

Taber Investments Fund

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 July 2025

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## Taber Investments Fund

### Report of the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD')

Tutman Fund Solutions Limited ('TFSL') (previously Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited), as ACD, presents herewith the Annual Report for Taber Investments Fund for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Taber Investments Fund ('the Company' or 'the Fund') is an authorised open-ended investment company with variable capital ('ICVC') further to an authorisation order dated 5 September 2008. The Company is incorporated under registration number IC000693. It is a non-UCITS retail scheme ('NURS') complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL') and the Investment Funds sourcebook ('FUND'), as published by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA'). As the Company is a NURS, the ACD also acts as Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('AIFM') in order to comply with the Alternative Investment Fund Manager's Directive ('AIFMD').

The ACD is of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts as the assets of the Company consist predominantly of securities which are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Further, 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 followed.

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. TFSL 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 Company has on the climate and equally how climate change could influence the performance of the Company. 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 TFSL 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.tutman.co.uk/literature/>.

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company has no Directors other than the ACD.

The Instrument of Incorporation can be inspected at the offices of the ACD.

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

#### Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Company is to maximise the overall capital and income return through investment in some or all sectors in some or all world markets, including the UK primarily through investment in units in collective investment schemes and at times may be 100% invested in collective investment schemes. In pursuing this objective the fund manager may include other investments that they consider appropriate, including other transferable securities, deposits, warrants and other permitted investments.

The Company may use derivatives for hedging purposes or invest in immovable property on the giving of not less than 60 days' notice to shareholders by the ACD. It is the ACD's intention that derivatives and forward transactions be used for hedging purposes using efficient portfolio management style techniques.

#### Changes affecting the Company in the year

On 30 June 2025, Thesis Holdings Limited bought Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited. Following the completion of the acquisition of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, the company has been renamed to Tutman Fund Solutions Limited ('TFSL').

Further information in relation to the Company is illustrated on page 29.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Investment Funds sourcebook, we hereby certify the Annual Report on behalf of the ACD, Tutman Fund Solutions Limited.

Jenny Shanley

Director

Tutman Fund Solutions Limited

6 November 2025

## Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL') and the Investment Funds sourcebook ('FUND') published by the FCA, require the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net revenue and net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year.

In preparing the financial statements the ACD 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 Company'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 Company 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 Company's information on the ACD'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 ACD to carry out an Assessment of Value on the Company previously published within the Annual Report, this assessment can now be found on the ACD's website at:

<https://www.tutman.co.uk/literature/>

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus, COLL and FUND.

## Report of the Depositary to the shareholders of Taber Investments Fund

### Depositary's responsibilities

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, the Investment Funds sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC regulations), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together 'the Regulations'), the Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together 'the Scheme documents') as detailed below.

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares of the Company are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's revenue is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('AIFM') are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

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

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

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

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited  
6 November 2025

## Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of Taber Investments Fund

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Taber Investments Fund ('the Company') for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheet and 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 state of the Company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of the net revenue and net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Instrument of Incorporation, the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 ('the IMA SORP'), and the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (the COLL rules).

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

### Other information

The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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, we have nothing to report in respect of the following matters:

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

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

- 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 Authorised Corporate Director for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of Taber Investments Fund (continued)

### Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director

As explained more fully in the Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 3, the Authorised Corporate Director 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 Authorised Corporate Director 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 Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

#### Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the representatives of the Authorised Corporate Director, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the Company by discussions with representatives of the Authorised Corporate Director and updating our understanding of the sector in which the Company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the Company include the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, the Instrument of Incorporation, the requirements of the COLL rules, and UK Tax legislation.

#### Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the Company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the Company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above 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. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of Taber Investments Fund (continued)

### Use of the audit report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Saffery LLP  
Statutory Auditors  
71 Queen Victoria Street  
London EC4V 4BE  
6 November 2025



## Accounting policies of Taber Investments Fund

for the year ended 31 July 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') and the Investment Funds sourcebook ('FUND').

The ACD has considered a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the ACD is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### 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 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 31 July 2025.

### 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.

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.

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.

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.

## Accounting policies of Taber Investments Fund (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2025

### e Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged to revenue on an accrual basis then reallocated to capital, net of any tax effect.

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 31 July 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.

