The Milne Fund

Annual Report

for the year ended 1 April 2024

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Report of the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD')

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, as ACD, presents herewith the Annual Report for The Milne Fund for the year ended 1 April 2024.

The Milne Fund ('the Company' or 'the Fund') is an authorised open-ended investment company with variable capital ('ICVC') further to an authorisation order dated 13 October 2004. The Company is incorporated under registration number IC000337. It is a UCITS scheme complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL'), as published by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

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

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company has no Directors other than the ACD.

The Instrument of Incorporation can be inspected at the offices of the ACD.

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

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of The Milne Fund is to achieve a balanced return of income and capital growth.

The investment policy will be to invest in securities, bonds, collective investment schemes, warrants, money market instruments, cash, deposits and other permitted investments.

Derivatives and forward transactions may be used for hedging purposes.

The Investment Manager does not intend to have an interest in any immovable property or tangible movable property.

Changes affecting the Company in the year

There were no fundamental or significant changes to the Company in the year.

Further information in relation to the Company is illustrated on page 38.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, we hereby certify the Annual Report on behalf of the ACD, Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited.

Neil Coxhead
Director
Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited
3 July 2024

Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL') published by the FCA, 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 capital gains 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 applying them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for the Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds ('the SORP') issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 and 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 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 to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities; and
- the maintenance and integrity of the Company's information on the ACD's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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

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

Assessment of Value - The Milne Fund

In line with the provisions contained within COLL 6.6.20R, the Board of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited ('EPFL') as Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD'), has carried out an Assessment of Value for The Milne Fund ('the Fund'). Furthermore, the rules require that EPFL publishes these assessments.

A high-level summary of the outcome of EPFL's rigorous review of the Fund, for the year ended 1 April 2024 using the seven criteria set by the FCA is set out below:

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

EPFL has adopted a traffic light system to show how it rated the Fund:

- (Green) On balance, the Board believes the Fund has delivered value to shareholders, with no material issues noted.
- (Amber) On balance, the Board believes the Fund has delivered value to shareholders, but may require some action.
- (Red) On balance, the Board believes the Fund has not delivered value to shareholders and significant remedial action is now planned by the Board.

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

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

In carrying out the assessment, the EPFL AVC has separately considered, the following seven criteria stipulated by the FCA. The Committee may also have considered other issues where it was deemed appropriate.

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

The seven criteria are:

(1) Quality of service – the quality of every aspect of the service provided, including, for example, accounting, administration, customer services and communications;

(2) Performance – how the Fund performed, including whether it met targets and objectives, kept to relevant policy, followed relevant principles, kept to reasonable timescales;

(3) ACD costs – the fairness and value of the Fund's costs, including entry and exit fees, early redemption fees, administration charges;

(4) Economies of scale – how costs have been or can be reduced as a result of increased assets-under-management ('AUM'), and whether or not those savings have been passed on to investors;

(5) Comparable market rates – how the costs of the Fund compare with others in the marketplace;

(6) Comparable services – how the charges applied to the Fund compare with those of other funds administered by EPFL;

(7) Classes of shares – the appropriateness of the classes of shares in the Fund for investors.

Assessment of Value - The Milne Fund (continued)

1. Quality of Service

What was assessed in this section?

Internal Factors

EPFL, as ACD, has overall responsibility for the Fund. The Board assessed, amongst other things: the day-to-day administration of the Fund; the maintenance of scheme documentation (such as prospectuses and key investor information documents ('KIIDs')); the pricing and valuation of shares; the calculation of income and distribution payments; the maintenance of accounting and other records; the preparation of annual audited and half-yearly Report & Accounts; the review of tax provisions and submission of tax computations to HMRC; the maintenance of the register of shareholders; the quality of marketing material sent to shareholders and the dealing and settlement arrangements. EPFL delegates the Investment Management of the Fund to a delegated Investment Management firm.

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

External Factors

The Board assessed the delegate's skills, processes and experience. Also considered were any results from service review meetings as well as the annual due diligence performed by EPFL on the delegated Investment Manager, Waverton Investment Management Limited ('Waverton'), where consideration was given to, amongst other things, the delegate's controls around the Fund's liquidity management.

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

What was the outcome of the assessment?

Internal Factors

The Board recognised that all distribution and settlement monies were paid in a timely manner and that there were no significant findings as a result of the various audits performed on EPFL during the year. In addition, EPFL has performed its own independent analysis, using automated systems, of the Fund's liquidity. The Board concluded that EPFL had carried out its duties diligently.

External Factors

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

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

2. Performance

What was assessed in this section?

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

Investment Objective

The investment objective of The Milne Fund is to achieve a balanced return of income and capital growth.

Benchmark

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

Assessment of Value - The Milne Fund (continued)

2. Performance (continued)

Benchmark (continued)

The benchmark for the Fund is the UK Consumer Price Index +3%, which is a comparator. A 'comparator' benchmark is an index or similar factor against which an Investment Manager invites investors to compare a fund's performance. Details of how the Fund had performed against its comparator benchmark over various timescales can be found below.

Cumulative Performance as at 29 February 2024 (%)

	Currency	1 year	3 years	5 years
The Milne Fund TR in GB	GBX	15.49	34.39	55.15
UK Consumer Price Index +3% TR in GB	GBP	5.66	31.43	42.41

Data provided by FE fundinfo. Care has been taken to ensure that the information is correct but FE fundinfo neither warrants, represents nor guarantees the contents of the information, nor does it accept any responsibility for errors, inaccuracies, omissions or any inconsistencies herein.
Performance is calculated net of fees. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board assessed the performance of the Fund over its minimum recommended holding period of five years and observed that it has outperformed its comparator benchmark, the UK CPI+3%. As a result, a green rating has been given.

