## **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

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#### Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

#### The Company

RBS Investment Funds ICVC ("the Company") is an Open Ended Investment Company ("OEIC") with variable share capital incorporated in England and Wales on 21 May 2003. The property of the Company ("Scheme Property") is entrusted to JP Morgan Europe Limited ("the Depositary") for safekeeping. The Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The objective of the Company is to invest the Scheme Property mainly in transferable securities, deposits and units in collective investment schemes, as permitted by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the COLL") published by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), with the aim of spreading investment risk and giving its shareholders the benefit of the results of the management of the property.

The Company may enter into derivative transactions. For each Sub-fund, such transactions are used for efficient portfolio management and the derivatives are used to reduce the risk profile of that Sub-fund.

The Company has an umbrella structure, which means that it contains many Sub-funds, each with a different investment objective. In the financial statements you will find an investment review for each Sub-fund, which includes details of the investment objectives. There are six Sub-funds in the Company, as at 28 February 2019, which are classed as Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities Schemes ("UCITS Schemes") for the purposes of the Regulations.

Under the Protected Cell Regime, each Sub-fund represents a segregated portfolio of assets and accordingly, the assets of a Sub-fund belong exclusively to that Sub-fund and shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including any other Sub-fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.

#### **UCITS V Directive**

Directive 2014/91/EU (the "UCITS V Directive") introduced changes to the existing framework for UCITS with the aim of increasing the protection of assets held by a UCITS and reducing risks to investors in UCITS. In the UK, these changes were implemented by way of secondary legislation and changes to the FCA's Handbook (the "UK implementing Legislation") which were effective from 18 March 2016. The primary impact is to require depositaries of UCITS to comply with enhanced requirements.

As part of the UCITS V Directive, the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") is required to have a Remuneration Policy in place that complles with it. The up-to-date Remuneration Policy, which includes a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identities of the persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits, is available at

 $http://personal.natwest.com/personal/investments/existing-customers/Key\_Customer\_Documents.html\ and\ http://personal.rbs.co.uk/personal/investments/existing-customers/Key\_Customer\_Documents.html.$ 

A paper copy will be made available free of charge on request to the ACD, at the contact details shown on p159.

#### **Securities Financing Transactions Regulation**

The Securities Financing Transactions Regulation, as published by the European Securities and Markets Authority, aims to improve the transparency of the securities financing markets. Disclosures regarding exposure to Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs") or total return swaps is required. During the year to 28 February 2019 and at the balance sheet date, the Company did not use SFTs or total return swaps, as such no disclosure is required.

#### MiFID II

MiFID ("Markets in Financial Instruments Directive") is the framework of EU legislation that applies to (i) the provision of investment services and activities in relation to instruments such as shares, bonds, funds and derivatives; and (ii) the trading of these instruments. Following the financial crisis, there has been a desire within the EU to address risks in the wholesale financial markets and also strengthen some of the protections in the retail industry. MiFID has therefore been revised and the new EU framework, known as MiFID II, was implemented in the UK through changes to FCA rules with effect from 3 January 2018.

The Impact on the ACD is limited as it is a Non-MiFID firm. However there are a number of key areas of impact as a result of specific requirements of the FCA. These extend to Best Execution, Order Allocation, Inducements & Research, Recording of telephone and electronic communications, and some elements of the Product Governance requirements around ongoing product monitoring and costs and charges disclosures. The requirements are based upon the ACD also being a product manufacturer. Under MiFID II, the distributor of the products including the sub-funds are Royal Bank of Scotland, National Westminster Bank and Ulster Bank and all top ups flow through these distribution channels. Disclosure of the costs and charges incurred on the sub-funds will be included in half-yearly annual statements with effect from those as at 17 May 2019.

#### **Changes to Prospectus**

The Prospectus was amended during the period to effect a number of drafting improvements which, in particular, included an update to reflect the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations ("GDPR"). There was also an amendment to launch the New Funds referred to under Post balance sheet events below and to reflect the change of Depositary referred to below.

#### **Authorised Status**

From 21 May 2003, the Company was authorised as an OEIC under Regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulation 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations").

#### **The Financial Statements**

We are pleased to present the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 28 February 2019, as required by the Regulations. Information for each of the six Sub-funds has also been included in these financial statements. On the following pages, we review the performance of each of those Sub-funds during the year. We hope that you find our review useful and informative.

#### **Report of the Authorised Corporate Director**

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#### The Depositary

The Depositary, JP Morgan Europe Limited, provided its services under an agreement dated 18 March 2016 between the Company, RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited ("the ACD") and the Depositary which took effect on 18 March 2016. The agreement was terminated on 28 February 2019 and the new Depositary, The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited, provides its services under an agreement dated 27 February 2019 between the Company, the ACD and the Depositary which took effect on 1 March 2019.

#### **Going Concern**

For reasons stated in Note 1 (a) of the Accounting Policies, the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis but on a breakup basis.

#### Holdings in other Sub-funds of the Company

As at 28 February 2019, no Sub-funds held any shares in any other Sub-fund of the Company.

#### Post balance sheet events

Shareholders in the Company holding shares in the Equity Income Fund, Growth Fund, High Yield Fund, Extra Income Fund, Balanced Fund and/or International Growth Fund have (at a series of meetings of those shareholders held on 14 March 2019) voted in favour of the ACD's proposals to merge, by way of a scheme of arrangement, the above named funds (the "Existing Funds") into the undernoted funds (the "New Funds") of the Company. The ACD refers to these proposals as the "Mergers".

Existing Funds
Equity Income Fund

New Funds UK Equity Fund

Growth Fund High Yield Fund UK Equity Fund Global Bond Fund Global Bond Fund

Extra Income Fund Balanced Fund

Managed Growth Fund

International Growth Fund

Managed Equity Growth Fund

The new Sub-funds, which have a Valuation Point of 23:00 on each Business Day, were launched on 17 May 2019, the effective date of the Mergers, and each of the existing Sub-funds will be terminated.

The above is only a brief summary of the Mergers, which were designed to result in the following benefits for shareholders:

- enhanced control and more efficient management of the Sub-funds;
- safeguarding the viability of the Sub-funds for the long term; and
- lower charges.

Full details are contained in the letter dated 16 January 2019 sent by the ACD to the shareholders of the Company. For further details please contact the ACD on 0345 300 2585.

The letter also advised that the Company has appointed the Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited to provide all depositary and custody services as referred to above and that the ACD has appointed Coutts & Company to provide investment management services in place of Aviva Investors Global Services limited with effect from 17 May 2019.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR the Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the ACD of the Company and authorised for Issue on 25 June 2019.

Philip Benjamin Hunt

for and on behalf of RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited Authorised Corporate Director 25 June 2019

#### **Economic and Market Overview**

#### **Equities**

For sterling investors, global equities posted modest gains in the twelve months under review. However, the positive return was largely a function of the strength of the US market, which outperformed other regions by some margin on the back of robust economic growth fuelled by tax cuts. European shares, by contrast, sustained losses as the economy lost much of the brisk momentum it had picked up in 2017. Political problems and concerns about the impact of intensifying global trade tensions weighed heavily on investor confidence. Trade worries and concerns about the strengthening US dollar also weighed on the performance of emerging market shares. The broad UK stock market advanced over the period as the economy remained generally resilient to the huge uncertainty created by the fraught negotiations over the terms of the UK departure from the European Union. In sector terms, the period saw particular turbulence in the technology and automotive sectors.

#### **Fixed Income**

The modest advance made by fixed income markets during the review period surpassed the meagre expectations of many investors. Despite being under threat from a series of interest rate hikes in the US and the final winding up of the highly supportive quantitative easing programme in the Eurozone, bond prices remained firm as the outlook for the global economy became increasingly uncertain over the course of 2018. Bonds also drew strength from both a waning of inflationary pressures as a rally in the oil price in the first half of the period suddenly went into reverse and from a softer tone on monetary policy from the US central bank. Corporate bonds underperformed government bonds on concerns about the ability of heavily indebted companies to service their liabilities in an environment of slowing growth. Corporate profits nevertheless remained healthy enough to allay fears about a rise in default rates in the lower-quality sectors of the market.

## Aviva Investors Global Services Limited 17 May 2019

\*Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company; Basis: Total return, net of fees & net income re-invested.

#### Important information:

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The value of an investment and any income from it may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the original amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Issued by Aviva Investors Global Services Limited, the Investment Manager to the Sub-fund registered in England No. 1151805. Registered Office: St. Helens, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ.

#### Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Sub-funds

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### 1 Accounting Policies

(a) The financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP) and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by The Investment Management Association (now known as The Investment Association) in May 2014 (the SORP).

Following the decision of the ACD to merge the sub-funds into new sub-funds within the Company, the going concern basis of preparation in the accounting period to 28 February 2019 is no longer appropriate and the existing sub-funds' financial statements have been prepared on a break up basis. The Company has continued its operations through those new sub-funds launched after the year end accounting date which were approved by the FCA. Under this basis assets are recorded at their recoverable value and liabilities are recorded at their expected settlement value. Any additional costs in respect of the termination of the sub-funds will be borne by the ACD. No adjustments were necessary in these financial statements.

- (b) Where appropriate, certain permitted transactions such as derivatives are used for efficient portfolio management. Where such transactions are used to protect or enhance capital, the gains and losses derived there from are included in 'Net capital gains on investments' in the Statement of Total Return. Any positions on such transactions open at the period end are reflected in the Balance Sheet at their marked to market value. When positions generate total returns, it will generally be appropriate to apportion such returns between capital and revenue to properly reflect the nature of the transaction.
- (c) Dividends on equities and revenue from shares held in underlying funds are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Interest on deposits is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund with reporting status from HMRC, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available. The equalisation element is treated as capital.

All distributions from Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS") are recognised when the securities are quoted ex-dividend. All distributions from holdings in CIS are treated as revenue with the exception of the equalisation element, which is treated as capital. The Royal Bank of Scotland Balanced Fund receives ACD charge rebates on the management fees of underlying CIS. These are recognised on an accruals basis and are recognised as revenue. Where it is the policy of the underlying fund to charge its fees to capital, these rebates will be recognised as capital.

Returns from bond futures are apportioned into revenue and capital components in order to reflect the nature of the financial instrument.

Revenue on debt securities takes account of the amortisation of any discounts or premiums arising on the purchase price, compared to the final maturity value, over the remaining life of the security. Accrued interest purchased or sold is excluded from the cost of the security and is treated as revenue. The Extra Income and High Yield Sub-funds distribute on an effective interest rate basis.

- (d) Stock dividends: Ordinary stock dividends are recognised wholly as revenue and are based on the market value of the shares on the dates they are quoted ex-dividend.
- (e) Special dividends and share buy-backs are examined on a case by case basis to determine whether they should be treated as capital or revenue.
- (f) The listed investments of the Sub-funds have been valued at bid market prices at midday on 28 February 2019 in line with the last dealing valuations in the year. The valuations of unlisted investments are based on the Authorised Corporate Director's ("ACD") assessment of their estimated realisable value. Suspended securities are valued initially at the suspended price but are subject to constant review.

For over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives (e.g. forward currency contracts), market value is determined based on valuation pricing models which take into account relevant market inputs as well as the time values, liquidity and volatility factors underlying the positions. Amounts due to and from an individual counterparty which falls under a legally enforceable master netting agreement are netted.

- (g) All transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of such transactions. Foreign currency assets and liabilities at the end of the accounting period are translated at the exchange rate at midday on 28 February 2019.
- (h) Underwriting, sub-underwriting contracts and placings may also, subject to certain conditions set out in the Regulations, be entered into for the Sub-funds. Commission earned on these transactions is accounted for on a receipts basis as revenue, to the extent that any shares are taken up, the commission is accounted for as capital.
- (i) Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay less or receive more tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the ACD considers that it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits from which underlying timing differences can be deducted.
- (j) Capital gains on investments in offshore funds without reporting fund status per HMRC guidelines are subject to corporation tax when the gain is realised. The tax liability is charged to the capital property of the Sub-fund. A provision for the liability that may arise on gains in the event of the holding being sold and the gain crystallised is recorded to the capital property of the Sub-fund.

# Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Sub-funds (continued)

#### 1 Accounting Policies (continued)

(k) The ACD may charge a dilution levy or dilution adjustment on the purchase and/or sale of shares.

For each of the Sub-funds, the dilution levy which, if charged, is added to the purchase cost or deducted from the sale proceeds, as appropriate, and becomes a part of the scheme property of the relevant Sub-fund.

A dilution levy may be charged on all Sub-funds, in the following circumstances:

- 1. where a Sub-fund is experiencing large levels of net purchases relative to its size;
- II. where a Sub-fund is experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size;
- III. where a "large deal" is placed on a Sub-fund. For these purposes a large deal is defined as a deal exceeding £250,000 or 2% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund whichever is the lesser; and,
- IV. in any other circumstances where the ACD believes it will be in the interests of shareholders to charge a dilution adjustment.
- Expenses are recognised on an accruals basis and initially charged against revenue.

#### 2 Distribution Policies

- (a) All Sub-funds, with the exception of the High Yield and Extra Income Funds, are not more than 60% invested in qualifying investments (as defined by s468L ICTA 1988) and will pay a dividend distribution. The High Yield and Extra Income Funds are more than 60% invested in qualifying investments and will pay an interest distribution.
- (b) The annual ACD fees are charged to the income property of the Sub-fund except in the case of Equity Income where the ACD's annual fee is deducted from the capital account for the purpose of distributions. All other expenses are charged to the income property of the respective Subfunds except those relating to the purchase and sale of investments (including activity charges) for all Sub-funds.
- (c) The ordinary element of a stock dividend is treated as revenue and forms part of the distribution.
- (d) All distributions, including those from accumulation holdings, on collective investment scheme are treated as revenue with the exception of the equalisation element, which is treated as capital.
- (e) The allocation of revenue and expenses to each share class is based upon the proportion of the Sub-fund's assets attributable to each share class on the day the revenue is earned or the expense is suffered except the ACD's fee.

#### 3 Derivatives and other financial instruments

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

The main risks arising from these financial instruments and the ACD's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied throughout the year.

#### Market Price Risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of Sub-funds' investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than interest rate or foreign currency movement. Market price risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments each Sub-fund holds. It represents the potential loss each Sub-fund might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. Each Sub-funds' investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation and in the rules of the COLL of the FCA mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-funds' investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

A proportion of the Sub-fund's assets are invested in overseas securities and movements in foreign exchange rates can affect the balance sheet. The ACD may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward exchange contracts or by hedging the sterling value of investments that are priced in other currencies. Revenue received in other currencies is converted to sterling on or near the date of receipt.

See the financial statements of each Sub-fund for its foreign currency risk profile.

# Notes applicable to the Financial Statements of all Sub-funds (continued)

#### 3 Derivatives and other financial instruments (continued)

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Sub-funds' investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in interest rates.

Some of the Sub-funds may invest in fixed and floating rate securities. The revenue of each Sub-fund may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the ACD being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities. The value of the fixed interest securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future. Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

Some of the Sub-funds' investment portfolios are exposed to interest rate fluctuations which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objective and policy as set out in the Prospectus. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Instrument of Incorporation and in the rules of the COLL of the FCA mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

Interest rate risk exposure is managed by constantly monitoring the position for deviations outside of a pre-determined tolerance level and, when necessary, rebalancing back to the original desired parameters.

See the financial statements of each Sub-fund for its interest rate risk profile.

#### Liquidity Risk

The Sub-fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liability of the Sub-funds is the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell. Assets of the Sub-funds may need to be sold if insufficient cash is available to finance such redemptions.

Counterparty liquidity can be reduced by lower credit ratings or large cash outflows and margin calls can increase a Sub-fund's liquidity risk. Liquidity risk tends to compound other risks. If a Sub-fund has a position in an illiquid asset, its limited ability to liquidate that position at short notice will compound its market risk.

#### **Credit Risk**

Certain transactions in securities that the Sub-funds enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase, or cash for a sale after the Sub-fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Sub-funds only buy and sell investments through brokers, which have been approved by the ACD as an acceptable counterparty. In addition, limits are set to the exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time and changes in brokers' financial ratings are reviewed.

In order to trade derivative instruments the ACD enters into an agreement with an approved counterparty. The ACD assesses the credit worthiness of the counterparty, however the Sub-fund remains at risk that the counterparty will not settle its obligations under the contract. Any collateral due to or from the Sub-funds under the terms of the contract may not be settled. The Sub-funds restrict their exposure to credit losses on derivative instruments other than forward foreign currency contracts by trading via International Swap and Derivative Association ("ISDA") Master Arrangements with each counterparty. For forward foreign currency contracts, given the short maturity of the transactions, the ACD believes the robust approval and monitoring procedures in place for the counterparties are sufficient to mitigate the counterparty risk associated with the contracts.

#### **Derivatives Risk and Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Sub-funds also enter into derivative transactions in the form of forward foreign currency, futures and options contracts. For all Sub-funds the purpose of these financial instruments is Efficient Portfolio Management. Forward currency contracts are used to manage currency risk arising from holdings of overseas securities. Futures and options are used to manage market price risk. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a downturn in the markets. Sensitivity analysis is required where the exposure to a Sub-fund is deemed to be significant. Entering into derivative contracts gives rise to Credit Risk as set out above.

See the financial statements of each Sub-fund for its derivative risk profile.

#### 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.

#### 4 Commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at the balance sheet date (2018 - £nil).

#### 5 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-funds. The aggregated monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders and note 7.

For each Sub-fund, amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates and agents periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. Any amounts due to or from the ACD at the end of the accounting period are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

On 1 December 2008, the UK Government through HM Treasury became the ultimate controlling party of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, and therefore the ultimate parent company of the ACD, RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited. The UK Government's share holding is managed by UK Financial Investments Limited, a company wholly owned by the UK Government. Some of the Sub-funds had transactions with UK Government bodies on an arms' length basis and direct investments in government securities at the period end are shown in each portfolio statement where appropriate. The volume and diversity of such transactions in the Sub-funds are such that disclosure of their amounts in the period 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 is impractical.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland Balanced Fund**

**Audited Report** 

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Investment Objective & Policy

To achieve long term capital appreciation and income. The Sub-fund will invest in a mixed portfolio of equities and bonds. Allocation to bonds, equities and cash will vary over time. The ACD intends to place equal emphasis on the generation of income and capital growth. The ACD does not intend to pursue any particular geographic emphasis in investing the property.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### **Performance**

The Fund returned -2.46 per cent (after charges) in the 12 months to the end of February 2019, compared with a net return of -0.13 per cent for its peer group, the Investment Association's Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector\*.

#### **Portfolio Summary**

Equity markets were quite volatile during the year. At times, investors appeared concerned about a potential slowdown in global economic activity and, in turn, how that might affect corporate profitability. This eroded sentiment towards risk assets for much of the period.

There was a fair divergence of returns from individual markets over the year, which affected performance. US shares fared relatively well, supported by a healthy economic background and strong company profitability. Buoyant economic conditions prompted the manager to increase the fund's exposure to US equities during the year; a move that proved beneficial as US stocks typically outperformed those in other regions.

The introduction of tariffs on goods imported into the US had an adverse influence on stocks in other regions. Emerging markets struggled for example, as they tend to be particularly reliant on exports to drive growth. Exposure to emerging markets was reduced during the year, although positioning nonetheless had an adverse influence on performance as a tactical overweight position in this asset class had been held. Exposure to European and Japanese equities also detracted from performance; again, even as investment was reduced during the year. Stock selection was additionally disappointing in Europe, further affecting performance.

Brexit-related uncertainties clouded the outlook for UK stocks for much of the year, although the domestic share market was able to add modest value. Improving valuations prompted the manager to add to existing holdings, although overall stock selection in UK shares hindered the fund's relative performance.

Fixed income had a much less significant influence on overall performance. Importantly, the fund's investments in bonds helped to preserve capital during periods of particular weakness in equity markets. Corporate bonds in the UK were unable to keep pace with gilts, primarily reflecting concerns that slowing economic conditions could erode corporate profitability. The fund's exposure to corporate bonds was lowered during the year, with some of the proceeds being reinvested in domestic government bonds.