### 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.

### h Dilution levy

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of sales or redemptions. The ACD may charge a discretionary dilution levy on the sale and redemption of shares if, in its opinion, the existing shareholders (for sales) or remaining shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected, and if charging a dilution levy is, so far as practicable, fair to all shareholders and potential shareholders. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

### i 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 shares are paid to shareholders.

#### ii Unclaimed distributions

Distributions to shareholders 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 year the Fund produced a return of 12.46%. The comparative benchmark, ARC Steady Growth PCI produced a return of 6.24% over the same period. Performance has been strong reflecting the high equity content in the portfolio in a period when equity markets have appreciated strongly.

The 5 year return of the Fund is 62.96% vs 28.24% for the comparative benchmark. Again, this reflects the high equity allocation in the Fund over a period of strong equity market returns.

### Investment activities

There have been no major changes in the period under review, albeit a change in the underlying holdings is underway. The aim of this change is to reduce the number of holdings in the portfolio to a smaller number of holdings, including three global index tracking funds which will track the performance of the MSCI All Country World Index (MSCI ACWI).

This process commenced in late July 2025 and will continue in the next 12 months on a graduated basis.

### Investment strategy and outlook

The portfolio is invested principally in equities, with some cash held on an occasional basis. The Fund has exposure to a range of Exchange Traded Funds ('ETFs') giving appropriate diversification between providers and regions. This is expected to reduce, with the ETF exposure intended to be consolidated to four funds, three tracking MSCI ACWI and one Emerging Markets index fund. This transition will be phased over the next 12-18 months.

The time horizon for the Fund is long term and the underlying unitholders accept the volatility inherent with an equity focused strategy.

The Fund is providing value to its investors. Its' structure provides a cost effective, unitised solution whereby gains are rolled up within the fund and not crystallised upon each transaction, but only when units are redeemed. The underlying performance has been very strong and well ahead of its stated benchmark.

Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP  
8 September 2025

\*Source: FE Analytics.

## Portfolio changes

for the year ended 31 July 2025

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

|                                                         | Cost       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                         | £          |
| Purchases:                                              |            |
| Amundi Prime Global UCITS ETF                           | 27,676,190 |
| Fidelity Investment Funds - Index Emerging Markets Fund | 2,566,365  |
|                                                         |            |
|                                                         | Proceeds   |
|                                                         | £          |
| Sales:                                                  |            |
| UK Treasury Bill 0% 28/10/2024                          | 8,500,000  |
| Legal & General US Index Trust                          | 7,718,488  |
| Legal & General UK Index Trust                          | 7,266,204  |
| Legal & General Global 100 Index Trust                  | 7,157,700  |
| HSBC MSCI Japan UCITS ETF USD                           | 4,543,195  |
| Vanguard FTSE Developed Asia Pacific ex Japan UCITS ETF | 2,982,000  |
| Aurora Investment Trust                                 | 251,999    |

Portfolio statement  
as at 31 July 2025

|                                                             | Nominal<br>value or<br>holding | Market<br>value<br>£ | % of total<br>net assets |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Investment                                                  |                                |                      |                          |
| Debt Securities 0.00% (5.19%)                               |                                | -                    | -                        |
| Closed-Ended Funds 0.00% (0.17%)                            |                                | -                    | -                        |
| Collective Investment Schemes 95.86% (94.63%)               |                                |                      |                          |
| UK Authorised Collective Investment Schemes 57.68% (68.06%) |                                |                      |                          |
| Fidelity Investment Funds - Index Emerging Markets Fund     | 8,828,000                      | 12,889,763           | 7.22                     |
| Legal & General Global 100 Index Trust                      | 4,565,000                      | 13,201,980           | 7.39                     |
| Legal & General UK Index Trust                              | 7,657,000                      | 15,245,087           | 8.54                     |
| Legal & General US Index Trust                              | 1,656,500                      | 16,283,395           | 9.12                     |
| Vanguard FTSE Developed World ex UK Equity Index Fund       | 79,250                         | 45,361,929           | 25.41                    |
| Total UK authorised collective investment schemes           |                                | <u>102,982,154</u>   | <u>57.68</u>             |
| Offshore Collective Investment Schemes 38.18% (26.57%)      |                                |                      |                          |
| Amundi Prime Global UCITS ETF                               | 898,000                        | 28,080,460           | 15.73                    |
| NT World Equity Index Feeder Fund                           | 2,167,853                      | 33,083,361           | 18.53                    |
| Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex UK UCITS ETF              | 192,000                        | 7,011,840            | 3.92                     |
| Total offshore collective investment schemes                |                                | <u>68,175,661</u>    | <u>38.18</u>             |
| Total collective investment schemes                         |                                | <u>171,157,815</u>   | <u>95.86</u>             |
| Portfolio of investments                                    |                                | 171,157,815          | 95.86                    |
| Other net assets                                            |                                | 7,392,115            | 4.14                     |
| Total net assets                                            |                                | <u>178,549,930</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 31 July 2024.