Consideration was given to the risk metrics associated with the Fund which focused on, amongst other things, volatility and risk adjusted returns where EPFL were comfortable that the outcomes were in line with expectations.

The Board found that the Fund is investing in the asset classes permitted by the investment policy and that there have been no breaches of the policy in the last 12 months.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

3. ACD Costs

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed each separate charge to ensure that they were reasonable and reflected the services provided. This included the annual management charge ('AMC'), Depositary/Custodian fees and audit fee. The AMC includes the ACD's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee.

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

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Board received and considered information about each of the Fund's costs, and concluded that they were fair, reasonable and provided on a competitive basis.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

4. Economies of Scale

What was assessed in this section?

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

What was the outcome of the assessment?

Both the Investment Manager's fee and ACD's periodic charge are on a fixed percentage charge meaning there are no opportunities for savings going forward should the Fund grow in size.

The ancillary charges of the Fund represent 9 basis points[1]. Some of these costs are fixed and as the Fund grows in size may result in a small reduction in the basis point cost of these services.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

[1] One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01%. Figure calculated at interim report, 1 October 2023.

Assessment of Value - The Milne Fund (continued)

5. Comparable Market Rates

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the ongoing charges figure ('OCF') of the Fund and how those charges affect its returns.

The OCF of the Fund was compared against the 'market rate' of similar external funds.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The OCF of 0.75%[2] compared favourably with those of similar externally managed funds.

Note that EPFL has not charged an entry fee, exit fee or any other event-based fees on this Fund.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

6. Comparable Services

What was assessed in this section?

The Board compared the Investment Manager's fee with those of other funds administered by EPFL having regard to size, investment objectives and policies.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

The Investment Manager's fee compared favourably against other EPFL administered funds displaying similar characteristics.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

7. Classes of Shares

What was assessed in this section?

The Board reviewed the Fund's set-up to ensure that where there are multiple share classes shareholders were in the correct share class given the size of their holding.

What was the outcome of the assessment?

There is only one share class in the Fund, therefore this part of the assessment does not apply.

Were there any follow up actions?

There were no follow-up actions required.

Overall Assessment of Value

The Board concluded that The Milne Fund has provided value to shareholders.

Dean Buckley

Chairman of the Board of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited

30 April 2024

Consumer Feedback

On reviewing this Assessment of Value report, we would welcome invaluable feedback from investors via our short questionnaire which can be found online:

https://www.evelyn.com/services/fund-solutions/assessment-of-value/

Investors views are invaluable to the development and delivery of this report.

Should you be unable to access the questionnaire online please contact us directly on 0141 222 1151 and we will provide you with a paper copy of the questionnaire.

[2] Figure calculated at interim report, 1 October 2023.

Report of the Depositary to the shareholders of The Milne Fund

Depositary's responsibilities

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) (the OEIC regulations), 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, 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 revenue is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD') are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the 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 ACD:

(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 revenue 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.

NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited
3 July 2024

Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of The Milne Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Milne Fund (the 'Company') for the year ended 1 April 2024 which comprise the Statement of total return, Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, Balance sheet, the related Notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies and the Distribution table. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 1 April 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (COLL Rules) of the Financial Conduct Authority and the 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 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

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 ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Authorised 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. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the COLL Rules

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

- Proper accounting records for the Company have been kept and the accounts are in agreement with those records;
- We have received 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 Report of the Authorised Corporate Director for the year is consistent with the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's report to the shareholders of The Milne Fund (continued)

Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities set out on page 3, 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 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 wind up 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

We assessed whether the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence and capabilities to identify or recognise non-compliance with laws and regulations by considering their experience, past performance and support available.

All engagement team members were briefed on relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks at the planning stage of the audit. Engagement team members were reminded to remain alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and the sector in which it operates, focusing on those provisions that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The most relevant frameworks we identified include:

- UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds;
- The Financial Conduct Authority's COLL Rules; and
- The Company's Prospectus.

We gained an understanding of how the Company is complying with these laws and regulations by making enquiries of the Authorised Corporate Director. We corroborated these enquiries through our review of submitted returns, external inspections, relevant correspondence with regulatory bodies and the Company’s breaches register.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by meeting with management and those charged with governance to understand where it was considered there was susceptibility to fraud. This evaluation also considered how the Authorised Corporate Director was remunerated and whether this provided an incentive for fraudulent activity. We considered the overall control environment and how the Authorised Corporate Director oversees the implementation and operation of controls. In areas of the financial statements where the risks were considered to be higher, we performed procedures to address each identified risk. We identified a heightened fraud risk in relation to:

- Management override of controls; and
- The completeness and classification of special dividends between revenue and capital.

In addition to the above, the following procedures were performed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free of material fraud or error:

- Reviewing the level of and reasoning behind the Company's procurement of legal and professional services;
- Performing audit work procedures over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business, review of a pre sign-off Net Asset Valuation (NAV) statement for any unexpected activity and reviewing judgements made by the Authorised Corporate Director in its calculation of accounting estimates for potential management bias;
- Using a third-party independent data source to assess the completeness of the special dividend population and determining whether special dividends recognised were revenue or capital in nature with reference to the underlying circumstances of the investee companies' dividend payments;
- Assessing the Company's compliance with the key requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and its Prospectus;
- Completion of appropriate checklists and use of our experience to assess the Company's compliance with the IA Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds; and
- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to supporting documentation.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to the risk of material misstatements in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the COLL Rules issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Johnston Carmichael LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Bishop's Court
29 Albyn Place
Aberdeen AB10 1YL
3 July 2024

Accounting policies of The Milne Fund

for the year ended 1 April 2024

a Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments. They have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds ('the SORP') published by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, and the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL').

