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American Franchise Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in the shares of US companies or companies which carry out a large proportion of their business activities in the US.

The Fund focuses investment on companies deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality i.e. companies which have provided sustainably high levels of return on invested capital and free cash flow (a company's cash earnings after its capital expenditures have been accounted for), typically those associated with strong brands or franchises.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund uses the S&P 500 Net Return Index for performance comparison.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The assets of the Fund therefore may be very different from the index.

The Investment Association North America Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
American Franchise Fund 'I' accumulation shares	10.17*
Performance comparison index	3.60**
Peer group sector average	3.55**

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American Franchise Fund (continued)

Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed the comparison index and peer group sector average in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors helping performance

Contributors included stock selection in financials – notably avoiding banks – and our lack of exposure to energy – which, despite a second quarter rally, was still almost one-third down for the first half of the year. Stock selection in consumer staples also helped relative returns, with their defensive nature in the first quarter particularly notable.

In terms of specific stocks, software maker Microsoft also had a strong period amid increased remote work that accelerated demand for its cloud-computing products. Our position in smokeless tobacco manufacturer Swedish Match contributed on the back of continued strong performance through the pandemic. In financials, credit rating agency S&P Global rallied on the back of the positive outlook for credit issuance coupled with rising equity market prices (through which it earns revenues via its indexing business). Index provider MSCI benefited from its defensive nature, in addition to reporting total operating revenues growth for 2019, with an outlook that implied continued margin expansion was possible. Internet domain registration company VeriSign also outperformed.

Factors hindering performance

In terms of detractors, stock selection in the underperforming consumer discretionary sector and the outperforming health care sector, hurt the most. At the stock level, not holding Amazon and Apple were the largest detractors over the period in relative terms. We don't hold these stocks on valuation grounds.

In terms of those stocks held, online travel portal Booking Holdings was the largest detractor amid the global travel freeze. US asset manager Charles Schwab underperformed as it faces headwinds from the exceptionally low interest rate environment – Schwab earns interest on its considerable cash balance. Media company Fox Corporation detracted from returns, as investors perceived some cyclical risk to the company's advertising revenues amid uncertainty regarding the impact of coronavirus on US cable subscribers. Medical technology company Becton, Dickinson also fell, partly due to sentiment and partly due to its US\$1.5 billion share sale to fund its growth plans. We continue to hold the above stocks.

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

Align Technology, Automatic Data Processing, Activision Blizzard, Alcon, Booking, Charles Schwab, Becton Dickinson, Intuit, O'Reilly Automotive, Agilent Technologies.

Significant sales

Medtronic, Fair Isaac, PayPal, Waters, Compass, Stryker, Microsoft, Visa, Alphabet, VeriSign.

American Franchise Fund (continued)

Outlook

As we embark on the second half of what has already been a remarkable year, investors face a number of challenges. Firstly, understanding the evolving impact of COVID-19 on economies and companies will present a continual difficulty. It remains to be seen whether the easing of lockdowns across the world will result in 'second waves', or whether an evolving understanding of coronavirus will help keep severe spikes at bay. Simultaneously, economies are likely to witness profound changes as consumers and businesses adapt to the situation, which will have further implications for many sectors and industries, as some suffer while others benefit from societal changes.

As we noted last quarter, the speed and magnitude of fiscal and monetary responses were encouraging against the backdrop of plunging economic activity in the midst of the crisis. However, we still expect to see multiple second and third order impacts on industries, some of which may not become apparent for some time. Additionally, with equity markets around the world staging an impressive recovery since March, investors must question the degree to which risks are being reflected in asset prices. Rather than attempt to make top-down forecasts, our assessment of the macro and market environment is typically made at the underlying stock level. We continue to analyse companies' abilities to navigate these uncertain times, assessing their likely ability to emerge from the crisis in positions of competitive strength.

Overall, we believe that the Quality attributes we seek (enduring competitive advantages, dominant market positions, strong balance sheets, lower cyclicalities, low capital intensity, sustainable cash generation and disciplined capital allocation) are all well suited to both current conditions and for any structural changes sparked by this crisis. We continue to look carefully for opportunities at the stock level, focusing on those quality companies likely to be able to withstand the disruption caused by COVID-19, with seemingly strong balance sheets and relatively low economic sensitivity, trading at attractive valuations with longer term cash flow growth that remains sustainable.

*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

**Benchmark (S&P 500 NDR Index) and peer group sector average (Investment Association North America sector) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

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American Franchise Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in the shares of companies, whose values tend to fluctuate more widely.

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Concentrated portfolio: The portfolio invests in a relatively small number of individual holdings. This may mean wider fluctuations in value than more broadly invested portfolios.

Currency exchange: Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

Equity investment: The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

Geographic / Sector: Investments may be primarily concentrated in specific countries, geographical regions and/or industry sectors. This may mean that the resulting value may decrease whilst portfolios more broadly invested might grow.

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Asia Pacific Franchise Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in the shares of companies in the Asia Pacific region (excluding Japan).

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The Fund uses the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Net Return Index for performance comparison.

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The Investment Association Asia Pacific excluding Japan Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
Asia Pacific Franchise Fund 'I' accumulation shares	7.91*
Performance comparison index	2.13**
Peer group sector average	0.61**

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Asia Pacific Franchise Fund (continued)

Performance review

The Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed the comparison index and peer group sector average in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors helping performance

Contributions came from stock picking in consumer staples and communication services, in addition to sector positioning in financials. At a stock level, Chinese internet giant NetEase delivered strong first-quarter online gaming results after benefiting from social-distancing orders and also received increased attention ahead of its secondary listing in Hong Kong. Clinical research provider Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting rose, releasing solid results and flagging a strong order backlog supportive of future growth. Chinese liquor producer Kweichow Moutai benefited from greater home consumption, while Domino's Pizza Enterprises, the franchise licence owner of Domino's Pizza, also outperformed over the first half.

Factors hindering performance

In terms of detractors, performance in the consumer discretionary and IT sectors were by far the biggest detractors. Sands China (Macau casinos), and Aristocrat Leisure (slot machines) faced an extreme operating environment, as did online travel portal Booking Holdings, with all three directly impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown. Our analysis on these businesses involves assessing the level of 'cash burn' they will experience as revenues decline dramatically; analysing fixed costs, working capital movements, and capex adjustments in the context of financial liquidity the businesses have in place. We continue to believe these companies demonstrate enough financial flexibility in their financial model to navigate this difficult environment. Other detractors included Indian lender HDFC, on the prospects of loans turning sour, with tobacco producer ITC also coming under pressure from increased taxes. We continue to hold both stocks.

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

Tencent, CSL, Heineken, Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting, Agilent Technologies, Chongqing Fuling Zhacai, Alibaba ADR, NetEase ADR, Kweichow Moutai, Vietnam Dairy Products.

Significant sales

Tingyi Cayman Islands, Aristocrat Leisure, Samsung Electronics, Cochlear, ASML.

Asia Pacific Franchise Fund (continued)

Outlook

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Overall, we are comfortable that the Quality attributes we seek (enduring competitive advantages, dominant market positions, strong balance sheets, lower cyclicity, low capital intensity, sustainable cash generation and disciplined capital allocation) are all well suited to both current conditions and for any structural changes sparked by this crisis. We continue to look carefully for opportunities at the stock level, focusing on those quality companies able to withstand the disruption caused by COVID-19, with strong balance sheets and relatively low economic sensitivity, trading at attractive valuations with longer term cash flow growth that remains sustainable.

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Benchmark (MSCI* AC Asia Pacific ex Japan NDR Index and peer group sector average (Investment Association Asia Pacific ex Japan sector) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

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Asia Pacific Franchise Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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Emerging market: These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

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Global Energy Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests around the world in the shares of companies involved in the exploration, production or distribution of oil, gas and other energy sources, including renewables. The Fund may also invest in the shares of companies that service the energy industry.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

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The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund uses the MSCI ACWI Energy + Global Environment ex Select GICS 10-40 Index for performance comparison and risk management.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The Fund will therefore generally look different from the index, and the Investment Manager will monitor performance differences.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
Global Energy Fund 'I' accumulation shares	-20.83*
Performance comparison index	-21.21**
Peer group sector average	Not applicable**

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Global Energy Fund (continued)

Performance review

The Fund delivered a negative return but slightly outperformed the comparison index in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors hindering performance

The negative absolute performance of the portfolio reflected a very challenging period for energy companies. Oil prices collapsed in March and April 2020, reaching a low for Brent crude of around US\$20/barrel, due to an evaporation of near-term oil demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a failed OPEC+ meeting in early March. This combination of excess supply and collapsing demand was almost without precedent. Brent crude gained about 80% in the second quarter, to around US\$41/barrel, but that still left the oil price at a level that continued to challenge the sector. At the stock level, the largest single detractor was not owning electric-car maker Tesla whose stock price is up over 500% during the last 12 months. While Tesla's operational performance has clearly improved, we believe that the stock is overvalued at current levels. With a market capitalisation of almost US\$300 billion – making it larger than both Toyota and Exxon Mobil – the company trades on 20x book value and 7x sales. For now, we have to accept that some combination of retail buying, tech-mania and short-squeezing is taking the day-to-day stock price into the stratosphere, but we do not expect this to last forever. Other detractors included an overweight position in Tullow Oil as Shares in the oil & gas explorer fell in Q4 2019 after the company significantly lowered free cash flow estimates for 2020 and said it would suspend its dividend.

Factors helping performance

Contributors to relative performance in the period included an overweight to Cabot Oil & Gas, whose shares rose on the improved outlook for gas prices. As oil prices crashed, US natural gas stocks performed well on expectations that lower oil production could result in less associated-gas production in the Permian Basin (gas is a cheap by-product of shale oil production). Other stock-level contributors came especially from our allocation to environmental and renewable energy companies. They included Novozymes, a biotech company that uses enzyme technology to offer products that improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. The company delivered above-consensus profits in Q1, partly thanks to strong sales of household goods such as washing powders during lockdown. Renewables-focused utility Iberdrola also contributed, helped by a resilient performance through the market turmoil, with the defensive utilities sector – and especially the green-energy segment within it – outperforming the market in the Q1 sell-off in particular.

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

BP, TOTAL, Galp Energia, ConocoPhillips, OMV, Novatek GDR, CNOOC, Valero Energy, Phillips 66, Eni.

Significant sales

TOTAL, BP, Exxon Mobil, Cabot Oil & Gas, Royal Dutch Shell, Wuxi Lead Intelligent Equipment, Gaztransport Et Technigaz, Aptiv, Marathon Petroleum, Novozymes.

Global Energy Fund (continued)

Outlook

It has been a tumultuous year in energy markets, but we now find ourselves with a reduced level of volatility in near-term oil prices and a better understanding of COVID-19's impact on supply and demand fundamentals. The International Energy Agency has modestly marked up its expectations for full-year 2020 global oil demand from the lows, and these numbers will continue to change as the year progresses. However, this is no time for complacency; we know from experience that as oil prices move higher and the memory of US\$20 oil fades, so the likelihood of supply discipline is reduced, and the threat of structural oversupply reappears. For the time being, the market is calm.

We continue to invest the strategy in companies that appear able generate sustainable free cashflow in a range of different oil & gas price environments. We are wholly committed to the energy transition, and believe that this will be both a threat and an opportunity for existing energy companies. In general, we believe that at current valuations the market is excessively pessimistic about the cashflow generation from established oil majors. We are also finding seemingly exciting new opportunities with companies that will be the direct beneficiaries, and in some cases the drivers, of decarbonisation.

This leads us to a portfolio with approximately 70% invested in oil & gas companies, overweight European oil majors, independent US refiners and selected international exploration & production companies. The remaining 30% is allocated to renewable energy & environmental companies, focusing on decarbonisation.

*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

Benchmark (MSCI* ACWI Energy + Global Environment ex Select GICS 10-40 (Net Return), (MSCI AC World Energy (Net Return) pre 01/04/2019 shown for performance comparison purposes only. For this Fund, there is no relevant Investment Association sector against which to measure Fund performance.

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Global Energy Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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Commodity-related investment: Commodity prices can be extremely volatile and significant losses may be made.

Currency exchange: Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

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Global Strategic Equity Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in the shares of companies believed to offer above average opportunities for capital gains. For example, companies that are deemed by the Investment Manager to be of high quality (demonstrating strong management and cash flows), offer good value (meaning they are undervalued within the market), and expected to benefit from increases in profit expectations and investor demand.

Opportunities may also be sought for investments in companies which are expected to see their profits benefit over time from operational and structural improvements.

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The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund uses the MSCI AC World Net Return Index for performance comparison and risk management.

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The Investment Association Global Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
Global Strategic Equity Fund 'I' accumulation shares	-1.83*
Performance comparison index	0.51**
Peer group sector average	0.60**

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Global Strategic Equity Fund (continued)

Performance review

The Fund delivered a negative return and underperformed the comparison index and the peer group sector average in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors hindering performance

However, the collapse of the oil price made energy exposure a negative for relative performance. US refiner Valero Energy was among the most significant detractors over the period. The glut of oil in March had boosted contract rates for oil tankers which were used to store surplus oil. These rates are now falling again, impacting Scorpio Tankers, which detracted from performance as concern grew over its degree of financial leverage. With much of the global airline industry at a standstill, aeroplane production and after-market sales are suffering accordingly, leading to earnings downgrades for UK aeronautics company Meggitt, the most significant detractor from relative performance. Delta Air Lines was also affected. We still hold the above shares, except for Meggitt, which we sold.

Technology exposure also proved to be challenging for performance, in part due to not owning the US mega cap Apple. We don't hold apple on valuation grounds.

Factors helping performance

A number of stocks continued to benefit from greater online activity, resulting in stock selection in communication services being the biggest contributor to relative performance. Music streaming service Spotify was again the largest contributor to relative returns after announcing podcast content deals, which are seen to add loyalty and increase conversion to paid subscription. Social media conglomerate Facebook likewise benefitted, demonstrating increased engagement of its customers and improved diversity across business lines, which is supportive of the longer-term outlook. E-commerce giant Amazon continued to benefit from increased online retail and the success of AWS, its cloud technology service provider. Microsoft's cloud business, Azure, also helped that stock outperform.

Stock selection in semiconductor stocks added value, especially MediaTek which rallied on the view that US restrictions barring Huawei from making their own chips could result in rising demand for its products. Precious metals miner Polymetal International benefited from resilient gold prices.

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

Samsung Electronics, Dropbox, Sany Heavy Industry, Keysight Technologies, Yealink Network Technology, Tencent, Olympus, NN, Novo Nordisk, MediaTek.

