SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2020

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SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund Report of the Manager

St Vincent St Fund Administration (trading name of Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited), as Manager, presents herewith the Annual Report for SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund for the year ended 31 March 2020.

SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund ('the Trust' or 'the Fund') is an authorised unit trust scheme further to an authorisation order dated 22 January 2002 and is a UCITS scheme complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL'), as published by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

The Manager is of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts as the assets of the Fund consist predominantly of securities which are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these accounts and applicable accounting standards have been followed.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of consequences, with the full range of possible effects unknown. As Manager we have applied appropriate accounting policies consistently, supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. However, as Manager we are unable to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

The base currency of the Fund is UK sterling.

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

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

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to provide investors with medium to long-term capital growth, with income, through investment in a portfolio of UK equities. The portfolio will be mainly UK equities, selected for their value and income prospects, but a proportion of the portfolio will be invested in index-linked and other fixed interest securities and listed investment companies.

Important Note from the Manager

The outbreak of Covid-19, declared by the World Health Organisation as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020, has caused disruption to businesses and economic activity. The Manager is coordinating its operational response based on existing business continuity plans and on guidance from global health organisations, UK government and general pandemic response best practice.

Changes affecting the Fund in the year

KPMG LLP resigned as auditor and Mazars LLP was appointed on 9 July 2020.

Further information in relation to the Fund is illustrated on page 40.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, we hereby certify the Annual Report on behalf of the Manager, Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited.

Brian McLean
Directors
Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited
29 September 2020

James Gordon

Statement of the Manager's responsibilities

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

In preparing the financial statements the Manager is responsible for:

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

COLL also requires the Manager to carry out an Assessment of Value on the Trust and publish this assessment within the Annual Report.

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

In line with the provisions contained within COLL 6.6.20R, the Board of Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited ('SWFAL') as the Authorised Fund Manager (AFM), has carried out an Assessment of Value for the SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund ('the Fund'). Furthermore, the rules require that SWFAL publishes these assessments.

A high-level summary of the outcome of SWFAL's rigorous review of the Fund for the year ending 31 March 2020, using the seven criteria set by the FCA is set out below:

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

SWFAL have adopted a traffic light system to show how it rated the funds:



Fund provides value but merits some action or further monitoring.

Fund does not provide good value.

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

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

In carrying out the assessment, the SWFAL AVC has separately considered, for each class of units within the fund, the following seven criteria stipulated by the FCA. The Committee may also have considered other issues where it was deemed appropriate.

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

The seven criteria are:

- (1) Quality of Service the quality of every aspect of the service provided, including, for example, accounting, administration, customer services and communications;
- (2) Performance how the fund performed, including whether it met targets and objectives, kept to relevant policy, followed relevant principles, kept to reasonable timescales;
- (3) Fund manager costs the fairness and value of the fund's costs, including entry and exit fees, early redemption fees, administration charges;
- (4) Economies of Scale how costs have been or can be reduced as a result of increased Assets under Management ('AUM'), and whether or not those savings have been passed on to investors;
- (5) Comparable Market Rates how the costs of the fund compares with others in the marketplace;

- (6) Comparable Services how the charges applied to the fund compare with those of other funds administered by SWFAL;
- (7) Classes of Units the appropriateness of the classes of units in the fund for investors.

1. Quality of Service

What was assessed in this section?

Internal Factors

SWFAL, as AFM, has overall responsibility for the Fund. The Board assessed, amongst other things; the day-to-day administration of the Fund; maintenance of scheme documentation (such as prospectuses and key investor information documents (KIIDs)), valuing and pricing units, calculating income and distribution payments, maintaining accounting and other records, preparing annual audited and half-yearly Report & Accounts, performing a review of tax provisions and submitting tax computations to HMRC, maintaining a register of unitholders, dealing and settlement. SWFAL delegate the investment management of the Fund to an Investment Management firm.

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

External Factors

The SWFAL Board assessed the skills, processes, experience, level of breaches and complaints. Also considered were any results from service review meetings as well as the annual due diligence performed by SWFAL on the delegated Investment Manager, Church House Investments Limited.

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

What was the outcome of the assessment?

Internal Factors

The Board recognised that all distribution and settlement monies were paid in a timely manner and that there were no significant findings as a result of the various audits performed on SWFAL during the year. The Board concluded that SWFAL carried out its duties diligently.

External Factors

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

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

2. Performance

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the performance of the Fund, after the deduction of all payments out of the scheme property as set out in the Prospectus. Performance is considered over appropriate timescales having regard to the Fund's investment objective, policy and strategy. The Board also considered whether an appropriate level of market risk has been taken.

Investment Objectives

Provide investors with medium to long-term capital growth, with income, through investment in a portfolio of UK equities.

Benchmarks

The FCA introduced significant changes in relation to benchmarks in August 2019.

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

2. Performance (continued)

Benchmarks (continued)

The benchmarks that have been agreed for the Fund are the FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index and the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector, both of which are comparators. A 'comparator' benchmark is an index or similar factor against which an investment manager invites investors to compare a fund's performance. Details of how the Fund has performed against its comparator benchmarks over various time periods can be found below. The comparator benchmarks were introduced during 2019 and have been backdated for illustrative purposes.

Cumulative returns to 28 February 2020

						Since
Unit Classes	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	30.06.14
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund A units accumulation	-9.1%	-2.5%	6.1%	17.0%	92.8%	25.3%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund A units income	-9.1%	-2.5%	6.1%	17.0%	93.1%	25.4%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund B units accumulation*	-9.0%	-1.9%	8.1%	21.0%	-	29.3%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund B units income*	-9.0%	-1.9%	8.1%	19.4%	-	25.1%
FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index	-13.7%	-7.0%	-2.3%	11.2%	75.2%	13.9%
IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector.	-4.9%	5.2%	10.8%	27.4%	87.0%	37.5%

Source: Morningstar

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You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance has been calculated net of fees.