#### Outlook

We expect the pace of global growth to moderate in 2019, although believe it will remain above trend. We also expect that major central banks will tighten policy settings, but perhaps by less than initially expected last year. As a result, growth assets continue to be favoured and overweight exposure to equities is maintained. The US and Japan are currently the most favoured markets, although above-benchmark exposures to the UK and emerging markets are also held.

The fund has more limited exposure to defensive assets and overall exposure to bond markets is below that of the peer group. An underweight position in corporate bonds is held following recent sales. The remainder of the exposure within fixed income is in government bond markets, both within the UK and overseas. Of the two, the prospects for international bonds appear slightly more favourable than for gilts and the fund is positioned accordingly. We will continue to monitor valuations in all areas of the market, amending portfolio positioning as and when opportunities are identified and where relative value emerges.

\*Fund performance figures – source Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, net of fees, net income reinvested

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# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Balanced Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017
	pence	pence	pence
Income Shares	per share	per share	per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	335.40	321.36	275.38
Return before operating charges*	(2.85)	22.06	53.91
Operating charges	(5.18)	(5.23)	(4.67)
Return after operating charges	(8.03)	16.83	49.24
Distributions	(4.10)	(2.79)	(3.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	323.27	335.40	321.36
*After direct transaction costs of	(0.42)	(0.11)	(0.17)
Performance <sup>†</sup>			
Return after charges	(2.39)%	5.24%	17.88%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	9,133,734	10,313,245	10,621,115
Closing number of shares	2,825,443	3,074,932	3,305,009
Operating charges**	1.56%	1.56%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices	100 Texas		72
Highest share price	349.3	348.9	322.7
Lowest share price	307.3	321.0	276.5

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

†Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

#### Comparative table

(continued)

For the year ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017
	pence	pence	pence
Accumulation Shares	per share	per share	per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	430.11	408.73	346.59
Return before operating charges*	(3.89)	28.06	68.04
Operating charges	(6.63)	(6.68)	(5.90)
Return after operating charges	(10.52)	21.38	62.14
Distributions	(5.28)	(3.55)	(4.12)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.28	3.55	4.12
Closing net asset value per share	419.59	430.11	408.73
*After direct transaction costs of	(0.54)	(0.14)	(0.21)
Performance <sup>†</sup>			
Return after charges	(2.45)%	5.23%	17.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	450,173,227	503,641,087	508,637,871
Closing number of shares	107,289,987	117,096,723	124,443,708
Operating charges**	1.56%	1.56%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.03%	0.06%
Prices	41544670		
Highest share price	448.0	447.4	409.2
Lowest share price	397.6	408.2	348.0

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

†Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

# Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator Lower risk Higher risk Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the piotential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

#### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
UK Government Bonds† - 0.75% (0.97%)			
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/1/2045	£608,000	819,414	0.18
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/3/2036	£787,000	1,088,421	0.24
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	£500,000	763,435	0.17
UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	£350,000	528,377	0.11
UK Treasury 6% 07/12/2028	£160,000	229,906	0.05
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds - 6.76% (7.64%)			
AA Bond 2.75% 31/7/2043	£845,000	751,391	0.16
ABN AMRO 1% 16/4/2025	£400,000	397,088	0.09
America Movil 4.375% 07/8/2041	£220,000	261,140	0.06
America Movil 6.375% FRN 06/9/2073	£455,000	479,752	0.10
Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 25/5/2037	£250,000	229,755	0.05
Annington Funding 2.646% 12/7/2025	£126,000	123,786	0.03
Annington Funding 3.935% 12/7/2047	£400,000	402,068	0.09
AT&T 7% 30/4/2040	£500,000	709,822	0.15
AXA 6.6862% Perpetual	£750,000	855,952	0.19
Bank of America 7% 31/7/2028	£500,000	680,021	0.15
Barclays 3.25% 12/2/2027	£500,000	489,915	0.11
Barclays 4.25% 12/1/2022	£400,000	431,011	0.09
Barclays Bank 10% 21/5/2021	£475,000	546,645	0.12
Barclays Bank 14% Perpetual	£400,000	413,372	0.09
8AT International Finance 2.25% 09/9/2052	£224,000	147,650	0.03
BAT International Finance 4% 04/9/2026	£200,000	210,512	0.05
Broadgate Financing 4.999% 05/10/2033	£400,000	475,148	0.10
Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 22/10/2033	£387,696	479,377	0.10
Citigroup 2.75% 24/1/2024	£192,000	195,578	0.04
Citigroup 5.875% 01/7/2024	£547,000	634,153	0.14
Credit Suisse 2.125% 12/9/2025	£500,000	479,840	0.10
Deutsche Telekom International Finance 3.125% 06/2/2034	£112,000	110,962	0.02
DS Smith 2.875% 26/7/2029	£400.000	382,004	0.08
E.ON International Finance 6.75% 27/1/2039	£200,000	296,496	0.06
Électricité de France 5.125% 22/9/2050	£300,000	383,901	0.08
Électricité de France 5.5% 17/10/2041	£200,000	261,618	0.06
ELM 6.3024% FRN Perpetual	£700,000	704,543	0.15
Enel 6.625% FRN 15/9/2076	£300,000	318,069	0.07
European Investment Bank 5.375% 07/6/2021	£1,500,000	1,641,810	0.36
European Investment Bank 5.625% 07/6/2032	£560,000	805,630	0.18
Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	£300,000	378,241	0.08
Gatwick Funding 2.625% 07/10/2048	£497,000	435,700	0.10
GE Capital Funding 8% 14/1/2039	£200,000	298,267	0.07
GE Capital VK Funding 5.875% 18/1/2033	£100,000	121,297	0.03
Goldman Sachs 3.125% 25/7/2029	£394,000	395,273	0.09
Grainger 3.375% 24/4/2028	£310,000	307,362	0.03
Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 05/4/2031	£352,000	431,960	0.07
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Greene King Finance 4.0643% 15/3/2035			
Heathrow Funding 7.125% 14/2/2024	£400,000	480,679	0.11
HSBC 5,875% Perpetual	£396,000	398,732	0.09
HSBC 6.75% 11/9/2028	£450,000	569,802	0.12

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investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Imperial Brands Finance 8.125% 15/3/2024	£386,000	479,116	0.10
Imperial Brands Finance 9% 17/2/2022	£510,000	604,576	0.13
Investec Bank 4.25% 24/7/2028	£400,000	389,120	0.09
JT International Financial Services 2.75% 28/9/2033	£183,000	179,417	0.04
Juturna Euro Loan 5.0636% 10/8/2033	£378,199	454,107	0.10
KfW 5.75% 07/6/2032	£500,000	734,185	0.16
Lloyds Bank 5.125% 07/3/2025	£400,000	475,944	0.10
Lloyds Bank 9.625% 06/4/2023	£700,000	884,422	0.19
Lloyds Banking 2.25% 16/10/2024	£495,000	482,308	0.11
Marstons Issuer 5.1576% FRN 15/10/2027	£700,000	632,063	0.14
NGG Finance 5.625% 18/6/2073	£248,000	264,542	0.06
Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 31/1/2029	£199,000	197,971	0.04
Orange 5.375% 22/11/2050	£200,000	273,321	0.06
Prudential 5.625% 20/10/2051	£260,000	269,435	0.06
Prudential 5.7% FRN 19/12/2063	£376,000	430,464	0.09
Santander UK 5,125% 14/4/2021	£674,000	725,855	0.16
Segro 2.375% 11/10/2029	£500,000	481,660	0.11
SNCF Réseau 5.25% 07/12/2028	£800,000	1,030,666	0.22
Southern Gas Network 6,375% 15/5/2040	£365,000	539,973	0.12
Telefónica Emisiones 5.445% 08/10/2029	£450,000	543,086	0.12
Tesco Property Finance 4 5.8006% 13/10/2040	£390,900	462,900	0.10
Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance 2.875% 03/5/2027	£300,000	287,865	0.06
Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance 7.738% 09/4/2058	£158,000	285,143	0.06
Time Warner Cable 5.25% 15/7/2042	£100,000	110,635	0.02
Unite Usaf II 3,921% 30/6/2030	£320,000	349,010	0.08
Verizon Communications 3.375% 27/10/2036	£331,000	337,464	0.07
Verizon Communications 4,073% 18/6/2024	£200,000	221,584	0.09
Volkswagen international Finance 4.125% 17/11/2031	£100,000	102,439	0.02
Western Power Distribution 5.75% 16/4/2032	£400,000	517,874	0.11
Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds - 0.10% (0.51%)			
JPMorgan Chase 4.25% 15/10/2020	USD600,000	459,367	0.10
Non Equity Investment Instruments - 8.31% (9.53%)			
Aviva Investors Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund	28,995	32,215,363	7.02
Aviva Investors UK Gilts MoM 1 Fund	4,867,270	5,902,539	1.29
United Kingdom Equities - 29.17% (25.24%)			
Airlines - 0.14% (0.24%)			
easyJet	52,744	656,135	0.14
Banks - 0.74% (1.54%)			
Barclays	379,575	624,325	0.14
HSBC (UK Regd.)	382,072	2,345,922	0.51
Standard Chartered	69,003	414,225	0.09

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Biotechnology - 0.19% (0.67%)			
Abcam	17,538	221,856	0.05
BTG	53,636	446,252	0.10
Circassia Pharmaceuticals	10,012	3,319	0.00
Faron Pharmaceuticals	30,420	18,860	0.00
Horizon Discovery	84,680	123,209	0.03
ReNeuron	3,354	1,778	0.00
Silence Therapeutics	76,629	39,081	0.01
Verona Pharma	40,889	21,262	0.00
Broadcasting & Entertainment - 0.11% (0.34%)			
ITV	410,845	525,060	0.11
Broadline Retallers - 0.21% (0.42%)			
B&M European Value Retail	276,557	970,162	0.21
Building Materials & Fixtures - 0.30% (0.52%)			
Breedon	446,763	293,077	0.06
Melrose Industries	627,807	1,088,303	0.24
Business Support Services - 0.80% (1.69%)			
Ashtead	88,703	1,751,884	0.38
G4S	57,557	118,855	0.03
Rentokil Initial	413,206	1,431,759	0.31
Sanne	76,369	394,064	0.08
Clothing & Accessories - 0.08% (0.23%)	20.070	378,881	0.08
Ted Baker	20,979	370,001	0.08
Containers & Packaging - 0.53% (1.01%)	502.452	2.025.421	0.44
DS Smith	603,163	2,025,421	0.44
RPC	49,182	390,210	0.09
Electrical Components & Equipment - 0.08% (0.14%)	23,427	362,181	0.08
Halma	23,427	302,161	0.08
Equity Investment Instruments - 16.00% (0.98%)	34,697,498	69,287,434	15.08
Aviva Investors Investment Funds ICVC - Aviva Investors UK Equity Income Fund		4,095,161	0.89
Aviva Investors UK Smaller Companies Fund	692,803 32,285	117,840	0.03
Electra Investment Trust	32,203	117,040	0.03
Exploration & Production - 0.09% (0.29%)		425.057	
Cairn Energy	213,268	435,067	0.09
Fixed Line Telecommunications - 0.13% (0.17%)			
ВТ	268,843	577,609	0.13
Personal Products - 0.33% (0.64%)			
Unilever	38,341	1,529,231	0.33
Gambling - 0.02% (0.04%)			
Sportech	258,461	86,843	0.02
Health - 0.18% (0.41%)			
Smith & Nephew	57,836	822,717	0.18
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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Home Improvement Retailers - 0.28% (0.42%)	15174111	dring wa	
Countryside Properties	397,268	1,276,025	0.28
Investment Services - 0.70% (1.18%)			
Haversham Holdings	611,036	1,222,072	0.27
London Stock Exchange	38,584	1,748,241	0.38
Numis	92,445	230,188	0.05
Life Assurance - 0.49% (0.86%)			
Prudential	142,604	2,251,717	0.49
Life Insurance - 0.33% (0.49%)			
Aviva	217,839	916,667	0.20
St. James's Place Capital	61,517	591,917	0.13
Media Agencies - 0.48% (0.49%)			
Huntsworth	243,291	235,992	0.05
Informa	84,258	591,828	0.13
Moneysupermarket.com	199,140	678,868	0.15
Next Fifteen Communications	126,234	704,386	0.15
Medical Supplies - 0.07% (0.15%)			
Advanced Medical Solutions	104,168	312,504	0.07
Mining - 0.79% (1.28%)			
Rio Tinto	83,348	3,605,634	0.79
Multiutilities - 0.06% (0.18%)			
National Grid	32,929	278,612	0.06
Mobile Telecommunications - 0.27% (0.68%)			
Vodafone	922,611	1,251,614	0.27
Nondurable Household Products - 0.19% (0.40%)			
Reckitt Benckiser	15,386	889,311	0.19
Oil & Gas - 1.88% (2.75%)			
ВР	598,018	3,185,044	0.69
Lansdowne Oil & Gas	160,724	3,777	0.00
Royal Dutch Shell 'B' (UK Regd.)	202,471	4,812,736	1.05
Technip	36,927	618,910	0.14
Pharmaceuticals - 0.71% (1.28%)			
AstraZeneca	36,363	2,234,143	0.49
Dechra Pharmaceuticals	24,817	601,068	0.13
Oncimmune	49,839	51,334	0.01
Oxford Biomedica	56,966	346,353	0.08
Redx Pharma	222,163	14,441	0.00
Publishing - 0.39% (0.62%)			
RELX	104,605	1,802,344	0.39

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Real Estate - 0.72% (1.01%)			
Big Yellow	26,439	254,211	0.06
Helical Bar	133,276	453,805	0.10
PRS REIT	819,718	827,915	0.18
St. Modwen Properties	115,394	464,807	0.10
Tritax Big Box Reit	791,568	1,124,027	0.24
Tritax EuroBox	190,326	177,574	0.04
Recreational Services - 0.17% (0.33%)			
Cineworld	281,010	784,018	0.17
Restaurants & Bars - 0.36% (0.56%)			
Compass	99,743	1,663,215	0.36
Software - 0.34% (0.61%)			
Sage	240,543	1,579,886	0.34
Speciality Chemicals - 0.06% (0.00%)			
Linde	1,950	255,788	0.06
Speciality Finance - 0.34% (0.80%)			
Intermediate Capital	57,926	600,113	0.13
Sherborne Investors B	1,779,007	160,111	0.03
Sherborne Investors C	1,380,043	814,225	0.18
Speciality Retailers - 0.00% (0.19%)			
Tobacco - 0.40% (1.06%)			
British American Tobacco	67,011	1,842,802	0.40
Transportation - 0.11% (0.33%)			
BBA Aviation	203,668	492,877	0.11
Travel & Tourism - 0.10% (0.24%)			
Merlin Entertainments	119,910	437,192	0.10
Overseas Equities - 51.34% (55.98%)			
Australia - 0.79% (0.97%)			
Amcor	21,806	176,063	0.04
Aristocrat Leisure	13,174	174,121	0.04
ВНР	65,694	1,152,404	0.25
BHP Billiton	28,224	564,101	0.12
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	6,181	245,349	0.05
CSL	2,362	245,691	0.05
Macquarie	4,673	322,362	0.07
Rio Tinto	5,735	296,056	0.07
Sonic Healthcare	11,790	152,601	0.03
Westpac Banking	21,409	309,398	0.07
Belgium - 0.25% (0.45%)			
Anheuser-Busch InBev	19,667	1,169,640	0.25

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
British Virgin Islands - 0.00% (0.00%)			
Capri	478	16,327	0.00
Canada - 0.75% (0.68%)			
Agnico Eagle Mines	810	25,723	0.01
Alimentation Cuche-Tard 'B'	1,522	65,181	0.01
Bank of Montreal	2,285	134,297	0.03
Bank of Nova Scotia	4,364	181,260	0.04
Barrick Gold	6,220	58,335	0.01
Bausch Health Cos	1,219	21,981	0.01
BCE	1,136	37,899	0.01
BlackBerry	1,711	11,151	0.00
Brookfield Asset Management 'A'	2,995	100,945	0.02
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1,572	102,968	0.02
Canadian National Railway	2,602	168,681	0.04
Canadian Natural Resources	4,277	91,804	0.02
Canadian Pacific Railway	512	80,213	0.02
Canadian Tire 'A' (non-voting)	197	16,405	0.00
Canadian Utilities 'A'	460	8,951	0.00
Cenovus Energy	3,346	22,972	0.01
CGI	902	45,595	0.01
CI Financial	830	8,775	0.00
Constellation Software	68	43,166	0.01
Dollarama	1,105	22,891	0.01
Enbridge	7,056	197,478	0.04
Encana	5,127	26,473	0.01
Fairfax Financial	97	36,176	0.01
Fortis	1,566	42,057	0.01
Franco Nevada	639	35,899	0.01
George Weston	249	13,198	0.00
Goldcorp	2,924	23,248	0.01
Great-West Lifeco	1,086	18,993	0.00
Husky Energy	1,398	11,794	0.00
Hydro One	1,093	12,710	0.00
IGM Financial	310	6,043	0.00
Imperial Oil	835	17,074	0.00
Intact Financial	455	28,210	0.01
Inter Pipeline	1,261	15,226	0.00
Loblaw	698	26,165	0.01
Magna International 'A"	1,102	43,777	0.01
Manulife Financial	7,061	90,541	0.02
Metro 'A'	806	22,792	0.01
National Bank of Canada	1,237	43,742	0.01
Nutrien	2,203	91,855	0.02
Pembina Pipeline	1,695	46,480	0.01
Power Corporation of Canada	1,314	20,977	0.01
Power Financial	851	14,125	0.00
Restaurant Brands International	878	41,177	0.01
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	1,036	14,841	0.00
Rogers Communications 'B'	1,236	51,246	0.03

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Canada (continued)			
Royal Bank of Canada	5,113	301,325	0.07
Saputo	750	18,270	0.00
Shaw Communications '8'	1,542	23,780	0.01
Shopify	346	49,209	0.01
SNC-Lavalin	741	15,575	0.00
Sun Life Financial	2,185	63,760	0.01
Suncor Energy	5,786	150,367	0.03
Teck Resources 'B'	1,742	29,899	0.01
TELUS	668	18,272	0.00
Thomson Reuters	669	27,015	0.01
Toronto-Dominion Bank	6,530	288,121	0.06
Tourmaline Oil	785	9,393	0.00
TransCanada	3,211	107,877	0.02
Turquoise Hill Resources	2,644	3,594	0.00
Waste Connections	939	58,519	0.01
Wheaton Precious Metals	1,555	25,588	0.01
China - 0.08% (0.00%)			
Alibaba ADS	2,800	388,607	0.08
Denmark - 0.00% (0.47%)			
Finland - 0.13% (0.00%)			
Nordea Bank Abp	90,650	618,077	0.13
France - 6.09% (5.80%)		0.037.436	
Air Liquide	24,814	2,337,126	0,51
Amplitude Surgical	43,531	115,435	0.03
Amundi	33,176	1,663,854	0.36
AXA	141,253	2,686,262	0.58
BNP Paribas	52,817	2,031,092	0.44
Essilor International	20,724	1,884,323	0.41
Iliad	3,816	300,630	0.07
LVMH Moet Hennessy	11,163	2,889,782	0.63
Orange	148,775	1,712,141	0.37
Pernod Ricard	19,218	2,478,013	0.54
Publicis	25,737	1,077,851	0.23
Schneider Electric	44,594	2,597,761	0.57
SPIE	53,897	646,625	0.14
Thales	21,087	1,949,903	0.42
Total Worldline	46,778 37,996	2,001,187 1,615,380	0.44 0.39
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Germany - 2.71% (2.91%)	29,718	1,773,771	0.39
Bayer (Regd.)		1,773,771	0.3
Continental	10,073 11,011	473,230	0.2
Covestro	11,011	473,230	0.10
Curetis	20,902	24,754	0.03

