

# Annual Report & Financial Statements

WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund

For the year ended 31 March 2023





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\* Collectively these comprise the AFM's Report.

# Authorised Fund Manager's ("AFM") Report

We are pleased to present the Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements for WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **Authorised Status**

WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund (the "Fund") is a Unit Trust authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), with effect from 5 December 1991.

Unitholders will in no event be liable for the debts of the Fund.

Notices served on the Fund should be delivered to the AFM, WAY Fund Managers Limited, at its registered

#### Structure of the Fund

The Fund is a UCITS scheme.

Investment of the assets of the Fund must comply with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the investment objective and policy of the Fund.

Under the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Remuneration Code, WAY Fund Managers as UCITS Manager, is required to establish and apply remuneration policies and practices for its staff that have a material impact on the risk profile of WAY Fund Managers Limited or the Fund and disclose remuneration information (see page 36) on how those whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

#### Important events during the year

On 27 June 2022, C. Oliver was appointed as a Director of WAY Fund Managers Limited.

On 1 November 2022, WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund launched Unit Type C Income.

#### Brexit

Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, dialogue between the UK and EU has been ongoing about the future of financial services in an effort to agree and sign a Memorandum of Understanding on post-Brexit regulatory cooperation. During March 2021, HM Treasury confirmed that the UK and the European Union had agreed to a regulatory framework for the financial services industry. However, formal steps still need to be taken before a memorandum of understanding can be signed, which means that the final detailed information could still be a little way off. WFM believes that WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund is not materially affected by the UK's withdrawal from the EU. However, should these views change in the future, we will endeavour to post updates to our website at <u>www.wayfunds.com</u>.

#### **COVID-19 pandemic**

Although COVID-19 continues to make its presence felt across the globe, the success of the vaccination programme has meant that the World has accepted that it has to live with the virus. At this moment in time, it appears less likely that there will be further widespread lockdowns, whilst governments keep a watchful eye on the emergence of any more virulent mutations of the virus.

The AFM monitors the markets daily and, should circumstances warrant, fair value pricing of assets will be applied to protect unitholders. If the situation changes, the AFM will act and inform unitholders in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Financial Conduct Authority's Handbook of Rules and Guidance.

# Authorised Fund Manager's ("AFM") Report (continued)

#### **Assessment of Value**

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the regulator for Financial Services, in its goal to provide transparency to investors, requires all Authorised Fund Managers (AFMs) to produce an Assessment of Value (AoV) for money offered by each unit type in each fund or sub-fund under their management. Broadly speaking, an Assessment of Value requires the AFM to consider a combination of factors, including, but not limited to the quality of service provided to investors, the performance of the fund, the cost of investing in the fund, whether economies of scale can be achieved, comparable market rates and services and classes of units. WFM has chosen to publish the AoV separate to the Fund's annual report. This will be available within four months of the annual accounting end date of 31 March 2023, and can be found on WFM's website, at <a href="https://www.wayfunds.com/Sponsors/BromptonAssetManagementLLP\_AOV">https://www.wayfunds.com/Sponsors/BromptonAssetManagementLLP\_AOV</a>.

#### **Going concern assessment**

The AFM's Directors are currently of the opinion that it is appropriate for WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of its Financial Statements. WAY Global Balanced Fund's assets currently remain readily realisable, and accordingly, the AFM's Directors believe that the Fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

#### **Base Currency:**

The base currency of the Fund is Pounds Sterling.

#### **Share Capital:**

The minimum initial lump sum investment is £10,000 and subsequent investment is a minimum of £5,000.

# Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the AFM For the year ended 31 March 2023

# **Directors' Certification**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of COLL, as issued and amended by the FCA. We hereby certify the report on behalf of the Directors of WAY Fund Managers Limited.

The Directors are of the opinion, unless it is stated differently in the AFM's report, that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements as the assets of the Fund consist predominantly of securities that are readily realisable, and accordingly, the Fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

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**WAY Fund Managers Limited** 

31 July 2023

# Statement of the AFM's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Authorised Fund Manager ("AFM") of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund ("Trust") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements in accordance with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Fund's Trust Deed.

COLL requires the AFM to prepare Financial Statements for each annual accounting period which:

• are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA SORP") in May 2014; and

• give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at the end of that year and the net expenses and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for that year.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the AFM is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

• state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and

• prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Fund will continue in operation.

The AFM is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Fund and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the applicable IA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The AFM is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements were approved by the AFM of the Fund and authorised for issue on 31 July 2023.

# Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities For the year ended 31 March 2023

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

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

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

The Trustee must ensure that:

• the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;

• the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;

• the value of units of the Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;

• any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits;

• the Trust's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and

• the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), which is the UCITS Management Trust, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

# Report of the Trustee to the Unitholders of the Trust For the year ended 31 March 2023

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

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

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

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust.

# **Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund** For the year ended 31 March 2023

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

# Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of total return, the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the balance sheet, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the distribution table. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association May 2014 (the Statement of Recommended Practice), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), and the Fund's Trust Deed.

In our opinion, the Financial Statements:

• give a true and fair view of the state of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the net expense and the net capital losses on the property of the Fund for the year then ended;

• have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP"), the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Fund's Trust Deed.

# **Basis for opinion**

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

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

# **Other information**

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2023

# **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook**

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

• proper accounting records for the Fund and its sub-fund have been kept and the Financial Statements are in agreement with those records;

• we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and

• the information disclosed in the report of the Authorised Fund Manager for the year end for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the Financial Statements.

# **Responsibilities of Authorised Fund Manager and Trustee**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustee's responsibilities and the statement of Authorised Fund Manager's responsibilities, the Trustee is responsible for safeguarding the property of the Fund and the Authorised Fund Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal controls as the Authorised Fund Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

• We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable through discussions with management and from industry knowledge. The laws and regulations that we considered significant in this context included FRS102, the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), the Fund's Trust Deed and relevant tax legislation.