The ACD has considered a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the ACD is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b Valuation of investments

The purchases and sales of investments are included up to close of business on the last business day of the accounting year.

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

The quoted investments of the Fund have been valued at the global closing bid-market prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of debt securities ruling on the principal markets on which the stocks are quoted on the last business day of the accounting year.

Collective investment schemes are valued at the bid price for dual priced funds and at the single price for single priced funds and are valued at their most recent published price prior to the close of business valuation on 1 April 2024.

Where an observable market price is unreliable or does not exist, investments are valued at the ACD's best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length. The ACD has appointed the fair value pricing committee to analyse, review and vote on price adjustments/maintenance where no current secondary market exists and/or where there are potential liquidity issues that would affect the disposal of an asset.

c Foreign exchange

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

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

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

d Revenue

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

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

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

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised as revenue on the date the securities are quoted ex-dividend. Equalisation on distributions from collective investment schemes is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the Fund's distribution.

Excess reportable income from reporting offshore funds is recognised as revenue when the reported distribution rate is available and forms part of the Fund's distribution.

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

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

d *Revenue (continued)*

Interest on debt securities is recognised on an accruals basis, taking into account the effective yield on the investment. Accrued interest purchased and sold on interest bearing securities is excluded from the capital cost of these securities and dealt with as part of the revenue of the Fund. The effective yield is a calculation that amortises any discount or premium on the purchase of an investment over its remaining life based on estimated cash flows. The amortised amounts form part of the distributable revenue and are calculated at each month end.

Ordinary scrip dividends are recognised wholly as revenue on the basis of the market values of the shares on the date that they are quoted ex-dividend. Where an enhancement is offered the amount by which the market value of the shares on the date they are quoted ex-dividend exceeds the cash dividend is taken to capital. The ordinary element of scrip dividends is treated as revenue and forms part of the Fund's distributions.

e *Expenses*

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged to revenue on an accrual basis.

Bank interest paid is charged to revenue.

f *Taxation*

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

UK corporation tax is provided as amounts to be paid/recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at 1 April 2024 to pay more or less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current rates and tax laws. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Provision for deferred tax assets are only made to the extent the timing differences are expected to be of future benefit.

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

g *Efficient Portfolio Management*

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

h *Dilution levy*

The need to charge a dilution levy will depend on the volume of sales or redemptions. The ACD may charge a discretionary dilution levy on the sale and redemption of shares if, in its opinion, the existing shareholders (for sales) or remaining shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected, and if charging a dilution levy is, so far as practicable, fair to all shareholders and potential shareholders. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information.

i Distribution policies

i Basis of distribution

The distribution policy is to distribute all available revenue after deduction of expenses payable from revenue. Distributions attributable to income shares are paid to shareholders.

ii Unclaimed distributions

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

iii Revenue

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

iv Expenses

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

Investment Manager's report

Investment performance*

The past year has been a strong period for the Fund. However, it was only in the fourth quarter of 2023 that sentiment markedly improved towards risk assets. Until then many investors thought inflation could only be tamed with a rise in unemployment and that the magnitude and rate of increase on interest rates would induce a global recession. However, at the start of November softer macroeconomic data supported a growing belief that interest rates were peaking. This, coupled with a more dovish tone from the US Federal Reserve's ('Fed') Chairman increased the prospect of an earlier than expected rate cut in 2024, precipitating a strong rally in all major asset classes including equity markets, which persisted into the first part of 2024. The rally become more broad-based in the fourth quarter too, having previously been dominated by the so-called 'magnificent seven' companies, made up of the largest US technology companies. By the start of 2024 not only did equity markets continue their rally, but we saw positive returns from other asset classes and a general acceptance that a global recession had probably been averted.

The Fund rose in value by +18.0%, versus the comparator benchmark of UK Consumer Price Index +3%, which rose by +6.2%.

The majority of the return was generated by the equities held, and the portfolio benefited from strong security selection within equities. But, all asset classes made a contribution with equities rising by +24.3%, bonds by +4.7%, alternative assets by +10.5% and cash by +2.8%.

Some securities enjoyed very strong returns with Advanced Micro Devices returning +80.2% over the 12 month period. Other technology stocks also performed well (International Business Machines +48.2%, Microsoft +43.6%, Alphabet +42.3%) but it was pleasing to see that not all the good performance was technology related. The Japanese industrial company Hitachi rose by +67.4% in sterling terms, which is remarkable given that the Japanese yen depreciated against sterling by -15% over the same time period. American Express rallied by +36.8% and the recently purchased General Electric (rebranded after a spin off as GE Aerospace) rose +37% since purchase. The poor performances of Anglo American (-24.2%) and Prudential (-30.6%) failed to inflict much of a dent.

Investment activities**

We have gently repositioned the portfolio over the past 12 months, to introduce more modestly valued equities and to include further risk offsetting positions. The most significant change has been the addition of UK Treasury Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2049, which has added sensitivity to the bond allocation in the Fund. We sold the long-dated US treasury we previously held in order partly to facilitate the gilt purchase, but yields in the UK offer a superior risk-reward trade off currently in our estimation. We also added to high quality short dated corporate bonds, which now offer yields to maturity of c.6%, which we find very attractive.

Within equities, we sold chemicals company DuPont de Nemours, industrial companies Honeywell International and Linde, and US retailer Costco Wholesale. These were all sold owing to the completion of our investment thesis, or on valuation grounds, but we also sold KDDI, which was owing to a clear thesis break. The management of this Japanese telecoms company saw fit to buy a large stake in a convenience stores group, which smacked of old-school Japanese corporate behaviour to us, and we did not agree with the supposed advantages. Prudential was sold as they continue to face a strategic headwind in the faltering Chinese consumer, despite our continued confidence in the management. We also trimmed Advanced Micro Devices, which has been a beneficiary of the excitement surrounding artificial intelligence, but the valuation was getting extreme.