Significant sales

Booking, Tencent, Shanghai International Airport, Pernod Ricard, Yealink Network Technology, Perspecta, VMware, Abbott Laboratories, Chemed, Unilever.

Global Strategic Equity Fund (continued)

Outlook

Throw what you may at equity markets – whether it be geopolitical tensions, an epidemic, corporate malfeasance, profit decimation – nothing seems to deflect global stock markets from their upward path. A lesson to all of us that overflowing global liquidity will float all boats. A reckoning will eventually come and perversely, it is likely to be the success of central bank pump priming and broad fiscal stimulus that finally checks this inexorable rise in asset values. Policy measures are currently dialled up with the sole objective of reviving growth and reversing deflation. The success of this policy should at some stage be reflected in a steepening of yield curves and a return to positive interest rates.

Although this process is not particularly harmful to asset pricing in the near term, any upward shift in inflationary expectations to a level where central banks will need to step in to control overheating by meaningfully tightening policy will eventually prove negative for global equity markets.

Such an outcome seems a long way out at this point with most commentators focused on the near-term second virus wave scare, which although potentially detrimental to recovery, will likely only further boost liquidity provision by the authorities. However, the degree of stimulus has been such that it is likely that recovery, when it comes, produces a more rapid than normal rise in prices from a global economy which has seen long- term capacity elimination on the back of demand destruction from COVID-19.

We are not there currently and sentiment towards growth remains very subdued, but clearly the current market level is fuelled by liquidity. Taking this away could have significant consequences.

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Global Strategic Equity Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in the shares of companies, whose values tend to fluctuate more widely.

The following risks may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

Currency exchange: Changes in the relative values of different currencies may adversely affect the value of investments and any related income.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives is not intended to increase the overall level of risk. However, the use of derivatives may still lead to large changes in value and includes the potential for large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

Emerging market: These markets carry a higher risk of financial loss than more developed markets as they may have less developed legal, political, economic or other systems.

Equity investment: The value of equities (e.g. shares) and equity-related investments may vary according to company profits and future prospects as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default (e.g. insolvency), the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

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The full list of the Fund's risks are contained in Appendix VII of the Ninety One Funds Series Omnibus prospectus.

Global Total Return Credit Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide income and long-term capital growth.

The Fund targets a positive performance return in excess of 3 month GBP LIBOR (an interbank lending rate) +4% gross of fees over a full credit cycle (economic conditions over which the cost of borrowing initially increases, then decreases and then stabilises. Credit cycles can vary in length and typically last between 3 and 7 years). The Fund's performance target and positive returns are not guaranteed over the full credit cycle or any period of time and you may get back less than you invested.

The Fund invests primarily in a diverse range of debt securities (contracts to repay borrowed money which pay interest at fixed or variable times e.g. bonds, deposits, bills and notes). These securities are issued by governments, institutions or companies from around the world including emerging markets (countries that are in economic terms less developed than the major Western countries) and may be of investment grade (high quality) or below investment grade as rated by the credit rating agencies (companies that rate the ability of the issuers of bonds to repay borrowed money).

The Fund's investments are primarily priced in GBP sterling or hedged (an investment technique which aims to protect the value of an investment against currency movements) back into GBP sterling.

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund cannot replicate the target benchmark index (LIBOR is an interbank lending rate). The Investment Manager is free to choose the investments of the Fund and these will not resemble the components of the benchmark index.

The Investment Association £ Strategic Bond Sector average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
Global Total Return Credit Fund 'I' accumulation shares	-2.41*
Performance comparison index	2.41**
Peer group sector average	0.23**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

Global Total Return Credit Fund (continued)

Total deemed income distributions per 'I' accumulation shares

6 months to 30 June 2020	1.65 pence
6 months to 30 June 2019	1.37 pence

The amount of income payable may rise or fall.

Performance review

The Fund underperformed its comparison index and peer group sector average in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors hindering performance

Underperformance was largely as a result of the turmoil that swept through credit markets in the first quarter of the year as a result of the pandemic. So far in 2020 we have seen two very contrasting quarters in terms of both market backdrop and portfolio performance. Most of the underperformance came in the first quarter, with a significant recovery happening in the second. That said, it is important to highlight that the Fund aims to outperform the benchmark over an entire credit cycle (typically 5-7 years long) rather than on a six-monthly basis; Fund returns for individual years or half years can diverge significantly from the 'cash+' target benchmark, which does not take into consideration the prevailing credit market environment.

In the first quarter, while the portfolio provided some cushioning against the credit market falls, the widespread sell-off took its toll. The sharp market sell-off was indiscriminate in nature. This meant that many traditionally defensive parts of the markets (i.e. higher-rated credit segments) sold off aggressively, along with the traditionally more volatile parts of the market (i.e. lower-rated credit segments). This left investors with very few places to hide from the turmoil in capital markets.

Given the pronounced increase in risk-aversion among global investors, our exposure in lower-rated bonds (high-yield bonds with a credit rating of B and BB) detracted the most from returns, across both our US and European positions. Given the nature of the sell-off in the first quarter, we purposely chose to limit position changes through the depths of the volatility, expecting the underperforming assets to rebound the most in the second quarter, as they did.

Factors helping performance

In the second quarter, the Fund produced a positive return, with all areas of the portfolio contributing to this. Reflecting the market rally seen in high-yield rated bonds, our exposure to both European and US high-yield bonds added significantly to performance, in stark contrast with the first quarter. Looking at returns by rating category reveals a similar picture, with our BB and B rated holdings (i.e. high yield) contributing the most to returns.

The Fund's structured credit market* exposure benefited from the market recovery there, with limited market supply volumes helping to support prices there. Within this part of the credit market, we also benefited from adjusting our allocation into slightly higher risk tranches of collateralised loan obligations, taking advantage of the spread widening to add to the position at comparatively lower levels of risk.

In terms of sectors, basic industry exposure added the most to returns, reflecting the broader market moves.

*The term 'structured credit' encompasses a wide variety of securitised products, which offer fixed income investors opportunities across countries, underlying asset types and risk profiles.

Securitisation is the technique of converting a stream of anticipated future cash flows into one or more tradable securities, or bonds. The bulk of the market consists of bonds backed by pools of residential and commercial mortgages, consumer loans and corporate loans.

Global Total Return Credit Fund (continued)

The securitisation process involves creating various ‘tranches’, which are bonds with ratings ranging from AAA (the safest tranche) through to unrated equity/residual cash flow (riskiest tranche).

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, Delta Air Lines 7% 01/05/2025, Fiat Chrysler Automobile 4.5% 06/07/2028, HT Troplast 9.25% 15/07/2025, Carnival 11.5% 01/04/2023, Altice France 3.375% 15/01/2028, Royal Caribbean Cruises 11.5% 01/06/2025, Banijay Entertainment 3.5% 01/03/2025, United (FRN) 3.25% 15/02/2026, Post 4.625% 15/04/2030.

Significant sales

iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, iShares EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, Babson Euro CLO 2014-2 0.88% 25/11/2029, Berry Global Escrow 4.875% 15/07/2026, Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 674 mbH 6% 30/07/2026, Fox 4.709% 25/01/2029, TOTAL 3.369% Perpetual, Morgan Stanley (FRN) 2.42025% 24/10/2023, Deutsche Bahn 0.95% Perpetual, Annisa CLO 2016-2 3.0659% 20/07/2031.

Outlook

The support measures provided by various central banks and governments, most notably the US Federal Reserve (Fed), has created a significant tailwind for credit markets, first acting to stabilise markets before then igniting the rebound. The Fed’s support for credit markets is positive for investor sentiment, and it is likely to help maintain the daily functioning of investment-grade credit markets and support broader risk asset sentiment. Furthermore, we believe there may still be opportunities both within the Fed programme’s remit and in the credit markets outside of it, as the coming economic fallout unfolds. In that vein, we believe selectivity will be key. Selectivity will be especially important given that a marked increase in credit defaults is looming and already in evidence in the energy sector, keeping us cautiously positioned there.

How companies and sectors will fare in coming months, and which survive or fail and default on their debts, is likely to be a complex and varied picture. We think the challenge now for investors is less about trying to buy into markets where spreads are still above their long-run averages, but rather about finding attractive, resilient, sustainable individual investments that can survive regardless of the range of outcomes that lay before us.

As we have moved through the second quarter and market functionality has resumed, there has been a significant opportunity to capitalise on both attractive outright spread levels, but also on relative-value opportunities across different regions and credit market subsets. The scale of the moves in markets has also meant that this relative-value equation between different markets is continually changing, providing opportunities for flexible investors with a broad opportunity set.

*Source: Morningstar, total return, income reinvested, no initial charge, accumulation (acc) share class, net of fees in GBP.

** Performance target target ICE LIBOR 3 Month GBP +4% and peer group sector average (Investment Association £ Strategic Bond) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

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Global Total Return Credit Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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The value of your investment and any income from it can fall as well as rise and you are not certain of making profits; losses may be made.

The Fund appears towards the middle of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because the mix of assets it invests in tends to fluctuate more widely.

The following risks may not be fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

Default: There is a risk that the issuers of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) may not be able to meet interest payments nor repay the money they have borrowed. The worse the credit quality of the issuer, the greater the risk of default and therefore investment loss.

Derivatives: The use of derivatives may increase overall risk by magnifying the effect of both gains and losses leading to large changes in value and potentially large financial loss. A counterparty to a derivative transaction may fail to meet its obligations which may also lead to a financial loss.

Government securities exposure: The Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by a permitted sovereign entity, as defined in the definitions section of the Fund's prospectus.

Interest rate: The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates rise.

Liquidity: There may be insufficient buyers or sellers of particular investments giving rise to delays in trading and being able to make settlements, and/or large fluctuations in value. This may lead to larger financial losses than might be anticipated.

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Monthly High Income Fund

Summary of the Fund's investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide high income on a monthly basis.

The Fund invests around the world primarily in bonds (contracts to repay borrowed money which typically pay interest at fixed times) and related derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of an underlying asset).

The Fund may invest in other assets such as cash, money market instruments (tradable securities where money can be invested for short periods), other funds (which may be managed by the Investment Manager, other companies in the same group as the Investment Manager or a third party) and derivatives.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes (i.e. in order to achieve the Fund's investment objectives) or for efficient portfolio management purposes e.g. with the aim of either managing the Fund risks or reducing the costs of managing the Fund.

The Fund uses hedging (an investment technique which aims to protect the value of an investment against currency movements) to minimise any currency risk in sterling.

The Fund is actively managed. This means the Investment Manager is free to select investments with the aim of achieving the Fund's objectives.

The Fund uses the ML Global High Yield Constrained Index GBP Hedged Index for performance comparison and risk management.

The Fund does not seek to replicate the index. It will generally hold assets that are components of the index, but not in the same proportions, and it is allowed to hold assets which are not components of the index. The Fund will therefore generally look different from the index, and the Investment Manager will monitor performance differences.

The Investment Association £ High Yield average (as calculated by Morningstar using a peer group of broadly similar funds) is an additional measure by which you can compare the Fund's performance.

Performance record

	6 months (%)
Monthly High Income Fund 'I' accumulation shares	-6.18*
Performance comparison index	-4.78**
Peer group sector average	-5.65**

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, losses may be made.

Total deemed income distributions per 'I' accumulation shares

6 months to 30 June 2020	2.20 pence
6 months to 30 June 2019	3.68 pence

The amount of income payable may rise or fall.

Monthly High Income Fund (continued)

Performance review

The Fund underperformed the comparison index and the peer group sector average in the six months to the end of June 2020.

Factors hindering performance

The Fund's underweight positioning in the US high-yield market held back relative returns. Second-quarter performance in the high-yield market was impressive and the market recovered much of its first quarter losses, as the US Federal Reserve's entry into the market made a meaningful impact on investors' risk appetite.

At a country level, our underweight exposure to China weighed on relative returns. We were underweight due to pandemic, given it started in China, but China's status as 'first in, first out' in terms of the COVID-19 crisis became evident as the country's economy re-opened and showed signs of recovery, resulting in asset prices rallying there. Our underweight positioning prevented the Fund from fully capturing these gains.

At the sector level, the largest detractor was our underweight to the real estate sector. The Fund's positioning in the banking sector also detracted, including our position in bonds issued by LeasePlan, which underperformed. The basic industries sector also hindered relative performance, with Bombardier Inc. among the biggest detractors. We still hold the above stocks.

Factors helping performance

Underweight positioning in the energy sector was a positive for the portfolio. Although the sector recovered somewhat in the second quarter, it is still behind other sectors year to date, following the sharp sell-off that happened during the first quarter market turmoil.

The Fund's telecoms sector holdings boosted positioning, with the overweight position in Vodafone corporate hybrid securities and underweight in Frontier Communications both among the top contributors.

The Fund's positioning in the consumer goods sector was a source of positive returns, with bonds issued by Post Holdings and Newell Brands both contributing to relative performance.

Portfolio activity

Significant purchases

iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, Kraft Heinz Foods 3% 01/06/2026, Iron Mountain 5.25% 15/07/2030, Petroleos Mexicanos 6.49% 23/01/2027, Delta Air Lines 7% 01/05/2025, HT Troplast 9.25% 15/07/2025, Carnival 11.5% 01/04/2023, iShares EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, Open Text 3.875% 15/02/2028, Altice Financing 3% 15/01/2028.

Significant sales

iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, iShares EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF, Svenska Handelsbanken 5.25% Perpetual, Kraft Heinz Foods 3% 01/06/2026, Refinitiv US 4.5% 15/05/2026, Orange 5% Perpetual, Nassa Topco 2.875% 06/04/2024, HSBC 5.25% Perpetual, Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 1.25% 31/03/2023, Ball 1.5% 15/03/2027.

Monthly High Income Fund (continued)

Outlook

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**Benchmark (BofAML Global High Yield Constrained GBP Hedged) and peer group sector average (Investment Association £ High Yield) shown for performance comparison purposes only.

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Monthly High Income Fund (continued)

Risk and Reward profile*



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The Fund appears towards the lower end of the Risk and Reward Indicator scale. This is because it invests in bonds whose returns tend to fluctuate more than those of cash funds but less than those of funds which invest in the shares of companies.

