

The Lancaster Trust

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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The Lancaster Trust

Report of the Manager

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited ('EPFL'), as Manager, presents herewith the Annual Report for The Lancaster Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Lancaster Trust ('the Trust' or 'the Fund') is an authorised unit trust scheme further to an authorisation order dated 27 August 1996 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 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 Fund consist predominantly of securities which are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Fund 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. 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/tcfd-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 investment objective of the Trust is to provide income combined with capital growth over the medium to long term through investment in a broadly based portfolio of international securities and collective investment schemes. The Trust may also invest in money market instruments and deposits.

Investment may also be made in warrants, cash and near cash, derivatives and forward transactions and other investments to the extent that each is permitted by the Regulations.

The Trust may invest in derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes only after the Investment Manager has given not less than 60 days' notice to the unitholders.

Changes affecting the Fund in the year

There were no fundamental or significant changes to the Fund in the year.

Further information in relation to the Fund is illustrated on page 38.

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
29 April 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 and publish this assessment within the Annual Report.

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

Assessment of Value - The Lancaster Trust

In line with the provisions contained within COLL 6.6.20R, the Board of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited ('EPFL') as Authorised Fund Manager ('AFM'), has carried out an Assessment of Value for The Lancaster Trust ('the Trust'). Furthermore, the rules require that EPFL publishes these assessments.

A high-level summary of the outcome of EPFL's rigorous review of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 using the seven criteria set by the FCA is set out below:

1. Quality of Service	
2. Performance	
3. AFM Costs	
4. Economies of Scale	
5. Comparable Market Rates	
6. Comparable Services	
7. Classes of Units	
Overall Rating	

EPFL has adopted a traffic light system to show how it rated the Trust:

-  On balance, the Board believes the Trust has delivered value to unitholders, with no material issues noted.
-  On balance, the Board believes the Trust has delivered value to unitholders, but may require some action.
-  On balance, the Board believes the Trust has not delivered value to unitholders and significant remedial action is now planned by the Board.

How EPFL assessed each of the seven criteria and the rating arrived at are discussed in greater detail on the following pages.

EPFL has created an Assessment of Value Committee ('AVC'), for the review, challenge and approval of all funds' Assessments of Value. Ultimately the assessments will be subject to scrutiny by the Board (which includes independent directors) to ensure the outcomes of the assessments are clear and fair, before final sign-off by the chair of the Board prior to communicating to investors if the Trust has delivered value, and if not, where improvements need to be made.

In carrying out the assessment, the EPFL AVC has separately considered the following seven criteria stipulated by the FCA. The Committee may also have considered other issues where it was deemed appropriate.

EPFL believes the Assessment of Value can make it easier for investors to both evaluate whether the Trust is providing them with value for money and make more informed decisions when choosing investments.

The seven criteria are:

- (1) Quality of service – the quality of every aspect of the service provided, including, for example, accounting, administration, customer services and communications;
- (2) Performance – how the Trust performed, including whether it met targets and objectives, kept to relevant policy, followed relevant principles, kept to reasonable timescales;
- (3) AFM costs – the fairness and value of the Trust's costs, including entry and exit fees, early redemption fees, administration charges;
- (4) Economies of scale – how costs have been or can be reduced as a result of increased assets-under-management ('AUM'), and whether or not those savings have been passed on to investors;
- (5) Comparable market rates – how the costs of the Trust compare with others in the marketplace;
- (6) Comparable services – how the charges applied to the Trust compare with those of other funds administered by EPFL;
- (7) Classes of units – the appropriateness of the classes of units in the Trust for investors.

Assessment of Value - The Lancaster Trust (continued)

1. Quality of Service

What was assessed in this section?

Internal Factors

EPFL, as AFM, has overall responsibility for the Trust. The Board assessed, amongst other things: the day-to-day administration of the Trust; the maintenance of scheme documentation (such as prospectuses and key investor information documents ('KIIDs')); the pricing and valuation of units; the calculation of income and distribution payments; the maintenance of accounting and other records; the preparation of annual audited and half-yearly Report & Accounts; the review of tax provisions and submission of tax computations to HMRC; the dealing and settlement arrangements and the quality of marketing material sent to unitholders. EPFL delegates the Investment Management of the Trust to an Investment Management firm.

The Board reviewed information provided by EPFL's control functions on the adequacy of its internal services, including governance, operations and monitoring. Elements important to the investor experience such as the timely payment of settlement and distribution monies were also reviewed. Over the past year, EPFL has been audited by internal and external auditors, the Trustee and various EPFL delegated Investment Managers.

External Factors

The Board assessed the delegate's skills, processes and experience. Also considered were any results from service review meetings as well as the annual due diligence performed by EPFL on the delegated Investment Manager, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited ('Canaccord'), where consideration was given to, amongst other things, the delegate's controls around the Trust's liquidity management.

