McInroy & Wood

PERSONAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS

BALANCED FUND

A pooled management service for private clients

INTERIM REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2019

SUMMARY

At 31st August 2019, total net assets of the fund amounted to £777,968,489 compared with £686,505,563 six months before. There were 1,211 unitholders, excluding ISAs, with an average holding worth £556,121.

The price of units in the fund at 31st August 2019 stood at £52.923, a rise of 11% over the reporting period. The portfolio benefited from gains in equity and bond markets, together with the rise in the price of gold. It was further boosted by favourable currency movements.

The objective of the fund is to preserve and grow the real value of investors' capital and income, placing an equal emphasis on the generation of income and capital growth. Real value is defined as the value of capital and income after adjusting for the impact of inflation, as measured by the UK Retail Price Index, over the same period. Over the 3 years to 31st August 2019, the total return for unitholders in the fund was 20%, compared to inflation of 10%. The fund has provided a total return to unitholders of 796% above inflation since its inception in February 1990.

An interim dividend distribution of 31.000p per unit is now being paid to unitholders, the same as the comparable interim payment in 2018.

The distribution for the full year is expected to be higher than that of the prior year. This is principally the result of the weakness in sterling which has increased the value of overseas income for UK investors. The fund also received one-off payments from Croda International (worth 1.8 pence per unit) and Rio Tinto (worth 1.2 pence).

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**The information provided on the back of this booklet also forms part of the Authorised Fund Manager's Report.*

INTRODUCTION

McInroy & Wood Balanced Fund (the fund) is an authorised unit trust for investors who wish to have their assets personally managed by McInroy & Wood Limited (MW) and for whom a discretionary managed portfolio may not be appropriate. Investors will gain access, through the fund, to a portfolio which it might well be impracticable for them to assemble themselves.

The fund has been established with the aim of providing clients with professional investment management at an economic cost.

Through the fund, investors who have similar objectives are able to pool their resources in order to secure the benefits of scale.

The investment objective of the Balanced Fund is to maximise the total return to unitholders, by preserving and growing the real value of investors' capital and income, placing an equal emphasis on the generation of income and on capital growth.

The fund may invest in any geographical areas and any economic sectors. The Manager has power to invest more than 35% in value of the scheme property of the fund in government and other public securities. This power is restricted to bonds or other securities issued by the Governments of the United Kingdom or the United States of America.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from McInroy & Wood Portfolios Limited, Easter Alderston, Haddington, EH41 3SF. (Tel.+44 (0)1620 825867) or through the website: www.mcinroy-wood.co.uk.

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Markets

Western equity markets rose over the six months to 31st August 2019. They were boosted by the expectation that interest rates would fall as central banks responded to subdued inflation and weaker global growth. Sentiment was also encouraged by the resumption of trade discussions between the US and Chinese governments. However, some of these gains were lost towards the end of the period as negotiations made little progress and President Trump announced an extension to US tariffs. Meanwhile, sterling suffered as Boris Johnson's uncompromising position on Brexit negotiations appeared to increase the likelihood of a no-deal outcome.

Measured by MSCI Indices in local currencies, the US (+5%) and European (+4%) markets both recorded strong gains. The UK (+1%) was more muted. By contrast, it was a challenging period for Emerging Markets as a group (-4%) and Japan (-5%). Sterling weakness increased the value of overseas assets for UK-based portfolios, which was reflected in an 11% gain in the MSCI All Country World Index in sterling terms.

Bond prices also performed robustly over the period. The price of shorter-dated UK government issues rose by 1% to 2% while their US counterparts advanced by 3% to 5%. Short-dated Norwegian government bonds were largely unchanged.

The price of gold rose significantly (+16% in US dollar terms) as investors sought safety in real assets.

In the foreign exchange markets, sterling fell by 8% against the US dollar and 5% against the euro. It was even weaker against the Japanese yen (-13%).

Inflation, as measured by the UK Retail Price Index, was 2.4% over the six-month period to 31st August 2019.

Results

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Portfolio Strategy

The portfolio is broadly diversified by both asset class and geography, reflecting a relatively cautious investment strategy. At 31st August 2019, 59% of the portfolio was allocated to equities (60% at 28th February 2019), 34% to bonds (34%), 6% to gold (5%) and 1% to cash deposits (1%). Over three quarters of the portfolio is held outside sterling in a range of international assets.

