

Annual Report 31 March 2025

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^{*} These collectively comprise the Authorised Corporate Director's Report.

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A.C. Deptford

P.J. Foley-Brickley

- S. Gunson (appointed 24 May 2024)
- C. O'Keeffe (retired 6 May 2024)
- E. Personne (Non-Executive Director appointed 25 September 2024)
- D. Phillips (Non-Executive Director)
- L. Poynter (appointed 18 June 2024)
- J. Thompson (Non-Executive Director)

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Doug Millward

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Grant Thornton UK LLP

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Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook published by the FCA, ('the COLL Rules') requires the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net revenue and net gains or losses on the property of the Company for the year.

In preparing the financial statements the ACD is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply 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 Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014 as amended in June 2017;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Company's and its Sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or terminate its Sub-fund 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; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

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

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Sourcebook. The ACD is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the ACD is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditor is unaware; and
- the ACD has taken steps that it ought to have taken to make itself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Auditor is aware of the information.

Certification of the Annual Report by the Authorised Corporate Director

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Funds Sourcebook ("the COLL Sourcebook") and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the IA.

A.C. Deptford

P.J. Foley-Brickley

S.J. Gunson

L.A. Poynter

Directors

Apex Fundrock Limited

30 July 2025

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the MI Diversified Strategy Fund ("the Company") for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

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

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

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

The Depositary must ensure that:

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

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

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

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

Northern Trust Investor Services Limited ('NTISL')

UK Trustee and Depositary Services 30 July 2025

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of MI Bespoke Funds ICVC ('the Company')

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of MI Bespoke Funds ICVC (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 March 2025. These financial statements comprise the financial statements of the following Sub-fund of the Company:

MI Diversified Strategy Fund (the 'Sub-fund')

The financial statements of the Sub-fund comprise the Statement of Total Return, Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheet, Notes to the Financial Statements and the Distribution Table.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 as amended in June 2017, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the Sub-fund as at 31 March 2025 and of the net revenue and net capital gains/(losses) on the scheme property of the Company and the Sub-fund for the year then ended, and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 as amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the Authorised Corporate Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's and the Sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company and the Sub-fund to cease or continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the Authorised Corporate Director's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the Company's and the Sub-fund's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as the geopolitical uncertainty and Cost of Living Crisis, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the Authorised Corporate Director and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's and the Sub-fund's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of MI Bespoke Funds ICVC ('the Company')

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Other information

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

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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion:

- we have been given all the information and explanations, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit, and
- the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report (which comprises; on page 1, Directory; within the Sub-fund, the Investment Objective and Policy on page 8, the Investment Manager's Report, the Portfolio Statement, the Risk and Reward Profile and the General Information on pages 8, 14, 29) is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- proper accounting records for the Company or the Sub-fund have not been kept, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with those accounting records.

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 2, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Authorised Corporate Director determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's and the Sub-fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to terminate the Sub-fund, windup the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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.

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Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Company and the industry in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with management;
- We determined that the most significant laws and regulations were the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland';
- We enquired of the Authorised Corporate Director and management to obtain an understanding of how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks and whether there were any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and whether they had any knowledge of actual or suspected fraud. We corroborated the results of our enquiries through our review of the breaches register and the fund's prospectus;
- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of: the Company's operations, including the nature of its revenue sources, and of its objective to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risks of material misstatement and the Company's control environment, including the policies and procedures implemented to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with the relevant laws and regulations;
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by evaluating management's incentives and opportunities for manipulation of the financial statements. This included an evaluation of the risk of management override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team in connection with the risks identified included:
 - evaluation of the design and implementation of controls that management has put in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - testing journal entries, including manual journal entries processed at the year end for financial statements preparation and
 - challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it;
- The engagement partner's assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:
 - understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity, through appropriate training and participation;
 - knowledge of the industry in which the Company operates; and
 - understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Company.
 - we communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of MI Bespoke Funds ICVC ('the Company')

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's Shareholders, as a body, in accordance with regulation 67(2) of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, and with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's Shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Marcus Swales

Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants London, United Kingdom 30 July 2025

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the MI Diversified Strategy Fund is to achieve long term capital growth. The Sub-fund intends to meet its objectives through exposure to a combination of equities, fixed interest and structured products. The majority of the Sub-fund's exposure will be to equities. It may also have exposure to property. With the exception of structured products, this exposure will be through investment in OEICs, unit trusts, investment trusts, Exchange Traded Funds and other Collective Investment Schemes across several management groups. It may also invest in equities from the world's major markets, bonds and other transferable securities. The Sub-fund has no specific limits on exposures to any asset class, geographic area, industry or economic sectors.

The Sub-fund may hold derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes only. It is not intended that the use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes will increase the risk profile of the Sub-fund.

Investment Manager's Report

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Performance Review

For the period since the interim accounts (30 September 2024 to 31 March 2025) the total return of both the B Income and C Accumulation share classes was 2.01%, compared to 0.14% for the IA Flexible Investment sector average.

Over the full accounting period (31 March 2024 to 31 March 2025), the total return of both the B Income and C Income share classes was 5.61%, compared to 2.92% for the IA Flexible Investment sector average.

The Sub-fund is ranked 23rd out of 161 funds available over the six months, 26th out of 160 over the accounting year and 57th out of 83 since launch, placing it in the first quartile of its sector over the first two periods, and in the third quartile since launch.

Source: FE Analytics. Total return. Bid to bid.

Market Review

Although inflation undoubtedly came down from its significantly higher peak of this cycle, it still appears to be struggling in some quarters to get back to the desired 2% target. Whilst goods inflation has been fairly well behaved, it is service inflation which has proven relatively stubborn. Wage increases and a strong labour market have left the consumer willing to continue to spend.

