to the Company. Baillie Gifford & Co Limited acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company, except where stocks are transferred on the issue or cancellation of shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts receivable and payable on the issue and cancellation of shares have been disclosed in notes 8 and 10 respectively.

Amounts paid to Baillie Gifford & Co Limited in respect of annual management charge are disclosed in note 4 with amounts due at the year end given in note 10.

Shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD

The shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD as a percentage of the Fund's NAV were:

	2024	2023
	%	%
ACD and associates of the ACD	0.00	96.03

12 Reconciliation of shares in issue

	Shares in issue as at 30.09.23	Shares issued	Shares cancelled	Shares converted	Shares in issue as at 30.09.24
A Income Shares	201,496	52,188	(253,684)	-	-
B Accumulation Shares	2,391,042	218,584	(2,609,626)	-	-
B Income Shares	15,879,193	1,216,252	(17,095,445)	-	-
C Accumulation Shares	176,529,153	173,409	(176,702,562)	-	-

13 Basis of valuation

	2024		2023	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	-	-	-	-
Level 2: Observable market data	-	-	333,439	(2,947)
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	333,439	(2,947)

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

14 Credit ratings

Rating Block	2024		2023	
	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund
Investment Grade	-	-	231,344	63.22
High Yield	-	-	98,804	27.00
Total	-	-	330,148	90.22
Other	-	-	35,758	9.78
Net Assets	-	-	365,906	100.00

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Currency exposures

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities)			Net currency assets/(liabilities)		
	2024		Total	2023		Total
	Monetary exposures	Non-monetary exposures		Monetary exposures	Non-monetary exposures	
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Brazilian real	-	-	-	-	40,623	40,623
Chilean peso	-	-	-	-	(272)	(272)
Chinese yuan	-	-	-	-	26,351	26,351
Colombian peso	-	-	-	-	15,668	15,668
Czech koruna	-	-	-	2	22,273	22,275
Dominican peso	-	-	-	-	9,243	9,243
Egyptian pound	-	-	-	-	2,457	2,457
Hungarian forint	-	-	-	-	10,841	10,841
Indonesian rupiah	-	-	-	-	36,359	36,359
Israeli new shekel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysian ringgit	-	-	-	-	37,291	37,291
Mexican peso	-	-	-	558	37,409	37,967
Nigerian naira	-	-	-	-	2,424	2,424
Peruvian nuevo sol	-	-	-	-	7,294	7,294
Polish zloty	-	-	-	(368)	28,303	27,935
Romanian leu	-	-	-	-	13,712	13,712
Serbian dinar	-	-	-	-	1,539	1,539
South African rand	-	-	-	-	22,798	22,798
Thai baht	-	-	-	-	41,246	41,246
Turkish lira	-	-	-	-	2,443	2,443
UK sterling	548	-	548	24,595	(31,452)	(6,857)
Ukrainian hryvnia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguayan peso	-	-	-	-	6,797	6,797
US dollar	-	-	-	(266)	(5,574)	(5,840)
Zambian kwacha	-	-	-	-	2,718	2,718

Short term debtors and creditors have not been disclosed.

Totals may not sum due to rounding

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund was:

Currency	2024			Total £'000	2023			Total £'000
	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000		Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	
Brazilian real	-	-	-	-	3,277	77,172	-	80,449
Chilean peso	-	-	-	-	7,893	-	-	7,893
Chinese yuan	-	-	-	-	4,592	41,943	11,159	57,694
Colombian peso	-	-	-	-	24,224	60,856	-	85,080
Czech koruna	-	-	-	-	2	16,404	5,869	22,275
Dominican peso	-	-	-	-	-	9,243	-	9,243
Egyptian pound	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,457	2,457
Hungarian forint	-	-	-	-	-	9,707	1,134	10,841
Indonesian rupiah	-	-	-	-	-	41,475	-	41,475
Malaysian ringgit	-	-	-	-	-	34,150	13,241	47,391
Mexican peso	-	-	-	-	6,640	53,812	-	60,452
Nigerian naira	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,424	2,424
Peruvian nuevo sol	-	-	-	-	-	11,642	-	11,642
Polish zloty	-	-	-	-	13,194	31,605	21,649	66,448
Romanian leu	-	-	-	-	-	9,122	4,590	13,712
Serbian dinar	-	-	-	-	-	1,539	-	1,539
South African rand	-	-	-	-	-	32,108	-	32,108
South Korean won	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thai baht	-	-	-	-	3,728	14,683	22,834	41,245
Turkish lira	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,443	2,443
UK sterling	548	-	-	548	27,176	-	55,779	82,955
Uruguayan peso	-	-	-	-	-	11,747	-	11,747
US dollar	-	-	-	-	3,654	-	-	3,654
Zambian kwacha	-	-	-	-	-	2,718	-	2,718

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15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

Currency	2024			Total £'000	2023			Total £'000
	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000		Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	
Brazilian real	-	-	-	-	27,722	3,333	8,772	39,827
Chilean peso	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,164	8,164
Chinese yuan	-	-	-	-	26,656	4,688	-	31,344
Colombian peso	-	-	-	-	41,436	23,656	4,319	69,411
Indonesian rupiah	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,117	5,117
Israeli new shekel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysian ringgit	-	-	-	-	10,100	-	-	10,100
Mexican peso	-	-	-	-	14,144	5,784	2,557	22,485
Peruvian nuevo sol	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,348	4,348
Polish zloty	-	-	-	-	25,212	13,301	-	38,513
South African rand	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,310	9,310
South Korean won	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UK sterling	-	-	-	-	2,581	-	87,230	89,811
Uruguayan peso	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,949	4,949
US dollar	-	-	-	-	535	-	8,958	9,493

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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16 Derivative Exposure

The exposure to derivative counterparties was:

Counterparty	2024				2023			
	Forward currency contracts	Interest rate swaps	Cash collateral held	Total exposure	Forward currency contracts	Interest rate swaps	Cash collateral held	Total exposure
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Barclays	-	-	-	-	262	4	(210)	56
BNP Paribas	-	-	-	-	-	631	-	631
CitiGroup	-	-	-	-	187	553	-	740
Goldman Sachs	-	-	-	-	5	-	(130)	(125)
HSBC	-	-	-	-	381	-	-	381
JP Morgan Chase	-	-	-	-	60	870	(110)	820
Merrill Lynch	-	-	-	-	144	115	(185)	75
Royal Bank of Canada	-	-	-	-	78	-	(140)	(62)

Collateral pledged on derivatives was:

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000

Cash collateral pledged on derivatives

CitiGroup	-	200
Deutsche Bank	-	40
HSBC	-	390

In addition, the Fund trades futures contracts through UBS. Fair value movements are offset by movements in the variation margin account which reduces the derivative counterparty exposure to nil.

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17 Value at risk (VaR)

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Adviser using VaR analysis. VaR analysis attempts to reflect the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

Model assumptions:

System	FIS Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT)
VaR methodology:	variance covariance approach (with delta-adjustment)
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	1 month
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of historical market data:	nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks

	2024	2023
	%	%
Fund VaR:	n/a	5.06
Index VaR:	n/a	4.70

The VaR noted above indicates the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 1 month loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99% confidence level.

In combination with a snapshot of the portfolio and benchmark constituents at a given point in time, the APT risk model uses 180 weeks of historic data to formulate a prediction of risk over a desired time period. In the case of VaR numbers, the risk model produces a 1-month prediction of 99% VaR. The decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historic market data refers to how the risk model uses more recent data in its historic data window compared to older data. Using a positive decay factor would mean that the risk model is placing more importance on more recent data than on older data in formulating its prediction of risk – this would result in the risk model being more short-term in nature, and increasingly geared to short-term recent events. The decay factor used in the APT risk model for calculating VaR numbers is nil. This means that each of the 180 weeks of historic data used by the risk model are treated with equal importance in the model's calculation of predicted risk. This means that the risk model's prediction of risk will be influenced by the average variances and covariances of portfolio and benchmark constituents over the past 3½ years.

Objectives and limitations of the VaR methodology

The APT model uses statistical factor techniques to measure the effects of these risk variables on the value of the Fund. The VaR model is designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment.

The use of VaR has limitations because it is based on historical correlations and volatilities in market prices and assumes that future price movements will follow a statistical distribution. Due to the fact that VaR relies significantly on historical data to provide information and may not clearly predict the future changes and modifications of the risk factors, the probability of large market moves may be underestimated if changes in risk factors fail to align with the given distribution assumption. VaR may also be under- or over-estimated due to the assumption placed on risk factors and the relationship between such factors for specific instruments.

Even though positions may change throughout the day, the VaR only represents the risk of the portfolios at the close of each business day, and it does not account for any losses that may occur beyond the 99% confidence level. In practice, the actual trading results will differ from the VaR calculation and, in particular, the calculation does not provide a meaningful indication of profits and losses in stressed market conditions. To determine the reliability of the VaR models, actual outcomes are monitored regularly to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation. Market risk positions are also subject to regular stress tests to ensure that the Fund would withstand an extreme market event.

Distribution Tables

Interim distribution for the period ended 31 December 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.23)
	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.22 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	0.98000	-	0.98000	0.97000
Group 2	0.80494	0.17506	0.98000	0.97000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.92000	-	1.92000	1.75000
Group 2	0.74202	1.17798	1.92000	1.75000
B Income				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	1.00000
Group 2	0.36153	0.66847	1.03000	1.00000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	2.87000	-	2.87000	2.59000
Group 2	2.10136	0.76864	2.87000	2.59000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distributions for the period ended 31 March 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 January 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.23)
	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	1.68000	-	1.68000	0.97000
Group 2	1.11102	0.56898	1.68000	0.97000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	3.34000	-	3.34000	1.75000
Group 2	1.88863	1.45137	3.34000	1.75000
B Income				
Group 1	1.73000	-	1.73000	1.00000
Group 2	0.83897	0.89103	1.73000	1.00000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	4.97000	-	4.97000	2.59000
Group 2	4.97000	-	4.97000	2.59000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distribution for the period ended 30 June 2024

Group 1 : share purchased prior to 1 April 2024

Group 2 : share purchased 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.23)
	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.97000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.97000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.75000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.75000
B Income				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.00000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.00000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.59000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.59000

Distribution Tables cont.

Final distribution for the period ended 30 September 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 July 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.23)
	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.42000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.42000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.60000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.60000
B Income				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.48000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.48000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.85000
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.85000

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Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund

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Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund

Investment Objective

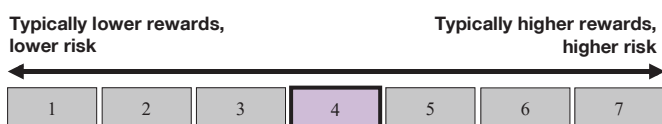
The Fund aims to produce a combination of income and capital growth.

Investment Policy

The Fund will invest at least 80% in sub-investment grade bonds. The Fund may also invest in other bonds. The bonds in which the Fund invests will be denominated in sterling or denominated in other currencies and hedged back to sterling. Currency forwards and derivatives, which are types of financial contracts, are used for both investment purposes and in the management of risk. The Fund will be actively managed.

Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Market conditions can change rapidly and a fund in any rank can lose you your investment. The Fund is classified as above as it invests in corporate bonds.

The indicator does not take into account the following relevant material risks:

Bonds are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may affect the value of the Fund. They could lose value if the issuer's financial health deteriorates.

Derivatives can magnify losses if the underlying asset does not perform as the manager expects.

In adverse market conditions it may be difficult to sell investments held by the Fund in a timely manner and their value may fall significantly. This could affect how much money you receive and even delay the selling of your shares if dealing in the Fund is suspended.

Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.

You could lose your investment due to global factors like natural disasters, pandemics, or through developments such as military conflict, or changes in government policies.

The manager can charge some, or all, expenses to the Fund's capital, reducing its value. This amount can vary from year to year.

For a more detailed explanation of the risks, please see the "Risk Warnings" section of the prospectus.

Fees Allocated to Capital

For distribution purposes the ACD has allocated all expenses to capital. This will reduce the capital value of the Fund.

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Past Performance



The performance figures shown in this graph are for Class B Income Shares. Performance figures reflect the annual management charge of 0.35%. Performance figures for the other share classes in issue can be obtained by contacting Client Relations. You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Past Performance

The investment objective of the Fund is to produce a combination of income and capital growth. For the year to 30 September 2024, income totalling 8.02 pence per share was declared for B Income Shares and the total return was 16.0%¹ compared to the comparator benchmark (Investment Association Sterling High Yield sector average) of 13.0%². The capital return in the period was 8.0%³ and the Fund paid a quarterly stream of income. We believe that short-term performance measurements are of limited relevance in assessing investment ability and would suggest that three years is a more sensible timeframe over which to judge performance. Over that period, income totalling 20.57 pence per share was declared for B Income Shares and the annualised total return was 1.4%¹ compared to the comparator benchmark of 2.2%². The annualised capital return was -4.5%³.

Market environment

The economic outlook is finely poised at this stage. Growth has been surprisingly resilient in the past year and inflation has fallen close to target in most major economies. There were various signs of a slowdown in the US economy during the most recent quarter, including weaker data on labour markets, manufacturing and consumer confidence. Very recently, some of those data points have been subject to positive revisions, and the latest US labour market data showed strong job growth and a decline in the unemployment rate.

Looking ahead, the upcoming US presidential election is considered too close to call, and this could bring market volatility in the very short term. Rising tensions in the Middle East could escalate further still, with spillover effects into the wider global economy, which have been limited thus far. For example, disruption in the oil market could cause inflation to rise from current benign levels.

This presents a challenge for central banks. While interest rates in many countries appear too high today given current growth and inflation rates, policymakers have indicated a wariness of cutting rates too quickly and

¹Source: FE, 10am dealing prices, income reinvested. ²Source: Revolution and The Investment Association, total return. Please see Disclaimer on page 154. ³Source: Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, 10am dealing prices, excluding income. You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Investment Report cont.

risking a rebound in inflation. On the other hand, they will be cognisant of the potential for high interest rates to restrict economic growth.

We continue to believe a soft landing is the most likely outcome. In addition, company fundamentals remain broadly resilient although pockets of deterioration are emerging in some cyclical sectors as higher financing costs start to impact demand. There is no sign that the market's insatiable hunger for corporate bonds is likely to deteriorate in the short term. However, valuations remain high and, as recent events have shown, sentiment is fragile leaving the market vulnerable to bad news.

Performance

The Fund has delivered strong relative returns over the last 12 months with bond selection driving outperformance. Eastern European office and residential property operator, CPI Property, was the standout performer over the period, recovering strongly from prior weakness. A broad range of bonds across other sectors have also contributed. For example, Catalent Pharma, was the top performer in the healthcare sector – it is a resilient company which we like and offered potential for price appreciation with the possibility of a takeover by Novo Nordisk, which came closer to reality towards the end of the period. Within the technology and electronics sector, bonds issued by US-headquartered cable and network equipment manufacturer, Belden, added value. Purchased in late 2022 at a significant discount to par value, these long-dated bonds have outperformed peers as this well-rated issuer continued to post strong operational results in 2023 and 2024. Given the rise in valuation, we sold out of this position in the period to fund the purchase of more attractive opportunities.

Over three years, the Fund has underperformed the comparator benchmark. We underestimated the speed and scale of interest rate rises as inflation soared following the pandemic, and this detracted from performance due to exposure to sensitive sectors such as real estate. In some cases, these positions have gone on to rally, contributing to short-term outperformance.

Notable Transactions

High yield credit spreads (the risk premium bondholders receive for lending to corporates over governments) rallied strongly over the period (there is an inverse relationship between credit spreads and corporate bond prices). This reflects the market's view that a soft-landing scenario, where Central Banks successfully reduce inflation without causing a recession, is playing out. This has left market valuations high relative to history.

In this context, our objective has been to find an appropriate balance of risk, recognising the supportive backdrop with the potential, given tight credit spreads, for price volatility. We want the strategy to be risk-facing overall but insulated from the parts of the market we think are most at risk of a sell-off. Trading has therefore focused on adding resilient B-rated bonds that are underappreciated by the market. A good example of a B-rated bond in this category is Sunrise Medical, a new addition to the portfolio this year. Sunrise Medical designs and markets mobility aids. It has high barriers to entry and good revenue visibility from a predictable replacement cycle. The company's asset-light business model affords them strong margins and robust cash generation. As such, this bond holds the potential to deliver an attractive and resilient income for the strategy over the long term.