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(continued)		Market	Total Net
Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
Germany (continued)			
Fresenius	36,786	1,537,735	0.34
Knorr-Bremse	25,727	1,946,884	0.42
MediGene	25,523	204,031	0,04
Probiodrug	15,839	20,389	0.01
SAP	45,185	3,642,332	0.79
Siemens Healthineers	5,014	152,604	0.03
Hong Kong - 1.46% (1.03%)			
AIA	62,689	470,960	0.10
Anhui Conch Cement 'H'	29,073	125,007	0.03
Bank of China 'H'	380,506	133,001	0.03
BOC Aviation	35,400	229,844	0.05
China Construction Bank 'H	584,175	389,920	0.08
China Gas	59,078	145,681	0.03
China Medical System	104,000	82,265	0.02
China Mobile	54,007	427,199	0.09
China Petroleum & Chemical	314,909	204,463	0.04
China Resources Land	42,702	119,816	0.03
China Telecom	430,000	175,008	0.04
China Vanke	37,300	106,266	0.02
CK Asset Holdings	32,000	199,494	0.04
CK Hutchison	23,491	187,727	0.04
CNOOC	162,625	210,866	0.05
Fosun International	92,500	114,447	0.03
Fuyao Glass Industry	50,400	135,383	0.03
Hang Seng Bank	17,808	331,009	0.07
Hengan International	22,714	138,015	0.03
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China 'H'	689,998	398,442	0.09
Jiangsu Expressway	90,000	93,254	0.02
Link REIT	57,040	484,783	0.11
NW\$	69,958	127,155	0.03
PICC Property and Casualty	196,000	176,435	0.04
Ping An Insurance	55,874	442,234	0.10
Sands China	51,241	192,110	0.04
Tencent	19,100	614,206	0.13
Yue Yuen Industrial	39,000	98,411	0.02
Zhejiang Expressway 'H'	170,000	133,331	0.03
India - 0.43% (0.34%)			
Infosys ADR	40,506	325,802	0.07
Lyxor Exchange Traded Funding MSCI India	121,253	1,639,114	0.36
Indonesia - 0.13% (0.09%)			
Astra	363,400	138,843	0.03
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	820,500	168,800	0.04
Telekomunikasi Indonesia 'B'	1,365,505	280,923	0.00

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Ireland - 0.82% (1.23%)			
Kerry 'A'	24,052	1,871,112	0.41
Malin	49,982	223,048	0.05
Ryanair	157,398	1,666,845	0.36
Italy - 1.08% (1.24%)			
Anima	372,399	1,195,895	0.26
Cerved Information Solutions	94,875	660,319	0.14
Intesa Sanpaolo	920,689	1,719,699	0.37
Pirelli & C SpA	277,893	1,400,853	0.31
Japan - 5.24% (5.56%)			
77th Bank	700	8,477	0.00
ABC-Mart	300	12,966	0.00
Acom	3,500	9,024	0.00
Advantest	1,700	30,288	0.01
AEON	5,900	93,830	0.02
AEON Financial Service	1,100	16,329	0.00
AEON Mall	1,170	14,416	0.00
AGC	1,500	39,182	0.01
Aica Kogyo	500	13,094	0.00
Aiful	2,700	5,477	0.00
Ain Pharmaciez	200	10,367	0.00
Air Water	1,400	16,869	0.00
Aisin Seiki	1,500	44,168	0.03
Ajinomoto	4,400	50,212	0.03
Alfresa	1,300	28,401	0.0
Alps Electric	1,700	25,190	0.03
Amada	3,100	24,629	0.03
ANA	1,000	27,994	0.03
Aoyama Trading	400	7,406	0.00
Aozora	1,000	21,745	0.03
Ariake Japan	200	7,952	0.00
Asahi Breweries	3,200	104,256	0.02
Asahi Intecc	900	32,607	0.03
Asahi Kasei	11,100	91,313	0.02
ASICS	1,700	17,059	0.00
ASKUL	200	3,466	0.00
Astellas Pharma	16,900	196,816	0.04
Autobacs Seven	500	6,354	0.00
Awa Bank	300	5,886	0.00
Azbīl	1,200	20,012	0.0
Bank of Kyoto	600	20,252	0.0
Benefit One	400	5,897	0.00
Benesse	600	12,314	0.00
Bic Camera	1,200	10,283	0.00
Bridgestone	5,300	157,859	0.0
Brother Industries	2,000	27,600	0.0
Calbee	700	14,628	0.00
Canon	9,100	197,447	0.04

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
Japan (continued)			1100
Canon Marketing Japan	400	5,675	0.00
Capcom	800	12,115	0.00
Casio Computer	1,900	19,465	0.01
Central Japan Railway	1,500	253,815	0.06
Century Tokyo Leasing	400	13,434	0.00
Chiba Bank	5,600	25,646	0.01
Chubu Electric Power	6,200	73,614	0.02
Chugai Pharmaceutical	1,900	97,326	0.02
Chugoku Bank	1,600	11,311	0.00
Chugoku Electric Power	2,500	24,544	0.03
Citizen	2,800	12,025	0.00
Coca-Cola West Japan	1,450	28,175	0.01
Comsys	1,000	20,171	0.03
Concordia Financial	10,300	31,447	0.03
Cosmo Energy	300	4,767	0.00
Cosmos Pharmaceutical	100	13,834	0.00
Credit Saison	1,500	16,416	0.00
CyberAgent	800	18,780	0.0
Dai Nippon Printing	2,600	45,371	0.03
Daicel	2,500	19,862	0.03
Daido Steel	300	9,566	0.00
Daifuku	900	33,279	0.03
Dai-ichi Life	9,900	113,179	0.0
Dalichi Sankyo	5,500	155,010	0.03
Daiichikosho	400	14,899	0.00
Daikin	2,300	188,428	0.04
Dainippon Ink & Chemicals	700	16,789	0.00
Daishi Hokuetsu Financial	400	9,336	0.00
Daito Trust Construction	600	62,792	0.0
Daiwa House	5,600	130,814	0.03
Daiwa Securities	13,600	52,143	0.0
Dena	700	8,140	0.0
Denka	800	18,183	0.0
Denso	3,900	126,348	0.03
Dentsu	1,800	56,666	0.0
Disco	200	20,802	0.0
DMG Mori Seiki	900	8,799	0.00
Don Quijote	1,000	44,915	0.0
Dowa Mining	400	9,838	0.0
East Japan Railway	3,200	231,114	0.0
Ebara	900	19,235	0.0
Eisai	2,300	143,283	0.0
Electric Power Development	1,500	28,282	0.0
Exedy	300	5,402	0.0
Ezaki Glico	500	19,133	0.0
FamilyMart	1,904	41,015	0.0
Fancl	600	10,271	0.0
Fanuc	1,700	212,341	0.0

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	7.00	Market	Total Net
Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Fast Retailing	500	176,436	0.04
FP	300	13,820	0.00
Fuji Electric	1,100	26,084	0.01
Fuji Media	400	4,421	0.00
Fuji Oil	400	10,109	0.00
Fujifilm	3,200	108,295	0.02
Fujikura	2,600	8,291	0.00
Fujitsu	1,700	86,493	0.02
Fujitsu General	400	4,044	0.00
Fukuoka Financial	1,300	21,204	0.01
Fukuyama Transporting	300	9,393	0.00
Furukawa Electric	500	11,568	0.00
Fuyo General Lease	200	7,965	0.00
GLORY	500	9,231	0.00
GMO internet	500	6,259	0.00
GMO Payment Gateway	400	17,939	0.00
GREE	800	2,546	0.00
GS Yuasa	600	9,058	0.00
GungHo Online Entertainment	2,800	6,098	0.0
Gunma Bank	2,700	8,573	0.0
H.I.S.	300	8,671	0.0
H2O Retailing	800	8,261	0.00
Hachijuni Bank	3,700	11,598	0.0
Hakuhodo DY Holdings	2,200	25,464	0.0
Hamamatsu Photonics	1,100	29,218	0.0
Hankyu	2,000	54,752	0.0
Haseko	2,300	21,691	0.0
Heiwa	500	7,480	0.0
Hikari Tsushin	200	27,003	0.0
Hino Motors	2,500	17,335	0.0
Hirose Electric	315	24,471	0.0
Hiroshima Bank	2,800	11,759	0.0
Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical	700	26,074	0.0
Hitachi	8,100	183,168	0.0
Hitachi Capital	400	7,154	0.0
Hitachi Chemical	900	12,341	0.0
Hitachi Construction Machinery	1,000	18,828	0.0
Hitachi High-Technologies	600	17,220	0.0
Hitachi Metals	1,900	14,593	0.0
Hitachi Transport System	200	4,505	0.0
Hokkaido Electric Power	1,700	8,178	0.0
Hokuhoku Financial	1,000	8,264	0.0
Hokuriku Electric Power	1,600	10,258	0.0
Honda Motor	15,300	326,781	0.0
Horiba	300	11,459	0.0
Hoshizaki Electric	400	20,408	0.0
House Foods	600	18,135	0.0
Hoya	3,200	147,418	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Hulic	3,100	21,474	0.01
Ibiden	1,000	10,713	0.00
Ichigo	1,800	4,592	0.00
ldemitsu Kosan	1,300	34,795	0.01
IHI	1,000	19,913	0.01
lida	1,300	17,931	0.00
Inpex	8,100	59,435	0.01
Isetan Mitsukoshi	3,100	23,241	0.01
Isuzu Motors	4,500	48,575	0.01
IT Holdings	700	24,601	0.01
Ito En	500	17,030	0.00
посни	12,300	166,695	0.04
Itochu Techno-Solutions	800	14,215	0.00
Itoham Yonekyu	1,200	5,455	0.00
iyo Bank	2,300	9,566	0.00
Izumi	400	13,705	0.00
J Front Retailing	2,100	17,539	0.00
JAFCO	300	7,938	0.00
Japan Airlines	1,000	27,573	0.03
Japan Airport Terminal	400	11,968	0.00
Japan Exchange	4,800	63,896	0.01
Japan Petroleum Exploration	300	4,718	0.00
Japan Post	11,500	105,644	0.02
Japan Post Bank	3,600	30,360	0.03
Japan Post Insurance	600	10,250	0.0
Japan Steel Works	600	8,166	0.00
Japan Tobacco	10,400	199,758	0.04
JFE	4,600	60,531	0.0
JGC	2,000	21,955	0.03
JSR	1,600	20,028	0.01
JTEKT	2,100	19,634	0.03
JX	28,250	99,725	0.0
Kagome	700	13,569	0.00
Kajima	4,000	44,643	0.0
Kakaku.com	1,100	15,971	0.00
Kaken Pharmaceutical	300	10,930	0.00
Kamigumi	900	15,754	0.00
Kandenko	1,000	6,751	0.00
Kaneka	500	14,757	0.00
Kansai Electric Power	6,500	73,317	0.03
Kansai Mirai Financial	1,500	8,376	0.00
Kansai Paint	1,500	20,812	0.0
Kao	4,100	234,166	0.05
Kawasaki Heavy Industries	1,200	23,277	0.0
Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha	800	8,522	0.00
KDDI	15,600	284,237	0.00
Keihan Electric Railway	900	28,119	0,0
Keikyu	2,200	27,539	0,1

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
Japan (continued)			
Keio	1,100	48,734	0.01
Keisei Electric Railway	1,200	30,897	0.01
Keiyo Bank	1,000	4,688	0.00
Kewpie	1,000	17,240	0.00
Keyence	800	352,370	0.08
Kikkoman	1,600	59,922	0.01
Kinden	1,100	13,471	0.00
Kintetsu	1,600	54,386	0.03
Kirin	7,000	118,020	0.03
Kissei Pharmaceutical	300	6,208	0.00
Kobayashi Pharmaceutical	600	36,475	0.03
Kobe Steel	2,400	14,329	0.00
Koei Tecmo	200	2,706	0.00
Koito Manufacturing	1,000	43,558	0.0
Kokuyo	700	7,789	0.00
Komatsu	8,100	150,002	0.03
Komeri	200	3,808	0.00
Konami	900	27,967	0.0
Konica Minolta	4,000	29,283	0.0
Kose	200	24,411	0.0
K's	1,600	11,094	0.0
Kubota	9,900	100,853	0.03
Kuraray	3,100	31,381	0.0
Kurita Water Industries	1,000	19,017	0.0
Kusuri no Aoki	100	5,224	0.0
Kyocera	2,700	112,403	0.0
Kyorin	100	1,495	0.0
Kyoritsu Maintenance	200	7,165	0.0
KYOWA EXEO	900	18,319	0.0
Kyowa Hakko Kogyo	2,200	31,659	0.0
Kyudenko	400	10,313	0.0
Kyushu Electric Power	3,600	32,314	0.0
Kyushu Financial	3,610	11,046	0.0
Kyushu Railway	1,400	36,142	0.0
Lawson	400	18,292	0.0
Leopalace21	2,300	3,761	0.0
LINE	600	16,690	0.0
Lintec	200	3,422	0.0
Lion	2,200	34,032	0.0
LIXIL	2,200	22,509	0.0
M3	3,600	45,015	0.0
Mabuchi Motor	500	12,993	0.0
Maeda	1,200	9,591	0.0
Maeda Road Construction	700	10,353	0.0
Makita	2,000	53,463	0.0
Marubeni	13,100	70,588	0.0
Maruha Nichiro	300	7,551	0.0
Marui	1,800	23,875	0.0
Maruichi Steel Tube	500	11,347	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Matsui Securities	1,000	8,182	0.00
Matsumotokiyoshi	700	18,119	0.00
Mazda Motor	5,100	45,207	0.01
Mebuki Financial	9,600	19,540	0.01
MediPal	1,600	28,159	0.01
Megmilk Snow Brand	400	7,374	0.00
Meiji Holdings	1,100	65,750	0.01
Minebea Mitsumi	3,700	44,810	0.01
Miraca	500	10,109	0.00
Misumi	2,400	43,932	0.01
Mitsubishi	11,400	242,555	0.05
Mitsubishi Chemical	11,300	62,967	0.01
Mitsubishī Electric	17,100	161,671	0.04
Mitsubishi Estate	10,500	136,174	0.03
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical	1,300	15,003	0.00
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	2,500	76,803	0.02
Mitsubishi Logistics	400	7,610	0.00
Mitsubishi Materials	1,100	22,837	0.01
Mitsubishi Motors	5,400	22,862	0.01
Mitsubishi Shokuhin	100	1,963	0.00
Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma	1,700	18,500	0.01
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	110,900	433,621	0.09
Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance	4,000	15,361	0.00
Mitsui	14,700	174,387	0.04
Mitsul Chemicals	1,500	27,570	0.01
Mitsui Fudosan	8,400	150,258	0.03
Mitsui Mining & Smelting	500	9,153	0.00
Mitsui O.S.K Lines	900	15,907	0.00
Miura	900	15,565	0.00
Mizuho Financial	222,820	264,710	0.06
Mochida Pharmaceutical	200	16,093	0.00
Monotaro	1,000	17,762	0.00
Morinaga	300	10,147	0.00
Morinaga Milk Industry	400	9,661	0.00
MS&AD Insurance	4,402	99,664	0.02
Murata Manufacturing	1,700	199,595	0.04
Nabtesco	1,100	21,919	0.03
Nagase	1,000	11,113	0.00
Nagoya Railroad	1,700	35,236	0.03
Namco Bandai	1,700	54,556	0.03
Nankai Electric Railway	800	16,213	0.00
NEC	2,200	55,227	0.03
NEC Electronics	6,600	29,196	0.0
Nexon	3,600	43,110	0.03
NGK Insulators	2,300	26,435	0.03
NGK Spark Plug	1,700	27,266	0.03
NHK Spring	1,500	10,554	0.00
Nichirei	1,000	18,787	0.0
Nidec	2,036	185,932	0.04

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
Japan (continued)			
Nifco	800	15,350	0.00
Nihon Kohden	600	13,597	0.00
Nihon M&A Center	1,000	19,051	0.03
Nihon Unisys	600	11,822	0.00
Nikon	3,000	34,236	0.03
Nintendo	900	185,568	0.04
Nippo	500	7,341	0.00
Nippon Electric Glass	700	14,248	0.00
Nippon Express	600	26,664	0.0
Nippon Gas	500	13,145	0.00
Nippon Kayaku	1,500	13,759	0.0
Nippon Meat Packers	900	24,791	0.0
Nippon Paint	1,400	40,559	0.0
Nippon Paper Industries	800	12,033	0.0
Nippon Shinyaku	400	19,160	0.0
Nippon Shokubai	200	10,286	0.0
Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal	7,255	98,471	0.0
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	5,600	182,373	0.0
Nippon Television Network	400	4,744	0.0
Nippon Yusen KK	1,700	20,231	0.0
Nipro	1,100	10,941	0.0
Nishi-Nippon Financial	1,500	10,065	0.0
Nishi-Nippon Railroad	700	12,628	0.0
Nissan Chemical Industries	1,300	49,393	0.0
Nissan Motor	17,200	112,204	0.0
Nissan Shatai	700	4,711	0.0
Nisshin Seifun	2,270	36,717	0.0
Nisshinbo Industries	1,200	7,735	0.0
Nissin Food Products	600	31,427	0.0
Nitori	600	56,503	0.0
Nitto Denko	1,400	56,336	0.0
Noevir	300	10,910	0.0
NOF	600	15,591	0.0
NOK	900	10,930	0.0
Nomura	29,160	85,052	0.0
Nomura Real Estate	1,100	15,732	0.0
Nomura Research Institute	768	23,604	0.0
North Pacific Bank	2,400	4,983	0.0
NS Solutions	300	5,982	0.0
NSK	4,000	27,763	0.0
NTN	4,000	9,444	0.0
NTT Data	5,600	46,163	0.0
NTT DOCOMO	11,000	193,371	0.0
Obayashi	6,000	44,128	0.0
OBIC	600	43,232	0.0
Odakyu Electric Railway	2,700	47,555	0.0
	8,000	35,823	0.0
Oji Okuma	300	12,477	0.0
Okuma Olympus	2,500	83,452	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Omron	1,700	55,363	0.01
Ono Pharmaceutical	3,900	60,515	0.01
Open House	200	5,326	0.00
Oracle Japan	300	16,874	0.00
Orient	5,100	4,187	0.00
Oriental Land	1,600	132,600	0.03
Orix	11,200	122,342	0.03
Osaka Gas	3,200	49,479	0.01
OSG	700	10,420	0.00
Otsuka	900	24,425	0.01
Otsuka	3,700	116,304	0.03
Paltac	100	3,894	0.00
Panasonic	18,950	131,527	0.03
Park 24	1,000	18,108	0.00
Penta-Ocean Construction	2,500	9,499	0.00
PeptiDream	600	21,494	0.01
Persol	1,600	20,658	0.01
Pigeon	1,100	33,808	0.01
Pilot	200	6,907	0.00
Pola Orbis	800	16,935	0.00
Rakuten	7,000	41,556	0.01
Recruit	10,600	223,664	0.05
Relo	900	17,726	0.00
Rengo	2,000	13,108	0.00
Resona	19,400	66,246	0.01
Resorttrust	700	7,328	0.00
Ricoh	6,000	45,960	0.01
Rinnai	400	20,300	0.01
ROHM	800	38,157	0.01
Rohto Pharmaceutical	900	17,873	0.00
Ryohin Keikaku	300	53,755	0.03
San-In Godo Bank	1,400	7,637	0.00
Sankyo	600	16,650	0.00
Sankyu	600	22,145	0.03
Sanrio	500	8,020	0.00
Santen Pharmaceutical	3,200	37,582	0.03
Sanwa	2,100	18,365	0.03
Sapporo	600	9,884	0.00
Sawai Pharmaceutical	400	17,287	0.00
SBI Holdings	1,880	29,885	0.03
SCREEN	300	9,027	0.00
SCSK	400	13,203	0.00
Secom	1,700	110,842	0.0
Sega Sammy	1,700	14,936	0.00
Seibu	2,000	26,813	0.0
Seiko Epson	2,400	26,753	0.0
Seino	1,400	14,913	0.00
Sekisui Chemical	3,100	36,723	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)	(4° V)		
Sekisui House	5,200	58,936	0.01
Seven & I	6,700	222,378	0.05
Seven Bank	6,000	13,230	0.00
SG s	1,900	41,895	0.01
Sharp	1,300	11,484	0.00
Shiga Bank	400	7,070	0.00
Shikoku Electric Power	1,300	12,366	0.00
Shima Seiki Manufacturing	300	7,389	0.00
Shimachu	200	4,055	0.00
Shimadzu	2,300	42,773	0.01
Shimamura	100	6,384	0.00
Shimano	700	80,215	0.02
Shimizu	4,900	32,447	0.01
Shin-Etsu Chemical	3,600	226,126	0.05
Shinsei Bank	1,500	15,561	0.00
Shionogi	2,500	120,428	0.03
Shiseido	3,400	169,273	0.04
Shizuoka Bank	4,600	27,402	0.01
Shochiku	100	7,721	0.00
Showa Denko	1,300	36,471	0.01
Showa Shell Sekiyu	1,600	18,118	0.00
SKY Perfect JSAT	1,300	4,392	0.00
Skylark	2,000	23,095	0.01
SMC	500	131,318	0.03
Softbank	14,100	132,686	0.03
Softbank	7,500	522,337	0.11
Sohgo Security Services	600	19,581	0.01
Sojitz	11,100	30,802	0.01
Sompo Japan Nipponkoa	3,050	85,981	0.02
Sony	11,200	405,475	0.09
Sony Financial	1,500	21,412	0.01
Sotetsu Holdings	700	15,886	0.00
Square-Enix	700	15,554	0.00
Stanley Electric	1,300	28,136	0.01
Subaru	5,200	99,579	0.02
Sugi	300	9,831	0.00
SUMCO	2,200	21,076	0.01
Sumitomo	9,800	106,351	0.02
Sumitomo Bakelite	400	11,371	0.00
Sumitomo Chemical	13,400	50,094	0.01
Sumitomo Dainippon	1,500	27,916	0.01
Sumitomo Electric	6,700	70,323	0.02
Sumitomo Forestry	1,300	12,763	0.00
Sumitomo Heavy Industries	1,000	25,816	0.01
Sumitomo Metal Mining	2,100	46,491	0.01
Sumitomo Mitsul Financial	11,600	310,166	0.07
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	3,286	93,927	0.02
Sumitomo Osaka Cement	300	9,312	0.00