Discrete returns

Unit Classes	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund A units accumulation	14.2%	-3.6%	8.3%	10.3%	2.4%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund A units income	14.2%	-3.6%	8.2%	10.3%	2.4%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund B units accumulation	15.0%	-3.0%	9.0%	10.9%	3.2%
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund B units income	14.9%	-3.0%	9.0%	11.0%	1.8%
FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index	14.3%	-9.2%	10.4%	25.2%	-5.5%
IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector.	15.9%	-6.1%	10.0%	13.3%	2.8%

You should be aware that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance has been calculated net of fees.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board found that the Fund's investment objective was being met and that the Fund is investing in the asset classes permitted by the investment policy. There have been no breaches of the policy in the last 12 months.

The Board noted that the Fund had performed well against the primary benchmark, the FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index, over the periods under observation whilst at the same time providing a reasonable level of income. It was also noted that the Fund's cumulative returns had been adversely affected by the impact of Covid-19 during the early part of 2020. The discrete returns table, however, evidences more clearly the Fund's performance over recent years less the impact of Covid-19. When all was taken into account the Board concluded that the Fund had provided value to unitholders.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

3. Authorised Fund Manager Costs

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed each separate charge to ensure that they were reasonable and reflect the services provided. This includes investment management fees, annual management charge ('AMC'), Trustee/Custodian fees, legal fees and audit fees.

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

^{*} B Classes launched in June 2014.

3. Authorised Fund Manager Costs (continued)

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board observed that Church House Investments Limited do not charge a separate in-house portfolio management fee or internal platform fee for clients invested in their own trusts. Instead, the cost of these services is included within the trusts themselves which SWFAL have then taken into consideration when comparing them on a like-for-like basis with other similarly run funds. Once this had been done it was the Board's opinion that each of the Fund's costs were fair, reasonable and provided on a competitive basis.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

4. Economies of Scale

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed each separate fee structure and the assets under management (AUM) of the Fund to examine the effect on the Fund to potential and existing investors should the Fund increase or decrease in value.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

As the Fund's AUM grows, investors pay proportionally less for the fixed costs of running the Fund as SWFAL is able to negotiate better terms with its service providers. Similarly, as SWFAL's business grows and costs are distributed across more investors, the costs to each investor reduces. The Board continues to review the ongoing charges figure ('OCF') of all funds to ensure they are appropriate.

The Board noted there the current charging structure in place meant that there were minimal opportunities for further savings going forward.

There were no follow-up actions required.

5. Comparable Market Rates

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the ongoing charges of the Fund, and how those charges affect the returns of the Fund. Funds with lower fees may offer better value than those with higher fees.

Every component within the ongoing charges figure ('OCF'), AMC, event-based fees such as entry or exit fees, early redemption fees, performance fees and charges that relate to other ancillary services provided to the Fund was compared against the external 'market rate' of equivalent funds.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Fund's charges were found to be in line with those of similar externally managed funds.

Note that there is not a performance fee and that SWFAL has not charged an entry fee, exit fee or any other event-based fees on this Fund.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

6. Comparable Services

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the OCF applied to the Fund with those of other funds administered by SWFAL having regard to size, investment objectives and policies.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

When the Fund was compared against all other funds administered by SWFAL, no meaningful conclusions could be drawn owing to a lack of commonality in characteristics.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

7. Classes of Units

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the Fund set up to ensure that where there are multiple unit classes, unitholders are in the correct unit class given the size of their holding.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

In September 2019, in order to ensure unitholders were invested in the correct unit classes, SWFAL conducted a review of named investors on the 'A' unit class register. At the time of the review all unitholders were in the appropriate unit class.

However, as SWFAL is unaware of the specific investment terms for any unit holder who invests directly through an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA) or an investment platform SWFAL was unable to determine if there were any other unitholders that would be eligible for a move to the cheaper 'B' unit class.

If you are in any doubt as to which class of unit you hold and, additionally, if that holding is eligible to be moved to a cheaper unit class then please contact your IFA or investment platform.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

Overall Assessment of Value

The Board concluded that the SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund had provided value to unitholders.

Kevin Stopps Chairman of the board of Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited 18 September 2020

Report of the Trustee to the unitholders of SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund

Trustee's responsibilities

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

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

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

The Trustee must ensure that:

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

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

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

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

NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services Limited 29 September 2020

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund ('the Trust')

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund (the "Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Statement of total return, Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders, Balance sheet and related notes including the Distribution table and summary of significant accounting policies. 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association (the 'Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds'), the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 31 March 2020 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

Basis for Opinion

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

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Manager has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Trust's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other Information

The Manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

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

- the information given in the Report of the Manager for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Manager has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Independent Auditor's report to the unitholders of SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Manager.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the Manager

As explained more fully in the Statement of Manager's responsibilities set out on page 3, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intend to liquidate the Trust 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.

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 the audit report

This report is made solely to the Trust's unitholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority under section 247 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust's unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's unitholders as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephen Eames (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Tower Bridge House
St Katharines Way
London E1W 1DD
29 September 2020

Accounting policies of SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund

for the year ended 31 March 2020

a Basis of accounting

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

The Manager has considered the impact of the emergence and spread of Covid-19 and potential implications on future operations of the Fund of reasonably possible downside scenarios. The Manager has considered a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b Valuation of investments

The purchase and sale of investments are included up to close of business on 31 March 2020.

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

Investments are stated at their fair value at the balance sheet date. In determining fair value, the valuation point is global close of business on 31 March 2020 with reference to quoted bid prices from reliable external sources.

Where an observable market price is unreliable or does not exist, investments are valued at the Manager's best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length.

c Foreign exchange

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

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

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

d Revenue

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

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

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

Special dividends are treated as either revenue or a repayment of capital depending on the facts of each particular case.

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

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an effective yield basis. Accrued interest purchased and sold on interest bearing securities is excluded from the capital cost of these securities and dealt with as part of the revenue of the Fund. The amortised amounts are accounted for as revenue or as an expense and form part of the distributable revenue of the Fund.

e Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged to revenue then 50% of these expenses are reallocated to capital, net of any tax effect.

Bank interest paid is charged to revenue.

f Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple unit classes

All revenue and expenses which are directly attributable to a particular unit class are allocated to that class. All revenue and expenses which are attributable to the Fund are allocated to the Fund and are normally allocated across the unit classes pro rata to the net asset value of each class on a daily basis.