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Investments

A new position was acquired in Edwards Lifesciences, a pioneering manufacturer of medical devices and equipment for the treatment of cardiovascular disease, critical care and surgical monitoring. Air Liquide, a French multinational engaged in the supply of gases for industrial and medical applications, was added to the portfolio as well. The position in Schlumberger was sold after showing little sign of recovery following a prolonged period of depressed trading.

Several individual stocks made noteworthy advances over the period. ANTA Sports Products (+41%), Localiza Rent a Car (+36%) and EssilorLuxottica (+26) were the strongest performing stocks in local currency terms. Edwards Lifesciences (+23%) made a commendable start following its addition to the portfolio. By contrast, Nissan Chemical (-20%), IPG Photonics (-20%) and Deutsche Wohnen (-21%) all lost ground.

Within the bond allocation, proceeds from maturing UK, US and Norwegian issues were used to purchase short-dated equivalents in the same currencies. A summary of all portfolio changes can be found on pages 13 and 14 of this report.

The fund holds an exposure to the price of gold through two securities backed by physical bullion. The value of these investments rose strongly over the period, providing an important contribution to the performance of the portfolio. Again, currency movements increased these gains.

Outlook

Prospects for the world economy have deteriorated in recent months, compounded by persistent trade tensions. The International Monetary Fund has lowered its estimate for global growth to 3.2%, from 3.9% a year ago. The US Federal Reserve and several other central banks, notably the European Central Bank, have already cut interest rates as a result.

Many investors believe this indicates that US interest rates have peaked and will now be steadily lowered. Indeed, current US bond yields imply that US rates will be reduced by another 1% over the next twelve months. However, there are now negative interest rates in countries that account for almost a quarter of global output. In these circumstances, central banks are being forced to consider more unorthodox, and less predictable, stimulus measures. Any miscalculations here could have severe ramifications for financial markets, particularly if the widespread expectation of falling rates proves misplaced.

In the US, there are signs that the pace of growth is slackening. Trade concerns appear to have exacerbated this trend. Consumer sentiment is weakening, production output is falling, and companies are beginning to reduce investment. The ratings agency, S&P Global, believe there is a one-in-three chance of a US recession this year. Bond markets would seem to concur, as the US yield curve between longer- and shorter-dated bonds has inverted. Historically, this has been a reasonably reliable signal of a downturn. Any slowdown would pose a significant threat to President Trump's re-election campaign which will be pinned to the health of the US economy. Political pressure on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates again is set to intensify, and government expenditure is likely to be increased.

On the trade front, negotiations between the US and China continue, but there has been little evidence of progress to date. Yet some form of temporary accommodation may be possible, even if there is a contradiction between the Chinese strategy of focusing on the long-term implications of any deal and shorter-term American responses driven by immediate political considerations. The US decision to delay some further tariffs on Chinese consumer goods until after the holiday shopping season exemplified the latter. Agriculture has emerged as a key battleground. US farmers, who represent a strong support base for President Trump, have experienced falling demand since China cut purchases of basic commodities last year and a strong dollar has added to their woes. They would certainly welcome any respite to these pressures, and may help to push their government towards a compromise agreement, particularly in the event of a close-run election campaign next year.

Outlook continued

The nature of the UK's eventual relationship with the EU remains unclear at the time of writing. Boris Johnson's efforts to force through a rapid departure from the trading bloc have met with some frustration and have engendered divisions in both Conservative and Labour parties. A general election looks imminent. For the moment, sterling has tended to rise in response to any setbacks for the new Prime Minister, presumably as they are interpreted as decreasing the likelihood of a no-deal outcome. In the present state of political confusion, however, any forecast should be treated with the greatest caution. This persistent uncertainty has impacted business sentiment, and the second quarter saw a 0.2% decline in GDP, the first for seven years. Companies have postponed investment and manufacturing activity is falling. Productivity growth is still disappointing. Some sectors have proved resilient as consumers enjoy record low unemployment, rising real incomes and cheap credit, but their ability to prop up the economy will be undermined in any general slowdown. In the short term, the sterling exchange rate can be regarded as a barometer for global confidence in the country.

The outlook for the eurozone has become increasingly gloomy. Estimates for GDP growth this year have fallen to a lacklustre 1%, but even this may prove to be optimistic. German exports have fallen, compounded by weakness in the automotive industry, and surveys of economic sentiment in the country have slumped to levels evident during the financial crisis a decade ago. The government's commitment to fiscal conservatism has stifled calls for large infrastructure projects to revitalise the economy. Across Europe trade between member states has fallen, contracting at its fastest rate for over six years in June. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank's scope for stimulatory responses is constrained as it has already passed 'issuer limits' on owning Dutch government bonds and is nearing caps on holding German and Finnish debt. It may resort to purchasing more corporate bonds or even equities, but it remains to be seen how effective these approaches would be.

