

Marathon Trust

Annual Report

for the year ended 30 March 2025

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Marathon Trust

Report of the Manager

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited ('EPFL'), as Manager, presents herewith the Annual Report for Marathon Trust for the year ended 30 March 2025.

Marathon Trust ('the Trust' or 'the Fund') is an authorised unit trust scheme further to an authorisation order dated 8 March 1999 and is a UCITS scheme complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL'), as published by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

The Manager has taken the decision to wind up the Trust after receiving instruction from the underlying unitholders to redeem their investments. The Trust is no longer considered by the Manager to be a going concern. Appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these accounts and applicable accounting standards have been applied.

The Financial Stability Board ('FSB') created the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD') to improve and increase reporting of climate-related financial information. EPFL have produced TCFD reports in compliance with the FCA's rules on climate-related financial disclosures. The TCFD Product report is designed to help you understand the impact the Fund has on the climate and equally how climate change could influence the performance of the Fund. The report will also give you the ability to compare a range of climate metrics with other funds. To understand the governance, strategy, and risk management that EPFL has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the TCFD Entity report. These reports are available on our website <https://www.evelyn.com/services/fund-solutions/tcf-d-reporting/>.

The Trust Deed can be inspected at the offices of the Manager.

Copies of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document ('KIID') are available on request free of charge from the Manager.

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Trust is to maximise capital return primarily through investment in some or all sectors in some or all world markets including the UK. The Investment Manager may invest in transferable securities, including warrants, in UK and other exchanges as well as collective investment schemes, money market instruments, deposits and cash and near cash.

The Investment Manager's policy in order to achieve the Trust's objective will be to invest in companies in sectors of the world economy where the Investment Manager believes there to be good prospects to achieve above average growth.

The Investment Manager's investment policy will be to select companies or investment trusts/collective investment schemes that can best take advantage of economic opportunities worldwide. In addition, the Investment Manager may at times invest in the world bond markets. From time to time there may be investment in smaller companies and sometimes somewhat more risky companies and also new issues. The Investment Manager may also invest in fixed interest securities (including gilts) and preference shares.

The Investment Manager's investment policy may mean that at times it may be appropriate for the Trust not to be fully invested but to hold cash or near cash. In the light of extreme market conditions, the Investment Manager may raise or reduce the liquidity of the Trust from normal working levels.

The Investment Manager may hedge transactions against price or currency fluctuations by back-to-back foreign currency borrowings against sterling or by suitable transactions permitted for hedging. The extent will depend upon the circumstances. The Investment Manager does not envisage that they will enter into hedging transactions to a major extent.

Changes affecting the Fund in the year

During the year the Manager received instruction from the investors that there was no longer a requirement for the Fund.

Report of the Manager (continued)

Changes affecting the Fund subsequent to the year end

On 19 May 2025, all units in the Fund were redeemed and the Fund commenced the termination process.

Further information in relation to the Fund is illustrated on page 36.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, we hereby certify the Annual Report on behalf of the Manager, Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited.

Neil Coxhead
Directors
Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited
27 June 2025

Brian McLean

Statement of the Manager's responsibilities

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

In preparing the financial statements the Manager is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for the Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds ('the SORP') issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities; and
- the maintenance and integrity of the Trust's information on the Manager's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

COLL also requires the Manager to carry out an Assessment of Value on the Trust previously published within the Annual Report, this assessment can now be found on the Manager's website at:

<https://www.evelyn.com/services/fund-solutions/other-funds-administered-by-evelyn-partners-fund-solutions-limited/evelyn-partners-funds-l-p/>

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

Report of the Trustee to the unitholders of Marathon Trust

Trustee's responsibilities

The Trustee 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 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 into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, 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 revenue is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Manager 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 in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Fund.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider 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 Manager:

- (i) 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 revenue in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Fund; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Fund.

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
27 June 2025

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of Marathon Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Marathon Trust (the 'Trust') for the year ended 30 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of total return, Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders, Balance sheet, the related Notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies and the Distribution table. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 30 March 2025 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Trust for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (COLL Rules) of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Trust Deed.

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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Financial Statements Prepared on a Basis Other Than Going Concern

We draw attention to Accounting policy note a on page 9 which explains that the Manager is in the process of winding up the Fund and therefore does not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in Accounting policy note a. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The 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 our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the COLL Rules

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- Proper accounting records for the Trust have been kept and the accounts are in agreement with those records;
- We have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- The information given in the Report of the Manager for the year is consistent with the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of Marathon Trust (continued)

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Manager's responsibilities set out on page 4, 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 Trust'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 the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor 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.

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

Extent to which 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 material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We assessed whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations by considering their experience, past performance and support available.

All engagement team members were briefed on relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks at the planning stage of the audit. Engagement team members were reminded to remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Trust and the sector in which it operates, focusing on those provisions that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The most relevant frameworks we identified include:

- UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds;
- The Financial Conduct Authority's COLL Rules; and
- The Trust's Prospectus.

We gained an understanding of how the Trust is complying with these laws and regulations by making enquiries of the Manager. We corroborated these enquiries through our review of submitted returns, external inspections, relevant correspondence with regulatory bodies and the Trust's breaches register.

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management and those charged with governance to understand where it was considered there was susceptibility to fraud. This evaluation also considered how the Manager was remunerated and whether this provided an incentive for fraudulent activity. We considered the overall control environment and how the Manager oversees the implementation and operation of controls. In areas of the financial statements where the risks were considered to be higher, we performed procedures to address each identified risk. We identified a heightened fraud risk in relation to:

- Management override of controls; and
- The completeness and classification of special dividends between revenue and capital.