Baillie Gifford & Co, 11 October 2024

Principal Bond Holdings as at 30 September 2024

Investment	Percentage of total Fund
UK T Bill 23/12/2024	2.03
Barclays 7.125% 2025 Perp AT1	1.73
Gannett Hdgs 6% 2026 (144A)	1.62
UK T Bill 18/11/2024	1.59
IMA E+3.75% FRN 2029	1.59
Aggreko 6.125% 2026 (144A)	1.56
Brightline East 11% 2030 (144A)	1.47
Teva Pharma Ind 7.375% 2029	1.46
Neopharmed 7.125% 2030	1.44
UK T Bill 30/12/2024	1.40

Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 September 2024

Largest Purchases	Cost £'000	Largest Sales	Proceeds £'000
Brightline East 11% 2030 (144A)	6,273	LeasePlan 7.375% 2024 Perp AT1	9,723
IMA E+3.75% FRN 2029	5,763	Ziggo 2.875% 2030	9,383
Gannett Hdgs 6% 2026 (144A)	5,008	Digi Communications 3.25% 2028	8,527
Tegna Inc 4.625% 2028	4,929	Victoria 3.625% 2026	8,372
Pinewood 6% 2030	4,800	James Hardie 3.625% 2026	7,922
Caixabank 7.5% 2030 Perp AT1	4,592	Iliad 6.5% 2026 (144A)	7,901
McGraw-Hill Education 5.75% 2028 (144A)	4,495	Canpack 2.375% 2027	7,344
Neopharmed 7.125% 2030	4,453	Grifols 3.875% 2028	7,216
Kier Group 9% 2029	4,450	Progroup Ag 3% 2026	6,993
DaVita 4.625% 2030 (144A)	4,259	Catalent 2.375% 2028	6,942

The largest purchases and sales have been shown, with the exception of UK Treasury Bills, which are used for cash management purposes, and derivatives.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Automotive - 3.52% (2.07%)			
Benteler Intl 9.375% 2028	1,746,000	1,496	0.48
Dana 8.5% 2031	1,900,000	1,683	0.54
Garrett Motion 7.75% 2032 (144A)	2,600,000	1,984	0.64
IHO Verwaltungs PIK 8.75% 2028	3,400,000	2,971	0.96
Volkswagen 7.875% 2032 Pe	3,000,000	2,809	0.90
Banking - 4.24% (4.11%)			
Barclays 7.125% 2025 Perp AT1	5,393,000	5,394	1.73
Caixabank 5.875% 2027 Perp AT1	2,000,000	1,672	0.54
Caixabank 7.5% 2030 Perp AT1	3,000,000	2,668	0.85
Santander 9.625% 2029 Perp AT1	4,200,000	3,478	1.12
Basic Industry - 12.00% (11.06%)			
Cullinan Hdgs 4.625% 2026	1,900,000	1,398	0.45
Cullinan Hdgs FRN 2026	788,000	597	0.19
Ht Troplast Ag 9.375% 2028	4,630,000	3,972	1.28
Italmatch Chemicals 10% 2028	3,898,000	3,446	1.11
Kier Group 9% 2029	3,950,000	4,226	1.36
Mercer Intl 12.875% 2028 (144A)	4,670,000	3,655	1.17
Miller Homes Gp (Finco) 7% 2029	3,400,000	3,307	1.06
Mineral Resources 9.25% 2028 (144A)	3,500,000	2,771	0.89
OCI 6.7% 2033 (144A)	1,595,000	1,245	0.40
Rain Carbon 12.25% 2029 (144A)	2,800,000	2,255	0.72
Solenis 9.625% 2028	1,872,000	1,671	0.54
Solenis 9.75% 2028 (144A)	3,500,000	2,785	0.89
SPCM 2.625% 2029	2,977,000	2,338	0.75
Taseko Mines 8.25% 2030 (144A)	3,209,000	2,512	0.81
Victoria 3.625% 2026	1,561,000	1,179	0.38
Capital Goods - 4.10% (9.54%)			
Canpack 3.125% 2025 (144A)	1,800,000	1,309	0.42
IMA E+3.75% FRN 2029	5,872,000	4,941	1.59
OI European Group 6.25% 2028	2,500,000	2,167	0.69
ProGroup 5.125% 2029	2,700,000	2,199	0.71

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Sealed Air 6.875% 2033 (144A)	2,661,000	2,162	0.69
Consumer Goods - 1.31% (3.20%)			
Herbalife 12.25% 2029 (144A)	2,800,000	2,081	0.67
Upfield 6.875% 2029	2,400,000	1,995	0.64
Energy - 5.01% (3.20%)			
Calumet Specialty Products 8.125% 2027 (144A)	5,170,000	3,758	1.21
OEG Finance 7.25% 2029	2,246,000	1,901	0.61
Summit Midstream Holdings 8.625% 2029 (144A)	3,000,000	2,339	0.75
Talos Energy 9% 2029 (144A)	3,950,000	3,033	0.98
Venture Global Delta LNG 8.125% 2028 (144A)	4,700,000	3,653	1.17
Venture Global Delta LNG 8.375% 2031 (144A)	1,140,000	898	0.29
Financial Services - 5.82% (8.74%)			
Arrow Global Finance 6% 2026	2,500,000	2,358	0.76
Burford Capital 9.25% 2031 (144A)	5,000,000	4,011	1.29
CPI Card Group 10% 2029 (144A)	2,180,000	1,711	0.55
Encore Capital Group 4.25% 2028	3,593,000	3,294	1.06
Innomotics 6.25% 2031	1,900,000	1,591	0.51
International Personal Finance 10.75% 2029	2,333,000	2,098	0.67
Investec 10.5% 2029 Perp AT1	2,814,000	3,060	0.98
Health Care - 8.63% (9.54%)			
Biogroup 5% 2029	2,699,000	1,926	0.62
Cheplapharm 5.5% 2028 (144A)	5,600,000	4,048	1.30
Global Medical Response 9.50% 2028 (144A)	2,300,000	1,719	0.55
Gruenenthal Gmbh 3.625% 2026	2,500,000	2,068	0.67
LifePoint Health 11% 2030 (144A)	2,300,000	1,935	0.62
Neopharmed 7.125% 2030	5,200,000	4,495	1.44
Organon & Co. 6.75% 2034 (144A)	2,900,000	2,229	0.72
Perrigo 5.375% 2032	650,000	550	0.18
Sunrise Medical 6.5% 2031	2,379,000	2,034	0.65
Sunrise Medical FRN 2031	1,556,000	1,301	0.42

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Teva Pharma Ind 7.375% 2029	4,875,000	4,553	1.46
Leisure - 4.93% (3.35%)			
Cirsa Finance 10.375% 2027	3,700,000	2,932	0.94
David Lloyd 5.5% 2027	3,300,000	3,239	1.04
David Lloyd Leisure FRN 8.231% 2027	1,178,000	985	0.32
Merlin Entertainments 7.375% 2030	3,600,000	3,031	0.97
Motel One 7.75% 2031	3,600,000	3,156	1.02
Travelodge 10.25% 2028	1,900,000	1,990	0.64
Media - 9.82% (7.36%)			
Altice USA 5.375% 2028 (144A)	2,920,000	1,834	0.59
Banijay Gp 7% 2029	2,544,000	2,225	0.72
CCO Holdings 6.375% 2029 (144A)	3,686,000	2,748	0.88
Cimpres 7.375% 2032 (144A)	2,120,000	1,598	0.51
Gannett Hdgs 6% 2026 (144A)	6,729,000	5,025	1.62
Match.com 5.625% 2029 144A	4,564,000	3,403	1.09
McGraw-Hill Education 5.75% 2028 (144A)	3,330,000	2,453	0.79
Multi-Colour 9.5% 2028 (144A)	4,400,000	3,390	1.09
Scripps 3.875% 2029 (144A)	2,928,000	1,629	0.52
Tegna Inc 4.625% 2028	4,125,000	2,935	0.94
Townsquare Media 6.875% 2026 (144A)	4,474,000	3,331	1.07
Real Estate - 2.60% (1.39%)			
CPI Property 4.875% 2025 Perp	2,826,000	2,095	0.67
CPI Property 7% 2029	3,077,000	2,652	0.85
New Immo Holding Sa 2.75% 2026	4,200,000	3,350	1.08
Retail - 7.25% (3.74%)			
Acqua & Sapone 6.5% 2031	1,300,000	1,082	0.35
B&M European Value Retail 8.125% 2030	2,200,000	2,358	0.76
BestSecret E+3.75% FRN 2029	2,400,000	2,022	0.65
CBR Fashion 6.375% 2030	2,883,000	2,453	0.79
FNAC Darty 6% 2029	2,375,000	2,063	0.66
Iceland Foods 10.875% 2027	3,045,000	3,273	1.05

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Kiko Milano 4.125% FRN 2031	1,235,000	1,037	0.33
La Doria E+4.5% 2029 FRN	3,576,000	3,017	0.97
Sally Beauty Holdings 6.75% 2032	3,900,000	2,986	0.96
Walgreen Co 8.125% 2029	3,050,000	2,270	0.73
Services - 6.51% (8.55%)			
Aggreko 6.125% 2026 (144A)	6,500,000	4,866	1.56
EquipmentShare 9% 2028 (144A)	2,800,000	2,180	0.70
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	3,800,000	3,387	1.09
Multiversity 8.049667% 2031 FRN	3,600,000	3,015	0.97
Paprec 6.5% 2027	1,160,000	1,022	0.33
Paprec 7.25% 2029	2,610,000	2,307	0.74
The House of HR 9% 2029	2,393,000	1,992	0.64
Veritext 8.5% 2030 (144A)	1,894,000	1,507	0.48
Sovereign - 5.02% (0.00%)			
UK T Bill 18/11/2024	5,000,000	4,967	1.59
UK T Bill 23/12/2024	6,400,000	6,329	2.03
UK T Bill 30/12/2024	4,400,000	4,347	1.40
Technology & Electronics - 2.40% (7.25%)			
AMS 10.5% 2029	3,000,000	2,583	0.83
Infopro Digital 8% 2028	2,300,000	2,028	0.65
NCR Atleos 9.5% 2029 (144A)	3,500,000	2,872	0.92
Telecommunications - 11.49% (11.34%)			
Altice France Hdg 5.875% 2027	3,925,000	2,558	0.82
Altice France Hdg 8.125% 2027 (144A)	2,600,000	1,585	0.51
Altice International 5.75% 2029 (144A)	3,659,000	2,198	0.71
Cable One 4% 2030 (144A)	1,875,000	1,114	0.36
Eutelsat 9.75% 2029	2,100,000	1,799	0.58
Iliad Hdg 6.875% 2031	1,330,000	1,176	0.38
Optics Bidco 7.875% 2028	3,840,000	3,610	1.16
Telecom Italia 7.875% 2028	2,410,000	2,265	0.73
Telefonica 5.7522% 2032 Perp	2,400,000	2,091	0.67

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Telefonica 7.125% 2028 PERP	2,900,000	2,649	0.85
United Gp 6.75% 2031	3,713,000	3,205	1.03
United Gp FRN 2031	2,400,000	1,996	0.64
Virgin Media RFN 4.875% 2028	4,444,000	4,106	1.32
Windstream Escrow 7.75% 2028 (144A)	3,734,000	2,786	0.89
Zegona Finance Plc 8.625% 2029 (144A)	3,300,000	2,626	0.84
Transportation - 2.47% (0.00%)			
Brightline East 11% 2030 (144A)	7,225,000	4,584	1.47
Mobico 4.25% Perp	1,700,000	1,544	0.50
Mobico Group 2.375% 2028	1,730,000	1,559	0.50
Utilities - 0.92% (1.21%)			
EDF 7.375% 2035 Perp	2,800,000	2,860	0.92
Derivatives - 1.31% (-0.81%)			
Forward currency contracts (see Table 1)		4,617	1.48
Credit default swap contracts (see Table 2)		(543)	(0.17)
Portfolio of investments		309,278	99.35
Net other assets - 0.65% (5.16%)		2,010	0.65
Net assets		311,288	100.00

Please note: figures are based on market values rather than economic exposure.

Unless otherwise stated the above holdings are in fixed interest securities.

Figures in brackets in the investment category headings refer to 30 September 2023.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Table 1: Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts

Counterparty	Settlement	Buy	Buy Amount	Sell	Sell Amount	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
HSBC	24/10/24	GBP	132,918,322	EUR	157,149,000	2,019	0.65
Merrill Lynch	24/10/24	GBP	1,607,040	EUR	1,900,000	24	0.01
NatWest	24/10/24	GBP	120,019,420	USD	157,532,450	2,574	0.82
Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts						4,617	1.48

Table 2: Credit default swap contracts

Credit Default Swap	Maturity	Currency	Direction	Notional	Premium	Market Value £'000	% of total net assets
CDS Buy iTraxx Europe Crossover Series 41 Version 1 EUR 20/06/2029	20/06/29	EUR	Buy protection	7,100,000	5%	(543)	(0.17)
Credit Default Swaps (Liability)						(543)	(0.17)

Comparative Tables

Comparative Table: A Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	102.05	99.17	128.02
Return before operating charges*	16.18	10.20	(21.97)
Operating charges	(1.11)	(1.06)	(1.20)
Return after operating charges*	15.07	9.14	(23.17)
Distributions on income shares	(7.54)	(6.26)	(5.68)
Closing net asset value per share	109.58	102.05	99.17
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	14.77%	9.22%	(18.10)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,703	11,644	13,761
Closing number of shares	9,767,268	11,410,489	13,875,449
Operating charges	1.03%	1.02%	1.02%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	112.7	108.7	128.5
Lowest share price (pence)	100.4	98.91	102.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	246.71	224.30	272.80
Return before operating charges*	39.87	23.30	(47.56)
Operating charges	(0.98)	(0.89)	(0.94)
Return after operating charges*	38.89	22.41	(48.50)
Distributions	(18.70)	(14.45)	(12.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	18.70	14.45	12.27
Closing net asset value per share	285.60	246.71	224.30
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	15.76%	9.99%	(17.78)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	190,225	243,312	332,296
Closing number of shares	66,604,576	98,621,206	148,149,870
Operating charges	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	286.3	250.3	273.9
Lowest share price (pence)	242.9	223.8	224.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	108.12	104.38	133.80
Return before operating charges*	17.19	10.75	(23.01)
Operating charges	(0.42)	(0.41)	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	16.77	10.34	(23.47)
Distributions on income shares	(8.02)	(6.60)	(5.95)
Closing net asset value per share	116.87	108.12	104.38
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	15.51%	9.91%	(17.54)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	102,094	163,128	217,030
Closing number of shares	87,356,500	150,877,956	207,925,635
Operating charges	0.37%	0.37%	0.37%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	120.2	114.7	134.3
Lowest share price (pence)	106.5	104.2	107.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	379.85	344.13	417.09
Return before operating charges*	61.50	35.79	(72.88)
Operating charges	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges*	61.42	35.72	(72.96)
Distributions	(28.90)	(22.21)	(18.80)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	28.90	22.21	18.80
Closing net asset value per share	441.27	379.85	344.13
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	16.17%	10.38%	(17.49)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,265	37,647	40,776
Closing number of shares	1,873,086	9,911,034	11,848,950
Operating charges	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	442.3	385.4	418.8
Lowest share price (pence)	374.1	343.4	344.7

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	114.76	110.41	140.96
Return before operating charges*	18.29	11.37	(24.27)
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Return after operating charges*	18.27	11.36	(24.28)
Distributions on income shares	(8.53)	(7.01)	(6.27)
Closing net asset value per share	124.50	114.76	110.41
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	15.92%	10.29%	(17.22)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	1	1
Closing number of shares	500	500	500
Operating charges	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	128.0	121.5	141.5
Lowest share price (pence)	113.0	110.2	113.6

¹The Fund incurs broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the Fund's underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of future contracts. A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section. For further details on the costs associated with investing in the Fund please see the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Costs and Charges document and Baillie Gifford's Funds Costs and Charges Summary, both of which are available on the website www.bailliegifford.com.

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Statement of Total Return for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	1		31,416		25,427
Revenue	3	27,856		31,521	
Expenses	4	(1,435)		(1,866)	
Net revenue before taxation		26,421		29,655	
Taxation	5	-		(14)	
Net revenue after taxation			26,421		29,641
Total return before distributions			57,837		55,068
Distributions	6		(27,867)		(31,498)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			29,970		23,570

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		455,732		603,864
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	57,131		44,286	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(247,942)		(235,144)	
		(190,811)		(190,858)
Dilution adjustment		900		1,313
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		29,970		23,570
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		15,497		17,843
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		311,288		455,732

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments	13	309,821	435,879
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	10,037	32,781
Cash and bank balances	9	6,337	13,917
Total assets		326,195	482,577
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities	13	(543)	(3,685)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	9	(898)	-
Distributions payable		(2,916)	(4,607)
Other creditors	10	(10,550)	(18,553)
Total liabilities		(14,907)	(26,845)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		311,288	455,732

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Net capital gains/(losses)

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	8,570	1,568
Derivative contracts	143	-
Forward currency contracts	22,683	23,652
Currency gains/(losses)	24	212
Transaction costs	(4)	(5)
Net capital gains/(losses)	31,416	25,427

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Purchases and transaction costs		
Gross purchases of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	378,921	308,704
Purchases including transaction costs	378,921	308,704

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sales and transaction costs		
Gross sales of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	521,008	460,071
Sales net of transaction costs	521,008	460,071

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Transaction cost on derivative contracts		
Commission on trading futures contracts	-	-

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2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs (continued)

	2024		2023	
	£'000	% of average NAV	£'000	% of average NAV
Portfolio transaction costs				
Commissions	-	0.00	-	0.00
Taxes	-	0.00	-	0.00
Total direct transaction costs	-	0.00	-	0.00

	2024	2023
	%	%
Average portfolio dealing spread	0.37	0.81

Funds incur transaction costs such as broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. In the case of bonds, typically no transaction costs are incurred however transaction taxes may be incurred in some jurisdictions.