Proceeds were partly allocated to credit (as above) and to Anglo American, following a bout of poor performance for this security. We also established new positions in a number of reasonably valued industrial companies; United Rentals, General Electric and Ferguson. Thermo Fisher Scientific, the healthcare equipment manufacturer was added, as was Qualcomm and Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group. The latter is unusual for us as we do not particularly like the structural case for banks, but in the case of this high-quality Japanese bank we think the market is underappreciating the change in the Japanese economy and interest rate environment which is set to be a major tailwind for the company.

*Source: Waverton Investment Management Limited, Morningstar, Rimes and FactSet (gross of fees, total return).

**Source: Waverton Investment Management Limited.

Investment Manager's report (continued)

Investment strategy and outlook

Investors are focused on inflation and the collateral damage that central banks will cause as monetary policy is tightened at a historically significant speed. Employment markets remain stubbornly tight and corporate profits have yet to recede. There is still belief by some that we are facing a recession, but we feel that the story is more nuanced than many headlines suggest. Crucially, we feel that the likelihood and possible severity of a recession is different for different regions of the world. We feel that the UK and Europe are more vulnerable than the US, owing to their reliance on imported energy.

It is often said the best cure for high prices are high prices. The expression pithily describes the equilibrium in which high prices are brought down by either an increase in supply, or, by a reduction in demand. Equity and bond markets now suggest that soaring prices have sown the seeds of their own destruction; valuations now anticipate a reduction in demand.

It is clearly the aim of the Fed to slow US growth and we believe this will be achieved, but it is less clear that inflation, interest rates and the cost of capital will return to the levels we have witnessed over the last decade. We continue to find quality and growth stocks expensive relative to their fundamentals, preferring instead to allocate to traditional industries which have been deprived of capital over the last decade, and where capacity constraints are leading to an increase in investments and returns for shareholders.

Waverton Investment Management Limited
31 May 2024

Portfolio changes
for the year ended 1 April 2024

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

Purchases:	Cost £
UK Treasury Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2049	998,509
UK Treasury Gilt 2.75% 07/09/2024	788,743
Ferguson	746,977
General Electric	719,863
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	706,166
Thermo Fisher Scientific	668,624
United Rentals	558,255
Qualcomm	492,627
UnitedHealth Group	197,544
Rothesay Life 5.5% 17/09/2029	196,539
Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/06/2024	193,974
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 03/12/2024	189,939
Anglo American	150,620
UPM-Kymmene	106,768
Amadeus IT Group	73,230

Sales:	Proceeds £
Linde	1,156,099
Costco Wholesale	656,941
KDDI	649,203
UK Treasury Index-Linked Gilt 0.125% 22/03/2024	624,244
Honeywell International	620,715
DuPont de Nemours	609,491
Advanced Micro Devices	430,151
US Treasury Note 2.375% 15/02/2042	425,923
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 0.5% 24/07/2023	400,000
UK Treasury Gilt 0.125% 31/01/2024	400,000
Prudential	361,548
Wells Fargo Bank 5.25% 01/08/2023	200,000
Scottish Widows 5.5% 16/06/2023	200,000
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.125% 18/09/2023	200,000
UK Commercial Property REIT	119,108
Marsh & McLennan	102,231
Inditex	101,665

Portfolio statement

as at 1 April 2024

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Debt Securities* 10.32% (11.94%)			
Aaa to Aa2 0.00% (3.19%)		-	-
Aa3 to A1 7.78% (6.57%)			
UK Treasury Gilt 2.75% 07/09/2024	£800,000	792,720	2.58
UK Treasury Gilt 4.25% 07/12/2049	£1,050,000	1,028,685	3.34
UK Treasury Index-Linked Gilt 0.125% 22/03/2026**	£392,000	571,159	1.86
		2,392,564	7.78
A2 to A3 0.63% (0.74%)			
Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 03/12/2024	£200,000	195,458	0.63
Baa1 to Baa2 1.26% (0.00%)			
BP Capital Markets 4.25% Perpetual**	£200,000	189,078	0.61
Rothesay Life 5.5% 17/09/2029**	£200,000	198,980	0.65
		388,058	1.26
Baa3 and below 0.65% (0.00%)			
Ford Motor Credit 2.748% 14/06/2024	£200,000	198,622	0.65
Total debt securities		3,174,702	10.32
Equities 79.41% (77.85%)			
Equities - United Kingdom 9.93% (10.94%)			
Equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom 7.51% (10.94%)			
Energy 3.20% (3.28%)			
Shell	37,500	984,375	3.20
Materials 1.71% (2.08%)			
Anglo American	27,000	526,986	1.71
Health Care 2.60% (3.20%)			
AstraZeneca	7,500	800,850	2.60
Real Estate 0.00% (0.41%)		-	-
Total equities - incorporated in the United Kingdom		2,312,211	7.51
Equities - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 2.42% (0.00%)			
Industrials 2.42% (0.00%)			
Ferguson	4,300	743,314	2.42
Total equities - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom		743,314	2.42
Total equities - United Kingdom		3,055,525	9.93