The Board also considered the nature, extent and quality of administrative and investor services performed under separate agreements covering trustee services, custody, as well as services provided with regard to both audit and legal functions.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

Internal Factors

The Board recognised that all distribution and settlement monies were paid in a timely manner and that there were no significant findings as a result of the various audits performed on EPFL during the year. In addition, EPFL has performed its own independent analysis, using automated systems, of the Trust's liquidity. The Board concluded that EPFL had carried out its duties diligently.

External Factors

The Board concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the external parties have benefitted and should continue to benefit the Trust and its investors.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions.

2. Performance

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the performance of the Trust, after the deduction of all payments out of the scheme property as set out in the Prospectus. Performance, against the benchmark, was considered over appropriate timescales having regard to the Trusts investment objective, policy and strategy. The Board also considered whether an appropriate level of market risk had been taken.

Investment Objective

The Trust seeks to provide income combined with capital growth over the medium to long term through investment in a broadly based portfolio of international securities and collective investment schemes.

Assessment of Value - The Lancaster Trust (continued)

2. Performance (continued)

Benchmark

As AFM, EPFL is required to explain in a fund's scheme documentation why a benchmark is being used or alternatively explain how investors should assess performance of a fund in the absence of a benchmark.

The benchmark for the Trust is the IA Flexible sector which is a comparator. A 'comparator' benchmark is an index or similar factor against which an Investment Manager invites investors to compare a fund's performance. Details of how the Trust had performed against its comparator benchmark over various timescales can be found below.

Cumulative Performance as at 30.11.2024 (%)

	Currency	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	23.07.2020 to 29.11.2024
IA Flexible sector	GBX	13.35	15.96	31.81	32.97
The Lancaster Trust	GBP	14.67	19.51	29.72	37.02

Data provided by FE Fundinfo. Care has been taken to ensure that the information is correct but FE Fundinfo neither warrants, represents nor guarantees the contents of the information, nor does FE Fundinfo accept any responsibility for errors, inaccuracies, omissions or any inconsistencies herein.

Performance is calculated net of fees. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board assessed the performance of the Trust over its minimum recommended holding period of five years and observed that it has underperformed its comparator benchmark, the IA Flexible sector. The Board did however note that since the change in Investment Manager to Canaccord in July 2020, the Trust had outperformed its comparator benchmark.

EPFL assessed the investment risk within the Fund, focusing amongst other things on volatility and risk adjusted returns. The Board concluded that the level of investment risk is appropriate, within its mandated parameters, without taking excessive risk for an actively managed Fund of this type.

The Board found that the Trust is investing in the asset classes permitted by the investment policy and that there have been no breaches of the policy in the last 12 months.

As a result of the above analysis, the Board felt that an Amber rating was appropriate.

Were there any follow up actions?

EPFL will continue to monitor performance through its normal oversight process, at least bi-annually.

3. AFM Costs

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed each separate charge to ensure that they were reasonable and reflected the services provided. This included the annual management charge ('AMC'), Trustee/Custodian fees and audit fee. The AMC includes the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee.

The charges should be transparent and understandable to the investor, with no hidden costs.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board received and considered information about each of the Trust's costs, and concluded that they were fair, reasonable and were provided on a competitive basis.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

4. Economies of Scale

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed each separate fee structure and the AUM of the Trust to examine the effect on the Trust to potential and existing investors should it increase or decrease in value.

Assessment of Value - The Lancaster Trust (continued)

4. Economies of Scale (continued)

What was the outcome of the assessment?

Both the Investment Manager's fee and AFM fee are on a fixed percentage charge meaning there are no opportunities for savings going forward should the Trust grow in size.

The ancillary charges¹ of the Trust represent 38 basis points². Some of these costs are fixed and as the Trust grows in size, may result in a small reduction in the basis point cost of these services.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

5. Comparable Market Rates

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the ongoing charges figure ('OCF') of the Trust, and how those charges affect the returns of the Trust.

The OCF of the Trust was compared against the 'market rate' of similar external funds.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The OCF of 2.02%³ was more expensive than those of similar externally managed funds and as a result an Amber rating was given.

Note that EPFL has not charged an entry fee, exit fee or any other event-based fees on this Trust.

Were there any follow up actions?

There was no further action required as the Board were of the opinion that no element within the OCF gave any cause for concern.

6. Comparable Services

What was assessed in this section?

The Board compared the Investment Manager's fee with those of other funds administered by EPFL having regard to size, investment objectives and policies.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Investment Manager's fee compared favourably with other EPFL administered funds displaying similar characteristics.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

7. Classes of Units

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the Trust's set-up to ensure that where there were multiple unit classes, unitholders were in the correct unit class given the size of their holding.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

There is only one unit class in the Trust, therefore this part of the assessment does not apply.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

¹ Ancillary charge is any charge paid directly out of the Fund in addition to the AMC, e.g., Auditor, Custodian or Depositary fees.

² One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01%. Figure calculated at interim report, 30 June 2024.