Accounting policies of SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2020

q Taxation

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

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at 31 March 2020 to pay more or less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current rates and tax laws. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

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

h Efficient Portfolio Management

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

i Dilution levy

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of sales or redemptions. The Manager may charge a discretionary dilution levy 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, and if charging a dilution levy is, so far as practicable, fair to all unitholders and potential unitholders. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

j Distribution policies

i Basis of distribution

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

ii Unclaimed distributions

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

iii Revenue

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

iv Expenses

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

v Equalisation

Group 2 units are units purchased on or after the previous XD date and before the current XD date. Equalisation applies only to group 2 units. Equalisation is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 units and is refunded to holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax in the hands of the unitholders but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes. Equalisation per unit is disclosed in the Distribution table.

Investment Manager's report

Investment performance

Capital Performance*	One year	Three Years	Five Years
SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund	-17.4%	-15.0%	-11.1%

^{*} Percentage change in bid price of 'A' income units at 12pm on 31 March 2020

Source: Bloomberg and Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited.

Investment activities

We reported in October on activity over the first half of the year so these comments cover the latter six months of the Fund's year. In October, we added to the holding in SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust, which came to the market to raise further funds during the month. There were many reports from portfolio companies, including HSBC Holdings, Barclays and Lloyds Banking Group, which had all suffered a final burst of payment protection insurance claims as the deadline arrived (finally). The major pharmaceuticals, AstraZeneca and GlaxoSmithKline, responded well to their progress reports. We met the management of Greggs, who continue the development of new ranges (notably vegan), shop refurbishments and new 'drive-throughs'. Shares in Compass Group dipped at the end of November after their trading statement stated that European sales growth was slowing with some accompanying margin pressure; we added to our holding.

Micro Focus International has been weak since their poor statement at the end of August, but their share price appears to have 'found a level' and we added to this holding. December was a good month after the Election, the portfolio benefitted particularly from the strength of domestic equity issues, notably in the financial and utility sectors. We reduced the holding in Berkeley Group Holdings, whose stock leapt after the result on top of what had already been a good year for house-builders. We note that their Chairman, Tony Pidgley, also reported the sale of just over one million shares from his holding a few days later. A sharp recovery in the shares of infrastructure and property companies also helped.

February and March saw the Covid-19 pandemic news overwhelm markets for a while. We used this period to add to holdings in companies that we like and consider to be the most likely to perform and grow their dividends in future. This has included: Britvic, Compass Group, Croda International, J Sainsbury, Schroders and Smith & Nephew. New to the portfolio is a holding in Rentokil Initial, which we acquired in four separate transactions over this period, a company that we have wanted to own for a while and were pleased to be given an opportunity to acquire a holding. More difficult may be maintaining the Fund's dividend yield (currently around 3.5%) in the light of so many companies deferring or cancelling dividends at present (and the banks not being permitted to pay any). We must expect a lower pay-out from the Fund this year whilst hoping for a reasonably speedy restoration next year.

Top 10 Holdings - 31 March 2020	
GlaxoSmithKline	3.84%
Lloyds Bank 0.5486% 13/09/2021	3.03%
RELX	2.97%
AstraZeneca	2.92%
Halma	2.76%
Unilever	2.68%
Smith & Nephew	2.62%
HSBC Holdings	2.53%
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	2.48%
Diageo	2.46%

Investment strategy and outlook*

The confidence with which the year started, a new Government with a working majority and a Brexit strategy in place, all seems like a distant memory. Everything changed over the last two weeks of February, as the realisation dawned that Covid-19 had got out of China and quite how virulent it was. By 16 March, the FTSE 100 Index had fallen 35% over 18 days, a move that was starkly reminiscent of October to November 1987 when the Index fell 34%. Then, much of the volatility was blamed on 'programme trading', this time we suspect that index funds and Exchange Traded Funds may well prove to have been a major contributor. In particular, the third week of March saw genuine panic of a type that we haven't seen for a while, with indiscriminate selling and violent price swings. From the low on 16 March a rally set in such that the FTSE 100 Index has recovered 50% of the fall. This collapse-then-rally pattern has been repeated in all the major markets, led by the American markets.

^{*} Source: Bloomberg.

Investment Manager's report (continued)

Investment strategy and outlook (continued)

The credit markets reopened for business in the latter part of March, encouraged by the strenuous efforts of the US Federal Reserve in particular along with the Bank of England, European Central Bank and other central banks. Credit spreads found support around the same time and corporates are able to raise funds, a significant comfort for equity markets.

Stock markets appear to be settling into a more rational frame of mind in early April, with a rather clearer focus on the long-term winners and losers from the current crisis. Economists are sounding gloomy (as is the BBC), the International Monetary Fund declared that the Great Lockdown Recession may likely be worse than the Great Depression; in reality they are as much in the dark as the rest of us. Clearly, we are heading into a sharp recession and considerable short-term damage has been done to economies around the world. As yet, we have no clear idea how long this will last. The good news is that central banks have acted swiftly and decisively to prevent this becoming another financial crisis, the speed with which they acted (much more quickly than during 2008/9) is commendable and on, effectively, an unlimited scale.

After a shaky start, many governments have also rowed-in with appropriate direct measures. We have been impressed with our new Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, who appears to have a good grasp of what is required. President Trump's administration appeared to be in denial for several weeks, which could have only made the American epidemic worse. Overall, the support packages from governments worldwide really are on an unprecedented (much overworked word at the moment) scale. This could require government borrowing on an equally grand scale but, for the moment, it is the correct thing to do.

Our view is that many of the trends that were in place (such as the demise of high street retailing and rise of internet shopping), have been sped up by the outbreak, what happens next is the really interesting thing. As one of Berenberg's economists*, Holger Schmieding, stated in an interesting piece recently:

"Extraordinary circumstances elicit extraordinary results. A crisis can be the mother of invention. We expect the corona shock to spur and spread innovations in many fields ranging from a more efficient use of labour and communications technology to increased use of 3D printing and advanced robotics, to name a few obvious candidates. With luck, this could show up in a measurable improvement in productivity growth in a while."

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^{*} Source: www.theglobalist.com 3 April 2020.