• We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the Fund with those laws and regulations. These procedures included:

• agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and agreeing that all relevant disclosures under the SORP and COLL were included;

- enquires of management and those charged with governance;
- reviewing correspondence with regulators.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Unitholders of WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund (continued)

# For the year ended 31 March 2023

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

• We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, from discussions with senior management and obtaining an understanding of the controls and processes in place to prevent, deter and detect fraud. The key areas identified were revenue recognition and management override of the controls in place and our tests to address these included but were not limited to:

• agreement of a sample of revenue receipts to third party evidence to check accuracy and existence.

• agreement of a sample of realised gains and losses to third party evidence and bank statements to check accuracy and existence.

• agreement of calculation of unrealised gains and losses and agreement of the valuation of year end investments to third party sources.

• identifying and testing journal entries made throughout the year which were considered to be large or unusual as well as a sample of others.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

# Use of our report

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

PKF Littlejohn LLP

**PKF Littlejohn LLP** Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom

31 July 2023

# Investment Manager's Report For the year ended 31 March 2023

#### **Investment Objective**

The objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund will seek to achieve its objective from an actively managed and diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes (including investment trusts) with exposure to cash, fixed interest securities, equity and equity-linked investments selected from various markets worldwide encompassing a variety of economic sectors. The Fund will typically invest between 20% and 60% of its portfolio in schemes which invest in equity securities.

The use of derivatives is not permitted but borrowing of up to 10% of the Fund's net asset value will be permitted on a temporary basis. The Fund may invest in hedged share classes of underlying funds.

Although the Fund will normally remain fully invested, the property of the Fund may consist of up to 10% cash or near cash where this may be reasonably regarded as necessary in order to enable the pursuit of the Fund's objective, the settlement of redemptions of units and the efficient management of the Fund in accordance with its objectives or other purposes which may be reasonably regarded as ancillary to the objectives of the Fund.

#### **Investment Review**

The WAY Global Balanced Portfolio Fund (E Accumulation) fell 4.30% over the year to 31 March 2023 while the Investment Association (IA) Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares sector average fell 5.08%. The five-year return of the Fund was 15.25% compared to the comparator benchmark return of 12.14%.

Global bonds and equities fell 2.10% and 0.93% in sterling terms over the year under review, with deeper declines in foreign markets masked by falls in the pound. The main reasons for the declines were the Russo-Ukrainian war, China's zero-Covid policy and monetary policy tightening. US inflation peaked at 9.1% in June 2022, fuelled by high energy prices, before falling to 5% in March 2023. UK and eurozone inflation also retreated but February figures still stood at 10.4% and 6.9% respectively. Central banks responded to inflation with a series of interest rate rises.

In March, however, the Federal Reserve (Fed) and Bank of England slowed the pace of tightening by increasing their policy rates by a quarter of a percentage point to 4.75-5.00% and 4.25% respectively while the European Central Bank increased rates by half a percentage point to 3%. Investors took comfort from moderating inflation and economic weakness, which implied that the interest rate cycle would peak soon. In response, global growth stocks, up 10.76% in sterling terms, outperformed value stocks, down 1.32%, in the final quarter of the year.

In March, the failures of three American banks and the state-sponsored forced rescue of Credit Suisse by UBS triggered turbulence in the sector. The sector problems awakened memories of the global financial crisis but systemic contagion seemed unlikely because banks are better capitalised than in 2007-08 and because central banks and regulators responded swiftly to provide reassurance.

Composite Purchasing Managers Index figures for the major economies ended the year above 50, indicating expansion, and the labour market remained resilient, with US unemployment at 3.5% in March.

Following the UK government's announcement of unfunded tax cuts, sterling briefly reached a \$1.03 historic low. The BoE intervened to restore market stability by carrying out temporary purchases of long-dated UK government bonds and the tax cuts were reversed. Gilts fell 17.04% over the year while sterling corporate and high-yield bonds fell 10.55% and 4.41% respectively.

The portfolio had no investments in holdings dedicated to gilts. Profits were taken from inflation-linked bond investments, which may underperform as inflation continues to soften, and reinvested in longer-dated government bond investments, which appeared attractive with US 10-year treasury bond yields above 3%. Credit exposure was topped up during the second half of the year through Jupiter Dynamic Bond and VontobelTwentyFour Strategic Income.

# Investment Manager's Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

# **Investment Review (continued)**

Even after the fourth-quarter rally, growth stocks lagged as investors retreated from highly-valued companies in response to rising bond yields. The residual investment in Fundsmith Equity, a growth-oriented holding, was sold. In addition, BlackRock Continental European Flexible was reduced earlier in the year as tensions rose between Russia and Ukraine.

Polar Capital Global Insurance was introduced because slowing economic growth and rising recession risk may warrant investment in sectors that are typically less sensitive to changes in macroeconomic conditions. These relatively-defensive sectors tend to be more resilient because of the low substitutability of their goods and services.

The UK stockmarket rose 2.60% thanks to its bias towards cyclical sectors but smaller companies, which tend to be more sensitive to domestic trends, fell 7.91% as UK economic prospects weakened. Within the portfolio, MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth was increased in January because valuations appeared attractive following a period of weak performance.

China's zero-Covid policy, concerns around its property market and dollar strength hindered performance for equities in emerging markets and Asia excluding Japan, down 4.48% and 2.61% respectively in sterling terms. The allocation to emerging market equities was increased towards the end of the year to benefit from tailwinds coming from China's easing of lockdown restrictions and moderating global inflation, which may prompt the Fed to become less hawkish, a change that would be likely to weaken the dollar. The Bank of Japan loosened its yield curve control and Tokyo equities gained 2.76% in sterling terms. Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies was added to the portfolio.

BlackRock Natural Resources Growth & Income benefitted from rising energy prices fuelled by Russia's Ukraine invasion and profits were taken following a period of strong performance because demand for commodities may dampen as global economic growth slows.

Within the alternative allocation, daily-traded long-short equity holdings provided protection and diversification in an environment where both bonds and equities were weak.

Gold rose 7.20% in sterling terms over the year as investors sought safe-haven investments.