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Sumitomo Rubber Industries	1,900	18,421	0.01
Sundrug	600	13,861	0.00
Suntory Beverage & Food	1,100	36,607	0.01
Surruga Bank	1,800	6,546	0.00
Suzuken	700	28,876	0.01
Suzuki Motor	3,800	146,673	0.03
Sysmex	1,700	77,174	0.02
T&D	5,000	45,288	0.01
TADANO	1,100	8,657	0.00
Taiheiyo Cement	1,100	28,397	0.03
Taisei	1,700	60,553	0.0
Taisho Pharmaceutical	300	22,898	0.0:
Taiyo Nippon Sanso	1,300	13,856	0.00
Taiyo Yuden	1,000	14,845	0.00
Takara	1,600	13,645	0.00
Takara Bio	600	10,360	0.00
Takashimaya	900	8,946	0,00
Takeda Pharmaceutical	13,300	402,906	0.09
TDK	1,000	58,891	0.0
TechnoPro	300	12,233	0.0
Teijin	1,600	20,256	0.0
Terumo	2,800	129,257	0.0
THK	1,100	20,412	0.0
	1,800	37,920	0.0
Tobu Railway	2,000	9,580	0.0
Toda	1,000	26,969	0.0
Toho Gas	800	27,410	0.0
Tohoku Electric Power	4,200	41,575	0.0
	1,600	16,739	0.0
Tokai Carbon	500	6,907	0.0
Tokai Rika	2,000	6,527	0.0
Tokai Tokyo Financial			
Tokio Marine	5,800	213,520 7,572	0.0
Tokuyama	400 300	4,344	
Tokyo Broadcasting System			0.0
Tokyo Electric Power	13,900	65,449	0.0
Tokyo Electron	1,300	133,492	0.0
Tokyo Gas	3,800	78,970	0.0
Tokyo Tatemono	1,900	16,655	0.0
Tokyu	4,400	56,302	0,0
Tokyu Fudosan	5,100	21,246	0.0
Topcon	1,000	10,218	0,0
Toppan Forms	400	2,611	0,0
Toppan Printing	2,300	27,636	0,0
Toray	13,500	70,939	0.0
Toshiba	5,200	122,952	0.0
Toshiba Plant Systems & Services	200	2,737	0.0
Tosoh	2,500	27,817	0.0
Toto	1,300	37,089	0.0
Toyo Seikan Kaisha	1,300	20,745	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Japan (continued)			
Toyo Suisan Kaisha	800	22,389	0.01
Toyo Tire & Rubber	900	8,634	0.00
Toyobo	800	8,560	0.00
Toyoda Gosei	700	11,978	0.00
Toyota Boshoku	600	7,462	0.00
Toyota Industries	1,400	54,142	0.01
Toyota Motor	22,142	1,005,317	0.22
Toyota Tsushu	2,000	47,832	0.03
Trend Micro	1,100	40,898	0.03
TS Tech	400	8,793	0.00
Tsumura	600	14,268	0.00
Tsuruha Holdings	300	20,069	0.03
TV Asahi	200	2,765	0.00
UBE Industries	1,000	17,125	0.00
ULVAC	400	8,617	0.0
Unicharm	3,400	81,684	0.03
Ushio Electric	1,100	9,314	0.0
USS	1,500	20,609	0.0
Wacoal	500	9,461	0.00
Welcia	600	16,059	0.0
West Japan Railway	1,700	96,666	0.0
Yahoo Japan	20,900	42,115	0.0
Yakult Honsha	1,100	55,675	0.0
Yamada Denki	6,300	22,953	0.0
Yamaguchi Financial	2,000	14,085	0.0
Yamaha	1,400	51,862	0.0
Yamaha Motor	2,400	36,702	0.0
Yamato	3,000	58,945	0.0
Yamato Kogyo	300	6,249	0.0
Yamazaki Baking	1,000	12,925	0.0
Yaoko	200	7,992	0.0
Yaskawa Electric	2,300	49,311	0.0
Yokogawa Electric	2,100	30,490	0.0
Yokohama Rubber	1,000	15,367	0.0
Zenkoku Hosho	400	11,086	0.0
Zensho	600	10,527	0.0
Zeon	800	6,150	0.0
Zozo	1,500	21,290	0.0
Jersey - 0.08% (0.00%)			
Ferguson	7,277	372,291	0.0
Luxembourg - 3.80% (8.07%)			
Aviva Investors Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund GBP	12,030	16,637,320	3.6
Stabilus	18,966	826,024	0.1

Malaysia - 0.00% (0.03%)

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Netherlands - 2.59% (2.09%)	4		
ABN AMRO	97,161	1,761,030	0.38
Airbus	27,056	2,630,719	0.57
ASML	22,147	3,050,499	0.67
IMCD	21,015	1,238,086	0.27
Unilever	79,109	3,208,489	0.70
Philippines - 0.00% (0.02%)			
Russia - 0.00% (0.01%)			
Yandex 'A'	856	21,286	0.00
Singapore - 0.11% (0.11%)			
ComfortDelGro	132,500	176,588	0.04
DBS	22,305	308,959	0.07
South Korea - 0.46% (0.57%)			
Coway	2,028	127,954	0.03
Hyundai Motor	2,970	251,108	0.05
KB Financial	4,816	142,756	0.03
Korea Electric Power	5,751	133,955	0.03
KT&G	2,483	175,083	0.04
NCsoft	450	138,652	0.03
Samsung Electronics	28,528	859,927	0.19
Samsung Fire & Marine	909	183,174	0.04
Shinhan Financial	3,634	105,776	0.02
Spain - 1.91% (0.69%)			
Amadeus IT	27,738	1,596,795	0.35
Banco Santander (Regd.)	769,341	2,800,395	0.61
Bankinter	73,132	449,493	0.10
CaixaBank	691,191	1,851,876	0.40
Telefonica	318,949	2,073,134	0.45
Sweden - 0.03% (0.00%)	20.500	454.044	0.000
Epiroc AB	20,588	154,044	0.03
Switzerland - 0.98% (1.60%)	12 707	210 240	0.07
AMS	13,797 276	318,340 3,481	0.07
Garrett Motion	11,738	36,063	0.00
GeNeuro Newron Pharmaceuticals	27,910	182,694	0.04
Novartis (Regd.)	44,568	3,070,469	0.67
STMicroelectronics	70,959	882,991	0.19
Taiwan - 0.28% (0.54%)			
Catcher Technology	33,000	188,609	0.04
Powertech Technology	45,000	78,697	0.01
President Chain Store	22,000	171,145	0.04
Silicon Motion Technology ADR	2,471	78,571	0.02
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	135,861	791,434	0.17

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Ne Assets (%
Thailand - 0.07% (0.09%)	20.7		
Bangkok Bank (Bangkok Alien Market)	30,900	157,739	0.04
Siam Commercial Bank	44,500	142,244	0.0
United States of America - 14.05% (14.35%)			
21st Century Fox America 'A'	3,691	139,893	0.03
21st Century Fox America 'B'	1,740	65,556	0.0
3M	2,016	316,789	0.07
Abbott Laboratories	6,053	351,359	0.08
AbbVie	5,361	320,056	0.0
ABIOMED	158	39,928	0.03
Accenture	2,275	274,700	0.0
Activision Blizzard	2,663	83,655	0.03
Acuity Brands	135	13,307	0.0
Adient	319	4,813	0.0
Adobe Systems	1,739	343,669	0.0
Advance Auto Parts	243	28,918	0.0
Advanced Micro Devices	3,417	60,285	0.0
AerCap	421	14,535	0.0
AES	2,199	28,366	0.0
Affiliated Managers	177	14,657	0.0
Aflac	2,702	99,505	0.0
Agilent Technologies	1,147	68,468	0.0
AGNC Investment	1,771	23,364	0.0
AIG	3,149	102,876	0.0
Air Products & Chemicals	775	105,778	0.0
Akamai Technologies	570	29,685	0.0
Alaska Air	103	4,797	0.0
Albemarle	360	24,972	0.0
Alcoa	597	13,898	0.0
Alexandria Real Estate Equities	360	36,520	0.0
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	771	78,798	0.0
Align Technology	285	55,325	0.0
Alkermes	530	13,625	0.0
Alleghany	48	22,626	0.0
Allegion	316	21,478	0.0
Allergan	1,198	122,403	0.0
Alliance Data Systems	175	22,794	0.0
Alliant Energy	792	27,053	0.0
Allstate	1,247	88,095	0.0
	1,409	28,195	0.0
Ally Financial	305	19,465	0.0
Alphabet 'A'	1,057	892,050	0.0
Alphabet 'A'	1,037	903,561	0.1
Alphabet 'C'	6,698	263,378	0.2
Altria			
Amazon	1,438	1,773,681	0.3
Amdocs	480	20,159	0.0
Ameren	889	47,046	0.0
American Airlines	385	10,326	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United States of America (continued)			
American Express	2,335	188,548	0.04
American Tower	1,551	201,934	0.04
American Water Works	659	50,053	0.01
Ameriprise Financial	472	46,788	0.01
AmerisourceBergen	531	33,054	0.01
AMETEK	823	49,264	0.01
Amgen	2,255	324,477	0.07
Amphenol A'	1,058	74,902	0.02
Anadarko Petroleum	1,834	61,473	0.01
Analog Devices	1,305	103,906	0.02
Annaly Capital Management	4,761	36,039	0.01
Ansys	278	36,928	0.01
Antero Resources	766	5,171	0.00
Anthem	920	211,691	0.05
Aon 'A'	854	109,878	0.02
Apache	1,273	32,124	0.01
Apple	16,802	2,208,649	0.48
Applied Materials	3,516	102,522	0.02
Aptiv	952	59,605	0.01
Aramark	819	19,307	0.00
Arch Capital	1,290	31,389	0.01
Archer Daniels Midland	2,004	64,204	0.01
Arconic	1,441	20,169	0.00
Arista Networks	192	40,991	0.01
Arrow Electronics	267	16,091	0.00
Arthur J Gallagher	601	36,368	0.01
Ashland Global	221	12,988	0.00
Assurant	183	13,873	0.00
AT&T	25,716	600,420	0.13
Autodesk	780	96,317	0.02
Autoliv	301	18,837	0.00
Automatic Data Processing	1,558	179,130	0.04
AutoNation	153	3,993	0.00
AutoZone	89	61,010	0.01
AvalonBay Communities	493	71,984	0.02
Avangrid	175	6,375	0.00
Avery Dennison	296	23,982	0.01
Avnet	380	12,583	0.00
AXA Equitable	663	9,589	0.00
Axis Capital	256	11,017	0.00
Baker Hughes	1,723	34,530	0.03
Ball	1,148	47,894	0.0
Bank of America	32,363	718,394	0.16
Bank of New York Mellon	3,235	128,301	0.0
Baxter International	1,769	99,826	0.03
BB&T	2,722	104,456	0.0
Becton Dickinson	937	176,271	0.04
Berkshire Hathaway 'A'	2	455,906	0.10
Berkshire Hathaway 'B'	3,882	590,106	0.13
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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			
Best Buy	888	45,932	0.01
Biogen	712	175,985	0.04
BioMarin Pharmaceutical	648	45,676	0.01
BlackRock	429	142,541	0.03
Boeing	2,492	815,693	0.18
Booking	168	240,807	0.05
BorgWarner	726	22,577	0.0
Boston Properties	526	52,331	0.03
Boston Scientific	4,873	146,230	0.03
Brighthouse Financial	344	10,584	0.00
Bristol-Myers Squibb	5,785	221,563	0.09
Broadcom	1,457	297,347	0.06
Broadridge Financial Solutions	386	29,620	0.01
Brookfield Property Partners	548	8,008	0.00
Brown & Brown	773	17,049	0.00
Brown-Forman 'B'	1,022	37,690	0.03
Bunge	482	19,214	0.00
C.H. Robinson Worldwide	461	31,206	0.01
Cabot Oil & Gas	1,656	30,810	0.03
Cadence Design Systems	930	40,156	0.03
Campbell Soup	616	16,725	0.00
Capital One Financial	1,685	104,168	0.02
Cardinal Health	1,021	41,153	0.0
CarMax	674	30,546	0.03
Carnival	1,460	63,293	0.0
Caterpillar	2,027	212,650	0.09
CBOE	374	26,469	0.03
CBRE 'A'	1,187	44,364	0.0
CBS 'B'	1,200	44,751	0.0
CDK Global	449	19,711	0.00
CDW	499	35,597	0.0
Celanese 'A'	452	35,126	0.03
Celgene	2,482	169,764	0.04
Centene	1,456	67,716	0.03
CenterPoint Energy	1,819	42,580	0.03
CenturyLink	3,356	33,048	0.03
Cerner	1,141	48,863	0.03
CF Industries	777	25,314	0.0
Charles Schwab	4,249	148,745	0.03
Charter Communications	618	160,226	0.03
CheckPoint Software Technologies	396	36,602	0.0
Cheniere Energy	846	41,680	0.0
Chevron	6,739	608,349	0.13
Chipotle Mexican Grill	92	41,447	0.03
Chubb	1,622	162,212	0.04
Church & Dwight	898	44,377	0.0:
Cigna	1,318	179,049	0.04
Cimarex Energy	307	16,763	0.00
Cincinnati Financial	546	35,293	0.03
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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United States of America (continued)			
Cintas	294	45,301	0.01
Cisco Systems	16,043	622,159	0.14
CIT	393	15,137	0.00
Cingroup	8,643	418,344	0.09
Citizens Financial	1,739	48,420	0.01
Citrix Systems	460	36,429	0.01
Clorox	460	54,206	0.01
CME	1,251	169,138	0.04
CMS Energy	939	38,010	0.01
CNA Financial	141	4,562	0.00
Coca-Cola	13,532	457,136	0.10
Coca-Cola European Partners	613	21,593	0.00
Cognizant Technology	2,064	110,624	0.02
Colgate-Palmolive	3,014	149,193	0.03
Comcast 'A'	16,191	468,946	0.10
Comerica	571	37,690	0.01
Commerce Bancshares	330	15,591	0.00
ConAgra Foods	1,618	28,071	0.01
Concho Resources	703	58,854	0.01
ConocoPhillips	4,075	212,005	0.05
Consolidated Edison	1,111	68,182	0.01
Constellation Brands 'A'	561	71,341	0.02
Continental Resources	291	9,887	0.00
Cooper	184	39,684	0.01
Copart	778	34,201	0.01
Core Laboratories	138	6,784	0.00
Corning	2,846	74,193	0.02
CoStar	120	40,983	0.01
Costco Wholesale	1,546	253,382	0.06
Coty	1,552	12,880	0.00
Covetrus	204	5,748	0.00
Crown Castle International	1,464	130,201	0.03
CSX	2,841	155,173	0,03
Cummins	509	59,432	0.03
CVS Health	4,543	199,847	0.04
Danaher	2,186	207,689	0.05
Darden Restaurants	465	38,915	0.03
DaVita	432	18,487	0.00
Deere	1,145	140,812	0.03
Dell Technologies	529	22,360	0.03
Delta Air Lines	599	22,694	0.03
Dentsply Sirona	725	22,475	0.0
Devon Energy	1,680	37,722	0.03
Diamondback Energy	576	45,667	0.0
Digital Realty Trust	734	62,972	0.0
Discover Financial Services	1,231	65,922	0.0
Discovery Communications 'A'	527	11,346	0.00
Discovery Communications 1C'	1,194	24,243	0.0
DISH Network 'A'	756	18,163	0.00

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Ne Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			Ė
Disney (Walt)	5,274	446,960	0.1
Dollar General	950	84,388	0.0
Dollar Tree	832	59,897	0.0
Dominion Resources	2,641	147,525	0.0
Domino's Pizza	142	26,960	0.0
Dover	496	33,821	0.0
DowDuPont	8,120	334,005	0.0
DR Horton	1,166	35,095	0.0
DTE Energy	657	60,416	0.0
Duke Energy	2,522	169,239	0.0
Duke Realty	1,188	26,541	0.0
DXC Technology	1,019	51,260	0.0
E*TRADE Financial	867	32,117	0.0
Eastman Chemical	537	33,815	0.0
	1,549	93,885	0.0
Eaton	3,150	88,962	0.0
eBay Ecolab	901	114,090	0.0
Edison International	1,149	52,341	0.0
Edwards Lifesciences	742	94,034	0.0
Electronic Arts	1,012	74,437	0.0
	3,326	314,199	0.0
Eli Lilly	2,219	114,328	0.
Emerson Electric	650	45,172	0.
Entergy FOG Resources	2,045	146,085	0.
EOG Resources	883	12,140	0.
EQT	447	36,538	0.
Equifax	283	88,955	0.
Equinix	783	10,824	0.
Equitrans Midstream	1,280	70,557	0.
Equity Residential	236	49,634	0.
Essex Property Trust	766	90,425	0.
Estee Lauder 'A'	152	25,627	0.
Everest Re	902	37,611	0.
Evergy	1,134	59,372	0.
Eversource Energy	3,411	123,845	0.
Exelon	409	39,412	0.
Expedia	655	36,795	0.
Expeditors International of Washington	463	32,841	0.
Extra Space Storage	14,988	895,359	0.
Exxon Mobil	204	26,272	0.
F5 Networks			0.
Facebook	8,413	1,029,443	
Fastenal	958	45,743	0.
Federal Realty Investment Trust	243	24,311	0. 0.
FedEx	863	117,945	
Fidelity National Information Services	1,153	92,921	0.
Fifth Third Bancorp	2,421	50,611	0.
First Republic Bank	596	47,006	0.
FirstEnergy	1,737	53,156	0.
Fiserv	1,420	90,763	0