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of Marathon Trust (continued)

Auditor Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

In addition to the above, the following procedures were performed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free of material fraud or error:

- Reviewing the level of and reasoning behind the Trust's procurement of legal and professional services;
- Performing audit work procedures over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business, review of a pre sign-off Net Asset Valuation (NAV) statement for any unexpected activity and reviewing judgements made by the Manager in its calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias;
- Using a third-party independent data source to assess the completeness of the special dividend population and determining whether special dividends recognised were revenue or capital in nature with reference to the underlying circumstances of the investee companies' dividend payments;
- Assessing the Trust's compliance with the key requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, and its Prospectus;
- Completion of appropriate checklists and use of our experience to assess the Trust's compliance with the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds; and
- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to supporting documentation.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements, recognising that 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 intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the Trust's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the COLL Rules published by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust'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 Trust and the Trust's unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Johnston Carmichael LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Bishop's Court
29 Albyn Place
Aberdeen AB10 1YL
27 June 2025

Accounting policies of Marathon Trust

for the year ended 30 March 2025

a *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments. They have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds ('the SORP') published by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, and the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL').

As described in the Manager's report, it is the Manager's opinion that the Fund is no longer considered a going concern, and that it is therefore not appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. The Fund is in the process of winding up and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern. Under this basis the Manager is required to consider whether any investments should be adjusted to net realisable value, where the change in status of the Fund will result in restrictions to the realisable value. The Manager is also required to make provision for any contractual commitments that have become onerous at the balance sheet date. In the application of this policy there has been no impact on the valuation and recognition of the Fund's assets and liabilities. Furthermore the financial statements do not include any provision for the future costs of winding up the business of the Fund except to the extent that such costs were committed at the balance sheet date.

b *Valuation of investments*

The purchases and sales of investments are included up to close of business on the last business day of the accounting year.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised when a legally binding and unconditional right to obtain, or an obligation to deliver an asset arises.

The quoted investments of the Fund have been valued at the global closing bid-market prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of debt securities ruling on the principal markets on which the stocks are quoted on the last business day of the accounting year.

Collective investment schemes are valued at the bid price for dual priced funds and at the single price for single priced funds and are valued at their most recent published price prior to the close of business valuation on 30 March 2025.

Collective investment schemes also operated by the Manager are valued at cancellation price for dual priced funds and at the single price for single priced funds.

Where an observable market price is unreliable or does not exist, investments are valued at the Manager's best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length. The Manager has appointed the fair value pricing committee to analyse, review and vote on price adjustments/maintenance where no current secondary market exists and/or where there are potential liquidity issues that would affect the disposal of an asset.

c *Foreign exchange*

The base currency of the Fund is UK sterling which is taken to be the Fund's functional currency.

All transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates of such transactions. The resulting exchange differences are disclosed in note 2 of the Notes to the financial statements.

Any foreign currency assets and liabilities at the end of the accounting period are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date.

d *Revenue*

Revenue is recognised in the Statement of total return on the following basis:

Dividends from quoted equity instruments and non equity shares are recognised as revenue, net of attributable tax credits on the date when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Overseas dividends are recognised as revenue gross of any withholding tax and the tax consequences are recognised within the tax expense.

Accounting policies of Marathon Trust (continued)

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d Revenue (continued)

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised as revenue on the date the securities are quoted ex-dividend. Equalisation on distributions from collective investment schemes is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the Fund's distribution.

Distributions from collective investment schemes which are re-invested on behalf of the Fund are recognised as revenue on the date the securities are quoted ex-dividend and form part of the Fund's distribution.

Excess reportable income from reporting offshore funds is recognised as revenue when the reported distribution rate is available and forms part of the Fund's distribution.

Compensation is treated as either revenue or capital in nature depending on the facts of each particular case.

Interest on bank deposits and short term deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an accruals basis, taking into account the effective yield on the investment. 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. The effective yield is a calculation that amortises any discount or premium on the purchase of an investment over its remaining life based on estimated cash flows. The amortised amounts form part of the distributable revenue and are calculated at each month end.

e Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged to revenue on an accrual basis.

Bank interest paid is charged to revenue.

f Taxation

Tax payable on profits is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. The tax effects of tax losses available to carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available, against which these losses can be utilised.

UK corporation tax is provided as amounts to be paid/recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at 30 March 2025 to pay more or less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current rates and tax laws. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provision for deferred tax assets are only made to the extent the timing differences are expected to be of future benefit.

All foreign dividend revenue is recognised as a gross amount which includes any withholding tax deducted at source. Where foreign tax is withheld in excess of the applicable treaty rate a tax debtor is recognised to the extent that the overpayment is considered recoverable.

When a disposal of a holding in a non-reporting offshore fund is made, any gain is an offshore income gain and tax will be charged to capital. There may be instances where tax relief is due to revenue for the utilisation of excess management expenses.

g Efficient Portfolio Management

Where appropriate, certain permitted instruments such as derivatives or forward currency contracts may be used for Efficient Portfolio Management purposes. Where such instruments are used to protect or enhance revenue, the revenue or expenses derived therefrom are included in the Statement of total return as revenue related items and form part of the distribution. Where such instruments are used to protect or enhance capital, the gains and losses derived therefrom are included in the Statement of total return as capital related items.

Accounting policies of Marathon Trust (continued)

for the year ended 30 March 2025

h Distribution policies

i Basis of distribution

The distribution policy is to distribute all available revenue after deduction of expenses payable from revenue. Distributions attributable to income units are paid to unitholders. Distributions attributable to accumulation units are re-invested in the relevant class on behalf of the unitholders.

ii Unclaimed distributions

Distributions to unitholders outstanding after 6 years are taken to the capital property of the Fund.

iii Revenue

All revenue is included in the final distribution with reference to policy d.

iv Expenses

Expenses incurred against the revenue of the Fund are included in the final distribution, subject to any expense which may be transferred to capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution, with reference to policy e.