Source of all data: Lipper

**Investment Manager** Brompton Asset Management Limited 9 June 2023

#### Performance record As at 31 March 2023

	A Accumulation				A Income	
	31/03/23 (p)	31/03/22 (p)	31/03/21 (p)	31/03/23 (p)	31/03/22 (p)	31/03/21 (p)
Change in net assets per Unit						
Opening net asset value per Unit	223.57	223.20	179.80	222.83	222.46	179.20
Return before operating charges*	(4.76)	6.40	49.15	(4.74)	6.38	48.99
Operating charges	(5.84)	(6.03)	(5.75)	(5.82)	(6.01)	(5.73)
Return after operating charges*	(10.60)	0.37	43.40	(10.56)	0.37	43.26
Distributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per Unit	212.97	223.57	223.20	212.27	222.83	222.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.02
Performance						
Return after operating charges	(4.74%)	0.17%	24.14%	(4.74%)	0.17%	24.14%
Other information						
Closing net asset value	2,090,671	2,665,195	4,146,908	11,440,389	13,507,448	14,454,534
Closing number of Units	981,658	1,192,122	1,857,952	5,389,555	6,061,803	6,497,561
Operating charges	2,74%	2.62%	2,77%	2,74%	2.62%	2,77%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices						
Highest Unit price	223.72	238.25	226.37	222.99	237.46	225.62
Lowest Unit price	201.54	213.93	176.44	200.87	213.23	175.85

#### C Income\*

	31/03/23 (p)
Change in net assets per Unit	
Opening net asset value per Unit	100.00
Return before operating charges*	6.53
Operating charges	(1.53)
Return after operating charges*	5.00
Distributions	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	-
Closing net asset value per Unit	105.00
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance Return after operating charges	5.00%
Other information Closing net asset value Closing number of Units Operating charges Direct transaction costs	105 100 1.47% 0.02%
Prices Highest Unit price Lowest Unit price	108.10 100.08

#### **E** Accumulation

31/03/23	31/03/22	31/03/21
(p)	(p)	(p)
166.12	164.20	130.95
(3.51)	4.68	35.94
(2.77)	(2.76)	(2.69)
(6.28)	1.92	33.25
0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00
159.84	166.12	164.20
0.03	0.03	0.01
(3.78%)	1.17%	25.39%
1,638,463 1,025,046 1.74% 0.02%	1,806,192 1,087,252 1.62% 0.02%	1,432,019 872,123 1.77% 0.01%
166.26 150.57	176.38 158.87	166.34 128.51

\* Unit Type C Income was launched on 1 November 2022.

# Performance record (continued) As at 31 March 2023

		E Income			S Income	
	31/03/23 (p)	31/03/22 (p)	31/03/21 (p)	31/03/23 (p)	31/03/22 (p)	31/03/21 (p)
Change in net assets per Unit						
Opening net asset value per Unit	166.32	164.39	131.11	146.20	144.87	115.83
Return before operating charges*	(3.52)	4.69	35.97	(3.10)	4.13	31.75
Operating charges	(2.77)	(2.76)	(2.69)	(2.78)	(2.80)	(2.71)
Return after operating charges*	(6.29)	1.93	33.28	(5.88)	1.33	29.04
Distributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per Unit	160.03	166.32	164.39	140.32	146.20	144.87
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01
Performance						
Return after operating charges	(3.78%)	1.17%	25.38%	(4.02%)	0.92%	25.07%
Other information						
Closing net asset value	5,426,910	5,949,617	5,801,399	6,784,276	7,012,520	7,108,657
Closing number of Units	3,391,124	3,577,173	3,528,941	4,834,726	4,796,411	4,906,875
Operating charges	1.74%	1.62%	1.77%	1.99%	1.87%	2.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices						
Highest Unit price	166.46	176.59	166.54	146.32	155.37	146.80
Lowest Unit price	150.74	159.06	128.67	132.33	139.84	113.67

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	31/03/23	31/03/22	31/03/21
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per Unit			
Opening net asset value per Unit	161.72	160.33	128.25
Return before operating charges*	(3.43)	4.57	35.16
Operating charges	(3.15)	(3.18)	(3.08)
Return after operating charges*	(6.58)	1.39	32.08
Distributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained distributions on accumulation units	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per Unit	155.14	161.72	160.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.03	0.01
Performance			
Return after operating charges	(4.07%)	0.87%	25.01%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	12,117,932	13,097,774	13,717,717
Closing number of Units	7,810,799	8,098,814	8,555,864
Operating charges	2.04%	1.92%	2.07%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%
Prices			
Highest Unit price	161.85	171.90	162.48
Lowest Unit price	146.34	154.69	125.86

# Performance Information As at 31 March 2023

# **Operating Charges**

	Operating Charges
Date	(%)
31/03/23	
Unit Type A	2.74
Unit Type C*	1.47
Unit Type E	1.74
Unit Type S	1.99
Unit Type T	2.04
31/03/22	
Unit Type A	2.62
Unit Type E	1.62
Unit Type S	1.87
Unit Type T	1.92

\* Unit Type C Income was launched on 1 November 2022.

The Operating Charge is the total expenses paid by the Fund in the year, annualised, against its average Net Asset Value. This will fluctuate as underlying costs change.

The Fund has invested in Collective Investment Schemes during the year and where any such schemes were held at the Fund's accounting reference date, the expenses incurred by these schemes are included in the above Operating Charges.

# Risk and Reward Profile As at 31 March 2023

	Typically lower rewards Typically hi					pically high	er rewards
	Lower risk						Higher risk
Share Class A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share Class C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share Class E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share Class S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Share Class T	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

• The indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

- The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time.
- The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Fund appears as a "4" on the scale. This is because the Fund has experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past.