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American Franchise Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Consumer goods 15.67% (31.12.19: 12.42%)			
Beverages			
Monster Beverage	158,008	8,895	2.07
PepsiCo	69,467	7,421	1.73
		16,316	3.80
Food producers			
Nestle	124,034	11,181	2.60
Leisure goods			
Activision Blizzard	167,540	10,302	2.40
Personal goods			
NIKE	109,772	8,579	2.00
Tobacco			
Swedish Match	235,123	13,331	3.11
Philip Morris International	131,617	7,565	1.76
		20,896	4.87
Consumer services 10.12% (31.12.19: 11.38%)			
General retailers			
O'Reilly Automotive	44,332	15,245	3.55
Media			
FactSet Research Systems	26,990	7,188	1.68
Fox	210,227	4,607	1.07
		11,795	2.75
Travel & leisure			
Booking	12,654	16,418	3.82
Financials 22.54% (31.12.19: 22.18%)			
Financial services			
Visa	196,494	30,651	7.14
Mastercard	76,620	18,304	4.26
S&P Global	63,321	16,574	3.86
MSCI	36,662	9,726	2.26
Charles Schwab	336,597	8,987	2.09
Moody's	31,283	6,857	1.59
CME	43,666	5,765	1.34
		96,864	22.54
Health care 15.34% (31.12.19: 16.60%)			
Health care equipment & services			
Becton Dickinson	80,269	15,238	3.55
Agilent Technologies	166,375	11,825	2.75
Align Technology	53,738	11,661	2.72
Alcon	201,719	9,456	2.20
Stryker	54,173	7,832	1.82
		56,012	13.04

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Pharmaceuticals & biotechnology			
Zoetis	91,739	9,867	2.30
Industrials 4.88% (31.12.19: 5.52%)			
Support services			
Automatic Data Processing	113,939	13,592	3.17
Tradeweb Markets	152,512	7,341	1.71
		20,933	4.88
Technology 25.53% (31.12.19: 22.43%)			
Software & computer services			
Microsoft	236,202	38,197	8.89
Alphabet	19,449	22,110	5.15
VeriSign	114,010	18,947	4.41
Intuit	67,089	15,750	3.67
Facebook	81,314	14,624	3.41
		109,628	25.53
Portfolio of investments		404,036	94.08
Net other assets*		25,421	5.92
Net assets		429,457	100.00

*The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.
Unless otherwise stated the above securities are ordinary shares or common stock and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Asia Pacific Franchise Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Australia 14.39% (31.12.19: 18.59%)			
CSL	56,080	8,983	3.85
Aristocrat Leisure	486,042	6,918	2.97
Amcor	839,922	6,788	2.91
Domino's Pizza Enterprises	172,867	6,628	2.84
REA	70,618	4,248	1.82
		33,565	14.39
China 41.05% (31.12.19: 33.90%)			
Tencent	375,100	19,659	8.43
Alibaba ADR	100,502	17,609	7.55
NetEase ADR	33,112	11,674	5.00
Kweichow Moutai	68,142	11,482	4.93
Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting	804,152	9,437	4.05
Hengan International	1,222,500	7,796	3.34
Sands China	1,832,000	5,856	2.51
Chongqing Fuling Zhacai	931,043	3,862	1.66
TravelSky Technology	2,543,000	3,637	1.56
Alibaba Group	117,700	2,592	1.11
NetEase	151,512	2,127	0.91
Real Gold Mining†	1,507,000	-	-
		95,731	41.05
Finland 1.59% (31.12.19: 1.68%)			
Kone	66,101	3,716	1.59
Hong Kong 4.49% (31.12.19: 5.64%)			
AIA	1,381,200	10,479	4.49
India 6.93% (31.12.19: 9.12%)			
HDFC Bank	685,199	7,884	3.38
ITC	2,314,418	4,876	2.09
Hindustan Unilever	144,516	3,395	1.46
		16,155	6.93
Netherlands 4.55% (31.12.19: 3.10%)			
ASML	21,604	6,423	2.75
Heineken	55,480	4,192	1.80
		10,615	4.55
South Korea 7.65% (31.12.19: 9.83%)			
Samsung Electronics	346,304	12,389	5.31
LG Household & Health Care	5,984	5,457	2.34
		17,846	7.65
Taiwan 4.05% (31.12.19: 4.69%)			
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	1,093,357	9,453	4.05
United States 5.21% (31.12.19: 5.30%)			
Agilent Technologies	96,360	6,848	2.94
Booking	4,077	5,290	2.27
		12,138	5.21

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Vietnam 2.89% (31.12.19: 2.61%)			
Vietnam Dairy Products	1,705,813	6,751	2.89
Portfolio of investments		216,449	92.80
Net other assets*		16,789	7.20
Net assets		233,238	100.00

*The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

† Suspended.

Stocks shown as ADRs represent American Depositary Receipts.

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Global Energy Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Australia 1.22% (31.12.19: 1.10%)			
Brambles	80,838	490	1.22
Austria 2.83% (31.12.19: 1.67%)			
OMV	42,287	1,136	2.83
Canada 1.52% (31.12.19: 2.84%)			
Parex Resources	40,755	390	0.97
Enerflex	71,970	221	0.55
		611	1.52
China 7.13% (31.12.19: 5.88%)			
CNOOC	1,668,000	1,512	3.76
Xinyi Solar	816,200	630	1.57
Wuxi Lead Intelligent Equipment	82,766	440	1.10
Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology	401,138	280	0.70
		2,862	7.13
Denmark 3.68% (31.12.19: 4.03%)			
Vestas Wind Systems	7,865	654	1.63
Orsted	6,052	568	1.41
Novozymes	5,507	256	0.64
		1,478	3.68
France 12.28% (31.12.19: 12.97%)			
TOTAL	118,932	3,698	9.21
Schneider Electric	7,350	665	1.66
Gaztransport Et Technigaz	9,202	568	1.41
		4,931	12.28
Germany 1.44% (31.12.19: 1.18%)			
Infineon Technologies	30,537	580	1.44
Hong Kong 0.77% (31.12.19: 1.07%)			
China Everbright International	715,259	308	0.77
Hungary 1.09% (31.12.19: 1.45%)			
MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	90,364	436	1.09
Ireland 1.90% (31.12.19: 2.39%)			
Aptiv	10,380	640	1.59
Kingspan (London listing)	1,544	81	0.20
Kingspan (Dublin listing)	821	43	0.11
		764	1.90
Italy 4.83% (31.12.19: 4.46%)			
Eni	184,897	1,441	3.59
Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale	88,624	500	1.24
		1,941	4.83
Japan 1.45% (31.12.19: 1.16%)			
Nidec	7,200	391	0.97
Nippon Ceramic	11,200	192	0.48
		583	1.45

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Luxembourg 1.67% (31.12.19: 2.04%)			
Tenaris	128,251	670	1.67
Netherlands 0.82% (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
NXP Semiconductors	3,639	331	0.82
Portugal 4.45% (31.12.19: 2.61%)			
Galp Energia	189,477	1,787	4.45
Russia 3.40% (31.12.19: 1.46%)			
Novatek GDR	11,473	1,366	3.40
Spain 1.38% (31.12.19: 1.39%)			
Iberdrola	58,007	553	1.38
Sweden 2.70% (31.12.19: 2.56%)			
Lundin Energy	55,553	1,083	2.70
Switzerland 1.23% (31.12.19: 1.06%)			
TE Connectivity	7,549	495	1.23
Taiwan 1.19% (31.12.19: 0.90%)			
Voltronic Power Technology	20,450	478	1.19
United Kingdom 13.97% (31.12.19: 17.78%)			
BP	1,068,429	3,309	8.24
Royal Dutch Shell	149,319	1,857	4.62
Croda International	8,436	446	1.11
		5,612	13.97
United States 27.16% (31.12.19: 28.99%)			
ConocoPhillips	69,721	2,347	5.84
Phillips 66	26,375	1,476	3.67
Valero Energy	30,789	1,429	3.56
Hess	26,640	1,084	2.70
Noble Energy	116,753	822	2.05
NextEra Energy	4,039	784	1.95
Waste Management	7,639	645	1.61
Marathon Petroleum	21,086	608	1.51
First Solar	12,573	508	1.26
Itron	8,811	464	1.16
Kosmos Energy	233,310	316	0.79
IPG Photonics	1,927	246	0.61
Cimarex Energy	8,210	181	0.45
		10,910	27.16
Portfolio of investments		39,405	98.11
Net other assets*		758	1.89
Net assets		40,163	100.00

*The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

Stocks shown as GDRs represent Global Depositary Receipts.

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Global Strategic Equity Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Australia 0.74% (31.12.19: 1.64%)			
Santos	1,060,895	3,121	0.74
Austria 0.00% (31.12.19: 0.86%)			
Brazil 0.37% (31.12.19: 0.63%)			
Itau Unibanco ADR	393,524	1,559	0.37
China 11.91% (31.12.19: 8.18%)			
Sany Heavy Industry	4,389,787	9,486	2.25
Tencent	173,200	9,077	2.15
Alibaba	374,000	8,235	1.95
Yangzijiang Shipbuilding	11,973,800	6,495	1.54
Sunny Optical Technology	493,300	6,432	1.52
JD.com ADR	100,998	4,905	1.16
Ping An Insurance	447,295	3,679	0.87
A-Living Services	478,500	1,965	0.47
		50,274	11.91
Denmark 1.40% (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
Novo Nordisk	112,084	5,896	1.40
France 2.52% (31.12.19: 4.22%)			
Teleperformance	52,024	10,650	2.52
Hong Kong 1.93% (31.12.19: 1.18%)			
Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	129,000	4,471	1.06
CNOOC	4,030,000	3,653	0.87
		8,124	1.93
Isle of Man 0.70% (31.12.19: 0.81%)			
GVC	395,549	2,973	0.70
Israel 1.33% (31.12.19: 1.01%)			
Nice ADR	37,027	5,601	1.33
Italy 0.00% (31.12.19: 0.93%)			
Japan 6.96% (31.12.19: 5.75%)			
Takeda Pharmaceutical	318,666	9,254	2.19
Olympus	447,900	7,013	1.66
Haseko	495,700	5,080	1.21
Z	1,148,000	4,559	1.08
Asahi	120,800	3,443	0.82
		29,349	6.96
Jersey 0.69% (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
Wizz Air	87,645	2,901	0.69
Luxembourg 2.00% (31.12.19: 0.95%)			
Spotify Technology	39,070	8,444	2.00
Mexico 0.86% (31.12.19: 0.94%)			
Grupo Mexico	1,948,350	3,622	0.86
Monaco 0.49% (31.12.19: 1.31%)			
Scorpio Tankers	189,817	2,047	0.49

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Netherlands 4.12% (31.12.19: 2.67%)			
NN	373,723	10,204	2.42
Koninklijke Philips	191,225	7,197	1.70
		17,401	4.12
Puerto Rico 1.51% (31.12.19: 2.17%)			
Popular	211,145	6,365	1.51
Russia 2.52% (31.12.19: 2.22%)			
MMC Norilsk Nickel ADR (US listing)	310,301	6,871	1.63
Polymetal International	185,669	2,951	0.70
MMC Norilsk Nickel ADR (London listing)	37,762	817	0.19
		10,639	2.52
South Korea 3.71% (31.12.19: 1.12%)			
Samsung Electronics	437,186	15,640	3.71
Spain 0.70% (31.12.19: 1.09%)			
Repsol	395,660	2,808	0.66
Repsol Rights 09/07/2020	395,660	156	0.04
		2,964	0.70
Sweden 0.00% (31.12.19: 1.06%)			
Switzerland 1.23% (31.12.19: 1.05%)			
Roche	18,476	5,211	1.23
Taiwan 3.19% (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
MediaTek	586,000	9,340	2.22
Accton Technology	652,000	4,106	0.97
		13,446	3.19
Thailand 1.30% (31.12.19: 0.71%)			
Osotspa	5,503,900	5,478	1.30
Turkey 0.38% (31.12.19: 0.30%)			
Emlak Konut Gayrimenkul Yatirim **	6,946,376	1,619	0.38
United Kingdom 3.64% (31.12.19: 6.26%)			
Nomad Foods	402,730	6,909	1.64
Unilever	98,796	4,355	1.03
Rio Tinto	90,813	4,102	0.97
		15,366	3.64
United States 43.75% (31.12.19: 51.66%)			
Microsoft	133,047	21,515	5.10
Amazon.com	9,409	20,553	4.87
Alphabet	13,503	15,375	3.64
Facebook	78,046	14,036	3.33
UnitedHealth	44,386	10,487	2.49
Keysight Technologies	109,196	8,733	2.07
Dropbox	500,000	8,675	2.06
Jacobs Engineering	119,297	8,248	1.95
Lam Research	30,052	7,555	1.79
Broadcom	27,020	6,822	1.62
Citigroup	145,375	5,958	1.41
Merck	93,908	5,825	1.38
Fidelity National Information Services	53,041	5,670	1.34
Chemed	15,344	5,545	1.31
Thermo Fisher Scientific	17,527	5,011	1.19
Ally Financial	304,909	4,863	1.15
CME	36,517	4,821	1.14
Morgan Stanley	113,282	4,361	1.03
AutoZone	4,619	4,250	1.01
IQVIA	35,650	3,995	0.95

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
United States 43.75% (31.12.19: 51.66%) (continued)			
Resideo Technologies	377,287	3,493	0.83
Valero Energy	70,567	3,276	0.78
Reliance Steel & Aluminum	39,130	2,962	0.70
Lincoln National	89,029	2,593	0.61
		184,622	43.75
Portfolio of investments		413,312	97.95
Net other assets*		8,666	2.05
Net assets		421,978	100.00

