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BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund

For the financial year ended 28 February 2025

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General Information

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About the Fund

BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund (the "Fund") is a UK UCITS scheme under the COLL Sourcebook. The Fund was established on 15 January 1982. The Fund's FCA product reference number is 108404.

The Fund was first known as Rowan Fixed Interest Fund. It was renamed Mercury Global Fund and the investment objective changed on 5 May 1987. On 1 February 1989 the Fund's name was changed to The Mercury Portfolio Fund and the investment strategy changed to that described below. On 5 January 1998 the Fund's name was changed to the Mercury Balanced Portfolio Fund. On 30 September 2000 the Fund's name was changed to Merrill Lynch Balanced Portfolio Fund. The Fund changed its name to BlackRock Balanced Portfolio Fund on 28 April 2008 and adopted its present name with effect from 1 May 2009.

Assessment of value

The FCA requires UK fund managers to complete an annual assessment of whether their UK authorised funds provide value for investors. Our assessment considers fund and unit class level performance, costs and charges, and service quality, concluding with an evaluation of whether investors receive value. BlackRock has fulfilled its obligations for the reporting requirement, including assessing relevant charges, and published the annual assessment of value statements on the BlackRock website on 30 October 2024 in a composite report for all funds managed by BlackRock Fund Managers Limited subject to these requirements.

Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures – TCFD Product Report

The Manager has produced a supplemental TCFD Product Report in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and FCA requirements for TCFD reporting. These disclosures describe how the Manager incorporates climate-related risks and opportunities into governance, strategy, risk management, metrics and targets. The latest report is available at https://www.blackrock.com/uk/literature/public-disclosure/tcfd-product-level-disclosure-report-acsii.pdf.

Sustainability Disclosure Requirements – Sustainability Product Report

The Manager has produced a supplemental Sustainability Product Report in accordance with FCA sustainability disclosure requirements. The Sustainability Product Report provides key annual metrics on sustainability performance, goals, and alignment with environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") principles. This report aims to enhance transparency by outlining how our products contribute to sustainable outcomes, and track against defined objectives. The report will be available at www.blackrock.com/uk/education/library?keyword=SDR+Sustainability+Product+Report+BIF+BCIF+Retail from 30 June 2025.

Fund Managers

As at 28 February 2025, the Fund Managers were Adam Ryan, Jason Byrom and Conan McKenzie.

Significant Events

Changes in the Directors of the Manager

T S Hale was appointed as a Director effective 16 April 2024.

H N Mepham resigned as a Director effective 30 June 2024.

M Seymour was appointed as a Director 3 December 2024.

Significant Events continued

A Lewis was appointed as a Director effective 13 January 2025.

W I Cullen resigned as a Director effective 31 January 2025.

Subsequent Events

A M Lawrence resigned as a Director effective 30 April 2025.

There have been no other significant events subsequent to the year end, which, in the opinion of the Manager, may have had an impact on the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Risk and Reward Profile

Unit Class	Lower risk Typically lower rewards ←						Higher risk Typically higher rewards →
A Income	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7
A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7
D Income	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7
D Accumulation	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7
S Income	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7
S Accumulation	1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

- The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- The use of derivatives will impact the value of the Fund and may expose the Fund to a higher degree of risk. Derivatives are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the asset on which they are based and can increase the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund. The impact to the Fund can be greater where derivatives are used in an extensive or complex way.

For more information on this, please see the Fund's Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs"), which are available at www.blackrock.com.

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Investment Manager's Report

for the year ended 28 February 2025

Investment Objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund) (gross of fees) with the opportunity for additional income generation (i.e. income received on the Fund's assets) depending on market conditions.

Comparator benchmark	Investment management approach
Investment Association OE Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Average Sector	Active

Performance Summary

The following table compares the Fund's realised performance against the performance of the comparator benchmark during the financial year ended 28 February 2025.

	Fund return %	Comparator benchmark %
Class D Accumulation Units	9.79	10.01

Further information on the performance measures and calculation methodologies used is detailed below:

- Fund returns shown, calculated net of fees, are the performance returns for the primary unit class of the Fund which has been selected as a representative unit class. The primary unit class represents the class of unit which is the highest charging unit class, free of any commissions or rebates, and is freely available. Performance returns for any other unit class can be made available on request.
- Fund returns are based on the NAV per unit as at close of business for reporting purposes only, for the purpose of fair comparison and presentation with the comparator benchmark close of business valuation point.
- Due to the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds ("SORP") requirements, including the accounting policy for the valuation point at 12 noon, there may be differences between the NAV per unit as recorded in the financial statements and the NAV per unit calculated in accordance with the Prospectus.

All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and the return of your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.

Global Economic Overview

Global equities, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Index, returned 15.59% (in GBP terms) during the twelve months ended 28 February 2025. Equities gained significantly amid cooling inflation (the rate of increase in the prices of goods and services) and increased investor optimism as the world's largest central banks started to relax monetary policy. However, rising geopolitical tensions, including conflict in the Middle East and Europe, and the threat of protectionism in the US, raised the prospect of disruption to the global economy.

The US economy was solid throughout most of the twelve-month period, posting stronger growth than other developed nations as consumer spending remained resilient. In Japan, gross domestic product ("GDP") recovered from a period of contraction: the measure expanded by an annualised rate of 0.9% in the third quarter of 2024, following 3.1% growth in the second quarter. The UK economy rebounded in the first six months of 2024 after a disappointing end to 2023. However, output in the third and fourth quarters of 2024 was broadly flat. Growth in the Eurozone recovered over the course of 2024, helped by the strong performance of member nations including Spain, Ireland and Portugal.

Investment Manager's Report continued

Most emerging market economies continued to expand. Although the high interest rate environment presented significant economic challenges, the resilience of the US economy provided support. Chinese GDP grew more slowly than expected amid concerns about the country's real estate sector and weak retail sales. However, China's announcement of a new round of stimulus measures in September 2024 was received positively by investors. The Indian economy expanded at a robust pace, although growth between July and September 2024 was below analysts' expectations. There was a recovery in the final quarter. Growth rebounded in Brazil in the second and third quarters of 2024 due to rise in household and government spending.

Most of the world's largest central banks shifted away from monetary policy tightening as inflation continued to fall over the twelve month period. In September 2024 the US Federal Reserve ("the Fed") reduced interest rates for the first time in over four years. The Fed made further rate cuts in November and December 2024 but signalled a slower pace of reductions in 2025. The Bank of England ("BoE") began cutting interest rates in August 2024, after inflation in the UK had fallen to the BoE's 2.0% target. The European Central Bank ("ECB") reduced interest rates on five occasions between June 2024 and January 2025. Having raised interest rates in March 2024 in response to rising domestic inflation, which had reached levels not seen in decades, the Bank of Japan did so again in July 2024 and at the start of 2025. These were the first increases in borrowing costs in Japan since 2007.

Global equity performance was positive during the twelve month period, as the continuing strength of the world economy averted concerns about a possible recession. Investors generally reacted positively to Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election in November 2024, but there were concerns around the turn of the year that the new administration's economic policies could lead to higher inflation and, therefore, to fewer interest rate cuts than expected. Meanwhile, major technology stocks advanced on hopes that artificial intelligence ("AI") would drive growth, although concerns increased about the extensive infrastructure investment required to support AI platforms.

Globally, bonds and equities that factor companies' environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics faced regulatory concerns and shifting investor sentiment. Despite this, ESG funds experienced positive inflows overall. Over the year 2024, European investment remained strong, although the pace of outflows in the US accelerated.

Yields (which move inversely to bond prices) on the 10-year US Treasury, a benchmark lending rate for the global bond market, finished the twelve-month period flat. Following a spike in spring 2024, yields dipped on expectations of lower interest rates but rose again towards the end of the twelve month period due to concerns that the incoming US President's economic policies could lead to higher inflation. In the UK, gilt yields ended higher despite the BoE's shift to a more accommodative monetary policy stance. Yields rose especially sharply in autumn 2024 and at the start of 2025 on expectations that the UK government was planning to increase taxes and state spending. European government bond yields rose during the twelve month period as a whole, but ended 2024 below the highs recorded in May and June 2024 on expectations of further ECB rate cuts in 2025. Yields in Japan increased after the government adjusted its yield cap for 10-year government bonds and investors anticipated further interest rate increases.

Global corporate bonds posted solid gains overall as markets reassessed credit in light of declining inflation and interest rates. Increased bond yields attracted investors, and continued resilience in the global economy alleviated credit concerns, particularly for high-yield bonds.

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Equities in emerging markets also gained, benefiting from the relatively stable global economic environment and the respite from tighter monetary policy. As concerns about a possible global recession diminished, some investors rotated back into emerging market stocks, boosting prices. Emerging market bonds posted a positive return overall as investors reacted to less restrictive monetary policy in developed economies.

Commodities markets were disrupted by rising geopolitical tensions. Brent crude oil prices rose early in 2024 as instability in the Middle East caused concern among investors. However, prices fell back as global oil production increased, with the US and Canada making particularly large contributions to overall output. Natural gas prices rose sharply in the second half of the twelve-month period as cold weather returned and supply issues emerged. Gold prices rose to record highs as a result of geopolitical tensions, along with the possibility of a number of interest rate reductions in the US and increased demand from investors in Asia.

In the foreign exchange markets, the US dollar's performance was positive against other major global currencies. It rose against sterling, the euro, the Japanese yen and the Chinese yuan.

Fund Performance Review and Activity

Over the financial year to 28 February 2025, the Fund's performance return was 9.79%, underperforming its comparator benchmark which returned 10.01%.

The Fund is managed on an absolute return basis and not relative to any benchmark. The return of the comparator benchmark is given for reference purposes only.

During the financial year, resilient economic growth and interest rate cuts by central banks in developed markets acted as positive catalysts for equity and bond market returns. Instances of volatility (market ups and downs), primarily driven by the Bank of Japan's interest rate hikes and geopolitical uncertainty were short lived. Following the US presidential election results, US equity markets continued their strong performance. However, towards the end of the financial year, concerns about growth, developments in the Artificial Intelligence ("AI") space (driven by the release of DeepSeek) and the prospects of increased tariffs led to markets relinquishing some of their gains. In the US, bond underperformance was driven by concerns over the direction of the US fiscal situation and persistent inflation, which tempered market expectations for the speed of interest rate cuts. In Europe, political uncertainty led to rising yields (which move inversely to bond prices).

The Fund delivered a positive absolute return over the year, albeit underperforming its comparator benchmark. At an asset class level, the positive absolute returns were driven from allocation to developed market equities. The Fund's currency positioning as well as allocations to commodities, government and non-government bonds and volatility strategies also added to returns. Within the Fund's allocation to listed alternatives (financial assets that do not fall into traditional categories like stocks or bonds), listed renewable energy infrastructure offset gains from venture capital exposure, due to the prospects of interest rates remaining higher for longer, whilst emerging market equities also detracted.

Investment Manager's Report continued

During the financial year, the following were the largest contributors to and detractors from the Fund's absolute return:

Largest Contributors		Largest Detractors	
Stock	**Effect on Fund return**	**Stock**	**Effect on Fund return**
BlackRock UK Equity Portfolio	4.42%	Euro Stoxx 50 Futures (hedging)	(0.36%)
iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF	1.11%	BlackRock Continental European Fund	(0.33%)
S&P 500 Futures	1.04%	Reflation Basket	(0.28%)
US Enterprise Tech Equity Basket	0.74%	MSCI Europe ex UK Index Futures (hedging)	(0.28%)
iShares Physical Gold ETC	0.74%	FTSE 250 Futures (hedging)	(0.26%)

Given the positive returns from equity markets, hedging positions via futures on the Euro Stoxx 50, MSCI Europe ex UK, and FTSE 250 detracted from returns. The BlackRock Continental European Fund detracted from performance, underperforming the broader European equity market primarily due to stock selection within the Technology and Health Care sectors. The Reflation Basket, initiated at the start of the financial year to benefit from a higher inflation environment, detracted from performance as softer inflation data in the US indicated that near-term reflationary risk had abated. As at the financial year end, the Investment Manager has closed the position.

The allocation to BlackRock UK Equity Portfolio significantly contributed to performance, benefitting from a stronger US Dollar, as many companies have a significant proportion of their earnings from overseas markets. Improved overall sentiment led investors to diversify their exposure to markets outside the US. US equity exposure was also a key contributor to performance with the iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF, S&P 500 Futures, and US Enterprise Tech Equity Basket adding to returns, driven by continued outperformance of the US Technology sector. The iShares Physical Gold ETC provided a diversifying source of returns amid rising geopolitical tensions, acting as a safe-haven asset.

The following table details the significant portfolio weightings at 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024:

28 February 2025		29 February 2024	
Asset Class	**Gross Exposure**	**Asset Class**	**Gross Exposure**
Equities	74.53%	Equities	79.45%
Fixed Income	12.17%	Fixed Income	20.16%
Cash & FX	4.36%	Alternatives	6.01%
Commodities	4.24%	Commodities	3.65%
Alternatives	3.36%	Volatility Management Strategies	1.39%

The Fund's allocation to equities was managed dynamically over the financial year. In July, as US stock markets reached new all-time highs, hedging strategies were implemented and later closed as markets sold off in August. Later in the financial year, the Investment Manager added protection on US equities due to elevated valuations and volatility hedging in anticipation of increased market volatility leading up to the US presidential elections. The Fund remained overweight to equities through the US presidential elections, which helped drive returns in November and the equity exposure was towards the year-end. Fixed income exposure was reduced across US and European government bonds, whilst diversifying allocation to commodities was increased.

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Outlook

The Investment Manager believes that the recently experienced volatility will continue to be an ongoing characteristic of the markets. The recent tariff announcements by the Trump administration have led to an increased risk of a recession in the US, yet uncertainty remains high. While negotiations may ease trade tensions, the potential for escalation persists. With midterm elections approaching, political tolerance for economic pain may fade, contributing to downgraded growth forecasts and fragile US consumer and business confidence. There are also signs indicating that the performance of financial markets will not be an area of priority for the US administration as it has been previously.