We now see divergence in terms of central bank response, however. Whilst inflation in the UK hit the 2% target, it began ticking up again once more, potentially making it more difficult for the Bank of England to cut rates significantly further. The US economy also proved resolute and, with inflation remaining above target, after initially thinking four to five cuts could be seen in 2025 this has reduced. In the euro area inflation followed a similar path to that seen in the UK, where it reached target before increasing again to sit just above target. Weaker economic growth here however, particularly in core economies such as Germany perhaps provides further scope for the European Central Bank to cut interest rates further.

Geopolitical factors also continued to weigh on markets, especially since Trump began his second term as US President. Tariffs were of course forefront, with the potential to reshape global trade and change the inflationary outlook, especially for goods. Relaxation of regulation, meanwhile, could prove a positive for economic growth and therefore corporate earnings. This could be especially pertinent in the financial sector, including banks, potentially increasing their ability to lend through relaxed capital adequacy ratios.

However, fiscal expansion, achieved through reduced taxation and other policies, has the potential to see the nation's debt rise substantially. This has connotations for growth, inflation and asset markets. The need to borrow more through an increased issuance of Treasuries is seeing investors demand a higher premium for the use of their capital.

We saw a great deal of divergence across equity market returns during the period in local currency terms. Within the UK, concerns regarding economic growth weighed on the performance of those stocks more heavily reliant on the domestic economy. This meant that both mid and small cap indices succumbed to weakness, with both in negative territory. Conversely, large cap stocks continued to power ahead, with the large cap index posting a return just under 6%. Stocks in the index typically derive a large proportion of their earnings from overseas, and it was also helped by its sector breakdown being more defensive than others. A low level of exposure to technology stocks finally proved a benefit rather than a hindrance.

US equities struggled during the period. Technology stocks were negative as sentiment towards the sector turned. A weaker outlook for economic growth weighed on the sector, which was compounded by high share valuations. After an initially strong period following the inauguration of Trump, smaller companies share prices also succumbed to weakness. The weaker outlook, changes in regulation looking like they will take longer to come through, along with the potential inflationary impact of tariffs, all weighed heavily as these stocks gave back all of their previous gains and then some.

Investment Manager's Report

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The more defensive nature of the European equity markets in terms of sector breakdown, along with lower valuations, meant we saw a positive change in sentiment here, leading to outperformance against most other developed markets.

Portfolio Activity

The portfolio continues to provide a broad range of asset classes and geographical allocations.

Within the fixed income allocation the holding in GAM Star Credit Opportunities was sold down in favour of PIMCO GIS Income. Whilst the fundamentals remain positive for financials, we were conscious of the strong allocation to this sector by the GAM fund. Furthermore, the performance was closely correlated to TwentyFour Dynamic Bond, also allocated to within the Sub-fund. A greater level of diversification within the fixed income allocation was sought and the PIMCO fund provides this.

Another change saw the disposal of CRUX UK Special Situations. This followed the sale of the fund to another investment group. Whilst we continue to believe in the manager and their process this is now the second sale of the fund over a short space of time. We believe this erodes confidence and leads to assets under management shrinking.

The proceeds from this sale were invested into the WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies. The manager seeks to identify companies which in their opinion have strong financial performance, established management teams, a sound market position and future growth potential. There is a focus on quality, cash generating businesses that are relatively insulated from external factors, thereby avoiding more cyclical areas.

Another change within the UK equity allocation saw a reduction in the holdings in Liontrust Special Situations and Schroder Recovery in favour of a new holding, Invesco UK Enhanced Index. This change helped to reduce the concentration of holdings within UK equities. Using the Invesco fund increased the allocation to large cap equities in a cost-efficient manner given the lower ongoing charge figure for this Sub-fund relative to actively managed funds in which exposure was reduced.

Within the US equity allocation a new holding was also added, being HSBC S&P 500 Equal Weight Equity Index. The level of concentration in the S&P 500 is now well known, along with the concentration of index returns coming from mega-cap stocks. To try and alleviate this issue this Sub-fund has been added, also tying in with the expectation that earnings growth in the US could broaden across different sectors in 2025.

As we moved into the new year, concerns over economic growth, coming from weaker published data, caused us to reduce exposure to funds with a large mid and/or small cap exposure. In the first instance we reduced exposure to the Vanguard Global Smaller Companies index. Whilst investing on a global basis, this Sub-fund has a strong bias to the US, where this weaker economic data had been seen. The remaining position in this Sub-fund was eventually fully liquidated later in the period.

On the same economic growth concerns the position in the Liontrust Special Situations was further reduced. This Sub-fund has a meaningful allocation to mid-cap stocks and also those listed on the FTSE AIM index, together accounting for just over half of the fund's assets. We also saw the retirement of one of the fund managers, Julian Fosh, which gave further reason to reduce the holding. Whilst Anthony Cross remains, supported by Victoria Stevens and Matt Tonge, Fosh had been co-manager on this fund for a long time and therefore will inevitably be a miss in terms of knowledge and experience.

Another fund where the allocation was reduced was RGI European. Here we also saw the fund manager depart, moving to Goodhart Partners. Despite the move, the manager will remain in tenure, with Goodhart acting as an investment adviser to the fund. The initial uncertainty surrounding this relationship however was enough to act upon. The fund also has exposure to mid-cap stocks and therefore the allocation was reduced on the same growth concerns.

In two other minor adjustments the exposure to Jupiter Merian Asia Pacific was reduced, recognising that it represented more than 5% of the Funds' assets under management and its relatively high ongoing charge figure of 1%. The exposure to the Carmignac Portfolio Long Short European Equities fund was also marginally reduced, with the overall exposure to alternatives having crept above the neutral level due to market movements.