*The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

**Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT).

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Global Total Return Credit Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Collective investment schemes 0.82% (31.12.19: 3.04%)			
iShares EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	10,440	926	0.57
iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	5,223	407	0.25
		1,333	0.82
Bonds 96.94% (31.12.19: 88.64%)			
Collateralised loan obligation 16.68% (31.12.19: 18.62%)			
CVC Cordatus Loan Fund IX 1.5% 20/08/2030	EUR 3,400,000	3,059	1.88
Ares European CLO XI 1.85% 15/04/2032	EUR 2,000,000	1,816	1.12
Madison Park Euro Funding VIII 1.7% 15/04/2032	EUR 1,950,000	1,700	1.05
Euro-Galaxy IV CLO 1.5% 30/07/2030	EUR 1,750,000	1,581	0.97
Dryden 29 Euro CLO 2013 0.75% 15/07/2032	EUR 1,500,000	1,347	0.83
Madison Park Euro Funding X 1.2% 25/10/2030	EUR 1,500,000	1,333	0.82
Jubilee CLO 2017-XIX 1.25% 25/07/2030	EUR 1,500,000	1,327	0.82
Ares European CLO X 1.7% 15/10/2031	EUR 1,350,000	1,222	0.75
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2014-1 1.4% 15/07/2031	EUR 1,300,000	1,162	0.72
ARES EUROPEAN CLO VII 1.5% 15/10/2030	EUR 1,250,000	1,130	0.70
Aqueduct European CLO 2-2017 1.2% 15/10/2030	EUR 1,200,000	1,070	0.66
KKR CLO 17 3.6509% 15/04/2029	USD 1,250,000	979	0.60
Golub Capital Partners CLO 22B 3.4659% 20/01/2031	USD 1,250,000	935	0.58
Blackrock European CLO VIII 1.85% 20/07/2032	EUR 1,015,000	919	0.57
Blackrock European CLO VII 1.7% 15/10/2031	EUR 1,000,000	904	0.56
Palmerston Park CLO 1.6% 18/04/2030	EUR 1,000,000	902	0.56
Aurium CLO II 1.35% 13/10/2029	EUR 1,000,000	887	0.55
BlackRock European CLO IV 1.3% 15/07/2030	EUR 800,000	710	0.44
Bain Capital Euro CLO 2018-1 1% 20/04/2032	EUR 750,000	670	0.41
BlackRock European CLO 1 1% 15/03/2031	EUR 713,000	629	0.39
Harvest CLO XIX 1.2% 14/04/2031	EUR 700,000	621	0.38
Carlyle Global Market Strategies Euro CLO 2014-2 3.25% 17/11/2031	EUR 700,000	601	0.37
OAK Hill European Credit Partners VII 1.75% 20/10/2031	EUR 500,000	452	0.28
CVC Cordatus Loan Fund V 1.5% 21/07/2030	EUR 500,000	450	0.28
Madison Park Euro Funding X 0.74% 25/10/2030	EUR 400,000	361	0.22
Griffith Park CLO 1.75% 21/11/2031	EUR 300,000	272	0.17
		27,039	16.68
Corporate bonds 80.26% (31.12.19: 70.02%)			
Vodafone 7% 04/04/2029	USD 1,902,000	1,799	1.11
Dell International 6.02% 15/06/2026	USD 1,915,000	1,788	1.10
Cott 5.5% 01/07/2024	EUR 1,930,000	1,759	1.08
Prime Security Services Borrower 5.75% 15/04/2026	USD 2,082,000	1,750	1.08
ARD Finance 5% 30/06/2027	EUR 1,970,950	1,728	1.06
MPT Operating Partnership 5% 15/10/2027	USD 1,971,000	1,651	1.02
TLG Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 1,900,000	1,643	1.01
Connect Finco 6.75% 01/10/2026	USD 2,084,000	1,605	0.99
Guala Closures (FRN) 3.5% 15/04/2024	EUR 1,751,000	1,560	0.96
Delta Air Lines 7% 01/05/2025	USD 1,828,000	1,538	0.95
BWAY 4.75% 15/04/2024	EUR 1,720,000	1,526	0.94
HT Troplast 9.25% 15/07/2025	EUR 1,555,000	1,452	0.89
Sirius XM Radio 5.5% 01/07/2029	USD 1,685,000	1,450	0.89
Fiat Chrysler Automobile 4.5% 06/07/2028	EUR 1,571,000	1,435	0.88
Starfruit Finco 6.5% 01/10/2026	EUR 1,505,000	1,383	0.85
Carnival 11.5% 01/04/2023	USD 1,528,000	1,316	0.81
Bausch Health 5.75% 15/08/2027	USD 1,490,000	1,283	0.79
Interpublic Group of 4.75% 30/03/2030	USD 1,295,000	1,243	0.77
Banjay Entertainment SASU 3.5% 01/03/2025	EUR 1,421,000	1,234	0.76
Royal Caribbean Cruises 11.5% 01/06/2025	USD 1,453,000	1,225	0.75

Portfolio statement (continued)
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Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Corporate bonds 80.26% (31.12.19: 70.02%) (continued)			
United (FRN) 3.25% 15/02/2026	EUR 1,388,000	1,204	0.74
CommScope 6% 01/03/2026	USD 1,416,000	1,180	0.73
Bancolumbia 4.875% 18/10/2027	USD 1,435,000	1,139	0.70
APX 8.5% 01/11/2024	USD 1,400,000	1,118	0.69
JELD-WEN 6.25% 15/05/2025	USD 1,309,000	1,117	0.69
Altice France 7.375% 01/05/2026	USD 1,310,000	1,106	0.68
Trivium Packaging Finance (FRN) 3.75% 15/08/2026	EUR 1,244,000	1,099	0.68
Nordstrom 8.75% 15/05/2025	USD 1,223,000	1,071	0.66
Adient Global 3.5% 15/08/2024	EUR 1,320,000	1,066	0.66
PVH 3.625% 15/07/2024	EUR 1,140,000	1,061	0.65
TeamSystem (FRN) 4% 15/04/2023	EUR 1,160,000	1,046	0.64
Diamond BC 5.625% 15/08/2025	EUR 1,202,000	1,040	0.64
GLP Capital 5.375% 15/04/2026	USD 1,169,000	1,040	0.64
Verisure Midholding 5.75% 01/12/2023	EUR 1,125,000	1,028	0.63
Telenet Finance Luxembourg Notes 5.5% 01/03/2028	USD 1,200,000	1,024	0.63
CCO 4.75% 01/03/2030	USD 1,220,000	1,019	0.63
CIFI 6.55% 28/03/2024	USD 1,213,000	1,015	0.63
Virgin Media Secured Finance 5% 15/04/2027	GBP 960,000	996	0.61
Credit Agricole 6.5% Perpetual	EUR 1,070,000	993	0.61
LABL Escrow Issuer 10.5% 15/07/2027	USD 1,144,000	992	0.61
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 5% 15/02/2022	GBP 1,018,000	971	0.60
IHO Verwaltungs 3.875% 15/05/2027	EUR 1,080,000	967	0.60
KBC 4.75% Perpetual	EUR 1,000,000	922	0.57
Pampa Energia 7.5% 24/01/2027	USD 1,400,000	913	0.56
Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	EUR 1,000,000	909	0.56
EVOCA (FRN) 4.25% 01/11/2026	EUR 1,166,000	907	0.56
Panther BF Aggregator 2 4.375% 15/05/2026	EUR 1,000,000	903	0.56
TalkTalk Telecom 3.875% 20/02/2025	GBP 923,000	888	0.55
VICI Properties 4.25% 01/12/2026	USD 1,129,000	885	0.55
Coventry Building Society 6.875% Perpetual	GBP 875,000	879	0.54
Resorts World Las Vegas 4.625% 16/04/2029	USD 1,100,000	871	0.54
Petrobras Global Finance 5.093% 15/01/2030	USD 1,070,000	863	0.53
Millicom International Cellular 6.25% 25/03/2029	USD 990,000	859	0.53
LeasePlan 7.375% Perpetual	EUR 965,000	856	0.53
Aeropuerto Internacional de Tocumen 6% 18/11/2048	USD 955,756	854	0.53
MDGH - GMTN 3.95% 21/05/2050	USD 950,000	854	0.53
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 10/01/2028	USD 1,120,000	853	0.53
FedEx 4.25% 15/05/2030	USD 920,000	853	0.53
Banco Mercantil del Norte 5.75% 04/10/2031	USD 1,070,000	851	0.52
Corporacion Nacional del Cobre de Chile 3.75% 15/01/2031	USD 960,000	850	0.52
Hutama Karya 3.75% 11/05/2030	USD 990,000	850	0.52
Faurecia 2.375% 15/06/2027	EUR 995,000	848	0.52
Novolipetsk Steel Via Steel Funding 4.7% 30/05/2026	USD 950,000	847	0.52
Merlin Properties Socimi 1.75% 26/05/2025	EUR 930,000	845	0.52
Lamar Funding 3.958% 07/05/2025	USD 1,110,000	841	0.52
Alfa 6.875% 25/03/2044	USD 880,000	835	0.51
MHP Lux 6.95% 03/04/2026	USD 1,010,000	835	0.51
Severstal OAO Via Steel Capital 3.15% 16/09/2024	USD 1,010,000	835	0.51
Country Garden 7.25% 08/04/2026	USD 940,000	833	0.51
Turk Telekomunikasyon 6.875% 28/02/2025	USD 970,000	830	0.51
Industrias Penoles 4.15% 12/09/2029	USD 980,000	829	0.51
Minerva Luxembourg 6.5% 20/09/2026	USD 1,010,000	829	0.51
Suzano Austria 6% 15/01/2029	USD 940,000	827	0.51
Network i2i 5.65% Perpetual	USD 1,050,000	826	0.51
Medco Oak Tree Pte 7.375% 14/05/2026	USD 1,100,000	825	0.51
KOC 6.5% 11/03/2025	USD 990,000	824	0.51
Ecopetrol 7.375% 18/09/2043	USD 840,000	819	0.51
Nationwide Building Society 5.875% Perpetual	GBP 820,000	819	0.51
Vanke Real Estate Hong Kong 3.5% 12/11/2029	USD 980,000	819	0.51
BPCE 5.15% 21/07/2024	USD 900,000	817	0.50
Diamond Sports Group 5.375% 15/08/2026	USD 1,364,000	816	0.50
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 31/01/2030	USD 1,094,000	813	0.50
Huarong Finance 2017 4.25% 07/11/2027	USD 950,000	810	0.50
Mexico City Airport Trust 5.5% 31/07/2047	USD 1,120,000	805	0.50
United (FRN) 4.125% 15/05/2025	EUR 900,000	805	0.50
Nielsen Co Luxembourg 5% 01/02/2025	USD 994,000	800	0.49
Russian Railways Via RZD Capital 7.487% 25/03/2031	GBP 600,000	800	0.49
YPF 6.95% 21/07/2027	USD 1,380,000	790	0.49

Portfolio statement (continued)
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Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Corporate bonds 80.26% (31.12.19: 70.02%) (continued)			
Kaisa 6.75% 18/02/2021	USD 970,000	787	0.49
Synlab Bondco (FRN) 4.75% 01/07/2025	EUR 833,000	760	0.47
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 2.75% 24/01/2021	GBP 740,000	723	0.45
Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 800,000	723	0.45
GLP Capital 3.35% 01/09/2024	USD 879,000	720	0.44
Embraer Netherlands Finance 5.4% 01/02/2027	USD 980,000	713	0.44
Qatar Reinsurance 4.95% Perpetual	USD 900,000	704	0.43
Shimao 5.6% 15/07/2026	USD 820,000	703	0.43
Diocle SPA (FRN) 3.875% 30/06/2026	EUR 779,362	700	0.43
Gohl Capital 4.25% 24/01/2027	USD 853,000	699	0.43
GUSAP III 4.25% 21/01/2030	USD 869,000	698	0.43
Carlyle Global Market Strategi 0%	EUR 800,000	688	0.42
Credit Agricole 7.5% Perpetual	GBP 630,000	687	0.42
Hilcorp Energy I 5% 01/12/2024	USD 946,000	669	0.41
Spectrum Brands 4% 01/10/2026	EUR 750,000	669	0.41
iStar 4.25% 01/08/2025	USD 885,000	656	0.40
GLP Capital 5.75% 01/06/2028	USD 700,000	632	0.39
CCO 4.5% 15/08/2030	USD 749,000	618	0.38
Danske Bank (FRN) 2.9473% 12/09/2023	USD 700,000	564	0.35
Olin 9.5% 01/06/2025	USD 614,000	555	0.34
Adient US 9% 15/04/2025	USD 615,000	541	0.33
APX 6.75% 15/02/2027	USD 705,000	538	0.33
Intertrust 3.375% 15/11/2025	EUR 580,000	530	0.33
Kaisa 9.375% 30/06/2024	USD 702,000	525	0.32
Commerzbank 6.125% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	521	0.32
CNAC HK Finbridge 5.125% 14/03/2028	USD 550,000	518	0.32
Iceland Bondco 4.625% 15/03/2025	GBP 570,000	508	0.31
Motion Finco 7% 15/05/2025	EUR 542,000	508	0.31
IQVIA 5% 15/05/2027	USD 610,000	507	0.31
Orange 5% Perpetual	EUR 470,000	497	0.31
BP Capital Markets 4.875% Perpetual	USD 587,000	493	0.30
Delphi Technologies 5% 01/10/2025	USD 560,000	488	0.30
Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 15/07/2026	EUR 520,000	483	0.30
Levi Strauss 3.375% 15/03/2027	EUR 510,000	469	0.29
Synthomer 3.875% 01/07/2025	EUR 508,000	469	0.29
CTC 5.25% 15/12/2025	EUR 510,000	453	0.28
Brookfield Residential Properties 6.25% 15/09/2027	USD 560,000	450	0.28
Banijay Group SAS 6.5% 01/03/2026	EUR 550,000	448	0.28
Level 3 Financing 4.625% 15/09/2027	USD 539,000	443	0.27
QVC 5.45% 15/08/2034	USD 600,000	441	0.27
Caesars Resort Collection 5.25% 15/10/2025	USD 615,000	439	0.27
William Carter 5.5% 15/05/2025	USD 517,000	434	0.27
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 6% 31/01/2025	EUR 446,000	429	0.26
Barclays 4.972% 16/05/2029	USD 450,000	428	0.26
United States Steel 12% 01/06/2025	USD 511,000	427	0.26
Alcoa Nederland 6.125% 15/05/2028	USD 510,000	426	0.26
HSBC 3.973% 22/05/2030	USD 470,000	425	0.26
Dow Chemical 4.25% 01/10/2034	USD 470,000	422	0.26
Logicor Financing Sarl 1.625% 15/07/2027	EUR 459,000	422	0.26
Macy's 8.375% 15/06/2025	USD 523,000	420	0.26
General Electric 6.75% 15/03/2032	USD 420,000	417	0.26
CPUK Finance 4.875% 28/08/2025	GBP 440,000	408	0.25
Aramark Services 6.375% 01/05/2025	USD 482,000	405	0.25
ArcelorMittal 4.55% 11/03/2026	USD 490,000	402	0.25
Rackspace Hosting 8.625% 15/11/2024	USD 490,000	399	0.25
Southwest Airlines 4.75% 04/05/2023	USD 470,000	393	0.24
INEOS Finance 2.875% 01/05/2026	EUR 440,000	382	0.24
UBS 7% Perpetual	USD 450,000	381	0.24
MAF Global Securities 6.375% Perpetual	USD 484,000	380	0.23
Telefonica Europe 4.375% Perpetual	EUR 400,000	376	0.23
Cooperatieve Rabobank UA 6.625% Perpetual	EUR 400,000	375	0.23
Infineon Technologies 2% 24/06/2032	EUR 400,000	364	0.22
Loxam SAS 3.75% 15/07/2026	EUR 435,000	364	0.22
IRB 7% 15/06/2025	USD 395,000	331	0.20
Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes III 4.875% 15/07/2028	GBP 301,000	302	0.19
L Brands 7.5% 15/06/2029	USD 402,000	288	0.18
WESCO Distribution 7.25% 15/06/2028	USD 321,000	277	0.17
Cedar Fair 5.5% 01/05/2025	USD 333,000	270	0.17