Investment Manager's report

Investment performance*

During the reporting period, the Fund produced a return of 3.88%. The comparative benchmark, MSCI PIMFA Balanced Index produced a return of 5.55% over the same period.

Investment activities

With the Fund continuing to shrink as the underlying unitholder redeemed units, the period under review was characterised by attempting to ensure that the portfolio remained balanced and diversified in the face of this process.

The principal changes made were in the portfolio's alternative exposure where positions in Hipgnosis Songs Fund and Tritax Eurobox were sold following bids for both companies that saw their respective share prices rise sharply. Some of the proceeds of these sales were used to rotate into existing positions in SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust and Cordiant Digital Infrastructure, both of which continued to trade at significant discounts to Net Asset Value. Elsewhere within alternatives, profits were taken in the position in NB Private Equity Partners.

Within fixed income, the holding in Burford Capital 5% 01/12/2026 was sold and new positions were initiated in Citigroup 5.15% 21/05/2026 and in Hiscox 6% 22/09/2027.

Finally, within equities, the US exposure was broadened out with the sale of a significant part of the position in Burford Capital following a strong run and the addition of Microsoft, Alphabet 'A' and Apple. European exposure was reduced, with the sales of RWE and Nestlé. As was the Far East and Emerging Markets exposure.

Investment strategy and outlook

Since the end of the reporting period, the Fund has received a final redemption request for all its remaining units.

Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP

27 May 2025

* Source: Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, Accumulation class on a bid-to-bid basis, from 28 March 2024 to 28 March 2025 and FE Fundinfo.

Portfolio changes

for the year ended 30 March 2025

The following represents the total purchases and sales in the year to reflect a clearer picture of the investment activities.

	Cost
	£
Purchases:	
Microsoft	202,787
Hiscox 6% 22/09/2027	202,640
Apple	177,481
Citigroup 5.15% 21/05/2026	167,318
Alphabet 'A'	152,063
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure	60,359
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	45,638
	Proceeds
	£
Sales:	
CG Portfolio Fund - Dollar Fund	724,667
Burford Capital	520,532
Hipgnosis Songs Fund	502,933
Abrdn OEIC II - Abrdn Global Smaller Companies Fund	320,342
Anglo American	219,463
Tritax EuroBox	214,499
Smurfit Kappa Group	211,258
Fidelity China Special Situations	189,652
SVS DW Asia ex-Japan All-Cap Fund	187,440
Nestlé	172,561
Reckitt Benckiser Group	170,300
RWE	117,620
NB Private Equity Partners	115,679
Burford Capital 5% 01/12/2026	104,928

Portfolio statement
as at 30 March 2025

	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Investment			
Debt Securities* 9.10% (4.99%)			
A2 to A3 1.98% (0.00%)			
Citigroup 5.15% 21/05/2026	£166,000	166,473	1.98
Baa1 to Baa2 7.12% (3.94%)			
Hiscox 6% 22/09/2027	£200,000	203,326	2.42
Severn Trent Utilities Finance 3.625% 16/01/2026	£399,000	394,862	4.70
		598,188	7.12
Baa3 and below 0.00% (1.05%)		-	-
Total debt securities		764,661	9.10
Equities 16.28% (24.23%)			
Equities - United Kingdom 8.55% (18.18%)			
Equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom 2.64% (5.91%)			
Materials 0.00% (1.61%)		-	-
Consumer Staples 0.00% (1.81%)		-	-
Financials 2.64% (2.49%)			
IP Group	517,519	221,757	2.64
Total equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom		221,757	2.64
Equities - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 5.91% (12.27%)			
Financials 5.91% (12.27%)			
Burford Capital	14,320	150,933	1.80
Conduit Holdings	97,700	345,370	4.11
		496,303	5.91
Total equities - United Kingdom		718,060	8.55
Equities - Europe 1.35% (6.05%)			
Equities - Germany 1.35% (2.21%)			
RWE	4,115	113,324	1.35
Equities - Ireland 0.00% (2.01%)		-	-
Equities - Switzerland 0.00% (1.83%)		-	-
Total equities - Europe		113,324	1.35

* Grouped by credit rating - source: Interactive Data and Bloomberg.

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 30 March 2025

	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Investment			
Equities (continued)			
Equities - United States 6.38% (0.00%)			
Alphabet 'A'	1,151	137,250	1.64
Apple	1,285	216,300	2.57
Microsoft	623	182,310	2.17
Total equities - United States		<u>535,860</u>	<u>6.38</u>
Equities - Brazil 0.00% (0.00%)			
Genagro^	240,000	-	-
Total equities		<u>1,367,244</u>	<u>16.28</u>
Closed-Ended Funds 36.37% (37.31%)			
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom 6.70% (8.79%)			
Augmentum Fintech	215,690	183,768	2.19
Fidelity China Special Situations	47,600	128,044	1.52
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	516,250	251,414	2.99
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom		<u>563,226</u>	<u>6.70</u>
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 29.67% (28.52%)			
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure	472,475	407,273	4.85
HarbourVest Global Private Equity	17,000	436,900	5.20
NB Private Equity Partners	21,700	328,538	3.91
Pershing Square Holdings	16,000	608,640	7.24
Real Estate Credit Investments	259,160	321,358	3.82
Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund	500,000	390,500	4.65
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom		<u>2,493,209</u>	<u>29.67</u>
Total closed-ended funds - United Kingdom		<u>3,056,435</u>	<u>36.37</u>
Collective Investment Schemes 22.62% (31.49%)			
UK Authorised Collective Investment Schemes 13.74% (16.38%)			
Fidelity Investment Funds - Asia Fund	33,685	562,540	6.70
Fundsmith Equity Fund	50,000	310,095	3.69
Jupiter Japan Income Fund	232,175	281,697	3.35
Total UK authorised collective investment schemes		<u>1,154,332</u>	<u>13.74</u>

^ The fair value pricing committee considers that it is appropriate to value the shares at £nil (2024: £nil) as the stock lacks a public market listing and there is no identifiable market over which to realise any value of the holding.