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,<br>lower risk |   |   | Typically higher rewards,<br>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 2 July 2025.

## Comparative table

The following disclosures give a shareholder an indication of the performance of a share in the Fund. It also discloses the operating charges and direct transaction costs applied to each share. 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 share       |             |             |             |
| Opening net asset value per share    | 2,791.17    | 2,458.77    | 2,363.18    |
| Return before operating charges      | 357.86      | 402.96      | 167.87      |
| Operating charges                    | (14.35)     | (13.14)     | (11.77)     |
| Return after operating charges *     | 343.51      | 389.82      | 156.10      |
| Distributions <sup>^</sup>           | (55.69)     | (57.42)     | (60.51)     |
| Closing net asset value per share    | 3,078.99    | 2,791.17    | 2,458.77    |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | -           | -           | 0.03        |
| Performance                          |             |             |             |
| Return after charges                 | 12.31%      | 15.85%      | 6.61%       |
| Other information                    |             |             |             |
| Closing net asset value (£)          | 178,549,930 | 161,859,116 | 142,583,504 |
| Closing number of shares             | 5,798,970   | 5,798,970   | 5,798,970   |
| Operating charges <sup>^^</sup>      | 0.50%       | 0.51%       | 0.50%       |
| Direct transaction costs             | 0.00%       | 0.00%       | 0.00%       |
| Published prices                     |             |             |             |
| Highest share price                  | 3,089       | 2,836       | 2,649       |
| Lowest share price                   | 2,594       | 2,362       | 2,258       |

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

<sup>^</sup> Rounded to 2 decimal places.

<sup>^^</sup> The operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF'). The OCF consists principally of the ACD'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 in relation to the Fund (the synthetic 'OCF').

## Financial statements - Taber Investments Fund

### Statement of total return for the year ended 31 July 2025

|                                                                                 | Notes | 2025             |                   | 2024             |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                 |       | £                | £                 | £                | £                 |
| Income:                                                                         |       |                  |                   |                  |                   |
| Net capital gains                                                               | 2     |                  | 17,273,469        |                  | 19,762,123        |
| Revenue                                                                         | 3     | 3,305,195        |                   | 3,436,460        |                   |
| Expenses                                                                        | 4     | <u>(658,636)</u> |                   | <u>(593,087)</u> |                   |
| Net revenue before taxation                                                     |       | 2,646,559        |                   | 2,843,373        |                   |
| Taxation                                                                        | 5     | <u>-</u>         |                   | <u>-</u>         |                   |
| Net revenue after taxation                                                      |       |                  | <u>2,646,559</u>  |                  | <u>2,843,373</u>  |
| Total return before distributions                                               |       |                  | 19,920,028        |                  | 22,605,496        |
| Distributions                                                                   | 6     |                  | (3,229,214)       |                  | (3,329,884)       |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders<br>from investment activities |       |                  | <u>16,690,814</u> |                  | <u>19,275,612</u> |

### Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31 July 2025

|                                                                                 | 2025               | 2024               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                 | £                  | £                  |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                                 | 161,859,116        | 142,583,504        |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders<br>from investment activities | 16,690,814         | 19,275,612         |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                                 | <u>178,549,930</u> | <u>161,859,116</u> |