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Corporate bonds 80.26% (31.12.19: 70.02%) (continued)			
LABL Escrow Issuer 6.75% 15/07/2026	USD 248,000	211	0.13
Transocean Poseidon 6.875% 01/02/2027	USD 290,000	209	0.13
Nationwide Building Society 5.75% Perpetual	GBP 200,000	201	0.12
Endo Finance 5.875% 15/10/2024	USD 250,000	199	0.12
HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 5.844% Perpetual	GBP 150,000	199	0.12
Loxam SAS 2.875% 15/04/2026	EUR 255,000	199	0.12
TransDigm 6.25% 15/03/2026	USD 244,000	199	0.12
American Axle & Manufacturing 6.5% 01/04/2027	USD 252,000	198	0.12
Constellium 4.25% 15/02/2026	EUR 222,000	198	0.12
American Axle & Manufacturing 6.25% 01/04/2025	USD 240,000	191	0.12
Mauser Packaging Solutions 7.25% 15/04/2025	USD 250,000	183	0.11
Deutsche Bank 4.296% 24/05/2028	USD 245,000	181	0.11
Cleveland-Cliffs 5.875% 01/06/2027	USD 260,000	178	0.11
Transocean Phoenix 2 7.75% 15/10/2024	USD 221,000	169	0.10
SGL Carbon 4.625% 30/09/2024	EUR 230,000	165	0.10
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 4% Perpetual	EUR 200,000	155	0.10
Verisure (FRN) 5% 15/04/2025	EUR 121,000	111	0.07
L Brands 9.375% 01/07/2025	USD 130,000	107	0.07
Energizer 4.75% 15/06/2028	USD 128,000	103	0.06
iStar 4.75% 01/10/2024	USD 106,000	81	0.05
Clarios Global 6.75% 15/05/2025	USD 76,000	64	0.04
Station Casinos 4.5% 15/02/2028	USD 67,000	47	0.03
		130,334	80.26
Derivatives – futures (0.03%) (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
Germany Euro-BUND Futures 08/09/2020	(7)	(10)	(0.01)
US Long Bond Futures (CBT) 21/09/2020	(36)	(33)	(0.02)
		(43)	(0.03)
Derivatives- credit default swaps (0.08%) (31.12.19: 0.30%)			
Citi MARKIT ITRX EUR CROSSOVER 500BPS 20/06/2025	3,520,000	(135)	(0.08)
Derivatives – credit default swaptions 0.00% (31.12.19: 0.02%)			
Forward foreign exchange contracts (1.69%) (31.12.19:(0.04%))			
Forward currency contracts			
Euro			
Buy EUR	14,709,000	for GBP (13,276,078)	166
Sell EUR	(87,435,300)	for GBP 78,611,387	(1,293)
US dollar			
Buy USD	8,038,500	for GBP (6,388,976)	161
Sell USD	(112,188,572)	for GBP 89,641,438	(1,770)
		(2,736)	(1.69)
Portfolio of investments [^]		155,792	95.96
Net other assets [*]		6,556	4.04
Net assets		162,348	100.00

[^] Including derivative liabilities.

^{*}The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

Stocks shown as FRNs represent Floating Rate Notes - debt instruments that pay a floating rate of interest, usually based on an accepted market benchmark rate such as LIBOR.

Fixed interest securities are traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

The credit default swaps and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

The value of collateral held in relation to forward contracts is £2,981k (31.12.19: £900k).

Portfolio analysis

As at 30 June 2020

Portfolio analysis

Asset	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Bonds	157,373	96.94	167,191	88.64
Collective investment schemes	1,333	0.82	5,742	3.04
Derivatives	(178)	(0.11)	609	0.32
Forward foreign exchange contracts	(2,736)	(1.69)	(63)	(0.04)
Net other assets	6,556	4.04	15,159	8.04
Net assets	162,348	100.00	188,638	100.00

Credit breakdown*

Asset	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
AAA	1,708	1.05	11,441	6.06
AA	25,584	15.79	24,333	12.91
A	1,275	0.78	6,476	3.43
BBB	38,630	23.78	41,079	21.78
BB	42,946	26.46	45,731	24.25
B	38,592	23.76	27,413	14.54
CCC	8,638	5.32	10,718	5.67
Total bonds	157,373	96.94	167,191	88.64

*Bond ratings are Ninety One approximations.

Monthly High Income Fund

Portfolio statement

As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Collective investment schemes 1.94% (31.12.19: 4.06%)			
iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	22,143	1,727	1.32
iShares EUR High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	9,158	812	0.62
		2,539	1.94
Bonds 96.26% (31.12.19: 89.78%)			
Corporate bonds – maturity 0 to 5 years 28.94% (31.12.19: 16.96%)			
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 5% 15/02/2022	GBP 1,525,000	1,455	1.11
Delta Air Lines 7% 01/05/2025	USD 1,585,000	1,333	1.02
CenturyLink 7.5% 01/04/2024	USD 1,440,000	1,291	0.99
Mauser Packaging Solutions 4.75% 15/04/2024	EUR 1,384,000	1,228	0.94
Adient Global 3.5% 15/08/2024	EUR 1,520,000	1,227	0.94
Carnival 11.5% 01/04/2023	USD 1,420,000	1,223	0.93
OCI 3.125% 01/11/2024	EUR 1,290,000	1,148	0.88
Primo Water 5.5% 01/07/2024	EUR 1,250,000	1,139	0.87
Royal Caribbean Cruises 11.5% 01/06/2025	USD 1,302,000	1,098	0.84
TalkTalk Telecom 3.875% 20/02/2025	GBP 1,112,000	1,070	0.82
CIFI 6.55% 28/03/2024	USD 1,260,000	1,054	0.81
Nordstrom 8.75% 15/05/2025	USD 1,124,000	984	0.75
Hilcorp Energy I 5% 01/12/2024	USD 1,367,000	966	0.74
Verisure Midholding 5.75% 01/12/2023	EUR 1,055,000	964	0.74
Kaisa 9.375% 30/06/2024	USD 1,200,000	897	0.69
Koppers 6% 15/02/2025	USD 1,100,000	870	0.67
JELD-WEN 6.25% 15/05/2025	USD 1,009,000	861	0.66
Telecom Italia 4% 11/04/2024	EUR 855,000	815	0.62
United 4.875% 01/07/2024	EUR 840,000	759	0.58
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 6% 31/01/2025	EUR 783,000	754	0.58
CommScope Technologies 6% 15/06/2025	USD 950,000	747	0.57
APX 8.5% 01/11/2024	USD 900,000	719	0.55
Diamondback Energy 5.375% 31/05/2025	USD 800,000	673	0.51
Lamar Funding 3.958% 07/05/2025	USD 880,000	667	0.51
William Carter 5.5% 15/05/2025	USD 777,000	653	0.50
Turk Telekomunikasyon 6.875% 28/02/2025	USD 750,000	642	0.49
KOC 6.5% 11/03/2025	USD 760,000	632	0.48
PVH 3.625% 15/07/2024	EUR 645,000	600	0.46
Ol European 2.875% 15/02/2025	EUR 657,000	577	0.44
Kaisa 6.75% 18/02/2021	USD 702,000	570	0.44
Nielsen Finance 5% 15/04/2022	USD 695,000	564	0.43
TeamSystem (FRN) 4% 15/04/2023	EUR 600,000	541	0.41
Macy's 8.375% 15/06/2025	USD 654,000	525	0.40
Continental Resources 5% 15/09/2022	USD 650,000	514	0.39
Olin 9.5% 01/06/2025	USD 565,000	510	0.39
Aramark Services 6.375% 01/05/2025	USD 589,000	495	0.38
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 4.5% 01/03/2025	EUR 510,000	462	0.35
United States Steel 12% 01/06/2025	USD 552,000	461	0.35
Rackspace Hosting 8.625% 15/11/2024	USD 550,000	448	0.34
Intesa Sanpaolo 5.017% 26/06/2024	USD 530,000	441	0.34
Guala Closures (FRN) 3.5% 15/04/2024	EUR 458,000	408	0.31
Motion Finco 7% 15/05/2025	EUR 422,000	395	0.30
Iceland Bondco 4.625% 15/03/2025	GBP 440,000	392	0.30
Transocean Phoenix 2.75% 15/10/2024	USD 510,250	390	0.30
Endo 5.875% 15/10/2024	USD 440,000	350	0.27
American Axle & Manufacturing 6.25% 01/04/2025	USD 420,000	335	0.26
Hanesbrands 5.375% 15/05/2025	USD 373,000	307	0.23
Freeport-McMoRan 4.55% 14/11/2024	USD 350,000	288	0.22
Banjay Entertainment 3.5% 01/03/2025	EUR 330,000	287	0.22
Freeport-McMoRan 3.875% 15/03/2023	USD 350,000	283	0.22

Portfolio statement (continued)
As at 30 June 2020

Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Bonds 96.26% (31.12.19: 89.78%) (continued)			
Petrobras Global Finance 4.375% 20/05/2023	USD 340,000	281	0.21
Alcoa Nederland 6.75% 30/09/2024	USD 325,000	272	0.21
IRB 7% 15/06/2025	USD 299,000	251	0.19
Cedar Fair 5.5% 01/05/2025	USD 255,000	207	0.16
Nielsen 5% 01/02/2025	USD 184,000	148	0.11
BWAY 7.25% 15/04/2025	USD 150,000	110	0.08
SGL Carbon 4.625% 30/09/2024	EUR 150,000	108	0.08
Jaguar Land Rover Automotive 2.75% 24/01/2021	GBP 110,000	107	0.08
WESCO Distribution 7.125% 15/06/2025	USD 103,000	88	0.07
MGM Growth Properties Operating Partnership 4.625% 15/06/2025	USD 103,000	84	0.06
Adient 9% 15/04/2025	USD 87,000	77	0.06
iStar 4.75% 01/10/2024	USD 86,000	66	0.05
Clarios Global 6.75% 15/05/2025	USD 58,000	49	0.04
		37,860	28.94
Corporate bonds – maturity 5 to 15 years 58.33% (31.12.19: 50.41%)			
Petrobras Global Finance 5.093% 15/01/2030	USD 2,480,000	2,000	1.53
Newell Brands 4.7% 01/04/2026	USD 2,280,000	1,924	1.47
Dell International 6.02% 15/06/2026	USD 1,810,000	1,690	1.29
Prime Security Services Borrower 5.75% 15/04/2026	USD 1,808,000	1,520	1.16
ARD Finance 5% 30/06/2027	EUR 1,643,891	1,441	1.10
Tenet Healthcare 4.875% 01/01/2026	USD 1,761,000	1,398	1.07
Connect Finco 6.75% 01/10/2026	USD 1,791,000	1,379	1.05
Iron Mountain 5.25% 15/07/2030	USD 1,685,000	1,354	1.05
HT Troplast 9.25% 15/07/2025	EUR 1,433,000	1,338	1.02
CCO 4.75% 01/03/2030	USD 1,600,000	1,336	1.02
TransDigm 6.25% 15/03/2026	USD 1,633,000	1,330	1.02
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.49% 23/01/2027	USD 1,800,000	1,323	1.01
Altice France 7.375% 01/05/2026	USD 1,490,000	1,258	0.96
CeramTec 5.25% 15/12/2025	EUR 1,390,000	1,235	0.94
GLP Capital 5.375% 15/04/2026	USD 1,347,000	1,198	0.92
Telenet Finance Luxembourg Notes 5.5% 01/03/2028	USD 1,400,000	1,195	0.91
CCO 5.75% 15/02/2026	USD 1,370,000	1,157	0.88
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles 4.5% 07/07/2028	EUR 1,266,000	1,156	0.88
Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 6% 30/07/2026	EUR 1,216,000	1,134	0.87
Alcoa Nederland 6.125% 15/05/2028	USD 1,350,000	1,128	0.86
Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 15/07/2026	EUR 1,120,000	1,041	0.80
Open Text 3.875% 15/02/2028	USD 1,281,000	1,004	0.77
EVOCA (FRN) 4.25% 01/11/2026	EUR 1,275,000	992	0.76
Banjijay 6.5% 01/03/2026	EUR 1,195,000	974	0.74
Berry Global Escrow 4.875% 15/07/2026	USD 1,159,000	956	0.73
Diamond Sports 5.375% 15/08/2026	USD 1,581,000	946	0.72
Virgin Media Secured Finance 5% 15/04/2027	GBP 910,000	944	0.72
Clarios Global 4.375% 15/05/2026	EUR 1,000,000	903	0.69
Bausch Health 5.75% 15/08/2027	USD 1,040,000	896	0.68
Nouryon 6.5% 01/10/2026	EUR 933,000	857	0.66
VICI Properties 4.25% 01/12/2026	USD 1,081,000	847	0.65
Sprint 7.625% 01/03/2026	USD 880,000	847	0.65
Bausch Health Americas 8.5% 31/01/2027	USD 975,000	844	0.65
Sirius XM Radio 5.5% 01/07/2029	USD 977,000	840	0.64
Level 3 Financing 4.625% 15/09/2027	USD 987,000	811	0.62
YPF 6.95% 21/07/2027	USD 1,350,000	773	0.59
CommScope 6% 01/03/2026	USD 892,000	743	0.57
James Hardie International Finance 3.625% 01/10/2026	EUR 800,000	742	0.57
Pampa Energia 7.5% 24/01/2027	USD 1,110,000	724	0.55
MPT Operating Partnership 5% 15/10/2027	USD 825,000	691	0.53
Spectrum Brands 4% 01/10/2026	EUR 764,000	681	0.52
LABL Escrow Issuer 10.5% 15/07/2027	USD 775,000	672	0.51
Kraft Heinz Foods 3% 01/06/2026	USD 815,000	670	0.51
MHP 6.95% 03/04/2026	USD 800,000	661	0.51
Medco Oak Tree 7.375% 14/05/2026	USD 880,000	660	0.50
Millicom International Cellular 6.25% 25/03/2029	USD 760,000	659	0.50
Minerva 6.5% 20/09/2026	USD 800,000	657	0.50
1011778 B.C. 3.875% 15/01/2028	USD 827,000	654	0.50
Banco Mercantil del Norte 5.75% 04/10/2031	USD 820,000	652	0.50
Occidental Petroleum 8.875% 15/07/2030	USD 800,000	647	0.49
Suzano Austria 6% 15/01/2029	USD 730,000	642	0.49