Summary of portfolio changes for the year ended 31 March 2020

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

	Cost
Purchases:	£
Lloyds Bank 0.5486% 13/09/2021	1,501,500
Royal Bank of Canada 0.65122% 03/10/2024	1,005,790
Rentokil Initial	600,992
Croda International	455,165
BBGI SICAV	393,240
Compass Group	265,302
Shaftesbury	259,938
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	257,500
GCP Infrastructure Investments	257,058
Britvic	225,352
Bunzl	219,904
Smith & Nephew	211,888
Micro Focus International	189,523
Aviva	150,493
DS Smith	145,035
Schroders	118,795
Meggitt	114,349
Clinigen Group	78,447
Aberforth Split Level Income Trust	78,140
Sage Group	70,402
	Proceeds
Sales:	£
National Westminster Bank 1.12988% 15/05/2020	1,000,500
Shaftesbury Carnaby 2.487% 30/09/2031	393,304
Berkeley Group Holdings	253,816
Centrica	139,859
Craneware	137,637

Portfolio statement

as at 31 March 2020

	Nominal	Market	% of total
Investment	value or holding	value £	net assets
Debt securities* 11.66% (8.30%)		_	
Aaa to Aa2 6.55% (3.12%)			
Lloyds Bank 0.5486% 13/09/2021**	£1,500,000	1,494,120	3.03
Royal Bank of Canada 0.65122% 03/10/2024**	£1,000,000	975,360	1.98
UK Treasury Index Linked 4.125% 22/07/2030**	£200,000	761,127	1.54
		3,230,607	6.55
A2 to A3 2.13% (1.85%)		-,,	
Anglian Water Services Financing 4.125% 28/07/2020**	£250,000	442,960	0.90
Southern Water Services Finance 3.706% 31/03/2034**	£218,000	607,152	1.23
	-	1,050,112	2.13
Baa1 to Baa2 0.94% (0.83%)			
National Grid 1.25% 06/10/2021**	£366,000	463,638	0.94
	-		
Baa3 and below 2.04% (2.50%)			
Heathrow Funding 3.334% 09/12/2041**	£250,000	587,191	1.19
Phoenix Group Holdings 5.75% Perpetual**	£500,000	417,800	0.85
		1,004,991	2.04
Total debt securities	- -	5,749,348	11.66
Equities 77.47% (79.42%)			
Equities 77.47% (79.42%) Equities - United Kingdom 77.47% (79.42%)			
Equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom 75.60% (76.25%)			
Energy 4.29% (6.48%)			
BP	260,000	892,970	1.81
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	90,000	1,223,640	2.48
Materials 7 000/ (7 0 40/)		2,116,610	4.29
Materials 7.08% (6.84%)	75 000	030 050	4.00
BHP Group Croda International	75,000	938,850 1,067,500	1.90
	25,000		2.16
DS Smith Rio Tinto	170,000	467,840	0.95
RIO TINLO	27,500	1,022,313	7.08
Industrials 9.03% (7.45%)		3,496,503	7.00
Babcock International Group	90,000	344,250	0.70
BAE Systems	125,000	652,000	1.32
Bunzl	40,000	651,600	1.32
Howden Joinery Group	100,000	511,000	1.04
Meggitt	120,000	347,400	0.70
RELX	84,590	1,466,037	2.97
Rentokil Initial	125,000	484,625	0.98
Removit initiat	123,000	4,456,912	9.03
Consumer Discretionary 4.94% (5.49%)		7,730,712	7.03
Berkeley Group Holdings	17,000	614,550	1.25
Compass Group	65,000	820,950	1.66
Greggs	50,000	807,000	1.64
Marks & Spencer Group	192,000	190,502	0.39
and the second seconds		2,433,002	4.94
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Portfolio statement (continued) as at 31 March 2020

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom (continued)			
Consumer Staples 10.29% (10.57%)			
Britvic	100,000	699,500	1.42
Diageo	47,000	1,214,950	2.46
Imperial Brands	40,000	598,640	1.21
J Sainsbury	225,000	473,400	0.96
Reckitt Benckiser Group	12,500	768,625	1.56
Unilever	32,500	1,322,913	2.68
	•	5,078,028	10.29
Health Care 11.81% (11.87%)			
AstraZeneca	20,000	1,442,800	2.92
Clinigen Group	80,000	432,000	0.87
Craneware	33,295	599,310	1.21
GlaxoSmithKline	125,000	1,892,750	3.84
Sensyne Health	400,000	172,000	0.35
Smith & Nephew	90,000	1,290,150	2.62
		5,829,010	11.81
Financials 10.51% (12.02%)			
Aviva	200,000	536,800	1.09
Barclays	300,000	282,330	0.57
Close Brothers Group	55,000	618,200	1.25
HSBC Holdings	275,000	1,249,187	2.53
Legal & General Group	250,000	484,500	0.98
Lloyds Banking Group	1,250,000	399,875	0.81
Phoenix Group Holdings	120,000	751,800	1.52
Schroders	35,000	869,050	1.76
		5,191,742	10.51
Information Technology 5.18% (5.50%)			
Halma	70,000	1,344,700	2.73
Micro Focus International	50,000	199,950	0.41
Sage Group	170,000	1,006,060	2.04
5 5		2,550,710	5.18
Communication Services 1.41% (1.94%)	200 000	353 700	0.75
BT Group	300,000	353,700	0.72
Vodafone Group	300,000	338,940	0.69
		692,640	1.41