Balance sheet  
as at 31 July 2025

|                                         | Notes | 2025<br>£          | 2024<br>£          |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Assets:                                 |       |                    |                    |
| Fixed assets:                           |       |                    |                    |
| Investments                             |       | 171,157,815        | 161,849,284        |
| Current assets:                         |       |                    |                    |
| Debtors                                 | 7     | 7,423,514          | 340,679            |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | 8     | 8,000,040          | 314,380            |
| Total assets                            |       | <u>186,581,369</u> | <u>162,504,343</u> |
| Liabilities:                            |       |                    |                    |
| Creditors:                              |       |                    |                    |
| Distribution payable                    |       | (579,549)          | (589,697)          |
| Other creditors                         | 9     | (7,451,890)        | (55,530)           |
| Total liabilities                       |       | <u>(8,031,439)</u> | <u>(645,227)</u>   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders |       | <u>178,549,930</u> | <u>161,859,116</u> |

## Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 July 2025

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounting policies are disclosed on pages 8 and 9.

|                                                          |                   |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2. Net capital gains                                     | 2025              | 2024              |
|                                                          | £                 | £                 |
| Non-derivative securities - realised gains               | 10,720,162        | 473,819           |
| Non-derivative securities - movement in unrealised gains | 6,493,865         | 19,288,434        |
| Currency gains                                           | 59,638            | -                 |
| Transaction charges                                      | (196)             | (130)             |
| Total net capital gains                                  | <u>17,273,469</u> | <u>19,762,123</u> |
| 3. Revenue                                               | 2025              | 2024              |
|                                                          | £                 | £                 |
| UK revenue                                               | 2,014,049         | 1,826,887         |
| Unfranked revenue                                        | 5,801             | 12,261            |
| Overseas revenue                                         | 913,133           | 1,081,224         |
| Interest on debt securities                              | 105,938           | 332,543           |
| Bank and deposit interest                                | 266,274           | 183,545           |
| Total revenue                                            | <u>3,305,195</u>  | <u>3,436,460</u>  |
| 4. Expenses                                              | 2025              | 2024              |
|                                                          | £                 | £                 |
| Payable to the ACD and associates                        |                   |                   |
| ACD's periodic charge*                                   | 207,760           | 186,954           |
| Investment Manager's fee*                                | 373,967           | 336,516           |
|                                                          | <u>581,727</u>    | <u>523,470</u>    |
| Payable to the Depositary                                |                   |                   |
| Depositary fees                                          | <u>47,381</u>     | <u>43,403</u>     |
| Other expenses:                                          |                   |                   |
| Audit fee                                                | 15,420            | 14,976            |
| Non-executive directors' fees                            | 1,635             | 1,307             |
| Safe custody fees                                        | 9,295             | 7,618             |
| Bank interest                                            | 436               | 1,173             |
| FCA fee                                                  | 1,992             | 682               |
| KIID production fee                                      | 750               | 458               |
|                                                          | <u>29,528</u>     | <u>26,214</u>     |
| Total expenses                                           | <u>658,636</u>    | <u>593,087</u>    |

\* The annual management charge is 0.35% and includes the ACD's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fees.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 5. Taxation

|                                                   | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>a. Analysis of the tax charge for the year</i> |           |           |
| Total taxation (note 5b)                          | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</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<br>£        | 2024<br>£        |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net revenue before taxation | <u>2,646,559</u> | <u>2,843,373</u> |
| Corporation tax @ 20%       | 529,312          | 568,675          |
| Effects of:                 |                  |                  |
| UK revenue                  | (402,810)        | (365,377)        |
| Overseas revenue            | (182,627)        | (216,245)        |
| Excess management expenses  | 56,125           | 12,947           |
| Total taxation (note 5a)    | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</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 £414,680 (2024: £358,555).