A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section.

Dealing spread is the difference in the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment. The Fund may have holdings in single priced funds. The notional spread on these holdings is not included in the average dealing spread calculated for this Fund.

3 Revenue

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interest on debt securities	27,668	30,827
Bank interest	240	694
Swaps interest	(52)	-
Total revenue	27,856	31,521

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4 Expenses

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	1,372	1,796
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	28	37
Bank charges	15	22
	43	59
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	12	11
Third party costs of processing dealing instructions from investors	8	-
	20	11
Total expenses	1,435	1,866

5 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	-	-
Overseas tax	-	14
Total taxation	-	14

The Fund is subject to corporation tax at 20% (2023: 20%), however, the Fund is a bond fund making interest distributions and the interest distributions made by the Fund are allowable in arriving at the amount of revenue liable to tax. As a result, this has reduced the corporation tax liability of the Fund to nil.

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5 Taxation (continued)

The tax charge is explained as follows:

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue before taxation	26,421	29,655
Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	5,284	5,931
Effects of:		
Interest distributions	(5,569)	(6,297)
Overseas offsetable withholding tax	-	(3)
Overseas tax on coupons	-	14
Management expenses charged to capital	287	373
Tax on undistributed income carried forward	(2)	(4)
Total taxation	-	14

6 Distributions

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interim to 31 December	4,952	6,648
Interim to 31 March	5,111	5,734
Interim to 30 June	7,675	5,211
Final to 30 September	7,901	11,905
	25,639	29,498
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	3,058	2,653
Amounts added on issue of shares	(830)	(653)
Total distributions	27,867	31,498

The distributions take account of revenue transactions on the issue and cancellation of shares. Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables.

7 Reconciliation of net revenue to net distributions for the year

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation for the year	26,421	29,641
Add expenses allocated to capital	1,435	1,866
Add distributable revenue brought forward	21	12
Less distributable revenue carried forward	(10)	(21)
Net distributions for the year	27,867	31,498

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8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Receivable for issue of shares	105	41
Sales awaiting settlement	3,510	20,325
Accrued income	5,794	7,724
VAT recoverable	2	1
Collateral held by counterparties	585	4,630
Other debtors	41	60
Total debtors	10,037	32,781

9 Cash and bank balances

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sterling bank accounts	6,206	13,917
Foreign currency bank accounts	131	-
	6,337	13,917
Sterling bank accounts overdrawn	(898)	-
Total cash and bank balances	5,439	13,917

10 Other creditors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable for cancellation of shares	795	1,990
Purchases awaiting settlement	5,389	16,412
Due to the ACD or associates	98	125
Due to the Depositary or associates	9	13
Collateral held on behalf of counterparty	4,245	-
Other accrued expenses	14	13
Total other creditors	10,550	18,553

11 Related party transactions

Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, as ACD, is regarded as a related party by virtue of the services provided to the Company. Baillie Gifford & Co Limited acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company, except where stocks are transferred on the issue or cancellation of shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts receivable and payable on the issue and cancellation of shares have been disclosed in notes 8 and 10 respectively.

Amounts paid to Baillie Gifford & Co Limited in respect of annual management charge are disclosed in note 4 with amounts due at the year end given in note 10.

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11 Related party transactions (continued)

Shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD

The shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD as a percentage of the Fund's NAV were:

	2024	2023
	%	%
ACD and associates of the ACD	2.19	8.02

12 Reconciliation of shares in issue

	Shares in issue as at 30.09.23	Shares issued	Shares cancelled	Shares converted	Shares in issue as at 30.09.24
A Income Shares	11,410,489	1,104,242	(2,747,462)	(1)	9,767,268
B Accumulation Shares	98,621,206	5,792,559	(37,774,031)	(35,158)	66,604,576
B Income Shares	150,877,956	4,755,102	(68,360,288)	83,730	87,356,500
C Accumulation Shares	9,911,034	8,668,589	(16,706,537)	-	1,873,086
C Income Shares	500	500	(500)	-	500

13 Basis of valuation

	2024		2023	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	15,643	-	-	-
Level 2: Observable market data	294,178	(543)	435,879	(3,685)
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
Total	309,821	(543)	435,879	(3,685)

14 Credit ratings

Rating Block	2024		2023	
	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund
Investment Grade	21,839	7.02	16,667	3.66
High Yield	283,365	91.03	419,212	91.99
Total	305,204	98.05	435,879	95.65
Other	6,084	1.95	19,853	4.35
Net Assets	311,288	100.00	455,732	100.00

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15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Currency exposures

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities)			Net currency assets/(liabilities)		
	2024			2023		
	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000
Euro	131	(1,524)	(1,393)	-	(3,749)	(3,749)
UK sterling	1,648	312,755	314,403	18,547	439,548	458,095
US dollar	-	(1,953)	(1,953)	-	(3,604)	(3,604)

Short term debtors and creditors have not been disclosed.

Totals may not sum due to rounding

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund was:

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
	Euro	19,042	118,498	-	137,540	-	189,718	-
UK sterling	6,791	58,211	254,545	319,546	18,547	48,543	391,005	458,095
US dollar	-	115,492	-	115,492	-	197,618	-	197,618

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
	Euro	-	6,451	132,482	138,933	-	-	193,467
UK sterling	5,143	-	-	5,143	-	-	-	-
US dollar	-	-	117,445	117,445	-	-	201,222	201,222

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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16 Derivative Exposure

The exposure to derivative counterparties was:

Counterparty	2024						2023					
	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000
HSBC	-	2,019	-	-	(1,760)	259	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merrill Lynch	-	25	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
NatWest	-	2,574	-	-	(2,485)	89	-	-	-	-	-	-

Collateral pledged on derivatives was:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Cash collateral pledged on derivatives		
Goldman Sachs	585	-
HSBC	-	580
NatWest	-	4,050

17 Value at risk (VaR)

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Adviser using VaR analysis. VaR analysis attempts to reflect the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

Model assumptions:

System	FIS Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT)
VaR methodology:	variance covariance approach (with delta-adjustment)
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	1 month
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of historical market data:	nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks

	2024 %	2023 %
Fund VaR:	3.41	4.11
Index VaR:	3.47	4.40

The VaR noted above indicates the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 1 month loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99% confidence level.

In combination with a snapshot of the portfolio and benchmark constituents at a given point in time, the APT risk model uses 180 weeks of historic data to formulate a prediction of risk over a desired time period. In the case of VaR numbers, the risk model produces a 1-month prediction of 99% VaR. The decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historic market data refers to how the risk model uses more recent data in its historic data window compared to older data. Using a positive decay factor would mean that the risk model is placing

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17 Value at risk (VaR) (continued)

more importance on more recent data than on older data in formulating its prediction of risk – this would result in the risk model being more short-term in nature, and increasingly geared to short-term recent events. The decay factor used in the APT risk model for calculating VaR numbers is nil. This means that each of the 180 weeks of historic data used by the risk model are treated with equal importance in the model's calculation of predicted risk. This means that the risk model's prediction of risk will be influenced by the average variances and covariances of portfolio and benchmark constituents over the past 3½ years.

Objectives and limitations of the VaR methodology

The APT model uses statistical factor techniques to measure the effects of these risk variables on the value of the Fund. The VaR model is designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment.

The use of VaR has limitations because it is based on historical correlations and volatilities in market prices and assumes that future price movements will follow a statistical distribution. Due to the fact that VaR relies significantly on historical data to provide information and may not clearly predict the future changes and modifications of the risk factors, the probability of large market moves may be underestimated if changes in risk factors fail to align with the given distribution assumption. VaR may also be under- or over-estimated due to the assumption placed on risk factors and the relationship between such factors for specific instruments.

Even though positions may change throughout the day, the VaR only represents the risk of the portfolios at the close of each business day, and it does not account for any losses that may occur beyond the 99% confidence level. In practice, the actual trading results will differ from the VaR calculation and, in particular, the calculation does not provide a meaningful indication of profits and losses in stressed market conditions. To determine the reliability of the VaR models, actual outcomes are monitored regularly to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation. Market risk positions are also subject to regular stress tests to ensure that the Fund would withstand an extreme market event.

Distribution Tables

Interim distribution for the period ended 31 December 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.23)
	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.22 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	1.26000	-	1.26000	1.19000
Group 2	0.29017	0.96983	1.26000	1.19000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	3.07000	-	3.07000	2.68000
Group 2	1.47604	1.59396	3.07000	2.68000
B Income				
Group 1	1.35000	-	1.35000	1.25000
Group 2	0.19353	1.15647	1.35000	1.25000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	4.70000	-	4.70000	4.12000
Group 2	1.80611	2.89389	4.70000	4.12000
C Income				
Group 1	1.42000	-	1.42000	1.32000
Group 2	1.42000	-	1.42000	1.32000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distributions for the period ended 31 March 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 January 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.23)
	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	1.27000	-	1.27000	1.19000
Group 2	-	1.27000	1.27000	1.19000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	3.11000	-	3.11000	2.68000
Group 2	-	3.11000	3.11000	2.68000
B Income				
Group 1	1.35000	-	1.35000	1.25000
Group 2	-	1.35000	1.35000	1.25000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	4.80000	-	4.80000	4.12000
Group 2	-	4.80000	4.80000	4.12000
C Income				
Group 1	1.44000	-	1.44000	1.32000
Group 2	1.44000	-	1.44000	1.32000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distribution for the period ended 30 June 2024

Group 1 : share purchased prior to 1 April 2024

Group 2 : share purchased 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.23)
	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	2.16000	-	2.16000	1.19000
Group 2	0.17853	1.98147	2.16000	1.19000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	5.35000	-	5.35000	2.68000
Group 2	0.61122	4.73878	5.35000	2.68000
B Income				
Group 1	2.30000	-	2.30000	1.25000
Group 2	0.37995	1.92005	2.30000	1.25000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	8.26000	-	8.26000	4.12000
Group 2	2.23959	6.02041	8.26000	4.12000
C Income				
Group 1	2.45000	-	2.45000	1.32000
Group 2	2.45000	-	2.45000	1.32000

Distribution Tables cont.

Final distribution for the period ended 30 September 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 July 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.23)
	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	2.85000	-	2.85000	2.69000
Group 2	1.02913	1.82087	2.85000	2.69000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	7.17000	-	7.17000	6.41000
Group 2	2.86524	4.30476	7.17000	6.41000
B Income				
Group 1	3.02000	-	3.02000	2.85000
Group 2	0.83832	2.18168	3.02000	2.85000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	11.14000	-	11.14000	9.85000
Group 2	2.46797	8.67203	11.14000	9.85000
C Income				
Group 1	3.22000	-	3.22000	3.05000
Group 2	3.22000	-	3.22000	3.05000

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Investment Objective

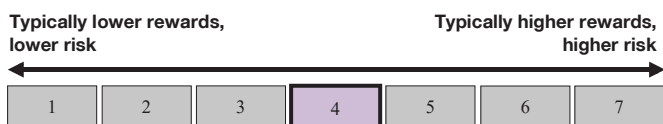
The Fund aims to outperform (after deduction of costs) the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt Index by 0.75% per annum over rolling three-year periods.

Investment Policy

The Fund will invest at least 80% in investment grade bonds issued by corporate issuers, public bodies and supranationals. The Fund may also invest in other bonds including sub-investment grade bonds and government bonds. The bonds in which the Fund invests will be denominated in sterling or denominated in other currencies and hedged back to sterling. Currency forwards and derivatives, which are types of financial contracts, are used for both investment purposes and in the management of risk. The Fund will be actively managed and is not constrained by the index.

Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund’s ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Market conditions can change rapidly and a fund in any rank can lose you your investment. The Fund is classified as above as it invests in corporate bonds.

The indicator does not take into account the following relevant material risks:

Bonds are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may affect the value of the Fund. They could lose value if the issuer’s financial health deteriorates.

Derivatives can magnify losses if the underlying asset does not perform as the manager expects.

In adverse market conditions it may be difficult to sell investments held by the Fund in a timely manner and their value may fall significantly. This could affect how much money you receive and even delay the selling of your shares if dealing in the Fund is suspended.

Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.

You could lose your investment due to global factors like natural disasters, pandemics, or through developments such as military conflict, or changes in government policies.

The manager can charge some, or all, expenses to the Fund’s capital, reducing its value. This amount can vary from year to year.

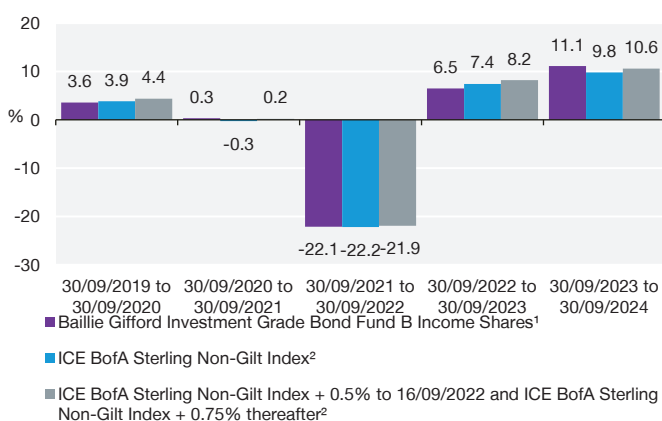
For a more detailed explanation of the risks, please see the “Risk Warnings” section of the prospectus.

Fees Allocated to Capital

For distribution purposes the ACD has allocated all expenses to capital. This will reduce the capital value of the Fund.

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Past Performance



The performance figures shown in this graph are for Class B Income Shares. Performance figures reflect the annual management charge of 0.25%. Performance figures for the other share classes in issue can be obtained by contacting Client Relations. You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Past Performance

The investment objective of the Fund is to outperform (after deduction of costs) the ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt Index (the 'Index') by 0.75% per annum (the 'target return') over rolling three-year periods. For the year to 30 September 2024, the return on B Income Shares was 11.1%¹ compared to the Index of 9.8%² and the target return of 10.6%². We believe that short-term performance measurements are of limited relevance in assessing investment ability and would suggest that three years is a more sensible timeframe over which to judge performance. Over that period, the annualised return on B Income Shares was -2.7%¹ compared to the return on the Index of -2.9%² and the target return of -2.2%².

Market environment

The economic outlook is finely poised at this stage. Growth has been surprisingly resilient in the past year and inflation has fallen close to target in most major economies. There were various signs of a slowdown in the US economy during the most recent quarter, including weaker data on labour markets, manufacturing

and consumer confidence. Very recently, some of those data points have been subject to positive revisions, and the latest US labour market data showed strong job growth and a decline in the unemployment rate.

Looking ahead, the upcoming US presidential election is considered too close to call, and this could bring market volatility in the very short term. Rising tensions in the Middle East could escalate further still, with spillover effects into the wider global economy, which have been limited thus far. For example, disruption in the oil market could cause inflation to rise from current benign levels.

This presents a challenge for central banks. While interest rates in many countries appear too high today given current growth and inflation rates, policymakers have indicated a wariness of cutting rates too quickly and risking a rebound in inflation. On the other hand, they will be cognisant of the potential for high interest rates to restrict economic growth.

We continue to believe a soft landing is the most likely outcome. In addition, company fundamentals remain broadly resilient although pockets of deterioration are emerging in some cyclical sectors as higher financing

¹Source: FE, 10am dealing prices, income reinvested. ²Source: Revolution and ICE, total return. The target return outperformance is compounded daily therefore the Index return plus the outperformance will not equal the target return. Please see Disclaimer on page 154. You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Investment Report cont.

costs start to impact demand. There is no sign that the market's insatiable hunger for corporate bonds is likely to deteriorate in the short term. However, valuations remain high and, as recent events have shown, sentiment is fragile leaving the market vulnerable to bad news.

Performance

Returns provided by investment grade corporate bonds were strong in the past 12 months as markets began to look forward to interest rate cuts. The Fund exceeded its target return, with relative performance driven by security selection. Property companies have been among the top contributors, with Eastern European office and residential operator, CPI Property, the standout performer. Several financial companies also performed well, as did some of our top picks in the healthcare sector, including Teva Pharmaceutical and Amgen. More recently, International Workplace Group, has made a meaningful contribution. The company provides flexible workspaces and we believe it has a sensible strategy and solid management team, while the market has concerns given competitors in this space have failed. We participated in a new issue earlier in the year at a valuation we felt was especially compelling and the market has quite quickly become aligned to our positive view of the company.