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

** Variable interest security.

Portfolio statement (continued)
as at 1 April 2024

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (continued)			
Equities - Europe 14.24% (18.76%)			
Equities - Finland 2.36% (2.40%)			
UPM-Kymmene	27,500	725,794	2.36
Equities - Ireland 0.00% (3.97%)		-	-
Equities - Spain 6.96% (6.94%)			
Amadeus IT Group	8,000	406,412	1.32
Iberdrola	68,821	676,354	2.20
Inditex	26,500	1,057,372	3.44
Total equities - Spain		2,140,138	6.96
Equities - Sweden 2.64% (2.99%)			
Sandvik	46,000	810,856	2.64
Equities - Switzerland 2.28% (2.46%)			
TE Connectivity	6,100	700,516	2.28
Total equities - Europe		4,377,304	14.24
Equities - North America 46.14% (39.16%)			
Equities - Canada 2.61% (2.71%)			
Canadian Pacific Kansas City	11,500	802,612	2.61
Equities - United States 43.53% (36.45%)			
Advanced Micro Devices	7,000	999,755	3.25
Alphabet 'A'	6,000	716,248	2.33
Amazon.com	6,000	856,077	2.78
American Express	5,600	1,009,308	3.28
Autoliv	8,300	791,137	2.57
CME Group	4,600	783,629	2.55
General Electric	7,000	972,214	3.16
International Business Machines	6,000	906,709	2.95
Intuit	1,220	627,591	2.04
Marsh & McLennan	5,000	814,803	2.65
Microsoft	3,500	1,163,720	3.78
Qualcomm	4,000	535,919	1.74
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1,600	735,386	2.39
United Rentals	1,500	855,104	2.78
UnitedHealth Group	2,000	782,775	2.55
Visa	3,800	838,452	2.73
Total equities - United States		13,388,827	43.53
Total equities - North America		14,191,439	46.14

Portfolio statement (continued)
as at 1 April 2024

Investment	Nominal value or holding	Market value £	% of total net assets
Equities (continued)			
Equities - Japan 7.70% (7.27%)			
Asahi Group Holdings	21,000	608,406	1.98
Hitachi	14,000	1,006,870	3.27
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group	16,300	752,905	2.45
Total equities - Japan		2,368,181	7.70
Equities - Singapore 1.40% (1.72%)			
United Overseas Bank	25,000	429,791	1.40
Total equities		24,422,240	79.41
Closed-Ended Funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom 1.39% (1.55%)			
3i Infrastructure	130,946	426,884	1.39
Highbridge Tactical Credit Fund^	185,000	-	-
Total closed-ended funds - incorporated outwith the United Kingdom		426,884	1.39
Offshore Collective Investment Schemes 4.02% (4.67%)			
Waverton Investment Funds - Waverton Sterling Bond Fund^^	76,000	636,956	2.07
Waverton Investment Funds - Waverton Global Strategic Bond Fund^^	96,000	600,888	1.95
Total offshore collective investment schemes		1,237,844	4.02
Exchange Traded Commodities 2.67% (2.85%)			
WisdomTree Physical Gold	5,000	821,690	2.67
Portfolio of investments		30,083,360	97.81
Other net assets		672,611	2.19
Total net assets		30,755,971	100.00

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

The comparative figures in brackets are as at 1 April 2023.

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

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^ Highbridge Tactical Credit Fund: The fair value pricing committee determined a share price of £nil (01.10.2023: £nil) was appropriate after a delisting and liquidation announcement on 28 March 2019.

^^ Managed by the Investment Manager, Waverton Investment Management Limited.

Risk and reward profile*

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

← Typically lower rewards, lower risk						Typically higher rewards, higher risk →
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

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

There have been no changes to the risk and reward indicator in the year.

* As per the KIID published 15 February 2024.

Comparative table

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

Income	2024 p	2023 p	2022 p
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	221.07	222.72	200.34
Return before operating charges	42.17	2.94	26.38
Operating charges	(1.64)	(1.61)	(1.66)
Return after operating charges *	40.53	1.33	24.72
Distributions^	(3.64)	(2.98)	(2.34)
Closing net asset value per share	257.96	221.07	222.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.08	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	18.33%	0.60%	12.34%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	30,755,971	26,357,897	26,555,158
Closing number of shares	11,922,919	11,922,919	11,922,919
Operating charges^^	0.71%	0.74%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.03%	0.04%
Published prices			
Highest share price	259.2	227.2	230.0
Lowest share price	218.5	207.1	202.1

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

^ Rounded to 2 decimal places.

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

Financial statements - The Milne Fund

Statement of total return

for the year ended 1 April 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital gains / (losses)	2		4,398,068		(197,271)
Revenue	3	655,405		565,909	
Expenses	4	(187,749)		(177,133)	
Net revenue before taxation		467,656		388,776	
Taxation	5	(33,775)		(33,344)	
Net revenue after taxation			433,881		355,432
Total return before distributions			4,831,949		158,161
Distributions	6		(433,875)		(355,422)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			4,398,074		(197,261)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the year ended 1 April 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	26,357,897	26,555,158
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities	4,398,074	(197,261)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	30,755,971	26,357,897

Balance sheet
as at 1 April 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investments		30,083,360	26,057,171
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	96,435	80,830
Cash and bank balances	8	666,771	332,979
Total assets		30,846,566	26,470,980
Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Distribution payable		(75,234)	(102,418)
Other creditors	9	(15,361)	(10,665)
Total liabilities		(90,595)	(113,083)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		30,755,971	26,357,897

Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 1 April 2024

1. Accounting policies

   The accounting policies are disclosed on pages 12 to 14.