# **Risk Warning**

An investment in a Unit Trust should be regarded as a long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Units and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

# Portfolio Statement As at 31 March 2023

Holdings or Nominal		Market value	% of Tota
alue	Investments	£	Net Asset
	Asia 12.75% [8.02%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 12.75% [8.02%]		
F 000	Unit Trusts/OEICs 12.75% [8.02%]		0.5
5,089	Baillie Gifford Japanese Smaller Companies	197,757	0.5
6,497	Baillie Gifford Pacific	57,184	0.1
91,098	Comgest Growth Japan	930,106	2.3
201,544	First State Stewart Investors Indian Subcontinent	776,670	1.9
385,706	Lindsell Train Japanese Equity	896,804	2.2
21,734	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha	56,616	0.1
189	Man GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity	44,967	0.1
10,855	RWC Asia Convertibles	1,276,276	3.2
1,748	Schroder International Selection Asian Total Return	706,682	1.7
7,998	T. Rowe Price Japanese Equity	99,251	0.2
		5,042,313	12.7
6,641 44,990 7,401		45,745 788,670 <u>1,529,840</u>	0.1 2.0 <u>3.8</u>
		2,364,255	5.9
	Europe 7.12% [15.83%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 7.12% [15.83%] Unit Trusts/OEICs 7.12% [15.83%]		
14,443	BlackRock Continental European Flexible	491,500	1.2
123,300	BlackRock European Absolute Alpha	210,492	0.5
16,174	BlackRock European Dynamic	44,533	0.1
15,007	CT Real Estate Equity Market Neutral	211,143	0.5
1,709	Fidelity Germany	40,273	0.1
11,098	Janus Henderson European Smaller Companies	425,481	1.0
382,363	LF Lightman European Fund	502,157	1.2
7,048	Schroder International Selection Strategic Credit	891,427	2.2
		2,817,006	2.2 <b>7.1</b>
	Global 31.64% [36.47%] Collective Investment Schemes 31 64% [36 47%]		
	Collective Investment Schemes 31.64% [36.47%] Unit Trusts/OEICs 31.64% [31.24%]		
7,672		81,623	0.2

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7,672	BlackRock Natural Resources Growth & Income	81,623	0.21
868	BlackRock World Mining	40,736	0.10
12,450	Dimensional Global Targeted Value	444,843	1.13
28,869	Fidelity Global Inflation-Linked Bond	38,049	0.10
15,624	Fidelity Index World	42,073	0.11
64,428	First State Global Listed Infrastructure	815,873	2.07
595	Goldman Sachs Global Strategic Income Bond	51,218	0.13
505	Janus Henderson Horizon Strategic Bond	49,980	0.13
215,942	Jupiter Global Dynamic Bond	2,813,719	7.12
407,188	Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index 'C'	204,734	0.52
79,870	Legal & General Global Inflation Linked Bond Index 'I'	40,111	0.10
12,931	Lindsell Train Global Equity	53,681	0.14

# Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 March 2023

Holdings			
or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	£	Net Assets
4,147	PIMCO Global Low Duration Real Return	45,867	0.12
79,033	Polar Capital Global Insurance	779,982	1.97
32,017	Polar Capital Global Technology	1,859,536	4.71
932	Polar Capital Healthcare Opportunities	48,594	0.12
31,830	Royal London Short Duration Global Index Linked	34,026	0.09
272,543	Trojan	850,608	2.15
5,836	Vanguard Global Bond Index GBP Hedged	839,861	2.13
318	Vanguard Global Bond Index USD Hedged	38,256	0.10
411	Vanguard Global Short Term Bond Index GBP Hedged	43,457	0.11
619	Vanguard Global Short Term Bond Index USD Hedged	55,966	0.14
27,683	Vontobel TwentyFour Strategic Income	3,213,425	8.14
		12,486,218	31.64

# Exchange Traded Funds 0.00% [5.23%]

	North America 21.84% [9.20%] Collective Investment Schemes 21.84% [9.20%] Unit Trusts/OEICs 6.68% [4.02%]		
11,592	Fidelity Index US	39,629	0.10
15,960	First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure	37,183	0.09
24,953	Vanguard US Government Bond Index	2,564,840	6.49
		2,641,652	6.68
	Exchange Traded Funds 15.16% [5.18%]		
4,705	iShares Core S&P 500	1,615,124	4.09
95,785	iShares Gold Producers	1,099,185	2.78
141,247	Vanguard Global Aggregate Bond	3,275,518	8.29
		5,989,827	15.16

# United Kingdom 20.34% [22.55%] Collective Investment Schemes 20.34% [22.55%] Unit Trusts/OEICs 20.34% [18.92%]

		8,030,802	20.34
141,872	MI Chelverton UK Equity Growth	427,433	1.08
428,826	Man GLG Undervalued Assets	607,647	1.54
310,411	Man GLG UK Absolute Value	428,056	1.08
37,366	M&G UK Inflation Linked Corporate Bond	50,022	0.13
45,710	Liontrust UK Smaller Companies	799,933	2.03
12,046	Liontrust UK Micro Cap	26,647	0.07
7,967	Liontrust UK Growth	38,458	0.10
250,189	Liontrust Special Situations	1,173,989	2.97
13,649	LF Lindsell Train UK Equity	48,138	0.12
3	Goldman Sachs Sterling Liquid Reserves	42,691	0.11
400,089	Fidelity Index UK	639,463	1.62
366,296	Artemis UK Special Situations	2,826,782	7.16
4,905	Aberforth UK Small Companies	921,543	2.33

# Portfolio Statement (continued) As at 31 March 2023

Holdings or Nominal		Market value	% of Total
Value	Investments	£	Net Assets
	United Kingdom 0.00% [3.63%] Collective Investment Schemes 0.00% [3.63%] Exchange Traded Funds 0.00% [3.63%]		
	Portfolio of investments	39,372,073	99.68
	Net other assets	126,673	0.32
	Net assets	39,498,746	100.00

The investments have been valued in accordance with note 1(i) of the Accounting Policies and Financial Instruments.

All investments are collective investment schemes unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown above in square brackets relate to 31 March 2022.

Gross purchases for the year: £61,144,817 [2022: £79,594,264] (See Note 16).

Total sales net of transaction costs for the year: £61,944,746 [2022: £82,553,490] (See Note 16).