Over three years, the Fund has outperformed the index net of fees but not met its target. We underestimated the speed and scale of interest rate rises as inflation soared following the pandemic, and this detracted from performance due to exposure to sensitive sectors such as real estate – as noted above, in some cases, bonds have recovered strongly since.

Notable Transactions

We have begun to reduce risk in the Fund recently, reflecting our desire to protect against unexpected events or a deterioration in the economic backdrop – current valuations leave little room for error. We took out some

insurance against a rise in corporate bond spreads through credit default swaps (CDS) and increased the Fund's exposure to higher quality and shorter-dated bonds.

That said, we are seeking to maintain enough yield in the Fund to keep pace with positive market momentum, or at least one which does not deteriorate, in line with our base case scenario. The new issue market continues to provide opportunities to add interesting and attractively valued bonds to the Fund. Recent examples have included: Great Portland Estates, a FTSE 250 property company owning £2.5 billion of central London offices, providing an opportunity to invest in a high-quality name in an unloved sector; and, Pearson, a global learning and assessment company which is a highly cash-generative business with leading positions in various sectors and diversified revenue streams. We have sold a few bonds which had performed strongly and carry more risk if volatility increases, including Lonza, a supplier to the pharmaceuticals industry and Unite, a student accommodation provider.

Baillie Gifford & Co, 10 October 2024

Principal Bond Holdings as at 30 September 2024

Investment	Percentage of total Fund
UK T Bill 28/10/2024	2.46
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	2.13
AT&T 7% 2040	1.81
NatWest 5.642% 2034	1.72
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	1.61
Nationwide 5.875% 2024 Perp AT1	1.51
Mitchells & Butlers FRN (AB) 2033	1.50
Burberry 1.125% 2025	1.50
Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	1.43
IBRD 0.25% 2026	1.27

Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 September 2024

Largest Purchases	Cost £'000	Largest Sales	Proceeds £'000
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/10/2025	41,743	UK Treasury 3.5% 22/10/2025	60,978
UK Treasury 5% 07/03/2025	20,326	KFW 1.25% 2023	17,950
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	19,331	Santander UK 6.75% 2024 Perp AT1	14,707
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	19,289	AP Moller-Maersk A/S 4.125% 2036	14,028
AT&T 7% 2040	16,947	DNB Bank 1.375% 2025	13,919
NatWest 5.642% 2034	16,707	UK Treasury 5% 07/03/2025	13,320
Mitchells & Butlers FRN (AB) 2033	15,060	GlaxoSmithKline 1.625% 2035	12,035
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	14,956	Telefonica 8.25% 2030	11,525
Burberry 1.125% 2025	14,238	Volkswagen 1.875% 2024	10,925
Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	13,863	UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	10,557

The largest purchases and sales have been shown, with the exception of UK Treasury Bills, which are used for cash management purposes, and derivatives.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Agency - 2.16% (2.23%)			
Canada Pension Plan 1.25% 2027	5,000,000	4,570	0.47
Canada Pension Plan 1.625% 2071	10,800,000	4,422	0.46
SNCF Reseau 5.25% 2035	3,300,000	3,472	0.36
Swedish Export Credit 0.125% 15/12/2025	4,900,000	4,652	0.48
Temasek 5.125% 2040	3,650,000	3,795	0.39
Asset Backed - 8.20% (6.66%)			
Anglian Water 6% 2039	2,500,000	2,506	0.26
Anglian Water 6.25% 2044	9,800,000	9,788	1.01
Center Parcs 5.876% 2027	9,081,000	9,179	0.95
Center Parcs 6.136% 2031	2,000,000	2,044	0.21
Gatwick Funding 5.5% 2040	6,300,000	6,173	0.64
Lunar Funding 1 5.75% 2033	4,600,000	4,740	0.49
Mitchells & Butlers FRN (AB) 2033	20,190,000	14,541	1.50
Welsh Water 1.625% 2026	4,900,000	4,621	0.48
Welsh Water 2.375% 2034	8,300,000	6,117	0.63
Welsh Water 5.75% 2044	8,361,000	8,365	0.87
Yorkshire Water 2.75% 2041	3,600,000	2,319	0.24
Yorkshire Water 5.5% 2035	1,474,000	1,360	0.14
Yorkshire Water 6.375% 2034	4,900,000	4,895	0.51
Yorkshire Water 6.601% 2031	2,600,000	2,633	0.27
Automotive - 0.95% (2.52%)			
Ford Motor Co 5.625% 2028	9,200,000	9,203	0.95
Banking - 16.16% (16.61%)			
Banco Santander 3.125% 2025/26	9,300,000	9,117	0.94
Banco Santander 5.5% 2029	11,500,000	11,652	1.20
Barclays 3.75% 2025/30 T2	2,360,000	2,307	0.24
Barclays 7.09% 2028/29	4,385,000	4,688	0.48
Barclays 8.407% 2027/32 T2	7,000,000	7,477	0.77
Caixabank 6.875% 2028/33 T2	6,700,000	6,945	0.72
DNB Bank 4% 2026/27	7,160,000	7,048	0.73
HSBC Bank 5.844% 2031 Perp	3,072,000	3,244	0.34

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
ING Groep 5% 2025/26	8,800,000	8,793	0.91
Intesa Sanpaolo 6.5% 2028/29	9,000,000	9,316	0.96
Nationwide 5.875% 2024 Perp AT1	14,600,000	14,581	1.51
Nationwide Building Society 6.125% 2028	8,100,000	8,492	0.88
NatWest 2.875% 2025/26	9,300,000	9,097	0.94
NatWest 3.622% 2025/30 T2	9,100,000	8,977	0.93
NatWest 5.642% 2034	16,708,000	16,602	1.72
Rabobank 6.5% Perp	4,295,125	4,070	0.42
Santander UK 7.098% 2026/27	8,200,000	8,522	0.88
Yorkshire Building Society 3.375% 2027/28	4,050,000	3,799	0.39
Yorkshire Building Society 6.375% 2027/28	11,200,000	11,613	1.20
Basic Industry - 1.03% (0.71%)			
Voestalpine 3.75% 2029	12,000,000	9,970	1.03
Capital Goods - 1.17% (1.25%)			
Weir Group 6.875% 2028	10,800,000	11,333	1.17
Commercial Mortgage Backed - 4.04% (3.47%)			
Telereal (B-3) 5.634% 2031	2,700,000	2,725	0.28
Telereal (B7) FRN 2031	5,050,000	3,903	0.40
Telereal 1.3657% 2031 (A6)	2,650,000	1,390	0.15
Telereal 1.963% 2033 (B2) ¹	9,800,000	9,320	0.96
Telereal 3.5625% 2031 (A3)	11,000,000	10,050	1.04
Tesco Property Finance 1 7.6227% 2039	4,300,000	3,693	0.38
Tesco Property Finance 4 5.801% 2040	8,800,000	7,987	0.83
Consumer Goods - 0.71% (1.16%)			
BEL SA 4.375% 2029	8,100,000	6,907	0.71
Financial Services - 6.94% (4.99%)			
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	21,000,000	20,638	2.13
Burford Capital 6.25% 2028 (144A)	5,350,000	3,981	0.41
Burford Capital 9.25% 2031 (144A)	6,600,000	5,295	0.55
Investec 1.875% 2027/28	8,000,000	7,250	0.75

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Investec 10.5% 2029 Perp AT1	2,600,000	2,827	0.29
Investor 5.5% 2037	3,700,000	3,942	0.41
Motability 3.625% 2036	5,300,000	4,662	0.48
Motability 5.625% 2035	8,500,000	8,966	0.93
Schroders 6.346% 2029/34 T2	9,400,000	9,598	0.99
Government Guaranteed - 4.13% (9.50%)			
KFW 0.875% 2026	10,200,000	9,584	0.99
KFW 5% 2036	4,450,000	4,764	0.49
KFW 6% 2028	7,900,000	8,504	0.88
LCR Finance 4.5% 2028	8,000,000	8,126	0.84
Network Rail 4.75% 2035	8,700,000	8,995	0.93
Health Care - 1.66% (2.92%)			
Amgen 4% 2029	6,800,000	6,622	0.68
Teva Pharma Ind 7.375% 2029	4,000,000	3,736	0.39
Teva Pharma Ind 7.875% 2031	5,800,000	5,718	0.59
Insurance - 6.64% (6.42%)			
Abrdn 5.25% 2026 Perp AT1	3,400,000	2,968	0.31
Admiral Group 8.5% 2034 T2	8,400,000	9,509	0.98
Legal & General 5.375% 2025/45 T2	11,000,000	10,969	1.13
New York Life Insurance 4.875% 2031	10,185,000	10,336	1.07
New York Life Insurance 4.95% 2029	9,000,000	9,190	0.95
Pension Insurance 4.625% 2031 T2	10,500,000	9,572	0.99
Pension Insurance 7.375% 2029 Perp RT1	2,400,000	2,397	0.25
Pension Insurance Corp 8% 2033 T2	1,252,000	1,360	0.14
Phoenix 5.75% 2028 Perp RT1	2,600,000	2,410	0.25
Phoenix Group 7.75% 2033/53 T2	5,200,000	5,533	0.57
Media - 1.68% (0.00%)			
Pearson Funding 5.375% 2034	6,500,000	6,467	0.67
Pinewood Gp 3.625% 2027	10,400,000	9,817	1.01

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Quasi Government Bonds - 0.47% (0.49%)			
Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board 1.125% 2026	4,800,000	4,561	0.47
Real Estate - 7.69% (6.97%)			
Annington Funding 2.308% 2032	6,000,000	4,709	0.49
Annington Funding 2.924% 2051	13,500,000	7,651	0.79
Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	6,200,000	4,482	0.46
Annington Funding 4.75% 2033	7,000,000	6,473	0.67
Berkeley Group 2.5% 2031	10,000,000	7,984	0.82
CPI Property 1.5% 2031	15,474,000	9,758	1.01
CPI Property 2.75% 2028	7,300,000	6,544	0.68
Great Portland Estates 5.375% 2031	3,705,000	3,682	0.38
Realty Income 1.875% 2027	2,786,000	2,594	0.27
Realty Income 5% 2029	3,900,000	3,876	0.40
Sovereign Housing 4.768% 2043	5,000,000	4,633	0.48
TAG Immobilien 4.25% 2030	14,300,000	12,005	1.24
Retail - 2.71% (1.10%)			
Burberry 1.125% 2025	15,100,000	14,480	1.50
Inchcape 6.5% 2028	11,400,000	11,765	1.21
Services - 1.90% (1.14%)			
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	17,500,000	15,600	1.61
Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	5,400,000	2,798	0.29
Sovereign - 6.45% (3.97%)			
UK T Bill 28/10/2024	23,900,000	23,808	2.46
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/10/2025	11,700,000	11,601	1.20
UK Treasury 4.125% 29/01/2027	1,900,000	1,907	0.20
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2049	9,800,000	9,345	0.96
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	8,700,000	8,769	0.91
UK Treasury 5% 07/03/2025	7,000,000	7,012	0.72

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Supranational - 4.99% (6.91%)			
EIB 0.125% 2026	5,400,000	4,963	0.51
EIB 1.375% 2025	6,000,000	5,916	0.61
EIB 4.5% 2044	7,100,000	7,010	0.73
EIB 4.625% 2054	3,600,000	3,589	0.37
EIB 6% 2028	8,800,000	9,477	0.98
IBRD 0.25% 2026	13,200,000	12,307	1.27
IBRD 5.75% 2032	4,500,000	4,993	0.52
Technology & Electronics - 2.42% (0.46%)			
Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	17,400,000	13,853	1.43
Teleperformance 5.75% 2031	10,800,000	9,562	0.99
Telecommunications - 4.04% (4.58%)			
AT&T 4.25% 2043	4,400,000	3,639	0.38
AT&T 4.875% 2044	4,300,000	3,844	0.40
AT&T 7% 2040	15,400,000	17,526	1.81
CK Hutchison Telecom 2.625% 2034	12,800,000	9,448	0.98
Vodafone 3% 2056	7,700,000	4,575	0.47
Transportation - 0.91% (1.22%)			
Fraport 4.25% 2032	1,949,000	1,686	0.18
Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025	7,100,000	7,079	0.73
Utilities - 9.40% (10.95%)			
Centrica 6.5% 2055	3,700,000	3,793	0.39
Centrica 7% 2033	2,846,000	3,192	0.33
E.ON 5.875% 2037	3,000,000	3,116	0.32
E.ON 6.75% 2039	3,700,000	4,133	0.43
EDF 5.5% 2037	5,300,000	5,100	0.53
EDF 5.5% 2041	3,100,000	2,889	0.30
EDF 6% 2114	4,800,000	4,433	0.46
EDF 7.375% 2035 Perp	8,800,000	8,989	0.93
Iberdrola 1.874% 2026 Perp	5,800,000	4,699	0.48

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
National Gas Transmission 1.375% 2031	12,000,000	9,547	0.99
National Grid 5.625% 2025 Perp	3,550,000	3,545	0.37
National Grid ED plc 3.5% 2026	8,000,000	7,796	0.81
National Grid ED S Wales 5.35% 2039	5,020,000	4,893	0.50
National Grid ED W Midlands 6% 2025	6,400,000	6,422	0.66
South West Water 6.375% 2041	7,900,000	8,145	0.84
Yorkshire Power 7.25% 2028	9,600,000	10,234	1.06
Derivatives - 0.07% (-0.07%)			
Forward currency contracts (see Table 1)		2,816	0.29
Futures contracts (see Table 2)		-	0.00
Interest rate swap contracts (see Table 3)		394	0.04
Credit default swap contracts (see Table 4)		(2,510)	(0.26)
Portfolio of investments		933,879	96.52
Net other assets - 3.48% (3.84%)		33,625	3.48
Net assets		967,504	100.00

¹This bond has been valued using a single broker quote and therefore is categorised as level 3 in note 13.

Please note: figures are based on market values rather than economic exposure.

Unless otherwise stated the above holdings are in fixed interest securities.

Figures in brackets in the investment category headings refer to 30 September 2023.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Table 1: Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts

Counterparty	Settlement	Buy	Buy Amount	Sell	Sell Amount	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
Deutsche Bank	21/11/24	GBP	49,885,050	EUR	58,507,000	1,103	0.11
JP Morgan Chase	21/11/24	GBP	426,317	EUR	500,000	10	0.00
JP Morgan Chase	21/11/24	GBP	24,842,013	USD	32,070,000	931	0.10
Royal Bank of Canada	21/11/24	GBP	34,923,883	EUR	40,960,000	772	0.08
Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts						2,816	0.29

Table 2: Unrealised gains/(losses) on futures contracts

Futures	Maturity	Notional	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
Euro-Bobl Future December 2024	10/12/24	(659)	-	0.00
Euro-Bund Future December 2024	10/12/24	(41)	-	0.00
Long Gilt Future 10 Year December 2024	31/12/24	736	-	0.00
US 10 Year Note Future December 2024	31/12/24	94	-	0.00
US 5 Year Note December 2024	06/01/25	(210)	-	0.00
US Ultra 10 Year Note Future December 2024	31/12/24	(137)	-	0.00
Unrealised gains/(losses) on futures contracts			-	0.00

Table 3: Unrealised gains/(losses) on open interest rate swap contracts:

Counterparty	Ccy	Termination	Notional	Fund pays	Fund receives	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
Lloyds Bank	GBP	21/03/27	70,500,000	SONIA Interest Rate Benchmark	4.1353	511	0.05
Lloyds Bank	GBP	19/09/27	122,600,000	SONIA Interest Rate Benchmark	3.7175	(117)	(0.01)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on open interest rate swap contracts						394	0.04

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Table 4: Credit default swap contracts

Credit Default Swap	Maturity	Currency	Direction	Notional	Premium	Market Value £'000	% of total net assets
CDS Buy iTraxx Europe Crossover Series 41 Version 1 EUR 20/06/2029	20/06/29	EUR	Buy protection	32,800,000	5%	(2,510)	(0.26)
Credit Default Swaps (Liability)						(2,510)	(0.26)

Comparative Tables

Comparative Table: A Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	75.97	74.50	99.85
Return before operating charges*	8.66	5.53	(21.85)
Operating charges	(0.82)	(0.80)	(0.98)
Return after operating charges*	7.84	4.73	(22.83)
Distributions on income shares	(4.22)	(3.26)	(2.52)
Closing net asset value per share	79.59	75.97	74.50
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	10.32%	6.35%	(22.86)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	439	477	699
Closing number of shares	551,990	627,284	937,911
Operating charges	1.03%	1.02%	1.04% ¹
Direct transaction costs ²	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	82.09	82.35	102.6
Lowest share price (pence)	74.88	72.17	73.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	198.95	185.71	239.70
Return before operating charges*	22.96	13.77	(53.36)
Operating charges	(0.57)	(0.53)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	22.39	13.24	(53.99)
Distributions	(11.26)	(8.27)	(6.10)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	11.26	8.27	6.10
Closing net asset value per share	221.34	198.95	185.71
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	11.25%	7.13%	(22.52)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,451	5,187	20,088
Closing number of shares	2,010,716	2,607,186	10,817,112
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.28%
Direct transaction costs ²	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	224.2	207.2	246.5
Lowest share price (pence)	196.2	179.9	180.7

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	81.35	79.19	105.28
Return before operating charges*	9.29	5.88	(23.15)
Operating charges	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.28)
Return after operating charges*	9.06	5.65	(23.43)
Distributions on income shares	(4.52)	(3.49)	(2.66)
Closing net asset value per share	85.89	81.35	79.19
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	11.14%	7.13%	(22.25)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,568	29,333	32,632
Closing number of shares	34,423,401	36,058,934	41,205,433
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.28%
Direct transaction costs ²	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	88.54	87.76	108.3
Lowest share price (pence)	80.22	76.73	78.0

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	202.71	188.74	243.01
Return before operating charges*	23.42	14.01	(54.20)
Operating charges	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	23.38	13.97	(54.27)
Distributions	(11.48)	(8.42)	(6.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	11.48	8.42	6.19
Closing net asset value per share	226.09	202.71	188.74
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	11.53%	7.40%	(22.33)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	933,046	837,954	62,752
Closing number of shares	412,680,616	413,372,757	33,247,554
Operating charges	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%
Direct transaction costs ²	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	228.9	210.8	250.1
Lowest share price (pence)	199.9	182.9	183.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	84.72	82.26	109.04
Return before operating charges*	9.69	6.09	(24.01)
Operating charges	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	9.68	6.08	(24.03)
Distributions on income shares	(4.72)	(3.62)	(2.75)
Closing net asset value per share	89.68	84.72	82.26
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance:			
Return after charges	11.43%	7.39%	(22.04)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	0	0	0
Closing number of shares	100	100	100
Operating charges	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs ²	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	92.49	91.22	112.2
Lowest share price (pence)	83.56	79.71	81.0

¹As at 30 September 2022 the ACD considered 1.02% to be a more indicative rate for the ongoing charges figure for Class A Shares.