2. Net capital gains / (losses)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Non-derivative securities - realised gains	1,063,067	1,313,973
Non-derivative securities - movement in unrealised gains / (losses)	3,337,681	(1,565,982)
Currency gains	2,410	51,164
Forward currency contracts gains	572	1,827
Capital special dividend	-	4,019
Compensation	49	33
Transaction charges	(5,711)	(2,305)
Total net capital gains / (losses)	4,398,068	(197,271)

3. Revenue

	2024	2023
	£	£
UK revenue	82,639	84,845
Unfranked revenue	9,177	12,680
Overseas revenue	372,366	304,723
Interest on debt securities	151,769	125,125
Bank and deposit interest	12,117	13,581
Stock dividends	27,337	24,955
Total revenue	655,405	565,909

4. Expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payable to the ACD and associates		
Annual management charge*	412,762	388,392
Annual management charge rebate*	(247,365)	(231,648)
	165,397	156,744
Payable to the Depositary		
Depositary fees	9,202	9,000
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	9,000	7,584
Non-executive directors' fees	1,763	1,559
Safe custody fees	1,999	1,836
Bank interest	-	2
FCA fee	174	263
KIID production fee	214	145
	13,150	11,389
Total expenses	187,749	177,133

* The annual management charge is 1.50% and includes the ACD's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fees. Where the ACD's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee are cumulatively lower than the annual management charge a rebate may occur.

For the year ended 1 April 2024, the annual management charge after rebates is 0.60%. The Investment Manager's fees excludes any holdings within the portfolio of investments that are managed by the Investment Manager, Waverton Investment Management Limited.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 1 April 2024

5. Taxation

	2024	2023
	£	£
a. Analysis of the tax charge for the year		
Overseas tax withheld	33,775	33,344
Total taxation (note 5b)	33,775	33,344

b. Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2023: lower) than the standard rate of UK corporation tax for an authorised collective investment scheme of 20% (2023: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net revenue before taxation	467,656	388,776
Corporation tax @ 20%	93,531	77,755
Effects of:		
UK revenue	(21,995)	(16,969)
Overseas revenue	(68,512)	(58,085)
Overseas tax withheld	33,775	33,344
Utilisation of excess management expenses	(3,024)	(2,701)
Total taxation (note 5a)	33,775	33,344

c. Provision for deferred taxation

At the year end, a deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to excess management expenses as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. The amount of asset not recognised is £131,779 (2023: £134,803).

6. Distributions

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Quarter 1 income distribution	143,313	87,991
Interim income distribution	106,114	67,722
Quarter 3 income distribution	109,214	97,291
Final income distribution	75,234	102,418
Total net distributions	433,875	355,422

Reconciliation between net revenue and distributions:

	2024	2023
Net revenue after taxation per Statement of total return	433,881	355,432
Undistributed revenue brought forward	56	46
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(62)	(56)
Distributions	433,875	355,422

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

7. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued revenue	61,080	55,297
Recoverable overseas withholding tax	12,167	4,905
	73,247	60,202
Payable from the ACD and associates		
Annual management charge rebate	23,188	20,628
Total debtors	96,435	80,830

8. Cash and bank balances

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total cash and bank balances	666,771	332,979

9. Other creditors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued expenses:		
Payable to the ACD and associates		
Annual management charge	5,056	1,088
Other expenses:		
Depositary fees	111	25
Safe custody fees	539	334
Audit fee	9,000	7,920
Non-executive directors' fees	495	1,155
KIID production fee	36	36
Transaction charges	124	107
	10,305	9,577
Total other creditors	15,361	10,665

10. Commitments and contingent liabilities

At the balance sheet date there are no commitments or contingent liabilities.

11. Share classes

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

	Income
Opening shares in issue	11,922,919
Closing shares in issue	11,922,919

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

12. Related party transactions

Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited, as ACD is a related party due to its ability to act in respect of the operations of the Fund.

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

Amounts payable to the ACD and its associates are disclosed in note 4. The amounts due from/to the ACD and its associates at the balance sheet date are disclosed in notes 7 and 9.

13. Events after the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per income share has increased from 258.0p to 263.7p as at 28 June 2024. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements of recent months.

14. Transaction costs

a Direct transaction costs

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

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

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

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

	Purchases before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Financial transaction tax		Purchases after transaction costs
2024	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	4,418,551	1,977	0.04%	-	-	146	0.00%	4,420,674
Bonds	2,367,351	353	0.01%	-	-	-	-	2,367,704
Total	6,785,902	2,330	0.06%	-	-	146	0.00%	6,788,378

	Purchases before transaction costs	Commission		Taxes		Financial transaction tax		Purchases after transaction costs
2023	£	£	%	£	%	£	%	£
Equities	5,287,764	6,212	0.12%	-	-	-	-	5,293,976
Bonds*	1,688,455	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,688,455
Collective Investment Schemes*	607,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	607,394
Total	7,583,613	6,212	0.12%	-	-	-	-	7,589,825

Capital events amount of £27,337 (2023: £17,815) is excluded from the total purchases as there were no direct transaction costs charged in these transactions.

* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 1 April 2024

14. Transaction costs (continued)

a Direct transaction costs (continued)

2024	Sales before transaction costs £	Commission £	%	Taxes £	%	Financial transaction tax £	%	Sales after transaction costs £
Equities	4,689,368	(1,324)	0.03%	-	-	-	-	4,688,044
Closed-Ended Funds	119,145	(37)	0.03%	-	-	-	-	119,108
Bonds	2,450,210	(43)	0.00%	-	-	-	-	2,450,167
Total	7,258,723	(1,404)	0.06%	-	-	-	-	7,257,319

2023	Sales before transaction costs £	Commission £	%	Taxes £	%	Financial transaction tax £	%	Sales after transaction costs £
Equities	5,816,540	(2,553)	0.04%	(2)	0.00%	-	-	5,813,985
Collective Investment Schemes*	382,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	382,800
Exchange Traded Commodities*	595,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	595,360
Total	6,794,700	(2,553)	0.04%	(2)	-	-	-	6,792,145

Summary of direct transaction costs

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

2024	£	% of average net asset value
Commission	3,734	0.01%
Financial transaction tax	146	0.00%

2023	£	% of average net asset value
Commission	8,765	0.03%
Taxes	2	0.00%

b Average portfolio dealing spread

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

The average portfolio dealing spread of the investments at the balance sheet date was 0.09% (2023: 0.04%).