Portfolio statement (continued) as at 31 March 2020

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom (continued)			
Utilities 2.76% (2.55%)			
National Grid	75,000	709,650	1.44
SSE	50,000	652,000	1.32
ULTra PRT^	2,620	-	-
		1,361,650	2.76
Real Estate 8.30% (5.54%)			
Civitas Social Housing	1,047,211	1,000,086	2.03
Primary Health Properties	700,000	1,122,800	2.28
Shaftesbury Target Healthcare REIT	60,000 738,000	370,200 785,970	0.75 1.59
Triple Point Social Housing REIT	450,000	409,500	0.83
Tritax Big Box REIT	360,000	403,920	0.82
	223,000	4,092,476	8.30
		4,072,470	0.50
Total equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom		37,299,283	75.60
Equities - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 1.87% (3.17%)			
Real Estate 1.87% (3.17%)			
Ceravision^	750,000	-	-
Standard Life Investment Property Income Trust	1,100,000	920,700	1.87
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Total equities - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom		920,700	1.87
Total equities - United Kingdom		38,219,983	77.47
Total equities		38,219,983	77.47
Total equities		30,217,703	
Closed-Ended Funds 9.37% (8.45%)			
Closed-Ended Funds - United Kingdom 7.42% (7.50%)			
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom 5.59% (4.76%)			
Aberforth Split Level Income Trust	1,000,000	426,000	0.86
BB Healthcare Trust	500,000	602,500	1.22
HICL Infrastructure	500,000	809,000	1.64
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	1,000,000	920,000	1.87
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated in the United Kingdom		2,757,500	5.59

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 31 March 2020

Investment Closed-Ended Funds - United Kingdom (continued)	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 1.83% (2.74%) GCP Infrastructure Investments	800,000	900,800	1.83
Total closed-ended funds - United Kingdom		3,658,300	7.42
Closed-Ended Funds - Luxembourg 1.95% (0.95%) BBGI SICAV	600,000	960,000	1.95
Total closed-ended funds		4,618,300	9.37
Portfolio of investments		48,587,631	98.50
Other net assets		738,903	1.50
Total net assets		49,326,534	100.00

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

The comparative figures in brackets are as at 31 March 2019.

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

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

^{**} Variable interest rate security.

[^] ULTra PRT and Ceravision: The fair value pricing committee considers it appropriate to include the securities in the portfolio of investments with no value. The value is based on the sufficient doubt over the continued viability of the businesses.

Risk and reward profile

The risk and reward profile is representative of all unit classes.

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

Typically lower rewards, lower				Typical	ly higher re	ewards,	
risk				_	higher risk	→	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

The price of the Fund and any income from it can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Investors may not get back the amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Exposure to the risks associated with property investment, include but are not limited to, fluctuations in land prices, construction costs, interest rates, inflation and property yields, changes in taxation, legislation changes in landlord and tenant legislation, environmental factors, and changes in the supply and demand for property.

Investment trusts and closed ended funds may borrow to purchase additional investments. This can increase returns when stock markets rise but will magnify losses when markets fall.

The value of an investment trust or a closed-ended fund moves in line with stock market demand and its unit/share price may be less than or more than the net value of the investments it holds.

For further information please refer to the KIID.

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

During the year, the risk and reward indicator changed from 4 to 5.

Comparative table

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

	A units income		A uni	its accumulati	on	
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
	р	р	р	р	р	р
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	186.64	173.52	180.81	285.07	256.79	259.33
Return before operating charges	(23.03)	21.94	1.20	(36.00)	32.57	1.58
Operating charges	(2.93)	(2.86)	(2.85)	(4.53)	(4.29)	(4.12)
Return after operating charges *	(25.96)	19.08	(1.65)	(40.53)	28.28	(2.54)
Distributions [^]	(5.80)	(5.96)	(5.64)	(8.91)	(8.89)	(8.15)
Retained distributions on						
accumulation units^	-	-	-	8.91	8.89	8.15
Closing net asset value per unit	154.88	186.64	173.52	244.54	285.07	256.79
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.14	0.12
Performance						
Return after charges	(13.91%)	11.00%	(0.91%)	(14.22%)	11.01%	(0.98%)
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£)	40,061,217	46,039,191	40,449,180	2,865,236	3,456,223	3,230,458
Closing number of units	25,865,641	24,667,595	23,311,256	1,171,661	1,212,420	1,257,999
Operating charges^^	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	197.3	193.0	190.3	306.8	288.2	277.7
Lowest unit price (p)	136.6	171.5	173.3	212.4	254.4	252.9
Lowest unit price (p)	130.0	171.5	173.3	212.7	237.7	LJL.)

[^] Rounded to 2 decimal places.

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

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

Comparative table (continued)

	В	units income		B uni	ts accumulati	on
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
	р	р	р	р	р	р
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	192.32	178.21	185.09	293.98	263.11	264.04
Return before operating charges	(23.84)	22.58	1.23	(37.38)	33.45	1.57
Operating charges	(1.81)	(1.76)	(1.72)	(2.79)	(2.58)	(2.50)
Return after operating charges*	(25.65)	20.82	(0.49)	(40.17)	30.87	(0.93)
Distributions [^]	(6.56)	(6.71)	(6.39)	(10.11)	(10.01)	(9.18)
Retained distributions on						
accumulation units^	-	-	-	10.11	10.01	9.18
Closing net asset value per unit	160.11	192.32	178.21	253.81	293.98	263.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.14	0.12
Performance						
Return after charges	(13.34%)	11.68%	(0.26%)	(13.66%)	11.73%	(0.35%)
Other information						
Closing net asset value (£)	2,124,111	2,287,726	1,927,164	4,275,970	4,348,746	2,193,117
Closing number of units	1,326,671	1,189,512	1,081,430	1,684,725	1,479,287	833,538
Operating charges^^	0.94%	0.94%	0.93%	0.94%	0.94%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices						
Highest unit price (p)	204.0	198.6	195.5	318.0	297.1	284.2
Lowest unit price (p)	141.4	176.5	178.2	220.4	260.6	259.0

[^] Rounded to 2 decimal places.