In Europe, although growth is sluggish, sentiment has improved. The Investment Manager believes there is potential for significant German fiscal reform around defence and infrastructure spending, which could bring a sea change in European asset markets. The Investment Manager anticipates that European government bond yields may rise and break out of their structural ranges. Further interest rate cuts by the European Central Bank are likely due to continued reduction in inflation. A potential resolution to the Russia-Ukraine geopolitical conflict could lower gas prices and boost growth. Concurrently, we remain vigilant about the risks posed by potential US trade tariffs.

Given this backdrop the Investment Manager remains cautiously positioned with a more neutral level of equity risk. While becoming more positive on government bonds, the Investment Manager remains cautious in the near term. The Fund maintains a constructive allocation to assets such as gold and volatility strategies, which continues to serve as effective diversifiers.

Performance Record

Comparative Table

	A Income Units			A Accumulation Units		
	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023
	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	187.1	179.6	184.8	455.2	426.1	427.6
Return before operating charges	19.87	14.88	2.22	48.60	35.86	5.25
Operating charges	(3.08)	(2.83)	(2.88)	(7.55)	(6.76)	(6.71)
Return after operating charges	16.79	12.05	(0.66)	41.05	29.10	(1.46)
Distributions	(4.87)	(4.60)	(4.59)	(11.85)	(10.96)	(10.68)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.85	10.96	10.68
Closing net asset value per unit	199.0	187.1	179.6	496.3	455.2	426.1
After direct transaction costs of	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.27)
Performance						
Return after charges[1]	8.97%	6.71%	(0.36)%	9.02%	6.83%	(0.34)%
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	544	548	839	179,119	172,795	173,326
Closing number of units	273,145	293,180	466,976	36,094,705	37,960,424	40,673,178
Operating charges[2]	1.57%	1.58%	1.59%	1.57%	1.58%	1.59%
Direct transaction costs[3]	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Highest offer unit price	217.6	200.0	202.1	535.6	481.1	467.6
Lowest bid unit price	187.4	168.9	172.2	456.1	406.2	399.8

[1] The return after charges figures are based on the net asset value reported for financial statements purposes prepared under UK GAAP and SORP requirements and are not the same as the performance returns figures quoted in the Performance Table and the Investment Report which are based on close of business prices.

[2] Operating charges are annualised and exclude portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian/depositary and entry/exit charges paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

[3] Direct transaction costs are annualised and principally comprise commissions and taxes, attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity instruments, debt instruments and collective investment schemes.
See note 15 for further details.

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Performance Record continued

Comparative Table continued

	D Income Units			D Accumulation Units		
	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023
	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	201.5	192.0	196.1	488.9	454.3	452.5
Return before operating charges	21.47	16.04	2.40	52.09	38.37	5.54
Operating charges	(1.74)	(1.60)	(1.62)	(4.25)	(3.80)	(3.76)
Return after operating charges	19.73	14.44	0.78	47.84	34.57	1.78
Distributions	(5.21)	(4.93)	(4.89)	(12.56)	(11.72)	(11.34)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.56	11.72	11.34
Closing net asset value per unit	216.0	201.5	192.0	536.7	488.9	454.3
After direct transaction costs of	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.12)	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.28)
Performance						
Return after charges[1]	9.79%	7.52%	0.40%	9.79%	7.61%	0.39%
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	19,278	17,883	17,113	100,859	95,571	83,050
Closing number of units	8,924,131	8,874,389	8,913,464	18,791,091	19,549,507	18,281,794
Operating charges[2]	0.82%	0.83%	0.84%	0.82%	0.83%	0.84%
Direct transaction costs[3]	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Highest offer unit price	224.8	205.2	204.4	551.7	492.1	471.6
Lowest bid unit price	202.1	181.5	183.6	490.3	435.2	424.0

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Performance Record continued

Comparative Table continued

	S Income Units			S Accumulation Units		
	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023	For the year to 28.2.2025	For the year to 29.2.2024	For the year to 28.2.2023
	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	153.1	145.8	148.8	191.0	177.4	176.7
Return before operating charges	16.24	12.05	1.74	20.30	14.91	2.06
Operating charges	(1.20)	(1.09)	(1.11)	(1.50)	(1.34)	(1.33)
Return after operating charges	15.04	10.96	0.63	18.80	13.57	0.73
Distributions	(3.88)	(3.65)	(3.66)	(4.87)	(4.46)	(4.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.87	4.46	4.33
Closing net asset value per unit	164.3	153.1	145.8	209.8	191.0	177.4
After direct transaction costs of	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.11)
Performance						
Return after charges[1]	9.82%	7.52%	0.42%	9.84%	7.65%	0.41%
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£000's)	2,987	2,658	2,588	19,866	19,306	18,785
Closing number of units	1,818,829	1,736,022	1,775,308	9,469,432	10,109,051	10,587,226
Operating charges[2]	0.74%	0.75%	0.76%	0.74%	0.75%	0.76%
Direct transaction costs[3]	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%	0.04%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit	Pence per unit
Highest offer unit price	179.5	163.7	162.8	226.4	201.9	193.4
Lowest bid unit price	153.6	137.8	139.4	191.5	170.0	165.6

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Distribution Tables

for the year ended 28 February 2025

Final Distribution in Pence per Unit

Group 1 – Units purchased prior to 1 September 2024

Group 2 – Units purchased 1 September 2024 to 28 February 2025

	A Income Units		A Accumulation Units		D Income Units		D Accumulation Units	
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2
Net revenue (dividend)	2.5795	1.8613	6.2713	4.3723	2.7365	1.7080	6.5672	3.9757
Equalisation†	–	0.7182	–	1.8990	–	1.0285	–	2.5915
Distribution paid 30.4.2025	**2.5795**	**2.5795**	**6.2713**	**6.2713**	**2.7365**	**2.7365**	**6.5672**	**6.5672**
Distribution paid 30.4.2024	**2.1786**	**2.1786**	**5.2192**	**5.2192**	**2.3323**	**2.3323**	**5.5849**	**5.5849**

	S Income Units		S Accumulation Units	
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2
Net revenue (dividend)	2.0087	1.3049	2.5316	1.6310
Equalisation†	–	0.7038	–	0.9006
Distribution paid 30.4.2025	**2.0087**	**2.0087**	**2.5316**	**2.5316**
Distribution paid 30.4.2024	**1.7293**	**1.7293**	**2.1310**	**2.1310**

Interim Distribution in Pence per Unit

Group 1 – Units purchased prior to 1 March 2024

Group 2 – Units purchased 1 March 2024 to 31 August 2024

	A Income Units		A Accumulation Units		D Income Units		D Accumulation Units	
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2
Net revenue (dividend)	2.2954	0.9062	5.5757	2.3872	2.4771	1.2475	5.9976	3.0263
Equalisation†	–	1.3892	–	3.1885	–	1.2296	–	2.9713
Distribution paid 31.10.2024	**2.2954**	**2.2954**	**5.5757**	**5.5757**	**2.4771**	**2.4771**	**5.9976**	**5.9976**
Distribution paid 31.10.2023	**2.4210**	**2.4210**	**5.7457**	**5.7457**	**2.5968**	**2.5968**	**6.1361**	**6.1361**

	S Income Units		S Accumulation Units	
	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2
Net revenue (dividend)	1.8754	0.6492	2.3351	1.1993
Equalisation†	–	1.2262	–	1.1358
Distribution paid 31.10.2024	**1.8754**	**1.8754**	**2.3351**	**2.3351**
Distribution paid 31.10.2023	**1.9195**	**1.9195**	**2.3337**	**2.3337**

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

Report on Remuneration

The below disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the BlackRock group ("BlackRock"), as they apply to BlackRock Fund Managers Limited (the "ManCo"). The disclosures are made in accordance with the provisions in the UK implementation of Directive 2009/65/EC on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities ("UCITS"), as amended, including in particular by Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the council of 23 July 2014, (the "Directive"), the "Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD" issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority, the Collective Investment Schemes (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Handbook SYSC 19E: The UCITS Remuneration Code (the "UCITS Remuneration Code"), and COLL 4.5.7 R(7).

BlackRock's UCITS Remuneration Policy (the "UCITS Remuneration Policy") will apply to the EEA entities within the BlackRock group authorised as a ManCo of UCITS funds in accordance with the Directive, and will ensure compliance with the requirements of Article 14b of the Directive and to UK entities within the BlackRock group authorised as a ManCo of a UK UCITS fund in accordance with UCITS as implemented, retained and onshored in the UK.

The ManCo has adopted the UCITS Remuneration Policy, a summary of which is set out below.

Remuneration Governance

BlackRock's remuneration governance in EMEA operates as a tiered structure which includes: (a) the Management Development and Compensation Committee ("MDCC") (which is the global, independent remuneration committee for BlackRock, Inc. and (b) the ManCo's board of directors (the "ManCo's Board"). These bodies are responsible for the determination of BlackRock's remuneration policies which includes reviewing the remuneration policy on a regular basis and being responsible for its implementation.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is annually subject to central and independent review for compliance with policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the MDCC and by the ManCo's Board. The most recent review found no material issues. The remuneration disclosure is produced and owned by the MDCC and the ManCo's Board.

No material changes were made to the remuneration policy in 2024.

(a) MDCC

The MDCC's purposes include:

- providing oversight of:
    - BlackRock's executive compensation programmes;
    - BlackRock's employee benefit plans; and
    - such other compensation plans as may be established by BlackRock from time to time for which the MDCC is deemed as administrator;
- reviewing and discussing the compensation discussion and analysis included in the BlackRock, Inc. annual proxy statement with management and approving the MDCC's report for inclusion in the proxy statement;

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- reviewing, assessing and making reports and recommendations to the BlackRock, Inc. Board of Directors (the 'BlackRock, Inc. Board') as appropriate on BlackRock's talent development and succession planning, with the emphasis on performance and succession at the highest management levels; and
- supporting the boards of the Company's EMEA regulated entities in meeting their remuneration-related obligations by overseeing the design and implementation of EMEA remuneration policy in accordance with applicable regulations.

The MDCC directly retains its own independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group LLC, who has no relationship with BlackRock, Inc. or the BlackRock, Inc. Board that would interfere with its ability to provide independent advice to the MDCC on compensation matters.

The BlackRock, Inc. Board has determined that all of the members of the MDCC are "independent" within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), which requires each meet a "non-employee director" standard.

The MDCC held 8 meetings during 2024. The MDCC charter is available on BlackRock, Inc.'s website (www.blackrock.com).

Through its regular reviews, the MDCC continues to be satisfied with the principles of BlackRock's compensation policy and approach.

(b) The ManCo's Board

The ManCo's Board in its supervisory function has the task of supervising, approving and providing oversight of the UCITS Remuneration Policy as it applies to the ManCo and its Identified Staff (as defined below).

The responsibilities of the supervisory function include:

- approve, maintain and oversee the implementation of the UCITS Remuneration Policy;
- determine and oversee the remuneration of the members of the management body, provided that insofar the relevant ManCo does not have a separate supervisory function, the remuneration of the member of the management body is determined by the MDCC;
- approve any subsequent material exemptions or changes to the UCITS Remuneration Policy and carefully consider and monitor their effects;
- take into account the inputs provided by all competent corporate functions (i.e., risk management, compliance, human resources, strategic planning, etc.) in the design and oversight of the UCITS Remuneration Policy.

Decision-making process

Remuneration decisions for employees are made once annually in January following the end of the performance year. This timing allows full-year financial results to be considered along with other non-financial goals and objectives. Although the framework for remuneration decision-making is tied to financial performance, significant discretion is used to determine individual variable remuneration based on achievement of strategic and operating results and other considerations such as management and leadership capabilities.

No set formulas are established and no fixed benchmarks are used in determining annual incentive awards. In determining specific individual remuneration amounts, a number of factors are considered including non-financial goals and objectives and overall financial and investment performance (including, where relevant, good outcomes for retail customers). These results are viewed in the aggregate without any specific weighting, and there is no direct correlation between any particular performance measure and the resulting annual incentive award. The variable remuneration awarded to any individual(s) for a particular performance year may also be zero.

Annual incentive awards are paid from a bonus pool.

The size of the projected bonus pool, including cash and equity awards, is reviewed throughout the year by the MDCC and the final total bonus pool is approved after year-end. As part of this review, the MDCC receives actual and projected financial information over the course of the year as well as final year-end information. The financial information that the MDCC receives and considers includes the current year projected income statement and other financial measures compared with prior year results and the current year budget. The MDCC additionally reviews other metrics of BlackRock's financial performance (e.g., net inflows of AUM and investment performance) as well as information regarding market conditions and competitive compensation levels.

The MDCC regularly considers management's recommendation as to the percentage of pre-incentive operating income that will be accrued and reflected as a compensation expense throughout the year for the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool (the "accrual rate"). The accrual rate of the cash portion of the total annual bonus pool may be modified by the MDCC during the year based on its review of the financial information described above. The MDCC does not apply any particular weighting or formula to the information it considers when determining the size of the total bonus pool or the accruals made for the cash portion of the total bonus pool.

Following the end of the performance year, the MDCC approves the final bonus pool amount.

As part of the year-end review process the Enterprise Risk and Regulatory Compliance departments report to the MDCC on any activities, incidents or events that warrant consideration in making compensation decisions.

Individuals are not involved in setting their own remuneration.

Control functions

Each of the control functions (Enterprise Risk, Legal & Compliance, Finance, Human Resources and Internal Audit) has its own organisational structure which is independent of the business units and therefore staff members in control functions are remunerated independently of the businesses they oversee. The head of each control function is either a member of the Global Executive Committee ("GEC"), the global management committee, or has a reporting obligation to the board of directors of BlackRock Group Limited, the parent company of all of BlackRock's EMEA regulated entities, including the ManCo.

Functional bonus pools are determined with reference to the performance of each individual function. The remuneration of the senior members of control functions is directly overseen by the MDCC.