³ Figures at interim report 30 June 2024.

Assessment of Value - The Lancaster Trust (continued)

Overall Assessment of Value

The Board acknowledged the Amber ratings in Sections 2 and 5 but were still of the opinion that The Lancaster Trust had provided value to investors.

Dean Buckley

Chairman of the Board of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited

28 March 2025

On reviewing this Assessment of Value report, we would welcome invaluable feedback from investors via our short questionnaire which can be found online:

<https://www.evelyn.com/services/fund-solutions/assessment-of-value/>

Investors' views are invaluable to the development and delivery of this report.

Should you be unable to access the questionnaire online please contact us directly on 0141 222 1151 and we will provide you with a paper copy of the questionnaire.

Report of the Trustee to the unitholders of The Lancaster 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

29 April 2025

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of The Lancaster Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Lancaster Trust (the 'Trust') for the year ended 31 December 2024, 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 31 December 2024 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.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Trust'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 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 The Lancaster Trust (continued)

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Manager's responsibilities set out on page 3, 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;
- The completeness and classification of special dividends between revenue and capital; and
- The valuation of material level 3 investments.

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of The Lancaster 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;
- Testing how management made the estimate of material level 3 investments, evaluating the methodology adopted and assessing the suitability of data and significant assumptions by reference to supporting evidence;
- 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
29 April 2025

Accounting policies of The Lancaster Trust

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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').

The Manager 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 Manager 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 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 31 December 2024.

Structured products are valued at fair value and calculated by an independent source. Structured product holdings in the portfolio statement are valued using valuation models where the inputs are unobservable. The ACD engages a third party to provide valuations for these investments.

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.

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.

Accounting policies of The Lancaster Trust (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

d Revenue (continued)

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.

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 31 December 2024 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.

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 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.

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*

Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited ('CGW') took over management of The Lancaster Trust on 1 August 2020. The investment performance of the Trust is summarised as follows:

The Lancaster Trust - 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024	5.21%
The Lancaster Trust - 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024	3.51%
The Lancaster Trust - 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024	-1.02%
The Lancaster Trust - 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024	5.24%
The Lancaster Trust - 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 [^]	12.10%
Since CGW Management 1 August 2020 to 31 December 2023	48.28%
IA Flexible Sector - 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 [^]	9.42%

Investment activities**

At the end of the year, the asset allocation was as follows: Fixed Income 13%, Equities 82%, Alternatives 4%, Cash 1%.

Investment strategy and outlook***

The investment strategy of the Fund is to provide capital growth.

We have often referred to this decade as the 'turbulent twenties'. For both global citizens and investors, it has been a period of significant volatility. In contrast, the previous decade – the 'easy tens' – presented smoother conditions for both living and investing. However, 2024 has marked a shift from this turbulent trend. While there has been political and geopolitical volatility, the global economy, inflation, and interest rates have generally followed the forecasts we outlined at the start of the year, remaining relatively predictable.

Additionally, further gains in both fixed interest and equities between the end of September and end of December 2024 has seen continued recovery from the challenges of 2022. Our base case for 2025 is that the positive investor environment will continue, even as uncertainty returns with the re-election of Donald Trump in the US. We expect 2025 could become the 'great unknown'.

The term 'great unknown' isn't meant to sound negative. It simply reflects the uncertainty around how economic growth and inflation may progress in 2025, especially given the shifting outlook following President-elect Trump's re-election and the Republican Party taking control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Trump and this period of 'great unknown', bring both positive and negative potential outcomes across the key economic factors we use that shape our clients' investment strategies.

From an economic perspective, 2024 ended as it started, with the global economy showing a trend of 'solid, but unspectacular' growth. The US economy remains the strongest globally; Europe is lagging; China has been weak. US consumer strength has been a key driver of economic activity, while global manufacturing has been a drag. As we finish up on 2024, the important question is how will the global economy fare in 2025?

Simply, we expect more of the same in 2025. There are still no clear signs of a global recession, which is positive. The US economy continues to perform well and the incoming President Trump will probably be a positive for growth. China's government is finally taking steps to stimulate the economy, which could bolster global growth after a period of weakness and low consumer and corporate confidence. Europe is likely to remain economically stagnant, as concerns over Trump's trade policies and political instability suppress economic confidence. In the UK, economic momentum has been slow under the Labour government with Prime Minister Keir Starmer's cautious approach dispelling early signs of optimism. We hope the government's initial reset helps restore confidence in the months ahead.

As mentioned, inflation rates have generally followed the path we expected in 2024. We have seen a period of disinflation, with prices still rising but at a far less severe pace than we saw in the post Covid-19 years. This trend is likely to continue into early 2025, though medium-term uncertainty remains due to factors like incoming President Trump and China's government stimulus. Looking ahead to 2025, we need to watch for signs of a potential 'second wave' of inflation, about which investors and central banks have become very complacent. Like economic growth, the inflation outlook becomes increasingly uncertain as 2025 progress.