# Statement of Total Return For the year ended 31 March 2023

		01/04/22 to	31/03/23	01/04/21 to	31/03/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(1,479,806)		1,010,229
Revenue	3	253,522		79,199	
Expenses	4	(643,218)		(757,016)	
Interest paid and similar charges	5	(27)		(22)	
Net expense before taxation		(389,723)		(677,839)	
Taxation	6	-		-	
Net expense after taxation			(389,723)		(677,839)
Total return before distributions			(1,869,529)		332,390
Finance costs: Distributions	7		7		-
Change in net assets attributable to					
Unitholders from investment activities			(1,869,522)		332,390

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

# For the year ended 31 March 2023

	01/04/22 to 31/03/23 01/04/21 to	
	££	££
Opening net assets attributable		
to Unitholders	44,038,746	46,661,234
Amounts received on issue of Units	854,225	1,293,361
Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Units	(3,524,703)	(4,248,239)
	(2,670,478)	(2,954,878)
Change in net assets attributable to Unitholders		
from investment activities (see above)	(1,869,522)	332,390
Closing net assets attributable		
to Unitholders	39,498,746	44,038,746

# Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2023

		31/03	/23	31/03	/22
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Assets</b> Fixed assets:					
Investment			39,372,073		41,461,823
Current assets:					
Debtors	8	37,297		1,916,180	
Cash and bank balances	9	409,671		1,712,580	
Total current assets			446,968		3,628,760
Total assets			39,819,041		45,090,583
Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Bank overdrafts	11	(24)		-	
Other creditors	10	(320,271)		(1,051,837)	
Total creditors			(320,295)		(1,051,837)
Total liabilities			(320,295)		(1,051,837)
Net assets attributable					
to Unitholders			39,498,746		44,038,746

#### **1** Accounting Basis And Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP") for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014, the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL"), and the Fund's Trust Deed.

As described in the Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the AFM on page 5, the AFM continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements of the Fund.

#### (b) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses have been calculated as the proceeds from disposal less book cost.

Unrealised gain/losses are calculated with reference to the original recorded value of the asset or liability, and only the element of gain/loss within the accounting period is recorded in the Financial Statements. All unrealised and realised gains are capital in nature and do not form part of the Fund's distributable income.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the schemes are quoted exdistribution. Equalisation returned with the distribution is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the distributable revenue.

Interest on bank and other cash deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting year, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

# (d) Treatment of stock and special dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent being offered and this forms part of the distributable revenue.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of the distributable revenue. The tax treatment follows the treatment of the principal amount.

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

Expenses of the Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund.

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis but the Fund may incur additional allowable expenses which are charged as and when they are incurred.

#### (f) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple Unit Types

Any revenue or expenses not directly attributable to a particular Unit Type will normally be allocated pro-rata to the net assets of the relevant Unit Types.

# (g) Taxation

Tax is provided for using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Corporation tax is provided for on the income liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

# **1** Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

# (g) Taxation (continued)

Where tax has been deducted from revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable, by way of double tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is probable that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

# (h) Distribution policy

The net revenue after taxation, as disclosed in the Financial Statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Unitholders as dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

In addition, the portfolio transaction charges will be charged wholly to the capital of the Fund. Accordingly, the imposition of such charges may constrain the capital growth of the Fund.

The AFM has elected to pay all revenue less expenses charged to revenue and taxation as a final distribution at the end of the annual accounting year.

# (i) Basis of valuation of investments

Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is the bid value of each security.

Collective investment schemes are valued at quoted bid prices for dual priced funds and at quoted prices for single priced funds, on the last business day of the accounting year.

All securities with quoted prices in active markets, including open ended funds and all investment trusts are classified as Level 1 in the Fair Value Disclosure described in the Notes to the Financial Statements. All investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date, and any trades that occur between valuation point and close of business are included in the Financial Statements.

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

#### (j) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting year are translated into Sterling at the closing mid market exchange rates ruling on that date.

#### (k) Dilution Adjustment

The AFM may require a dilution adjustment on the sale and redemption of Units if, in its opinion, the existing Unitholders (for sales) or remaining Unitholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution adjustment may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on 'large deals'; in any case where the AFM is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Unitholders require the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

# **1** Accounting Basis And Policies (continued)

#### (I) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to Units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 Shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the Units.

After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the Units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

#### 2 Financial instruments

Management of risk is a critical responsibility of the AFM in managing the Fund

The Fund for which WAY Fund Managers Limited acts as AFM are exposed to a wide range of risks. The purpose of the AFM's Risk Management Policy ("RMP") is to identify these risks and document the controls and processes in place to manage and mitigate these risks. The specific risks to the Funds are documented in sections (a) to (i) below and are reviewed on a regular basis.

In pursuing the investment objectives a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations.

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the AFM's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed below:

# (a) Foreign currency risk

A significant portion of the Fund's assets or the underlying assets of the collective investment schemes in which the Fund invests may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Fund or Type. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any distributions from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Units of the relevant Fund are valued and priced.

The Fund is not required to hedge its foreign currency risk, although it may do so through foreign currency exchange contracts, forward contracts, currency options and other methods. To the extent that the Fund does not hedge its foreign currency risk or such hedging is incomplete or unsuccessful, the value of the Fund's assets and revenue could be adversely affected by currency exchange rate movements. There may also be circumstances in which a hedging transaction may reduce currency gains that would otherwise arise in the valuation of the Fund in circumstances where no such hedging transactions are undertaken.

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate due to changes in the interest rate. Cashflows from floating rate securities, bank balances, or bank overdrafts will be affected by the changes in interest rates. As the Fund's objective is to seek capital growth, these cashflows are considered to be of secondary importance and are not actively managed.

The Fund did not have any long term financial liabilities at the balance sheet date.

# (c) Credit risk

The Fund may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit credit risk.

# 2 Financial instruments (continued)

# (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

Subject to the Regulations, the Fund may invest up to and including 20% of the Scheme Property of the Fund in transferable securities which are not approved securities (essentially transferable securities which are admitted to official listing in an EEA state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market). Such securities and instruments are generally not publicly traded, may be unregistered for securities law purposes and may only be able to be resold in privately negotiated transactions with a limited number of purchasers. The difficulties and delays associated with such transactions could result in the Fund's inability to realise a favourable price upon disposal of such securities, and at times might make disposition of such securities and instruments impossible. To the extent the Fund invests in securities and instruments the terms of which are privately negotiated, the terms of such securities and instruments may contain restrictions regarding resale and transfer.