Elsewhere, Japan continues to wrestle with a deflationary environment despite a cocktail of stimulatory measures including negative interest rates and government purchases of financial assets. An ageing population restricts opportunities for growth in the domestic economy, while exporting businesses are suffering from the strength of the yen. Yet the country is avoiding recession for the moment and is home to some outstanding companies with world-leading products.

Outlook continued

Although the long-term prospects for emerging markets remain promising, the immediate outlook appears more difficult. The International Monetary Fund is forecasting 4% growth in developing regions this year, a rate last observed during the 2008 financial crisis. This partly reflects a general slowdown in mature economies which has impacted commodity prices. However, there are also structural trends evident, namely the reversal of globalisation of production in the face of western political hostility. These could have more lasting effects. Nevertheless, growth in China and India, even at reduced levels, still outstrips that achieved by western economies and some so-called 'frontier markets' are likely to grow even faster. Stock selection in developing markets emphasises family-controlled businesses with capacity to develop strategies over extended time horizons.

In addition to any central bank measures, government spending may be necessary to spur economic growth. For many governments, this will require further borrowing. Though inexpensive by historic standards, the proportionate level of government debt, at 80% of global GDP, has never been higher. It has almost doubled since 2007. Lenders are likely to demand more attractive returns to reflect this scale of leverage. Even the most reputable treasuries may find their credentials as sound borrowers tested. In such an environment, the costs of maintaining expansionary policies funded by growing budget deficits could prove very challenging.

Investors have traditionally fled to the safety of real assets when confidence in the outlook for investment recedes. Gold has historically been a store of value during these periods. Its role in the portfolio is threefold: to provide a measure of protection against sharp falls in equity markets; as an additional diversification; and, to insure against a collapse in global confidence (perhaps even in national currencies). Naturally the gold investments provide a source of ready funds should equity valuations become more attractive.

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18th October 2019

CAPITAL RECORD

Highest and lowest unit prices

Accounting year (to 28th Feb.)	High	Low
2017	£47.978	£40.398
2018*	£48.943	£46.120
2019	£50.243	£46.498
2020**	£53.681	£47.722

**The fund's financial year-end moved to 28th February (from 30th April).*
***Up to 31st August 2019, for the year ending 29th February 2020.*

INCOME RECORD

Accounting year (to 28th Feb.)	Per unit (net)
2017	73.609p
2018	54.508p
2019	76.874p
2020 *(interim only)*	31.000p

NET ASSET VALUES

Date	Net asset value of fund	Net asset value per unit	Number of units
30.04.17	£634,765,528	£46.164	13,750,247
28.02.18	£655,767,474	£46.823	14,005,234
28.02.19	£686,505,563	£47.384	14,499,111
31.08.19	£777,968,489	£52.558	14,801,986

OPERATING CHARGES

Date	Annualised
30.04.17	1.120%
28.02.18	1.140%
28.02.19	1.120%
31.08.19	1.147%

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

Date	Annualised
30.04.17	56%
28.02.18	17%
28.02.19	58%
31.08.19	15%

DISCRETE PERFORMANCE

Year to 31.08.19	Year to 31.08.18	Year to 31.08.17	Year to 31.08.16	Year to 31.08.15
6.9%	6.3%	5.4%	22.6%	2.5%

Mid to mid, income re-invested. Source: McInroy & Wood.

PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

INVESTMENTS	Holding or Nominal Value of positions at 31st Aug. 2019	Bid Market Value £'000	Percentage of Value of total net assets 31st Aug. 2019	Percentage of Value of total net assets 28th Feb. 2019
Bonds				
UK				
UK Treasury 0.5% 2022	£15,616,000	15,683	2.0	
UK Treasury 1.5% 2021	£24,091,000	24,427	3.1	
UK Treasury 1.875% I-L 2022	£8,849,000	14,562	1.9	
UK Treasury 2% 2020	£21,970,000	22,245	2.9	
UK Treasury 2.25% 2023	£14,433,000	15,526	2.0	
		92,443	11.9	12.0
USA				
US Treasury 0.125% I-L 2022	$45,250,000	38,864	5.0	
US Treasury 0.125% I-L 2024	$53,654,000	47,888	6.2	
US Treasury 0.25% I-L 2025	$16,906,000	15,189	2.0	
US Treasury 1.375% 2019	$18,450,000	15,121	1.9	
US Treasury 1.5% 2020	$21,126,000	17,298	2.2	
		134,360	17.3	16.4
Norway				
Norway 2% 2023	NOK 190,365,000	17,717	2.3	
Norway 3.75% 2021	NOK 203,165,000	19,137	2.4	
		36,854	4.7	4.8
TOTAL BONDS		*263,657*	*33.9*	*33.2*
Equities				
UK				
Croda International	269,735	12,678	1.6	
Rio Tinto	369,200	15,320	2.0	
Rotork	3,635,630	11,241	1.5	
Spirax-Sarco Engineering	289,700	23,234	3.0	
Victrex	273,800	5,684	0.7	
XP Power	284,794	6,550	0.8	
		74,707	9.6	10.5

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	Holding or Nominal Value of positions at 31st Aug. 2019	Bid Market Value £'000	Percentage of Value of total net assets 31st Aug. 2019	Percentage of Value of total net assets 28th Feb. 2019
Equities continued				
US				
Abbott Laboratories	162,000	11,337	1.4	
Becton Dickinson	66,985	13,948	1.8	
Ecolab	82,320	13,934	1.8	
Edwards Lifesciences	54,400	9,900	1.3	
IPG Photonics	55,000	5,588	0.7	
Mettler-Toledo	30,730	16,573	2.1	
Paychex	265,485	17,806	2.3	
Tractor Supply	89,910	7,520	1.0	
Watsco	79,320	10,643	1.4	
		107,249	13.8	14.6
France				
Air Liquide	73,385	8,404	1.1	
EssilorLuxottica	92,975	11,278	1.4	
		19,682	2.5	1.2
Germany				
Deutsche Wohnen	243,660	7,108	0.9	
Fresenius Medical Care	222,075	12,221	1.6	
Fuchs Petrolub	372,245	10,485	1.4	
HELLA	182,250	6,236	0.8	
Henkel pref.	107,880	8,875	1.1	
SAP	174,250	17,048	2.2	
		61,973	8.0	8.8
Ireland				
Kerry 'A'	170,795	16,710	2.1	2.1
Netherlands				
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	693,400	15,706	2.0	2.5
Switzerland				
Sonova	57,985	11,049	1.4	1.4
Australia				
ARB	688,070	7,164	0.9	0.8

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Equities continued					
Japan					
Misumi		412,800	7,686	1.0	
Nabtesco		384,800	9,079	1.2	
Nissan Chemical Industries		327,200	11,365	1.5	
Shimadzu		591,000	12,074	1.5	
Shimano		52,500	6,198	0.8	
Trend Micro		196,700	7,821	1.0	
			54,223	7.0	7.0
DEVELOPING MARKETS					
Brazil	Localiza Rent A Car	1,155,100	10,797	1.4	
China	Anta Sports Products	1,492,000	10,140	1.3	
Hong Kong	Vitasoy International	2,821,000	10,776	1.4	
India	Crompton Greaves	4,200,168	11,126	1.4	
	Mahindra & Mahindra	376,040	2,328	0.3	
	Mahindra & Mahindra- GDR	455,400	2,774	0.4	
	Marico	2,016,000	9,076	1.2	
Mexico	Wal-Mart de Mexico	3,666,985	8,512	1.1	
Portugal	Jeronimo Martins	704,500	9,549	1.2	
Singapore	Thai Beverage	15,054,800	7,976	1.0	
South Africa	MTN	838,575	4,642	0.6	
			87,696	11.3	11.3
TOTAL EQUITIES			*456,159*	*58.6*	*60.2*
Commodities					
UK					
ETFS Physical Gold		188,840	22,588	2.9	
Gold Bullion Securities		191,580	22,568	2.9	
			45,156	5.8	5.2
TOTAL COMMODITIES			*45,156*	*5.8*	*5.2*
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			764,972	98.3	98.6
Net other assets			12,996	1.7	1.4
TOTAL NET ASSETS			*777,968*	*100.0*	*100.0*

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the above securities are admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market.

All debt securities in the portfolio at 31st August 2019 are investment grade.