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

Financial statements - SVS Church House Balanced Equity Income Fund

Statement of total return

for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	202	20	201	9
Income:		£	£	£	£
Net capital (losses) / gains	2		(9,681,379)		4,072,308
Revenue	3	2,228,566		2,124,329	
Expenses	4 _	(853,719)	-	(784,387)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,374,847		1,339,942	
Taxation	5 _	<u>-</u>	-	(3,400)	
Net revenue after taxation		-	1,374,847	_	1,336,542
Total return before distributions			(8,306,532)		5,408,850
Distributions	6		(1,800,116)		(1,727,815)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		-	(10,106,648)	- =	3,681,035

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year ended 31 March 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		56,131,886		47,799,919
Amounts receivable on issue of units	5,355,540		6,625,280	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(2,326,899)		(2,217,571)	
		3,028,641		4,407,709
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders				
from investment activities		(10,106,648)		3,681,035
Retained distributions on accumulation units		272,655		243,223
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders	_ =	49,326,534	-	56,131,886

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		48,587,631	53,984,179
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	203,611	514,935
Cash and bank balances	8	1,248,650	2,440,228
Total assets		50,039,892	56,939,342
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable		(644,379)	(663,109)
Other creditors	9	(68,979)	(144,347)
Total liabilities		(713,358)	(807,456)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		49,326,534	56,131,886

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Accounting policies
 The accounting policies are disclosed on pages 12 and 13.

2.	Net capital (losses) / gains	2020	2019
		£	£
	Non-derivative securities - realised (losses) / gains	(69,972)	379,816
	Non-derivative securities - movement in unrealised (losses) / gains	(9,607,983)	3,585,729
	Capital special dividend	-	110,123
	Transaction charges	(3,424)	(3,360)
	Total net capital (losses) / gains	(9,681,379)	4,072,308
3.	Revenue	2020	2019
		£	£
	UK revenue	1,789,373	1,649,060
	Unfranked revenue	216,104	152,812
	Overseas revenue	91,505	194,757
	Interest on debt securities	129,559	126,257
	Bank and deposit interest	2,025	1,443
	Total revenue	2,228,566	2,124,329
	Total Tevenue	2,220,300	2,124,327
4.	Expenses	2020	2019
		£	£
	Payable to the Manager and associates		
	Annual management charge	822,025	756,709
	Registration fees	322	290
	3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	822,347	756,999
	Payable to the Trustee		
	Trustee fees	18,866	17,318
	Other expenses:		
	Audit fee	6,570	6,330
	Non-executive directors' fees	596	350
	Safe custody fees	2,027	1,925
	FCA fee	, 611	323
	KIID production fee	1,142	1,142
	Publication fee	1,560	-,
		12,506	10,070
		,,,,,	
	Total expenses	853,719	784,387
	Total expenses		
5.	Taxation	2020	2019
		£	£
	a. Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
	Overseas tax withheld	-	3,400
	Total taxation (note 5b)		3,400
	()		

for the year ended 31 March 2020

5. Taxation (continued)

b. Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2019: lower) than the standard rate of UK corporation tax for an authorised collective investment scheme of 20% (2019: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2020	2019
Net revenue before taxation	£ 1,374,847	1,339,942
Corporation tax @ 20%	274,969	267,988
Effects of:		
UK revenue	(357,875)	(329,812)
Overseas revenue	(18,301)	(38,951)
Overseas tax withheld	-	3,400
Excess management expenses	101,207	100,775
Total taxation (note 5a)	<u> </u>	3,400

c. Provision for deferred taxation

At the year end, a deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to excess management expenses as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. The amount of asset not recognised is £1,187,832 (2019: £1,086,625).

6. Distributions

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

2020

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	2020	2019
	£	£
Interim income distribution	907,007	854,980
Interim accumulation distribution	158,448	131,806
Final income distribution	644,379	663,109
Final accumulation distribution	114,207	111,417
	1,824,041	1,761,312
Equalisation:		
Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	18,059	16,974
Amounts added on issue of units	(41,995)	(50,299)
Net equalisation on conversions	11	(172)
Total net distributions	1,800,116	1,727,815
Reconciliation between net revenue and distributions:	2020	2019
	£	£
Net revenue after taxation per Statement of total return	1,374,847	1,336,542
Undistributed revenue brought forward	173	135
Expenses paid from capital	426,860	392,193
Marginal tax relief	(2,023)	(882)
Revenue shortfall to be transferred from capital	475	-
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(216)	(173)
Distributions	1,800,116	1,727,815

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

Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2020

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7. Debtors	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts receivable on issue of units	16,625	173,982
Accrued revenue	185,279	283,055
Accrued capital special dividend	-	50,476
Recoverable overseas withholding tax	1,707	6,191
Recoverable income tax	<u> </u>	1,231
Total debtors	203,611	514,935
8. Cash and bank balances	2020	2019
	£	£
Total cash and bank balances	1,248,650	2,440,228
9. Other creditors	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	61,164	132,022
Accrued expenses:		
Payable to the Manager and associates		
Annual management charge	-	4,438
Registration fees	-	2
		4,440
Other expenses:		
Trustee fees	-	103
Safe custody fees	335	471
Audit fee	6,570	6,330
Non-executive directors' fees	547	350
FCA fee	-	272
KIID production fee	286	286
Transaction charges	77	73
	7,815	7,885
Total accrued expenses	7,815	12,325
Total other creditors	68,979	144,347
10. Commitments and contingent liabilities		
At the balance sheet date there are no commitments of	or contingent liabilities.	

11. Unit classes

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

	A units income
Opening units in issue	24,667,595
Total units issued in the year	2,131,798
Total units cancelled in the year	(976,003)
Total units converted in the year	42,251
Closing units in issue	25,865,641
	A units accumulation
Opening units in issue	1,212,420
Total units issued in the year	25,834
Total units cancelled in the year	(40,836)
Total units converted in the year	(25,757)
Closing units in issue	1,171,661

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11. Unit classes (continued)

Closing units in issue	1,326,671
Total units converted in the year	16,434
Total units cancelled in the year	(34,889)
Total units issued in the year	155,614
Opening units in issue	1,189,512
	B units income

B units accumulation
Opening units in issue 1,479,287
Total units issued in the year 342,274
Total units cancelled in the year (124,997)
Total units converted in the year (11,839)
Closing units in issue 1,684,725

For the year ended 31 March 2020, the annual management charge is as follows:

A units income	1.50%
A units accumulation	1.50%
B units income	0.88%
B units accumulation	0.88%

The annual management charge includes the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Management fees.

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

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

12. Related party transactions

Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited, as Manager is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Fund.

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

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

13. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per A income unit has increased from 154.88p to 163.03p, the A accumulation unit has increased from 244.54p to 257.42p, B income unit has increased from 160.11p to 169.05p and the B accumulation unit has increased from 253.81p to 268.03p as at 28 September 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements of recent months.