In addition, certain listed securities and instruments, particularly securities and instruments of smaller capitalised or less seasoned issuers, may from time to time lack an active secondary market and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than securities of larger, more established companies or stock market averages in general. In the absence of an active secondary market the Fund's ability to purchase or sell such securities at a fair price may be impaired or delayed.

#### (e) Market price risk

The Fund invests principally in collective investment schemes. The value of these investments are not fixed and may go down as well as up. This may be the result of a specific factor affecting the value of an individual equity or be caused by general market factors (such as government policy or the health of the underlying economy) which can affect the entire portfolio. The Investment Manager seeks to minimise these risks by holding a diversified portfolio of collective investment schemes in line with the Fund's objectives. In addition, the management of the Fund complies with the FCA's COLL sourcebook, which includes rules prohibiting a holding greater than 35% of assets in any one Fund.

#### (f) Counterparty risk

Transactions in securities entered into by the Fund give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfil their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. The Investment Manager minimises this risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counterparties.

Counterparty risk is also managed by limiting the exposure to individual counterparties through adherence to the investment spread restrictions included within the Fund's prospectus and COLL.

#### (g) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Fund cannot eliminate operational risks but, through the continual review and assessment of its control environment, by monitoring and responding to potential risks, they can be managed.

High level controls include effective segregation of duties, trade confirmation checking and reconciliation procedures, incident reporting and oversight of delegated functions.

# 2 Financial instruments (continued)

#### (h) Leverage

In accordance with the IA SORP issued in May 2014, as AFM we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives (calculated as the sum of the net asset value and the incremental exposure through the derivatives and in accordance with the IA SORP commitment approach (CESR/10-788)) divided by the net asset value.

The Fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the Financial Statements Note 15(d).

# (i) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

# **1** Accounting Basis And Policies

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 21, 22 and 23.

2 Net capital (losses)/gains	01/04/22 to 31/03/23 £	01/04/21 to 31/03/22 £
The net capital (losses)/gains during the year		
Compensaton payment	-	10,899
Currency losses	(14,339)	(1,700)
Non-derivative securities	(1,460,483)	1,004,576
Rebates from underlying investments	-	1,223
Transaction charges	(4,984)	(4,769)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(1,479,806)	1,010,229
	01/04/22 +-	01/04/21 +-
3 Revenue	01/04/22 to	01/04/21 to
	31/03/23 £	31/03/22
Bank interest	_	£
Franked dividends from collective investment schemes	4,818 17,877	- 10 749
Offshore funds dividends	45,772	19,748
Offshore funds interest	144,209	6,220 23,484
Rebates received from underlying funds	23,574	20,399
Unfranked dividends from collective investment schemes	17,272	9,348
Total revenue	253,522	79,199
4 Expenses	01/04/22 to	01/04/21 to
4 Expenses	31/03/23	31/03/22
Payable to the AFM, associates of the AFM, and agents of	£	£
either of them		
AFM's fees	604,016	715,124
Registration fees	4,412	4,722
	608,428	719,846
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee,		
and agents of either of them		
Trustee's fees	19,536	22,691
Safe custody fees	7,968	8,120
	27,504	30,811
Other expenses	C 474	C 474
Audit fees*	6,174	6,174
FCA fees	105	107
LEI licence fee	78	78
Printing, postage, stationery and typesetting costs	929	-
	7,286	6,359
Total expenses	643,218	757,016

\* Audit fees of £5,145 + VAT have been charged in the current year (2022: £5,145 + VAT).

5	Interest paid and similar charges	01/04/22 to 31/03/23	01/04/21 to 31/03/22
		£	£
	Bank Interest	27	22
	Total Interest paid and similar charges	27	22
6	Taxation	01/04/22 to 31/03/23 £	01/04/21 to 31/03/22
	(a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year	L	L

Corporation tax	-	-
Total current tax charge (Note 6 (b))	-	-
Deferred tax (Note 6 (c))	-	-
Total taxation for the year	-	-

# (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is different from that calculated when the standard rate of corporation tax for an Authorised Unit Trust of 20% (2022: 20%) is applied to the net expense before taxation

The differences are explained below:

	01/04/22 to 31/03/23	01/04/21 to 31/03/22
	£	£
Net expense before taxation	(389,723)	(677,839)
Net expense for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	(77,945)	(135,568)
Effects of:		
Income in capital	-	245
Movement in excess management expenses	90,675	140,517
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(12,730)	(5,194)
Total tax charge for the year	-	-

Unit Trusts are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital return is not included within the reconciliation above.

#### (c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current or prior year.

#### (d) Factors that may affect future tax charges

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of  $\pounds$ 1,965,717 (2022:  $\pounds$ 1,875,042) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise this amount and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

# 7 Finance costs

# Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of Units and revenue deducted on the cancellation of Units and comprise:

	01/04/22 to	01/04/21 to
	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Final	-	-
Add: Revenue paid on cancellation of Units	-	-
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of Units	(7)	-
Net distribution for the year	(7)	-
Reconciliation of net expense after taxation to distributions		
Net expense after taxation	(389,723)	(677,839)
Revenue deficit	389,716	677,595
Tax relief from capital*	-	244
Net distribution for the year	(7)	-

\* Included in the tax relief amounts is relief to income from capital expenses.

Details of the distributions per Unit are set out in the distribution table on page 34.