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Link between pay and performance

There is a clear and well-defined pay-for-performance philosophy and compensation programmes which are designed to meet the following key objectives as detailed below:

- appropriately balance BlackRock's financial results between shareholders and employees;
- attract, retain and motivate employees capable of making significant contributions to the long-term success of the business;
- align the interests of senior employees with those of shareholders by awarding BlackRock Inc.'s stock as a significant part of both annual and long-term incentive awards;
- control fixed costs by ensuring that compensation expense varies with profitability;
- link a significant portion of an employee's total compensation to the financial and operational performance of the business;
- promote sound and effective risk management across all risk categories, including sustainability risk;
- discourage excessive risk-taking (sustainability related or otherwise); and
- ensure that good outcomes are delivered for retail customers and that client interests are not negatively impacted by remuneration awarded on a short-term, mid-term and/or long-term basis.

Driving a high-performance culture is dependent on the ability to measure performance against objectives, values and behaviours in a clear and consistent way. Managers use a 5-point rating scale to provide an overall assessment of an employee's performance, and employees also provide a self-evaluation. The overall, final rating is reconciled during each employee's performance appraisal. Employees are assessed on the manner in which performance is attained as well as the absolute performance itself.

In keeping with the pay-for-performance philosophy, ratings are used to differentiate and reward individual performance – but don't pre-determine compensation outcomes. Compensation decisions remain discretionary and are made as part of the year-end compensation process.

When setting remuneration levels other factors are considered, as well as individual performance, which may include:

- the performance of the ManCo, the funds managed by the ManCo and/or the relevant functional department;
- factors relevant to an employee individually (e.g., relevant working arrangements (including part-time status if applicable); relationships with clients and colleagues; teamwork; skills; any conduct issues; and, subject to any applicable policy, the impact that any relevant leave of absence may have on contribution to the business);
- the management of risk within the risk profiles appropriate for BlackRock's clients;
- strategic business needs, including intentions regarding retention;
- market intelligence;
- criticality to business; and
- supporting the firm's approaches to environmental, social and governance factors and diversity, equity and inclusion.

A primary product tool is risk management and, while employees are compensated for strong performance in their management of client assets, they are required to manage risk within the risk profiles appropriate for their clients. Therefore, employees are not rewarded for engaging in high-risk transactions outside of established parameters. Remuneration practices do not provide undue incentives for short-term planning or short-term financial rewards, do not reward unreasonable risk and provide a reasonable balance between the many and substantial risks inherent within the business of investment management, risk management and advisory services.

BlackRock operates a total compensation model for remuneration which includes a base salary, which is contractual, and a discretionary bonus scheme.

BlackRock operates an annual discretionary bonus scheme. Although all employees are eligible to be considered for a discretionary bonus, there is no contractual obligation to make any award to an employee under its discretionary bonus scheme. In exercising discretion to award a discretionary bonus, the factors listed above (under the heading "Link between pay and performance") may be taken into account in addition to any other matters which become relevant to the exercise of discretion in the course of the performance year.

Discretionary bonus awards for all employees, including executive officers, are subject to a guideline that determines the portion paid in cash and the portion paid in BlackRock, Inc. stock and subject to additional vesting/clawback conditions. Stock awards are subject to further performance adjustment through variation in BlackRock, Inc.'s share price over the vesting period. As total annual compensation increases, a greater portion is deferred into stock. The MDCC adopted this approach in 2006 to substantially increase the retention value and shareholder alignment of the compensation package for eligible employees, including the executive officers. The portion deferred into stock vests into three equal instalments over the three years following grant.

Supplementary to the annual discretionary bonus as described above, equity awards may be made to select individuals to provide greater linkage with future business results. These long-term incentive awards have been established individually to provide meaningful incentive for continued performance over a multi-year period recognising the scope of the individual's role, business expertise and leadership skills.

Selected senior leaders are eligible to receive performance-adjusted equity-based awards from the "BlackRock Performance Incentive Plan" ("BPIP"). Awards made from the BPIP have a three-year performance period based on a measurement of As Adjusted Operating Margin[1] and Organic Revenue Growth[2]. Determination of pay-out will be made based on the firm's achievement relative to target financial results at the conclusion of the performance period. The maximum number of shares that can be earned is 165% of the award in those situations where both metrics achieve pre-determined financial targets. No shares will be earned where the firm's financial performance in both of the above metrics is below a pre-determined performance threshold. These metrics have been selected as key measures of shareholder value which endure across market cycles.

1 As Adjusted Operating Margin: As reported in BlackRock's external filings, reflects adjusted Operating Income divided by Total Revenue net of distribution and servicing expenses and amortisation of deferred sales commissions.

2 Organic Revenue Growth: Equal to net new base fees plus net new Aladdin revenue generated in the year (in dollars).

A limited number of investment professionals have a portion of their annual discretionary bonus (as described above) awarded as deferred cash that notionally tracks investment in selected products managed by the employee. The intention of these awards is to align investment professionals with the investment returns of the products they manage through the deferral of compensation into those products. Clients and external evaluators have increasingly viewed more favourably those products where key investors have "skin in the game" through significant personal investments.

Identified Staff

"Identified Staff" comprises the following categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the ManCo or the funds it manages:

- Board members (Executive and Non-Executive Directors);
- Conducting officers;
- Members of Senior Management; and
- Individuals responsible for internal senior management, risk takers, control functions.

The list of Identified Staff will be subject to regular review, being formally reviewed in the event of, but not limited to:

- organisational changes;
- new business initiatives;
- changes in significant influence function lists;
- changes in role responsibilities; and
- revised regulatory direction.

BlackRock applies the proportionality principle in respect of staff identified as "Identified Staff". BlackRock bases its proportionality approach on a combination of factors that it is entitled to take into account based on relevant guidelines. The application of proportionality has been assessed based on the criteria set down in the ESMA Guidelines - i.e., criteria in terms of size, internal organisation and nature, scope and complexity of the activities; group of persons, who have only collectively a material impact on the risk profile of the management company; and structure of the remuneration of identified staff.

Quantitative Remuneration Disclosure

The ManCo is required under the Directive to make quantitative disclosures of remuneration. These disclosures are made in line with BlackRock's interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops BlackRock may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other BlackRock fund disclosures in that same year.

Remuneration information at an individual Fund level is not readily available. Disclosures are provided in relation to (a) the staff of the ManCo; (b) staff who are senior management; (c) staff who have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of the Fund; and (d) staff of companies to which portfolio management and risk management has been formally delegated.

Report on Remuneration continued

All individuals included in the aggregated figures disclosed are rewarded in line with BlackRock's remuneration policy for their responsibilities across the relevant BlackRock business area. As all individuals have a number of areas of responsibilities, only the portion of remuneration for those individuals' services attributable to the ManCo is included in the aggregate figures disclosed.

Members of staff and senior management of the ManCo typically provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of the ManCo and across the broader BlackRock group. Conversely, members of staff and senior management of the broader BlackRock group may provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services in respect of multiple funds, clients and functions of the broader BlackRock group and of the ManCo. Therefore, the figures disclosed are a sum of individual's portion of remuneration attributable to the ManCo according to an objective apportionment methodology which acknowledges the multiple-service nature of the ManCo and the broader BlackRock group. Accordingly, the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration or their remuneration structure.

The amount of the total remuneration awarded to the ManCo's staff in respect of the ManCo's financial year ending 31 December 2024 is USD 102.4 million. This figure is comprised of fixed remuneration of USD 37.2 million and variable remuneration of USD 65.2 million. There were a total of 4,206 beneficiaries of the remuneration described above.

The amount of the aggregate remuneration awarded by the ManCo in respect of the ManCo's financial year ending 31 December 2024, to its senior management was USD 14.3 million, and to other members of its staff whose actions potentially have a material impact on the risk profile of the ManCo or its funds was USD 16.4 million.

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Portfolio Statement

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Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
EQUITIES – 38.04%; 29.2.2024 35.40%			
AUSTRALIA – 0.10%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.04%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
61,229	Austal, Ltd.	**128**	**0.04**
Banks – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Computers – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
5,170	Silex Systems, Ltd.	**11**	**0.00**
Mining – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
50,896	Deep Yellow, Ltd.	26	0.01
6,386	Paladin Energy, Ltd.[Ø]	22	0.01
5,738	Paladin Energy, Ltd.	19	0.01
		67	**0.03**
Telecommunications – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
12,310	Codan, Ltd.	**93**	**0.03**
AUSTRIA – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
Computers – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
1,861	Kontron AG[Ø]	**32**	**0.01**
Electricity – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Machinery Diversified – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
2,023	ams-OSRAM AG[Ø]	**17**	**0.01**
BELGIUM – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Chemicals – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
CANADA – 0.24%; 29.2.2024 0.09%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.05%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,574	Bombardier, Inc.	72	0.02
5,639	CAE, Inc.	108	0.03
		180	**0.05**
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Automobile Parts & Equipment – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
1,395	Magna International, Inc.[Ø]	**41**	**0.01**
Engineering & Construction – 0.05%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,333	AtkinsRealis Group, Inc.	52	0.02
289	Stantec, Inc.	19	0.01
472	WSP Global, Inc.	66	0.02
		137	**0.05**
Mining – 0.10%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
7,034	Cameco Corp.	243	0.08
17,747	Denison Mines Corp.	21	0.01
5,351	NexGen Energy, Ltd.	22	0.01
		286	**0.10**
Pipelines – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
3,316	Enbridge, Inc.	**110**	**0.03**
CHINA – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
Electricity – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
123,000	CGN Power Co., Ltd.	**30**	**0.01**
DENMARK – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.17%			
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
Building Materials – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
109	Rockwool	**34**	**0.01**
Electricity – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
Electronics – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
258	NKT A/S[Ø]	**14**	**0.00**
Retail – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.07%			
FINLAND – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
Electricity – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,470	Fortum Oyj	**31**	**0.01**
FRANCE – 0.28%; 29.2.2024 0.70%			
Apparel – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.34%			
Building Materials – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
705	Cie de Saint-Gobain SA[Ø]	**56**	**0.02**
Chemicals – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Commercial Services – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
664	Edenred SE[Ø]	17	0.01
4,332	Worldline[Ø]	22	0.01
		39	**0.02**
Computers – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
241	Teleperformance SE	**18**	**0.01**

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Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.23%; 29.2.2024 0.20%			
3,890	Schneider Electric SE	**744**	**0.23**
Semiconductors – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
GERMANY – 0.36%; 29.2.2024 0.22%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.07%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
335	MTU Aero Engines AG	92	0.03
169	Rheinmetall AG	140	0.04
		232	**0.07**
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Automobile Manufacturers – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,665	Mercedes-Benz Group AG	**82**	**0.03**
Chemicals – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,208	BASF SE[Ø]	**49**	**0.02**
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Insurance – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
209	Allianz SE	**57**	**0.02**
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.06%; 29.2.2024 0.10%			
1,082	Siemens AG	**197**	**0.06**
Retail – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Semiconductors – 0.13%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
2,555	Hensoldt AG[Ø]	112	0.03
10,481	Infineon Technologies AG	307	0.10
		419	**0.13**
Software – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
432	SAP SE	**94**	**0.03**
HONG KONG – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.20%			
Computers – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
29,000	Digital China Holdings, Ltd.	**9**	**0.00**
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
170,000	CGN Mining Co., Ltd.	**24**	**0.01**
Insurance – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.20%			
IRELAND – 1.50%; 29.2.2024 1.00%			
Building Materials – 0.16%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
1,084	Kingspan Group PLC	70	0.02
1,607	Trane Technologies PLC	439	0.14
		509	**0.16**
Commercial Services – 0.54%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
46,300	Experian PLC	**1,740**	**0.54**

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Electronics – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
274	TE Connectivity PLC	**33**	**0.01**
Private Equity – 0.79%; 29.2.2024 0.97%			
3,988,298	Greencoat Renewables PLC	**2,535**	**0.79**
ITALY – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.35%			
Apparel – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.12%			
Automobile Manufacturers – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.08%			
Gas – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
Metal & Hardware – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
953	Prysmian SpA	**45**	**0.01**
Retail – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.12%			
JAPAN – 0.39%; 29.2.2024 0.15%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.07%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
300	IHI Corp.	14	0.00
27,700	Ispace	91	0.03
3,300	Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.[Ø]	130	0.04
		235	**0.07**
Computers – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
2,000	Fujitsu, Ltd.	**30**	**0.01**
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,600	ITOCHU Corp.	**91**	**0.03**
Engineering & Construction – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,400	JGC Holdings Corp.	**14**	**0.00**
Environmental Control – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
1,200	Kurita Water Industries, Ltd.	**30**	**0.01**
Hand & Machine Tools – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
400	Fuji Electric Co., Ltd.	**14**	**0.00**
Leisure Time – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
5,900	Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.[Ø]	**38**	**0.01**
Machinery Construction & Mining – 0.15%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
14,200	Hitachi, Ltd.	281	0.09
19,700	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.	207	0.06
		488	**0.15**
Machinery Diversified – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
1,100	Omron Corp.	26	0.01
900	Yaskawa Electric Corp.	19	0.01
		45	**0.02**