²The Fund incurs broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the Fund's underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of future contracts.

A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section.

For further details on the costs associated with investing in the Fund please see the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Costs and Charges document and Baillie Gifford's Funds Costs and Charges Summary, both of which are available on the website www.bailliegifford.com.

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Statement of Total Return for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	1		51,522		(19,667)
Revenue	3	49,828		22,487	
Expenses	4	(238)		(179)	
Net revenue before taxation		49,590		22,308	
Taxation	5	-		(1)	
Net revenue after taxation			49,590		22,307
Total return before distributions			101,112		2,640
Distributions	6		(49,808)		(22,478)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			51,304		(19,838)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		872,951		116,171
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	32,719		775,574	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(37,812)		(25,116)	
		(5,093)		750,458
Dilution adjustment		135		1,942
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		51,304		(19,838)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		48,207		24,218
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		967,504		872,951

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments	13	936,506	840,787
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	43,212	20,226
Cash and bank balances	9	28,191	15,024
Total assets		1,007,909	876,037
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities	13	(2,627)	(1,371)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	9	(4,026)	-
Distributions payable		(538)	(619)
Other creditors	10	(33,214)	(1,096)
Total liabilities		(40,405)	(3,086)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		967,504	872,951

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Net capital gains/(losses)

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	42,716	(19,550)
Derivative contracts	2,519	(626)
Forward currency contracts	6,165	289
Currency gains/(losses)	127	225
Transaction costs	(5)	(5)
Net capital gains/(losses)	51,522	(19,667)

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Purchases and transaction costs		
Gross purchases of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	801,067	1,159,467
Purchases including transaction costs	801,067	1,159,467

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sales and transaction costs		
Gross sales of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	757,106	412,425
Sales net of transaction costs	757,106	412,425

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Transaction cost on derivative contracts		
Commission on trading futures contracts	23	10

	2024		2023	
	£'000	% of average NAV	£'000	% of average NAV
Portfolio transaction costs				
Commissions	23	0.00	10	0.00
Taxes	-	0.00	-	0.00
Total direct transaction costs	23	0.00	10	0.00

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs (continued)

	2024	2023
	%	%
Average portfolio dealing spread	0.29	0.51

Funds incur transaction costs such as broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. In the case of bonds, typically no transaction costs are incurred however transaction taxes may be incurred in some jurisdictions. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of futures contracts.

A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section.

Dealing spread is the difference in the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment. The Fund may have holdings in single priced funds. The notional spread on these holdings is not included in the average dealing spread calculated for this Fund.

3 Revenue

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interest on debt securities	49,830	22,033
Bank interest	350	407
Swaps interest	(352)	47
Total revenue	49,828	22,487

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

4 Expenses

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	95	107
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	74	36
Bank charges	53	23
	127	59
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	14	13
Third party costs of processing dealing instructions from investors	2	-
	16	13
Total expenses	238	179

5 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	-	-
Overseas tax	-	1
Total taxation	-	1

The Fund is subject to corporation tax at 20% (2023: 20%), however, the Fund is a bond fund making interest distributions and the interest distributions made by the Fund are allowable in arriving at the amount of revenue liable to tax. As a result, this has reduced the corporation tax liability of the Fund to nil.

The tax charge is explained as follows:

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue before taxation	49,590	22,308
Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	9,918	4,462
Effects of:		
Interest distributions	(9,959)	(4,495)
Overseas tax on coupons	-	1
Management expenses charged to capital	47	35
Tax on undistributed income carried forward	(6)	(2)
Total taxation	-	1

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

6 Distributions

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interim to 31 December	9,060	753
Interim to 31 March	9,276	733
Interim to 30 June	14,398	6,134
Final to 30 September	17,082	17,921
	49,816	25,541
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	354	160
Amounts added on issue of shares	(362)	(3,223)
Total distributions	49,808	22,478

The distributions take account of revenue transactions on the issue and cancellation of shares. Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables.

7 Reconciliation of net revenue to net distributions for the year

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation for the year	49,590	22,307
Add expenses allocated to capital	238	179
Add distributable revenue brought forward	11	3
Less distributable revenue carried forward	(31)	(11)
Net distributions for the year	49,808	22,478

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Receivable for issue of shares	17	38
Sales awaiting settlement	20,254	-
Accrued income	14,419	15,307
VAT recoverable	1	1
Collateral held by counterparties	2,500	1,510
Amounts due from clearing brokers	91	-
Amounts due from clearing house	5,898	3,319
Other debtors	32	51
Total debtors	43,212	20,226

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

9 Cash and bank balances

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sterling amounts held at clearing houses and brokers	2,559	1,446
Foreign amounts held at clearing houses and brokers	1,578	540
Sterling bank accounts	24,054	13,038
	28,191	15,024
Sterling amounts held at clearing houses and brokers overdrawn	(175)	-
Sterling bank accounts overdrawn	(3,851)	-
	(4,026)	-
Total cash and bank balances	24,165	15,024

10 Other creditors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable for cancellation of shares	42	144
Purchases awaiting settlement	30,094	190
Due to the ACD or associates	8	7
Due to the Depositary or associates	11	15
Collateral held on behalf of counterparty	3,045	-
Amounts due to clearing broker	-	729
Other accrued expenses	14	11
Total other creditors	33,214	1,096

11 Related party transactions

Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, as ACD, is regarded as a related party by virtue of the services provided to the Company. Baillie Gifford & Co Limited acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company, except where stocks are transferred on the issue or cancellation of shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts receivable and payable on the issue and cancellation of shares have been disclosed in notes 8 and 10 respectively.

Amounts paid to Baillie Gifford & Co Limited in respect of annual management charge are disclosed in note 4 with amounts due at the year end given in note 10.

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11 Related party transactions (continued)

Shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD

The shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD as a percentage of the Fund's NAV were:

	2024	2023
	%	%
ACD and associates of the ACD	0.00	0.00

12 Reconciliation of shares in issue

	Shares in issue as at 30.09.23	Shares issued	Shares cancelled	Shares converted	Shares in issue as at 30.09.24
A Income Shares	627,284	101,704	(176,998)	-	551,990
B Accumulation Shares	2,607,186	1,228,114	(1,824,584)	-	2,010,716
B Income Shares	36,058,934	3,379,627	(5,015,160)	-	34,423,401
C Accumulation Shares	413,372,757	12,839,892	(13,532,033)	-	412,680,616
C Income Shares	100	100	(100)	-	100

13 Basis of valuation

	2024		2023	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	62,442	-	34,625	-
Level 2: Observable market data	864,744	(2,627)	802,324	(1,371)
Level 3: Unobservable data ¹	9,320	-	3,838	-
Total	936,506	(2,627)	840,787	(1,371)

¹For further information on the assets included in Level 3, as at 30 September 2024, please refer to the Portfolio Statement.

14 Credit ratings

Rating Block	2024		2023	
	Market value	Percentage of	Market value	Percentage of
	£'000	total Fund	£'000	total Fund
Investment Grade	835,344	86.34	793,191	90.86
High Yield	97,834	10.11	46,801	5.36
Total	933,178	96.45	839,992	96.22
Other	34,326	3.55	32,959	3.78
Net Assets	967,504	100.00	872,951	100.00

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Currency exposures

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities)			Net currency assets/(liabilities)		
	2024			2023		
	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000
Euro	1,084	(2,151)	(1,067)	-	(199)	(199)
UK sterling	28,031	936,812	964,843	18,584	840,777	859,361
US dollar	494	(782)	(288)	540	(1,161)	(621)

Short term debtors and creditors have not been disclosed.

Totals may not sum due to rounding

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund was:

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
	Euro	1,084	111,000	-	112,084	-	6,799	-
UK sterling	53,666	1,001,371	110,077	1,165,114	23,365	940,723	36,366	1,000,454
US dollar	494	23,129	-	23,623	540	29,577	-	30,117

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
	Euro	-	29,801	83,351	113,151	-	-	6,999
UK sterling	200,271	-	-	200,271	141,092	-	-	141,092
US dollar	-	-	23,911	23,911	-	-	30,738	30,738

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Notes to the Financial Statements cont.

16 Derivative Exposure

Counterparty	2024						2023					
	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000
Deutsche Bank	-	1,103	-	-	(845)	258	-	-	-	795	-	795
JP Morgan Chase	-	941	-	-	(1,410)	(469)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-	512	-	512	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	-	772	-	-	(790)	(18)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collateral pledged on derivatives was:											2024	2023
											£'000	£'000

Cash collateral pledged on derivatives

CitiGroup	2,500	-
JP Morgan Chase	-	1,365
National Australia Bank	-	145

In addition, the Fund trades futures contracts through UBS. Fair value movements are offset by movements in the variation margin account which reduces the derivative counterparty exposure to nil.

17 Value at risk (VaR)

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Adviser using VaR analysis. VaR analysis attempts to reflect the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

Model assumptions:

System	FIS Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT)
VaR methodology:	variance covariance approach (with delta-adjustment)
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	1 month
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of historical market data:	nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks

	2024	2023
	%	%
Fund VaR:	4.89	4.61
Index VaR:	4.52	4.27

The VaR noted above indicates the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 1 month loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99% confidence level.

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17 Value at risk (VaR) (continued)

In combination with a snapshot of the portfolio and benchmark constituents at a given point in time, the APT risk model uses 180 weeks of historic data to formulate a prediction of risk over a desired time period. In the case of VaR numbers, the risk model produces a 1-month prediction of 99% VaR. The decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historic market data refers to how the risk model uses more recent data in its historic data window compared to older data. Using a positive decay factor would mean that the risk model is placing more importance on more recent data than on older data in formulating its prediction of risk – this would result in the risk model being more short-term in nature, and increasingly geared to short-term recent events. The decay factor used in the APT risk model for calculating VaR numbers is nil. This means that each of the 180 weeks of historic data used by the risk model are treated with equal importance in the model's calculation of predicted risk. This means that the risk model's prediction of risk will be influenced by the average variances and covariances of portfolio and comparative index constituents over the past 3½ years.

Objectives and limitations of the VaR methodology

The APT model uses statistical factor techniques to measure the effects of these risk variables on the value of the Fund. The VaR model is designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment.

The use of VaR has limitations because it is based on historical correlations and volatilities in market prices and assumes that future price movements will follow a statistical distribution. Due to the fact that VaR relies significantly on historical data to provide information and may not clearly predict the future changes and modifications of the risk factors, the probability of large market moves may be underestimated if changes in risk factors fail to align with the given distribution assumption. VaR may also be under- or over-estimated due to the assumption placed on risk factors and the relationship between such factors for specific instruments.

Even though positions may change throughout the day, the VaR only represents the risk of the portfolios at the close of each business day, and it does not account for any losses that may occur beyond the 99% confidence level. In practice, the actual trading results will differ from the VaR calculation and, in particular, the calculation does not provide a meaningful indication of profits and losses in stressed market conditions. To determine the reliability of the VaR models, actual outcomes are monitored regularly to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation. Market risk positions are also subject to regular stress tests to ensure that the Fund would withstand an extreme market event.

Distribution Tables

Interim distribution for the period ended 31 December 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.02.23)
	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.22 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	0.80000	-	0.80000	0.56000
Group 2	0.07228	0.72772	0.80000	0.56000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	2.07000	-	2.07000	1.40000
Group 2	0.94768	1.12232	2.07000	1.40000
B Income				
Group 1	0.84000	-	0.84000	0.60000
Group 2	0.32700	0.51300	0.84000	0.60000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	2.10000	-	2.10000	1.42000
Group 2	2.10000	-	2.10000	1.42000
C Income				
Group 1	0.87000	-	0.87000	0.64000
Group 2	0.87000	-	0.87000	0.64000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distributions for the period ended 31 March 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 January 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.05.23)
	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	0.77000	-	0.77000	0.56000
Group 2	-	0.77000	0.77000	0.56000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	2.06000	-	2.06000	1.40000
Group 2	0.13488	1.92512	2.06000	1.40000
B Income				
Group 1	0.84000	-	0.84000	0.60000
Group 2	-	0.84000	0.84000	0.60000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	2.10000	-	2.10000	1.42000
Group 2	-	2.10000	2.10000	1.42000
C Income				
Group 1	0.85000	-	0.85000	0.64000
Group 2	0.85000	-	0.85000	0.64000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distribution for the period ended 30 June 2024

Group 1 : share purchased prior to 1 April 2024

Group 2 : share purchased 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 31.08.23)
	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	1.20000	-	1.20000	0.56000
Group 2	0.27248	0.92752	1.20000	0.56000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	3.23000	-	3.23000	1.40000
Group 2	-	3.23000	3.23000	1.40000
B Income				
Group 1	1.30000	-	1.30000	0.60000
Group 2	0.15260	1.14740	1.30000	0.60000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	3.29000	-	3.29000	1.42000
Group 2	1.30900	1.98100	3.29000	1.42000
C Income				
Group 1	1.35000	-	1.35000	0.64000
Group 2	1.35000	-	1.35000	0.64000

Distribution Tables cont.

Final distribution for the period ended 30 September 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 July 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.11.23)
	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.23 pence per share
A Income				
Group 1	1.45000	-	1.45000	1.58000
Group 2	0.48286	0.96714	1.45000	1.58000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	3.90000	-	3.90000	4.07000
Group 2	1.87400	2.02600	3.90000	4.07000
B Income				
Group 1	1.54000	-	1.54000	1.69000
Group 2	0.56963	0.97037	1.54000	1.69000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	3.99000	-	3.99000	4.16000
Group 2	3.99000	-	3.99000	4.16000
C Income				
Group 1	1.65000	-	1.65000	1.70000
Group 2	1.65000	-	1.65000	1.70000

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Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund

a sub-fund of Baillie Gifford Bond Funds ICVC

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Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund

Investment Objective

The Fund aims to produce monthly income. Opportunities for capital growth are also sought, subject to prevailing market conditions.

Investment Policy

The Fund will invest at least 80% in a diversified portfolio of (1) investment grade and (2) sub-investment grade bonds, issued by corporate issuers, public bodies and supranationals, and (3) developed market government bonds. The Fund may also invest in other bonds. The bonds in which the Fund invests will be denominated in sterling or denominated in other currencies and hedged back to sterling. Currency forwards and derivatives, which are types of financial contracts, are used for both investment purposes and in the management of risk. The Fund will be actively managed through bond selection and strategic asset allocation.

Risk and Reward Profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Market conditions can change rapidly and a fund in any rank can lose you your investment. The Fund is classified as above as it invests in corporate bonds.

The indicator does not take into account the following relevant material risks:

Bonds are affected by interest rates and inflation trends which may affect the value of the Fund. They could lose value if the issuer's financial health deteriorates.

Derivatives can magnify losses if the underlying asset does not perform as the manager expects.

In adverse market conditions it may be difficult to sell investments held by the Fund in a timely manner and their value may fall significantly. This could affect how much money you receive and even delay the selling of your shares if dealing in the Fund is suspended.

Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care.

You could lose your investment due to global factors like natural disasters, pandemics, or through developments such as military conflict, or changes in government policies.

The manager can charge some, or all, expenses to the Fund's capital, reducing its value. This amount can vary from year to year.