[^] Source: FE Fundinfo.

* Source: Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited. Performance is calculated on a total return basis using the time weighted rate of return. Both Income returns and external cash flows, to and from, the portfolio are considered.

** Source: Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited.

* Source: Richard Champion, Lancaster Trust Co-Chief Investment Officer and Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited.

Investment Manager's report (continued)

Investment strategy and outlook (continued)*

Rising uncertainty over economic activity and inflation makes the direction of interest rates more difficult to predict. We anticipate another couple of rate cuts from both the Bank of England and US Federal Reserve, before both central banks adopt a 'hold' stance. There is a stronger argument for UK rates to go lower, but persistent inflation concerns make justifying further rate cuts challenging. Our base case remains that UK and US interest rates will settle between 3.5% and 4%, although we need to keep open-minded over this subject as well.

Interest rate cuts helped fuel the positive investment environment in 2024. However, it's important to note that 2024 was also a strong year for corporate profit growth, which further contributed to the rise in global equity markets. In the US, corporate earnings, revenues and profit margins have all seen impressive growth. Globally, there have been strong earnings stories too. Looking ahead, much is expected for next year, and any disappointment in corporate earnings could pose a risk to markets. However, assuming some economic growth, relatively stable inflation, and further interest rate cuts, 2025 could still be a favourable year for investors.

Even if global equity markets rise in 2025, the pattern of market returns could look different. We live in a world of extreme divergence, where the US stock market is extremely popular with sentiment red hot. Much of the positive news appears factored in, with expectations for continued success, leaving little room for disappointment in earnings growth or expected corporate tax cuts under incoming President Trump and his Republican administration. These risks must be carefully considered, as they could challenge the sustainability of extended market gains following a period of strong performance.

Elsewhere in global equity markets, fear and apathy persists in regions like the UK, Europe and China. Expectations are low, positioning is light, and a classic contrarian opportunity may be emerging. While betting strongly against continued US equity outperformance may be unwise, various factors indicate the potential for a reversal and a period of relative strength in those markets that have underperformed in recent years. Should any signs of optimism emerge in these unloved markets, investor sentiment could shift rapidly as, unlike the US, little is expected, and all hope appears scarce.

In 2024, technology companies and banks led the performance, which might seem an unlikely, non-complementary pairing. However, both solid operating performance and the fact that they could thrive under President Trump offers an explanation. Meanwhile, defensive sectors like consumer staples and healthcare lagged, despite posting modest positive returns. We believe these out-of-favour, but dependable sectors could perform well next year, especially if the economic optimism surrounding incoming President Trump proves misplaced. The valuations of these companies remain relatively cheap and may attract investors if conditions turn less favourable than expected.

In bond markets, valuations are not an issue, even if credit spreads (the additional income return investors receive over government bonds) are tight. Fixed interest markets remain supported by strong demand, lower inflation and expectations for interest rate cuts. However, we are not complacent and are becoming more selective in choosing our fixed interest investments, as well as focusing on more high-quality bonds. We anticipate a positive year for fixed interest next year. The key risks to this outlook are potential pressures from expected government debt issuance and any unexpected rise in inflation, which is not currently priced into the markets.

Our current assessment of an uncertain year ahead leads us to expect a third year of positive returns in 2025. However, we must remain vigilant, remembering that we are operating in what has been a turbulent decade. Stretched valuations and investor excitement in the US pose the risk of a period of consolidation or correction at the start of next year. While this could be uncomfortable in the short term, it would allow us to recalibrate our investment strategy and potentially take advantage of any market volatility.

That said, the combination of current macro and micro realities suggests 2025 could be a satisfactory period for investors. Our investment strategies reflect this outlook, with a base case for 2025 projecting positive returns from both equities and fixed interest. However, we expect volatility to remain elevated, and the shape of market returns may differ from this year. We remain balanced and diversified, closely monitoring developments in the US, China and Europe.

Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited
17 January 2025

* Source: Richard Champion, Lancaster Trust Co-Chief Investment Officer and Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited.

Portfolio changes

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

	Cost
Purchases:	£
JP Morgan Structured Products BV 0% 23/07/2030	225,050

	Proceeds
Sales:	£
Goldman Sachs & Co Wertpapier 0% 04/07/2028	225,740
LF Lindsell Train UK Equity Fund	91,707
North American Income Trust	86,669
Invesco Fixed Interest Investment Series - Corporate Bond Fund	51,327
BB Healthcare Trust	43,497