### 6. Distributions

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

|                               | 2025<br>£        | 2024<br>£        |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Quarter 1 income distribution | 661,488          | 637,771          |
| Interim income distribution   | 1,148,022        | 1,400,045        |
| Quarter 3 income distribution | 840,155          | 702,371          |
| Final income distribution     | 579,549          | 589,697          |
| Total net distributions       | <u>3,229,214</u> | <u>3,329,884</u> |

Reconciliation between net revenue and distributions:

|                                                          |                  |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Net revenue after taxation per Statement of total return | 2,646,559        | 2,843,373        |
| Undistributed revenue brought forward                    | 1                | 33               |
| Expenses paid from capital                               | 658,200          | 591,914          |
| Marginal tax relief                                      | (75,515)         | (105,435)        |
| Undistributed revenue carried forward                    | (31)             | (1)              |
| Distributions                                            | <u>3,229,214</u> | <u>3,329,884</u> |

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2025

|                                   |                  |                |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 7. Debtors                        | 2025             | 2024           |
|                                   | £                | £              |
| Sales awaiting settlement         | 7,157,700        | -              |
| Accrued revenue                   | 261,087          | 336,862        |
| Prepaid expenses                  | -                | 250            |
| Recoverable income tax            | 4,727            | 3,567          |
| Total debtors                     | <u>7,423,514</u> | <u>340,679</u> |
| 8. Cash and cash equivalents      | 2025             | 2024           |
|                                   | £                | £              |
| Total cash and cash equivalents   | <u>8,000,040</u> | <u>314,380</u> |
| 9. Other creditors                | 2025             | 2024           |
|                                   | £                | £              |
| Purchases awaiting settlement     | 7,340,665        | -              |
| Currency trades outstanding       | 52,625           | -              |
| Accrued expenses:                 |                  |                |
| Payable to the ACD and associates |                  |                |
| Investment Manager's fees         | <u>32,481</u>    | <u>33,128</u>  |
| Other expenses:                   |                  |                |
| Safe custody fees                 | 10,117           | 6,335          |
| Audit fee                         | 15,420           | 14,976         |
| Non-executive directors' fees     | -                | 802            |
| FCA fee                           | 579              | 274            |
| Transaction charges               | <u>3</u>         | <u>15</u>      |
|                                   | <u>26,119</u>    | <u>22,402</u>  |
| Total accrued expenses            | <u>58,600</u>    | <u>55,530</u>  |
| Total other creditors             | <u>7,451,890</u> | <u>55,530</u>  |

## 10. Commitments and contingent liabilities

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

## 11. Share classes

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

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
|                         | Income           |
| Opening shares in issue | <u>5,798,970</u> |
| Closing shares in issue | <u>5,798,970</u> |

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

## 12. Related party transactions

Tutman Fund Solutions Limited (previously Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited), as ACD is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Fund.

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

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 12. Related party transactions (continued)

Amounts payable to the ACD and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amount due to the ACD and its associates at the balance sheet date is disclosed in note 9.

The Investment Manager, Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP was a related party to the ACD as they were part of the same corporate body up until the sale to Thesis Holdings Limited on 30 June 2025.

### 13. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per income share has increased from 3,079p to 3,318p as at 5 November 2025. 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.

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<br>before<br>transaction<br>costs | Commission |   | Taxes |       | Purchases<br>after<br>transaction<br>costs |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|---|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                | £                                           | £          | % | £     | %     | £                                          |
| 2025                           |                                             |            |   |       |       |                                            |
| Collective Investment Schemes* | 30,242,555                                  | -          | - | -     | -     | 30,242,555                                 |
|                                |                                             |            |   |       |       |                                            |
|                                | Purchases<br>before<br>transaction<br>costs | Commission |   | Taxes |       | Purchases<br>after<br>transaction<br>costs |
|                                | £                                           | £          | % | £     | %     | £                                          |
| 2024                           |                                             |            |   |       |       |                                            |
| Bonds*                         | 16,561,518                                  | -          | - | -     | -     | 16,561,518                                 |
| Collective Investment Schemes* | 2,545,559                                   | -          | - | -     | -     | 2,545,559                                  |
| Total                          | 19,107,077                                  | -          | - | -     | -     | 19,107,077                                 |
|                                |                                             |            |   |       |       |                                            |
|                                | Sales<br>before<br>transaction<br>costs     | Commission |   | Taxes |       | Sales<br>after<br>transaction<br>costs     |
|                                | £                                           | £          | % | £     | %     | £                                          |
| 2025                           |                                             |            |   |       |       |                                            |
| Closed-Ended Funds             | 252,001                                     | -          | - | (2)   | 0.00% | 251,999                                    |
| Bonds*                         | 8,500,000                                   | -          | - | -     | -     | 8,500,000                                  |
| Collective Investment Schemes* | 29,667,587                                  | -          | - | -     | -     | 29,667,587                                 |
| Total                          | 38,419,588                                  | -          | - | (2)   | 0.00% | 38,419,586                                 |