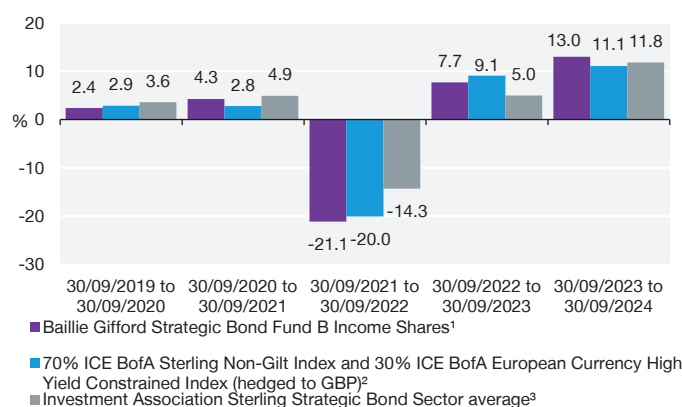
For a more detailed explanation of the risks, please see the "Risk Warnings" section of the prospectus.

Fees Allocated to Capital

For distribution purposes the ACD has allocated all expenses to capital. This will reduce the capital value of the Fund.

Investment Report

Past Performance



The performance figures shown in this graph are for Class B Income Shares. Performance figures reflect the annual management charge of 0.50%. Performance figures for the other share classes in issue can be obtained by contacting Client Relations. You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Past Performance

The investment objective of the Fund is to produce monthly income. Opportunities for capital growth are also sought, subject to prevailing market conditions. For the year to 30 September 2024, income totalling 3.95 pence per share was declared for B Income Shares and the total return was 13.0%¹ compared to the composite index⁴ (comparator benchmark) of 11.1%². We believe that short-term performance measurements are of limited relevance in assessing investment ability and would suggest that three years is a more sensible timeframe over which to judge performance. Over that period, the Fund declared a monthly stream of income totalling 10.12 pence per share for B Income Shares and the annualised total return was -1.3%¹ compared to the comparator benchmark of -1.0%².

Market environment

The economic outlook is finely poised at this stage. Growth has been surprisingly resilient in the past year and inflation has fallen close to target in most major

economies. There were various signs of a slowdown in the US economy during the most recent quarter, including weaker data on labour markets, manufacturing and consumer confidence. Very recently, some of those data points have been subject to positive revisions, and the latest US labour market data showed strong job growth and a decline in the unemployment rate.

Looking ahead, the upcoming US presidential election is considered too close to call, and this could bring market volatility in the very short term. Rising tensions in the Middle East could escalate further still, with spillover effects into the wider global economy, which have been limited thus far. For example, disruption in the oil market could cause inflation to rise from current benign levels.

This presents a challenge for central banks. While interest rates in many countries appear too high today given current growth and inflation rates, policymakers have indicated a wariness of cutting rates too quickly and risking a rebound in inflation. On the other hand, they will be cognisant of the potential for high interest rates to restrict economic growth.

¹Source: FE, 10am dealing prices, income reinvested. ²Source: Revolution and ICE, total return. ³Source: Revolution and The Investment Association, total return. Please see Disclaimer on page 154. ⁴The composite index is comprised of 70% ICE BofA Sterling Non-Gilt Index and 30% ICE BofA European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (hedged to GBP). You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Investment Report cont.

We continue to believe a soft landing is the most likely outcome. In addition, company fundamentals remain broadly resilient although pockets of deterioration are emerging in some cyclical sectors as higher financing costs start to impact demand. There is no sign that the market's insatiable hunger for corporate bonds is likely to deteriorate in the short term. However, valuations remain high and, as recent events have shown, sentiment is fragile leaving the market vulnerable to bad news.

Performance

Performance over the last 12 months has been strong with bond selection the key return driver. The Fund's allocation to resilient bonds in the property sector and off-benchmark subordinated insurance bonds were key contributors as beneficiaries of an improving market backdrop. Eastern European office and residential property operator, CPI Property, was the standout performer, while UK housebuilder, The Berkeley Group, also performed well. More recently, International Workplace Group, has made a meaningful contribution. The company provides flexible workspaces and we believe it has a sensible strategy and solid management team, while the market has concerns given competitors in this space have failed. We participated in a new issue earlier in the year at a valuation we felt was especially compelling and the market has quite quickly become aligned to our positive view of the company. In the insurance sector, Admiral, Legal & General and pensions buyout specialist, Pension Insurance Corporation, were among the largest contributors.

Over the last three years, Fund returns have been behind the comparator index. We underestimated the speed and scale of interest rate rises as inflation soared following the pandemic, and this detracted from index-relative performance due to the strategy's exposure to interest rate-sensitive sectors such as real estate. In some cases, these positions have gone on to rally, contributing to recent outperformance.

Notable Transactions

Corporate credit spreads (the risk premium bondholders receive for lending to corporates over governments) rallied strongly over the period (there is an inverse relationship between credit spreads and corporate bond prices). This reflects the market's view that a soft-landing scenario, where Central Banks successfully reduce inflation without causing a recession, is playing out. This has left market valuations high relative to history.

In this context, our objective has been to find an appropriate balance of risk, recognising the supportive backdrop with the potential, given tight credit spreads, for price volatility. We want the strategy to be risk-facing overall but insulated from the parts of the market we think are most at risk of a sell-off. As such, the strategy has increased its allocation to shorter-dated corporate bonds, those that will mature in less than three years. Given the inverted yield curve, a market environment where shorter-dated bonds outyield longer-dated bonds, and the reduced sensitivity of these positions to volatility in credit markets, short-dated bonds offer attractive risk-adjusted returns.

As always, we have worked hard to identify attractive longer dated opportunities in the crossover space (BBB and BB-rated corporate bonds) that hold the potential to add value through income and capital appreciation. For example, we purchased bonds issued by Mobico, formerly National Express Group. Their downgrade to high yield has created a valuation opportunity in our view. We believe the market is underestimating the potential for disposals to deleverage the balance sheet and to fund bond buybacks. This bond holds the potential to add value through income and capital appreciation over the long term.

Baillie Gifford & Co, 11 October 2024

Principal Bond Holdings as at 30 September 2024

Investment	Percentage of total Fund
Rothsay Life 8% 2025	2.93
DNB Bank 4% 2026/27	2.66
Bharti Airtel 5.65% 2025 Perp	2.26
Investec 2.625% 2026-2032	2.22
Banco Santander 1.5% 2026	2.21
Barclays 7.125% 2025 Perp AT1	2.20
CPI Property 1.5% 2031	2.15
Telereal (C1) FRN 2031	2.00
Berkeley Group 2.5% 2031	1.99
Helvetia Hdg 2.75% 2031-2041	1.94

Material Portfolio Changes for the year ended 30 September 2024

Largest Purchases	Cost £'000	Largest Sales	Proceeds £'000
CPI Property 1.5% 2031	9,585	NatWest 2.875% 2025/26	17,963
Ctp N.V. 4.75% 2030	7,457	Enel 5.625% 2024	17,269
Yorkshire Water 6.375% 2034	7,072	LeasePlan 7.375% 2024 Perp AT1	15,190
Kyndryl Holdings 6.35% 2034	7,011	Telefonica 5.375% 2026	14,635
Schroders 6.346% 2029/34 T2	6,721	Virgin Media 5% 2027	13,865
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046	6,400	Barclays 1.7% 2025/26	13,519
Motability 4% 2030	6,364	EDF 6% 2026 Perp	13,361
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	6,112	EIB 3.875% 2037	12,869
EDF 7.375% 2035 Perp	6,100	InPost 2.25% 2027	12,617
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	6,079	CPI Property 2.75% 2028	9,671

The largest purchases and sales have been shown, with the exception of UK Treasury Bills, which are used for cash management purposes, and derivatives.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Agency - 2.92% (2.42%)			
Canada Pension Plan 1.25% 2027	6,360,000	5,813	1.47
Temasek 0.5% 2031	4,080,000	2,876	0.72
Temasek 3.5% 2033	3,350,000	2,891	0.73
Asset Backed - 4.02% (0.34%)			
Mitchells & Butlers 5.574% 2030 (A2)	3,070,000	628	0.16
Mitchells & Butlers 6.469% 2030 (C1)	2,022,000	1,907	0.48
Mitchells & Butlers FRN (AB) 2033	6,400,000	4,609	1.17
Welsh Water 2.375% 2034	2,258,000	1,664	0.42
Yorkshire Water 6.375% 2034	7,100,000	7,094	1.79
Banking - 12.69% (14.25%)			
Banco Santander 1.5% 2026	9,200,000	8,746	2.21
Barclays 1.7% 2025/26	4,760,000	4,588	1.16
Barclays 7.125% 2025 Perp AT1	8,680,000	8,681	2.20
Caixabank 6.875% 2028/33 T2	5,700,000	5,909	1.49
DNB Bank 4% 2026/27	10,700,000	10,533	2.66
Intesa 3.75% 2025 Perp AT1	5,100,000	4,206	1.06
J.P. Morgan 1.895% 2033	9,160,000	7,563	1.91
Basic Industry - 2.18% (2.85%)			
Kier Group 9% 2029	3,100,000	3,317	0.84
Mineral Resources 9.25% 2028 (144A)	3,800,000	3,009	0.76
OCI 6.7% 2033 (144A)	2,949,000	2,302	0.58
Capital Goods - 2.22% (1.65%)			
IMA E+3.75% FRN 2029	5,200,000	4,376	1.11
Weir Group 6.875% 2028	4,200,000	4,407	1.11
Commercial Mortgage Backed - 4.00% (6.55%)			
Delamare 5.5457% 2029	8,020,000	3,950	1.00
Telereal (B-4) 6.1645% 2031	5,000,000	3,942	1.00

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Telereal (C1) FRN 2031	8,820,000	7,940	2.00
Consumer Goods - 0.00% (0.00%)			
Virgolino De Oliveira 11.75% 2022 ¹	2,485,000	14	0.00
Energy - 0.00% (0.58%)			
Financial Services - 12.57% (10.06%)			
Blackstone Private Credit 4.875% 2026	6,300,000	6,191	1.56
Burford Capital 9.25% 2031 (144A)	5,040,000	4,043	1.02
International Personal Finance 10.75% 2029	2,220,000	1,997	0.50
Investec 10.5% 2029 Perp AT1	2,300,000	2,501	0.63
Investec 2.625% 2026/32 T2	9,580,000	8,796	2.22
Jefferies Finance Group 5% 2028 (144A)	3,500,000	2,481	0.63
Motability 4% 2030	7,500,000	6,485	1.64
Pershing Square 3.25% 2031 (RegS)	2,130,000	1,361	0.34
Pershing Square Holdings 3.25% 2030	8,492,000	5,568	1.41
Schroders 6.346% 2029/34 T2	6,700,000	6,841	1.73
TP ICAP Gp 2.625% 2028	694,000	613	0.16
TP ICAP Gp 7.875% 2030	2,681,000	2,894	0.73
Government Guaranteed - 1.95% (3.95%)			
KFW 5% 2036	770,000	824	0.21
KFW 5.75% 2032	6,200,000	6,895	1.74
Health Care - 2.31% (0.73%)			
Neopharmed 7.125% 2030	3,123,000	2,700	0.68
Sunrise Medical 6.5% 2031	5,000,000	4,274	1.08
Teva Pharma Ind 7.875% 2031	2,215,000	2,184	0.55
Insurance - 11.68% (10.70%)			
Abrdn 5.25% 2026 Perp AT1	4,030,000	3,518	0.89
Admiral Group 8.5% 2034 T2	3,540,000	4,007	1.01
Helvetia 2.75% 2031/41 T2	10,032,000	7,668	1.94
Legal & General 5.625% 2031 Perp RT1	6,140,000	5,650	1.43

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Pension Insurance 5.625% 2030	1,820,000	1,770	0.45
Pension Insurance Corp 8% 2033 T2	4,550,000	4,945	1.25
Phoenix Life 5.625% 2025 Perp RT1	1,204,000	895	0.22
Rothesay Life 8% 2025	11,340,000	11,594	2.93
Zurich Financial Services 5.125% 2032/52 T2	6,370,000	6,180	1.56
Leisure - 1.83% (2.42%)			
Accor SA 7.25% 2029 Perp	2,100,000	1,932	0.49
Cirsa Finance 10.375% 2027	4,170,000	3,304	0.83
Motel One 7.75% 2031	2,300,000	2,017	0.51
Media - 2.57% (3.12%)			
Pinewood 6% 2030	3,400,000	3,409	0.86
Pinewood Gp 3.625% 2027	1,800,000	1,699	0.43
Townsquare Media 6.875% 2026 (144A)	6,800,000	5,063	1.28
Real Estate - 11.93% (7.94%)			
Annington Funding 2.308% 2032	8,976,000	7,044	1.78
Annington Funding 2.924% 2051	4,980,000	2,822	0.71
Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	3,200,000	2,313	0.59
Berkeley Group 2.5% 2031	9,885,000	7,892	1.99
CPI Property 1.5% 2031	13,500,000	8,513	2.15
Ctp N.V. 4.75% 2030	2,477,000	2,135	0.54
Goodman Group 4.25% 2030	1,057,000	913	0.23
Heimstaden Bostad 0.25% 2024	2,530,000	2,101	0.53
Realty Income 5.125% 2034	8,100,000	7,439	1.88
TAG Immobilien 4.25% 2030	7,200,000	6,045	1.53
Retail - 6.77% (4.00%)			
B&M European Value Retail 8.125% 2030	5,225,000	5,601	1.42
Bath & Body Works 9.375% 2025 (144A)	4,400,000	3,367	0.85
BestSecret E+3.75% FRN 2029	5,000,000	4,212	1.06
Burberry 1.125% 2025	4,500,000	4,315	1.09
Kiko Milano 4.125% FRN 2031	1,459,000	1,225	0.31
La Doria E+4.5% 2029 FRN	980,000	827	0.21

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Walgreen Co 8.125% 2029	3,930,000	2,924	0.74
WH Smith 1.625% 2026 Convertible	4,600,000	4,331	1.09
Services - 2.66% (4.40%)			
International Workplace Group 6.5% 2030	7,200,000	6,418	1.62
University of Oxford 2.544% 2117	7,840,000	4,114	1.04
Sovereign - 1.62% (0.00%)			
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/2046	6,700,000	6,428	1.62
Supranational - 1.86% (3.61%)			
EIB 4.625% 2054	6,300,000	6,280	1.59
IBRD 5.75% 2032	975,000	1,082	0.27
Technology & Electronics - 2.11% (2.94%)			
Concentrix 6.65% 2026	4,320,000	3,309	0.84
Infopro Digital 8% 2028	5,700,000	5,026	1.27
Telecommunications - 5.02% (8.86%)			
Bharti Airtel 5.65% 2025 Perp	12,054,000	8,966	2.26
CK Hutchison Telecom 2.625% 2034	8,050,000	5,942	1.50
Sitios Latinoamerica 5.375% 2032	4,400,000	3,172	0.80
Telefonica 5.375% 2026	1,800,000	1,810	0.46
Transportation - 1.45% (0.00%)			
Brightline East 11% 2030 (144A)	5,900,000	3,743	0.95
Mobico Group 2.375% 2028	2,200,000	1,983	0.50
Utilities - 1.95% (5.88%)			
EDF 6% 2114	1,600,000	1,478	0.37
EDF 7.375% 2035 Perp	6,100,000	6,231	1.58
Derivatives - 0.39% (-0.34%)			
Forward currency contracts (see Table 1)		2,591	0.65
Futures contracts (see Table 2)		-	0.00

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Stock description	Holding	Market value £'000	% of total net assets
Interest rate swap contracts (see Table 3)		363	0.09
Credit default swap contracts (see Table 4)		(1,400)	(0.35)
Portfolio of investments		382,819	96.70
Net other assets - 3.30% (3.09%)		13,057	3.30
Net assets		395,876	100.00

¹This bond was in default at the year end, therefore the bond has been valued at the Investment Adviser's valuation.

Please note: figures are based on market values rather than economic exposure.

Unless otherwise stated the above holdings are in fixed interest securities.

Figures in brackets in the investment category headings refer to 30 September 2023.

Portfolio Statement as at 30 September 2024 cont.