Portfolio statement
as at 31 December 2024

	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Investment			
Debt Securities* 6.86% (7.18%)			
Aa3 to A1 0.99% (1.01%)			
UK Treasury Index-Linked Gilt 0.125% 22/03/2026**	£41,300	62,171	0.99
Baa1 to Baa2 5.87% (6.17%)			
Barclays 8.407% 14/11/2032**	£170,000	181,466	2.90
HSBC Holdings 8.201% 16/11/2034**	£170,000	185,769	2.97
		367,235	5.87
Total debt securities		429,406	6.86
Equities 24.84% (22.06%)			
Equities - United Kingdom 5.16% (5.48%)			
Energy 1.43% (1.56%)			
Shell	3,629	89,854	1.43
Industrials 2.02% (2.04%)			
BAE Systems	11,000	126,280	2.02
Consumer Discretionary 0.72% (0.61%)			
Compass Group	1,700	45,203	0.72
Financials 0.38% (0.56%)			
Prudential	3,760	23,944	0.38
Utilities 0.61% (0.71%)			
National Grid	3,987	37,845	0.61
Total equities - United Kingdom		323,126	5.16
Equities - France 2.38% (3.20%)			
L'Oréal	230	64,892	1.04
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	160	84,068	1.34
Total equities - France		148,960	2.38
Equities - North America 14.78% (12.02%)			
Equities - Canada 0.00% (0.00%)			
Poseidon Concepts^	3,250	-	-

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

** Variable interest security.

^ Poseidon Concepts filed for insolvency in April 2013, thus is reflected in the portfolio of investments with a value of nil (2023 £nil).

Portfolio statement (continued)
as at 31 December 2024

	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Investment			
Equities (continued)			
Equities - North America (continued)			
Equities - United States 14.78% (12.02%)			
Alphabet 'C'	2,000	304,104	4.86
Apple	1,880	375,865	6.00
Berkshire Hathaway	70	25,340	0.40
Honeywell International	370	66,735	1.07
Mastercard	44	18,521	0.30
Microsoft	400	134,551	2.15
Total equities - United States		<u>925,116</u>	<u>14.78</u>
Total equities - North America		<u>925,116</u>	<u>14.78</u>
Equities - Taiwan 2.52% (1.36%)			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	1,000	<u>157,753</u>	<u>2.52</u>
Total equities		<u>1,554,955</u>	<u>24.84</u>
Closed-Ended Funds 38.86% (38.25%)			
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom 33.21% (32.40%)			
Ashoka India Equity Investment Trust	120,000	358,800	5.73
Blackrock Throgmorton Trust	25,500	149,940	2.39
Fidelity Asian Values	20,000	100,800	1.61
Fidelity Special Values	120,000	375,000	5.99
Impax Environmental Markets	57,500	221,375	3.53
JPMorgan American Investment Trust	20,000	224,000	3.58
JPMorgan US Smaller Companies Investment Trust	20,000	94,800	1.51
Polar Capital Technology Trust	110,600	385,441	6.15
Schroder Asian Total Return Investment	10,000	48,200	0.77
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust	12,900	122,060	1.95
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom		<u>2,080,416</u>	<u>33.21</u>
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 5.65% (5.85%)			
Fair Oaks Income	400,000	170,872	2.73
TwentyFour Income Fund	170,000	182,920	2.92
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom		<u>353,792</u>	<u>5.65</u>
Total closed-ended funds		<u>2,434,208</u>	<u>38.86</u>
Collective Investment Schemes 24.29% (25.92%)			
UK Authorised Collective Investment Schemes 15.53% (17.35%)			
Fundsmith Equity Fund	121,520	871,769	13.92
Schroder Asian Income Fund	120,000	101,112	1.61
Total UK authorised collective investment schemes		<u>972,881</u>	<u>15.53</u>

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 31 December 2024

	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Investment			
Collective Investment Schemes (continued)			
Offshore Collective Investment Schemes 8.76% (8.57%)			
iShares - iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	5,008	39,718	0.63
L&G Battery Value-Chain UCITS ETF	11,000	149,688	2.39
L&G Cyber Security UCITS ETF USD ACC	7,575	173,430	2.77
L&G ROBO Global Robotics and Automation UCITS ETF USD	7,200	130,572	2.08
Schroder ISF Asian Total Return	124	55,536	0.89
Total offshore collective investment schemes		<u>548,944</u>	<u>8.76</u>
Total collective investment schemes		<u>1,521,825</u>	<u>24.29</u>
Structured Products 3.52% (3.41%)			
JP Morgan Structured Products BV 0% 23/07/2030	225,000	<u>220,734</u>	<u>3.52</u>
Portfolio of investments		6,161,128	98.37
Other net assets		102,172	1.63
Total net assets		<u>6,263,300</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 December 2023.

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.

	2024	2023	2022
Income	p	p	p
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	117.85	105.06	122.47
Return before operating charges	16.20	15.33	(14.59)
Operating charges	(2.47)	(2.22)	(2.36)
Return after operating charges *	13.73	13.11	(16.95)
Distributions [^]	(0.53)	(0.32)	(0.46)
Closing net asset value per unit	131.05	117.85	105.06
 * after direct transaction costs of:	 0.00	 0.02	 0.00
Performance			
Return after charges	11.65%	12.48%	(13.84%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	6,263,300	5,976,932	5,966,586
Closing number of units	4,779,442	5,071,517	5,679,362
Operating charges ^{^^}	1.98%	1.99%	2.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%
Published prices			
Highest offer unit price	144.0	128.2	129.3
Lowest bid unit price	116.3	106.5	102.6

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.