The Sub-fund saw net outflows during the period which were funded by reducing existing holdings when needed, allowing the adjustment of allocations at the same time.

Investment Manager's Report

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Outlook

Geopolitics often has an impact on the direction of the economy and financial markets but the degree to which it does ebbs and flows. Since 'Liberation Day', when President Trump announced global tariffs the US would look to impose on trading partners, we have and continue to live in a heightened state of uncertainty. Since the initial announcement we have seen tariffs imposed, paused, trade deals agreed, and now we see US rulings declaring global tariffs as being illegal. How they look in the future remains unknown.

For the global economy and markets, it's not just the outcome that matters but also the effect of the uncertainty on consumer and business confidence. The imposing of tariffs has the potential to significantly disrupt global trade. For a prolonged period of time we have been in a state of globalisation. Tariffs have the potential to bring this to a halt and, through protectionism, actually put it into a state of reverse. All have the potential to make economic growth stall, at least in the short term.

As well as growth, there is also the potential impact on inflation, at least over the short term. Tariffs will only add to the price of imported goods. One main reason why certain goods are imported into a country in the first place is a lower pricing point. Even if it does encourage domestic production in the long run, there is the chance that it will be more expensive. Business confidence has certainly been scarred in the short term, until more is known and the outlook is clearer.

Amidst this uncertainty the portfolio remains well diversified across asset classes, including equities, fixed income and alternatives. Within the equity allocation, exposure is taken across different geographies, investment styles and processes. An overweight position is maintained here until we start to see a meaningful negative impact on earnings from a potential economic slowdown.

Whilst the all in yield from fixed income remains attractive, we recognise that credit spreads remain tight relative to history. Higher inflation could return, being the enemy of the asset class, and coupled with expected additional supply, given deficits being ran by many different governments, this prevents us taking an overweight position for now. Exposure to alternatives meanwhile, provide an uncorrelated source of return and protection when we see a downturn in markets.

Lowes Investment Management June 2025

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 March 2025

11.1.9		Market value	% of total
Holding	Security	£	2025
	STRUCTURED PRODUCTS 4.80% (5.26%)		
4 200 000	Structured Products 4.80% (5.26%)	4 206 400	4.04
1,200,000	Goldman Sachs Preference 13.10.31 [†]	1,386,480	4.80
	FUNDS 93.65% (89.30%)		
	Bond Funds 19.01% (24.55%)		
14,742	Man GLG Dynamic Income - IF H GBP Capitalisation*	2,143,205	7.42
9,608	MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond - I Net Accumulation^*	1,899,400	6.58
119,556	PIMCO GIS Income Institutional GBP Accumulation*	1,446,627	5.01
		5,489,232	19.01
	Emerging Markets 12.27% (9.50%)		
362,286	Lazard Emerging Markets - A Accumulation GBP*	1,728,103	5.99
7,817	Redwheel Next Generation Emerging Markets Equity - I GBP Accumulation*	1,813,370	6.28
		3,541,473	12.27
	Europe 13.10% (11.60%)		
7,640	Carmignac Portfolio Long-Short European Equities GBP Accumulation*	1,445,827	5.01
670,619	ES R&M European - F Accumulation*	964,552	3.34
830,040	LF Lightman European - R Accumulation*	1,370,728	4.75
		3,781,107	13.10
	Far East 8.94% (6.97%)		
492,204	First State Asia Focus - B Accumulation*	1,181,289	4.09
411,029	Merian Asia Pacific - R Accumulation*	1,401,486	4.85
		2,582,775	8.94
	Japan 7.50% (8.96%)	0.465.505	7.50
1,868,503	Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - A Accumulation*	2,165,595	7.50
392,334	United Kingdom 23.77% (20.63%) Invesco UK Enhanced Index Fund - Z Accumulation*	1,426,605	4.94
237,326	Liontrust Special Situations - A Income*	1,093,433	3.79
937,712	Schroder Recovery - Z Accumulation*	1,500,339	5.20
934,171	TM Tellworth UK Select*	1,451,702	5.03
843,692	WS Gresham House UK Smaller Companies - C Accumulation*	1,383,402	4.79
		6,855,481	23.77
	United States of America 9.08% (7.09%)		
22,721	Dodge & Cox US Stock - GBP Accumulation*	1,395,980	4.83
1,244,019	HSBC S&P 500 Equal Weight Equity Index - C Accumulation*	1,227,100	4.25
		2,623,080	9.08
	Investment assets	28,425,223	98.53
	Net other assets	423,384	1.47
	Net assets	28,848,607	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares or stock units on a regulated securities market unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent % holdings as at 31.03.24.

[^]Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

^{*}Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

[†]Structured Products, not listed on any exchange.

Comparative Tables

Change in net assets per share

B Income	31.03.25 p	31.03.24 p	31.03.23 p
Opening net asset value per share	140.74	132.02	139.29
Return before operating charges^	7.67	12.32	-4.46
Operating charges	-1.65	-1.52	-1.52
Return after operating charges^	6.02	10.80	-5.98
Distributions	-2.69	-2.08	-1.29
Closing net asset value per share	144.07	140.74	132.02
^After direct transaction costs of	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance			
Return after charges	4.28%	8.18%	-4.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£455,836	£484,247	£517,694
Closing number of shares	316,389	344,078	392,122
Operating charges	1.14%	1.14%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	151.48	142.81	139.00
Lowest share price	138.57	128.04	123.98

C Income	31.03.25 p	31.03.24 p	31.03.23 p
Opening net asset value per share	142.57	133.73	140.05
Return before operating charges^	7.78	12.48	-3.28
Operating charges	-1.68	-1.54	-1.54
Return after operating charges^	6.10	10.94	-4.82
Distributions	-2.72	-2.10	-1.50
Closing net asset value per share	145.95	142.57	133.73
^After direct transaction costs of	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance			
Return after charges	4.28%	8.18%	-3.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£2,353,003	£2,586,613	£3,025,501
Closing number of shares	1,612,234	1,814,322	2,262,343
Operating charges	1.14%	1.14%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	153.45	144.66	141.00
Lowest share price	140.37	129.70	125.71