\* 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<br>before<br>transaction<br>costs | Commission |   | Taxes |       | Sales<br>after<br>transaction<br>costs |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|---|-------|-------|----------------------------------------|
|                    | £                                       | £          | % | £     | %     | £                                      |
| 2024               |                                         |            |   |       |       |                                        |
| Closed-Ended Funds | 2,786,923                               | -          | - | (8)   | 0.00% | 2,786,915                              |
| Bonds*             | 8,500,000                               | -          | - | -     | -     | 8,500,000                              |
| Total              | 11,286,923                              | -          | - | (8)   | 0.00% | 11,286,915                             |

#### 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<br>net asset value |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| 2025  |   |                                 |
| Taxes | 2 | 0.00%                           |
| 2024  |   |                                 |
| Taxes | 8 | 0.00%                           |

#### 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 0.01% (2024: 0.01%).

### 15. Risk management policies

In pursuing the Fund's investment objective, as set out in the Prospectus, the following are accepted by the ACD 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 ACD'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 ACD, 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.

##### (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, collective investment schemes.

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 ACD 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.

\* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2025

### 15. Risk management policies (continued)

#### a Market risk (continued)

##### (i) Other price risk (continued)

At 31 July 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 shareholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £8,557,891 (2024: £7,672,726).

##### (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<br>instruments<br>and cash<br>holdings | Net debtors<br>and creditors | Total net<br>foreign<br>currency<br>exposure |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 2025      | £                                                | £                            | £                                            |
| US dollar | 37,738,819                                       | (4,655,458)                  | 33,083,361                                   |
|           |                                                  |                              |                                              |
|           | Financial<br>instruments<br>and cash<br>holdings | Net debtors<br>and creditors | Total net<br>foreign<br>currency<br>exposure |
| 2024      | £                                                | £                            | £                                            |
| US dollar | 29,266,727                                       | -                            | 29,266,727                                   |

At 31 July 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 shareholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £1,654,168 (2024: £1,463,336).

##### (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 amount of revenue receivable from bank balances or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

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.

There is no exposure to interest bearing securities at the balance sheet date.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 July 2025

### 15. Risk management policies (continued)

#### a Market risk (continued)

#### (iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

|             | Variable rate<br>financial<br>assets | Fixed rate<br>financial assets | Non-interest<br>bearing<br>financial assets | Non-interest<br>bearing<br>financial<br>liabilities | Total              |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2024        | £                                    | £                              | £                                           | £                                                   | £                  |
| UK sterling | 314,380                              | 8,394,770                      | 124,528,466                                 | (645,227)                                           | 132,592,389        |
| US dollar   | -                                    | -                              | 29,266,727                                  | -                                                   | 29,266,727         |
|             | <u>314,380</u>                       | <u>8,394,770</u>               | <u>153,795,193</u>                          | <u>(645,227)</u>                                    | <u>161,859,116</u> |

#### 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 Depositary 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.

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 shares 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 shares 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 shares 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 ACD 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.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 15. Risk management policies (continued)

#### 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 ACD 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.

|                        | Investment<br>assets | Investment<br>liabilities |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Basis of valuation     | 2025                 | 2025                      |
|                        | £                    | £                         |
| Quoted prices          | 35,092,300           | -                         |
| Observable market data | 136,065,515          | -                         |
| Unobservable data      | -                    | -                         |
|                        | <u>171,157,815</u>   | <u>-</u>                  |
|                        | Investment<br>assets | Investment<br>liabilities |
| Basis of valuation     | 2024                 | 2024                      |
|                        | £                    | £                         |
| Quoted prices          | 22,411,290           | -                         |
| Observable market data | 139,437,994          | -                         |
| Unobservable data      | -                    | -                         |
|                        | <u>161,849,284</u>   | <u>-</u>                  |

No securities in the portfolio of investments are valued using valuation techniques.

#### e Assets subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature

There are no assets held in the portfolio of investments which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.