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nvestments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			
Fleetcor Technologies	315	54,852	0.01
Flextronics International	1,762	13,974	0.00
Flowserve	439	15,005	0.00
Fluor	447	12,903	0.00
FMC	447	30,114	0.03
FNF	883	23,119	0.03
Foot Locker	400	17,846	0.00
Ford Motor	13,865	91,509	0.0
Fortive	1,054	64,731	0.0
Fortune Brands Home & Security	473	17,127	0.00
Franklin Resources	1,043	25,685	0.0
Freeport McMoRan 'B'	5,318	52,568	0.0
Gap	689	13,135	0.0
Garmin	443	28,026	0.0
Gartner	295	31,895	0.0
General Electric	30,494	249,398	0.0
General Mills	2,127	75,276	0.0
General Motors	4,648	139,723	0.0
Gentex	897	13,695	0.0
Genuine Parts	490	40,193	0.0
Gilead Sciences	4,579	225,697	0.0
Global Payments	571	55,490	0.0
GoDaddy	545	31,189	0.0
Goldman Sachs	1,233	183,611	0.0
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	791	11,761	0.0
H&R Block	680	12,431	0.0
Halliburton	3,137	73,667	0.0
Hanesbrands	1,195	16,861	0.0
Harley-Davidson	546	15,321	0.0
Harris	428	52,140	0.0
Hartford Financial Services	1,307	48,191	0.0
Hasbro	387	24,573	0.0
HCA	965	100,671	0.0
НСР	1,750	40,478	0.0
Helmerich & Payne	360	14,654	0.0
Henry Schein	511	22,433	0.0
Herbalife	371	15,768	0.0
Hershey Foods	516	42,496	0.0
Hess	883	38,584	0.0
Hewlett Packard Enterprise	5,047	63,358	0.0
Hilton Worldwide	996	62,502	0.0
Hollyfrontier	555	22,095	0.0
Hologic	931	32,858	0.0
Home Depot	4,078	562,882	0.1
Honeywell International	2,637	306,457	0.0
Hornel Foods	916	29,546	0.0
Hospitality Properties	557	11,263	0.0
Host Hotels & Resorts	2,689	39,396	0.0
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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United States of America (continued)			
Humana	487	105,373	0.02
Huntington Bancshares	3,579	38,661	0.01
Huntington Ingalls Industries	144	22,753	0.01
IAC	249	39,913	0.01
IBM	3,250	340,000	0.07
IDEXX Laboratories	296	46,486	0.01
IHS Markit	1,372	54,703	0.03
Illinois Tool Works	1,173	128,084	0.03
Illumina	519	120,611	0.03
Incyte	585	38,245	0.03
Ingersoli-Rand	877	70,513	0.0
Ingredion	232	16,297	0.00
Intel	16,164	646,900	0.14
Intercontinental Exchange	1,986	113,789	0.0
International Flavors & Fragrances	357	34,170	0.0
International Paper	1,490	52,228	0.0
Interpublic	1,317	22,770	0.0
Intuit	862	161,851	0.0
Intuitive Surgical	397	163,963	0.0
Invesco	1,583	22,954	0.0
Invitation Homes	995	17,240	0.0
IPG Photonics	120	14,238	0.0
IQVIA	584	62,180	0.0
Iron Mountain	979	25,765	0.0
J.M. Smucker	367	29,671	0.0
Jabil Circuit	567	12,164	0.0
Jacobs Engineering	440	24,734	0.0
Janus Henderson	700	13,050	0.0
Jazz Pharmaceuticals	194	20,094	0.0
JB Hunt Transport Services	287	23,086	0.0
Jefferies Financial	1,036	15,910	0.0
Johnson & Johnson	9,498	970,148	0.2
Johnson Controls International	3,284	87,636	0.0
JPMorgan Chase	11,707	925,348	0.2
Juniper Networks	1,137	23,461	0.0
Kansas City Southern	341	27,848	0.0
Kellogg	900	37,717	0.0
Keurig Dr Pepper	597	12,085	0.0
KeyCorp	3,499	46,345	0.0
Keysight Technologies	643	40,993	0.0
Kimberly-Clark	1,232	108,049	0.0
Kimco Realty	1,347	17,689	0.0
Kinder Morgan	6,733	97,531	0.0
KLA-Tencor	520	44,909	0,0
Kch-rencor Kohl's	563	28,719	0,0
Kraft Heinz Foods	2,152	52,089	0.0
	2,846	63,753	0.0
Kroger	776	15,971	0.0
L Brands L3 Technologies	260	40,809	0.0

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Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
United States of America (continued)			
Laboratory Corporation of America	375	41,466	0.01
Lam Research	563	74,993	0.02
Lamb Weston	494	25,652	0.01
Las Vegas Sands	1,276	58,913	0.01
Lear	246	28,489	0.01
Leggett & Platt	430	14,765	0.00
lennar 'A'	1,087	39,899	0.03
Liberty Broadband 'A'	85	5,703	0.00
Liberty Broadband <sup>'C'</sup>	418	28,053	0.03
Liberty Global 'A'	703	13,882	0.00
Liberty Global 'B'	1,800	34,246	0.03
Liberty Property Trust	491	17,543	0.00
Liberty SiriusXM 'A'	295	8,883	0.00
Liberty SiriusXM 'C'	571	17,298	0.00
Lincoln National	805	38,129	0.0
LKQ	1,097	22,479	0.03
Loews	984	35,187	0.0
Lowe's	2,888	233,636	0.0
Lululemon Athletica	327	37,009	0.0
Lyondellbasell Industries 'A'	1,145	74,606	0.0
M&T Bank	485	62,890	0.0
Macerich	460	14,817	0.0
Macy's	1,191	22,669	0.0
Manpower	216	13,701	0.0
Marathon Oil	2,836	35,772	0.0
Marathon Petroleum	2,370	112,968	0.0
Markel	50	37,667	0.0
Marriott International 'A'	1,017	97,021	0.0
Marsh & McLennan	1,794	125,147	0.0
Martin Marietta Materials	213	30,394	0.0
Marveli Technology	1,776	26,314	0.0
Masco	1,067	30,383	0.0
MasterCard 'A'	3,250	548,589	0.1
Mattel	1,232	13,410	0.0
Maxim Integrated Products	927	37,741	0.0
McCormick	442	44,768	0.0
McDonald's	2,747	378,629	0.0
McKesson	670	64,175	0.0
MDU Resources	669	13,176	0.0
Medtronic	4,787	327,062	0.0
Mercadolibre	152	50,994	0.0
Merck & Co	9,208	557,962	0.1
MetLife	2,988	101,052	0.0
Mettler-Toledo	90	46,414	0.0
MGM Resorts International	1,688	34,463	0.0
Microchip Technology	776	50,773	0.0
	4,021	124,834	0.0
Micron Technology	26,813	2,261,056	0.4
Microsoft Mid-America Apartment Communities	26,813	2,281,036	0.4

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United States of America (continued)			
Mohawk Industries	216	22,504	0.00
Molson Coors Brewing 'B'	664	30,492	0.01
Mondelez International	5,049	178,801	0.04
Monster Beverage	1,434	63,297	0.01
Moody's	596	77,781	0.02
Morgan Stanley	4,594	146,940	0.03
Mosaic	1,199	28,986	0.01
Motorola Solutions	592	63,615	0.01
MSCI	297	40,347	0.03
Murphy Oil	512	11,300	0.00
Mylan	1,879	36,724	0.03
Nasdaq	387	26,412	0.0
National Oilwell Varco	1,293	27,915	0.0
NetApp	956	47,480	0.0
Netflix	1,474	401,968	0.0
New York Community Bancorp	1,518	14,184	0.0
Newell Rubbermaid	1,462	18,123	0.0
Newmont Mining	1,925	49,214	0.0
News Corp 'A'	1,262	12,370	0.0
News Corp 'B'	353	3,535	0.0
NextEra Energy	1,689	237,118	0.0
Nielsen	1,216	23,154	0.0
Nike '8'	4,438	287,437	0.0
Nisource	1,222	24,747	0.0
Noble Energy	1,635	27,629	0.0
Nordstrom	378	13,426	0.0
Norfolk Southern	977	132,791	0.0
Nortel Networks**	2,439	-	0.0
Northern Trust	698	48,922	0.0
Northrop Grumman	759	163,616	0.0
Norwegian Cruise Line	736	30,390	0.0
NRG Energy	992	30,566	0.0
Nuance Communications	951	12,039	0.0
Nucor	1,159	53,049	0.0
nVent Electric	539	11,114	0.0
Nvidia	2,059	240,508	0.0
NVR	10	19,866	0.0
NYP Samicanductors	1,229	84,819	0.0
Occidental Petroleum	2,672	133,831	0.0
Old Dominion Freight Line	252	28,502	0.0
Old Republic International	943	14,801	0.0
Omnicom	820	46,440	0.0
ONEOK	1,471	72,030	0.0
Oracle	9,012	354,844	0.0
O'Reilly Automotive	280	77,435	0.0
Paccar	1,227	63,098	0.0
Packaging Corporation of America	309	23,007	0.0
Palo Alto Networks	307	58,820	0.0
Park Hotels & Resorts	657	15,216	0.0
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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Ne Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			
Parker-Hannifin	476	63,501	0.01
Paychex	1,146	65,928	0.01
PayPal	4,202	309,077	0.07
Pentair	555	17,965	0.00
People's United Financial	1,230	16,412	0.00
PepsiCo	5,012	434,627	0.09
Perrigo	427	15,096	0.00
Pfizer	20,526	662,393	0.14
Philip Morris International	5,495	360,482	0.0
Phillips 66	1,472	108,040	0.03
Pinnacle West	380	26,548	0.0
Pioneer Natural Resources	607	64,592	0.0
PNC Financial Services	1,641	155,070	0.0
Polaris Industries	210	13,740	0.0
PPG Industries	862	72,670	0.0
PPL	2,605	62,584	0.0
Principal Financial	943	37,151	0.0
Procter & Gamble	8,812	655,187	0.1
Progressive	2,050	112,047	0.0
Prologis	2,214	116,733	0.0
Prudential Financial	1,463	105,653	0.0
PTC	386	27,139	0.0
Public Service Enterprise	1,797	79,091	0.0
Public Storage	525	82,722	0.0
Pulte Homes	901	18,348	0.0
PVH	309	27,016	0.0
Qorvo	433	22,566	0.0
Qualcomm	4,288	170,966	0.0
Quest Diagnostics	456	29,496	0.0
Qurate Retail	1,418	23,365	0.0
Ralph Lauren	183	17,497	0.0
Range Resources	702	5,462	0.0
Raymond James Financial	495	31,182	0.0
Raytheon	1,348	187,816	0.0
Realty Income	1,073	55,501	0.0
Red Hat	627	85,979	0.0
Regency Centers	506	24,750	0.0
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	282	91,879	0.0
Regions Financial	3,639	45,327	0.0
RenaissanceRe	132	14,480	0.0
Republic Services	741	43,453	0.0
Resideo Technologies	436	8,587	0.0
ResMed	517	39,571	0.0
Robert Half International	401	20,573	0.0
Rockwell Automation	441	59,846	0.0
Rollins	511	15,092	0.0
Roper Industries	362	88,036	0.0
Ross Stores	1,311	93,395	0.0
	600	53,420	0.0
Royal Caribbean Cruises  43 RRS Investment Funds ICVC Annual Report & Financial Statements 2019	500	33,420	5.0

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	Maldina	Market	Total Net
Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			
S&P Global	889	134,803	0.03
Salesforce.com	2,544	312,000	0.07
Santander Consumer USA	305	4,608	0.00
SBA Communications	412	55,858	0.03
Schlumberger	4,903	163,421	0.04
Seagate	950	33,435	0.03
Sealed Air	645	21,397	0.00
SEI Investments	411	16,307	0.00
Sempra Energy	968	87,566	0.0
Sensata Technologies	579	22,080	0.00
Servicenow	628	113,567	0.0
Sherwin-Williams	294	97,277	0.0
Simon Property	1,090	148,493	0.0
Sirius XM	4,286	19,073	0.0
Skyworks Solutions	672	41,023	0.0
SL Green Realty	284	19,261	0.0
Snap-on	195	23,883	0.0
Southern	3,642	135,162	0.0
Southern Copper	305	8,417	0.0
Southwest Airlines	479	19,383	0.0
Splunk	493	51,309	0.0
Sprint	2,037	9,708	0.0
Square	991	59,082	0.0
SS&C Technologies	723	33,571	0.0
Stanley Black & Decker	553	56,697	0.0
Starbucks	4,272	225,241	0.0
State Street	1,344	73,176	0.0
Steel Dynamics	740	21,105	0.0
Stericycle	285	9,628	0.0
Stryker	1,208	169,572	0.0
SunTrust Banks	1,597	78,223	0.0
Svb Financial	176	33,129	0.0
Symantec	2,213	37,679	0.0
Synchrony Financial	2,680	64,527	0.0
Synopsys	493	38,023	0.0
Sysco	1,684	84,928	0.0
T Rowe Price	844	63,584	0.0
Take-Two Interactive Software	414	26,331	0.0
Tapestry	988	26,321	0.0
Targa Resources	753	23,083	0.0
Target	1,867	102,493	0.0
TD Ameritrade	1,044	44,333	0.0
TE Connectivity	1,236	76,652	0.0
Teleflex	172	37,528	0.0
Tesla Motors	484	114,511	0.0
Texas Instruments	3,400	270,175	0.0
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1,418	276,192	0.0
Tiffany	406	29,225	0.0
TJX	4,378	169,683	0.0

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nvestments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Ne Assets (%
United States of America (continued)			
T-Mobile	1,102	59,743	0.0
Toll Brothers	477	13,027	0.00
Torchmark	367	22,821	0.0
Total System Services	670	47,141	0.0
Tractor Supply	407	29,172	0.0
Transdigm	242	78,110	0.0
TransUnion	626	29,735	0.0
Travelers	936	93,312	0.0
Trimble Navigation	831	25,118	0.0
TripAdvisor	358	14,567	0.0
Twitter	2,586	59,076	0.0
Tyson Foods	1,054	48,838	0.0
UDR	884	29,464	0.0
Ulta Salon Cosmet	209	48,224	0.0
Under Armour 'A'	602	10,191	0.0
Under Armour 'C'	652	9,837	0.0
Union Pacific	2,617	332,500	0.0
United Continental	215	14,154	0.0
United Parcel Service 'B'	2,443	204,045	0.0
United Rentals	275	28,044	0.0
United Technologies	3,819	364,302	0.0
UnitedHealth	3,382	635,901	0.1
Universal Health Services 'B'	279	27,948	0.0
Unum	803	22,594	0.0
US Bancorp	5,351	207,234	0.0
Vail Resorts	133	20,758	0.0
Valero Energy	1,504	93,939	0.0
Varian Medical Systems	309	30,995	0.0
Ventas	1,287	61,056	0.0
VEREIT	3,265	19,610	0.0
VeriSign	363	48,541	0.0
Verisk Analytics	578	54,633	0.0
Verizon Communications	14,635	623,772	0.1
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	902	128,692	0.0
VF	1,160	76,490	0.0
Viacom 'B'	1,213	26,434	0.0
Visa	6,231	689,611	0.1
Vistra Energy	1,359	26,694	0.0
VMware	237	31,357	0.0
Vornado Realty Trust	657	33,020	0.0
Voya Financial	507	19,147	0.0
Vulcan Materials	490	41,291	0.0
Wabtec	435	24,623	0.0
Walgreens Boots Alliance	2,897	155,423	0.0
Wal-Mart Stores	5,047	372,218	0.0
Waste Management	1,507	113,532	0.0
Waters	255	46,319	0.6
WEC Energy	1,126	63,990	0.0
AATO FIIGIBA	168	33,233	0.0

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	Value (£)	Assets (%)
15,010	562,804	0.12
1,324	74,187	0.02
999	36,429	0.01
1,720	23,001	0.01
114	6,208	0.00
847	24,570	0.01
2,749	53,418	0.01
219	23,528	0.01
4,332	88,184	0.02
473	60,637	0.01
516	76,560	0.02
1,072	78,690	0.02
316	19,728	0.00
170	39,752	0.01
326	12,851	0.00
326	11,380	0.00
349	33,489	0.03
1,813	74,125	0.02
773	18,251	0.00
907	84,039	0.0
450	16,535	0.00
674	38,658	0.03
1,280	39,979	0.0
1,127	78,872	0.03
206	6,416	0.0
405	12,695	0.0
731	68,407	0.0
663	25,457	0.03
1,713	120,784	0.0
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		(0.19
		0.1
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		0.0
80	526,090	0.1
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EUR(15,887,567)		(2.97
£13,961,613	13,961,613	3.0
JPY(1,328,472,135)	(9,033,306)	(1.97
£9,318,302	9,318,302	2.0
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#### **Portfolio Statement**

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
USD Forward Foreign Currency Contracts - (0.02)% ((0.01)%)			
Forward Currency Contracts 15/05/19	USD5,202,787	3,896,347	0.85
Forward Currency Contracts 15/05/19	£(4,006,492)	(4,006,492)	(0.87)
Forward Currency Contracts 23/05/19	USD(1,197,600)	(896,554)	(0.20)
Forward Currency Contracts 23/05/19	£911,624	911,624	0.20
Portfolio of investments - 89.61% (92.63%)		411,579,252	89.61
Net current assets - 10.39% (7.37%)		47,727,709	10.39
Total net assets	71112	459,306,961	100.00

The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

<sup>†</sup>Related party investment.

<sup>\*\*</sup>This security is suspended and therefore priced at the ACD's fair valuation.