Portfolio statement (continued)
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Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Corporate bonds – maturity 5 to 15 years 58.33% (31.12.19: 50.41%) (continued)			
APX 6.75% 15/02/2027	USD 841,000	641	0.49
Yum! Brands 4.75% 15/01/2030	USD 762,000	634	0.48
Altice Financing 7.5% 15/05/2026	USD 730,000	623	0.48
ArcelorMittal 4.55% 11/03/2026	USD 740,000	607	0.46
Sunoco 5.5% 15/02/2026	USD 760,000	602	0.46
Shimao 5.6% 15/07/2026	USD 690,000	591	0.45
Darling Global Finance 3.625% 15/05/2026	EUR 630,000	578	0.44
IQVIA 5% 15/05/2027	USD 690,000	574	0.44
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 10/01/2028	USD 750,000	571	0.44
Diamond BC 5.625% 15/08/2025	EUR 650,000	563	0.43
Brookfield Residential Properties 6.25% 15/09/2027	USD 700,000	562	0.43
Faurecia 2.375% 15/06/2027	EUR 655,000	558	0.43
LABL Escrow Issuer 6.75% 15/07/2026	USD 650,000	554	0.42
Intertrust 3.375% 15/11/2025	EUR 600,000	548	0.42
Braskem Netherlands Finance 4.5% 31/01/2030	USD 712,000	529	0.40
Synthomer 3.875% 01/07/2025	EUR 545,000	503	0.38
iStar 4.25% 01/08/2025	USD 670,000	497	0.38
Transocean Poseidon 6.875% 01/02/2027	USD 690,000	497	0.38
QVC 5.45% 15/08/2034	USD 670,000	493	0.38
Embraer Netherlands Finance 5.4% 01/02/2027	USD 650,000	473	0.36
Delphi Technologies 5% 01/10/2025	USD 540,000	471	0.36
Altice Financing 3% 15/01/2028	EUR 561,000	470	0.36
CSC 4.125% 01/12/2030	USD 570,000	461	0.35
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II 1.625% 15/10/2028	EUR 600,000	444	0.34
Deutsche Bank 4.296% 24/05/2028	USD 590,000	437	0.33
United 3.625% 15/02/2028	EUR 510,000	436	0.33
Kraft Heinz Foods 3.875% 15/05/2027	USD 510,000	433	0.33
GLP Capital 5.75% 01/06/2028	USD 480,000	433	0.33
Ziggo 4.25% 15/01/2027	EUR 459,000	430	0.33
L Brands 7.5% 15/06/2029	USD 595,000	426	0.33
Loxam SAS 3.75% 15/07/2026	EUR 502,000	420	0.32
Kraton Polymers 5.25% 15/05/2026	EUR 450,000	417	0.32
Loxam SAS 2.875% 15/04/2026	EUR 518,000	405	0.31
Trivium Packaging Finance 3.75% 15/08/2026	EUR 435,000	390	0.30
Altice France 3.375% 15/01/2028	EUR 440,000	378	0.29
CCO 4.5% 15/08/2030	USD 444,000	367	0.28
Hilcorp Energy I 6.25% 01/11/2028	USD 560,000	364	0.28
Bancolombia 4.875% 18/10/2027	USD 451,000	358	0.27
ViaSat 6.5% 15/07/2028	USD 420,000	343	0.26
CNAC HK Finbridge 5.125% 14/03/2028	USD 350,000	330	0.25
EQM Midstream Partners 6.5% 01/07/2027	USD 397,000	329	0.25
MPT Operating Partnership 4.625% 01/08/2029	USD 400,000	329	0.25
American Axle & Manufacturing 6.5% 01/04/2027	USD 417,000	328	0.25
Station Casinos 4.5% 15/02/2028	USD 454,000	315	0.24
IHO Verwaltungen 3.875% 15/05/2027	EUR 350,000	313	0.24
Sprint Capital 6.875% 15/11/2028	USD 290,000	287	0.22
INEOS Finance 2.875% 01/05/2026	EUR 330,000	287	0.22
GUSAP III 4.25% 21/01/2030	USD 353,000	283	0.22
Levi Strauss 3.375% 15/03/2027	EUR 300,000	276	0.21
Lamb Weston 4.875% 15/05/2028	USD 305,000	261	0.20
Level 3 Financing 3.875% 15/11/2029	USD 302,000	260	0.20
Cleveland-Cliffs 5.875% 01/06/2027	USD 380,000	260	0.20
Caesars Resort Collection 5.25% 15/10/2025	USD 360,000	257	0.20
Virgin Media Vendor Financing Notes 4.875% 15/07/2028	GBP 245,000	246	0.19
Constellium 4.25% 15/02/2026	EUR 255,000	228	0.17
WESCO Distribution 7.25% 15/06/2028	USD 257,000	222	0.17
Casino Guichard Perrachon 4.048% 05/08/2026	EUR 200,000	154	0.12
L Brands 9.375% 01/07/2025	USD 104,000	86	0.07
Energizer 4.75% 15/06/2028	USD 102,000	82	0.06
		76,338	58.33
Corporate bonds – maturity 15+ years 8.99% (31.12.19: 22.41%)			
TLG Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 1,900,000	1,644	1.27
Vodafone 7% 04/04/2079	USD 1,494,000	1,413	1.08
Nationwide Building Society 5.875% Perpetual	GBP 820,000	819	0.63
Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	EUR 900,000	818	0.63
Coventry Building Society 6.875% Perpetual	GBP 750,000	754	0.58

Portfolio statement (continued)
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Asset	Holding	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Corporate bonds – maturity 15+ years 8.99% (31.12.19: 22.41%) (continued)			
Network 5.65% Perpetual	USD 830,000	653	0.50
Credit Agricole 6.5% Perpetual	EUR 700,000	650	0.50
BP Capital Markets 4.875% Perpetual	USD 708,000	594	0.45
Telefonica Europe 4.375% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	564	0.43
KBC 4.75% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	553	0.42
Telefonica Europe 3.875% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	547	0.42
Credit Agricole 7.5% Perpetual	GBP 500,000	546	0.42
LeasePlan 7.375% Perpetual	EUR 610,000	541	0.41
Commerzbank 6.125% Perpetual	EUR 400,000	347	0.27
UBS 7% Perpetual	USD 330,000	279	0.21
Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	EUR 300,000	271	0.21
Western Midstream Operating 5.45% 01/04/2044	USD 300,000	202	0.15
Nationwide Building Society 5.75% Perpetual	GBP 200,000	201	0.15
ATF Netherlands 3.75% Perpetual	EUR 200,000	181	0.14
Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 4% Perpetual	EUR 200,000	155	0.12
		11,732	8.99
Derivatives – credit default swaps (0.05%) (31.12.19: 0.00%)			
Citigroup CDX NA HY 500BPS 20/06/2025	384,000	3	-
Citigroup MARKIT ITRX EUR CROSSOVER 500BPS 20/06/2025	679,000	(26)	(0.02)
Citigroup MARKIT ITRX EUR CROSSOVER 500BPS 20/06/2025	1,040,000	(40)	(0.03)
		(63)	(0.05)
Derivatives – credit default swaptions 0.00% (31.12.19: 0.02%)			
Derivatives – total return swaps 0.01% (31.12.19: 0.01%)			
JP Morgan Total Return Swap Rec (EUR) 1% 20/09/2020	(342,125)	16	0.01
Forward foreign exchange contracts (1.95%) (31.12.19: 0.03%)			
Forward currency contracts			
Euro			
Buy EUR	11,901,000	for GBP (10,729,487)	146
Sell EUR	(52,818,000)	for GBP 47,345,839	(922)
US dollar			
Buy USD	6,363,900	for GBP (5,122,969)	(2)
Sell USD	(112,293,086)	for GBP 89,720,630	(1,779)
		(2,557)	(1.95)
Portfolio of investments [^]		125,865	96.21
Net other assets [*]		4,956	3.79
Net assets		130,821	100.00

[^] Including derivative liabilities.

^{*}The net other assets figure includes bank and short term cash deposits.

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Fixed interest securities are traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

The collective investment schemes investments, credit default swaps, total return swaps and the forward foreign exchange contracts are not listed.

The value of collateral held in relation to forward contracts is £2,473k (31.12.19: £600k).

Portfolio analysis

As at 30 June 2020

Portfolio analysis

Asset	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
Bonds	125,930	96.26	102,015	89.78
Collective investment schemes	2,539	1.94	4,613	4.06
Derivatives	(47)	(0.04)	24	0.01
Forward foreign exchange contracts	(2,557)	(1.95)	28	0.03
Net other assets	4,956	3.79	6,957	6.12
Net assets	130,821	100.00	113,637	100.00

Credit breakdown*

Asset	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of net assets (%)
A	–	–	990	0.87
BBB	14,275	10.92	16,770	14.75
BB	60,812	46.47	48,459	42.67
B	40,973	31.34	26,611	23.40
CCC	9,870	7.53	9,185	8.09
Total bonds	125,930	96.26	102,015	89.78

*Bond ratings are Ninety One approximations.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report

Authorised Corporate Director's report

The Authorised Corporate Director (the "ACD") of Ninety One Funds Series ii (the "Company") is Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited. The ACD is the sole director of the Company.

Authorised status

The Company is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC125 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") with effect from 10 June 2005.

The Company is structured as an umbrella company in that different sub-funds (the "Funds") may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. The Company currently comprises six Funds.

The Company (and therefore the Funds) has been certified by the FCA as complying with the conditions necessary for it to enjoy rights conferred by the EC Directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"). The Company has an unlimited duration.

The assets of each Fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that Fund. Investment of the assets of each of the Funds must comply with the FCA's Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook ("COLL") and the investment objective and policy of the relevant Fund.

Under English law, the Funds are segregated portfolios of assets and the assets of a Fund belong exclusively to that Fund. The assets of a Fund shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company and any other Fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

Subject to the above, each Fund will be charged with the liabilities, expenses, costs and charges of the Company attributable to that Fund, and within each Fund charges will be allocated between share classes in accordance with their terms of issue. Any assets, liabilities, expenses, costs or charges not attributable to a particular Fund may be allocated by the ACD in a manner which it believes is fair to the shareholders generally. This will normally be pro rata to the net asset value of the relevant Funds.

Accounting period covered by these accounts

The accounting period covered in these accounts is from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report (continued)

Changes during the accounting period

Changes made following required notice:

After consultation with the Depositary and in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.3 of COLL, shareholders were given notice of the following:

On 31 January 2020:

- (a) the change of name of the Company from "Investec Funds Series ii" to "Ninety One Funds Series ii";
- (b) the change of name of the ACD from "Investec Fund Managers Limited" to "Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited" and the corresponding changes to the names of "Investec Asset Management Limited" and the other legal entities involved in the management of the Company to "Ninety One";
- (c) the change of registered office of the Company from Woolgate Exchange, 25 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5HA to 55 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7EL; and
- (d) the lowering of the annual management charge for the A and I share classes of the Global Total Return Credit Fund.

On 31 July 2020, the change of name of the Company's Registrar and Administrators. The Registrar, DST Financial Services Europe Limited, became SS&C Financial Services Europe Limited and the Administrators, DST Financial Services International Limited, became SS&C Financial Services International Limited. Their registered office changed from DST House to SS&C House.

There were no fundamental changes to the Funds that required shareholder approval

Other changes made:

Share classes launched:

The following share class was launched on 1 June 2020

Asia Pacific Franchise Fund, J, Accumulation, GBP.

Authorised Corporate Director's Report (continued)

Coronavirus impact

The outbreak of the coronavirus since the start of January 2020 has had a material impact on global financial markets and economic stability. The ACD remains focused on looking after clients and their assets. To keep the team safe and ensure that Ninety One can operate business as usual, the ACD is following the guidance of the authorities in each region. In line with that guidance, colleagues in the UK, Europe and some other locations are now working remotely and Ninety One is operating business as usual.

In line with Ninety One's flexible working policy, team members are equipped with the technology and support to work remotely. All core processes can be undertaken remotely, and the IT infrastructure can support large-scale remote working in the event of disruption. The dealers have the technology to support remote working, as do the investment teams.

The remote-working technologies have been designed and deployed in a way that replicates the same key system controls that are operational in the office environment. The ongoing oversight of outsourced arrangements includes a periodic review of the outsourcer's business-continuity processes, as well as testing to ensure that the risk of disruption is minimised. Specifically related to COVID-19, Ninety One is in regular contact with key providers, which are supplying updates on their own plans and circumstances. Ninety One is currently satisfied with the plans of all of key providers, and continue to monitor developments closely.

Name change

Investec Funds Series ii name change was approved on 27 April 2020, and is now Ninety One Funds Series ii. In addition, the ACD name change was approved on 28 May 2020, and is now Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited.