8	Debtors	31/03/23	31/03/22
		£	£
	Accrued bank interest	515	-
	Accrued revenue	836	6,192
	Amounts due for rebates from underlying funds	6,463	4,480
	Amounts receivable for creation of Units	29,483	54,456
	Sales awaiting settlement	-	1,851,052
	Total debtors	37,297	1,916,180
9	Cash and bank balances	31/03/23	31/03/22
		£	£
	Cash and bank balances	409,671	1,712,580
	Total cash and bank balances	409,671	1,712,580

10 Creditors	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Amounts payable for cancellation of Units	255,040	98,051
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	883,021
	255,040	981,072
Accrued expenses		
Manager and Agents		
AFM's fees	49,992	55,426
Registration fees	352	391
	50,344	55,817
Trustee and Agents		
Trustee fees	4,787	5,341
Safe custody fees	2,143	2,095
Transaction charges	1,763	1,396
	8,693	8,832
Other accrued expenses		
Audit fees	6,174	6,174
LEI licence fee	20	(58)
	6,194	6,116
Total creditors	320,271	1,051,837
11 Deale secondar (h.	24 /02 /22	24 (02 (22
11 Bank overdrafts	31/03/23	31/03/22
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	24	-
Total bank overdrafts	24	-

# **12** Related party transactions

The monies received and paid by the AFM through the issue and cancellation of Units are disclosed in the

The AFM and its associates (including other authorised investment funds managed by the AFM) have no Unitholdings in the Fund at the year end.

# **Significant Unitholdings**

WAY Fund Managers Limited, as the Fund's Authorised Fund Manager, wishes to disclose to the Fund's Unitholders that 40.82% (2022: 39.96%) of the Fund's units in issue are under the control of a single nominee and its related parties.

#### 13 Unit Types

The Unit Type and AFM's Annual Management Charges applicable to the Fund are as follows:

Unit Type	%
A Accumulation	2.00
A Income	2.00
C Income	0.65
E Accumulation	1.00
E Income	1.00
S Income	1.25
T Income	1.30
Each Unit Type has equal rights in the	e event of the wind up of the fund.

# **13 Unit Types (continued)**

The reconciliation of the opening and closing numbers of Units of each type is shown below:

	31/03/22	Issued	Cancelled	Converted	31/03/23
A Accumulation	1,192,122	-	(210,464)	-	981,658
A Income	6,061,803	-	(672,248)	-	5,389,555
C Income	-	100	-	-	100
E Accumulation	1,087,252	2,182	(64,388)	-	1,025,046
E Income	3,577,173	54,405	(240,454)	-	3,391,124
S Income	4,796,411	426,736	(388,421)	-	4,834,726
T Income	8,098,814	104,155	(392,170)	-	7,810,799

# 14 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2022: nil).

# 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the AFM's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in note 2 on pages 23, 24 and 25.

# (a) Foreign currency risk

The table below shows the foreign currency risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	Net foreign currency assets/(liabilities)			
	Monetary	Monetary Non-		
	exposures	monetary		
Currency		exposures		
	£	£	£	
31/03/23				
Euro	-	40,273	40,273	
US Dollar	(24)	991,718	991,694	
Total foreign currency exposure	(24)	1,031,991	1,031,967	
Pound Sterling	126,697	38,340,082	38,466,779	
Total net assets	126,673	39,372,073	39,498,746	
31/03/22				
Euro	-	52,980	52,980	
US Dollar	(441,985)	2,834,350	2,392,365	
Total foreign currency exposure	(441,985)	2,887,330	2,445,345	
Pound Sterling	3,018,908	38,574,493	41,593,401	
Total net assets	2,576,923	41,461,823	44,038,746	

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened/increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £93,815 (2022: £222,304). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened/decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £114,663 (2022: £271,705). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

# 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The table below shows the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

Currency Assets 31/03/23	Floating rate financial assets £	Financial assets not carrying interest £	Total £
Euro Pound Sterling	- 409,671	40,273 38,377,379	40,273 38,787,050
US Dollar Total	409,671	991,718 <b>39,409,370</b>	991,718 <b>39,819,041</b>
<b>31/03/22</b> Euro Pound Sterling US Dollar	1,712,580	52,980 40,490,673 2,834,350	52,980 42,203,253 2,834,350
Total	1,712,580	43,378,003	45,090,583
Currency Liabilities 31/03/23	Floating rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Pound Sterling US Dollar	- 24	320,271	320,271 24
Total	24	320,271	320,295
<b>31/03/22</b> Pound Sterling US Dollar	-	609,852 441,985	609,852 441,985
Total	-	1,051,837	1,051,837

Changes in interest rates would have no material impact to the valuation of floating rate financial assets or liabilities as at the balance sheet date. Consequently, no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

# (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 2 (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the period). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

	Increase	Decrease
	£	£
2023	3,937,207	3,937,207
2022	4,146,182	4,146,182

# 15 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### (d) Leverage

The Fund has not employed any significant leverage during the period covered by this report.

.6 Portfolio transaction costs	01/04/22 to 31/03/23 £ £	01/04/21 to 31/03/22 £ £
Analysis of total purchase costs		
Purchases in year before transaction costs		
Collective Investment Schemes	61,140,764	79,589,643
	61,140,764	79,589,643
Commissions - Collective Investment Schemes	4,053	4,621
Total purchase costs	4,053	4,621
Gross purchase total	61,144,817	79,594,264
Analysis of total sale costs		
Gross sales in year before transaction costs		
	61,949,105	82,557,384
transaction costs Collective Investment Schemes	61,949,105 61,949,105	82,557,384 82,557,384
transaction costs		
transaction costs Collective Investment Schemes Commissions - Collective Investment	61,949,105	82,557,384

The portfolio transaction costs table above includes direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year.

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

	01/04/22 to	01/04/21 to
	31/03/23	31/03/22
Transaction costs as percentage	%	%
of principal amounts		
Purchases - Commissions		
Collective Investment Schemes	0.0066%	0.0058%
Sales - Commissions		
Collective Investment Schemes	0.0070%	0.0047%

# **16** Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

	01/04/22 to	01/04/21 to
	31/03/23	31/03/22
Transaction costs as percentage	%	%
of average net asset value		
Commissions	0.0207%	0.0180%
Fees	0.0000%	0.0000%

# 17 Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events which require adjustments at the year end.

# 18 Fair value disclosure

	31/03/23		31/03/22	
Valuation technique	Assets £	Liabilities £	Assets £	Liabilities £
Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities	39,372,073	-	41,461,823	-
Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly		-	-	-
Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability*	-	-	-	-
	39,372,073	-	41,461,823	-

\* The valuation techniques and the AFM's policy is disclosed in note 1(i) on page 22.