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 30 March 2025

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (continued)			
Offshore Collective Investment Schemes 8.88% (15.11%)			
Lazard Global Listed Infrastructure Equity Fund	156,490	323,778	3.86
Montanaro UK Income Fund	233,300	421,806	5.02
Total offshore collective investment schemes		<u>745,584</u>	<u>8.88</u>
Total collective investment schemes		<u>1,899,916</u>	<u>22.62</u>
Portfolio of investments		7,088,256	84.37
Other net assets		1,313,560	15.63
Total net assets		<u>8,401,816</u>	<u>100.00</u>

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The comparative figures in brackets are as at 30 March 2024.

United Kingdom equities are grouped in accordance with Global Industry Classification Standard ('GICS').

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Risk and reward profile*

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

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←						→
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The Fund is in a higher category because the price of its investments have risen or fallen frequently and more dramatically than some other types of investment. The category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. Even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

For full details on risk factors for the Fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

There have been no changes to the risk and reward indicator in the year.

* As per the KIID published on 12 February 2025.

Comparative table

The following disclosures give a unitholder an indication of the performance of a unit in the Fund. It also discloses the operating charges and direct transaction costs applied to each unit. Operating charges are those charges incurred in operating the Fund and direct transaction costs are costs incurred when purchasing or selling securities in the portfolio of investments.

	2025	2024	2023
	p	p	p
Income			
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	271.77	257.51	279.27
Return before operating charges	13.24	23.66	(14.10)
Operating charges	(3.68)	(2.76)	(3.25)
Return after operating charges *	9.56	20.90	(17.35)
Distributions [^]	(6.26)	(6.64)	(4.41)
Closing net asset value per unit	275.07	271.77	257.51
 * after direct transaction costs of:	 0.02	 0.04	 0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	3.52%	8.12%	(6.21%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	4,445,957	6,062,341	14,463,727
Closing number of units	1,616,301	2,230,674	5,616,780
Operating charges ^{^^}	1.30%	1.03%	1.23%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%
Published prices			
Highest offer unit price	304.4	292.3	295.5
Lowest bid unit price	267.7	252.5	243.0

Investments carry risk. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

[^] Rounded to 2 decimal places.

^{^^} The operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF'). The OCF consists principally of the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee which are included in the annual management charge, but also includes the costs for other services paid. It is indicative of the charges which may occur in a year as it is calculated on historical data.

The OCF includes expenses incurred by underlying holdings of collective investment schemes and closed ended vehicles such as investment trusts in relation to the Fund (the synthetic 'OCF'). Following guidance issued by the Investment Association on 30 November 2023, the synthetic OCF calculation no longer includes closed ended vehicles.

Comparative table (continued)

	2025	2024	2023
Accumulation	p	p	p
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	298.96	276.38	294.59
Return before operating charges	14.54	25.58	(14.75)
Operating charges	(4.10)	(3.00)	(3.46)
Return after operating charges *	10.44	22.58	(18.21)
Distributions [^]	(6.92)	(7.17)	(4.67)
Retained distributions on accumulation units [^]	6.92	7.17	4.67
Closing net asset value per unit	309.40	298.96	276.38
 * after direct transaction costs of:	 0.02	 0.04	 0.10
Performance			
Return after charges	3.49%	8.17%	(6.18%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	3,955,859	3,822,273	6,487,376
Closing number of units	1,278,539	1,278,539	2,347,295
Operating charges ^{^^}	1.30%	1.03%	1.23%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%
Published prices			
Highest offer unit price	338.6	317.0	311.7
Lowest bid unit price	294.0	273.9	258.7

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Statement of total return for the year ended 30 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
Income:			
Net capital gains	2	154,874	730,394
Revenue	3	306,089	540,941
Expenses	4	<u>(108,117)</u>	<u>(141,740)</u>
Net revenue before taxation		197,972	399,201
Taxation	5	<u>(3,208)</u>	<u>(3,368)</u>
Net revenue after taxation		<u>194,764</u>	<u>395,833</u>
Total return before distributions		349,638	1,126,227
Distributions	6	(194,760)	(399,902)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		<u>154,878</u>	<u>726,325</u>

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year ended 30 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders	9,884,614	20,951,103
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(1,726,151)	(11,915,860)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities	154,878	726,325
Retained distributions on accumulation units	88,475	123,046
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>8,401,816</u>	<u>9,884,614</u>

Balance sheet
as at 30 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		7,088,256	9,688,452
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	53,990	40,128
Cash and bank balances	8	1,339,090	254,665
Total assets		<u>8,481,336</u>	<u>9,983,245</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable		(49,976)	(87,242)
Other creditors	9	(29,544)	(11,389)
Total liabilities		<u>(79,520)</u>	<u>(98,631)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders		<u><u>8,401,816</u></u>	<u><u>9,884,614</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

The accounting policies are disclosed on pages 9 to 11.