Comparative Tables

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C Accumulation	31.03.25 p	31.03.24 p	31.03.23 p
Opening net asset value per share	152.38	140.87	145.90
Return before operating charges^	8.32	13.13	-3.43
Operating charges	-1.79	-1.62	-1.60
Return after operating charges^	6.53	11.51	-5.03
Distributions	-3.00	-2.21	-1.62
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.00	2.21	1.62
Closing net asset value per share	158.91	152.38	140.87
^After direct transaction costs of	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance			
Return after charges	4.29%	8.17%	-3.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	£26,039,768	£32,640,840	£33,455,531
Closing number of shares	16,386,942	21,420,501	23,749,674
Operating charges	1.14%	1.14%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	164.02	152.37	146.87
Lowest share price	149.94	136.62	130.94

Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting year.

The return after charges is calculated as the closing Net Asset Value per share plus the distributions on income shares minus the opening Net Asset Value per share as a % of the opening Net Asset Value per share. The basis of valuation of investments used to calculate Net Asset Value per share is described in notes to the Financial Statements 1h) and complies with requirements of the current Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds. This differs from the basis used to calculate daily published single prices, in which listed investments are valued at 12:00 mid prices.

Direct transaction costs include fees, commissions, transfer taxes and duties in the purchasing and selling of investments, which are offset (where applicable) against any dilution levies charged within the accounting year. The figures used within the table have been calculated against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting year.

Risk and reward profile

The risk and reward indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-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 Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicators. The risk rating has gone from a 5 to a 4.



The Sub-fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past. During the year under review the category changed from a 5 to a 4 due to the price volatility of the Sub-fund. Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Sub-fund:

- Counterparty risk: The Sub-fund can conclude various transactions with contractual partners. If a contractual partner becomes insolvent, it can no longer or can only partly settle unpaid debts owed to the Sub-fund.
- Market risk: External factors can cause an entire asset class to decline in value which would result in a decrease in the value of investments.
- Currency risk: As the Sub-fund invests in overseas securities, movements in exchange rates, when not hedged, may cause the value
 of investments to increase or decrease.
- For further risk information please see the Prospectus.

Risk warning

An investment in an Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 31 March 2025

		31.03.25		31.03.24
Note	£	£	£	£
2		809,230		2,221,020
3	789,471		792,158	
4	(137,507)		(163,323)	
4	(3,234)		(4,410)	
	648,730		624,425	
5	(39,755)		(39,070)	
		608,975		585,355
		1,418,205		2,806,375
6		(608,976)		(585,367)
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Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	£	31.03.25 £ 35,711,700	£	31.03.24 £ 36,998,726
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	921,427		2,147,245	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,085,603)		(6,128,172)	
		(8,164,176)		(3,980,927)
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		809,229		2,221,008
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		491,854		472,793
Unclaimed distributions		-		100
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		28,848,607		35,711,700

The notes on pages 17 to 27 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2025

			31.03.25		31.03.24
ASSETS	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets Investments			28,425,223		33,770,658
Current Assets					
Debtors	7	356		1,703	
Cash and bank balances	9	596,604		2,146,925	
Total current assets	_		596,960		2,148,628
Total assets			29,022,183		35,919,286
LIABILITIES					
Creditors					
Distribution payable		(52,384)		(45,196)	
Other creditors	8	(121,192)		(162,390)	
Total creditors			(173,576)		(207,586)
Total liabilities			(173,576)		(207,586)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			28,848,607		35,711,700

The notes on pages 17 to 27 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.



Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014 as amended in June 2017.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The authorised status and head office of the Company can be found within the general information starting on page 29.

The Certification of the Annual Report by the Authorised Corporate Director can be found on page 2.

(b) Recognition of revenue

Revenue is included in the Statement of Total Return on the following basis:

Dividends on quoted equities and preference shares are recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Distributions from Collective Investment Schemes are recognised when the schemes are quoted ex-distribution. Equalisation returned with the distribution is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the distributable revenue.

Any reported revenue from an offshore reporting fund is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes the information available.

Structured product returns have been treated as either revenue or capita depending on the motives and circumstances on acquisition. Interest on bank and short-term deposits is recognised on an earned basis.

All revenue includes withholding taxes but excludes irrecoverable tax credits.

(c) Treatment of stock and special dividends

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

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

(d) Treatment of expenses

All expenses, except for those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged against revenue for the year on an accruals basis.

(e) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple share classes and Sub-funds

Any revenue or expense not directly attributable to a particular Sub-fund will normally be allocated pro-rata to the net assets of the relevant share classes and Sub-fund on the day that the revenue or expense is recognised.

With the exception of the Investment Manager's fee which is directly attributable to individual share classes, all revenue and expenses are apportioned to the Sub-fund's share classes pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue or expense is recognised.

(f) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided at 20% on revenue, after deduction of expenses.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

(g) Distribution policy

The net revenue after taxation as disclosed in the financial statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Shareholders as Dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is funded from capital.

At the year end, there were no items of a capital nature.

Distributions not claimed within a six year period will be forfeited and added back to the capital of the Sub-fund.

(h) Basis of valuation of investments

Listed investments are valued at close of business bid prices on the last business day of the accounting year excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed and floating rate interest securities.

Collective Investment Schemes are valued at quoted bid price for dual priced funds and at quoted price for single priced funds, on the last business day of the accounting year.