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Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
4,300	Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd.[Ø]	**69**	**0.02**
Pharmaceuticals – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
1,700	Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd.	**31**	**0.01**
Semiconductors – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
8,600	Renesas Electronics Corp.	**112**	**0.03**
Telecommunications – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
121,800	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	**93**	**0.03**
JERSEY – 0.08%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
Investment Companies – 0.08%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
35,112	Rosebank Industries PLC[1]	**253**	**0.08**
LITHUANIA – 0.23%; 29.2.2024 0.16%			
Internet – 0.23%; 29.2.2024 0.16%			
220,242	Baltic Classifieds Group PLC	**744**	**0.23**
NETHERLANDS – 0.08%; 29.2.2024 0.10%			
Commercial Services – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
69	Adyen	**97**	**0.03**
Healthcare Products – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
2,518	Koninklijke Philips[Ø]	**52**	**0.02**
Pipelines – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Semiconductors – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
26	ASML Holding	15	0.00
524	NXP Semiconductors	90	0.03
		105	**0.03**
NORWAY – 0.05%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
Environmental Control – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
3,047	TOMRA Systems ASA	**36**	**0.01**
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
3,090	Nordic Semiconductor ASA	**30**	**0.01**
Shipbuilding – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
993	Kongsberg Gruppen ASA	**95**	**0.03**
SINGAPORE – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
29,700	Singapore Technologies Engineering, Ltd.	**94**	**0.03**
SOUTH KOREA – 0.07%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
6,679	Hanwha Systems Co., Ltd.	**111**	**0.03**
Electronics – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
442	Hanwha Vision Co., Ltd.	**12**	**0.00**
Engineering & Construction – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
403	KEPCO Engineering & Construction Co., Inc.	14	0.00
601	Samsung C&T Corp.	40	0.01
		54	**0.01**
Machinery Construction & Mining – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
4,409	Doosan Enerbility Co., Ltd.	**61**	**0.02**
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
25	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. GDR	**19**	**0.01**
SPAIN – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
Banks – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,834	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA[Ø]	**30**	**0.01**
Electricity – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
1,722	Endesa SA	**30**	**0.01**
Engineering & Construction – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
SWEDEN – 0.06%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
4,212	Saab AB	**100**	**0.03**
Building Materials – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
10,780	Nibe Industrier AB	**32**	**0.01**
Healthcare Products – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Investment Companies – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,153	Investment AB Latour	**46**	**0.01**
Telecommunications – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
5,257	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	**34**	**0.01**
SWITZERLAND – 0.33%; 29.2.2024 0.27%			
Building Materials – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.11%			
79	Belimo Holding AG	**42**	**0.01**
Electronics – 0.26%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
14,769	ABB, Ltd.	631	0.20
4,243	ABB, Ltd.	181	0.06
		812	**0.26**
Insurance – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
112	Zurich Insurance Group AG	**58**	**0.02**
Metal & Hardware – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
92	VAT Group AG	**27**	**0.01**

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Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Pharmaceuticals – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
822	Novartis AG	**71**	**0.02**
Retail – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
2,365	STMicroelectronics	**47**	**0.01**
TAIWAN – 0.05%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Semiconductors – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
668	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ADR	**96**	**0.03**
Shipbuilding – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
191,000	CSBC Corp. Taiwan	**78**	**0.02**
UNITED KINGDOM – 25.28%; 29.2.2024 23.28%			
Advertising – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.15%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.47%; 29.2.2024 0.34%			
178,578	Melrose Industries PLC	1,122	0.35
15,814	QinetiQ Group PLC	65	0.02
43,550	Rolls-Royce Holdings PLC	327	0.10
		1,514	**0.47**
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Apparel – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.06%			
Banks – 2.59%; 29.2.2024 1.56%			
291,790	HSBC Holdings PLC	2,689	0.83
1,869,126	Lloyds Banking Group PLC	1,348	0.42
339,695	Standard Chartered PLC	4,311	1.34
		8,348	**2.59**
Beverages – 0.45%; 29.2.2024 0.54%			
66,807	Diageo PLC	**1,446**	**0.45**
Chemicals – 0.14%; 29.2.2024 0.17%			
32,626	Johnson Matthey PLC	**468**	**0.14**
Commercial Services – 2.25%; 29.2.2024 2.51%			
13,194	Ashtead Group PLC	633	0.20
161,363	RELX PLC	6,150	1.91
116,000	Rentokil Initial PLC[Ø]	458	0.14
		7,241	**2.25**
Computers – 0.30%; 29.2.2024 0.41%			
589,447	Serco Group PLC	**973**	**0.30**
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.14%; 29.2.2024 0.40%			
70,800	Travis Perkins PLC	**465**	**0.14**
Diversified Financial Services – 1.44%; 29.2.2024 1.19%			
39,690	London Stock Exchange Group PLC[Ø]	**4,644**	**1.44**
Electricity – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Electronics – 0.76%; 29.2.2024 0.64%			
85,833	Halma PLC	2,389	0.74
1,089	nVent Electric PLC	52	0.02
		2,441	**0.76**
Environmental Control – 0.07%; 29.2.2024 0.18%			
2,988	Pentair PLC	**221**	**0.07**
Food Services – 1.60%; 29.2.2024 1.38%			
186,623	Compass Group PLC	**5,173**	**1.60**
Gas – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
23,911	Centrica PLC	**35**	**0.01**
Healthcare Products – 0.35%; 29.2.2024 0.34%			
98,146	Smith & Nephew PLC	**1,124**	**0.35**
Home Furnishings – 0.31%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
127,427	Howden Joinery Group PLC	**988**	**0.31**
Household Products – 0.69%; 29.2.2024 0.71%			
41,889	Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	**2,213**	**0.69**
Insurance – 0.16%; 29.2.2024 0.16%			
98,840	Phoenix Group Holdings PLC	**513**	**0.16**
Internet – 1.62%; 29.2.2024 1.46%			
267,600	Auto Trader Group PLC	2,073	0.64
295,219	Rightmove PLC	1,960	0.61
389,951	Trainline PLC	1,207	0.37
		5,240	**1.62**
Investment Companies – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
5,610	Yellow Cake PLC[Ø]	**25**	**0.01**
Leisure Time – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
44,990	Patisserie Hld, Ltd.[1^]	**–**	**0.00**
Machinery Diversified – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
4,414	CNH Industrial	45	0.01
460	Spirax Group PLC	34	0.01
		79	**0.02**
Media – 0.96%; 29.2.2024 0.71%			
228,994	Pearson PLC	**3,103**	**0.96**
Mining – 1.28%; 29.2.2024 1.44%			
74,479	Anglo American PLC	1,754	0.54
49,884	Rio Tinto PLC	2,392	0.74
		4,146	**1.28**
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.38%; 29.2.2024 0.29%			
18,683	Chemring Group PLC[Ø]	71	0.02

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26,057	Diploma PLC	1,169	0.36
		1,240	**0.38**
Oil & Gas Producers – 2.00%; 29.2.2024 2.08%			
208,000	BP PLC	903	0.28
211,500	Shell PLC	5,561	1.72
		6,464	**2.00**
Pharmaceuticals – 2.99%; 29.2.2024 2.73%			
67,532	AstraZeneca PLC	8,077	2.50
108,816	GSK PLC	1,595	0.49
		9,672	**2.99**
Private Equity – 2.49%; 29.2.2024 2.00%			
127,161	3i Group PLC	5,015	1.55
1,004,827	Molten Ventures PLC	3,020	0.94
		8,035	**2.49**
Real Estate Investment Trusts – 0.57%; 29.2.2024 0.47%			
149,416	Segro PLC	1,057	0.33
626,169	Shaftesbury Capital PLC	780	0.24
		1,837	**0.57**
Retail – 1.22%; 29.2.2024 1.19%			
39,275	Next PLC	**3,943**	**1.22**
Telecommunications – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
10,176	Spirent Communications PLC	**19**	**0.01**
Water – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.11%			
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 8.82%; 29.2.2024 8.35%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.58%; 29.2.2024 1.00%			
1,570	AAR Corp.[Ø]	81	0.03
536	AeroVironment, Inc.	65	0.02
18,145	AerSale Corp.	101	0.03
23,694	Archer Aviation, Inc.[Ø]	149	0.05
554	Curtiss-Wright Corp.	139	0.04
1,533	Ducommun, Inc.	70	0.02
571	General Electric Co.	91	0.03
518	HEICO Corp.	85	0.03
404	HEICO Corp.	83	0.03
1,528	Hexcel Corp.[Ø]	76	0.02
1,029	Howmet Aerospace, Inc.	109	0.03
4,787	Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc.[Ø]	100	0.03
2,728	Mercury Systems, Inc.[Ø]	94	0.03
517	Moog, Inc.[Ø]	69	0.02
19,819	Rocket Lab USA, Inc.	312	0.10
77	TransDigm Group, Inc.	82	0.03
6,972	Triumph Group, Inc.[Ø]	140	0.04
		1,846	**0.58**
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
Apparel – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.07%			
Automobile Manufacturers – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Beverages – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
538	PepsiCo, Inc.	**65**	**0.02**
Building Materials – 0.19%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
6,337	Carrier Global Corp.	322	0.10
4,454	Johnson Controls International PLC	298	0.09
		620	**0.19**
Chemicals – 0.18%; 29.2.2024 0.25%			
247	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	61	0.02
1,155	Albemarle Corp.	72	0.02
565	Dow, Inc.	17	0.01
1,711	Ecolab, Inc.	363	0.11
895	Rogers Corp.	57	0.02
		570	**0.18**
Commercial Services – 0.12%; 29.2.2024 0.25%			
674	API Group Corp.	21	0.01
831	Block, Inc.	42	0.01
3,701	Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp.	326	0.10
95	Herc Holdings, Inc.	11	0.00
		400	**0.12**
Computers – 0.89%; 29.2.2024 0.51%			
4,593	Apple, Inc.	866	0.27
1,066	ASGN, Inc.	58	0.02
205	CACI International, Inc.	55	0.02
33,500	Conduent, Inc.	95	0.03
1,673	Crane NXT Co.[Ø]	74	0.02
4,910	Fortinet, Inc.	417	0.13
2,211	International Business Machines Corp.	445	0.14
1,482	KBR, Inc.	57	0.02
2,474	NetApp, Inc.	232	0.07
1,032	Parsons Corp.	48	0.01
777	Science Applications International Corp.	62	0.02
2,227	Seagate Technology Holdings PLC	178	0.06
25,076	Telos Corp.	59	0.02
1,995	V2X, Inc.	74	0.02
9,437	Vuzix Corp.	22	0.01
551	Zscaler, Inc.	84	0.03
		2,826	**0.89**

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Cosmetics & Personal Care – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.07%			
608	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	**44**	**0.01**
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.06%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
543	Core & Main, Inc.	22	0.01
1,423	LKQ Corp.	47	0.01
3,200	Resideo Technologies, Inc.	48	0.01
1,143	VSE Corp.Ø	106	0.03
100	WESCO International, Inc.	14	0.00
		237	**0.06**
Diversified Financial Services – 0.27%; 29.2.2024 0.26%			
250	American Express Co.	58	0.02
1,031	Mastercard, Inc.	463	0.14
1,286	Visa, Inc.	363	0.11
		884	**0.27**
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.29%; 29.2.2024 0.24%			
2,467	Eaton Corp. PLC	569	0.18
2,615	Emerson Electric Co.Ø	249	0.08
3,293	Graham Corp.	86	0.03
		904	**0.29**
Electricity – 0.12%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
584	Constellation Energy Corp.	116	0.04
3,105	NextEra Energy, Inc.	171	0.05
1,738	Oklo, Inc.	45	0.01
805	Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc.	52	0.02
		384	**0.12**
Electronics – 0.37%; 29.2.2024 0.10%			
4,621	Allient, Inc.	92	0.03
7,866	Amphenol Corp.	409	0.13
299	Badger Meter, Inc.	49	0.02
30,012	Comtech Telecommunications Corp.	43	0.01
814	ESCO Technologies, Inc.	104	0.03
1,068	Fortive Corp.	68	0.02
377	Hubbell, Inc.	110	0.03
768	Keysight Technologies, Inc.	97	0.03
863	Trimble, Inc.	48	0.01
5,329	TTM Technologies, Inc.	102	0.03
600	Woodward, Inc.Ø	88	0.03
		1,210	**0.37**
Engineering & Construction – 0.12%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
1,053	AECOM	81	0.02
250	Comfort Systems USA, Inc.	71	0.02
321	EMCOR Group, Inc.	103	0.03
9,666	Mistras Group, Inc.	74	0.02
5,010	Tutor Perini Corp.	87	0.03
		416	**0.12**
Environmental Control – 0.44%; 29.2.2024 0.21%			
3,377	Republic Services, Inc.	624	0.19
2,040	Tetra Tech, Inc.	48	0.01
4,304	Waste Management, Inc.	785	0.24
		1,457	**0.44**
Food Producers – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
523	Kellanova	**34**	**0.01**
Gas – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
772	Atmos Energy Corp.	**92**	**0.03**
Hand & Machine Tools – 0.02%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
159	Lincoln Electric Holdings, Inc.	26	0.01
236	Regal Rexnord Corp.Ø	24	0.01
		50	**0.02**
Healthcare Products – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.18%			
233	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	24	0.01
363	Masimo Corp.	54	0.02
		78	**0.03**
Healthcare Services – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.01%			
Household Products – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
213	Kimberly-Clark Corp.	**24**	**0.01**
Insurance – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.05%			
424	MetLife, Inc.	**28**	**0.01**
Internet – 0.84%; 29.2.2024 0.68%			
3,659	Alphabet, Inc.	489	0.15
3,161	Amazon.com, Inc.	524	0.16
1,110	F5, Inc.	256	0.08
1,569	Meta Platforms, Inc.	820	0.25
2,838	Palo Alto Networks, Inc.	422	0.13
1,173	VeriSign, Inc.	219	0.07
		2,730	**0.84**
Iron & Steel – 0.05%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,524	ATI, Inc.	69	0.02
676	Carpenter Technology Corp.Ø	107	0.03
		176	**0.05**
Leisure Time – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
13,322	Sabre Corp.	**44**	**0.01**