2. Net capital gains

	2025	2024
	£	£
Non-derivative securities - realised gains	252,959	2,657,193
Non-derivative securities - movement in unrealised losses	(97,678)	(1,971,497)
Derivative contracts - realised gains	-	232,333
Derivative contracts - movement in unrealised losses	-	(196,024)
Currency (losses) / gains	(41)	9,353
Compensation	8	10
Transaction charges	(374)	(974)
Total net capital gains	<u>154,874</u>	<u>730,394</u>

3. Revenue

	2025	2024
	£	£
UK revenue	78,183	158,017
Unfranked revenue	2,165	26,107
Overseas revenue	168,547	239,901
Interest on debt securities	37,074	63,029
Bank and deposit interest	20,120	53,887
Total revenue	<u>306,089</u>	<u>540,941</u>

4. Expenses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Payable to the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge*	88,232	175,010
Annual management charge rebate*	(11,987)	(55,269)
	<u>76,245</u>	<u>119,741</u>
Payable to the Trustee		
Trustee fees	<u>8,981</u>	<u>9,018</u>
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	9,450	9,000
Safe custody fees	332	522
Bank interest	19	790
FCA fee	147	147
Listing fee	2,943	2,522
Administration fee	10,000	-
	<u>22,891</u>	<u>12,981</u>
Total expenses	<u>108,117</u>	<u>141,740</u>

* The annual management charge is 1.00% and includes the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fees. Where the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee are cumulatively lower than the annual management charge a rebate may occur. For the year ended 30 March 2025, the annual management charge after rebates is 0.86%.

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5. Taxation

	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>a. Analysis of the tax charge for the year</i>		
Overseas tax withheld	3,208	3,368
Total taxation (note 5b)	<u>3,208</u>	<u>3,368</u>

b. Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2024: lower) than the standard rate of UK corporation tax for an authorised collective investment scheme of 20% (2024: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Net revenue before taxation	<u>197,972</u>	<u>399,201</u>
Corporation tax @ 20%	39,594	79,840
Effects of:		
UK revenue	(15,637)	(31,603)
Overseas revenue	(33,709)	(42,982)
Overseas tax withheld	3,208	3,368
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,000	-
Excess management expenses	7,752	-
Utilisation of excess management expenses	-	(3,200)
Marginal tax relief	-	4,065
Unrealised losses on non reporting offshore fund	-	(6,120)
Total taxation (note 5a)	<u>3,208</u>	<u>3,368</u>

c. Provision for deferred taxation

At the year end, a deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to excess management expenses as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. The amount of the asset not recognised is £164,658 (2024: £156,906).

6. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue added on the issue of units and revenue deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interim income distribution	51,156	153,450
Interim accumulation distribution	44,506	68,823
Final income distribution	49,976	87,242
Final accumulation distribution	<u>43,969</u>	<u>54,223</u>
	189,607	363,738
Equalisation:		
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	<u>5,153</u>	<u>36,164</u>
Total net distributions	<u>194,760</u>	<u>399,902</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)
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6. Distributions (continued)

	2025 £	2024 £
Reconciliation between net revenue and distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation per Statement of total return	194,764	395,833
Undistributed revenue brought forward	15	19
Marginal tax relief	-	4,065
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(19)	(15)
Distributions	<u>194,760</u>	<u>399,902</u>

Details of the distribution per unit are disclosed in the Distribution table.

7. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued revenue	51,319	31,847
Recoverable overseas withholding tax	1,935	6,879
Prepaid expenses	1	-
	<u>53,255</u>	<u>38,726</u>
Payable from the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge rebate	<u>735</u>	<u>1,402</u>
Total debtors	<u>53,990</u>	<u>40,128</u>

8. Cash and bank balances

	2025 £	2024 £
Total cash and bank balances	<u>1,339,090</u>	<u>254,665</u>

9. Other creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued expenses:		
Payable to the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge	<u>7,143</u>	<u>546</u>
Other expenses:		
Trustee fees	740	49
Safe custody fees	433	276
Audit fee	9,450	9,000
Listing fee	1,724	1,454
Administration fee	10,000	-
Transaction charges	54	64
	<u>22,401</u>	<u>10,843</u>
Total accrued expenses	<u>29,544</u>	<u>11,389</u>

10. Commitments and contingent liabilities

At the balance sheet date there are no commitments or contingent liabilities.

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11. Unit classes

The following reflects the change in units in issue in the year:

	Income
Opening units in issue	2,230,674
Total units cancelled in the year	(614,373)
Closing units in issue	<u>1,616,301</u>
	Accumulation
Opening units in issue	1,278,539
Closing units in issue	<u>1,278,539</u>

Further information in respect of the return per unit is disclosed in the Comparative table.

On the winding up of a Fund all the assets of the Fund will be realised and apportioned to the unit types in relation to the net asset value on the closure date. Unitholders will receive their respective share of the proceeds, net of liabilities and the expenses incurred in the termination in accordance with the FCA regulations. Each unit type has the same rights on winding up.

12. Related party transactions

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, as Manager is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Fund.

The Manager acts as principal in respect of all transactions of units in the Fund. The aggregate monies received and paid through the creation and cancellation of units are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund.

Amounts payable to the Manager and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due from/to the Manager and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 7 and 9.

The Investment Manager, Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP is a related party to the Manager as they are within the same corporate body.

The following security held in the portfolio of investments is a related party as it is managed within the same corporate body as the Investment Manager:

	2025 Holding	2024 Holding
Security		
SVS DW Asia ex-Japan All-Cap Fund	n/a	80,000

13. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per income unit has increased from 275.1p to 275.2p and the accumulation unit has increased from 309.4p to 309.5p as at 19 May 2025 (this being the last valuation for the Trust). This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements of recent months.

14. Transaction costs

a Direct transaction costs

Direct transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers; levies by regulatory agencies and security exchanges; and transfer taxes and duties.

Commission is a charge which is deducted from the proceeds of the sale of securities and added to the cost of the purchase of securities. This charge is a payment to agents, advisers, brokers and dealers in respect of their services in executing the trades.

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14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

Tax is payable on the purchase of securities in the United Kingdom. It may be the case that 'other taxes' will be charged on the purchase of securities in countries other than the United Kingdom.