Unlisted or suspended investments are valued by the ACD taking into account where appropriate, latest dealing prices, valuations from reliable sources, financial performance and other relevant factors.

Structured products are valued using the prices made available by the counterparties which are based on agreed terms linked to indices, interest and other market risk factors. These products are essentially loans to Issuers with a repayment amount linked to the performance of the underlying securities that the Issuers promise to pay at maturity.

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

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant asset as follows:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2 Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1.
- Level 3 Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

(i) Exchange rates

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

(i) Dilution levy

The Authorised Corporate Director may require a dilution levy on the purchase and redemption of shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for purchases) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. For example, the dilution levy may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Sub-fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on 'large deals' (typically being a purchase of redemption of shares to a size exceeding 5% of the Net Asset Value of the Company); in any case where the Authorised Corporate Director is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution levy.

2. Net Capital Gains	31.03.25	31.03.24	
	£	£	
Non-derivative securities	813,094	2,221,670	
Transaction charges	(3,864)	(650)	
Net capital gains	809,230	2,221,020	

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3. Revenue	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Distributions from Regulated Collective Investment Schemes:		
Franked investment income	373,087	348,740
Interest distributions	314,627	309,332
Offshore distributions	73,633	80,213
Bank interest	28,124	53,873
Total revenue	789,471	792,158
4. Expenses	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD'), associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Investment Manager's fee	96,477	109,819
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee (including VAT)	13,467	21,000
Safe custody and other bank charges	10,245	9,313
	23,712	30,313
Auditor's remuneration*:		
Audit fee^	10,012	10,870
Tax compliance services**	-	2,348
	10,012	13,218
Other expenses:		
Legal fees	3,351	6,429
Printing costs	2,781	3,544
Tax compliance service**	1,174	_
	7,306	9,973
Expenses	137,507	163,323
Interest payable and similar charges	3,234	4,410
Total	140,741	167,733

^{*}Included within the auditor's remuneration is irrecoverable VAT of £1,669 (2024: £2,203).

^{**}Tax compliance provider changed from Grant Thornton UK LLP to Apex Group Company Services UK Limited.

[^]Included within the audit fee is over accrual of £292 (2024: nil).

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5. Taxation	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
(a) Analysis of charge in the year:		
Corporation tax at 20%	39,755	39,070
Total tax charge (note 5b)	39,755	39,070
(b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year:		
Net revenue before taxation	648,730	624,425
Corporation tax at 20%	129,746	124,885
Effects of:		
UK dividends	(74,617)	(69,748)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(647)	(24)
Non-taxable overseas earnings	(14,727)	(16,043)
Total tax charge (note 5a)	39,755	39,070

⁽c) Deferred tax

There was no liability to deferred tax at the balance sheet date (2024: nil).

6. Distributions

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

		31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Final distribution	31.03.25	544,238	517,989
Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares Revenue received on issue of shares		72,005 (7,267)	77,341 (9,963)
Distributions		608,976	585,367
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to net distribution	ons:		
Net revenue after taxation per Statement of Total Return		608,975	585,355
Undistributed revenue brought forward		9	21
Undistributed revenue carried forward		(8)	(9)
Distributions		608,976	585,367

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7. Debtors	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Amounts receivable on issues	38	677
Prepaid expenses:		
Legal fee	318	1,026
Total debtors	356	1,703
8. Other Creditors	31.03.25 £	31.03.24 £
Amounts payable on cancellations Accrued expenses:	52,904	87,374
Amounts payable to the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD'), associates of the ACD and agents of either of them:		
Investment Manager's fee	7,484	9,067
Amounts payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them:		
Depositary's fee (including VAT)	5,717	8,750
Safe custody and other bank charges	2,132	3,122
	7,849	11,872
Auditor's remuneration*:		
Audit fee^	10,011	10,870
Tax compliance services**	_	2,348
	10,012	13,218
Other accrued expenses:		
Printing costs	841	1,756
Tax compliance services**	2,348	
	3,189	1,756
Taxation payable:		
Corporation tax payable	39,755	39,094
Total other creditors	121,192	162,390
*Included within the auditor's remuneration is irrecoverable VAT of £1,669 (2024: £2,203). **Tax compliance provider changed from Grant Thornton UK LLP to Apex Group Company Service: ^Included within the audit fee is over accrual of £292 (2024: nil).	s UK Limited.	
9. Cash and Bank Balances	31.03.25	31.03.24
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	596,604	2,146,925
Cash and bank balances	596,604	2,146,925

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10. Related Party Transactions

Apex Fundrock Limited ('AFL') is regarded as a related party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of the operations of the Subfund in its capacity as the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD').

ACD and other fees payable to AFL are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the year end are shown in note 8.

Fees payable to Lowes Investment Management Ltd ('the Investment Manager') are disclosed in note 4 and amounts due at the year end are shown in note 8.

Amounts receivable on issue and payable on cancellation of shares and dilution levy are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and in note 6, amounts due at the year end are shown in notes 7 and 8.

At the year end, the Sub-fund held the following Collective Investment Scheme, for which AFL act as the ACD.

Accumulation Shares	Held at	Change in	% Change	Held at
	31.03.25	period	in period	31.03.24
MI TwentyFour Dynamic Bond - I Net Accumulation	9,608	_	_	9,608

No rebate has been accrued for in this cross investment.

11. Contingent Liabilities and Outstanding Commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2024: none).

12. Risk Management Policies and Disclosures

In pursuing its investment objectives, the Sub-fund may hold a number of financial instruments. These financial instruments comprise securities and other investments, cash balances, debtors and creditors that arise directly from the Sub-fund's operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for creations and payable for redemptions and debtors for accrued revenue.

In doing so, the ACD accepts market price risk in relation to the investment portfolio.