14. Transaction costs

a Direct transaction costs

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

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

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

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14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

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

	Purchases before transaction costs	Commi	ssion	Taxe	es	Fina transac		Purchases after transaction costs
2020	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	4,211,525	3,091	0.07%	15,884	0.38%		-	4,230,500
Bonds*	2,507,290	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,507,290
Total	6,718,815	3,091	0.07%	15,884	0.38%			6,737,790
	Purchases before transaction					Fina	ncial	Purchases after transaction
	costs	Commi	ssion	Taxe	es	transac	tion tax	costs
2019	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	5,915,851	4,521	0.08%	18,723	0.32%	1	0.00%	5,939,096
Bonds*	918,549	-	-	-	-		-	918,549
Total	6,834,400	4,521	0.08%	18,723	0.32%			6,857,645

Capital events amount of £59,200 (2019: £375,727) is excluded from the total purchases as there were no direct transaction costs charged in these transactions.

	Sales before transaction costs	Commis	sion	Taxe	s	Finar transact		Sales after transaction costs
2020	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	531,788	(474)	0.09%	(2)	0.00%	-	-	531,312
Bonds*	1,393,804	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,393,804
Total	1,925,592	(474)	0.09%	(2)	0.00%	-	-	1,925,116
	Sales before transaction costs	Commis	sion	Taxe	s	Finar transact		Sales after transaction costs
2019	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	2,258,414	(3,066)	0.14%	(2)	0.00%	-	-	2,255,346
Bonds*	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
Total	2,758,414	(3,066)	0.14%	(2)	0.00%	-	-	2,755,346

^{*} No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

Capital events amount of £600,405 (2019: £798,000) is excluded from the total sales as there were no direct transaction costs charged in these transactions.

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14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

Summary of direct transaction costs

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

		% of average
2020	£	net asset value
Commission	3,565	0.00%
Taxes	15,886	0.03%
		% of average
2019	£	net asset value
Commission	7,587	0.01%
Taxes	18,725	0.04%
Financial transaction tax	1	0.00%

b Average portfolio dealing spread

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

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.48% (2019: 0.29%).

15. Risk management policies

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

a Market risk

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

(i) Other price risk

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

The main element of the portfolio of investments which is exposed to this risk is equities which are disclosed in the Portfolio statement.

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

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

At 31 March 2020, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £2,429,382 (2019: £2,466,230).

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- 15. Risk management policies (continued)
- a Market risk (continued)
- (ii) Currency risk

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

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

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

	Financial instruments and cash holdings	Net debtors and creditors	Total net foreign currency exposure
2020	£	£	£
Euro	1,466,037	1,707	1,467,744
Total foreign currency exposure	1,466,037	1,707	1,467,744
	Financial instruments and cash holdings	Net debtors and creditors	Total net foreign currency exposure
2019	£	£	£
Euro	1,386,387	6,191	1,392,578
US dollar		44,319	44,319
Total foreign currency exposure	1,386,387	50,510	1,436,897

At 31 March 2020, if the value of sterling increased or decreased by 5% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £73,387 (2019: £71,845).

(iii) Interest rate risk

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

During the year the Fund's direct exposure to interest rates consisted of cash and bank balances and interest bearing securities.

The amount of revenue receivable from floating rate securities and bank balances or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

The value of interest bearing securities may be affected by changes in the interest rate environment, either globally or locally.

At 31 March 2020, if interest rates increased or decreased by 25 basis points, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £65,452 (2019: £82,489).

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

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

6,714,181

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- 15. Risk management policies (continued)
- a Market risk (continued)
- (iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

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

	Variable rate financial assets	Variable rate financial liabilities	Fixed rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2020	£	£	£	£	£	£
Euro	-	-	-	1,467,744	-	1,467,744
UK sterling	6,997,998	-	-	41,574,150	(713,358)	47,858,790
	6,997,998	-	-	43,041,894	(713,358)	49,326,534
	Variable rate financial assets	Variable rate financial liabilities	Fixed rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
2019	£	£	£	£	£	£
Euro	-	-	-	1,392,578	-	1,392,578
UK sterling	6,714,181	-	385,620	48,402,644	(807,456)	54,694,989

ь Credit risk

US dollar

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

385,620

44,319

49,839,541

44,319

56,131,886

(807, 456)

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

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

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

c Liquidity risk

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

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

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

c Liquidity risk (continued)

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

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

In addition liquidity is subject to stress testing on an annual basis to assess the ability of the Fund to meet large redemptions (50% of the net asset value and 80% of the net asset value), while still being able to adhere to its objective guidelines and the FCA investment borrowing regulations.

All of the financial liabilities are payable on demand.

d Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

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

	Investment	Investment
	assets	liabilities
Basis of valuation	2020	2020
	£	£
Quoted prices	43,599,410	-
Observable market data	4,988,221	-
Unobservable data^		-
	48,587,631	
	Investment	Investment
	assets	liabilities
Basis of valuation	2019	2019
	£	£
Quoted prices	50,075,500	-
Observable market data	3,908,679	-
Unobservable data^		-
	53,984,179	

The following securities are valued in the portfolio of investments using valuation techniques:

[^]ULTra PRT and Ceravision: The fair value pricing committee considers it appropriate to include the securities in the portfolio of investments with no value. The value is based on the sufficient doubt over the continued viability of the businesses.

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

e Assets subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature

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

	2020	2019
	% of the total net asset value	% of the total net asset value
Ceravision	-	-
ULTra PRT	-	-
Total	-	

f Derivatives

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

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

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

During the year there were no derivative transactions.

(i) Counterparties

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

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

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

(ii) Leverage

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

There have been no leveraging arrangements in the year.

(iii) Global exposure

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

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

There have been no collateral arrangements in the year.