SUMMARY OF ALL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

for the six months ended 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

Purchases		Cost £'000
73,385	Air Liquide	7,887
99,059	ARB	1,016
51,489	Croda International	2,532
218,246	Croda International *(Reverse stock split)*	—
54,400	Edwards Lifesciences	7,437
11,090	ETFS Physical Gold	1,053
16,325	Fresenius Medical Care	1,000
11,265	Gold Bullion Securities	1,054
70,400	Nabtesco	1,408
28,500	Nissan Chemical Industries	1,027
190,365,000	Norway 2% 2023	17,685
25,165,000	Norway 3.75% 2021	2,377
8,200	Shimano	994
27,700	Trend Micro	1,003
3,461,000	UK Treasury 0.5% 2022	3,430
3,266,000	UK Treasury 1.5% 2021	3,313
21,970,000	UK Treasury 2% 2020	22,298
1,393,000	UK Treasury 2.25% 2023	1,490
18,450,000	US Treasury 1.375% 2019	14,610
5,226,000	US Treasury 1.5% 2020	3,971
	TOTAL	95,585

SUMMARY OF ALL PORTFOLIO CHANGES

continued

Disposals		Proceeds £'000
93,075	Abbott Laboratories	5,525
1,108,000	Anta Sports Products	6,004
5,330	Becton Dickinson	1,010
223,570	Croda International *(Reverse stock split)*	—
10,650	ETFS Physical Gold	1,006
10,810	Gold Bullion Securities	1,006
16,000	Kerry 'A'	1,497
185,000,000	Norway 4.5% 2019	16,712
17,215	Paychex	1,007
42,325	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	1,001
156,440	Schlumberger	4,631
8,600	Shimano	977
11,015	Sonova	2,009
56,921	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	4,441
27,805	Tractor Supply	2,002
20,895,000	UK Treasury 1.75% 2019	20,895
15,800,000	US Treasury 0.875% 2019	12,501
311,000	Vitasoy International	1,011
	TOTAL	83,235

Authorisation
The Balanced Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is categorised as a UCITS scheme under the rules contained in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook made by the Financial Conduct Authority.

McInroy & Wood Limited and its subsidiary, McInroy & Wood Portfolios Limited, are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Capital Gains Tax
Authorised unit trusts are exempt from UK capital gains tax on realised capital gains.

Applications
The minimum initial and subsequent investment in the Fund is £1,000. Regular monthly contributions may be made for a minimum of £100.

Costs of Investment Research
McInroy & Wood Limited, the Investment Adviser to the Balanced Fund, pays for all research costs relating to the management of the investments within the fund from its own resources. No additional charges are placed upon the fund relating to the provision of investment research.

Using your personal information
The personal information which we obtain from you when you invest in the fund is used to help administer your investment. All processing of your personal information will be carried out in accordance with our Privacy Policy, which you can access at the foot of our homepage on our website (www.mcinroy-wood.co.uk). Please read our Privacy Policy, as it sets out your rights with respect to any personal information we collect from or about you, and explains in more detail how we use that information to administer your investment.

Remuneration Policy
McInroy & Wood Portfolios Limited ("MWP") delegates investment management of the fund to McInroy & Wood Limited ("MW"), the Investment Adviser. Directors and staff working on the fund are not remunerated by MWP, but they are subject to remuneration requirements which are equally as effective as those in place under the UCITS Directive. The group remuneration policy is approved annually by the MW Board and is designed to ensure that the remuneration of directors and staff is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management. MW pays no variable remuneration to its directors. No other employees have authority to influence the risk profile of the funds. It is, therefore, not possible for variable remuneration incentives to encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the funds managed. MWP's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of the funds it manages is therefore not subject to any conflict of interest.

A Word of Caution
You should remember that the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. Gains are not necessarily achieved in the short term. Exchange rate fluctuations may also cause the value of an investment to rise and fall. Investment in emerging markets can be subject to risk not normally associated with developed markets.

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (Volatility measure)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Lower risk **Higher risk**
Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards

This indicator shows how much a fund's price has risen and fallen in the past and therefore how much its returns have varied: it is a measure of the fund's volatility. The higher the past volatility, the higher the number on the scale. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

This indicator is prescribed by EU reporting guidelines and is based on historical data. It should not be used as an indicator of the fund's future risk profile. The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.

STATEMENT OF THE MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority ("the Rules") requires the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (including FRS 102), of the financial position of the fund and of its net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the fund for the period. In preparing the financial statements the Manager is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds issued by the IMA in May 2014.
- Follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards.
- Prepare the accounts on the basis that the fund will continue in operation unless it is inappropriate to do so.
- Keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the fund in accordance with its Trust Deed, Prospectus and the Rules, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations.