The risks arising from financial instruments and the ACD's policies for the monitoring and managing of these risks are stated below in accordance with the Risk Management Policy of the ACD.

These policies have been consistent for both years through which these financial statements relate.

Leverage

In accordance with the Alternative Investment Manager's Directive ('AIFMD') and the SORP, as ACD we are required to disclose any leverage of the Sub-funds. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Sub-funds increase its exposure through borrowing/ use of derivatives or by any other means.

Leverage is measured by two different metrics:

- a. The gross method providing information on the total exposures of a Sub-fund.
- b. The commitment method measuring the leverage as a ratio between the new exposure of the Sub-fund and its NAV.

The Sub-fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculation as the sum of all positions of the Sub-fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the individual Sub-fund's Financial Statements.

The Fund did not employ any significant leverage in the current and prior year, other than that available to the Fund as a result of its ability to borrow up to 10% of its value on a permanent basis.

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12. Risk Management Policies and Disclosures (continued)

Market price risk

Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. This means the value of an investor's holding may go down as well as up and an investor may not recover the amount invested. Investors should consider the degree of exposure of the Sub-fund in the context of all their investments.

The Sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD as per the policies as set out in the Prospectus. The investment guidelines and investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and in the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook describe the nature of the market risk to which the Sub-fund will be exposed.

At the balance sheet date, if the price of the investments held by the Sub-fund increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to Shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £2,842,522 (2024: £3,377,066).

Currency risk

The majority of the Sub-fund assets comprise of investments and cash denominated in sterling. As a result, the income and capital value of the Sub-fund are not affected by currency movements.

The Company invests in Collective Investment Schemes, therefore the Sub-funds maybe indirectly exposed to the underlying Collective Investment Scheme investments.

There is no material direct foreign currency exposure in the Sub-fund (2024: none).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-fund's investments will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates. The Sub-fund may invest in fixed and floating rate securities or schemes that invest in fixed or floating rate securities. The revenue of the Sub-fund may be affected by changes in interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the ACD being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities. The value of fixed interest securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future.

Structured products are exposed to interest rate risk and therefore are affected by changes in interest rates.

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

Stress testing and scenario analysis is carried out on a regular basis.

A risk limit system is employed to monitor the risks related to the investment types, concentration and diversification of the Sub-funds portfolio.

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

31.03.25

Currency	Floating rate financial assets £	Fixed rate financial assets £	Assets on which interest distributions are paid £	Assets on which interest is not paid^ £	Total £
Pound sterling	596,604	_	5,489,232	22,936,347	29,022,183
	596,604	_	5,489,232	22,936,347	29,022,183

[^]Comprises of Equity shares which receive dividend revenue, non interest bearing balance sheet debtors and Structured Products.

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Pound sterling	-	173,576	173,576
	-	173,576	173,576

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12. Risk Management Policies and Disclosures (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

31.03.24

Currency	Floating rate financial assets £	Fixed rate financial assets £	Assets on which interest distributions are paid £	Assets on which interest is not paid^ £	Total £
Pound sterling	2,146,925	-	8,767,190	25,005,171	35,919,286
	2,146,925	-	8,767,190	25,005,171	35,919,286

[^]Comprises of Equity shares which receive dividend revenue, non interest bearing balance sheet debtors and Structured Products.

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities £	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £	Total £
Pound sterling	_	207,586	207,586
	-	207,586	207,586

Floating rate interest-bearing assets at the balance sheet date consist of bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

At the balance sheet date, if interest rates increased or decreased by 10%, with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to Shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £608,584 (2024: £1,095,403) in respect of floating rate assets.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from two main sources. Firstly, the possibility that the issuer of a security will be unable to pay interest and principal in a timely manner. Secondly, there is the possibility of default of the issuer and default in the underlying assets of a Collective Investment Scheme, meaning that a Sub-fund may not receive back the full principal originally invested. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer or scheme can limit credit risk.

Structured products bear the issuer credit risk. A decline of the issuer creditworthiness will reduce the market value of the product. There is the risk, that the Issuer may not be able to fulfil their obligations, irrespective of whether the products are capital or principal protected. Investors may lose all or part of their investment if the Issuer are unable to pay the redemption amount. No assets of the Issuer are segregated and specifically set aside in order to pay the holders of the structured notes in the event of liquidation of the Issuer, and the holders of the Notes will rank behind secured or preferred creditors.

Stress testing and scenario analysis is carried out on a regular basis.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a Sub-fund cannot raise sufficient cash to meet its liabilities when due. One of the key factors influencing this will be the ability to sell investments at, or close to, the fair value without a significant loss being realised.

Structured products entail a materially relevant liquidity risk. Certain exceptional market circumstances may have a negative effect on the liquidity of the products. The investor may not be able to sell the product easily or may have to sell it at a price that significantly impacts how much the investor gets back. This may result in a partial or total loss of the invested amount.

Under normal circumstances, a Sub-fund will remain close to fully invested. However, where circumstances require: either because a view of illiquid securities markets or high levels of redemptions in the Sub-fund, the Sub-fund may hold cash and/or more liquid assets. Temporary higher liquidity levels may also arise during the carrying out of a change in asset allocation policy or following a large issue of shares.

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12. Risk Management Policies and Disclosures (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The ACD manages the Sub-fund's cash to ensure they can meet their liabilities. In addition, the ACD monitors market liquidity of all securities, seeking to ensure the Sub-fund maintains sufficient liquidity to meet known and potential redemption activity. The Sub-fund's cash balances are monitored daily by the ACD and the Investment Manager. All of the Sub-fund's financial liabilities are payable on demand or in less than one year.

AFL conducts regular monitoring to ensure the liquidity profile of the Sub-funds investments comply with their underlying obligations, particularly their ability to meet redemption requests.