15. Risk management policies

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

* No direct transaction costs were incurred in these transactions.

15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk

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

(i) Other price risk

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

The main elements of the portfolio of investments exposed to this risk are equities, collective investment schemes, closed-ended funds and exchange traded commodities.

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

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

At 1 April 2024, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £1,345,433 (2023: £1,125,007).

(ii) Currency risk

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

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

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

2024	Financial instruments and cash holdings £	Net debtors and creditors £	Total net foreign currency exposure £
Canadian dollar	802,612	1,084	803,696
Danish krone	-	1,754	1,754
Euro	2,866,013	10,413	2,876,426
Japanese yen	2,368,181	16,950	2,385,131
Singapore dollar	429,791	-	429,791
Swedish krona	1,601,993	-	1,601,993
US dollar	15,464,098	9,065	15,473,163
Total foreign currency exposure	23,532,688	39,266	23,571,954

15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

2023	Financial instruments and cash holdings £	Net debtors and creditors £	Total net foreign currency exposure £
Canadian dollar	713,566	1,111	714,677
Danish krone	-	4,905	4,905
Euro	3,704,785	-	3,704,785
Japanese yen	1,915,671	10,428	1,926,099
Singapore dollar	452,569	-	452,569
Swedish krona	1,413,150	-	1,413,150
US dollar	11,813,612	18,769	11,832,381
Total foreign currency exposure	20,013,353	35,213	20,048,566

At 1 April 2024, if the value of sterling increased or decreased by 5% against all other currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £1,178,598 (2023: £1,002,428).

(iii) Interest rate risk

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

During the year the Fund's direct exposure to interest rates consisted of cash and bank balances and interest bearing securities. The Fund also has indirect exposure to interest rate risk as it invests in bond funds. The amount of revenue receivable from floating rate securities and bank balances or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The value of interest bearing securities may be affected by changes in the interest rate environment, either globally or locally.

At 1 April 2024, if interest rates increased or decreased by 25 basis points, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders of the Fund would increase or decrease by approximately £44,703 (2023: £24,815).

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

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

2024	Variable rate financial assets £	Variable rate financial liabilities £	Fixed rate financial assets £	Non-interest bearing financial assets £	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities £	Total £
Canadian dollar	-	-	-	803,696	-	803,696
Danish krone	-	-	-	1,754	-	1,754
Euro	81	-	-	2,876,345	-	2,876,426
Japanese yen	-	-	-	2,385,131	-	2,385,131
Singapore dollar	-	-	-	429,791	-	429,791
Swedish krona	-	-	-	1,601,993	-	1,601,993
UK sterling	1,625,906	-	2,215,485	3,433,221	(90,595)	7,184,017
US dollar	-	-	-	15,473,163	-	15,473,163
	1,625,987	-	2,215,485	27,005,094	(90,595)	30,755,971

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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15. Risk management policies (continued)

a Market risk (continued)

(iii) Interest rate risk (continued)

2023	Variable rate financial assets	Variable rate financial liabilities	Fixed rate financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial assets	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	-	-	-	714,677	-	714,677
Danish krone	-	-	-	4,905	-	4,905
Euro	33	-	196,274	3,508,478	-	3,704,785
Japanese yen	-	-	-	1,926,099	-	1,926,099
Singapore dollar	-	-	-	452,569	-	452,569
Swedish krona	-	-	-	1,413,150	-	1,413,150
UK sterling	1,468,517	-	982,150	3,971,747	(113,083)	6,309,331
US dollar	188,758	-	644,411	10,999,212	-	11,832,381
	1,657,308	-	1,822,835	22,990,837	(113,083)	26,357,897

b Credit risk

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

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

In addition to the interest rate risk, bond investments are exposed to issuer risk which reflects the ability for the bond issuer to meet its obligations to pay interest and return the capital on the redemption date. Change in issuer risk will change the value of the investments and is dealt with further in note 15a. The majority of debt securities held within the portfolio are investment grade bonds. These are made across a variety of industry sectors, and geographical markets, so as to avoid concentrations of credit risk. A breakdown is provided in the Portfolio statement. The credit quality of the debt securities is disclosed in the Portfolio statement.

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

Holdings in collective investment schemes are subject to direct credit risk. The exposure to pooled investment vehicles is unrated.

c Liquidity risk

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

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

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

15. Risk management policies (continued)

c Liquidity risk (continued)

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

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

All of the financial liabilities are payable on demand.

d Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

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

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

Basis of valuation	Investment assets 2024 £	Investment liabilities 2024 £
Quoted prices	28,063,378	-
Observable market data	2,019,982	-
Unobservable data*	-	-
	30,083,360	-

Basis of valuation	Investment assets 2023 £	Investment liabilities 2023 £
Quoted prices	23,655,581	-
Observable market data	2,401,590	-
Unobservable data*	-	-
	26,057,171	-

*The following security is valued in the portfolio of investments using a valuation technique:

Highbridge Tactical Credit Fund: The fair value pricing committee determined a share price of £nil (01.10.2023: £nil) was appropriate after a delisting and liquidation announcement on 28 March 2019.

Unobservable data

Unobservable data has been used only where relevant observable market data is not available. Where there was no reputable price source for an investment, the ACD has assessed information available from internal and external sources in order to arrive at an estimated fair value. The fair value is established by using measures of value such as the price of recent transactions, earnings multiple and net assets. The ACD of the Fund also makes judgements and estimates based on their knowledge of recent investment performance, historical experience and other the assumptions used are under continuous review by the ACD with particular attention paid to the carrying value of the investments.