Table 1: Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts

Counterparty	Settlement	Buy	Buy Amount	Sell	Sell Amount	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
HSBC	21/11/24	GBP	92,929,496	EUR	109,721,000	1,446	0.36
NatWest	21/11/24	GBP	53,776,859	USD	70,591,000	1,145	0.29
Unrealised gains/(losses) on open forward currency contracts						2,591	0.65

Table 2: Unrealised gains/(losses) on futures contracts

Futures	Maturity	Notional	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
Euro-Bobl Future December 2024	10/12/24	150	-	0.00
Euro-Bund Future December 2024	10/12/24	(300)	-	0.00
Euro-Schatz Future December 2024	10/12/24	525	-	0.00
Long Gilt Future 10 Year December 2024	31/12/24	272	-	0.00
US Ultra 10 Year Note Future December 2024	31/12/24	(265)	-	0.00
Unrealised gains/(losses) on futures contracts			-	0.00

Table 3: Unrealised gains/(losses) on open interest rate swap contracts:

Counterparty	Ccy	Termination	Notional	Fund pays	Fund receives	Unrealised gains/(losses) £'000	% of total net assets
HSBC	GBP	26/07/29	24,000,000	SONIA Interest Rate Benchmark	3.8553%	235	0.06
Lloyds	GBP	26/07/42	6,600,000	SONIA Interest Rate Benchmark	3.9337%	128	0.03
Unrealised gains/(losses) on open interest rate swap contracts						363	0.09

Table 4: Credit default swap contracts

Credit Default Swap	Maturity	Currency	Direction	Notional	Premium	Market Value £'000	% of total net assets
CDS Buy iTraxx Europe Crossover Series 41 Version 1 EUR 20/06/2029	20/06/29	EUR	Buy protection	18,300,000	5%	(1,400)	(0.35)
Credit Default Swaps (Liability)						(1,400)	(0.35)

Comparative Tables

Comparative Table: A Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	194.03	180.11	228.51
Return before operating charges*	26.03	15.88	(46.20)
Operating charges	(2.13)	(1.96)	(2.20)
Return after operating charges*	23.90	13.92	(48.40)
Distributions	(10.89)	(8.55)	(7.50)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	10.89	8.55	7.50
Closing net asset value per share	217.93	194.03	180.11
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.02	0.02
Performance:			
Return after charges	12.32%	7.73%	(21.18)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,445	4,565	9,087
Closing number of shares	1,580,623	2,353,091	5,045,630
Operating charges	1.03%	1.02%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	218.9	200.5	231.3
Lowest share price (pence)	192.2	176.9	179.2

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: A Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	66.32	64.36	84.82
Return before operating charges*	8.76	5.66	(16.90)
Operating charges	(0.72)	(0.69)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	8.04	4.97	(17.71)
Distributions on income shares	(3.64)	(3.01)	(2.75)
Closing net asset value per share	70.72	66.32	64.36
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.01	0.01
Performance:			
Return after charges	12.12%	7.72%	(20.88)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,137	1,315	3,292
Closing number of shares	1,607,785	1,983,161	5,115,286
Operating charges	1.03%	1.02%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	71.69	70.91	85.56
Lowest share price (pence)	65.69	63.20	65.13

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	213.96	197.62	249.47
Return before operating charges*	28.77	17.44	(50.63)
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.10)	(1.22)
Return after operating charges*	27.56	16.34	(51.85)
Distributions	(12.04)	(9.40)	(8.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	12.04	9.40	8.21
Closing net asset value per share	241.52	213.96	197.62
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.02	0.02	0.02
Performance:			
Return after charges	12.88%	8.27%	(20.78)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	192,221	352,570	476,766
Closing number of shares	79,586,733	164,784,048	241,252,330
Operating charges	0.53%	0.52%	0.52%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	242.5	220.3	252.8
Lowest share price (pence)	212.0	194.1	196.6

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: B Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	71.59	69.12	90.55
Return before operating charges*	9.49	6.08	(18.05)
Operating charges	(0.40)	(0.38)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	9.09	5.70	(18.49)
Distributions on income shares	(3.95)	(3.23)	(2.94)
Closing net asset value per share	76.73	71.59	69.12
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.01	0.01
Performance:			
Return after charges	12.70%	8.25%	(20.42)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	198,450	238,278	291,805
Closing number of shares	258,650,298	332,818,510	422,141,690
Operating charges	0.53%	0.52%	0.52%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	77.75	76.22	91.35
Lowest share price (pence)	70.93	67.89	69.51

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Accumulation Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	250.92	230.58	289.64
Return before operating charges*	33.82	20.36	(59.01)
Operating charges	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.05)
Return after operating charges*	33.74	20.34	(59.06)
Distributions	(14.15)	(11.16)	(9.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	14.15	11.16	9.54
Closing net asset value per share	284.66	250.92	230.58
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.02	0.02
Performance:			
Return after charges	13.45%	8.82%	(20.39)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3	3	5,628
Closing number of shares	1,000	1,000	2,440,700
Operating charges	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	285.8	257.5	293.7
Lowest share price (pence)	248.7	226.5	229.4

Comparative Tables cont.

Comparative Table: C Income Shares

	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2024 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2023 (pence per share)	Financial Year Ended 30 September 2022 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share:			
Opening net asset value per share	76.72	73.71	96.10
Return before operating charges*	10.18	6.49	(19.24)
Operating charges	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Return after operating charges*	10.16	6.47	(19.26)
Distributions on income shares	(4.24)	(3.46)	(3.13)
Closing net asset value per share	82.64	76.72	73.71
*After direct transaction costs of:	0.01	0.01	0.01
Performance:			
Return after charges	13.24%	8.78%	(20.04)%
Other Information:			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	620	576	553
Closing number of shares	750,278	750,278	750,278
Operating charges	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%
Direct transaction costs ¹	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices:			
Highest share price (pence)	83.74	81.42	97.07
Lowest share price (pence)	76.03	72.41	74.26

¹The Fund incurs broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the Fund's underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of future contracts. A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section. For further details on the costs associated with investing in the Fund please see the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Costs and Charges document and Baillie Gifford's Funds Costs and Charges Summary, both of which are available on the website www.bailliegifford.com.

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Statement of Total Return for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	1		36,478		33,774
Revenue	3	24,426		31,301	
Expenses	4	(2,477)		(3,634)	
Net revenue before taxation		21,949		27,667	
Taxation	5	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation			21,949		27,667
Total return before distributions			58,427		61,441
Distributions	6		(24,436)		(31,288)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			33,991		30,153

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		597,307		787,131
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,644		52,345	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(249,900)		(291,843)	
		(248,256)		(239,498)
Dilution adjustment		839		1,349
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		33,991		30,153
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		11,995		18,172
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		395,876		597,307

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Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments	13	384,219	580,883
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	9,665	16,825
Cash and bank balances	9	14,252	13,156
Total assets		408,136	610,864
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities	13	(1,400)	(2,041)
Creditors:			
Bank overdrafts	9	(4,240)	(6,829)
Distributions payable		(1,827)	(1,879)
Other creditors	10	(4,793)	(2,808)
Total liabilities		(12,260)	(13,557)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		395,876	597,307

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Net capital gains/(losses)

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Non-derivative securities	25,504	18,399
Derivative contracts	(195)	(506)
Forward currency contracts	11,100	15,680
Currency gains/(losses)	74	209
Transaction costs	(5)	(8)
Net capital gains/(losses)	36,478	33,774

2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Purchases and transaction costs		
Gross purchases of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	279,886	345,753
Purchases including transaction costs	279,886	345,753

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sales and transaction costs		
Gross sales of bonds excluding transaction costs ¹	506,283	535,339
Sales net of transaction costs	506,283	535,339

¹There were no transaction costs on the purchase or sale of bonds.

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Transaction cost on derivative contracts		
Commission on trading futures contracts	30	36

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2 Purchases, sales and transaction costs (continued)

	2024		2023	
	£'000	% of average NAV	£'000	% of average NAV
Portfolio transaction costs				
Commissions	30	0.01	36	0.01
Taxes	-	0.00	-	0.00
Total direct transaction costs	30	0.01	36	0.01
			2024	2023
			%	%
Average portfolio dealing spread			0.41	0.66

Funds incur transaction costs such as broker commission and transfer taxes/stamp duty as a necessary part of buying and selling the underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective. In the case of bonds, typically no transaction costs are incurred however transaction taxes may be incurred in some jurisdictions. Commission is also payable to the counterparty on the trading of futures contracts.

A dilution adjustment is made whenever dealings in the shares of the Fund result in shares being issued or cancelled by the Company. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the Fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments. Please note that the direct transaction cost disclosures above do not include the dilution adjustment charges. For further details on dilution adjustment charges please see the General Information section.

Dealing spread is the difference in the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment. The Fund may have holdings in single priced funds. The notional spread on these holdings is not included in the average dealing spread calculated for this Fund.

3 Revenue

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interest on debt securities	24,525	31,596
Bank interest	270	497
Swaps interest	(369)	(792)
Total revenue	24,426	31,301

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4 Expenses

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	2,382	3,529
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee	35	52
Bank charges	36	39
Bank overdraft interest	4	2
	75	93
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	13	12
Third party costs of processing dealing instructions from investors	7	-
	20	12
Total expenses	2,477	3,634

5 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	-	-
Total taxation	-	-

The Fund is subject to corporation tax at 20% (2023: 20%), however, the Fund is a bond fund making interest distributions and the interest distributions made by the Fund are allowable in arriving at the amount of revenue liable to tax. As a result, this has reduced the corporation tax liability of the Fund to nil.

The tax charge is explained as follows:

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue before taxation	21,949	27,667
Net revenue before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax of 20% (2023: 20%)	4,390	5,533
Effects of:		
Interest distributions	(4,882)	(6,255)
Management expenses charged to capital	495	727
Tax on undistributed income carried forward	(3)	(5)
Total taxation	-	-

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6 Distributions

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Interim to 31 October	1,688	2,038
Interim to 30 November	1,617	1,965
Interim to 31 December	1,572	2,390
Interim to 31 January	1,711	2,360
Interim to 28 February	1,655	2,324
Interim to 31 March	1,601	2,257
Interim to 30 April	1,931	2,064
Interim to 31 May	1,869	1,963
Interim to 30 June	1,827	1,968
Interim to 31 July	2,048	3,162
Interim to 31 August	1,995	3,099
Final to 30 September	3,601	4,499
	23,115	30,089
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	1,336	1,556
Amounts added on issue of shares	(15)	(357)
Total distributions	24,436	31,288

The distributions take account of revenue transactions on the issue and cancellation of shares. Details of the distributions per share are set out in the Distribution Tables.

7 Reconciliation of net revenue to net distributions for the year

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation for the year	21,949	27,667
Add expenses allocated to capital	2,473	3,634
Add distributable revenue brought forward	27	14
Less distributable revenue carried forward	(13)	(27)
Net distributions for the year	24,436	31,288

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8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Receivable for issue of shares	54	1
Sales awaiting settlement	1	3,548
Accrued income	6,310	10,142
VAT recoverable	2	1
Collateral held by counterparties	1,395	1,835
Amounts due from clearing brokers	-	534
Amounts due from clearing house	1,889	752
Other debtors	14	12
Total debtors	9,665	16,825

9 Cash and bank balances

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Sterling amounts held at clearing houses and brokers	958	1,616
Foreign amounts held at clearing houses and brokers	1,057	2,019
Sterling bank accounts	12,007	9,521
Foreign currency bank accounts	230	-
	14,252	13,156
Sterling amounts held at clearing houses and brokers overdrawn	(23)	-
Sterling bank accounts overdrawn	(4,217)	(6,829)
	(4,240)	(6,829)
Total cash and bank balances	10,012	6,327

10 Other creditors

	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Payable for cancellation of shares	1,183	2,188
Purchases awaiting settlement	862	349
Due to the ACD or associates	172	245
Due to the Depositary or associates	12	18
Collateral held on behalf of counterparty	2,275	-
Amounts due to clearing broker	275	-
Other accrued expenses	14	8
Total other creditors	4,793	2,808

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11 Related party transactions

Baillie Gifford & Co Limited, as ACD, is regarded as a related party by virtue of the services provided to the Company. Baillie Gifford & Co Limited acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Company, except where stocks are transferred on the issue or cancellation of shares. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. Amounts receivable and payable on the issue and cancellation of shares have been disclosed in notes 8 and 10 respectively.

Amounts paid to Baillie Gifford & Co Limited in respect of annual management charge are disclosed in note 4 with amounts due at the year end given in note 10.

Shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD

The shares held by the ACD and associates of the ACD as a percentage of the Fund's NAV were:

	2024	2023
	%	%
ACD and associates of the ACD	0.00	0.00

12 Reconciliation of shares in issue

	Shares in issue as at 30.09.23	Shares issued	Shares cancelled	Shares converted	Shares in issue as at 30.09.24
A Accumulation Shares	2,353,091	43,099	(804,966)	(10,601)	1,580,623
A Income Shares	1,983,161	59,525	(434,834)	(67)	1,607,785
B Accumulation Shares	164,784,048	7,861	(85,164,088)	(41,088)	79,586,733
B Income Shares	332,818,510	1,953,716	(76,278,957)	157,029	258,650,298
C Accumulation Shares	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	-	1,000
C Income Shares	750,278	-	-	-	750,278

13 Basis of valuation

	2024		2023	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	6,428	-	-	-
Level 2: Observable market data	377,791	(1,400)	580,883	(2,041)
Level 3: Unobservable data	-	-	-	-
Total	384,219	(1,400)	580,883	(2,041)

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14 Credit ratings

Rating Block	2024		2023	
	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund	Market value £'000	Percentage of total Fund
Investment Grade	255,382	64.51	414,455	69.39
High Yield	125,883	31.80	166,428	27.86
Total	381,265	96.31	580,883	97.25
Other	14,611	3.69	16,424	2.75
Net Assets	395,876	100.00	597,307	100.00

15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

Currency exposures

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than sterling, with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be significantly affected by currency movements.

Currency	Net currency assets/(liabilities)			Net currency assets/(liabilities)		
	2024			2023		
	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000	Monetary exposures £'000	Non-monetary exposures £'000	Total £'000
Euro	620	(1,121)	(501)	655	(3,860)	(3,205)
UK sterling	9,460	386,353	395,813	7,429	585,490	592,919
US dollar	667	(2,413)	(1,747)	1,364	(2,787)	(1,423)

Short term debtors and creditors have not been disclosed.

Totals may not sum due to rounding

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and financial liabilities

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund was:

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial assets £'000	Fixed Rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Euro	11,260	96,349	-	107,609	655	133,042	-	133,697
UK sterling	28,831	257,693	146,706	433,231	23,243	410,774	207,226	641,243
US dollar	667	50,218	-	50,885	1,364	69,116	-	70,480

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15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

Currency	2024				2023			
	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000	Floating Rate financial liabilities £'000	Fixed Rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Euro	-	16,627	91,483	108,110	-	-	136,902	136,902
UK sterling	37,418	-	-	37,418	48,323	-	-	48,323
US dollar	-	-	52,632	52,632	-	-	71,903	71,903

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

16 Derivative Exposure

The exposure to derivative counterparties was:

Counterparty	2024						2023					
	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000	Credit default swaps £'000	Forward currency contracts £'000	Inflation rate swaps £'000	Interest rate swaps £'000	Cash collateral held £'000	Total exposure £'000
HSBC	-	1,446	-	235	(1,240)	441	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-	128	-	128	-	-	-	-	-	-
NatWest	-	1,145	-	-	(1,035)	110	-	-	-	-	-	-

Collateral pledged on derivatives was:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
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Cash collateral pledged on derivatives

Goldman Sachs	1,395	-
HSBC	-	420
NatWest	-	1,415

In addition, the Fund trades futures contracts through UBS. Fair value movements are offset by movements in the variation margin account which reduces the derivative counterparty exposure to nil.

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17 Value at risk (VaR)

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Adviser using VaR analysis. VaR analysis attempts to reflect the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

Model assumptions:

System	FIS Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT)
VaR methodology:	variance covariance approach (with delta-adjustment)
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	1 month
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of historical market data:	nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks

	2024	2023
	%	%
Fund VaR:	3.92	3.87
Index VaR:	3.63	3.47

The VaR noted above indicates the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 1 month loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99% confidence level.

In combination with a snapshot of the portfolio and benchmark constituents at a given point in time, the APT risk model uses 180 weeks of historic data to formulate a prediction of risk over a desired time period. In the case of VaR numbers, the risk model produces a 1-month prediction of 99% VaR. The decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historic market data refers to how the risk model uses more recent data in its historic data window compared to older data. Using a positive decay factor would mean that the risk model is placing more importance on more recent data than on older data in formulating its prediction of risk – this would result in the risk model being more short-term in nature, and increasingly geared to short-term recent events. The decay factor used in the APT risk model for calculating VaR numbers is nil. This means that each of the 180 weeks of historic data used by the risk model are treated with equal importance in the model's calculation of predicted risk. This means that the risk model's prediction of risk will be influenced by the average variances and covariances of portfolio and comparative index constituents over the past 3½ years.

Objectives and limitations of the VaR methodology

The APT model uses statistical factor techniques to measure the effects of these risk variables on the value of the Fund. The VaR model is designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment.

The use of VaR has limitations because it is based on historical correlations and volatilities in market prices and assumes that future price movements will follow a statistical distribution. Due to the fact that VaR relies significantly on historical data to provide information and may not clearly predict the future changes and modifications of the risk factors, the probability of large market moves may be underestimated if changes in risk factors fail to align with the given distribution assumption. VaR may also be under- or over-estimated due to the assumption placed on risk factors and the relationship between such factors for specific instruments.