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Machinery Construction & Mining – 0.04%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
269	Caterpillar, Inc.	73	0.02
937	Oshkosh Corp.	75	0.02
		148	**0.04**
Machinery Diversified – 0.40%; 29.2.2024 0.49%			
264	AGCO Corp.Ø	20	0.01
650	Crane Co.	83	0.03
940	Deere & Co.Ø	359	0.11
862	Dover Corp.	135	0.04
338	Flowserve Corp.	15	0.00
1,962	Ingersoll Rand, Inc.	129	0.04
128	Rockwell Automation, Inc.	29	0.01
630	Watts Water Technologies, Inc.	106	0.03
4,127	Xylem	422	0.13
		1,298	**0.40**
Metal & Hardware – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
340	RBC Bearings, Inc.	**96**	**0.03**
Mining – 0.09%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
700	Centrus Energy Corp.	50	0.02
5,830	Energy Fuels	19	0.01
8,618	MP Materials Corp.	160	0.05
3,977	Uranium Energy Corp.	17	0.01
		246	**0.09**
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.15%; 29.2.2024 0.15%			
1,557	A O Smith Corp.	82	0.03
257	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	107	0.03
1,225	Donaldson Co., Inc.	66	0.02
712	ITT, Inc.	79	0.02
837	Materion Corp.	60	0.02
230	Teledyne Technologies, Inc.	91	0.03
		485	**0.15**
Office & Business Equipment – 0.04%; 29.2.2024 0.04%			
578	Zebra Technologies Corp.	**143**	**0.04**
Office Furnishings – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.02%			
Oil & Gas Services – 0.01%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
6,357	Geospace Technologies Corp.	**40**	**0.01**
Packaging & Containers – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
494	Ball Corp.	20	0.01
3,979	TriMas Corp.	65	0.02
		85	**0.03**
Pharmaceuticals – 0.03%; 29.2.2024 0.07%			
148	Dexcom, Inc.	10	0.00
805	Johnson & Johnson	105	0.03
		115	**0.03**
Real Estate Investment Trusts – 0.06%; 29.2.2024 0.03%			
3,292	COPT Defense Properties	70	0.02
7,045	Easterly Government Properties, Inc.	63	0.02
869	Equity Residential	51	0.02
		184	**0.06**
Retail – 0.06%; 29.2.2024 0.00%			
1,337	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	**186**	**0.06**
Semiconductors – 1.39%; 29.2.2024 1.55%			
3,288	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	260	0.08
600	Ambarella, Inc.	30	0.01
2,195	Analog Devices, Inc.	390	0.12
365	Applied Materials, Inc.	45	0.01
7,190	Broadcom, Inc.	1,128	0.35
951	CEVA, Inc.	25	0.01
5,634	Intel Corp.	103	0.03
937	MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc.	84	0.03
2,827	Marvell Technology, Inc.	196	0.06
1,365	Microchip Technology, Inc.	62	0.02
1,498	Micron Technology, Inc.	109	0.03
15,179	NVIDIA Corp.	1,446	0.45
2,153	ON Semiconductor Corp.	81	0.02
540	Ouster, Inc.Ø	3	0.00
1,492	Qorvo, Inc.	84	0.03
774	QUALCOMM, Inc.	95	0.03
4,511	Rambus, Inc.Ø	193	0.06
680	Silicon Laboratories, Inc.Ø	73	0.02
625	Skyworks Solutions, Inc.	32	0.01
517	Texas Instruments, Inc.	79	0.02
		4,518	**1.39**
Software – 1.40%; 29.2.2024 1.27%			
569	Adobe, Inc.	197	0.06
1,060	Altair Engineering, Inc.Ø	94	0.03
770	ANSYS, Inc.	202	0.06
609	Aspen Technology, Inc.	128	0.04
238	Autodesk, Inc.	53	0.02
3,804	C3.ai, Inc.	72	0.02
1,892	Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	373	0.12
758	Digi International, Inc.	18	0.01
1,320	Dynatrace, Inc.	60	0.02
487	Fair Isaac Corp.	709	0.22
646	Intuit, Inc.	308	0.10
2,702	Microsoft Corp.	842	0.26

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3,718	Oracle Corp.	486	0.15
3,229	Palantir Technologies, Inc.	217	0.07
502	Paychex, Inc.	59	0.02
44,177	Planet Labs PBC	157	0.05
1,580	PTC, Inc.	204	0.06
1,176	Salesforce, Inc.	275	0.09
		4,454	**1.40**
Telecommunications – 0.42%; 29.2.2024 0.31%			
6,820	A10 Networks, Inc.	111	0.03
7,524	Arista Networks, Inc.	547	0.17
8,313	Cisco Systems, Inc.	421	0.13
13,013	CommScope Holding Co., Inc.	65	0.02
7,168	Juniper Networks, Inc.	205	0.06
3,860	Viasat, Inc.[Ø]	27	0.01
		1,376	**0.42**
Water – 0.00%; 29.2.2024 0.21%			
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES – 58.27%; 29.2.2024 61.33%			
Equity Funds – 26.62%; 29.2.2024 36.02%			
7,952,107	BlackRock Continental European Fund[†]	23,721	7.35
608,284	BlackRock Global Funds - Emerging Markets Fund[†]	7,901	2.45
402,622	BlackRock Global Funds - Japan Flexible Equity Fund[†]	8,170	2.53
8,085,342	Blackrock Global Unconstrained Equity Fund UK[†]	15,658	4.85
16,455,935	BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund[†]	16,665	5.17
242,605	iShares Physical Gold ETC[†Ø]	10,712	3.32
129,435	iShares Physical Silver ETC[†]	3,053	0.95
		85,880	**26.62**
Exchange Traded Funds – 15.75%; 29.2.2024 5.75%			
12,887	iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP Acc[†]	2,208	0.69
97,936	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF[†Ø]	48,605	15.06
		50,813	**15.75**
Fixed Income Funds – 10.93%; 29.2.2024 10.50%			
1,046,369	BlackRock Global Funds - Sustainable World Bond Fund[†]	9,553	2.96
890,566	iShares Core Bond UCITS ETF[†]	3,858	1.19
1,751,158	iShares Core Global Aggregate Bond UCITS ETF[†]	8,064	2.50
1,307,863	iShares EUR High Yield Corp. Bond UCITS ETF[†Ø]	6,496	2.01
104,309	iShares Global Bond UCITS ETF[†]	7,311	2.27
		35,282	**10.93**
Investment Trusts – 1.62%; 29.2.2024 3.67%			
2,118,388	Greencoat UK Wind[Ø]	2,385	0.74
3,147,028	Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	1,486	0.46
2,704,869	Sdcl Energy Efficiency Income Trust PLC	1,347	0.42
		5,218	**1.62**
Short-term Money Market Funds – 3.35%; 29.2.2024 5.39%			
4,043	BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund[†]	355	0.11
93,722	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class[†]	9,373	2.90
13,610	BlackRock ICS US Dollar Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund Agency Income Class[†]	1,081	0.34
		10,809	**3.35**

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Underlying Exposure – Derivatives £000's	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
DERIVATIVES – 0.67%; 29.2.2024 0.89%				
Forward Currency Contracts – 0.17%; 29.2.2024 0.01%				
AU$5,380,000	Australian Dollar vs UK Sterling	2,657	(50)	(0.02)
BRL 23,847,000	Brazilian Real vs US Dollar	6,468	(22)	(0.01)
CA$4,880,000	Canadian Dollar vs UK Sterling	2,689	(67)	(0.02)
CA$11,510,000	Canadian Dollar vs US Dollar	12,714	(31)	(0.01)
TWD 118,579,017	Taiwan Dollar vs US Dollar	5,838	(73)	(0.02)

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Portfolio Statement continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Underlying Exposure – Derivatives £000's	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
£17,821,811	UK Sterling vs Euro	17,581	240	0.07
£6,658,414	UK Sterling vs Japanese Yen	6,825	(166)	(0.05)
£829,737	UK Sterling vs US Dollar	812	17	0.00
US$4,108,503	US Dollar vs South Korean Won	6,491	33	0.01
US$24,441,947	US Dollar vs Taiwan Dollar	38,140	678	0.22
		100,215	**559**	**0.17**
Futures – 0.14%; 29.2.2024 0.50%				
26	E-mini Financial Select Sector Index March 2025	3,256	(1)	0.00
84	FTSE 100 Index March 2025	7,369	448	0.14
(410)	FTSE 250 Index March 2025	16,680	568	0.18
28	KOSPI SPI 200 Index March 2025	2,817	(50)	(0.02)
31	MSCI Emerging Markets Index March 2025	1,349	(23)	(0.01)
(302)	MSCI Europe ex UK Mar25 March 2025	9,731	(756)	(0.23)
24	MSCI World Index March 2025	2,282	(59)	(0.02)
(12)	NASDAQ 100 E-Mini Index March 2025	3,937	273	0.09
(5)	S&P 500 E-Mini Index March 2025	1,170	23	0.01
18	S&P/TSX 60 Index March 2025	2,994	(20)	(0.01)
171	US 10 Year Note (CBT) June 2025	15,046	36	0.01
		66,631	**439**	**0.14**
Inflation Swaps – (0.03%); 29.2.2024 0.02%				
7,029,759	BNP Paribas US Dollar 2.355% vs Variable 4/12/2054	5,548	18	0.01
3,422,942	BNP Paribas US Dollar 2.4625% vs Variable 23/1/2055	2,762	(50)	(0.02)
3,422,942	BNP Paribas US Dollar 2.465% vs Variable 23/1/2055	2,763	(51)	(0.02)
		11,073	**(83)**	**(0.03)**
Options – 0.31%; 29.2.2024 0.16%				
(177)	DAX Put 17/4/2025 20500	1,778	(74)	(0.02)
177	DAX Put 17/4/2025 21800	4,634	199	0.06
40,353,000	Deutsche Bank (Brazilian Real Call Japanese Yen Put Call 4/11/2025 @ 27.0)	941	68	0.02
(40,353,000)	Deutsche Bank (Brazilian Real Call Japanese Yen Put Call 4/11/2025 @ 29.0)	402	(27)	(0.01)
14,650,000	Goldman Sachs International (US Dollar Call Japanese Yen Put Call 1/3/2033 @ 136.0)	2,766	389	0.12
20,624,000	Goldman Sachs International (US Dollar Call Japanese Yen Put Call 23/5/2034 @ 157.0)	1,905	241	0.07
54,721,000	HSBC Bank (Canadian Dollar Call US Dollar Put 7/7/2025 @ 1.35)	1,590	20	0.01
3,468	S&P 500 Call 18/3/2025 20	2,510	479	0.15
(3,468)	S&P 500 Call 18/3/2025 25	1,439	(286)	(0.09)
		17,965	**1,009**	**0.31**
Total Return Swaps – 0.08%; 29.2.2024 0.20%				
24,795	Barclays Bank Volatility Carry Strategy Index 14/11/2025^	3,235	–	0.00
2,146	Citibank Global Brands Basket Index 29/8/2025	7,567	109	0.04

Portfolio Statement continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Underlying Exposure – Derivatives £000's	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
10,714,114	JP Morgan Chase Bank JPBLJDY 12/9/2025	7,383	133	0.04
		18,185	**242**	**0.08**
Portfolio of investments			**312,920**	**96.98**
Net other assets			9,733	3.02
Total net assets			**322,653**	**100.00**

Unless otherwise stated, all securities are either listed on a recognised exchange, traded on an eligible securities market or are permitted collective investment schemes.

Underlying exposure has been calculated according to the guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") (as adopted by the FCA) and represents the market value of an equivalent position in the assets underlying each financial derivative instrument.

The counterparties for the forward currency contracts are Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman Sachs International, HSBC Bank Plc, Royal Bank of Canada, Royal Bank of Scotland Plc, Toronto-Dominion Bank and UBS AG.

The total return swaps ("TRS") shown in the portfolio statement starting on page 29 are expressed at both their mark-to-market and original notional value, which when added together represent the current notional value of the TRS. The current notional value of a TRS represents the reference amount used to calculate payments between the counterparties to the TRS. The full notional value represents the economic interest in the security underlying the TRS, but does not change hands in full between the counterparties.

[1] These securities were valued in consultation with the Manager. These securities were fair valued or suspended at financial year end.

ø All or a portion of this investment represents a security on loan, see note 2(b) vi) for further details.

† Managed by a related party.

^ All securities that have a value of less than £500 have been rounded to zero.

Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	Notes	£000's	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	£000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Income					
Net capital gains	3		24,489		16,829
Revenue	4	7,998		7,837	
Expenses	5	(3,918)		(3,684)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(137)		(138)	
Net revenue before taxation		3,943		4,015	
Taxation	7	(47)		(67)	
Net revenue after taxation			3,896		3,948
Total return before distributions			28,385		20,777
Distributions	8		(7,808)		(7,621)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			**20,577**		**13,156**

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

for the year ended 28 February 2025

	£000's	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	£000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		308,761		295,701
Amounts receivable on issue of units	26,490		36,219	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(40,367)		(43,359)	
		(13,877)		(7,140)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		20,577		13,156
Retained distribution on accumulation units		7,173		7,044
Unclaimed distributions over 6 years old		19		–
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		**322,653**		**308,761**

Balance Sheet

at 28 February 2025

	Notes	28.2.2025 £000's	29.2.2024 £000's
Assets:			
Fixed assets			
– Investment assets		314,726	303,161
Current assets			
– Debtors	9	477	3,675
– Cash and bank balances	10	11,888	9,270
Total assets		**327,091**	**316,106**
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(1,806)	(1,753)
Creditors			
– Amounts due to futures clearing houses and brokers		(1,181)	(2,614)
– Cash collateral payable		(430)	(760)
– Distributions payable		(288)	(243)
– Other creditors	11	(733)	(1,975)
Total liabilities		**(4,438)**	**(7,345)**
Net assets attributable to unitholders		**322,653**	**308,761**

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BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
30 May 2025

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Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended 28 February 2025

1. Accounting and Distribution Policies

Accounting Policies

(a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP) and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (the "SORP") issued by the Investment Management Association (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with UK GAAP and the SORP. The Fund is able to meet all of its liabilities from its assets. The performance, marketability and risks of the Fund are reviewed on a regular basis throughout the financial period. Therefore, the Directors of the Manager believe that the Fund will continue in operational existence for a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements and is financially sound. The Directors of the Manager are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Fund.

(b) Bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

Dividends on quoted ordinary shares and preference shares are recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. Where such securities are not quoted, dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

US REIT dividend revenue is accounted for partly as revenue and partly as capital, depending on the underlying REIT distribution. All REIT dividend revenue is recognised on an accruals basis.

Revenue from fixed interest securities is recognised on an effective interest rate basis.

Accrued interest purchased and sold on interest bearing securities is excluded from the capital cost of these securities and dealt with as part of the revenue of the Fund.

All distributions from Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS") are recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. All distributions from holdings in CIS are treated as revenue with the exception of the equalisation element, which is treated as capital.

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund with reporting status from HMRC, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available. The equalisation element is treated as capital.

All revenue is recognised as a gross amount that takes account of any withholding taxes but excludes any other taxes such as attributable tax credits.