A. Fletcher

Director of the ACD

28 August 2020

D. Aird

Director of the ACD

American Franchise Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (GBP Hedged Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	105,859	103,500	67,257	74,106	1,143	789	390	305
Closing number of shares	20,266,347	21,747,319	17,840,513	21,054,382	376,336	261,178	165,178	128,895
Closing net asset value per share (p)	522.34	475.92	376.99	351.97	303.85	302.28	235.91	236.73
Operating charges	1.58%	1.57%	1.58%	1.59%	1.61%	1.61%	1.61%	1.63%

	'A' Class (USD Accumulation shares)				'B' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (USD'000)/(£'000)	11,626	12,190	261	509	5,300	5,085	8,148	8,149
Closing number of shares	1,812,729	1,937,792	54,130	106,859	974,639	1,027,499	2,083,931	2,237,827
Closing net asset value per share (c)/(p)	641.37	629.07	481.65	475.89	543.79	494.85	391.01	364.15
Operating charges	1.58%	1.58%	1.58%	1.59%	1.33%	1.32%	1.33%	1.34%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	293,013	295,601	97,021	56,062	6,602	5,918	233	293
Closing number of shares	82,835,717	92,061,083	38,432,070	23,965,409	1,861,557	1,835,978	91,803	124,188
Closing net asset value per share (p)	353.73	321.09	252.45	233.93	354.67	322.35	254.07	236.03
Operating charges	0.83%	0.82%	0.83%	0.84%	1.08%	1.07%	1.08%	1.09%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,065	7,191	4,713	3,700
Closing number of shares	1,856,376	1,830,265	1,537,171	1,312,035
Closing net asset value per share (c)	434.43	392.88	306.62	282.01
Operating charges	0.08%	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%

Asia Pacific Franchise Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'B' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	43,058	38,585	49,928	63,092	2,831	2,711	4,215	5,299
Closing number of shares	5,540,197	5,346,529	8,597,974	9,422,105	35,368	36,527	70,739	77,315
Closing net asset value per share (p)	777.20	721.68	580.69	669.62	8,004.45	7,423.42	5,958.22	6,853.53
Operating charges	1.61%	1.61%#	1.64%	1.68%	1.36%	1.35%#	1.39%	1.43%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'J' Class (Accumulation shares) ⁽¹⁾			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	162,834	107,788	88,102	139,131	5,388	-	-	-
Closing number of shares	41,352,189	29,588,834	30,285,306	41,784,476	5,102,275	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share (p)	393.77	364.28	290.91	332.97	105.61	-	-	-
Operating charges	0.86%	0.86%#	0.89%	0.93%	0.75%	-	-	-

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,127	17,974	527	490
Closing number of shares	8,427,965	8,550,885	313,080	253,921
Closing net asset value per share (p)	226.94	210.20	168.29	193.09
Operating charges	1.11%	1.12%#	1.14%	1.18%

(1) Launched 1 June 2020.

Prior year figures have been restated.

Global Energy Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)/(USD'000)	13,323	13,437	17,379	25,379
Closing number of shares	8,880,835	7,067,913	10,078,826	12,836,146
Closing net asset value per share (p)/(c)	150.02	190.11	172.43	197.72
Operating charges	1.67%	1.64%	1.66%	1.63%

	'A' Class (USD Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)/(USD'000)	736	1,005	1,040	1,640
Closing number of shares	399,822	400,317	472,588	613,927
Closing net asset value per share (p)/(c)	184.03	251.09	220.13	267.11
Operating charges	1.67%	1.64%	1.66%	1.63%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,685	23,370	26,147	36,595
Closing number of shares	14,127,520	11,038,422	13,719,199	16,872,616
Closing net asset value per share (p)	167.66	211.72	190.58	216.89
Operating charges	0.92%	0.89%	0.91%	0.88%

	'I' Class (Income shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	176	287	798	1,028
Closing number of shares	351,241	453,117	1,361,286	1,498,698
Closing net asset value per share (p)	50.25	63.43	58.62	68.57
Operating charges	0.92%	0.89%	0.91%	0.88%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	394	429	101	97
Closing number of shares	572,113	492,870	128,963	108,681
Closing net asset value per share (p)	68.84	87.03	78.54	89.62
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%	1.16%	1.13%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,985	2,335	2,345	3,463
Closing number of shares	1,788,946	1,672,193	1,879,782	2,457,914
Closing net asset value per share (p)	110.95	139.62	124.74	140.87
Operating charges	0.17%	0.14%	0.16%	0.13%

Global Strategic Equity Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (USD Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)/(USD'000)	113,589	124,334	148,728	192,471	55	111	116	149
Closing number of shares	11,597,239	12,412,720	17,766,018	20,781,163	4,581	8,383	10,904	11,919
Closing net asset value per share (p)/(c)	979.45	1,001.67	837.15	926.18	1,200.19	1,321.30	1,067.41	1,249.72
Operating charges	1.59%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%	1.59%	1.58%	1.59%	1.59%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (GBP Hedged Accumulation shares) ⁽¹⁾			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	243,051	261,138	232,436	296,419	30,302	33,767	44,438	60,466
Closing number of shares	95,509,452	100,716,166	108,072,113	125,511,194	26,048,414	26,010,643	41,936,813	49,107,683
Closing net asset value per share (p)	254.48	259.28	215.07	236.17	116.33	129.82	105.96	123.13
Operating charges	0.84%	0.83%	0.84%	0.84%	0.87%	0.86%	0.87%	0.88%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,024	28,739	551	701	6,967	9,160	79,395	86,261
Closing number of shares	11,935,644	11,998,259	276,578	319,855	2,175,649	2,818,155	29,671,025	29,578,856
Closing net asset value per share (p)	234.79	239.52	199.18	219.26	320.22	325.04	267.58	291.63
Operating charges	1.09%	1.08%	1.09%	1.09%	0.09%	0.08%	0.09%	0.09%

(1) Launched 31 January 2017.

Global Total Return Credit Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				'I' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13	10	10	-	99,902	98,899	39,421	-
Closing number of shares	13,456	10,501	10,138	-	96,355,031	92,901,963	39,952,121	-
Closing net asset value per share (p)	94.36	99.27	96.07	-	103.68	106.45	98.67	-
Operating charges	1.47%	1.61%	1.63%	-	0.80%	0.86%	0.87%	-

	'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				'K' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	346	2,803	2,314	-	14,699	14,638	3,613	-
Closing number of shares	360,717	2,788,293	2,396,673	-	14,088,536	13,682,456	3,654,871	-
Closing net asset value per share (p)	95.88	100.52	96.55	-	104.33	106.98	98.86	-
Operating charges	0.82%	0.86%	0.85%	-	0.54%	0.56%	0.55%	-

	'K' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	47,388	72,288	43,237	-
Closing number of shares	49,129,723	71,578,977	44,710,329	-
Closing net asset value per share (c)	96.46	100.99	96.70	-
Operating charges	0.53%	0.56%	0.56%	-

Fund launched on 11 May 2018.

Monthly High Income Fund

Comparative tables

As at 30 June 2020

Net Asset Value and Ongoing Charges Figure

	'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				'A' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,391	8,951	10,367	12,373	11,910	13,804	20,757	25,802
Closing number of shares	3,379,133	3,821,514	4,864,576	5,564,413	19,542,637	20,645,868	32,613,000	37,098,358
Closing net asset value per share (p)	218.72	234.22	213.12	222.37	60.94	66.86	63.65	69.55
Operating charges	1.35%	1.38%	1.34%	1.34%	1.35%	1.37%	1.34%	1.34%

	'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				'I' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,998	15,398	25,988	23,330	28,641	32,912	36,359	44,938
Closing number of shares	7,134,741	7,916,752	14,772,845	12,787,068	31,728,224	33,332,900	38,916,034	44,281,141
Closing net asset value per share (p)	182.18	194.51	175.92	182.45	90.27	98.74	93.43	101.48
Operating charges	0.75%	0.77%	0.74%	0.74%	0.75%	0.78%	0.74%	0.74%

	'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				'R' Class (Income-2 shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	359	751	338	277	6,104	6,502	954	775
Closing number of shares	291,729	570,971	284,240	223,813	7,169,639	6,979,501	1,080,449	807,290
Closing net asset value per share (p)	123.13	131.52	119.07	123.62	85.13	93.16	88.24	95.94
Operating charges	0.85%	0.88%	0.84%	0.84%	0.85%	0.89%	0.84%	0.84%

	'S' Class (Accumulation shares)			
	30.06.20	31.12.19	31.12.18	31.12.17
Closing net asset value (£'000)	63,418	35,319	6,310	2,338
Closing number of shares	24,491,478	12,816,604	2,548,084	916,203
Closing net asset value per share (p)	258.94	275.57	247.62	255.16
Operating charges	0.10%	0.13%	0.09%	0.09%

Notes to the Aggregated Financial Statements

For the period ended 30 June 2020

Accounting policies

The semi-annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 and are described in those annual financial statements.

A. Fletcher

Director of the ACD

28 August 2020

D. Aird

Director of the ACD

American Franchise Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		34,156		43,395
Revenue	2,373		1,571	
Expenses	(2,096)		(1,305)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	276		266	
Taxation	(244)		(148)	
Net revenue after taxation		32		118
Total return before distribution		34,188		43,513
Distribution		5		37
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		34,193		43,550

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		427,312		177,967
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	59,363		110,435	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(91,411)		(15,086)	
		(32,048)		95,349
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		34,193		43,550
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		429,457		316,866

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		404,036		386,842
Current assets				
Debtors	860		1,631	
Cash and bank balances	25,162		39,361	
Total other assets		26,022		40,992
Total assets		430,058		427,834
Liabilities				
Creditors				
Other creditors	601		522	
Total other liabilities		601		522
Total liabilities		601		522
Net assets attributable to shareholders		429,457		427,312

Asia Pacific Franchise Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		16,566		22,522 [#]
Revenue	1,558		1,966	
Expenses	(944)		(838)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation	614		1,128	
Taxation	85		(157) [#]	
Net revenue after taxation		699		971 [#]
Total return before distribution		17,265		23,493
Distribution		90		(836)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		17,355		22,657

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		167,058		142,772
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	52,533		807	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(3,708)		(15,610)	
		48,825		(14,803)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		17,355		22,657
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		-		808
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		233,238		151,434

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		216,449		157,797
Current assets				
Debtors	1,054		387	
Cash and bank balances	16,292		9,306	
Total other assets		17,346		9,693
Total assets		233,795		167,490
Liabilities				
Creditors				
Other creditors	557		432	
Total other liabilities		557		432
Total liabilities		557		432
Net assets attributable to shareholders		233,238		167,058

[#]Prior year comparatives have been restated to show capital gains tax within taxation instead of net capital gains, this is consistent with the current year disclosure.

Global Energy Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(7,419)		6,506
Revenue	952		967	
Expenses	(194)		(263)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		-	
Net revenue before taxation	758		704	
Taxation	1		(53)	
Net revenue after taxation		759		651
Total return before distribution		(6,660)		7,157
Distribution		46		(22)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(6,614)		7,135

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		40,619		47,584
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	15,795		1,250	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,643)		(6,415)	
		6,152		(5,165)
Dilution adjustment		6		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(6,614)		7,135
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		40,163		49,554

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		39,405		40,209
Current assets				
Debtors	401		27	
Cash and bank balances	600		544	
Total other assets		1,001		571
Total assets		40,406		40,780
Liabilities				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	-		8	
Other creditors	243		153	
Total other liabilities		243		161
Total liabilities		243		161
Net assets attributable to shareholders		40,163		40,619

Global Strategic Equity Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(14,618)		74,564
Revenue	3,867		6,283	
Expenses	(2,146)		(2,520)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(4)		(6)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,717		3,757	
Taxation	(300)		(422)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,417		3,335
Total return before distribution		(13,201)		77,899
Distribution		(35)		(83)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(13,236)		77,816

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		457,222		505,639
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	4,331		6,907	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(26,339)		(94,377)	
		(22,008)		(87,470)
Dilution adjustment		-		54
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(13,236)		77,816
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		421,978		496,039

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		413,312		451,384
Current assets				
Debtors	4,749		1,068	
Cash and bank balances	7,073		5,437	
Total other assets		11,822		6,505
Total assets		425,134		457,889
Liabilities				
Creditors				
Other creditors	3,156		667	
Total other liabilities		3,156		667
Total liabilities		3,156		667
Net assets attributable to shareholders		421,978		457,222

Global Total Return Credit Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(8,495)		3,739
Revenue	3,477		1,990	
Expenses	(587)		(384)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(4)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,886		1,603	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		2,886		1,603
Total return before distributions		(5,609)		5,342
Distributions		(3,050)		(1,740)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(8,659)		3,602

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		188,638		88,595
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	22,623		59,981	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(42,260)		(4,488)	
		(19,637)		55,493
Dilution adjustment		161		53
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(8,659)		3,602
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,845		940
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		162,348		148,683

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		159,033		173,815
Current assets				
Debtors	4,031		1,986	
Cash and bank balances	8,546		13,954	
Total other assets		12,577		15,940
Total assets		171,610		189,755
Liabilities				
Investment liabilities		3,241		336
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	-		16	
Distribution payable	504		639	
Other creditors	5,517		126	
Total other liabilities		6,021		781
Total liabilities		9,262		1,117
Net assets attributable to shareholders		162,348		188,638

Global Total Return Credit Fund

Distribution tables

For the period ended 30 June 2020

Interim distribution paid 31 May 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 January 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 January and 31 March 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 31.05.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.05.19 pence
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.9058	–	0.9058	0.7072
Group 2	0.3390	0.5668	0.9058	0.7072
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.7608	–	0.7608	0.5306
Group 2	0.4199	0.3409	0.7608	0.5306
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.9209	–	0.9209	0.7158
Group 2	0.4014	0.5195	0.9209	0.7158
'K' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.8430	–	0.8430	0.6041
Group 2	0.4018	0.4412	0.8430	0.6041
'K' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.9255	–	0.9255	0.7173
Group 2	0.4742	0.4513	0.9255	0.7173

Interim distribution payable 31 August 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 April 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 April and 30 June 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.08.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.08.19 pence
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.9988	–	0.9988	1.0254
Group 2	0.8891	0.1097	0.9988	1.0254
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.8940	–	0.8940	0.8427
Group 2	0.5370	0.3570	0.8940	0.8427
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	1.0117	–	1.0117	1.0256
Group 2	0.4258	0.5859	1.0117	1.0256
'K' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.9561	–	0.9561	0.9254
Group 2	0.6660	0.2901	0.9561	0.9254
'K' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	1.0176	–	1.0176	1.0270
Group 2	0.8648	0.1528	1.0176	1.0270

Equalisation

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

Monthly High Income Fund

Statement of total return

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(7,815)		5,347
Revenue	2,981		2,373	
Expenses	(340)		(436)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(6)		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,635		1,933	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		2,635		1,933
Total return before distributions		(5,180)		7,280
Distributions		(2,647)		(1,968)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(7,827)		5,312

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period ended 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		30.06.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		113,637		101,073
Amounts receivable on creation of shares	32,070		20,648	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(8,729)		(19,976)	
		23,341		672
Dilution adjustment		101		28
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(7,827)		5,312
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,569		824
Unclaimed distributions		-		8
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		130,821		107,917

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2020

	30.06.20		31.12.19	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets				
Investments assets		128,634		106,864
Current assets				
Debtors	5,504		1,500	
Cash and bank balances	4,012		6,351	
Total other assets		9,516		7,851
Total assets		138,150		114,715
Liabilities				
Investment liabilities		2,769		184
Creditors				
Bank overdrafts	2		181	
Distribution payable	384		512	
Other creditors	4,174		201	
Total other liabilities		4,560		894
Total liabilities		7,329		1,078
Net assets attributable to shareholders		130,821		113,637