Distribution table

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Distributions on A units income in pence per unit

Payment date	Unit type	Distribution type	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution current year	Distribution prior year
30.11.19	group 1	interim	3.443	-	3.443	3.416
30.11.19	group 2	interim	2.526	0.917	3.443	3.416
31.05.20	group 1	final	2.352	-	2.352	2.548
31.05.20	group 2	final	0.958	1.394	2.352	2.548

Distributions on A units accumulation in pence per unit

Allocation date	Unit type	Distribution type	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution current year	Distribution prior year
30.11.19	group 1	interim	5.256	2.133	5.256	5.054
30.11.19	group 2	interim	3.123		5.256	5.054
31.05.20	group 1	final	3.658	-	3.658	3.837
31.05.20	group 2	final	1.995	1.663	3.658	3.837

Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to group 2 units. It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 units and is refunded to holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax in the hands of the unitholder but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

Accumulation distributions

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

Interim distribution:

Group 1 Units purchased before 1 April 2019

Group 2 Units purchased 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019

Final distribution:

Group 1 Units purchased before 1 October 2019

Group 2 Units purchased 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020

Distribution table (continued)

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Distributions on B units income in pence per unit

Payment date	Unit type	Distribution type	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution current year	Distribution prior year
30.11.19	group 1	interim	3.841	-	3.841	3.799
30.11.19	group 2	interim	2.129	1.712	3.841	3.799
31.05.20	group 1	final	2.715	-	2.715	2.907
31.05.20	group 2	final	1.732	0.983	2.715	2.907

Distributions on B units accumulation in pence per unit

Allocation date	Unit type	Distribution type	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution current year	Distribution prior year
30.11.19	group 1	interim	5.871	-	5.871	5.621
30.11.19	group 2	interim	2.969	2.902	5.871	5.621
31.05.20	group 1	final	4.235	-	4.235	4.387
31.05.20	group 2	final	2.836	1.399	4.235	4.387

Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to group 2 units. It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 units and is refunded to holders of these units as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax in the hands of the unitholder but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

Accumulation distributions

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

Interim distribution:

Group 1 Units purchased before 1 April 2019

Group 2 Units purchased 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019

Final distribution:

Group 1 Units purchased before 1 October 2019

Group 2 Units purchased 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020

Remuneration

Remuneration code disclosure

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

Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee report contained in pages 46-49 of the Smith & Williamson Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2020 (available https://smithandwilliamson.com/en/about-us/financial-reports/) includes details on the remuneration policy. The remuneration committee comprises five non-executive directors and is governed by formal terms of reference, which are reviewed and agreed by the board. The committee met seven times during 2019-20.

Remuneration policy

The main principles of the remuneration policy are:

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

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

Remuneration systems

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

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

When setting variable remuneration for the executive directors, the committee considers overall business profit for the group and divisions, achievement of both financial and non-financial objectives (including adherence to the principles of treating customers fairly, conduct risk, compliance and regulatory rules), personal performance and any other relevant policy of the board in respect of the year ended 30 April 2020. The committee agrees the individual allocation of variable remuneration and the proportion of that variable remuneration to be awarded as restricted shares.

Aggregate quantitative information

The total amount of remuneration paid by Smith & Williamson Fund Administration Limited (SWFAL) is nil as SWFAL has no employees. However, a number of employees have remuneration costs recharged to SWFAL and the annualised remuneration for these 70 employees is £3,099,931 of which £2,863,541 is fixed remuneration. This is based on the annualised salary and benefits for those identified as working in SWFAL as at 30 April 2020. Any variable remuneration is awarded for the year ending 30 April 2020. This information excludes any senior management or other Material Risk Takers (MRTs) whose remuneration information is detailed on the next page.

Remuneration (continued)

Aggregate quantitative information (continued)

Smith & Williamson reviews its MRTs at least annually. These individuals are employed by and provide services to other companies in the Smith & Williamson group. It is difficult to apportion remuneration for these individuals in respect of their duties to SWFAL. For this reason, the aggregate total remuneration awarded for the financial year 2019-20 for senior management and other MRTs detailed below has not been apportioned.

Table to show the aggregate remuneration split by	-	Financial Voa	r ending 30 A	pril 2020	
Table to show the aggregate remuneration split by		rillaliciat Tea	r ending 30 A	prit Zuzu	
Senior Management and other MRTs for SWFAL					
		Variab	le		
	Fixed	Cash	Equity	Total	No. MRTs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Senior Management	1,846	2,411	-	4,257	9
Other MRTs	1,222	928	-	2,150	9
Total	3,068	3,339	-	6,407	18

Investment Manager

The Manager delegates the management of the Fund's portfolio of investments to Church House Investments Limited and pays to Church House Investments Limited, out of the Manager's annual management charge, a monthly fee calculated on the total value of the portfolio of investments at the month end. Church House Investments Limited are compliant with the Capital Requirements Directive regarding remuneration and therefore Church House Investments Limited staff are covered by remuneration regulatory requirements.

Further information

Distributions and reporting dates

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed/allocated semi-annually on 31 May (final) and 30 November (interim). In the event of a distribution, unitholders will receive a tax voucher.

XD dates: 1 April final

1 October interim

Reporting dates: 31 March annual

30 September interim

Buying and selling units

The property of the Fund is valued at 12 noon on each business day, with the exception of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve or a bank holiday in England and Wales or the last business day prior to those days annually where the valuation may be carried out at a time agreed in advance between the Manager and the Trustee. The price of units are calculated as at that time. Unit dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investors can buy and sell units at the next valuation point following receipt of the order.

A units income and A units accumulation

The minimum initial investment in the Fund is £5,000. The minimum subsequent investment is £5,000. The Manager reserves the right to terminate holdings where the value is less than £3,000. The Manager may waive the minimum levels at its discretion.

B units income and B units accumulation

The minimum initial investment in the is £100,000. The minimum subsequent investment is £100,000. The Manager reserves the right to terminate holdings where the value is less than £100,000. The Manager may waive the minimum levels at its discretion.

There is no initial charge applied on the purchase of units.

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

Benchmark

Unitholders may compare the performance of the Fund against the FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index and the IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector.

Comparison of the Fund's performance against IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector will give unitholders an indication of how the Fund is performing against other similar funds in this peer group sector. The Manager has selected the FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index as a comparator benchmark as the Manager believes it best reflects the asset allocation of the Fund.

The benchmarks are not targets for the Fund, nor is the Fund constrained by the benchmarks.

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