Stress tests are undertaken, under normal and exceptional liquidity conditions, in order to assess the liquidity risk of Sub-fund.

Counterparty risk

The risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investments for a purchase or the cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities which could result in the Sub-fund suffering a loss. The Investment Manager minimises the risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counter parties.

There were no past due assets as of 31 March 2025 (2024: nil).

Structured products are subject to the credit risk of the counterparty. The following table details the total number of counterparties to which the Sub-fund is exposed, the maximum exposure to any one counterparty, the total exposure to all other counterparties and the lowest long-term credit rating of any one counterparty (or its ultimate parent if unrated).

	Total number of counterparties	Maximum exposure to any one counterparty £	Total exposure to all other counterparties £	Lowest credit rating of any one counterparty^^
31.03.25	1	1,386,480	-	Α
31.03.24	2	1,275,600	602,450	Α

^{^^}Source: Lowes Investment Management Ltd

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Investments disclosed as at the balance sheet date are at fair value. Current assets and liabilities disclosed in the balance sheet are at amortised cost which is approximate to fair value.

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13. Portfolio Transaction Costs

31.03.25

Corporate Actions

Total sales after commissions and tax

Commission as a % of average net assets

Taxes as a % of the average net assets

Analysis	Total		Commissions			before
of purchases	purchase cost		paid		Taxes	transaction cost
	£	£	%	£	%	£
Funds	7,000,000	_	0.00	1	0.00	6,999,999
Total purchases after commissions and tax	7,000,000					
Analysis of sales	Net sale proceeds		Commissions paid		Taxes	Sales before transaction cost
	£	£	%	£	%	£
Funds	13,299,882	_	0.00	1	0.00	13,299,883
Corporate Actions	82,155	-	0.00	-	0.00	82,155
Total sales after commissions and tax	13,382,037					
Commission as a % of average net assets Taxes as a % of the average net assets	0.00% 0.00%					
31.03.24						Purchases
Analysis of purchases	Total purchase cost		Commissions paid		Taxes	before transaction cost
	£	£	%	£	%	£
Funds	3,700,000	-	0.00	-	0.00	3,700,000
Structured Products	1,200,000	_	0.00	_	0.00	1,200,000
Total purchases after commissions and tax	4,900,000					
Analysis of sales	Net sale		Commissions		Taxes	Sales before transaction
	proceeds		paid			cost
	£	£	%	£	%	£
Funds	5,642,996	1,000	0.02	-	0.00	5,643,996

Purchases

Commissions and taxes as a % of the average net assets form part of the direct transaction costs stated within the comparative tables on pages 12 and 13. The direct transaction costs within the comparative tables may differ due to the effect of dilution levies charged (where applicable).

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14. Portfolio Dealing Spread

The average portfolio dealing spread at 31 March 2025 is 0.03% (2024: 0.05%).

15. Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no notifiable events post the year end balance sheet date.

16. Fair Value Disclosure

Valuation technique	31	31.03.24		
·	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	£	£	Ľ	£
Level 1 [^]	_	-	-	-
Level 2^^	28,425,223	_	33,770,658	-
Level 3^^^	-	_	_	-
	28,425,223	-	33,770,658	-

[^] Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument.

17. Shares in Issue

	B Income	C Income	C Accumulation
Opening number of shares	344,078	1,814,322	21,420,501
Shares issued	4,884	19,372	569,558
Shares cancelled	(32,573)	(221,460)	(5,603,117)
Closing number of shares	316,389	1,612,234	16,386,942

^{^^} Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1.

^{^^^} Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

Distribution Tables

for the year ended 31 March 2025

Income Share Distributions

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue p	Equalisation p	Distribution paid/payable 2025 p	Distribution paid 2024 p
В	Final	Group 1	2.6898	_	2.6898	2.0754
		Group 2	1.5581	1.1317	2.6898	2.0754
С	Final	Group 1	2.7213	_	2.7213	2.0975
		Group 2	1.6012	1.1201	2.7213	2.0975

Accumulation Share Distributions

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue p	Equalisation p	Amount reinvested 2025 p	Amount reinvested 2024 p
С	Final	Group 1 Group 2	3.0015 1.7325	- 1.2690	3.0015 3.0015	2.2072 2.2072

Final period: 01.04.24 - 31.03.25

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

General Information

Authorised Status

MI Bespoke Funds ICVC (the 'Company') is structured as an Investment Company with Variable Capital ('ICVC'), under regulation 12 (Authorisation) of the OEIC Regulations (Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228)).

The Company does not intend to have an interest in immovable property.

The Company is authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') as a UCITS Retail Scheme and "Umbrella Company" under the COLL Sourcebook.

The Company was incorporated in England and Wales on 18 March 2015 under registration number IC001027. The Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

MI Bespoke Funds ICVC is structured as an umbrella company. Provision exists for an unlimited number of Sub-funds, and at the date of this Report one Sub-fund, the MI Diversified Strategy Fund is authorised.

Head Office

Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3BY

Address for Service

The Head Office is the address in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

Base Currency

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

Share Capital

The minimum share capital of the Company is £1 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000. Shares in the Company have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the sum of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

Classes of Shares

The Instrument of Incorporation allows each Fund to issue different classes of shares in respect of any Sub-fund.

The Fund currently has the following classes of shares available for investment:

	Share Class				
Sub-fund	В Асс	B Inc	C Acc	C Inc	
MI Diversified Strategy Fund	✓ *	V	V	~	

^{*}This share class has no investment at the date of this report.

The Company may issue both Income and Accumulation Shares.

Holders of Income shares are entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such shares in respect of each annual accounting period in the currency of the relevant share class.

Holders of Accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such shares, but that revenue is retained and accumulated for the benefit of Shareholders and is reflected in the price of shares.