Revenue from securities lending is accounted for net of associated costs and is recognised on an accruals basis.

Returns from bond futures are streamed into revenue and capital components.

Returns from total return swaps in the form of dividends or interest received from the underlying security or index are recognised as revenue. Capital gains on the underlying security or index are treated as capital.

The Fund receives Manager's charge rebates from BlackRock related investments in the normal course of business. These are recognised on an accruals basis and are treated as revenue, unless it is the policy of the underlying fund to charge its fees to capital, in which case these rebates will be recognised as capital.

(c) Ordinary stock dividends are recognised wholly as revenue and are based on the market value of the shares on the date they are quoted ex-dividend. Where an enhancement is offered, the amount by which the market value of the shares (on the date they are quoted ex-dividend) exceeds the cash dividend is taken to capital.

(d) The underlying circumstances behind both special dividends and share buy backs are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the amount is revenue or capital in nature. Any tax treatment will follow the accounting treatment of the principal amount.

(e) Underwriting commission is wholly recognised as revenue when the issue takes place, except where the Fund is required to take up some or all of the shares underwritten, in which case an appropriate proportion of the commission received is deducted from the cost of those shares.

(f) All expenses, except those relating to the purchase and sale of investments are charged against revenue. All expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

(g) Provision for corporation tax is made at the current rate on the excess of taxable revenue over allowable expenses. Provision is made on all material timing differences arising from the different treatment of items for accounting and tax purposes. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is considered more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the asset can be offset.

(h) Where the end of the accounting year on the Balance Sheet date is a business day, the valuation point is 12 noon, and where the end of the accounting year on the Balance Sheet date is a non-business day, the valuation point is end of day. All investments are valued at their fair value as at the end of the accounting period. In the case of an investment which is not quoted, listed or dealt in on a recognised market, or in respect of which a listed, traded or dealt price or quotation is not available at the time of valuation, the fair value of such investment shall be estimated with care and in good faith by a competent professional person, body, firm or corporation including the Manager's pricing committee and such fair value shall be determined on the basis of the probable realisation value of the investment. The Manager shall be entitled to adopt an alternative method of valuing any particular asset if it considers that the methods of valuation set out above do not provide a fair valuation of a particular asset or liability.

For Over-the-Counter ("OTC") derivatives including Credit Default Swaps, Contracts for Differences, Currency Swaps, Forward Currency Contracts, Inflation Swaps, Interest Rate Swaps, OTC Options, Swaptions, Synthetic Caps, Total Return Swaps and Volatility Swaps; fair value is determined based on valuation pricing models which take into account relevant market inputs as well as the time values, liquidity and volatility factors underlying the positions. The fair value of exchange traded and over the counter derivatives represents the price that would be required to close out the contracts at the Balance Sheet date. Amounts due to and from an individual counterparty which falls under a legally enforceable master netting agreement are netted.

Investments in dual priced Collective Investment Schemes have been valued at the latest available published bid price market values. Investments in single priced Collective Investment Schemes have been valued at the latest available published market values.

(i) Any transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the date of any such transaction. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the end of the accounting period. Revenue items in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rate when the revenue is received.

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(j) Where appropriate, certain permitted financial instruments such as derivatives are used for efficient portfolio management. Where such financial instruments are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue and expenses derived therefrom are included in 'Revenue' in the Statement of Total Return. Where such financial instruments are used to protect or enhance capital, the gains and losses derived therefrom are included in 'Net capital gains' in the Statement of Total Return.

Revenue from over the counter derivatives is received in the form of premiums received on written options. Such premiums are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis over the period of the contract, with the balance recognised as capital. If the contract is sold or closed out, the unamortised portion of the premium remains in capital.

(k) Cash and bank balances consist of deposits held on call with banks and cash held with clearing brokers and counterparties.

(l) Cash collateral provided by the Fund is identified on the Balance Sheet as pledged cash collateral and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents.

For collateral other than cash provided by the Fund, the party to whom the collateral is provided has the right by contract to sell or repledge the collateral but has an obligation to return equivalent securities to the Fund on maturity or sale of the contract. The Fund classifies these assets on its Balance Sheet separately from other assets and identifies the asset as pledged investments. Such assets are valued consistently with the accounting policies listed above.

Cash collateral provided to the Fund by counterparties is identified in the Balance Sheet as cash collateral payable. The Fund may reinvest this cash collateral and the assets purchased are included in investment assets or cash equivalents on the Balance Sheet.

For collateral received from counterparties other than cash, a disclosure of the collateral provided is made in the notes to the financial statements.

Distribution Policies

(m) The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as revenue and forms part of the distribution.

(n) Special dividends and share buy backs recognised as revenue form part of the distribution.

(o) Returns from bond futures recognised as revenue from long positions form part of the distribution. Amounts recognised as revenue from short positions reduce the amounts available for distribution.

(p) All of the net revenue available for distribution at the final accounting period end will be distributed to unitholders as a dividend with the balance attributable to accumulation unitholders retained within the Fund. In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow to unitholders, interim distributions may be made at the Manager's discretion, up to a maximum of the distributable revenue available for the period. Should expenses and taxation together exceed revenue, there will be no distribution and the shortfall will be met from capital.

(q) All expenses are reimbursed by capital for distribution purposes.

2. Financial Instruments and Risks

The Fund's investment activities expose it to the various types of risk which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. The following information is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of all risks and investors should refer to the Prospectus for a more detailed discussion of the risks inherent in investing in the Fund.

2. Financial Instruments and Risks continued

Risk management framework

The Manager has delegated the day-to-day administration of the investment programme to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager is also responsible for ensuring that the Fund is managed within the terms of its investment guidelines and limits set out in the Prospectus. The Manager reserves to itself the investment performance, product risk monitoring and oversight and the responsibility for the monitoring and oversight of regulatory and operational risk for the Fund.

The Manager has appointed a risk manager who has responsibility for the daily risk management process with assistance from key risk management personnel of the Investment Manager, including members of the BlackRock Risk and Quantitative Analysis Group ("RQA Group") which is a centralised group which performs an independent risk management function. The RQA Group independently identifies, measures and monitors investment risk. The RQA Group tracks the actual risk management practices being deployed across the different funds. By breaking down the components of the process, the RQA Group has the ability to determine if the appropriate risk management processes are in place for the Fund. This captures the risk management tools employed, how the levels of risk are controlled, ensuring risk/return is considered in portfolio construction and reviewing outcomes.

The principal risk exposure of the Fund is set out as follows:

(a) Market risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future values of financial instruments influenced by other price, currency and interest rate movements. It represents the potential loss the Fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of market movements. The Fund is exposed to market risk by virtue of its investments in equities, collective investment schemes, inflation swaps, options, futures contracts, total return swaps and forward currency contracts.

A key metric the RQA Group uses to measure market risk is Value-at-Risk ("VaR") which encompasses price, currency and interest rate risk. VaR is a statistical risk measure that estimates the potential portfolio loss from adverse market moves in an ordinary market environment. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis.

The VaR calculations are based on an adjusted historical simulation model with a confidence level of 99%, a holding period of one day and a historical observation period of not less than one year (250 days). A VaR number is defined at a specified probability and a specified time horizon. A 99% one day VaR means that the expectation is that 99% of the time over a one day period the Fund will lose less than this number in percentage terms. Therefore, higher VaR numbers indicate higher risk.

It is noted that the use of the VaR methodology has limitations, namely that the use of historical market data as a basis for estimating future events does not encompass all possible scenarios, particularly those that are of an extreme nature and that the use of a specified confidence level (e.g. 99%) does not take into account losses that occur beyond this level. There is some probability that the loss could be greater than the VaR amounts. These limitations and the nature of the VaR measure mean that the Fund can neither guarantee that losses will not exceed the VaR amounts indicated, nor that losses in excess of the VaR amounts will not occur more frequently.

The one day VaR as at 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024 based on a 99% confidence level was 0.99% and 1.35% respectively.

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i) Market risk arising from foreign currency risk

Exposure to foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund may invest in securities, which may be denominated in currencies other than its reporting currency.

The Fund may also invest in forward currency contracts and thus gain further exposure to foreign currency risk.

Management of foreign currency risk

Foreign currency exposures are managed within parameters utilising forward currency contracts. The details of the contracts in place at the year end are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement.

ii) Market risk arising from other price risk

Exposure to other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting similar financial instruments traded in the market. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the Fund and market prices of its investments.

The Fund is exposed to other price risk arising from its investments. The exposure of the Fund to other price risk is the market value of the investments held as shown in the Portfolio Statement of the Fund.

Management of other price risk

The Investment Manager manages the Fund's other price risk on a daily basis in accordance with the Fund's investment objective.

By diversifying the portfolio, where this is appropriate and consistent with the Fund's objectives, the risk that a price change of a particular investment will have a material impact on the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund is minimised. The investment concentrations within the portfolio are disclosed in the portfolio statement by investment type.

The other price risk inherent in holdings in CIS is monitored by the Investment Manager by understanding the investment objectives of the underlying funds as well as their internal control policies and regular risk and performance reporting.

iii) Market risk arising from interest rate risk

Exposure to interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk on its cash and bank balances held at The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited, amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers, cash equivalent holdings and its investments in fixed and floating rate interest bearing securities where the value of these securities may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Cash held on deposit at The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited receives/incurs interest at the prevailing daily rate which may be negative depending on the currency in which the cash is held.

The Fund also has indirect exposure to interest rate risk through its investments into CIS, whereby the value of the underlying asset may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates and through its investment in futures contracts, whereby the value of an underlying fund may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates through their investments in interest-bearing securities.

Management of interest rate risk

Interest rate risk exposure is managed by constantly monitoring the position for deviations outside a pre-determined tolerance level and, when necessary, rebalancing back to the original desired parameters.

(b) Counterparty credit risk

Exposure to counterparty credit risk

Counterparty credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Fund is exposed to counterparty credit risk from the parties with which they trade and will bear the risk of settlement default.

Management of counterparty credit risk

Counterparty risk is monitored and managed by BlackRock's RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team. The team is headed by BlackRock's Chief Counterparty Credit Officer who reports directly to the Global Head of RQA. Credit authority resides with the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer and selected team members to whom specific credit authority has been delegated. As such, counterparty approvals may be granted by the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer or by identified RQA Credit Risk Officers who have been formally delegated authority by the Chief Counterparty Credit Officer as deemed appropriate.

BlackRock's RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team completes a formal review of each new counterparty, monitors and reviews all approved counterparties on an ongoing basis and maintains an active oversight of counterparty exposures.

The Manager maintains a list of approved counterparties. This list is regularly monitored and revised for changes based on the counterparty's creditworthiness, market reputation and expectations of future financial performance. Transactions will only be opened with financial intermediaries on the approved counterparties list.

i) Exchange Traded Financial Derivative Instruments

The Fund's holdings in futures contracts expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk.

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Management of counterparty credit risk related to futures contracts

The exposure is limited by trading the contracts through a clearing house. The Fund's exposure to counterparty credit risk on contracts in which it currently has a gain position is reduced by such gains received in cash from the counterparty under the daily mark-to market mechanism on exchange traded futures contracts (variation margin). The Fund's exposure to credit risk on contracts in which it currently has a loss position is equal to the amount of margin posted to the counterparty which has not been transferred to the exchange under the daily mark-to-market mechanism. The counterparty for futures contracts is Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Margin is paid or received on futures to cover any exposure by the counterparty or the Fund to each other. Margin receivable from the Fund's clearing brokers and various counterparties is included in "Cash and bank balances" on the Balance Sheet. Margin payable to the Fund's clearing brokers and various counterparties is included in "Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers" on the Balance Sheet.

Counterparty exposure has not been disclosed for exchange traded derivatives as the exchange requirements in respect of collateral mean that, in the opinion of the Manager, the counterparty risk is mitigated.

ii) Over-the-Counter ("OTC") Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs")

The Fund's holdings in OTC FDIs expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk.

Counterparty credit risk arises from the failure of the counterparty to perform according to the terms of the contract. The Fund's exposure to counterparty credit risk is limited to the contracts in which it currently has a gain position reduced by the cash collateral received from the counterparty or to counterparties which have received collateral from the Fund.

All OTC FDIs are entered into by the Fund under an International Swaps and Derivatives Associations, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs OTC FDIs (including total return swaps) entered into by the parties. The parties' exposures under the ISDA Master Agreement are netted and collateralised together, therefore any collateral disclosures provided are in respect of all OTC FDIs entered into by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement, not just total return swaps. All collateral received/posted by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement is transferred bilaterally under a title transfer arrangement.

Cash held as security by the counterparty to derivative contracts is subject to the credit risk of the counterparty.

The carrying value of financial assets together with cash best represents the Fund's gross maximum exposure to counterparty credit risk at the reporting date, before including the effect of ISDA Master Agreements and close-out netting, which would reduce the overall counterparty credit risk exposure.

The Fund's maximum exposure to counterparty credit risk from holding forward currency contracts will be equal to the notional amount of the currency and any net unrealised gains or losses as disclosed in the portfolio statement.

Management of counterparty credit risk related to OTC FDIs

Forward currency contracts do not require variation margin and thus the counterparty credit risk is monitored through the BlackRock RQA Counterparty & Concentration Risk Team which monitors the creditworthiness of the counterparty. The counterparties for forward currency contracts are disclosed in the portfolio statement.

The lowest credit rating of any one counterparty as at 28 February 2025 was (29 February 2024: A-) (Standard & Poor's rating).

The following tables detail the number of counterparties the Fund is exposed to by OTC FDIs type and the maximum exposure (which is calculated on a net basis) to any one counterparty.