#### **Statement of Total Return**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

		28/02/2019				
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Income					267555	
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(18,152,672)		22,796,127	
Revenue	3	14,169,334		12,883,783		
Expenses	4	(7,559,744)		(8,034,530)		
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(22,989)		(9,228)		
Net revenue before taxation		6,586,601		4,840,025		
Taxation	5	(454,733)		(594,756)		
Net revenue after taxation			6,131,868		4,245,269	
Total return before distributions			(12,020,804)		27,041,396	
Distributions	7		(6,164,824)		(4,465,431)	
Change in net assets attributable to						
Shareholders from investment activities			(18,185,628)		22,575,965	

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 28 February 2019

for the year ended at the arrivery			20/02/2010		28/02/2018
			28/02/2019		20/02/2010
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable			513,954,332		519,258,986
to Shareholders				4 770 007	
Amounts received on issue of shares		4,863,450		4,779,903	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(47,219,794)		(36,937,431)	
7 and drive post.			(42,356,344)		(32,157,528)
Change in net assets attributable					
to Shareholders					
from investment activities (see above)			(18,185,628)		22,575,965
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7		5,893,469		4,276,308
Unclaimed distributions			1,132		601
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders	1722	A	459,306,961		513,954,332

#### **Balance Sheet**

as at 28 February 2019

as at 28 February 2019					( (
	28/02/2019				28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets			440,209,114		513,662,535
Current assets					
Debtors	8	3,046,181		2,128,407	
Cash and bank balances	9	47,650,852		36,917,080	
Total other assets			50,697,033		39,045,487
Total assets			490,906,147		552,708,022
LIABILITIES					
Investment liabilities			(28,629,862)		(37,572,745)
Creditors					
Bank overdrafts				(50,628)	
Amounts due to futures					
clearing houses and brokers		(857,604)		(194,869)	
Distribution payable	10	(27,238)		_	
Other creditors	10	(2,084,482)		(935,448)	
Total other liabilities			(2,969,324)		(1,180,945)
Total liabilities			(31,599,186)		(38,753,690)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			459,306,961		513,954,332

#### **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Final Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 2018 to 28 February 2019

	Net	payable on	paid on	
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	30/04/2019	30/04/2018
Group 1	0.9640	-	0.9640	0.0000
Group 2	0.0362	0.9278	0.9640	0.0000

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### **Final Distribution for Accumulation Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 2018 to 28 February 2019

Dividend Distribution	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Amount payable on 30/04/2019	Amount paid on 30/04/2018
Group 1	1.2521	7-7	1.2521	0.0000
Group 2	0.1827	1.0694	1,2521	0.0000

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

	Net	Amount paid on	Amount paid on	
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/10/2018	31/10/2017
Group 1	3.1409	12	3.1409	2.7913
Group 2	1.6452	1.4957	3.1409	2.7913

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Accumulation Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 31 August 2018

Dividend Distribution	Net Revenue	- 41 - 42		paid on 31/10/2017	
Group 1	4.0248	_	4.0248	3.5518	
Group 2	2.5087	1.5161	4.0248	3.5518	

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

#### 2 Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital (losses)/gains on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Non-derivative securities	(17,521,593)	24,102,333
Derivative securities	(2,566,056)	(817,723)
Forward currency contracts	2,553,090	(412,528)
Currency exchange	(693,535)	(73,707)
Rebate of fees from holdings in third party collective investment schemes	164,781	78,968
Activity charges	(89,359)	(81,216)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(18,152,672)	22,796,127

#### 3 Revenue

3 110 101100		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Bank interest	29,193	2,422
Interest on debt securities	1,307,195	1,692,773
Non-taxable stock dividends	2,192	1,592
Overseas dividends	7,763,926	6,839,258
Property income dividends	160,374	152,235
Rebate of fees from holdings in third party collective investment schemes	83,632	35,207
Returns from bond futures	73,821	20,086
UK dividends	4,749,001	4,140,210
Total revenue	14,169,334	12,883,783

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	7,433,916	7,903,663
	7,433,916	7,903,663
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	68,610	71,415
Safe custody charges	41,018	48,281
	109,628	119,696
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	12,000	9,962
Printing costs	=	3,687
Professional service fees	4,200	(2,478)
	16,200	11,171
Total expenses	7,559,744	8,034,530

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £10,000 (2018 - £10,000).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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5 Taxation				
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018		
	£	£		
a) Analysis of tax charge in year:				
Income tax repayment	(13,343)	-		
Overseas tax withheld	468,076	594,756		
Total tax charge (note 5b)	454,733	594,756		
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:				
The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation The differences are explained below:	n tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 2	0%).		
Net revenue before taxation	6,586,601	4,840,025		
Corporation tax @ 20%	1,317,320	968,005		
Effects of:				
Capitalised income subject to tax	32,956	15,794		
Dividends not subject to corporation tax	(1,955,386)	(2,035,344)		
Excess expenses not utilised	607,243	1,054,289		
Excess management expenses - prior year adjustment	(1,801)	1,761		
Income tax repayment	(13,343)	=		
Overseas tax withheld	468,077	594,756		
Relief of expenses against offshore gains	(333)	(4,505)		

#### c) Deferred tax

Total tax charge (see note 5a)

After claiming relief against accrued revenue taxable on receipt, the Sub-fund has unrelieved excess expenses of £15,285,765 (2018 -£12,249,550). These unrelieved excess management fees represent an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £3,057,153 (2018 - £2,449,910).

594,756

454,733

It is unlikely that the fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (2018 - £nil).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
nterest	10,578	9,228
Return from short position bond futures	12,411	
Total interest	22,989	9,228
7 Distributions		
The distributions take account of amounts added on the issue of shares and amounts deducte	d on the cancellation of sha	res and comprise:
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Income Distributions		
Interim distribution 31 August - Income shares	94,105	89,198
Final distribution 28 February - Income shares	27,238	
	121,343	89,198
Accumulation Distributions	4.550.430	4 376 300
Interim distribution 31 August - Accumulation shares	4,550,139	4,276,308
Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares	1,343,330	
	5,893,469	4,276,308
Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations	(42 502)	(11,706)
Amounts added on issue of shares	(13,503)	
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	163,515	111,631
	150,012	99,925
Net distributions for the year	6,164,824	4,465,431
The distributable amount has been calculated as follows:		
Net revenue after taxation	6,131,868	4,245,269
Shortfall of income taken to capital	-	220,162
Tax relief on rebate of fees from holdings in third party collective investment schemes	32,956	-

4,465,431

6,164,824

Net distributions for the year

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3 Debtors		
s Debitors	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Accrued revenue	1,317,560	1,745,387
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	155,984	-
ncome tax recoverable	57,346	50,251
Overseas tax recoverable	354,850	330,732
Sales awaiting settlement	1,160,441	2,037
Total debtors	3,046,181	2,128,407
9 Cash and bank balances		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	2,890,124	2,970,744
Amounts held in Aviva Investors Sterling Liquidity Fund	38,700,735	32,000,735
Cash held at bank	6,059,993	1,945,601
Total cash and bank balances	47,650,852	36,917,080
10 Creditors		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Net distribution payable	27,238	-
Total	27,238	-
Other creditors		
Accrued expenses	552,887	641,90
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	1,375,872	293,54
Foreign currency contracts awaiting settlement	155,723	-
Total other creditors	2,084,482	935,448

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments

#### a) Credit risk

The Sub-fund enters into derivative transactions in the form of futures and forward currency contracts. The purpose of these fin ancial instruments is Efficient Portfolio Management. Futures are used to manage market price risk. Forward currency contracts are used to manage currency risk arising from holdings of overseas securities. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a downturn in the markets.

The Sub-fund's use of exchange traded derivatives are considered to be free of counterparty risk if the derivative is traded on an exchange where the clearing house is backed by an appropriate performance guarantee and is characterised by a daily mark-to-market valuation of the derivative position and at least daily margining.

At 28 February 2019, the Sub-fund held non exchange traded derivatives in the form of forward currency contracts. The counterparty exposure is shown below:

Counterparty Details of OTC Financial Derivative Transactions	Forwards 28/02/2019 £
Barclays	15,070
RBC Dominion	578,352
Royal Bank of Scotland	(110,145)

At 28 February 2018, the Sub-fund held non exchange traded derivatives in the form of forward currency contracts. The counterparty exposure is shown below:

Counterparty Details of OTC Financial Derivative Transactions	28/02/2018 £
Goldman Sachs	(156,871)
JPMorgan Chase	(42,230)
Royal Bank of Scotland	(165,283)
Société Générale Cowen	1
Standard Chartered Bank	50

No collateral is held or pledged for forward currency contracts. Given the short maturity of the transactions, the ACD believes the robust approval and monitoring procedures in place for the counterparties are sufficient to mitigate the counterparty risk associated with the contracts.

Margin interest is paid or received on futures contracts to cover any exposure by the counterparty to the Sub-fund or by the Sub-fund to the counterparty. Cash and bank balances consist primarily of cash and margin receivable from the Sub-fund's clearing brokers and JP Morgan Chase and UBS. It is included in "Cash and bank balances" on the Balance Sheet.

Margin amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers are disclosed in notes 9 and overdrafts in the liabilities section of the balance sheet.

#### b) Interest rate risk

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2019 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets		34,929,636	405,279,478	440,209,114
Investment liabilities	-	-	(28,629,862)	(28,629,862)

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2018 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets	_	46,610,704	467,051,831	513,662,535
Investment liabilities	_	_	(37,572,745)	(37,572,745)

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### c) Currency exposure risk

The currency risk as at 28 February 2019 was as follows:

	Net currency assets					
Currency	Monetary	Non- monetary				
•	exposures	exposures	Total			
	£	£	£			
Australian dollar	1	2,492,378	2,492,379			
Canadian dollar	8,331	3,387,146	3,395,477			
Danish krone	23,004	25,863	48,867			
Euro	2,273,275	61,318,281	63,591,556			
Hong Kong dollar	47	6,686,731	6,686,778			
Indonesian rupiah		588,567	588,567			
Japanese yen	29,976	15,068,040	15,098,016			
Korean won	(± 0)	2,151,831	2,151,831			
Norwegian krone	-	95	95			
Singapore dollar	_	485,547	485,547			
Swedish krona	120	154,044	154,044			
Swiss franc	415,134	3,674,833	4,089,967			
Taiwan dollar	-	1,229,884	1,229,884			
Thai baht	-	299,983	299,983			
US dollar	(343,244)	70,110,924	69,767,680			
Total	2,406,524	167,674,147	170,080,671			

The currency risk as at 28 February 2018 was as follows:

	Net currency assets					
Currency	Monetary	Non- monetary				
	exposures	exposures	Total			
	£	£	£			
Australian dollar	811	3,699,950	3,700,761			
Canadian dollar	38,143	3,680,349	3,718,492			
Danish krone	248,234	2,439,435	2,687,669			
Euro	684,902	61,159,720	61,844,622			
Hong Kong dollar	_	5,249,173	5,249,173			
Indonesian rupiah	₩	495,272	495,272			
Japanese yen	129,561	17,602,518	17,732,079			
Korean won	_	2,897,851	2,897,851			
Malaysian ringgit	=	175,221	175,221			
Norwegian krone	-	95	95			
Philippine peso	<del>-</del>	81,123	81,123			
Singapore dollar	(514)	759,529	759,015			
Swedish krona	2	-	2			
Swiss franc	6,319	8,231,827	8,238,146			
Taiwan dollar		2,780,746	2,780,746			
Thai baht	-	299,278	299,278			
US dollar	600,471	77,496,494	78,096,965			
Total	1,707,929	187,048,581	188,756,510			

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2019	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	377,191,592	(1,025,253)
Level 2: Observable	63,017,522	(27,604,609)
Level 3: Unobservable	<sub>5</sub> = <del>-</del>	
	440,209,114	(28,629,862)
	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2018	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	430,946,835	(1,103,416)
Level 2: Observable	82,715,700	(36,469,329)
Level 3: Unobservable	_	w_ = = = = =
100	513,662,535	(37,572,745)

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

#### Interest rate sensitivity

An increase of 100 basis points (1%) as at the reporting date will cause net capital losses to increase by £6,751,861 and the net asset value to decrease by £6,751,861 (for 2018 it will cause net capital gains to decrease by £7,604,785 and the net asset value to decrease by £7,604,785).

A decrease would have had an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### **Currency sensitivity**

The tables below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening of:

Currencies	28/02/2019 %	28/02/2018 %
CATTORIOGS	_	
GBP against EUR	5	5
GBP against all currencies	5	5
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
Effect in GBP	£	£
EUR		
Decrease in net capital gains/(increase in net capital losses) and decrease in net asset value	(4,129,720)	(2,491,908)
All currencies		
Decrease in net capital gains/(increase in net capital losses) and decrease in net asset value	(9,452,224)	(11,221,229)

A weakening of the GBP against the above currencies of the same rates will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### e) Sensitivity analysis (continued)

#### Equity market price sensitivity

The table below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening in equity market prices by 5% as at the reporting date:

	28/02/2019 f	28/02/2018 f
Increase in net capital gains and increase in net asset value	17,562,431	20,058,691

A weakening in equity market prices of the same 5% will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### f) Leverage

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 28 February 2019					
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	62,655,015	17,458	0.03	103,054	0.16
Debt instruments (direct)	13,019,482	_	-	1 <del>1</del>	-
Collective investment schemes	81,089,505	103	0.00	404,530	0.50
Total purchases	156,764,002	17,561		507,584	
Total purchases including transaction costs	157,289,147				_
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	145,495,958	64,024	0.04	10,123	0.01
Debt instruments (direct)	24,040,511	-	_	-	-
Collective investment schemes	38,234,217	374	0.00	1,729	0.00
Total sales	207,770,686	64,398		11,852	
Total sales including transaction costs	207,694,436				
Derivative transaction costs		18,035		-	
Total transaction costs		99,994		519,436	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.02%		0.11%	

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 28 February 2018					
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	48,419,226	21,478	0.04	98,428	0.20
Debt instruments (direct)	19,427,555	_	_	-	-
Collective investment schemes	9,350,193	45	0.00	1,437	0.02
Total purchases	77,196,974	21,523		99,865	
Total purchases including transaction costs	77,318,362				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	80,494,439	33,457	0.04	9,249	0.01
Debt instruments (direct)	21,758,862	-	_	_	-
Collective investment schemes	7,868,443	188	0.00	9,566	0.12
Total sales	110,121,744	33,645		18,815	
Total sales net of transaction costs	110,069,284				
Derivative transaction costs		5,884		-	
Total transaction costs		61,052		118,680	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.01%		0.02%	

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Sub-fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

For the Sub-fund's investment transactions in debt and money market instruments any applicable transaction charges form part of the dealing spread for these instruments. Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Sub-fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

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

During the year the Sub-fund utilised derivative instruments including futures covering different underlying asset classes. The settlement values for opening and closing derivative positions are not comparable to principal values for transactions in direct holding investments and therefore purchase and sale amounts for derivative transactions are not quantified in the analysis above. Transaction costs for derivatives positions will be either suffered as direct costs or form part of the dealing spread for the instruments. Any direct costs are identified in the analysis above.

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.11% (2018 - 0.15%).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £527,215 (2018 - £608,398).

Details of related party investments are disclosed within the portfolio statement.

#### 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

#### 15 Share movement

For the year ended 28 February 2019		
	Income shares	Accumulation shares
Opening shares	3,074,932	117,096,723
Shares issued	18,513	1,127,781
Shares redeemed	(268,002)	(10,934,517)
Closing shares	2,825,443	107,289,987

#### 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland Equity Income Fund**

**Audited Report** 

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Investment Objective & Policy

To achieve a yield higher than the yield on the FTSE Actuaries All-Share Index, with the prospect of rising income and growth in the value of shares. The Sub-fund will be invested in UK securities, principally in UK equities judged to offer high yields and long term growth prospects, with a small exposure to international equity and bond markets.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### **Performance**

The fund returned -1.54% (after charges) for the year to the end of February 2019, compared with a return of 1.70% for the benchmark FTSE All Share Index and an average return of -0.51% for its peer group, the Investment Association UK Equity Income sector\*.

#### **Portfolio Summary**

The fund underperformed its peer group over the year under review. The underperformance was driven predominantly by an underweight allocation to the healthcare sector, and stock selection within the industrials sector. We maintained limited exposure to the healthcare sector due to a lack of attractive investment opportunities. However, this detracted from performance as the sector remained a focal point for merger and acquisition activity. Irish pharmaceutical firm Shire, shares in which the fund did not hold, was the recipient of a takeover bid from Japanese pharmaceutical firm Takeda which was finally concluded in January. We also held an underweight position in AstraZeneca, which recently reported a rebound in fourth quarter sales driven by the strong performance of new medicines.

Amongst industrials, the main detractors were our holdings in DS Smith, Babcock, Melrose and BBA Aviation. Packaging group DS Smith weakened largely on concerns over the global economic outlook and the potential fallout from a hard Brexit. Evidence of lower prices for materials used in corrugated cardboard and oversupply in the US market also affected the shares. However, the company reassured that it was reviewing stock levels of raw materials and was well positioned with its contingency plans to weather any outcome from the Brexit negotiations. In December, DS Smith received approval to acquire Spanish packaging company Europac while management also expects to offload the plastics business, which will see a greater focus on non-fibre-based packaging. In the case of our holdings in engineering group Melrose and aviation services group BBA, both companies generate a substantial proportion of their earnings from the US. Concerns over the outlook for the US economy increasingly preoccupied investors as 2018 ended, specifically fears that the Federal Reserve has been too aggressive in tightening monetary policy which risks tipping the economy into recession. Additionally, Melrose's autos exposure from the purchase of GKN last January was also a detractor given the negative sentiment on that industry arising from the US-China trade dispute and the slowdown in the Chinese economy. Babcock, a support services company operating predominantly in the rail and defence industries, cautioned that while its order book remained strong underlying annual revenues would be lower, due to a decline in activity in its rail business while power station outages have hampered its South African operations.

Stock selection in the financials sector went some way towards offsetting these factors. Amongst the key contributors was our holding in insurance group Hiscox, which reported that the continued expansion of its retail business was a key driver of a rise in annual revenues, offsetting the impact of catastrophe-related claims. Phoenix climbed on the back off a favourable broker review and the stock's pending promotion to the FTSE 100 Index, with the life insurer having acquired Standard Life Aberdeen's open-book insurance business.

During the year under review, we added several new holdings to the portfolio. These included water group Severn Trent. The company's underlying RAV (regulatory asset value) is materially higher than its peers, while the company has been one of the standout performers across the water sector on its ODI (outcome delivery incentives) and we believe this should continue to drive positive returns and underpin dividend growth. We added a holding in Tritax Big Box REIT, the real estate investment trust dedicated to investing in and funding the pre-let development of very large logistics facilities in the UK. The growth of online retailers, such as Amazon, is fueling demand for warehouse logistics. In the same sector, we added a new holding in Land Securities, a real estate investment trust that owns and manages a £14 billion portfolio spanning a diverse mix of offices, retail and leisure facilities. The shares are currently trading on a large discount to NAV (net asset value), largely due to negative sentiment on the UK commercial property sector driven by uncertainty surrounding the outcome of Brexit negotiations, while the company has lower debt levels than its peers.

We also took the opportunity to add to our industrials exposure, after the sector had sold off sharply during the fourth quarter of 2018, which was mainly finanaced by trimming existing positions elsewhere.

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Outlook

2019 has started promisingly as global recession fears have faded due to the US Federal Reserve's move to a more 'patient' stance on further interest rate hikes. However key challenges remain, most notably Brexit and the resolution of China and US trade negotiations.

Overall, UK equities, particularly the sectors and stocks we are exposed to, are valued cheaply relatively to other global markets, and relative to history in terms of price to earnings ratios, free cash flow and dividend yields. This is also the case versus government bond and corporate bond yields.

On this basis, the balance of probabilities favours positive returns for equities in 2019, despite the risks, while our portfolio positioning should benefit from a less pessimistic view on economic and political outcomes.

\*Source: Aviva Investors/Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, as at 28 February 2019. Basis: Mid to mid, net income reinvested, net of ongoing charges and fees, in Sterling and net of tax payable by the Fund. The figures do not include the effect of any exit or entry charge.

#### Important information:

Except where stated as otherwise, the source of all information is Aviva Investors Global Services Limited ("Aviva Investors") as at 28/02/2019. Unless stated otherwise any views and opinions expressed are those of Aviva Investors. They should not be viewed as indicating any guarantee of return from an investment managed by Aviva Investors nor as advice of any nature.