The total purchases and sales and the related direct transaction costs incurred in these transactions are as follows:

	Purchases before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Purchases after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2025						
Equities	532,065	266	0.05%	-	-	532,331
Closed-Ended Funds	105,767	-	-	230	0.22%	105,997
Bonds*	369,958	-	-	-	-	369,958
Total	1,007,790	266	0.05%	230	0.22%	1,008,286

	Purchases before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Purchases after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2024						
Equities	29,188	-	-	147	0.50%	29,335
Closed-Ended Funds	744,016	-	-	1,169	0.16%	745,185
Bonds*	13,255,334	-	-	-	-	13,255,334
Collective Investment Schemes*	149,401	-	-	-	-	149,401
Total	14,177,939	-	-	1,316	0.66%	14,179,255

	Sales before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Sales after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2025						
Equities	1,411,886	(145)	0.01%	(6)	0.00%	1,411,735
Closed-Ended Funds	1,022,767	-	-	(5)	0.00%	1,022,762
Bonds*	104,928	-	-	-	-	104,928
Collective Investment Schemes*	1,232,449	-	-	-	-	1,232,449
Total	3,772,030	(145)	0.01%	(11)	0.00%	3,771,874

* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

	Sales before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Sales after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2024						
Equities	6,994,853	(1,287)	0.02%	(15)	0.00%	6,993,551
Closed-Ended Funds	1,725,996	-	-	(12)	0.00%	1,725,984
Bonds*	13,010,414	-	-	-	-	13,010,414
Collective Investment Schemes*	1,725,753	-	-	-	-	1,725,753
Exchange Traded Commodities*	857,639	-	-	-	-	857,639
Structured Products*	1,069,133	-	-	-	-	1,069,133
Total	25,383,788	(1,287)	0.02%	(27)	0.00%	25,382,474

Capital events amount of £5,305 (2024: £14,916) is excluded from the total sales as there were no direct transaction costs charged in these transactions.

Summary of direct transaction costs

The following represents the total of each type of transaction cost, expressed as a percentage of the Fund's average net asset value in the year:

	£	% of average net asset value
2025		
Commission	411	0.01%
Taxes	241	0.00%
2024		
Commission	1,287	0.01%
Taxes	1,343	0.01%

b Average portfolio dealing spread

The average portfolio dealing spread is calculated as the difference between the bid and offer value of the portfolio as a percentage of the offer value.

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.24% (2024: 0.25%).

15. Risk management policies

In pursuing the Fund's investment objective, as set out in the Prospectus, the following are accepted by the Manager as being the main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, either directly or indirectly through its underlying holdings. These are presented with the Manager's policy for managing these risks. To ensure these risks are consistently and effectively managed these are continually reviewed by the risk committee, a body appointed by the Manager, which sets the risk appetite and ensures continued compliance with the management of all known risks.

a Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices and comprise three elements: other price risk, currency risk, and interest rate risk.

* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk (continued)

(i) Other price risk

The Fund's exposure to price risk comprises mainly of movements in the value of investment positions in the face of price movements.

The elements of the portfolio of investments exposed to this risk are equities, collective investment schemes and closed-ended funds.

This risk is generally regarded as consisting of two elements: stock specific risk and market risk. Through these two factors, the Fund is exposed to price fluctuations, which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy.

Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit stock specific risk. Subject to compliance with the investment objective of the Fund, spreading exposure in the portfolio of investments both globally and across sectors or geography can mitigate market risk.

At 30 March 2025, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £316,180 (2024: £459,748).

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of investments or future cash flows will fluctuate as a result of exchange rate movements. Investment in overseas securities or holdings of foreign currency cash will provide direct exposure to currency risk as a consequence of the movement in foreign exchange rates against sterling. Investments in UK securities investing in overseas securities will give rise to indirect exposure to currency risk. These fluctuations can also affect the profitability of some UK companies, and thus their market prices, as sterling's relative strength or weakness can affect export prospects, the value of overseas earnings in sterling terms, and the prices of imports sold in the UK.

Forward currency contracts may be used to manage the portfolio exposure to currency movements.

The foreign currency risk profile of the Fund's financial instruments and cash holdings at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	Financial instruments and cash holdings	Net debtors and creditors	Total net foreign currency exposure
2025	£	£	£
Euro	113,332	1,935	115,267
US dollar	535,860	15,702	551,562
Total foreign currency exposure	649,192	17,637	666,829

	Financial instruments and cash holdings	Net debtors and creditors	Total net foreign currency exposure
2024	£	£	£
Euro	218,130	6,380	224,510
Swedish krona	-	499	499
Swiss franc	180,491	-	180,491
US dollar	648,486	16,447	664,933
Total foreign currency exposure	1,047,107	23,326	1,070,433

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

At 30 March 2025, if the value of sterling increased or decreased by 5% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £33,341 (2024: £53,522).

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate as a result of interest rate changes.

During the year the Fund's direct exposure to interest rates consisted of cash and bank balances and interest bearing securities. The Fund also has indirect exposure to interest rate risk as it invests in bond funds. The amount of revenue receivable from bank balances or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The value of interest bearing securities may be affected by changes in the interest rate environment, either globally or locally.

In the event of a change in interest rates, there would be no material impact upon the net assets of the Fund.

The Fund would not in normal market conditions hold significant cash balances and would have limited borrowing capabilities as stipulated in the COLL rules.

Derivative contracts are not used to hedge against the exposure to interest rate risk.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	Variable rate financial assets	Fixed rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2025	£	£	£	£	£
Euro	8	-	115,259	-	115,267
UK sterling	1,339,082	764,661	5,710,764	(79,520)	7,734,987
US dollar	-	-	551,562	-	551,562
	1,339,090	764,661	6,377,585	(79,520)	8,401,816

	Variable rate financial assets	Fixed rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2024	£	£	£	£	£
Euro	-	-	224,510	-	224,510
Swedish krona	-	-	499	-	499
Swiss franc	-	-	180,491	-	180,491
UK sterling	254,665	493,483	8,164,664	(98,631)	8,814,181
US dollar	-	-	664,933	-	664,933
	254,665	493,483	9,235,097	(98,631)	9,884,614

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

b Credit risk

This is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. This includes counterparty risk and issuer risk.