15. Risk management policies (continued)

e Assets subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature

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

	2024	2023
	% of the total net asset value	% of the total net asset value
Highbridge Tactical Credit Fund	0.00%	0.00%
Total	0.00%	0.00%

f Derivatives

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

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

In the year there was direct exposure to derivatives. On a daily basis, exposure is calculated in UK sterling using the commitment approach with netting applied where appropriate. The total global exposure figure is divided by the net asset value of the Fund to calculate the percentage global exposure. Global exposure is a risk mitigation technique that monitors the overall commitment to derivatives in the Fund at any given time and may not exceed 100% of the net asset value of the property of the Fund.

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

During the year there were no derivative transactions.

(i) Counterparties

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

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

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

(ii) Leverage

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

There have been no leveraging arrangements in the year.

(iii) Global exposure

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

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

There have been no collateral arrangements in the year.

Distribution table

for the year ended 1 April 2024

Quarter 1 distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 2 April 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased 2 April 2023 to 1 July 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 31 August 2023	Total distribution 31 August 2022
Income				
Group 1	1.202	-	1.202	0.738
Group 2	1.202	-	1.202	0.738

Interim distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 2 July 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased 2 July 2023 to 1 October 2023

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 30 November 2023	Total distribution 30 November 2022
Income				
Group 1	0.890	-	0.890	0.568
Group 2	0.890	-	0.890	0.568

Quarter 3 distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 2 October 2023

Group 2 - Shares purchased 2 October 2023 to 1 January 2024

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 29 February 2024	Total distribution 28 February 2023
Income				
Group 1	0.916	-	0.916	0.816
Group 2	0.916	-	0.916	0.816

Final distribution in pence per share

Group 1 - Shares purchased before 2 January 2024

Group 2 - Shares purchased 2 January 2024 to 1 April 2024

	Net revenue	Equalisation	Total distribution 31 May 2024	Total distribution 31 May 2023
Income				
Group 1	0.631	-	0.631	0.859
Group 2	0.631	-	0.631	0.859

Remuneration

Remuneration code disclosure

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

Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee report contained in the Group Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 includes details on the remuneration policy. The remuneration committee comprises five non-executive directors and is governed by formal terms of reference, which are reviewed and agreed by the board. The committee met eight times during 2023[1].

Remuneration policy

The main principles of the remuneration policy are:

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

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

Remuneration systems

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

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

When setting variable remuneration for the executive directors, the committee considers overall business profit for the group and divisions, achievement of both financial and non-financial objectives (including adherence to the principles of treating customers fairly, conduct risk, compliance and regulatory rules), personal performance and any other relevant policy of the board in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023. The committee agrees the individual allocation of variable remuneration and the proportion of that variable remuneration to be awarded as restricted shares.

[1] Please note that the data provided for the non-executive directors is as at 31 December 2023. The data provided is for independent non-executive directors only.

Remuneration (continued)

Aggregate quantitative information

The total amount of remuneration paid by Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited (‘EPFL’) is nil as EPFL has no employees. However, a number of employees have remuneration costs recharged to EPFL and the annualised remuneration for these 72 employees is £3.51 million of which £3.23 million is fixed remuneration. This is based on the salary and benefits for those identified as working in EPFL as at 31 December 2023. Any variable remuneration is awarded for the year ended 31 December 2023. This information excludes any senior management or other Material Risk Takers ('MRTs') whose remuneration information is detailed below.

Evelyn Partners reviews its MRTs at least annually. These individuals are employed by and provide services to other companies in the Group. It is difficult to apportion remuneration for these individuals in respect of their duties to EPFL. For this reason, the aggregate total remuneration awarded for the year 2023 for senior management and other MRTs detailed below has not been apportioned.

Table to show the aggregate remuneration split by Senior Management and other MRTs for EPFL	For the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023				
		Variable			
	Fixed	Cash	Equity	Total	No. MRTs
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Senior Management	3,518	1,662	-	5,180	18
Other MRTs	919	848	-	1,767	5
Total	4,437	2,510	-	6,947	23

Investment Manager

The ACD delegates the management of the Fund's portfolio of assets to Waverton Investment Management Limited and pays to Waverton Investment Management Limited, out of the annual management charge, a monthly fee calculated on the total value of the portfolio of investments at the month end excluding any holdings within the portfolio of investments that are managed by the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager is compliant with the Capital Requirements Directive regarding remuneration and therefore their staff are covered by remuneration regulatory requirements.

Further information

Distributions and reporting dates

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed quarterly on 31 May (Final), 31 August (quarter 1), 30 November (interim) and the last day in February (quarter 3). In the event of a distribution, shareholders will receive a tax voucher.

XD dates:	2 April	final
	2 July	quarter 1
	2 October	Interim
	2 January	quarter 3
Reporting dates:	1 April	annual
	1 October	interim

Buying and selling shares

The property of the Fund is valued at 10pm each Wednesday, except to the extent that it is not a business day, in which case the dealing day will be on the next available business day; and the last business day of the month, and prices of shares are calculated as at that time. Share dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investors can buy and sell shares at the next valuation point following receipt of the order.

Prices of shares and the estimated yield of the Fund are published on the following website: www.trustnet.com or may be obtained by calling 0141 222 1151.

Benchmark

Shareholders may also compare the performance of the Fund against UK Consumer Price Index +3%.

The ACD has selected this comparator benchmark as it reflects the absolute returns above inflation.

The benchmark is not a target for the Fund, nor is the Fund constrained by the benchmark.

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