Even though positions may change throughout the day, the VaR only represents the risk of the portfolios at the close of each business day, and it does not account for any losses that may occur beyond the 99% confidence level. In practice, the actual trading results will differ from the VaR calculation and, in particular, the calculation does not provide a meaningful indication of profits and losses in stressed market conditions. To determine the reliability of the VaR models, actual outcomes are monitored regularly to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation. Market risk positions are also subject to regular stress tests to ensure that the Fund would withstand an extreme market event.

Distribution Tables

Interim distribution for the period ended 31 October 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 October 2023 to 31 October 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.11.23)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.11.22)
	31.10.23 pence per share	31.10.23 pence per share	31.10.23 pence per share	31.10.22 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.65000	-	0.65000	0.40000
Group 2	0.47391	0.17609	0.65000	0.40000
A Income				
Group 1	0.20000	-	0.20000	0.15000
Group 2	0.02664	0.17336	0.20000	0.15000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.69000	-	0.69000	0.50000
Group 2	0.24633	0.44367	0.69000	0.50000
B Income				
Group 1	0.21000	-	0.21000	0.20000
Group 2	0.04242	0.16758	0.21000	0.20000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.65000
Group 2	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.65000
C Income				
Group 1	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.20000
Group 2	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.20000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 30 November 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 November 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 November 2023 to 30 November 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.12.23)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.12.22)
	30.11.23 pence per share	30.11.23 pence per share	30.11.23 pence per share	30.11.22 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.65000	-	0.65000	0.40000
Group 2	0.36662	0.28338	0.65000	0.40000
A Income				
Group 1	0.20000	-	0.20000	0.15000
Group 2	-	0.20000	0.20000	0.15000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.69000	-	0.69000	0.50000
Group 2	0.00347	0.68653	0.69000	0.50000
B Income				
Group 1	0.21000	-	0.21000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.21000	0.21000	0.20000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.65000
Group 2	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.65000
C Income				
Group 1	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.20000
Group 2	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.20000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distribution for the period ended 31 December 2023

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 December 2023

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 December 2023 to 31 December 2023

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.01.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.01.23)
	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.23 pence per share	31.12.22 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.65000	-	0.65000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.65000	0.65000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.20000	-	0.20000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.20000	0.20000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.69000	-	0.69000	0.69000
Group 2	-	0.69000	0.69000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.21000	-	0.21000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.21000	0.21000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.72000
Group 2	0.72000	-	0.72000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.24000
Group 2	0.24000	-	0.24000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 31 January 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 January 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 January 2024 to 31 January 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 27.02.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 25.02.23)
	31.01.24 pence per share	31.01.24 pence per share	31.01.24 pence per share	31.01.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.66000	-	0.66000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.66000	0.66000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.25000	-	0.25000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.25000	0.25000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.77000	-	0.77000	0.69000
Group 2	-	0.77000	0.77000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.29000	-	0.29000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.29000	0.29000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
Group 2	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000
Group 2	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 29 February 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 February 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 February 2024 to 29 February 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.03.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.03.23)
	29.02.24 pence per share	29.02.24 pence per share	29.02.24 pence per share	28.02.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.66000	-	0.66000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.66000	0.66000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.25000	-	0.25000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.25000	0.25000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.77000	-	0.77000	0.69000
Group 2	-	0.77000	0.77000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.29000	-	0.29000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.29000	0.29000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
Group 2	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000
Group 2	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distributions for the period ended 31 March 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 March 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 March 2024 to 31 March 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 27.04.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.04.23)
	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.24 pence per share	31.03.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.66000	-	0.66000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.66000	0.66000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.25000	-	0.25000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.25000	0.25000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	0.77000	-	0.77000	0.69000
Group 2	-	0.77000	0.77000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.29000	-	0.29000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.29000	0.29000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
Group 2	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000
Group 2	0.28000	-	0.28000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 30 April 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 April 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 April 2024 to 30 April 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.05.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.05.23)
	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.24 pence per share	30.04.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.97000	-	0.97000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.97000	0.97000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.32000	-	0.32000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.32000	0.32000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.05000	-	1.05000	0.69000
Group 2	-	1.05000	1.05000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.33000	-	0.33000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.33000	0.33000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.19000	-	1.19000	0.72000
Group 2	1.19000	-	1.19000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.37000	-	0.37000	0.24000
Group 2	0.37000	-	0.37000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 31 May 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 May 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 May 2024 to 31 May 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.06.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.06.23)
	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.24 pence per share	31.05.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.94000	-	0.94000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.94000	0.94000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.31000	-	0.31000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.31000	0.31000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.69000
Group 2	-	1.03000	1.03000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.33000	-	0.33000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.33000	0.33000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.19000	-	1.19000	0.72000
Group 2	1.19000	-	1.19000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.36000	-	0.36000	0.24000
Group 2	0.36000	-	0.36000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim distribution for the period ended 30 June 2024

Group 1 : share purchased prior to 1 June 2024

Group 2 : share purchased 1 June 2024 to 30 June 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.07.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.07.23)
	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.24 pence per share	30.06.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	0.93000	-	0.93000	0.65000
Group 2	-	0.93000	0.93000	0.65000
A Income				
Group 1	0.31000	-	0.31000	0.20000
Group 2	-	0.31000	0.31000	0.20000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.03000	-	1.03000	0.69000
Group 2	-	1.03000	1.03000	0.69000
B Income				
Group 1	0.33000	-	0.33000	0.21000
Group 2	-	0.33000	0.33000	0.21000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.18000	-	1.18000	0.72000
Group 2	1.18000	-	1.18000	0.72000
C Income				
Group 1	0.36000	-	0.36000	0.24000
Group 2	0.36000	-	0.36000	0.24000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 31 July 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 July 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 July 2024 to 31 July 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.08.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.08.23)
	31.07.24 pence per share	31.07.24 pence per share	31.07.24 pence per share	31.07.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	1.07000	-	1.07000	0.90000
Group 2	-	1.07000	1.07000	0.90000
A Income				
Group 1	0.35000	-	0.35000	0.39000
Group 2	-	0.35000	0.35000	0.39000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.18000	-	1.18000	1.00000
Group 2	-	1.18000	1.18000	1.00000
B Income				
Group 1	0.38000	-	0.38000	0.40000
Group 2	-	0.38000	0.38000	0.40000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.38000	-	1.38000	1.40000
Group 2	1.38000	-	1.38000	1.40000
C Income				
Group 1	0.42000	-	0.42000	0.41000
Group 2	0.42000	-	0.42000	0.41000

Distribution Tables cont.

Interim Distribution for the period ended 31 August 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 August 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 August 2024 to 31 August 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.09.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 29.09.23)
	31.08.24 pence per share	31.08.24 pence per share	31.08.24 pence per share	31.08.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	1.06000	-	1.06000	0.90000
Group 2	-	1.06000	1.06000	0.90000
A Income				
Group 1	0.35000	-	0.35000	0.39000
Group 2	-	0.35000	0.35000	0.39000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	1.18000	-	1.18000	1.00000
Group 2	-	1.18000	1.18000	1.00000
B Income				
Group 1	0.38000	-	0.38000	0.40000
Group 2	-	0.38000	0.38000	0.40000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	1.38000	-	1.38000	1.40000
Group 2	1.38000	-	1.38000	1.40000
C Income				
Group 1	0.41000	-	0.41000	0.41000
Group 2	0.41000	-	0.41000	0.41000

Distribution Tables cont.

Final distribution for the period ended 30 September 2024

Group 1 : shares purchased prior to 1 September 2024

Group 2 : shares purchased 1 September 2024 to 30 September 2024

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Distribution (paid/accumulated 30.10.24)	Distribution (paid/accumulated 28.10.23)
	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.24 pence per share	30.09.23 pence per share
A Accumulation				
Group 1	1.99000	-	1.99000	1.40000
Group 2	0.58183	1.40817	1.99000	1.40000
A Income				
Group 1	0.65000	-	0.65000	0.53000
Group 2	0.09678	0.55322	0.65000	0.53000
B Accumulation				
Group 1	2.19000	-	2.19000	1.57000
Group 2	0.48911	1.70089	2.19000	1.57000
B Income				
Group 1	0.70000	-	0.70000	0.56000
Group 2	0.13931	0.56069	0.70000	0.56000
C Accumulation				
Group 1	2.58000	-	2.58000	2.02000
Group 2	2.58000	-	2.58000	2.02000
C Income				
Group 1	0.76000	-	0.76000	0.56000
Group 2	0.76000	-	0.76000	0.56000

General Information

Dilution Adjustment

A sub-fund suffers dilution (reduction) in the value of the Scheme Property attributable to it because the actual costs of buying or selling investments for the sub-fund deviate from the mid-market values generally used in calculating the price of shares in the sub-fund. Such deviation may occur as a result of the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) incurred in dealing in such investments and of any spread between the buying and selling prices of such investments. It is not possible to predict accurately whether dilution is likely to occur.

The COLL Rules allow the cost of dilution to be (1) met directly from the Scheme Property attributable to the sub-fund or (2) addressed by the imposition on investors of a dilution levy on the issue by the Company, subscriptions facilitated by the ACD, cancellation by the Company or redemption by the ACD of shares in the sub-fund or (3) dealt with by means of a dilution adjustment, which is the policy which has been adopted by the ACD in relation to the sub-funds of the Company. With a view to mitigating the effects of dilution, the ACD therefore reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make a dilution adjustment in the calculation of the dealing price, and thereby swing the dealing price, of shares in any sub-fund of the Company if in its opinion the existing shareholders (for net purchases of shares) or remaining shareholders (for net redemptions of shares) might otherwise be adversely affected. By 'purchases' of shares we mean issues by the Company and subscriptions facilitated by the ACD and by 'redemptions' of shares we mean cancellations by the Company and redemptions by the ACD.

The COLL Rules acknowledge that the need to make a dilution adjustment may depend on the volume of purchases of shares or redemptions of shares. Accordingly, the ACD reserves the right at its sole discretion to impose a dilution adjustment in the following circumstances:

- (a) If the sub-fund is experiencing steady decline (net outflow of investment).
- (b) If the sub-fund is experiencing steady growth (net inflow of investment).

- (c) If the sub-fund is experiencing large levels of net purchases or net redemptions relative to its size.
- (d) Where the sub-fund experiences net purchases or net redemptions on any Dealing Day exceeding a particular value or a particular percentage of the value of the sub-fund.
- (e) In any other circumstances where the ACD believes it will be in the interests of shareholders to make a dilution adjustment.

The ACD is currently of the opinion that it is in the best interests of shareholders in the Company to make a dilution adjustment whenever dealings in the shares of any sub-fund result in shares in that sub-fund being issued or cancelled by the Company. The ACD believes that this policy should result in no significant dilution occurring. The adjustment will take account of any spread between the buying and selling prices of the relevant sub-fund's investments and the costs (which may include dealing charges and taxes) of acquiring or disposing of such investments, as the case may be.

The level of the dilution adjustment is set by the ACD based on prevailing market conditions. Where liquidity is restricted and trading in size in the portfolio's investments results in significant movement in the prices of these investments the ACD may adjust the level of the dilution adjustment to protect the interests of the ongoing investors in a sub-fund. The ACD has thresholds for the sub-funds for daily net inflows or outflows of cash into or out of the sub-funds. Above these thresholds, which vary by sub-fund and according to market conditions, the ACD will increase the dilution adjustment to reflect the increased dealing costs incurred by the sub-funds as a result of larger inflows and outflows. A consequence of this policy is, however, that smaller transactions made on any day that the relevant threshold is exceeded will also trade at the price incorporating the higher adjustment and this may lead to increased dealing costs. Whether an adjustment may be necessary will depend upon the net movement into or out of a sub-fund on any given day and on the underlying market conditions on that day and it is therefore not possible to predict when an adjustment may be made.

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Dilution Adjustment cont.

On any Dealing Day when the Company neither issues nor cancels shares in a sub-fund the price of shares in that sub-fund will not contain any dilution adjustment.

This policy to swing the dealing price will be subject to regular review and may change. The ACD's decision on whether or not to make a dilution adjustment, and on what level of adjustment to make in particular circumstances or generally, will not prevent it from making a different decision in similar circumstances in the future.

Where a dilution adjustment is applied, it will increase the dealing price when there are net inflows into the relevant sub-fund and decrease the dealing price when there are net outflows. The dealing price of each class of share in a sub-fund will be calculated separately but any dilution adjustment will in percentage terms affect the dealing price of shares of each class identically.

On the occasions when no dilution adjustment is made there may be an adverse impact on the value of the Scheme Property attributable to the relevant sub-fund.

Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (SDRT)

Generally, there will be no charge to SDRT when shareholders surrender or redeem shares. However, where the redemption is satisfied by a non-pro rata in specie redemption, then a charge of SDRT may apply.

Taxation Reporting

In order to fulfil its legal obligations, the ACD is required to collect and report certain information about shareholders (and in some circumstances the shareholder's controlling persons), including their identity, tax residency, tax status and financial information relating to their shareholding. Shareholders must provide the ACD with any information required to meet these obligations, and may also be asked to provide self-certifications and tax reference numbers or the equivalent. The ACD reserves the right to refuse an

application for shares or a transfer of shares until it receives a declaration as to the shareholder's tax residency or status in the form prescribed by the ACD.

The ACD is also required to provide to HMRC certain information regarding shareholders, payments made to shareholders and proceeds arising on the disposal of shares, and HMRC may pass such information on to the tax authorities of another jurisdiction.

Share Classes

The net asset value per share and the number of shares in each class are shown in the Comparative Tables sections of the relevant sub-fund. The distributions per share class are shown in the Distribution Tables. In each sub-fund all share classes have the same rights on winding up.

With effect from 1 March 2022, Class A shares are only available to persons with a written agreement with the ACD or one of its associates. This requirement for a written agreement does not apply to those who held shares in this Class as at 28 February 2022 and who will continue to hold shares in this Class.

Class C Shares are only available to persons to whom an associate of the ACD provides services under an investment management agreement or who has a separate fee arrangement with the ACD or one of its associates.

The minimum lump sum investment amounts are shown in the table on page 155.

Equalisation

The Company will operate grouping for equalisation. Each class of shares will operate its own equalisation account. Shares subscribed for during a distribution period are called Group 2 shares. Shares subscribed for during any previous distribution period are called Group 1 shares. Group 2 shares contain in their subscription price an amount called equalisation which represents a proportion of the net income of the sub-fund that has accrued up to the date of subscription. The amount of equalisation is averaged across all the shareholders of

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Group 2 shares and is refunded to them as part of their first distribution and is treated as a return of capital for tax purposes. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

An 'income equalisation-like' mechanism will be operated by the ACD for conversions. The ACD will ensure that the mechanism is operated to ensure fair treatment of those converting their shares and other shareholders in the affected classes.

Fund Charges and Costs

For further details on the costs associated with investing in the sub-funds of the ICVC, please see the Enhanced Disclosure of Fund Costs and Charges document and Baillie Gifford's Funds Costs and Charges Summary, both of which are available on the website www.bailliegifford.com.

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From time to time, there may be situations that give rise to a material interest or conflict of interest. Such interests can arise between the interests of the ACD, the Investment Adviser, other persons associated with them and the interests of the sub-funds and their shareholders. A material interest or a conflict of interest can also arise between the interests of different shareholders. In such circumstances the ACD will put in place effective organisational and administrative arrangements to manage and monitor the material interest or conflict of interest in a way that ensures shareholders are treated fairly, or where it is impractical to manage the conflict, it will be disclosed.

The ACD, the Investment Adviser and other persons associated with them may, from time to time, act as authorised corporate directors, investment managers or advisers to other persons, companies or funds which follow similar investment objectives to the sub-funds. It

is therefore possible that the ACD and/or the Investment Adviser may in the course of their business have potential conflicts of interest with the Company or a particular sub-fund. Each of the ACD and the Investment Adviser will, however, have regard in such event to, amongst other things, its obligation to act in the best interests of the Company so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients, when undertaking any investment where potential conflicts of interest may arise. The Depositary may, from time to time, act as the depositary or trustee of other companies or funds.

Full details of the ACD's conflicts of interest policy can be inspected at the offices of the ACD at Calton Square, 1 Greenside Row, Edinburgh, EH1 3AN during normal business hours.

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Minimum Lump Sum Investments and Annual Management Charge

	Class A	Class B	Class C
Minimum lump sum investments:			
Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund	£1,000	£100,000	£250,000
Baillie Gifford Investment Grade Bond Fund	£1,000	£100,000	£250,000
Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund	£1,000	£100,000	£250,000
Annual management charge:			
Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund	1.00%	0.35%	Nil
Baillie Gifford Investment Grade Bond Fund	1.00%	0.25%	Nil
Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund	1.00%	0.50%	Nil

¹Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond fund is no longer available for subscription.

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Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Bond Fund¹
 Baillie Gifford High Yield Bond Fund
 Baillie Gifford Investment Grade Bond Fund
 Baillie Gifford Strategic Bond Fund

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 Baillie Gifford UK Equity Alpha Fund
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