The maintenance and integrity of the McInroy & Wood website is the responsibility of the Authorised Fund Manager.

DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the Report and Financial Statements of the fund on behalf of the Directors of McInroy & Wood Portfolios Limited.

T A U Wood	J C McAulay
Director	*Director*

Haddington, 18th October 2019

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six months ended 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

	Notes	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2019 £'000	£'000	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2018 £'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains			75,339		45,005
Revenue	2	8,780		7,876	
Expenses	3	(4,169)		(3,887)	
Net revenue before taxation		4,611		3,989	
Taxation	4	(521)		(394)	
Net revenue after taxation			4,090		3,595
Total return before distributions			79,429		48,600
Distributions			(4,415)		(4,359)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			75,014		44,241

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNITHOLDERS

for the six months ended 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2019 £'000	£'000	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2018 £'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		686,506		655,767
Amounts receivable on creation of units	40,595		26,190	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(24,147)		(8,302)	
		16,448		17,888
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		75,014		44,241
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		777,968		717,896

The above statements show the comparative figures for the six months to 31st August 2018.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

	31st Aug. 2019		28th Feb. 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ASSETS:				
Investments		764,972		676,861
Current assets				
Debtors	4,479		4,340	
Cash & bank balances	14,096		12,630	
Total other assets		18,575		16,970
Total assets		783,547		693,831
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	(4,589)		(6,651)	
Other creditors	(990)		(674)	
Total liabilities		(5,579)		(7,325)
Net assets attributable to unitholders		777,968		686,506

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

as at 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

1. Accounting policies

The Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies set out in the most recent Annual Financial Statements.

2. Revenue

	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2019 £'000	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2018 £'000
Bank interest	12	16
Dividends on overseas equities	3,807	3,645
Dividends on UK equities	2,624	2,023
Interest on overseas interest-bearing securities	662	675
Interest on UK interest-bearing securities	1,675	1,407
UK property income distributions	—	110
Total revenue	8,780	7,876

3. Expenses

	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2019 £'000	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2018 £'000
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
- Manager's periodic charge	3,723	3,460
- Transfer agency fee	219	224
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
- Trustee's fee	57	54
- Safe custody fee	123	101
Other expenses:		
- Audit fee	5	6
- Fund accounting fee	24	22
- Legal and Professional fees	1	7
- Sundry expenses*	17	13
Total expenses	4,169	3,887

*Includes FT listing fees, accounts printing and postage, tax computation fees and other fees.

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4. Taxation

	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2019 £'000	Six months ended 31st Aug. 2018 £'000
Analysis of tax charge		
Indian capital gains tax	116	—
Overseas withholding tax	405	394
	521	394

5. Currency and interest rate profile

Currency	31st Aug. 2019 %	28th Feb. 2019 %
Australian Dollar	0.9	0.8
Brazilian Real	1.4	1.3
Euro	14.0	13.4
Hong Kong Dollar	2.7	3.2
Indian Rupee	2.9	2.9
Japanese Yen	7.0	7.1
Mexican Peso	1.1	1.0
Norwegian Krone	4.8	4.9
Singapore Dollar	1.0	1.0
South African Rand	0.6	0.5
Swiss Franc	1.4	1.4
UK Sterling	25.0	26.0
US Dollar	37.2	36.5
Total	100.0	100.0

Fixed rate Interest

	Weighted average rates		Weighted average maturity	
	31st Aug. 2019	28th Feb. 2019	31st Aug. 2019	28th Feb. 2019
UK Sterling	1.55%	1.54%	2 years	2 years
Norwegian Krone	2.80%	4.01%	3 years	1 year
US Dollar	0.46%	0.37%	3 years	4 years

DISTRIBUTION TABLES

in pence per unit
for the six months ended 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

INTERIM DISTRIBUTION

Group 1 – Units purchased prior to 1st March 2019
Group 2 – Units purchased 1st March 2019 to 31st August 2019

	Dividend income	Equalisation*	Amount paid 31.10.19
Group 1	31.000	—	31.000
Group 2	5.762	25.238	31.000

*Income arises throughout each reporting period. Equalisation is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of all 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. Instead, it must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains purposes.

DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

in pence per unit
for the six months ended 31st August 2019 (unaudited)

	Six months to 31st Aug. 2019	Year to 28th Feb. 2019
Interim paid	31.000	31.000
Final payable/paid	—	45.874
	31.000	76.874

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