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Statement of total return

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital gains	2		642,908		683,983
Revenue	3	133,609		123,540	
Expenses	4	<u>(106,490)</u>		<u>(104,455)</u>	
Net revenue before taxation		27,119		19,085	
Taxation	5	<u>(1,664)</u>		<u>(2,521)</u>	
Net revenue after taxation			<u>25,455</u>		<u>16,564</u>
Total return before distributions			668,363		700,547
Distributions	6		(25,486)		(16,544)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			<u>642,877</u>		<u>684,003</u>

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the year ended 31 December 2024

		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders			5,976,932		5,966,586
Amounts receivable on issue of units		-		13,709	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units		<u>(356,509)</u>		<u>(687,366)</u>	
			(356,509)		(673,657)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			642,877		684,003
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders			<u>6,263,300</u>		<u>5,976,932</u>

Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		6,161,128	5,787,165
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	14,500	17,390
Cash and bank balances	8	108,544	200,509
Total assets		<u>6,284,172</u>	<u>6,005,064</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable		(10,228)	(10,549)
Other creditors	9	(10,644)	(17,583)
Total liabilities		<u>(20,872)</u>	<u>(28,132)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders		<u><u>6,263,300</u></u>	<u><u>5,976,932</u></u>

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

The accounting policies are disclosed on pages 13 and 14.

2. Net capital gains

	2024	2023
	£	£
Non-derivative securities - realised gains	37,622	15,317
Non-derivative securities - movement in unrealised gains	589,385	674,980
Derivative contracts - realised gains	25,690	-
Derivative contracts - movement in unrealised losses	(8,199)	(3,883)
Currency losses	-	(597)
Transaction charges	(1,590)	(1,834)
Total net capital gains	<u>642,908</u>	<u>683,983</u>

3. Revenue

	2024	2023
	£	£
UK revenue	47,303	64,751
Unfranked revenue	1,048	3,010
Overseas revenue	56,575	41,415
Interest on debt securities	28,195	11,965
Bank and deposit interest	488	2,399
Total revenue	<u>133,609</u>	<u>123,540</u>

4. Expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payable to the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge*	99,824	97,833
Annual management charge rebate*	<u>(14,466)</u>	<u>(13,344)</u>
	<u>85,358</u>	<u>84,489</u>
Payable to the Trustee		
Trustee fees	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	8,700	7,632
Non-executive directors' fees	1,416	2,542
Safe custody fees	286	265
Bank interest	1,155	-
FCA fee	75	69
KIID production fee	500	458
	<u>12,132</u>	<u>10,966</u>
Total expenses	<u>106,490</u>	<u>104,455</u>

* The annual management charge is 1.65% and includes the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee. 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 31 December 2024, the annual management charge after rebates is 1.41%.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

5. Taxation

	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>a. Analysis of the tax charge for the year</i>		
Overseas tax withheld	1,664	2,521
Total taxation (note 5b)	<u>1,664</u>	<u>2,521</u>

b. Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2023: lower) than the standard rate of UK corporation tax for an authorised collective investment scheme of 20% (2023: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net revenue before taxation	<u>27,119</u>	<u>19,085</u>
Corporation tax @ 20%	5,424	3,817
Effects of:		
UK revenue	(9,461)	(12,950)
Overseas revenue	(2,937)	(4,380)
Overseas tax withheld	1,664	2,521
Excess management expenses	6,974	13,513
Total taxation (note 5a)	<u>1,664</u>	<u>2,521</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 £331,597 (2023: £324,623).

6. Distributions

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interim income distribution	15,138	5,676
Final income distribution	10,228	10,549
	<u>25,366</u>	<u>16,225</u>
Equalisation:		
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	120	319
Total net distributions	<u>25,486</u>	<u>16,544</u>

Reconciliation between net revenue and distributions:

Net revenue after taxation per Statement of total return	25,455	16,564
Undistributed revenue brought forward	45	25
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(14)	(45)
Distributions	<u>25,486</u>	<u>16,544</u>

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

7. Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued revenue	14,441	16,351
Prepaid expenses	59	56
	<u>14,500</u>	<u>16,407</u>
Payable from the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge rebate	-	983
	<u>-</u>	<u>983</u>
Total debtors	<u>14,500</u>	<u>17,390</u>
8. Cash and bank balances	2024	2023
	£	£
Total cash and bank balances	<u>108,544</u>	<u>200,509</u>
9. Other creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued expenses:		
Payable to the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge	-	8,059
Other expenses:		
Trustee fees	-	49
Safe custody fees	127	74
Audit fee	8,700	7,632
Non-executive directors' fees	1,536	1,498
Transaction charges	281	271
	<u>10,644</u>	<u>9,524</u>
Total other creditors	<u>10,644</u>	<u>17,583</u>
10. Commitments and contingent liabilities		
At the balance sheet date there are no commitments or contingent liabilities.		
11. Unit classes		
The following reflects the change in units in issue in the year:		
		Income
Opening units in issue		5,071,517
Total units cancelled in the year		(292,075)
Closing units in issue		<u>4,779,442</u>

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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.

13. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per income unit has decreased from 131.1p to 117.4p as at 15 April 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 before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Purchases after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2024						
Structured Products	225,000	50	0.02%	-	-	225,050
	Purchases before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Purchases after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2023						
Closed-Ended Funds	335,910	60	0.02%	2	0.00%	335,972
Bonds	343,324	100	0.03%	-	-	343,424
Collective Investment Schemes	200,000	30	0.02%	20	0.01%	200,050
Total	879,234	190	0.07%	22	0.01%	879,446

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14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

	Sales before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Sales after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2024						
Closed-Ended Funds	130,228	(60)	0.05%	(2)	0.00%	130,166
Collective Investment Schemes*	143,034	-	-	-	-	143,034
Structured Products*	225,740	-	-	-	-	225,740
Total	499,002	(60)	0.05%	(2)	0.00%	498,940

	Sales before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Sales after transaction costs
	£	£	%	£	%	£
2023						
Equities	874,840	(760)	0.09%	(11)	0.00%	874,079
Closed-Ended Funds	484,329	(210)	0.04%	(6)	0.00%	484,113
Exchange Traded Commodities	208,116	(60)	0.03%	-	-	208,056
Total	1,567,285	(1,030)	0.16%	(17)	0.00%	1,566,248

Capital events amount of £2,208 (2023: £12,630) 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
2024		
Commission	110	0.00%
Taxes	2	0.00%
2023		
Commission	1,220	0.02%
Taxes	39	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 0.32% (2023: 0.32%).

* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

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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.

(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 main elements of the portfolio of investments exposed to this risk are equities, collective investment schemes and closed-ended funds, which are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement.

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 31 December 2024, 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 £275,549 (2023: £257,712).

(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.

Forward currency contracts are used to help the Fund achieve its investment objective as stated in the Prospectus. The Manager monitors the exposure to these contracts to ensure they are in keeping with the investment objective.

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
	£	£	£
2024			
Euro	148,960	-	148,960
US dollar	1,253,762	382	1,254,144
Total foreign currency exposure	1,402,722	382	1,403,104

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

	Financial instruments and cash holdings	Net debtors and creditors	Total net foreign currency exposure
2023	£	£	£
Euro	191,472	-	191,472
US dollar	970,713	297	971,010
Total foreign currency exposure	1,162,185	297	1,162,482

At 31 December 2024, 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 £70,155 (2023: £58,124).

(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 floating rate securities and 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	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2024	£	£	£	£
Euro	-	148,960	-	148,960
UK sterling	537,929	4,343,139	(20,872)	4,860,196
US dollar	21	1,254,123	-	1,254,144
	537,950	5,746,222	(20,872)	6,263,300

	Variable rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2023	£	£	£	£
Euro	-	191,472	-	191,472
UK sterling	629,490	4,213,092	(28,132)	4,814,450
US dollar	20	970,990	-	971,010
	629,510	5,375,554	(28,132)	5,976,932

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 debt securities held within the portfolio are investment grade bonds. A breakdown is provided in the Portfolio statement. 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
	2024	2024
	£	£
Basis of valuation		
Quoted prices	4,544,742	-
Observable market data	1,395,652	-
Unobservable data*	220,734	-
	<u>6,161,128</u>	<u>-</u>
	Investment assets	Investment liabilities
	2023	2023
	£	£
Basis of valuation		
Quoted prices	4,126,993	-
Observable market data	1,456,239	-
Unobservable data*	203,933	-
	<u>5,787,165</u>	<u>-</u>

Structured product holdings in the portfolio statement are valued using valuation models where the inputs are unobservable. The ACD engages a third party to provide valuations for these investments.

*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.

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

Poseidon Concepts filed for insolvency in April 2013, thus is reflected in the portfolio of investments with a value of nil (2023 £nil).

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:

	2024	2023
	% of the total net asset value	% of the total net asset value
Poseidon Concepts	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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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.

In the year the Fund had exposure to derivatives embedded in structured products. On a daily basis, exposure is calculated in UK sterling using the commitment approach with netting applied where appropriate. The total global exposure figure is divided by the net asset value of the Fund to calculate the percentage global exposure. Global exposure is a risk mitigation technique that monitors the overall commitment to derivatives in a Fund at any given time and may not exceed 100% of the net asset value of the property of the Fund.

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.