Monthly High Income Fund

Distribution tables

For the period ended 30 June 2020

Interim distribution paid 31 March 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 January 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 January and 31 January 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 31.03.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.03.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6132	–	0.6132	0.3585
Group 2	0.4393	0.1739	0.6132	0.3585
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2500	–	0.2500	0.1802
Group 2	0.1415	0.1085	0.2500	0.1802
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6071	–	0.6071	0.3866
Group 2	0.2493	0.3578	0.6071	0.3866
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3693	–	0.3693	0.2646
Group 2	0.1858	0.1835	0.3693	0.2646
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.3995	–	0.3995	0.2514
Group 2	0.3752	0.0243	0.3995	0.2514
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3484	–	0.3484	0.2499
Group 2	0.0537	0.2947	0.3484	0.2499
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	1.0106	–	1.0106	0.6826
Group 2	1.0106	–	1.0106	0.6826

Interim distribution paid 30 April 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 February 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 February and 29 February 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 30.04.20 pence	Distribution paid 30.04.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.5715	–	0.5715	0.4233
Group 2	0.1475	0.4240	0.5715	0.4233
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2382	–	0.2382	0.2000
Group 2	0.0594	0.1788	0.2382	0.2000
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.5728	–	0.5728	0.4416
Group 2	0.2444	0.3284	0.5728	0.4416
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3520	–	0.3520	0.2938
Group 2	0.0821	0.2699	0.3520	0.2938
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.3753	–	0.3753	0.2885
Group 2	0.3378	0.0375	0.3753	0.2885
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3321	–	0.3321	0.2775
Group 2	0.0751	0.2570	0.3321	0.2775
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.9578	–	0.9578	0.7624
Group 2	0.1439	0.8139	0.9578	0.7624

Interim distribution paid 31 May 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 March 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 March and 31 March 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 31.05.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.05.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6522	–	0.6522	0.4233
Group 2	–	0.6522	0.6522	0.4233
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2500	–	0.2500	0.2000
Group 2	0.0094	0.2406	0.2500	0.2000
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6269	–	0.6269	0.4425
Group 2	0.3185	0.3084	0.6269	0.4425
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3697	–	0.3697	0.2940
Group 2	0.1755	0.1942	0.3697	0.2940
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.4135	–	0.4135	0.2890
Group 2	0.3447	0.0688	0.4135	0.2890
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3487	–	0.3487	0.2776
Group 2	0.1266	0.2221	0.3487	0.2776
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	1.0155	–	1.0155	0.7654
Group 2	0.0620	0.9535	1.0155	0.7654

Interim distribution paid 30 June 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 April 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 April and 30 April 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution paid 30.06.20 pence	Distribution paid 30.06.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6450	–	0.6450	0.5855
Group 2	–	0.6450	0.6450	0.5855
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2500	–	0.2500	0.2484
Group 2	0.0617	0.1883	0.2500	0.2484
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6254	–	0.6254	0.5781
Group 2	0.0469	0.5785	0.6254	0.5781
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3699	–	0.3699	0.3653
Group 2	0.1084	0.2615	0.3699	0.3653
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.4119	–	0.4119	0.3806
Group 2	0.4119	–	0.4119	0.3806
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3489	–	0.3489	0.3449
Group 2	0.0975	0.2514	0.3489	0.3449
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	1.0201	–	1.0201	0.9590
Group 2	0.4863	0.5338	1.0201	0.9590

Interim distribution payable 31 July 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 May 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 May and 31 May 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.07.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.07.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6391	–	0.6391	0.5918
Group 2	0.2178	0.4213	0.6391	0.5918
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2500	–	0.2500	0.2484
Group 2	0.1281	0.1219	0.2500	0.2484
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6244	–	0.6244	0.5825
Group 2	0.3379	0.2865	0.6244	0.5825
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3701	–	0.3701	0.3655
Group 2	0.1022	0.2679	0.3701	0.3655
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.4107	–	0.4107	0.3836
Group 2	0.4107	–	0.4107	0.3836
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3490	–	0.3490	0.3450
Group 2	0.0130	0.3360	0.3490	0.3450
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	1.0246	–	1.0246	0.9639
Group 2	0.1524	0.8722	1.0246	0.9639

Interim distribution payable 31 August 2020

Group 1 – Shares purchased before 1 June 2020

Group 2 – Shares purchased between 1 June and 30 June 2020

	Net Income pence	Equalisation pence	Distribution payable 31.08.20 pence	Distribution paid 31.08.19 pence
'A' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6408	–	0.6408	0.5903
Group 2	0.1298	0.5110	0.6408	0.5903
'A' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.2500	–	0.2500	0.2484
Group 2	0.0385	0.2115	0.2500	0.2484
'I' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.6267	–	0.6267	0.5832
Group 2	0.2070	0.4197	0.6267	0.5832
'I' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3702	–	0.3702	0.3657
Group 2	0.0721	0.2981	0.3702	0.3657
'R' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	0.4122	–	0.4122	0.3839
Group 2	0.2783	0.1339	0.4122	0.3839
'R' Class (Income-2 shares)				
Group 1	0.3491	–	0.3491	0.3452
Group 2	–	0.3491	0.3491	0.3452
'S' Class (Accumulation shares)				
Group 1	1.0296	–	1.0296	0.9683
Group 2	0.3121	0.7175	1.0296	0.9683

Equalisation

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

Securities Financing Transactions ('SFTs')

As at 30 June 2020

GLOBAL DATA

Assets engaged in SFTs and total return swaps	Fund assets under management (AUM) £'000
Monthly High Income Fund	130,821

Absolute value of assets engaged in total return swaps:	Underlying exposure value £'000	% of net assets
Monthly High Income Fund	16	0.01%

CONCENTRATION DATA

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Underlying exposure value £'000	Settlement and clearing
Monthly High Income Fund JP Morgan	United States of America	16	Bi-lateral

AGGREGATE TRANSACTION DATA

Type, Quality and Currency of Collateral Type	Quality	Currencies
Total return swaps		
Monthly High Income Fund		
n/a	n/a	n/a

There was no collateral granted by the Fund at 30 June 2020 in relation to the Total Return Swap contracts held.

Maturity Tenor of SFTs and Total Return Swaps (remaining period to maturity)

	Less than one day £'000	One day to one week £'000	One week to one month £'000	One to three months £'000	Three months to one year £'000	Above one year £'000	Open transactions £'000	Total £'000
Monthly High Income Fund								
Total return swaps	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	16

RETURN AND COST

	Collective Investment Undertaking £'000	Manager of Collective Investment Undertaking £'000	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) £'000	Total £'000
Monthly High Income Fund				
Total return swaps				
Gross return	-	-	-	-
% of total gross return	-	-	-	-
Cost	-	-	-	-

Other information

ISA status

During the period under review, the shares of the funds met the requirements for eligibility to be held in a stocks and shares ISA as determined by the regulations which govern ISAs.

Ninety One Fund Managers UK Limited offer the 'A' shares of the funds through its own ISA plan.

Distributions

Where a distribution is to be paid, it has been calculated as at 30 June 2020 and will be distributed to shareholders, where applicable, on 31 August 2020. For accumulation shares income distribution payments are deemed to be paid on 31 August 2020.

Telephone calls

Telephone calls may be recorded for training, monitoring and regulatory purposes and to confirm investors' instructions.

Cross holding table

There were no cross holdings between sub-funds in Ninety One Funds Series ii as at 30 June 2020.

Glossary

Active management

An active investment approach is one where a portfolio manager aims to beat the market through research, analysis and his/her judgement. (See also passive management).

Asset allocation

A fund's allotment to different asset classes.

Asset class

The main types of investment available. The traditional asset classes are equities, bonds and cash.

Bear market

A market where prices fall consistently over a long period of time. Investors are referred to as 'bearish' if they believe prices are going to fall.

Benchmark

A comparative performance index.

Bond

A form of loan issued by a government or company. Typically, an investor should receive a regular coupon and the return of the principal originally lent when the bond matures.

Note: Not all bonds are interest bearing (see zero coupon bond), and not all bonds are fixed rate (e.g. index linked, floating rate and stepped rate bonds).

Bottom-up investing

An investment approach that concentrates on the analysis of individual companies and considers the company's history, management and potential as more important than macroeconomic trends.

Bull market

A market where prices rise consistently over a long period of time. Investors are referred to as 'bullish' if they believe prices are going to rise.

Cash

The most liquid form in which to store capital. While it is regarded as a safe asset class, over time the purchasing power of cash tends to be eroded by inflation.

Central bank base rate

The basic rate of interest set by a central bank that determines the cost of borrowing.

Commodities

An asset class which comprises physical assets such as oil, base and precious metals and agricultural produce.

Credit rating agency

An institution that assigns credit ratings to debt issuers, such as companies and governments. Standard & Poor's and Moody's are well-known examples.

Credit risk

The risk that a bond issuer or borrower will be unable to meet their contractual obligations.

Credit spread

The differences in yield between 'risk-free' bonds, such as gilts or US treasuries, and non-treasury (or gilt) bonds, which are identical in all respects except for the quality of their rating. Corporate bonds tend to offer additional yield to compensate investors for the potential risk of default.

Currency risk

The risk of incurring losses of foreign assets due to adverse movements in exchange rates between domestic and foreign currencies.

Deflation

As opposed to inflation, it describes conditions in which there is a widespread, consistent decline in prices. It conveys the rarer occurrence of the money in one's pocket actually increasing in buying power, rather than the more usual opposite.

Glossary (continued)

Derivatives

An instrument whose value depends on the performance of an underlying security or rate which requires no initial exchange of principal. Options, futures and swaps are all examples of derivatives.

Developed markets

Refers to industrialised countries with relatively high levels of economic productivity, high standards of living and stable economies.

Disinflation

Refers to a slowing down in price growth, as opposed to deflation where prices are already falling.

Diversification

Holding a range of assets to reduce risk.

Dividend

The portion of company net profits paid out to shareholders.

Dividend yield

The annual dividend per share divided by the current share price.

Duration

A measure of a bond investment's sensitivity to changes in interest rates. The longer the duration, the more sensitive it is. Calculating 'duration' for a fixed income investment such as a bond is a complicated sum. It takes into account the current value of the bond, the coupon or interest payment, the book cost, and the number of years the bond has left to run. Put simply, the higher the duration number the higher the potential return (and the greater the risk).

Emerging markets

Countries in the process of industrialising which tend to have rapidly growing economies.

Emerging market debt

Debt issued by governments and corporates in emerging markets.

Equity

Refers to shares. A share in a company provides an investor with part ownership of that company.

Fixed Income

An investment that provides a return in the form of fixed periodic payments and the eventual return of principal at maturity.

Future

An obligation to buy or sell an asset on a specific date in the future at an agreed price.

Gilt

A bond that is issued by the British government which is generally considered low risk. Bonds issued by South African and Irish governments are also referred to as gilts.

Hedging

A technique seeking to offset or minimise the exposure to specific risk by entering an opposing position.

High yield bond

A below investment grade rated bond, providing the investor with greater returns due to its higher default risk. (See Junk bond).

Index-linked bonds

Bonds whose coupons and principal payment are linked to movements in inflation.

Inflation

Describes conditions in which there have been a consistent rise in prices.

Initial public offering (IPO)

The first public sale of a company's equity resulting in a quoted stock price on a stock exchange.

Interest

The return earned on funds which have been deposited, loaned, or invested.

Glossary (continued)

Investment grade bonds

Bonds considered of the highest quality by credit rating agencies. The threshold credit rating for Standard & Poor's is BBB and Baa3 for Moody's.

Liabilities

Financial obligations that must be met.

Liquidity

The ease with which an asset can be sold at a reasonable price for cash.

Long dated bond

A bond with usually 15 years or more remaining before redemption, at which point the principal is paid to the holder.

Long-term investment

Holding an asset for an extended period of time. Depending on the security, a long-term asset can be held for as little as one year or for as long as 30 years.

Macroeconomic

Refers to the big trends in an economy as a whole, such as inflation and unemployment, while microeconomic forces refer to the factors affecting individual situations or companies.

Market capitalisation

The total value of a company's equity, calculated by the number of shares multiplied by their market price.

Maturity

With regards to bonds, maturity refers to the time at which the principal of the bond is repayable and it ceases to exist. In terms of a pension fund, it conveys the average age of the membership and the time until benefits are payable.

Outperformance

The return of a fund in excess of the comparative performance index.

Overweight

When a fund has greater exposure to an asset than the comparative performance index.

Peer group

A group of funds that can be compared with one another for performance purposes. A peer group will usually be based on the funds' investment scope, for example UK equities.

Performance

The results of an investment over a given period.

Portfolio

A grouping of financial assets, such as equities, bonds and cash equivalents. Portfolios are held directly by investors and/or managed by financial professionals.

Rally

A swift rise.

Real estate

An asset class comprising buildings and land.

Risk premium

The extra return expected by an investor in compensation for holding a risky asset.

Security

A general term for a tradable financial instrument.

Short-term investment

Investments that are held for or mature in 12 months or less.

Standard deviation

A measure of risk, deriving from the historic volatility of a particular asset.

Top-down investing

Contrasting with bottom-up analysis, a top-down approach to investment analysis begins with an assessment of macroeconomic factors, then business cycles before moving on to look at individual sectors and companies.

Treasuries

Debt securities issued by the US government. Treasuries fall under three categories: treasury bills (T-bills), treasury notes (T-notes) and treasury bonds (T-bonds).

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Underweight

When a fund has less exposure to an asset than the benchmark.

Volatility

Price movements. Standard deviation is a measure of an asset's historic volatility.

Year-to-date (YTD)

Refers to the period extending from the beginning of the current calendar year to the present date.

Yield

A measure of the income return earned on an investment. In the case of a share the yield expresses the annual dividend payment as the percentage of the market price of the share. In the case of a property, it is the rental income as a percentage of the capital value. In the case of a bond the running yield (or flat or current yield) is the annual interest payable as a percentage of the current market price. The redemption yield (or yield to maturity) allows for any gain or loss of capital which will be realised at the maturity date.

Yield curve

A graphical representation of all the yields of bonds of the same quality with maturities ranging from the shortest to the longest available.

Yield spread

The difference in yield between different bonds.

Yield to maturity

The annualised return (internal rate of return) that would be earned on a bond if held to maturity.

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