The Trustee has appointed the custodian to provide custody services for the assets of the Fund. There is a counterparty risk that the custodian could cease to be in a position to provide custody services to the Fund. The Fund's investments (excluding cash) are ring fenced hence the risk is considered to be negligible.

In addition to the interest rate risk, bond investments are exposed to issuer risk which reflects the ability for the bond issuer to meet its obligations to pay interest and return the capital on the redemption date. Change in issuer risk will change the value of the investments and is dealt with further in note 15a. The credit quality of the debt securities is disclosed in the Portfolio statement.

The Fund holds cash and cash deposits with financial institutions which potentially exposes the Fund to counterparty risk. The credit rating of the financial institution is taken into account so as to minimise the risk to the Fund of default.

Holdings in collective investment schemes are subject to direct credit risk. The exposure to pooled investment vehicles is unrated.

c Liquidity risk

A significant risk is the cancellation of units which investors may wish to sell and that securities may have to be sold in order to fund such cancellations if insufficient cash is held at the bank to meet this obligation. If there were significant requests for the redemption of units at a time when a large proportion of the portfolio of investments were not easily tradable due to market volumes or market conditions, the ability to fund those redemptions would be impaired and it might be necessary to suspend dealings in units in the Fund.

Investments in smaller companies at times may prove illiquid, as by their nature they tend to have relatively modest traded share capital. Shifts in investor sentiment, or the announcement of new price sensitive information, can provoke significant movement in share prices, and make dealing in any quantity difficult.

The Fund may also invest in securities that are not listed or traded on any stock exchange. In such situations the Fund may not be able to immediately sell such securities.

To reduce liquidity risk the Manager will ensure, in line with the limits stipulated within the COLL rules, a substantial portion of the Fund's assets consist of readily realisable securities. This is monitored on a monthly basis and reported to the Risk Committee together with historical outflows of the Fund.

In addition liquidity is subject to stress testing on an annual basis to assess the ability of the Fund to meet large redemptions, while still being able to adhere to its objective guidelines and the FCA investment borrowing regulations.

All of the financial liabilities are payable on demand.

d Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

To ensure this, the fair value pricing committee is a body appointed by the Manager to analyse, review and vote on price adjustments/maintenance where no current secondary market exists and/or where there are potential liquidity issues that would affect the disposal of an asset. In addition, the committee may also consider adjustments to the Fund's price should the constituent investments be exposed to closed markets during general market volatility or instability.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

d Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

	Investment assets	Investment liabilities
	2025	2025
	£	£
Basis of valuation		
Quoted prices	4,423,679	-
Observable market data	2,664,577	-
Unobservable data*	-	-
	<u>7,088,256</u>	<u>-</u>

	Investment assets	Investment liabilities
	2024	2024
	£	£
Basis of valuation		
Quoted prices	6,083,683	-
Observable market data	3,604,769	-
Unobservable data*	-	-
	<u>9,688,452</u>	<u>-</u>

* The following security is valued in the portfolio of investments using a valuation technique:

Genagro: The fair value pricing committee considers that it is appropriate to value the shares at £nil (2024: £nil) as the stock lacks a public market listing and there is no identifiable market over which to realise any value of the holding.

Unobservable data

Unobservable data has been used only where relevant observable market data is not available. Where there was no reputable price source for an investment, the Manager has assessed information available from internal and external sources in order to arrive at an estimated fair value. The fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. The Manager of the Fund also makes judgements and estimates based on their knowledge of recent investment performance, historical experience and other the assumptions used are under continuous review by the Manager with particular attention paid to the carrying value of the investments.

e Assets subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature

The following assets held in the portfolio of investments are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature:

	2025	2024
	% of the total net asset value	% of the total net asset value
Genagro	0.00%	0.00%

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 30 March 2025

15. Risk management policies (continued)

f Derivatives

The Fund may employ derivatives with the aim of reducing the Fund's risk profile, reducing costs or generating additional capital or revenue, in accordance with Efficient Portfolio Management.

The Manager monitors that any exposure is covered globally to ensure adequate cover is available to meet the Fund's total exposure, taking into account the value of the underlying investments, any reasonably foreseeable market movement, counterparty risk, and the time available to liquidate any positions.

For certain derivative transactions cash margins may be required to be paid to the brokers with whom the trades were executed and settled. These balances are subject to daily reconciliations and are held by the broker in segregated cash accounts that are afforded client money protection.

During the year there were no derivative transactions.

(i) Counterparties

Transactions in securities give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfil their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. This risk is mitigated by the Fund using a range of brokers for security transactions, thereby diversifying the risk of exposure to any one broker. In addition the Fund will only transact with brokers who are subject to frequent reviews with whom transaction limits are set.

The Fund may transact in derivative contracts which potentially exposes the Fund to counterparty risk from the counterparty not settling their side of the contract. Transactions involving derivatives are entered into only with investment banks and brokers with appropriate and approved credit rating, which are regularly monitored. Forward currency transactions are only undertaken with the custodians appointed by the Trustee.

At the balance sheet date, there are no securities in the portfolio of investments subject to a repurchase agreement.

(ii) Leverage

The leverage is calculated as the sum of the net asset value and the incremental exposure generated through the use of derivatives (calculated in accordance with the commitment approach) divided by the net asset value.

There have been no leveraging arrangements in the year.

(iii) Global exposure

Global exposure is a measure designed to limit the leverage generated by a fund through the use of financial derivative instruments, including derivatives with embedded assets.

At the balance sheet date there is no global exposure to derivatives.

There have been no collateral arrangements in the year.