Valuation Point

The scheme property of each Sub-fund will normally be valued at 12:00 on each dealing day for the purpose of calculating the price at which shares in each Sub-fund may be issued, sold, repurchased or redeemed.

For the purpose of the pricing of shares, a business day is defined as a day on which the dealing office of the ACD is open for the buying and selling of shares. The ACD may at any time during a business day carry out an additional valuation of the property of a Sub-fund if the ACD considers it desirable to do so, with the Depositary's approval.

General Information

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Buying, Redeeming and Switching of Shares

The ACD will accept orders for the purchase, sale and switching of shares on normal business days between 08:30 and 16:30. Instructions to buy or sell shares may either be in writing to:

Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3BY

Or by telephone to: 0345 026 4281

The ACD has the right to establish facilities for recording telephone calls made or received on this telephone line.

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased will be issued no later than the next business day after the business day on which an application to purchase shares is received and instrumented by the ACD. Certificates will not be issued in respect of shares. Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the register of Shareholders.

Pricing Basis

There is a single price for buying, selling and switching shares for each share class in a Sub-fund which represents the Net Asset Value of the share class concerned. The share price is calculated on a forward pricing basis, that is at the next Valuation Point after the purchase or redemption is deemed to be accepted by the ACD.

The prices of shares are published daily on www.fundrock.com. Neither the ACD nor the Company can be held responsible for any errors in the publication of the prices. The shares in the Company will be issued and redeemed on a forward pricing basis which means that the price will not necessarily be the same as the published price.

Other Information

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the Company which is also the Head Office of the Company. Copies may be obtained free of charge upon application. They are also available from the website of the Company, the details of which are given in the directory of this report.

Shareholders who have complaints about the operation of the Company should in the first instance contact the ACD, or, following that, may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

Significant Information

Effective 11 May 2024 Depositary changed from BNP Paribas Trust Corporation UK Limited to Northern Trust Investor Services Limited ('NTISL').

On 17 February 2025, Saltus Limited announced the acquisition of the trade and assets of Lowes Investment Management Ltd ("the Investment Manager"). No shareholder notice has been sent but the project is now underway to merge the MI Bespoke fund into one of their existing funds at Evelyn Partners.

The ACD has assessed implications of current world geopolitical tensions and conflicts. The current crises have and will have a wider impact in terms of market performance.

Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD')

The ACD is required to publish a public TCFD product report in respect of each Sub-fund. The report is designed to provide investors with transparency into their portfolios' climate-related risks and opportunities according to the recommendations from the TCFD and aims to help investors understand their exposure to these risks and opportunities.

Reports for each Sub-fund are published on www.fundrock.com/mi-funds/ and can be found under Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD') by selecting the relevant Fund Manager and Sub-fund.

ACD Value Assessment

The ACD is required to provide an annual statement for the Company, attesting that in the opinion of the ACD the services provided to the Company and any fees chargeable to the scheme property represent value for money, taking into account the following criteria as set out by the Regulator under COLL 6.6.20R:

- Quality of Service
- Performance
- Economies of Scale
- Comparable Services and Market Rates
- Classes of Shares

This statement references services provided directly by the ACD and those services delegated by the ACD to third parties such as, but not limited to, investment management, depositary services, custody and settlement, audit provision, legal services, printing services, KIID production and maintenance, and other costs as may be set out or allowable in the scheme documentation.

The ACD Value Assessment is published on www.fundrock.com.

General Information

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Remuneration of the ACD

The ACD is subject to a remuneration policy which meets the requirements of the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Directive ('UCITS') as set out in SYSC 19E of the FCA Handbook.

The policy is designed to ensure practices for employee remuneration are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management. It does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles, rules or instrument of incorporation of the funds managed, and does not impair the ACD's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of the funds it manages.

The ACD has reviewed the Remuneration Policy and its application in the last year which has resulted in no material changes to the policy or irregularities to process.

This disclosure does not include portfolio management activities as these are undertaken by various third party Investment Managers appointed by the ACD. The Investment Manager is required to make separate public disclosure as part of their obligations under the Capital Requirements Directive.

The ACD is required to disclose the total remuneration it pays to its staff during the financial year of the Company, split into fixed and variable remuneration, with separate aggregate disclosure for staff whose actions may have a material impact to the risk profile of a Sub-fund or the ACD itself. This includes executives, senior risk and compliance staff and certain senior managers.

31.03.25	Number of Beneficiaries	Fixed	Variable	Total
Total remuneration paid by the ACD during the year	27	£1,375,378	£379,872	£1,755,250
Remuneration paid to employees who are material risk takers of the ACD who have material impact on the risk profile of the fund	6	£609,457	£198,450	£807,907

With effect from 25 September 2024, the composition of Directors and Non-Executive Directors of the ACD Board of Apex FundRock Limited changed. The changes are noted on page 1.

Further information is available in the ACD's Remuneration Policy Statement which can be obtained from www.fundrock.com or, on request free of charge, by writing to the registered office of the ACD.

Data Protection

All personal information provided by you and any other information relating to your investment will be treated in confidence by us and will not be disclosed to any third parties outside of the Apex Group, except to our service providers, appropriate authorities or where legally compelled or permitted by law or where your prior consent has been received. We will use your information to open, administer and when appropriate, close your account. We may record and use any information held about you in the course of our relationship with you for these purposes. The Law gives you the right to know what information we hold about you. In addition, the Law sets out rules to make sure that this information is handled properly.

A copy of our privacy policy and your rights as a data subject can be found on our website at https://www.apexgroup.com/privacy-policy/. Apex Fundrock Ltd is a registered Data Controller. If you have any queries about the use of your personal information, please contact us via e-mail at DPO@apexfs.com or by post to Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3BY.

Risk Warning

An investment in an Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