# Distribution Table As at 31 March 2023

# **Final Distribution in pence per Unit**

Group 1 Units purchased prior to 1 April 2022

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Net revenue (p)	Equalisation (p)	Distribution payable 31/05/23 (p)	Distribution paid 31/05/22 (p)
Unit Type A Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type A Income Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type C Income Group 1 Group 2	0.0496 0.0496	- 0.0000	0.0496 0.0496	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type E Accumulation Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type E Income Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type S Income Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000
Unit Type T Income Group 1 Group 2	0.0000 0.0000	- 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000	0.0000 0.0000

\* Unit Type C Income was launched on 1 November 2022.

# **General Information**

# **Types of Units**

The Fund can issue different classes of Units in respect of the Fund. Holders of Income Units are entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Units, in respect of each annual accounting period. Holders of Accumulation Units are not entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such Units, but that revenue is retained and accumulated for the benefit of Unitholders and is reflected in the price of Units.

# **Buying and Selling Units**

The AFM will accept orders to deal in the Units on normal business days between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Instructions to buy or sell Units should be in writing to: WAY Fund Managers Limited - Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7SB. A contract note will be issued by close of business on the next business day after the dealing date to confirm the transaction.

# **Valuation Point**

The valuation point for the Fund is 12 noon on each dealing day (being each day which is a business day in London). Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

#### **Prices**

The prices of Shares for each class in the Fund will be available from the ACD on 01202 855856, or by e-mail to customerservice-wayfunds@apexfs.com.

#### Report

The annual report of the Company will normally be published within four months of each annual accounting period end.

Interim Financial Statements period ended:30 SeptemberAnnual Financial Statements year ended:31 March

#### **Distribution Payment Dates**

Interim Annual Not applicable as the Fund distributes annually 31 May

# **General Information (continued)**

# **Significant Information**

Under the UCITS Directive and the UCITS Remuneration Code, WAY Fund Managers Limited as UCITS Manager, is required to disclose how those whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

The remuneration strategy across WAY Fund Managers Limited is governed by the WAY Fund Managers Limited Board and WAY Fund Managers Limited has chosen not to establish a Remuneration Committee. The WAY Fund Managers Limited Board has established a Remuneration Policy designed to ensure the UCITS Remuneration Code in the UK Financial Conduct Authority's handbook is met proportionately for all UCITS Remuneration Code Staff.

WAY Fund Managers Limited considers its activities as non complex due to the fact that regulation limits the UCITS strategies conducted and the scope of investment in such a way that investor risk is mitigated. The discretion of WAY Fund Managers Limited and the portfolio manager is strictly controlled within certain predefined parameters as determined in the prospectus of each UCITS.

In its role as a UCITS Manager, WAY Fund Managers Limited deems itself as lower risk due to the nature of the activities it conducts. WAY Fund Managers Limited does not pay any form of variable remuneration currently. Therefore WAY Fund Managers Limited has provided a basic overview of how staff whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

March 23	Number of Beneficiaries	Total remuneration paid (GBP)	Fixed remuneration (GBP)	Variable remuneration paid (GBP)	Carried interest paid by the UCITS (GBP)
Total remuneration paid by WFM during the financial year	18	645,754	645,754	0	0
Remuneration paid to employees of WFM who have a material impact on the risk profile of the UCITS	5	229,931	229,931	0	0
Senior Management	5	229,931	229,931	0	0
Control functions/SMFs	5	229,931	229,931	0	0
Employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers	0	0	0	0	0

The only material change to the adopted remuneration policy, since the previous year end, is the identification of new risk takers and inclusion of delegates required by UCITS.

# **General Information (continued)**

#### **Other Information**

Under normal circumstances the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document ("KIID"), the Trust Deed and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the AFM. However, at this time these documents, except for the Trust Deed, can only be viewed on our website, at <u>www. wayfunds.com</u>, or on request, can be received by email or through the post.

Unitholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Fund should contact the AFM or the Trustee in the first instance. In the event that a Unitholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection**

By completing and submitting an application to invest in any of the Funds that WAY Fund Managers Limited operates, you will be giving your consent to the processing of your personal data (including any anti-money laundering verification check), by us for the administration of services in connection with your investment on a contractual basis. Additionally we may be requested to share your personal data with our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority, or for wider compliance with any legal or regulatory obligation to which we might be subject.

If you have used an intermediary to submit the application we may also share information about your investment with them, to help them to continue to provide their services to you, unless you request us not to.

We may share your personal data with contracted third parties for the purposes mentioned above (however this does not entitle such third parties to send you marketing or promotional messages) and we do not envisage that this will involve your personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Area.

We make every effort to maintain the registration of your holdings accurately. However, if you feel that we have incorrectly recorded any of your personal data, you may request its correction. You have the right to request copies of your personal data stored by us and can do so by using our contact details below.

Your data will be stored and processed securely for the period of your contract with us and for a minimum of seven years after our relationship ceases, for regulatory and legislation purposes only.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office as a Data Controller and Data Processor for this purpose. Further information on how we manage your personal data can be found within our Privacy Notice which can be found on our website www.wayfunds.com.

Should you wish to make a complaint or request further information on how we collect and process your personal data please contact us at: Data Protection Office, WAY Fund Managers Limited, Cedar House, 3 Cedar Park, Cobham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 7SB. Email: DPO@wayfunds.com Tel: 01202 855856.

Alternatively, if you have any concerns or complaints as to how we have handled your personal data, you may lodge a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office through their website which can be found at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public.">https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public.</a>

#### **Effects of Personal Taxation**

Investors should be aware that unless their Units are held within an ISA, selling Units is treated as a disposal for the purpose of Capital Gains tax.

#### **Risk Warning**

An investment in a Unit Trust should be regarded as a long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of Units and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency of a fund are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which may be favourable or unfavourable.

# **Contact Information**

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