The value of an investment and any income from it may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the original amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

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# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Equity Income Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017
	pence	pence	pence
Income Shares	per share	per share	per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	350.03	350.08	315.05
Return before operating charges*	(0.22)	19.73	53.24
Operating charges	(4.50)	(4.68)	(4.27)
Return after operating charges	(4.72)	15.05	48.97
Distributions	(15.01)	(15.10)	(13.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares			-
Closing net asset value per share	330.30	350.03	350.08
*After direct transaction costs of	(0.54)	(0.29)	{0.18}
Performance <sup>1</sup>			
Return after charges	(1.35)%	4.30%	15.54%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	59,946,387	66,213,631	69,802,222
Closing number of shares	18,149,046	18,916,400	19,938,726
Operating charges**	1.30%	1.30%	1.29%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.08%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	380.3	372.9	352.9
Lowest share price	306.0	343.6	299.4

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

†Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

# Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator Lower risk Higher risk Typically lower rewards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the potential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

**Portfolio Statement** 

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United Kingdom Equities - 99.49% (98.29%)			
Asset Managers - 8.76% (8.94%)			
Intermediate Capital	261,889	2,713,170	4.53
Rathbone Brothers	39,246	890,099	1.48
River & Mercantile	242,891	534,360	0.89
Schroders	40,948	1,115,833	1.86
Auto Parts - 0.00% (2.05%)			
Banks - 2.70% (3.27%)			
Close Brothers	54,378	817,845	1.36
HSBC	130,418	800,767	1.34
Broadcasting & Entertainment - 1.25% (1.51%)			
ITV	588,720	752,384	1.25
Building Materials & Fixtures - 5.44% (4.72%)		046.033	
lbstock	341,160	846,077	1.4
Melrose Industries	1,381,489	2,394,811	3.99
Volution	16,621	25,098	0.04
Business Support Services - 0.00% (0.03%)			
Containers & Packaging - 1.12% (1.80%)			
DS Smith	199,640	670,391	1.13
Defence - 3.20% (2.03%)		242.455	
Babcock International	162,972	860,166	1.4.
BAE Systems	227,834	1,062,162	1.7
Distillers & Vintners - 1.26% (0.00%)	26.002	755.016	
Diageo	26,092	756,016	1.2
Diversified Industrials - 0.29% (0.00%)	42.00	474 200	
Smiths	12,021	171,299	0.2
Equity Investment Instruments - 1.88% (2.93%)		4 405 545	
Greencoat UK Wind	822,767	1,125,545	1.8
Fixed Line Telecommunications - 3.84% (4.01%)		1.000.000	
8T	865,749	1,860,062	3.1
KCOM	635,760	443,125	0.7
Food Retailers & Wholesalers - 2.13% (0.00%)	ganta	, ASS 0-0	
Tesco	561,104	1,275,950	2.1

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nvestments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
Furnishings - 0.69% (0.84%)			
Headlam	96,358	410,967	0.69
General Mining - 7.37% (7.16%)			
BHP Billiton	161,482	2,832,717	4.72
Rio Tinto	36,653	1,585,609	2,65
Home Improvement Retailers - 0.96% (0.72%)			
DFS Furniture	253,633	575,747	0.96
Industrial & Office REITs - 2.07% (0.00%)			6100
Land Securities	139,265	1,238,901	2.07
Industrial Machinery - 1.97% (0.00%)		202 (22	
IMI	86,026	802,623	1.34
Weir	23,572	380,570	0.63
Integrated Oil & Gas - 5.62% (7.37%)	454.000	062.750	
ВР	161,990	862,759	1.44
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	105,461	2,506,808	4.13
Investment Services - 0.17% (0.72%)			
AJ Bell	33,987	99,259	0.1
Life Insurance - 12.09% (12.13%)			
Legal & General	564,671	1,564,703	2.6
Phoenix	344,696	2,380,471	3.9
Prudential	138,418	2,185,620	3.6
St. James's Place Capital	115,780	1,114,035	1.8
Media Agencies - 1.45% (1.81%)		055.040	
Informa	123,408	866,818	1.4
Mobile Telecommunications - 0.00% (2.98%)			
Multiutilities - 2.14% (1.93%)			
National Grid	151,482	1,281,689	2.1
Personal Products - 3.10% (3.91%)			
Unilever	46,620	1,859,439	3.1
Pharmaceuticals - 4.14% (3.64%)			3500
GlaxoSmithKline	164,277	2,481,897	4.1
Property & Casualty Insurance - 4.85% (3.48%)			
Beazley	143,763	779,195	1.3
Hiscox	86,780	1,368,521	2.2
Sabre Insurance	284,977	760,889	1.2

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Equity Income Fund Portfolio Statement

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continued)			
Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Publishing - 2.23% (1.48%)			
RELX	77,660	1,338,082	2.23
Recreational Services - 2.52% (1.99%)			
Carnival	14,409	607,051	1.01
Cineworld	323,870	903,597	1.51
Residential REITs - 0.56% (0.46%)			
GCP Student Living	217,318	333,800	0.56
Restaurants & Bars - 2.39% (3.22%)		700	
Compass	85,962	1,433,416	2.39
Software - 2.11% (2.06%)		8890000	
Sage	192,547	1,264,649	2.11
Speciality Finance - 0.35% (0.56%)			
Sherborne Investors	352,005	207,683	0.35
Speciality REITs - 1.13% (0.00%)			
Tritax Big Box Reit	476,364	676,437	1.13
Telecommunications Equipment - 0.00% (0.39%)			
Tobacco - 4.29% (2018 - 5.91%)			
British American Tobacco	31,932	878,130	1.46
Imperial Brands	67,957	1,695,867	2.83
Transportation Services - 3.18% (4.24%)			
BBA Aviation	787,214	1,905,058	3.18
Water - 2.24% (0.00%)			
Severn Trent	66,991	1,343,170	2.24
Portfolio of investments - 99.49% (98.29%)		59,641,337	99.49
Net current assets - 0.51% (1.71%)		305,050	0.51
Total net assets		59,946,387	100.00
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The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

#### **Statement of Total Return**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
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Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(2,889,970)		912,832
Revenue	3	2,831,372		2,965,193	
xpenses	4	(836,158)		(896,747)	
nterest payable and similar charges	6	(125)		(661)	
let revenue before taxation		1,995,089		2,067,785	
axation	- 5	3,336			
Net revenue after taxation	- 0		1,998,425		2,067,785
otal return before distributions			(891,545)		2,980,617
Distributions	7		(2,806,101)		(2,918,710)
Change in net assets attributable to					
Shareholders from investment activities	- /4		(3,697,646)		61,907
Statement of Change in Net Assets Attribution for the year ended 28 February 2019		£	28/02/2019 £	£	28/02/2018 £
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholde	ers		66,213,631		69,802,222
		2,700,247		2,737,463	
Amounts received on issue of shares		(5,271,791)		(6,389,452)	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(3,2/1,/31)	(2,571,544)	(0,303,432)	(3,651,989)
Dilusian adiapteant			(2,371,317)		1,491
Dilution adjustment Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders	•				_,
from investment activities (see above)	•		(3,697,646)		61,907
Unclaimed distributions			1,946		,
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholder			59,946,387		66,213,631
Balance Sheet					
as at 28 February 2019					
			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	1
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets			59,641,337		65,083,109
Current assets					
Debtors	8	246,334		635,145	
Cash and bank balances	9	672,869		1,118,551	
Total other assets			919,203		1,753,696
Total assets			60,560,540		66,836,809
LIABILITIES					
Creditors					
ALAD D. D. 11	10	(366,808)		(426,337)	
Distribution payable	40	(247,345)		(196,837)	
Other creditors	10				
	10		(614,153)	-	
Other creditors	10		(614,153) (614,153) <b>59</b> ,94 <b>6</b> ,387		(623,174 (623,174 <b>66,213,63</b> :

#### **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Final Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 December 2018 to 28 residuary 2015	Net			Amount paid on
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	30/04/2019	30/04/2018
Group 1	2.0211		2.0211	2.2538
Group 2	1.2609	0.7602	2.0211	2.2538

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 2018 to 30 November 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 201	Net			Amount paid on
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/01/2019	31/01/2018
Group 1	3.2600	-	3.2600	3.4308
Group 2	1.5451	1.7149	3.2600	3.4308

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2018

Group 2: Snares purchased from 1 June 2016 to 51 August 2016	Net		Amount paid on	Amount paid on
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/10/2018	31/10/2017
Group 1	4.2200	-	4.2200	4.2937
Group 2	2.7216	1.4984	4.2200	4.2937

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### **Interim Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018

	Net		paid on	paid on
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/07/2018	31/07/2017
Group 1	5.5124	_	5.5124	5.1194
Group 2	2.3469	3.1655	5.5124	5.1194

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

#### 2 Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital (losses)/gains on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Non-derivative securities	(2,883,509)	916,690
Currency exchange	(1,204)	-
Activity charges	(5,257)	(3,858)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(2,889,970)	912,832

#### 3 Revenue

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Bank interest	5,011	2,649
Overseas dividends	184,611	169,502
UK dividends	2,603,396	2,784,739
UK REIT PID dividends	38,354	8,303
Total revenue	2,831,372	2,965,193

Notes to the Financial Statements

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4 Expenses		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	811,368	869,059
	811,368	869,059
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	16,634	17,595
Safe custody charges	956	1,031
	17,590	18,626
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	7,200	8,487
Printing costs	-	499
Professional service fees		76
	7,200	9,062
Total expenses	836,158	896,747

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £6,000 (2018 - £6,000).

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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5 Taxation		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
a) Analysis of tax charge in year:	325	
Corporation tax prior year adjustment Income tax repayment	(3,661)	_
Total tax charge (note 5b)	(3,336)	_

## b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 20%).

The differences are explained below:

file differences are explained below.		
Net revenue before taxation	1,995,089	2,067,785
Corporation tax @ 20%	399,018	413,557
Effects of:		
Dividends not subject to corporation tax	(557,601)	(569,234)
Movement in excess management expenses	16,098	155,677
Income tax repayment	(3,661)	_
Prior year adjustment	325	_
Prior year adjustment excess management expenses	142,485	_
Total tax charge (see note 5a)	(3,336)	_

## c) Deferred tax

After claiming relief against accrued revenue taxable on receipt, the Sub-fund has unrelieved excess expenses of £14,488,645 (2018 - £14,408,155). These unrelieved excess management fees represent an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £2,897,729 (2018 - £2,881,631). It is unlikely that the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (2018 - £nil).

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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6	Interest	pay	/able	and	simil	ar c	harges
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	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Interest	125	661
Total interest	125	661

## 7 Distributions

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

	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
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Income Distributions		
Interim distribution 31 May - Income shares	1,030,685	993,782
Interim distribution 31 August - Income share	788,665	824,876
Interim distribution 30 November - Income shares	605,522	653,365
Final distribution 28 February - Income shares	366,808	426,337
	2,791,680	2,898,360
Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations		
Amounts added on issue of shares	(13,618)	(14,047)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	28,039	34,397
	14,421	20,350
Net distributions for the year	2,806,101	2,918,710
The distributable amount has been calculated as follows:		
Net revenue after taxation	1,998,425	2,067,785
ACD's periodic charge taken to capital	811,368	869,059
Tax relief on capitalised expenses	(3,692)	(18,134)
Net distributions for the year	2,806,101	2,918,710

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Equity Income Fund Notes to the Financial Statements

continued)		
3 Debtors		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Accrued revenue	225,287	261,234
Overseas tax recoverable	21,047	21,047
Sales awaiting settlement	_	352,864
Total debtors	246,334	635,145
9 Cash and bank balances		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Cash held at bank	672,869	1,118,551
Total cash and bank balances	672,869	1,118,551
10 Creditors		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
a) Distribution payable	366,808	426,337
Net distribution payable		112
Total distribution payable	366,808	426,337
b) Other creditors		77.67
Accrued expenses	66,941	77,671
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	99,583	119,166
Purchases awaiting settlement	80,821	
Total other creditors	247,345	196,837

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments

#### a) Interest rate risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 1.12% (2018 - 1.69%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was interest bearing. Further disclosure would be required if the exposure of the Sub-fund was deemed significant.

#### b) Foreign currency risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.04% (2018 - 0.09%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies.

#### c) Credit risk

The Sub-fund enters into derivative transactions in the form of futures and forward currency contracts. The purpose of these financial instruments is Efficient Portfolio Management. Futures are used to manage market price risk. Forward currency contracts are used to manage currency risk arising from holdings of overseas securities. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a downturn in the markets.

The Sub-fund's use of exchange traded derivatives are considered to be free of counterparty risk if the derivative is traded on an exchange where the clearing house is backed by an appropriate performance guarantee and is characterised by a daily mark-to-market valuation of the derivative position and at least daily margining. For forward foreign currency contracts, given the short maturity of the transactions, the ACD believes the robust approval and monitoring procedures in place for the counterparties are sufficient to mitigate the counterparty risk associated with the contracts.

At 28 February 2019, the Sub-fund did not hold any OTC derivatives (2018 - nil).

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2019	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	59,641,337	-
Level 2: Observable		-
Level 3: Unobservable		4
	59,641,337	-
	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2018	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	65,083,109	
Level 2: Observable	***	_
Level 3: Unobservable	_	_
	65,083,109	_

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

#### Interest rate sensitivity

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 1.12% (2018 - 1.69%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was interest bearing, hence no interest rate sensitivity has been carried out.

#### **Currency sensitivity**

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.04% (2018 - 0.09%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies, hence no currency sensitivity has been carried out.

#### **Equity market price sensitivity**

The table below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening in equity market prices by 5% as at the reporting date:

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Increase in net capital gains and increase in net asset value	2,995,489	3,245,608

A weakening in equity market prices of the same 5% will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### f) Leverage

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 28 February 2019					
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	18,227,844	8,452	0.05	83,658	0.46
Total purchases	18,227,844	8,452		83,658	
Total purchases including transaction costs	18,319,954		,		
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	19,832,438	8,598	0.04	200	-
Collective investment schemes	912,132	506	0.06	10	-
Total sales	20,744,570	9,104		210	
Total sales net of transaction costs	20,735,256				
Derivative transaction costs		-		) <del>5</del>	
Total transaction costs		17,556		83,868	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.03%		0.13%	

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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For the year ended 28 February 2018					
,	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	9,811,461	5,190	0.05	40,716	0.41
Collective investment schemes	834,593		-		_
Total purchases	10,646,054	5,190		40,716	
Total purchases including transaction costs	10,691,960				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	14,959,409	7,785	0.05	132	0.00
Collective investment schemes	1,110,944	1,468	0.13	2	0.00
Total sales	16,070,353	9,253		134	
Total sales net of transaction costs	16,060,966				
Derivative transaction costs		-		-	
Total transaction costs		14,443		40,850	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.02%		0.06%	

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Sub-fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

For the Sub-fund's investment transactions in debt and money market instruments any applicable transaction charges form part of the dealing spread for these instruments. Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Sub-fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

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

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.13% (2018 - 0.19%).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £57,198 (2018 - £65,980).

#### 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

#### 15 Share movement

For the year ended 28 February 2019	Income
	shares
Opening shares	18,916,400
Shares issued	784,858
Shares redeemed	(1,552,212)
Closing shares	18,149,046

#### 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland Extra Income Fund**

**Audited Report** 

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Investment Objective & Policy

To provide a high and stable level of income. The Sub-fund will invest in UK and European fixed income securities.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### Performance

The Fund returned 1.15% (after charges) in the twelve months to 28 February 2019, compared with a net return of 1.33% for its peer group, the Investment Association £ Corporate Bond sector\*.

#### **Portfolio Summary**

Corporate bonds posted modest returns in the year in review. The performance of fixed income markets in general were held back by expectations of tighter monetary policy by the main central banks. Indeed, in 2018 the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, raised its base rate four times while the Bank of England raised its own rate once. Elsewhere, the European Central Bank finally wound up its €2.6 trillion asset purchase programme, which included corporate bonds.

The market suffered the most turbulence in the final weeks of 2018 as investors sold down corporate bonds on worries that a dip in the performance of the global economy would leave heavily indebted companies struggling to meet their obligations. However, a change to a more cautious tone from the Federal Reserve in January soothed fears that interest rates would rise too quickly, enabling corporate bonds to start 2019 with positive momentum.

Over the period, gains from the Fund's cautious positioning in a rising interest rate environment were offset by both a widening of credit spreads and underperformance from some of the key holdings. The Fund's lack of exposure to high-yield bonds also had a negative impact on peer group returns as this area of the market outperformed. A notable detractor was roadside assistance company AA as profits were hit by a combination of higher call-outs and falling membership in the first part of the period. Exposure to hybrid bonds (a mixture of debt and equity) from insurers such as Aviva and AXA also weighed on performance at times during the period, as did an overweighting of banks and telecommunications. However, the Fund profited from holding bonds in Tesco after the UK supermarket purchased bonds back from the market at a premium.

### Outlook

Credit markets are likely to face stiff headwinds in 2019. Many companies are now facing significant pressure to reduce their debt load after years of overextending their balance sheets to fund acquisitions and share buybacks. Spreads over government bonds look set to widen, pushing up corporate interest costs. Against this backdrop, we could see a marked variation in the performance of different sectors. Bonds issued by companies in the real estate and auto sectors look especially vulnerable to tighter monetary policy given the extent to which interest rates affect consumer demand. By contrast, bonds issued by banks seem more likely to outperform, especially at the shorter end of the maturity range. Lenders have greatly strengthened their balanced sheets since the financial crisis, partly by raising capital, whereas non-financial corporations' balance sheets have veered in the opposite direction. The fact that the market is heavily regulated should also comfort investors.

\*Fund performance figures - share class 1. Source: Lipper, a Thomson Reuters Company; Basis: Total return, net of fees & net income re-invested.

#### Important information:

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The value of an investment and any income from it may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the original amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

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# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Extra Income Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017
·	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Income Shares	per sitate	per sitera	
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	108.10	110.01	102.71
Return before operating charges*	2,34	1.71	11.50
Operating charges	(1.13)	(1.17)	(1.14)
Return after operating charges	1.21	0.54	10.36
Distributions	(2.46)	(2.45)	(3.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	<u> </u>	(-)	
Closing net asset value per share	106.85	108.10	110.01
*After direct transaction costs of	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance <sup>†</sup>		93	
Return after charges	1,12%	0.49%	10.09%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	75,229,751	81,927,651	86,328,424
Closing number of shares	70,408,224	75,789,165	78,472,607
Operating charges**	1.05%	1.05%	1.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			440
Highest share price	109.3	113.0	116.3
Lowest share price	105.1	108.1	103.2

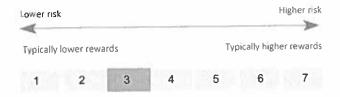
<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

†Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

## Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the potential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

**Portfolio Statement** 

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
UK Government Stocks† - 10.79% (15.64%)			
UK Treasury 1% 22/4/2024	£125,000	124,950	0.17
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/1/2045	£1,560,000	2,102,443	2.79
UK Treasury 4% 07/3/2022	£900,000	984,393	1.31
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/3/2036	£177,000	244,791	0.32
UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	£1,300,000	1,962,545	2.61
UK Treasury 5% 07/3/2025	£2,190,000	2,698,693	3.59
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds - 86.85% (78.45%)			
AA Bond 6.269% 02/7/2043	£1,115,000	1,127,856	1.50
ABN AMRO 1% 30/6/2020	£700,000	694,904	0.92
America Movil 4.375% 07/8/2041	£370,000	439,191	0.58
America Movil 6.375% FRN 06/9/2073	£800,000	843,520	1.12
Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 25/5/2037	£487,000	447,563	0.59
Annington Funding 2.646% 12/7/2025	£479,000	470,584	0.63
Annington Funding 3.935% 12/7/2047	£600,000	603,102	0.80
AT&T 4.25% 01/6/2043	£900,000	927,798	1,23
AT&T 4.375% 14/9/2029	£400,000	432,648	0.57
Aviva 6.875% 20/5/2058	£820,000	983,403	1.31
AXA 5.625% FRN 16/1/2054	£850,000	937,529	1.25
Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1% 17/6/2022	£1,000,000	989,340	1.31
Bank of America 7% 31/7/2028	£900,000	1,224,037	1.63
Barclays 3.25% 12/2/2027	£916,000	897,524	1.19
Barclays 4.25% 12/1/2022	£500,000	538,763	0.72
Barclays 10% 21/5/2021	£1,000,000	1,150,833	1.53
Barclays 14% Perpetual	£200,000	206,686	0.27
BAT International Finance 2.25% 09/9/2052	£300,000	197,745	0.26
BAT International Finance 4% 04/9/2026	£300,000	315,768	0.42
Broadgate Financing 4.999% 05/10/2033	£700,000	831,509	1.11
Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 22/10/2033	£279,227	345,258	0,46
Cattles 6.875% 17/1/2014*	£1,300,000	_	0.00
Channel Link Enterprises Finance 3.043% 30/6/2050	£209,000	205,972	0.27
Citigroup 2.75% 24/1/2024	£352,000	358,559	0.48
Citigroup 4.5% 03/3/2031	£1,000,000	1,120,139	1.49
Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 31/3/2039	£394,840	402,452	0.53
CPUK Finance 3.588% 28/2/2042	£660,000	690,182	0.92
Credit Suisse 2.125% 12/9/2025	£417,000	400,187	0.53
DS Smith 2.875% 26/7/2029	£600,000	573,006	0.76
E.ON International Finance 6.375% 07/6/2032	£500,000	676,469	0.90
Électricité de France 6.125% 02/6/2034	£1,300,000	1,764,325	2.35
Enel Finance International 5.625% 14/8/2024	£750,000	857,390	1.14
European Investment Bank 5% 15/4/2039	£1,200,000	1,798,503	2.39
European Investment Bank 5.375% 07/6/2021	£1,200,000	1,313,448	1.75
Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	£712,000	897,691	1.19
FirstGroup 8.75% 08/4/2021	£870,000	972,195	1.29
Gatwick Funding 2.625% 07/10/2048	£784,000	687,301	0.91
GE Capital Funding 8% 14/1/2039	£200,000	298,267	0.40
GE Capital VK Funding 5.875% 18/1/2033	£196,000	237,742	0.32
Goldman Sachs 3.125% 25/7/2029	£657,000	659,122	0.88