28 February 2025

Counterparty	Forwards £000's	Inflation Swaps £000's	OTC Options £000's	Total Return Swaps £000's	Total Exposure £000's
BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC	–	(83)	–	–	**(83)**
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	192	–	–	109	**301**
Deutsche Bank AG	(31)	–	41	–	**10**
Goldman Sachs International	308	–	630	–	**938**
HSBC Bank Plc	116	–	20	–	**136**
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	–	–	–	133	**133**
Royal Bank of Canada	17	–	–	–	**17**
Royal Bank of Scotland Plc	74	–	–	–	**74**
Toronto-Dominion Bank	(50)	–	–	–	**(50)**
UBS AG	(67)	–	–	–	**(67)**

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Counterparty	Forwards £000's	Inflation Swaps £000's	OTC Options £000's	Total Return Swaps £000's	Total Exposure £000's
BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC	18	–	3	–	**21**
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	–	–	–	569	**569**
Deutsche Bank AG	(19)	–	–	–	**(19)**
Goldman Sachs International	(7)	(44)	205	–	**154**
HSBC Bank Plc	26	–	(3)	–	**23**
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	–	–	–	215	**215**
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	–	128	–	14	**142**
Royal Bank of Canada	17	–	–	–	**17**
UBS AG	(6)	(34)	–	(179)	**(219)**

iii) Trustee and Custodian

The Fund's Trustee and Custodian is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited (the "Trustee" and "Custodian").

Substantially all of the investments of the Fund are held by the Custodian at year end. Investments are segregated from the assets of the Custodian, with ownership rights remaining with the Fund. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Custodian may cause the Fund's rights with respect to its investments held by the Custodian to be delayed or limited. The maximum exposure to this risk is the amount of long investments disclosed in the portfolio statement.

The Fund will be exposed to the credit risk of the Custodian, or any depositary used by the Trustee regarding cash balances held in accounts with same. In the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Custodian or any depositary used by the Trustee, the Fund will be treated as a general creditor of the Trustee.

Management of counterparty credit risk related to the Trustee and Custodian

To mitigate the Fund's credit risk with respect to the Trustee, the Investment Manager of the Fund employs specific procedures to ensure that the Trustee employed is a reputable institution and that the associated credit risk is acceptable to the Fund. The Fund only transacts with counterparties that are regulated entities subject to prudential supervision, or with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The long term credit rating of the parent company of the Trustee and Custodian, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation as at 28 February 2025 was A (29 February 2024: A) (Standard & Poor's rating).

iv) Counterparties

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

Counterparty credit risk arising on transactions with brokers relates to transactions awaiting settlement. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used.

Management of counterparty credit risk related to Counterparties

The Manager monitors the credit rating and financial position of the brokers used to further mitigate this risk.

v) Debt securities

Issuer credit risk is the default risk of one of the issuers of any securities held by the Fund.

Bonds or other debt securities involve credit risk to the issuer which may be evidenced by the issuer's credit rating. Securities which are subordinated and/or have a higher credit risk have a greater possibility of default than more highly rated securities. The Fund invests into sovereign debt which exposes the Fund to the risk that the issuer of the bonds may default on interest or principal payments.

Management of counterparty credit risk related to debt securities

To manage this risk the Investment Manager invests in a wide range of securities, subject to the investment objective of the Fund and monitors the credit ratings of the investments as disclosed in the portfolio statement. The ratings of the debt securities are continually monitored by the BlackRock Portfolio Management Group.

There were no debt securities held by the Fund as at 28 February 2025.

vi) Securities lending

The Fund engages in security lending activities which expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk. The maximum exposure to the Fund is equal to the value of the securities loaned.

Securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund are subject to a written legal agreement between the Fund and the Stock Lending Agent, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, a related party to the Fund, and separately between the Stock Lending Agent and the approved borrowing counterparty. Collateral received in exchange for securities lent is transferred under a title transfer arrangement and is delivered to and held in an account with a tri-party collateral manager in the name of the Trustee on behalf of the Fund. Collateral received is segregated from the assets belonging to the Fund's Trustee or the Stock Lending Agent.

The following table details the value of securities on loan (individually identified in the Portfolio Statement) and associated collateral received, analysed by borrowing counterparty as at the Balance Sheet date.

		28 February 2025		29 February 2024	
Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Securities on loan	Collateral received	Securities on loan	Collateral received
		£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	UK	90	96	351	395
BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC	France	170	180	43	53
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	UK	329	363	202	248
Goldman Sachs International	UK	14,906	15,597	88	95
HSBC Bank plc	UK	1,434	1,581	174	191
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	UK	1,241	1,373	318	364
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	UK	10,750	11,582	280	297
The Bank of Nova Scotia	Canada	–	–	63	71
UBS AG	Switzerland	1,305	1,441	470	556
Total		**30,225**	**32,213**	**1,989**	**2,270**

At 28 February 2025, collateral received from these borrowing counterparties comprised of 84.09% in debt securities and 15.91% in equity securities (29 February 2024: 32.95% in debt securities and 67.05% in equity securities).

Collateral accepted is non-cash in the form of sovereign debt rated AA or better from approved governments only, supranational debt obligations rated AAA or better and equity securities listed on a recognised exchange.

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Management of counterparty credit risk related to securities lending

To mitigate this risk, the Fund receives either cash or securities as collateral equal to a certain percentage in excess of the fair value of the securities loaned. The Investment Manager monitors the fair value of the securities loaned and additional collateral is obtained, if necessary. As at 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024, all non-cash collateral received consists of securities admitted to or dealt on a recognised exchange.

The Fund also benefits from a borrower default indemnity provided by BlackRock Inc. The indemnity allows for full replacement of securities lent. BlackRock Inc. bears the cost of indemnification against borrower default.

vii) Collateral

The Fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ("collateral posted") or may hold collateral received ("collateral received") from a counterparty.

Management of counterparty credit risk related to collateral

The Fund uses inbound collateral received from a counterparty to reduce the credit risk associated with any trading activity the Fund has engaged in.

Cash collateral posted by the Fund is separately identified on the Balance Sheet as cash collateral posted and is not included as a component of cash and cash equivalents. Cash collateral received by the Fund is reflected on the Balance Sheet as cash collateral payable.

As at 28 February 2025 collateral received by the Fund in respect of OTC FDIs was £430,000 in the form of cash. Collateral posted by the Fund in respect of OTC FDIs was £Nil.

As at 29 February 2024 collateral received by the Fund in respect of OTC FDIs was £760,000 in the form of cash. Collateral posted by the Fund in respect of OTC FDIs was £Nil.

(c) Liquidity risk

Exposure to liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulties in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities.

Liquidity risk to the Fund arises from the redemption requests of unitholders and the liquidity of the underlying investments the Fund is invested in. The Fund's unitholders may redeem their units on the close of any daily dealing deadline for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's NAV. The Fund is therefore potentially exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting the unitholders' redemptions and may need to sell assets at prevailing market prices to meet liquidity demands.

The Fund is also exposed to the liquidity risk of daily margin calls on derivatives.

All non-derivative financial liabilities including distributions payable held by the Fund as at 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024, based on contractual maturities, fall due within one to three months, with the exception of corporation tax payable which falls due within nine to twelve months.

Management of liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is minimised by holding sufficient liquid investments which can be readily realised to meet liquidity demands.

At times of excessive redemptions the Manager may decide to defer redemptions at any valuation point to the next valuation point where the requested aggregate redemptions exceed 10 per cent of the Fund's NAV. This will therefore allow the Manager to protect the interests of continuing unitholders by allowing the Manager to match the sale of scheme property to the level of redemptions. This should reduce the impact of dilution on the Fund. All unitholders who have sought to redeem units at any valuation point at which redemptions are deferred will be treated consistently and any redemption requests received in the meantime will not be processed until the redemption requests that have been deferred to the subsequent valuation points have been processed.

The Fund's liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with established policies and procedures in place. The portfolio managers review daily forward looking cash reports which project cash obligations. These reports allow them to manage the Fund's cash obligations.

(d) Valuation of financial instruments

The Fund classifies financial instruments measured at fair value using a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy has the following categories:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The Fund does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

Level 2 – Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices in level 1

This category includes instruments valued using quoted prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Valuation techniques used for non-standardised financial instruments such as OTC derivatives, include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants making the maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity determined inputs.

Level 3 – Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs

This category includes all instruments where the valuation techniques used include inputs not based on market data and these inputs could have a significant impact on the instrument's valuation.

This category also includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant entity determined adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments and instruments for which there is no active market.

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The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement.

Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes 'observable' inputs requires significant judgement by the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager considers observable inputs to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The table below is an analysis of the Fund's investment assets and investment liabilities measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date.

	Level 1 £000's	Level 2 £000's	Level 3 £000's	Total £000's
28 February 2025				
Investment assets	220,050	94,423	253[#]	314,726
Investment liabilities	(1,269)	(537)	–	(1,806)
29 February 2024				
Investment assets	172,513	130,648	–[#]	303,161
Investment liabilities	(1,409)	(344)	–	(1,753)

[#] Includes securities valued in consultation with the Manager. These securities were fair valued or suspended and are identified on the Fund's Portfolio Statement.

(e) Global exposure

The Manager is required by the COLL Sourcebook to employ a risk management process in respect of the Fund which enables it to accurately monitor and manage the global exposure from Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs").

The Manager uses the Relative VaR methodology to measure the Fund's global exposure. For Relative VaR, the VaR of the Fund's portfolio will not exceed twice the VaR of the reference portfolio. Utilisation refers to the level of risk taken in this context. The tables below detail the highest, lowest and average utilisation of the VaR limit, expressed as a percentage of the respective relative VaR regulatory limit.

The exposures to FDIs at year end are marked on the Portfolio Statement.

The tables below detail the highest, lowest and average utilisation of the VaR limit, expressed as a percentage of the respective relative VaR regulatory limit.

28 February 2025

Reference Portfolio	Highest utilisation of the VaR limit	Lowest utilisation of the VaR limit	Average utilisation of the VaR limit
30% FTSE All Share / 45% FTSE World Ex-UK /25% Barclays Global Aggregate Index	62.92%	49.13%	55.39%

29 February 2024

Reference Portfolio	Highest utilisation of the VaR limit	Lowest utilisation of the VaR limit	Average utilisation of the VaR limit
30% FTSE All Share / 45% FTSE World Ex-UK /25% Barclays Global Aggregate Index	55.10%	41.65%	48.86%

(f) Leverage

The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to a higher degree of risk. In particular, derivative contracts can be highly volatile and the amount of initial margin is generally small relative to the size of the contract so that transactions may be leveraged in terms of market exposure. A relatively small market movement may have a potentially larger impact on derivatives than on standard bonds or equities. Leveraged derivative positions can therefore increase a fund's volatility.

The leverage is calculated on a gross exposure basis, by taking the sum of the notional values of the derivatives used by the Fund, without netting, and is expressed as a percentage of the NAV.

The average level of leverage employed by the Fund during the year was 93.53% (29 February 2024: 89.27%).

3. Net Capital Gains

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
The net capital gains comprise:		
Gains on non-derivative securities	20,569	13,195
Gains on derivative securities	4,091	4,095
Currency losses	(155)	(453)
Custodian transaction costs	(18)	(17)
US REIT dividends	2	9
Net capital gains	**24,489**	**16,829**

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4. Revenue

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Equity distributions on CIS holdings	1,440	1,323
Interest distributions on CIS holdings	5	2
Interest from overseas fixed interest securities	–	1
Interest from UK bank deposits	275	290
Interest on balances held at futures clearing houses and brokers	153	167
Interest on collateral	2	–
Manager's charge rebates	115	322
Option premiums	709	221
Overseas dividends	2,366	2,725
Returns from bond futures	27	25
Revenue from short-term money market funds	843	800
Revenue from total return swaps	–	7
Securities lending revenue	28	32
Stock dividends	25	10
UK dividends	1,964	1,906
UK REIT dividends	42	2
US REIT dividends	4	4
Total revenue	**7,998**	**7,837**

5. Expenses

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager:		
– Annual Management charge	3,721	3,495
– Annual service charge	128	120
	3,849	3,615
Other expenses:		
– Audit fee	10	11
– Legal and other professional fees	8	2
– Safe custody fees	19	21
– Trustee's fees	32	35
	69	69
Total expenses	**3,918**	**3,684**

6. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Interest on bank overdrafts	1	2
Returns from short position bond futures	136	136
Total interest payable and similar charges	**137**	**138**

7. Taxation

(a) Analysis of tax charge

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Overseas tax	47	67
Total tax charge [see note 7(b)]	**47**	**67**

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised unit trust. The differences are explained below:

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Net revenue before taxation	3,943	4,015
Corporation tax at 20% (29 February 2024: 20%)	789	803
Effects of:		
Movement in unrecognised excess management expenses	172	108
Overseas tax	47	67
Relief on overseas tax expensed	–	(1)
Revenue not subject to tax	(961)	(910)
Total tax charge [see note 7(a)]	**47**	**67**

At 28 February 2025, the Fund had surplus management expenses of £6,237,000 (29 February 2024: £5,374,000.) It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and, therefore, a deferred tax asset of £1,247,000 (29 February 2024: £1,075,000) has not been recognised.

8. Distributions

	For the year to 28.2.2025 £000's	For the year to 29.2.2024 £000's
Interim distribution	3,697	4,032
Final distribution	4,025	3,531
	7,722	7,563
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	227	255
Less: Amounts received on issue of units	(141)	(197)
Distributions	**7,808**	**7,621**
The distributable amount has been calculated as follows:		
Net revenue after taxation	3,896	3,948
Add: Tax on capitalised Manager's charge rebates	(6)	(11)
Add: Management expenses reimbursed by capital	3,721	3,495
Add: Other expenses reimbursed by capital	197	189
Distributions	**7,808**	**7,621**

Details of the interim and final distributions per unit are set out in the tables on page 13.

9. Debtors

	28.2.2025 £000's	29.2.2024 £000's
Accrued Manager's charge rebates	12	34
Accrued revenue	294	408
Amounts receivable for issue of units	102	385
Overseas tax recoverable	69	103
Sales awaiting settlement	–	2,745
Total debtors	**477**	**3,675**

10. Cash and Bank Balances

	28.2.2025 £000's	29.2.2024 £000's
Amount held at futures clearing houses and brokers	2,736	4,615
Cash and bank balances	9,152	4,655
Total cash and bank balances	**11,888**	**9,270**

11. Other Creditors

	28.2.2025 £000's	29.2.2024 £000's
Accrued Annual Management charge	294	1,167
Accrued Annual service charge	42	39
Accrued Audit fee	10	10
Accrued Safe custody fees	4	4
Accrued Trustee's fee	13	45
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	366	637
Currency purchases awaiting settlement	–	1
Custodian transaction costs	4	3
Purchases awaiting settlement	–	69
Total other creditors	**733**	**1,975**

12. Contingent Assets and Liabilities

There were no contingent assets or liabilities at the Balance Sheet date (29 February 2024: £Nil).