Distribution table

for the year ended 30 March 2025

Interim distributions in pence per unit

Group 1 - Units purchased before 31 March 2024

Group 2 - Units purchased 31 March 2024 to 30 September 2024

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distributions 20 November 2024	Total distributions 20 November 2023
Income				
Group 1	3.165	-	3.165	2.732
Group 2	3.165	-	3.165	2.732
Accumulation				
Group 1	3.481	-	3.481	2.932
Group 2	3.481	-	3.481	2.932

Final distributions in pence per unit

Group 1 - Units purchased before 1 October 2024

Group 2 - Units purchased 1 October 2024 to 30 March 2025

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distributions 20 May 2025	Total distributions 20 May 2024
Income				
Group 1	3.092	-	3.092	3.911
Group 2	3.092	-	3.092	3.911
Accumulation				
Group 1	3.439	-	3.439	4.241
Group 2	3.439	-	3.439	4.241

Accumulation distributions

Holders of accumulation units should add the distributions received thereon to the cost of the units for capital gains tax purposes.

Remuneration

Remuneration code disclosure

The remuneration committee is responsible for setting the remuneration policy for all partners, directors and employees within Evelyn Partners Group Limited ('the Group'), including individuals designated as Material Risk Takers (MRTs) under the Remuneration Code. The remuneration policy is designed to be compliant with the Code and provides a framework to attract, retain, motivate and reward partners, directors and employees. The overall policy is designed to promote the long-term success of the group and to support prudent risk management, with particular attention to conduct risk.

Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee report contained in the Group Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 includes details on the remuneration policy. The remuneration committee comprises three independent non-executive directors¹ and is governed by formal terms of reference, which are reviewed and agreed by the board. The committee met seven times during 2024.

Remuneration policy

The main principles of the remuneration policy are:

- aligns the interests of employees with those of our clients/customers and investors;
- is compliant with relevant regulation and considers market best practice;
- is pragmatic, flexible, economic, and considers the commercial objectives of the business;
- is competitive and helps the Group attract and retain talented people;
- encourages behaviours consistent with the Group's values, ambitions, strategy, and risk appetite (including environmental, social and governance risk factors);
- supports the delivery of fair outcomes for our clients; and
- is clear, fair, free from bias and based on objective criteria that avoids discrimination (including gender).

Remuneration systems

Fixed pay is determined by considering an employee's role and responsibilities, external market information, and internal budgets/affordability. The remuneration committee considers all of these factors when determining appropriate salary/fixed profit share budgets as part of the annual pay review, and by exception any increases outside of the annual pay review.

Evelyn Partners operates Discretionary Incentive Plans (DIP) – these are discretionary bonus schemes that enable employees to be recognised for their hard work and commitment, through linking reward to the performance and outcomes, including client outcomes, of both the business and the individual employee.

Bonus awards under a DIP are made in cash and/or equity awards and are driven by the following factors:

- The financial performance (primarily EBITDA performance) of the business;
- An employee's individual performance in relation to the Group's key performance indicators and financial outcomes;
- An employee's individual performance in relation to behaviours which are in line with the Group's values, which includes client outcomes and regulatory compliance; and
- A risk and control review, which includes client outcomes.

¹ Please note that the data provided for the independent non-executive directors is as at 31 December 2024. The data provided is for independent non-executive directors only.

Remuneration (continued)

Aggregate quantitative information

The total amount of remuneration paid by Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited ('EPFL') is nil as EPFL has no employees. However, a number of employees have remuneration costs recharged to EPFL and the annualised remuneration for these 70 employees is £3.58 million of which £3.19 million is fixed remuneration. This is based on the salary and benefits for those identified as working in EPFL as at 31 December 2024. Any variable remuneration is awarded for the year ended 31 December 2024. This information excludes any senior management or other Material Risk Takers (MRTs) whose remuneration information is detailed below.

Evelyn Partners Group Limited reviews its MRTs at least annually. These individuals are employed by and provide services to other companies in the Group. It is difficult to apportion remuneration for these individuals in respect of their duties to EPFL. For this reason, the aggregate total remuneration awarded for the year ended 31 December 2024 for senior management and other MRTs detailed below has not been apportioned.

Table to show the aggregate remuneration split by Senior Management and other MRTs for EPFL		For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024			
	Fixed	Variable Cash	Variable Equity	Total	No. MRTs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Senior Management	3,448	2,470	-	5,918	15
Other MRTs	477	338	-	815	5
Total	3,925	2,808	-	6,733	20

Investment Manager

The Manager delegates the management of the Fund's portfolio of assets to Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP ('EPIM') and pays to EPIM out of the annual management charge, a monthly fee calculated on the total value of the portfolio of investments at the month end. EPIM are compliant with the Capital Requirements Directive regarding remuneration and therefore their staff are covered by remuneration regulatory requirements.

Further information

Distributions and reporting dates

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed/allocated semi-annually on 20 May (final) and 20 November (interim). In the event of a distribution, unitholders will receive a tax voucher.

XD dates:	31 March	final
	1 October	interim
Reporting dates:	30 March	annual
	30 September	interim

Buying and selling units

The valuation point for the Fund will be 12.00pm on every business day, with the exception of any bank holiday in England and Wales or the last business day prior to those days annually where the valuation may be carried out at a time agreed in advance between the Manager and the Trustee, and the price of units are calculated as at that time. Unit dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investors can buy and sell units at the next valuation point following receipt of the order.

Prices of units and the estimated yield of the Fund are published on the following website: www.trustnet.com or may be obtained by calling 0141 222 1151.

Benchmark

Unitholders may compare the performance of the Fund against the MSCI PIMFA Balanced Index.

The Investment Manager has selected this comparator benchmark as it believes this benchmark best reflects the Fund's asset allocation.

The benchmark is not a target for the Fund, nor is the Fund constrained by the benchmark.

Appointments

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