#### 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 ACD 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.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 15. Risk management policies (continued)

#### f Derivatives (continued)

##### (i) Counterparties (continued)

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 Depositary.

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 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 31 July 2025

Quarter 1 distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 1 August 2024

Group 2 - Shares purchased 1 August 2024 to 31 October 2024

|         | Net<br>revenue | Equalisation | Total distribution<br>31 December 2024 | Total distribution<br>31 December 2023 |
|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Income  |                |              |                                        |                                        |
| Group 1 | 11.407         | -            | 11.407                                 | 10.998                                 |
| Group 2 | 11.407         | -            | 11.407                                 | 10.998                                 |

Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 1 November 2024

Group 2 - Shares purchased 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025

|         | Net<br>revenue | Equalisation | Total distribution<br>31 March 2025 | Total distribution<br>31 March 2024 |
|---------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Income  |                |              |                                     |                                     |
| Group 1 | 19.797         | -            | 19.797                              | 24.143                              |
| Group 2 | 19.797         | -            | 19.797                              | 24.143                              |

Quarter 3 distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 1 February 2025

Group 2 - Shares purchased 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025

|         | Net<br>revenue | Equalisation | Total distribution<br>30 June 2025 | Total distribution<br>30 June 2024 |
|---------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income  |                |              |                                    |                                    |
| Group 1 | 14.488         | -            | 14.488                             | 12.112                             |
| Group 2 | 14.488         | -            | 14.488                             | 12.112                             |

Final distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 1 May 2025

Group 2 - Shares purchased 1 May 2025 to 31 July 2025

|         | Net<br>revenue | Equalisation | Total distribution<br>30 November 2025 | Total distribution<br>30 November 2024 |
|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Income  |                |              |                                        |                                        |
| Group 1 | 9.994          | -            | 9.994                                  | 10.169                                 |
| Group 2 | 9.994          | -            | 9.994                                  | 10.169                                 |

## 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 directors<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 31 December 2024 for senior management and other MRTs detailed below has not been apportioned.

| Table to show the aggregate remuneration split by<br>Senior Management and other MRTs for EPFL |       | For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 |                    |       |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|
|                                                                                                | Fixed | Variable<br>Cash                                  | Variable<br>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 ACD has appointed Evelyn Partners Investment Management LLP ('EPIM') to provide investment management and related advisory services to the ACD. EPIM is paid a monthly fee out of the scheme property of Taber Investments Fund which is 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 quarterly on 31 December (quarter 1), 31 March (interim), 30 June (quarter 3) and 30 November (final). In the event of a distribution, shareholders will receive a tax voucher.

|                  |            |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| XD dates:        | 1 November | quarter 1 |
|                  | 1 February | interim   |
|                  | 1 May      | quarter 3 |
|                  | 1 August   | final     |
| Reporting dates: | 31 January | interim   |
|                  | 31 July    | annual    |

### Buying and selling shares

The property of the Fund is valued at 5pm every Wednesday, excluding the Wednesday falling in the same week as the last business day of the month, when the Fund will deal on that 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 ACD and the Depositary. Share dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investors can buy and sell shares at the next valuation point following receipt of the order.

Prices of shares and the estimated yield of the Fund are published on the following website: [www.trustnet.com](http://www.trustnet.com) or may be obtained by calling 0141 483 9701.

### Benchmark

Shareholders may compare the performance of the Company against the ARC Sterling Steady Growth PCI.

Comparison of the Company's performance against this benchmark will give shareholders an indication of how the Company is performing against an index based on the real performance numbers delivered to discretionary private clients by participating Investment Managers.

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

## Appointments

### ACD and Registered office

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Andrew Baddeley - resigned 31 March 2025

Mayank Prakash - resigned 30 April 2025

Brian McLean - resigned 30 June 2025

Neil Coxhead

Stephen Mugford - appointed 1 July 2025

Nicola Palios - appointed 1 July 2025

Jenny Shanley - appointed 13 October 2025

### Independent Non-Executive Directors of the ACD

Dean Buckley - resigned 30 June 2025

Victoria Muir - resigned 30 June 2025

Linda Robinson

Sally Macdonald

Carol Lawson - appointed 30 June 2025

Caroline Willson - appointed 30 June 2025

### Non-Executive Directors of the ACD

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