13. Credit Facility

The Fund entered into a credit facility with JPMorgan whereby JPMorgan, together with other syndicated lenders, made a portion of a USD 475 million credit facility available to the Fund. This portion of the USD 475 million credit facility will be allocated to the Fund based on the credit facility agreement dated 19 April 2024. This credit facility may be utilised by the Fund for temporary funding purposes, including, without limitation, the funding of investor redemptions. Any interest and commitment fees in relation to drawdowns from such credit facility are paid out of the assets of the Fund.

The credit facility was not used during the year.

14. Related Parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The following entities were related parties of the Fund during the year ended 28 February 2025:

Manager/Registrar:	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Investment Manager:	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited
Stock Lending Agent:	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited

The ultimate holding company of the Manager, Registrar, Investment Manager and securities lending agent is BlackRock Inc. ("BlackRock"), a company incorporated in Delaware, USA.

The Manager acts as either principal or agent for the Trustee in respect of all transactions of units of the Fund. The aggregate monies received through issue and paid through cancellation of units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and note 8. Any amounts due to or

14. Related Parties continued

from the Manager at the year end are disclosed in notes 9 and 11. Management fees and registration fees paid to the Manager are shown in note 5. The balances due at the year end in respect of these fees are shown in note 11. Securities lending revenue earned by the Fund is disclosed in note 4.

For holdings in Institutional Cash Series plc ("ICS"), there will be no initial charges or redemption charges payable on investments in the Fund, however, duties and charges may apply. ICS will be subject to fees and expenses which may include fixed management fees, performance fees, administration fees and custodial fees.

The Fund may invest in other Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS"), which may or may not be operated and/or managed by an affiliate of the Manager. As an investor in such other CIS, in addition to the fees, costs and expenses payable by a unitholder in the Fund, each unitholder may also indirectly bear a portion of the fees, costs and expenses of the underlying CIS, including management, investment management and administration and other expenses. However, in respect of investments made in any other investment fund whose manager is an affiliate of the Manager, the Fund will invest, where possible, in classes of the underlying funds which are not subject to any management charges. Alternatively, where this is not possible, the Manager will rebate management charges to the Fund. The Fund will not be subject to any preliminary/initial sales fee in respect of investments made in any other investment fund whose manager is an affiliate of the Manager, although it may be subject to duties and charges in respect of subscriptions and redemptions in such investment funds.

As at 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024, none of the unitholders:

(i) are funds managed by the BlackRock Group or are affiliates of BlackRock Inc. or

(ii) are investors, other than those included in (i) above, who held 51% or more of the voting units in issue in the Fund and are as a result, considered to be a related party to the Fund.

15. Portfolio Transaction Costs

For the year ended 28 February 2025

		Direct Transaction Costs			
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	Transaction Value £000's	Commissions £000's	%	Taxes £000's	%
Equity instruments	31,555	9	0.03	50	0.16
Collective investment schemes	56,066	1	–	–	–
Total purchases	**87,621**	**10**		**50**	
Total purchases including transaction costs	**87,681**				

		Direct Transaction Costs			
Sales (excluding derivatives)	Transaction Value £000's	Commissions £000's	%	Taxes £000's	%
Equity instruments	33,370	9	0.03	1	0.00
Collective investment schemes	59,934	4	0.01	–	–
Total sales	**93,304**	**13**		**1**	
Total sales net of transaction costs	**93,290**				
Derivative transaction costs		**48**		**–**	
Total transaction costs		**71**		**51**	
Total transaction costs as a % of average net assets		**0.02%**		**0.02%**	

15. Portfolio Transaction Costs continued

For the year ended 29 February 2024

		Direct Transaction Costs			
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	Transaction Value £000's	Commissions £000's	%	Taxes £000's	%
Equity instruments	22,327	7	0.03	57	0.26
Collective investment schemes	111,622	6	0.01	16	0.01
Total purchases	**133,949**	**13**		**73**	
Total purchases including transaction costs	**134,035**				

		Direct Transaction Costs			
Sales (excluding derivatives)	Transaction Value £000's	Commissions £000's	%	Taxes £000's	%
Equity instruments	22,187	9	0.04	–	–
Debt instruments	5,823	–	–	–	–
Collective investment schemes	91,558	1	0.00	–	–
Total sales	**119,568**	**10**		**–**	
Total sales net of transaction costs	**119,558**				
Derivative transaction costs		**27**		**-**	
Total transaction costs		**50**		**73**	
Total transaction costs as a % of average net assets		**0.02%**		**0.02%**	

The above analysis covers direct transaction costs incurred by the Fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

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

For the Fund's investment transactions in debt and money market instruments any applicable transaction charges form part of the dealing spread for these instruments. Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

For the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme holdings there will potentially be dealing spread costs applicable to purchases and sales. However additionally there are indirect transaction costs incurred in those underlying funds, throughout the holding period for the instruments, which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

15. Portfolio Transaction Costs continued

During the year the Fund utilised FDIs including total return swaps, inflation swaps, futures and options covering different underlying asset classes. The settlement values for opening and closing derivative positions are not comparable to principal values for transactions in direct holding investments and therefore purchase and sale amounts for derivative transactions are not quantified in the analysis above.

Transaction costs for derivatives positions will be either incurred as direct costs or form part of the dealing spread for the instruments. Any direct costs are identified in the analysis above. Dealing spread costs incurred by the Fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the Balance Sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.18% (29 February 2024: 0.03%).

16. Units in Issue

The movement in units in issue for the year ended 28 February 2025 is as follows:

	A Income Units	A Accumulation Units	D Income Units	D Accumulation Units
Balance at the beginning of the year	293,180	37,960,424	8,874,389	19,549,507
Issued during the year	11,758	2,418,582	898,945	2,019,980
Cancelled during the year	(21,532)	(4,269,407)	(958,270)	(2,671,994)
Converted during the year	(10,261)	(14,894)	109,067	(106,402)
Balance at the end of the year	**273,145**	**36,094,705**	**8,924,131**	**18,791,091**

	S Income Units	S Accumulation Units
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,736,022	10,109,051
Issued during the year	335,885	1,034,699
Cancelled during the year	(256,276)	(1,874,260)
Converted during the year	3,198	199,942
Balance at the end of the year	**1,818,829**	**9,469,432**

Revenue is allocated each day pro rata to the capital value of assets attributable to each class and taxation is computed by reference to the net revenue after expenses attributable to each class. The distribution per unit class is given in the distribution table. All unit classes have the same rights on winding up.

17. Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events subsequent to the year end, which, in the opinion of the Manager, may have had an impact on the Financial Statements for the year ended 28 February 2025.

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Statement of Manager's Responsibilities

The Manager is required by the rules of the COLL Sourcebook to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. These financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards in the United Kingdom to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund at the year end and of the net revenue and net capital gains for the year. In preparing these financial statements the Manager is required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Fund will continue in operation.

The financial statements should comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (the "SORP") for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (subsequently The Investment Association) and must comply with any relevant provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Manager is responsible for keeping such accounting records as are necessary to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the COLL Sourcebook, the SORP and the Trust Deed.

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Fund and Report of the Trustee to the Unitholders of the Fund for the Year Ended 28 February 2025

The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of the Fund must ensure that the Fund is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

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

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

The Trustee must ensure that:

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

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

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

(a) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Fund's units and the application of the Fund's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund; and

(b) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Fund in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund.

The Bank of New York Mellon
(International) Limited

London
30 May 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 28 February 2025, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the Accounting and Distribution Policies and Financial Instruments and Risks of the Fund, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 28 February 2025 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Fund for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period assessed by the Manager, which is one year from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor' report thereon. The Manager is responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Trust Deed; and
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the Manager's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Manager's responsibilities statement set out on page 55, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Fund's Trust Deed and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the Manager and the Fund's administrator and a review of the Fund's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified a fraud risk with respect to the incomplete or inaccurate revenue recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution. We tested the appropriateness of management's classification of a sample of special dividends as either a capital or revenue return and incorporated unpredictability into the nature, timing, and extent of our testing.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the Manager with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Fund.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Fund, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities including specialists where necessary to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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

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Use of our report

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

Ernst & Young LLP
Statutory Auditor

Edinburgh
30 May 2025

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Supplementary Information

Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques

The Manager may, on behalf of the Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the FCA and the Prospectus, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, including investments in OTC FDIs provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to provide protection against exchange risk or for direct investment purposes, where applicable.

In addition to the investments in OTC FDIs, the Fund may employ other techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, subject to the conditions set out in the Fund's Prospectus, as amended from time to time, and the relevant ESMA Guidelines (as adopted by the FCA), such as repurchase/reverse repurchase transactions ("repo transactions") and securities lending.

Securities Lending and Total Return Swaps (TRS)

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Fund's total lendable assets and NAV and the value of TRS as a proportion of the Fund's NAV, as at 28 February 2025 and the returns earned for the year ended. 28 February 2025. Total lendable assets represents the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction. The value of TRS is based on the underlying exposure value on a gross absolute basis as disclosed in the Fund's portfolio statement.

Securities on loan		TRS	
% of lendable assets	% of NAV	% of NAV	Returns earned £000's
14.73	9.36	5.64	–

If there is securities lending revenue generated, the securities lending agent will receive a fee of 37.5% of such securities lending revenue and will pay any third party operational and administrative costs associated with, and incurred in respect of, such activity, out of its fee. Income earned during the year by the Fund from securities lending transactions is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

All returns and costs from TRS will accrue to the Fund and are not subject to any returns or cost sharing arrangements with the Fund's Manager or any other third parties.

The following tables detail the underlying exposure value on a gross absolute basis for TRS, analysed by counterparty as at 28 February 2025.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	TRS Underlying exposure £000's
Barclays Bank	UK	3,235
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	UK	7,567
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	UK	7,383
Total		**18,185**

The value of securities on loan and associated collateral analysed by counterparty, as at 28 February 2025, is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

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The following table provides an analysis of the maturity tenor of TRS as at 28 February 2025.

	Maturity Tenor					
	1 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 days	More than 365 days	Open transactions	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
TRS	–	–	18,185	–	–	**18,185**

The above maturity tenor analysis has been based on the respective transaction contractual maturity date. All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable or terminable on a daily basis.

Collateral

The Fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ("collateral posted") or may hold collateral received ("collateral received") from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the underlying cash and non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Fund, in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs (including TRS), as at 28 February 2025.

Currency	Cash collateral received	Cash collateral posted	Non-cash collateral received	Non-cash collateral posted
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Securities lending transactions				
AUD	–	–	2	–
CHF	–	–	5	–
EUR	–	–	8,087	–
GBP	–	–	16,360	–
HKD	–	–	685	–
JPY	–	–	1,184	–
SEK	–	–	27	–
USD	–	–	5,863	–
Total	**–**	**–**	**32,213**	**–**
OTC FDIs				
GBP	430	–	–	–
	430	**–**	**–**	**–**
Total	**430**	**–**	**32,213**	**–**

As at 28 February 2025, all cash collateral received in respect of OTC derivative transactions by the Fund was re-invested in money market funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates, as disclosed in the Fund's portfolio statement. All cash received as collateral has an open maturity tenor as it's not subject to a contractual maturity date.

Non-cash collateral received by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in relation to securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.

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The returns earned by the Fund from the reinvestment of cash collateral in money market funds during the year ended 28 February 2025 is summarised below. These returns represent the accumulative total return of the representative money market fund for the year ended 28 February 2025. These returns do not take into account any interest payable to the counterparty under the relevant collateral arrangements.

Money market fund	Total return %
Institutional Cash Series plc	
BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund	2.81
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund Agency Income Class	4.67
BlackRock ICS US Dollar Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund Agency Income Class	4.56

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received/posted by the Fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs (including TRS), as at 28 February 2025.

	Maturity Tenor						
Collateral type and quality	**1 - 7 days**	**8 - 30 days**	**31 - 90 days**	**91 - 365 days**	**More than 365 days**	**Open transactions**	**Total**
	£000's	**£000's**	**£000's**	**£000's**	**£000's**	**£000's**	**£000's**
Collateral received - securities lending							
Fixed income							
Investment grade	–	–	100	1,090	25,899	–	**27,089**
Equities							
Recognised equity index	–	–	–	–	–	4,841	**4,841**
ETFs							
Non-UCITS	–	–	–	–	–	283	**283**
Total	**–**	**–**	**100**	**1,090**	**25,899**	**5,124**	**32,213**

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency; Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch.

A recognised equity index contains at least 20 equities where no single equity represents more than 20% of the total index and no five equities combined represent more than 60% of the total index.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while for equity securities and ETFs received as collateral are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

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As at 28 February 2025, all non-cash collateral received by the Fund in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDI (including TRS) is held by the Fund's Trustee (or through its delegates).

The following table lists the top ten issuers (or all the issuers if less than ten) by value of non-cash collateral received by the Fund by way of the title transfer collateral arrangement across securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs as at 28 February 2025.

Issuer	Value £000's	% of the Fund's NAV
United Kingdom Gilt	16,308	5.05
Spain Government Bond	6,394	1.98
United States Treasury Bill	2,830	0.88
Kingdom of Belgium Government Bond	1,071	0.33
French Republic Government Bond	479	0.15
Alphabet Inc	312	0.10
Apple Inc	302	0.09
Tencent Holdings Ltd	298	0.09
Xiaomi Corp	182	0.06
SoftBank Group Corp	143	0.05
Other issuers	3,894	1.20
Total	**32,213**	**9.98**

No securities collateral received from a single issuer, in relation to efficient portfolio management and OTC FDIs, has exceeded 20% of the Fund's NAV at the year end date.

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