In the year, the Fund held structured products with embedded derivatives. Exposure created by underlying derivatives is monitored by the Manager as well as the rating of the issuer of the structured product. A third party is used to verify the prices of the structured products.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes and as a result could potentially impact upon the risk factors outlined above.

(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.

As at the balance sheet date, the leverage was 103.59%.

(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 the global exposure is as follows:

	Gross exposure value £	% of the total net asset value
Investment		
Structured Products		
JP Morgan Structured Products BV 0% 23/07/2030	225,050	3.59%
There have been no collateral arrangements in the year.		

Distribution table

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Interim distribution in pence per unit

Group 1 - Units purchased before 1 January 2024

Group 2 - Units purchased 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 31 August 2024	Total distribution 31 August 2023
Income				
Group 1	0.313	-	0.313	0.110
Group 2	0.313	-	0.313	0.110

Final distribution in pence per unit

Group 1 - Units purchased before 1 July 2024

Group 2 - Units purchased 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 28 February 2025	Total distribution 29 February 2024
Income				
Group 1	0.214	-	0.214	0.208
Group 2	0.214	-	0.214	0.208

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 2023 includes details on the remuneration policy. The remuneration committee comprises five non-executive directors¹ and is governed by formal terms of reference, which are reviewed and agreed by the board. The committee met eight times during 2023.

Remuneration policy

The main principles of the remuneration policy are:

- to align remuneration with the strategy and performance of the business;
- to ensure that remuneration is set at an appropriate and competitive level taking into account market rates and practices;
- to foster and support conduct and behaviours which are in line with our culture and values;
- to maintain a sound risk management framework;
- to ensure that the ratio between fixed and variable remuneration is appropriate and does not encourage excessive risk taking;
- to comply with all relevant regulatory requirements; and
- to align incentive plans with the business strategy and shareholder interests.

The policy is designed to reward partners, directors and employees for delivery of both financial and non-financial objectives which are set in line with company strategy. As part of a "balanced scorecard" approach to variable remuneration non-financial criteria including, but not limited to, compliance and risk issues, client management, supervision, leadership and teamwork are considered alongside financial performance.

Remuneration systems

The committee reviews all partners' and directors' fixed and variable remuneration. In addition, it approves hurdles and awards in respect of equity incentive plans, namely a Deferred Option Plan, Equity Matching Plan, Matching Share Plan, Executive Long Term Incentive Plan and an Investment Management Long Term Incentive Plan.

The remuneration of partners is made up of a fixed profit share, discretionary bonus profit share and non-discretionary bonus profit share. The remuneration of employees typically comprises of a salary with benefits including pension contribution, life assurance, permanent health insurance, private medical insurance, SAYE scheme and a discretionary bonus scheme. Partners, directors and associate directors are also eligible to participate, at the invitation of the committee, in the equity incentive plans described above.

When setting variable remuneration for the executive directors, the committee considers overall business profit for the group and divisions, achievement of both financial and non-financial objectives (including adherence to the principles of treating customers fairly, conduct risk, compliance and regulatory rules), personal performance and any other relevant policy of the board in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023. The committee agrees the individual allocation of variable remuneration and the proportion of that variable remuneration to be awarded as restricted shares.

¹ Please note that the data provided for the independent non-executive directors is as at 31 December 2023. 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 72 employees is £3.51 million of which £3.23 million is fixed remuneration. This is based on the salary and benefits for those identified as working in EPFL as at 31 December 2023. Any variable remuneration is awarded for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 2023 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 2023 to 31 December 2023			
	Fixed	Variable Cash	Variable Equity	Total	No. MRTs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Senior Management	3,518	1,662	-	5,180	18
Other MRTs	919	848	-	1,767	5
Total	4,437	2,510	-	6,947	23

Investment Manager

The Manager delegates the management of the Fund's portfolio of assets to Canaccord Genuity Wealth Limited ('Canaccord') and pays to Canaccord, out of the annual management charge, a monthly fee calculated on the total value of the portfolio of investments at the month end. Canaccord 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 semi-annually on the last day in February (final) and 31 August (interim). In the event of a distribution, shareholders will receive a tax voucher.

XD dates:	1 January	final
	1 July	interim
Reporting dates:	31 December	annual
	30 June	interim

Buying and selling units

The property of the Fund is valued at 12 noon on 15th day of each month, or the preceding business day if the 15th is not a business day, and the last business day of the month with the exception of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve or a bank holiday in England and Wales, or the last business day prior to those days where the valuation may be carried out at an agreed time in advance between the Manager and Trustee. Prices of units are calculated as at that time. Unit dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investments 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 Trust against the IA Flexible sector. Comparison of the Trust's performance against this benchmark will give unitholders an indication of how the Trust is performing against other similar funds in this peer group sector. The Manager has selected this comparator benchmark as the Manager believes it best reflects the asset allocation of the Trust.

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

Appointments

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Brian McLean

Mayank Prakash

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Dean Buckley

Linda Robinson

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