## **Portfolio Statement**

(continued)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Grainger 3.375% 24/4/2028	£600,000	594,894	0.79
Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 05/4/2031	£660,000	809,924	1.08
Greene King Finance 5.702% 15/12/2034	£1,100,000	967,910	1.29
Heathrow Funding 7.125% 14/2/2024	£790,000	949,342	1.26
HSBC 4.75% 24/3/2046	£300,000	346,528	0.46
HSBC 5.875% Perpetual	£733,000	738,058	0.98
HSBC 6.75% 11/9/2028	£750,000	949,669	1.26
Imperial Brands Finance 8.125% 15/3/2024	£445,000	552,349	0.73
Imperial Brands Finance 9% 17/2/2022	£1,400,000	1,659,620	2.21
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 1.25% 07/9/2023	£1,100,000	1,096,882	1.46
Investec Bank 4.25% 24/7/2028	£551,000	536,013	0.71
Investec Bank 9.625% 17/2/2022	£300,000	350,938	0.47
JPMorgan Chase 1.875% 10/2/2020	£900,000	905,199	1.20
JT International Financial Services 2.75% 28/9/2033	£327,000	320,597	0.43
Juturna Euro Loan 5.0636% 10/8/2033	£700,929	841,611	1.12
KfW 6% 07/12/2028	£600,000	836,262	1.13
Legal & General 10% 23/7/2041	£800,000	941,670	1.25
Lloyds Bank 2.25% 16/10/2024	£557,000	542,718	0.72
Lloyds Bank 5.125% 07/3/2025	£500,000	594,930	0.79
Lloyds Bank 7.625% 22/4/2025	£900,000	1,134,387	1.51
Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 12/7/2037	£695,704	841,927	1.12
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 6.469% 15/9/2032	£900,000	970,597	1.29
NatWest Markets 2.875% 19/9/2026	£1,000,000	989,400	1.32
Network Rail 4.75% 29/11/2035	£700,000	980,030	1.30
NGG Finance 5.625% FRN 18/6/2073	£500,000	533,350	0.71
Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 31/1/2029	£142,000	141,266	0.19
Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.75% 20/12/2032	£620,000	658,273	0.87
Orange 5.375% 22/11/2050	£500,000	683,302	0.91
Prudential 5.625% 20/10/2051	£520,000	538,871	0.72
Prudential 5.7% FRN 19/12/2063	£200,000	228,970	0.30
Prudential 11.375% FRN 29/5/2039	£900,000	920,709	1.22
RAC 4.565% 06/5/2046	£800,000	784,696	1.04
RELX 2.75% 01/8/2019	£1,000,000	1,001,270	1.33
Santander UK 5.125% 14/4/2021	£800,000	861,549	1.19
Segro 2.375% 11/10/2029	£835,000	804,372	1.07
Southern Gas Networks 2.5% 03/2/2025	£800,000	808,023	1.07
Telefónica Emisiones 5.445% 08/10/2029	£700,000	844,800	1.12
Tesco Property Finance 6 5.4111% 13/7/2044	£803,349	917,569	1.22
Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance 2.875% 03/5/2027	£600,000	575,730	0.77
Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance 7.738% 09/4/2058	£258,000	465,613	0.62
Time Warner Cable 5.25% 15/7/2042	£200,000	221,271	0.29
Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 14/12/2026	£800,000	786,992	1.05
Unite Usaf II 3.921% 30/6/2030	£470,000	512,609	0.68
Verizon Communications 3.375% 27/10/2036	£500,000	509,765	0.68
Verizon Communications 4.073% 18/6/2024	£700,000	775,544	1.03
Volkswagen International Finance 4.125% 17/11/2031	£300,000	307,317	0.43
Wellcome Trust 2.517% 07/2/2118	£510,000	471,418	0.63
Wells Fargo 2% 28/7/2025	£615,000	605,875	0.8

## **Portfolio Statement**

(continued)

Market Value (£)	Total Net
yaide (L)	Assets (%)
1,165,217	1.55
1,243,487	1.65
) 21,120	0.03
73,476,759	97.67
1,752,992	2.33
75,229,751	100.00
	1,165,217 1,243,487 ) 21,120 73,476,759 1,752,992

The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

<sup>†</sup>Related party investment.

<sup>\*</sup>This security is suspended and therefore priced at the ACD's fair valuation.

## **Statement of Total Return**

			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
ncome		-			
Net capital losses	2		(925,805)		(1,421,649)
Revenue	3	2,653,300		2,789,745	
xpenses	4	(828,069)		(896,701)	
nterest payable and similar charges	6	(16,988)		(5,437)	
let revenue before taxation		1,808,243		1,887,607	
axation	5	(2,531)			
let revenue after taxation			1,805,712		1,887,60
otal return before distributions			879,907		465,95
Ostributions	7		(1,805,712)	100 year	(1,887,607
change in net assets attributable to					
hareholders from investment activities			(925,805)		(1,421,649
Statement of Change in Net Assets & for the year ended 28 February 2019		£	28/02/2019 £	£	28/02/201
Opening net assets attributable to Shar	eholders		81,927,651		86,328,42
Amounts received on issue of shares		1,923,137		2,453,250	
		(7,695,521)		(5,432,374)	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares			(5,772,384)		(2,979,124
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares  Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above)	holders		(5,772,384) (925,805)		
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above)	holders		(925,805) 289		(2,979,124
			(925,805)		
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions			(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> 28/02/2019		(1,421,64
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019		£	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b>	£	(1,421,64 <sup>5</sup>
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019	cholders	£	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> 28/02/2019	£	(1,421,64 <sup>5</sup>
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019	cholders	£	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> 28/02/2019 £	£	(1,421,649 81,927,65 28/02/201
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Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets Investment assets	Pholders  Notes	1,263,434	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> 28/02/2019 £	1,418,730	(1,421,649 81,927,65 28/02/201
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets Investment assets Current assets	Pholders  Notes		(925,805) 289 75,229,751 28/02/2019 £		(1,421,649 81,927,65 28/02/201 77,086,69
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets Investment assets Current assets Debtors	Pholders  Notes	1,263,434	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> <b>28/02/2019</b> £	1,418,730	28/02/201 77,086,60
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets Investment assets Current assets Debtors Cash and bank balances	Pholders  Notes	1,263,434	(925,805) 289 75,229,751 28/02/2019 £	1,418,730	28/02/201 77,086,69
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets Investment assets Current assets Debtors Cash and bank balances Total other assets	Pholders  Notes	1,263,434	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> <b>28/02/2019</b> £	1,418,730	28/02/201 77,086,69
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets	Pholders  Notes	1,263,434	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> <b>28/02/2019</b> £	1,418,730	28/02/201 77,086,69
Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets	Notes 8 9	1,263,434 1,080,002	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> <b>28/02/2019</b> £	1,418,730	(1,421,649 81,927,65 28/02/201
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Change in net assets attributable to Share from investment activities (see above) Unclaimed distributions Closing net assets attributable to Share  Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2019  ASSETS Fixed assets	Notes 8 9	1,263,434 1,080,002 (441,293)	(925,805) 289 <b>75,229,751</b> <b>28/02/2019</b> £	1,418,730 4,004,309 (451,694)	28/02/20: 77,086,6 5,423,0 82,509,7

## **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Final Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019

Interest Distribution	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Amount payable on 30/04/2019	Amount paid on 30/04/2018
Group 1	0.6268	-	0.6268	0.5960
Group 2	0.2756	0.3512	0.6268	0.5960

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 2018 to 30 November 2018

Interest Distribution	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Amount paid on 31/01/2019	Amount paid on 31/01/2018
Group 1	0.6026	-	0.6026	0.5928
Group 2	0.2767	0.3259	0.6026	0.5928

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

## Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2018

	Net			
Interest Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/10/2018	31/10/2017
Group 1	0.6106	-	0.6106	0.5918
Group 2	0.2775	0.3331	0.6106	0.5918

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

## Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018

	Net		Amount paid on	Amount paid on
Interest Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/07/2018	31/07/2017
Group 1	0.6174	-	0.6174	0.6646
Group 2	0.2888	0.3286	0.6174	0.6646

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

## 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

## 2 Net capital losses

The net capital losses on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £	
Non-derivative securities	(895,519)	(1,513,952)	
Derivative securities	(27,784)	94,812	
Activity charges	(2,502)	(2,509)	
Net capital losses	(925,805)	(1,421,649)	

## 3 Revenue

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Bank interest	14,891	1,863
Interest on debt securities	2,638,409	2,783,144
Returns from bond futures	-	1,197
Taxable overseas dividends	227	3,541
Total revenue	2,653,300	2,789,745

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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4 Expenses		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	794,391	859,932
	794,391	859,932
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	19,692	21,047
Safe custody charges	6,786	6,955
	26,478	28,002
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	7,200	8,084
Printing costs	70	607
Professional service fees		76
	7,200	8,767
Total expenses	828,069	896,701

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £6,000 (2018 - £6,000).

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 5 Taxation

3 Idxauoii		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
a) Analysis of tax charge in year:		
Overseas tax withheld	2,531	
Total tax charge (note 5b)	2,531	-

## b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 20%).

The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	1,808,243	1,887,607
Corporation tax @ 20%	361,649	377,521
Effects of:		
Movement in excess management expenses	506	9
Overseas tax withheld	2,531	
Relief on overseas tax expensed	(506)	-
Tax deductible interest distributions	(361,649)	(377,521)
Total tax charge (see note 5a)	2,531	_

## c) Deferred tax

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in the accounts. The Sub-fund has no excess management expenses (2018 - nil).

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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6 Interest payable and similar charges		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£

 Interest
 16,988
 5,437

 Total interest
 16,988
 5,437

## 7 Distributions

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

	28/02/2018
i i	£
462,824	517,802
447,670	456,597
435,218	454,198
441,293	451,694
1,787,005	1,880,291
(6,347)	(7,639)
25,054	14,955
18,707	7,316
1,805,712	1,887,607
1,805,712	1,887,607
1,805,712	1,887,607
	435,218 441,293 1,787,005 (6,347) 25,054 18,707 1,805,712

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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8 Debtors		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
1	£	£
Accrued revenue	1,263,434	1,383,008
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	-	35,722
Total debtors	1,263,434	1,418,730
9 Cash and bank balances		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Cash held at bank	1,070,012	1,804,309
Amounts held in Aviva Investors Sterling Liquidity Fund	9,990	2,200,000
Total cash and bank balances	1,080,002	4,004,309
10 Creditors		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
a) Distribution payable		
Net distribution payable	441,293	451,694
Total distribution payable	441,293	451,694
b) Other creditors		
Accrued expenses	69,188	77,097
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	79,963	53,295
Total other creditors	149,151	130,392

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments

#### a) Interest rate risk

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2019 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets	5,595,837	67,859,802	21,120	73,476,759
Investment liabilities	-	_	12	-

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2018 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets	5,562,459	71,524,239	92	77,086,698
Investment liabilities	-	-	-	7

Credit quality	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
Investment grade	69,588,505	73,987,879
Below investment grade	3,062,762	2,294,171
Not rated	804,372	804,648
	73,455,639	77,086,698

A fixed income security is deemed to be of investment grade if it is rated BBB- or above.

#### b) Foreign currency risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, nil% (2018 - nil%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencles.

#### c) Credit risk

The Sub-fund enters into derivative transactions in the form of futures and forward currency contracts. The purpose of these financial instruments is Efficient Portfolio Management. Futures are used to manage market price risk. Forward currency contracts are used to manage currency risk arising from holdings of overseas securities. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a downturn in the markets.

The Sub-fund's use of exchange traded derivatives are considered to be free of counterparty risk if the derivative is traded on an exchange where the clearing house is backed by an appropriate performance guarantee and is characterised by a daily mark-to-market valuation of the derivative position and at least daily margining. For forward foreign currency contracts, given the short maturity of the transactions, the ACD believes the robust approval and monitoring procedures in place for the counterparties are sufficient to mitigate the counterparty risk associated with the contracts.

At 28 February 2019, no non exchange traded derivatives were held by the Sub-fund (2018 - nil).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

£	£
	L
21,120	_
55,639	_
_	-
76,759	_
4	21,120 455,639 - 476,759

28 February 2018	Assets £	Liabilities £
Level 1: Quoted	<del>-</del>	_
Level 2: Observable	77,086,698	_
Level 3: Unobservable	-	_
C. 1500000 - 10000000000000000000000000000	77,086,698	

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

#### Interest rate sensitivity

An increase of 100 basis points (1%) as at the reporting date will cause net capital losses to increase by £5,637,713 and the net asset value to decrease by £5,637,713 (for 2018 it will cause net capital losses to increase by £6,265,685 and the net asset value to decrease by £6,265,685).

A decrease would have had an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

## **Currency sensitivity**

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, nil% (2018 - nil%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies, hence no currency sensitivity has been carried out.

## Equity market price sensitivity

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, nil% (2018 - nil%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was invested in equity shares, hence no equity market sensitivity has been carried out.

#### f) Leverage

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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12 Portfolio transaction costs					
For the year ended 28 February 2019					
	Transaction				
		Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£		%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	16,466,616		_	(=)	7-
Total purchases	16,466,616			-	
Total purchases including transaction costs	16,466,616				
	Transaction				
		Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	18,533,461	-		100	-
Total sales	18,533,461			_	
Total sales net of transaction costs	18,533,461				
Derivative transaction costs		216		_	
Total transaction costs		216		-	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.00%		0.00%	
For the year ended 28 February 2018					
	Transaction				
Describer of described to the described		Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	29,436,632	<del></del>		-	-
Total purchases	29,436,632	***			
Total purchases including transaction costs	29,436,632				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	33,486,989	<u> </u>	<u></u>		-
Total sales	33,486,989			-	
Total sales net of transaction costs	33,486,989				
Derivative transaction costs		130		-	
Total transaction costs		130		200	
Total transaction costs					

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

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For the Sub-fund's investment transactions in debt and money market instruments any applicable transaction charges form part of the dealing spread for these instruments. Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Sub-fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

During the year the Sub-fund utilised derivative instruments including futures covering different underlying asset classes. The settlement values for opening and closing derivative positions are not comparable to principal values for transactions in direct holding investments and therefore purchase and sale amounts for derivative transactions are not quantified in the analysis above. Transaction costs for derivatives positions will be either suffered as direct costs or form part of the dealing spread for the instruments. Any direct costs are identified in the analysis above.

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.59% (2018 - 0.53%).

as a % of average net assets

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £58,395 (2018 - £64,249).

Details of related party investments are disclosed within the portfolio statement.

## 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

## 15 Share movement

For the year ended 28 February 2019

	Income shares
Opening shares	75,789,165
Shares issued	1,787,659
Shares redeemed	
Closing shares	(7,168,600)
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## 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland Growth Fund**

**Audited Report** 

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Investment Objective & Policy**

To achieve long term capital appreciation. The Sub-fund will invest principally in UK equities based on price and prospects of above average earnings growth. The Sub-fund may have a small exposure to international equity and bond markets.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### **Performance**

The fund returned -2.19% (after charges) for the year to the end of February 2019, compared with a return of 1.70% for the FTSE All Share Index and an average return of -1.14% for its peer group, the Investment Association UK All Companies sector\*.

### **Portfolio Summary**

The fund underperformed its peer group over the year under review. The underperformance was driven predominantly by an underweight allocation to the healthcare sector, and stock selection within the industrials sector. We maintained limited exposure to the healthcare sector due to a lack of attractive investment opportunities. However, this detracted from performance as the sector remained a focal point for merger and acquisition activity. Both Shire and AstraZeneca, neither of which were held in the fund, performed well. Irish pharmaceutical firm Shire was the recipient of a takeover bid from Japanese pharmaceutical firm Takeda, which was finally concluded in January. AstraZeneca recently reported a rebound in fourth quarter sales, driven by the strong performance of new medicines.

Amongst industrials, the main detractors were our holdings in DS Smith, Babcock, Melrose and BBA Aviation. Packaging group DS Smith weakened largely on concerns over the global economic outlook and the potential fallout from a hard Brexit. Evidence of lower prices for materials used in corrugated cardboard and oversupply in the US market also affected the shares. However, the company reassured that it was reviewing stock levels of raw materials and was well positioned with its contingency plans to weather any outcome from the Brexit negotiations. In December, DS Smith received approval to acquire Spanish packaging company Europac while management also expects to offload the plastics business, which will see a greater focus on non-fibre-based packaging. In the case of our holdings in engineering group Melrose and aviation services group BBA, both companies generate a substantial proportion of their earnings from the US. Concerns over the outlook for the US economy increasingly preoccupied investors as 2018 ended, specifically fears that the Federal Reserve has been too aggressive in tightening monetary policy which risks tipping the economy into recession. Additionally, Melrose's autos exposure from the purchase of GKN last January was also a detractor given the negative sentiment on that industry arising from the US-China trade dispute and the slowdown in the Chinese economy. Babcock, a support services company operating predominantly in the rail and defence industries, cautioned that while its order book remained strong underlying annual revenues would be lower, due to a decline in activity in its rail business while power station outages have hampered its South African operations.

Stock selection in the financials and consumer services sectors went some way towards offsetting these factors. Amongst financials, the key contributors were holdings in insurance groups Hiscox and Phoenix. Hiscox reported that the continued expansion of its retail business was a key driver of a rise in annual revenues, offsetting the impact of catastrophe-related claims. Phoenix climbed on the back off a favourable broker review and the stock's pending promotion to the FTSE 100 Index, with the life insurer having acquired Standard Life Aberdeen's open-book insurance business. In the consumer services sector, holdings in RELX and Cineworld performed well. Media group RELX, which has made several acquisitions over the last year, reported underlying revenues increased across all four of its businesses during 2018 and plans to extend its share buyback programme this year, The majority of Cineworld's earnings now come from the US, following their reverse takeover of Regal. The company's recent annual results highlighted the the enlarged group is on track to generate substantial cost synergies this year, while the market also appears to be gaining confidence in the company's refurbishment plans for its US cinemas.

During the year under review, we added several new holdings to the portfolio. These included Breedon, the UK's largest independent construction materials firm specialising in concrete and cement, which we view as well placed to benefit from the government's housebuilding programme. Amongst consumer stocks, we added a holding in beverages group Diageo. The company's spirits division has been performing well and we believe Diageo has improved its product positioning with potential for a share buyback programme later in the year. We also acquired a holding in wealth management group St James' Place, where we see a structural growth opportunity fuelled by an ageing population and an everwidening advice gap in the wake of UK pension freedoms. We exited our positions in Merlin Entertainment and Alfa Financial Software, as in both cases trading performance had fallen short of expectations.

We also took the opportunity to add to our industrials exposure, after the sector had sold off sharply during the fourth quarter of 2018, which was mainly financed by trimming existing positions elsewhere.

#### **Fund Report**

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#### Outlook

2019 has started promisingly as global recession fears have faded due to the US Federal Reserve's move to a more 'patient' stance on further interest rate hikes. However key challenges remain, most notably Brexit and the resolution of China and US trade negotiations.

Overall, UK equities, particularly the sectors and stocks we are exposed to, are valued cheaply relatively to other global markets, and relative to history in terms of price to earnings ratios, free cash flow and dividend yields. This is also the case versus government bond and corporate bond yields.

On this basis, the balance of probabilities favours positive returns for equities in 2019, despite the risks, while our portfolio positioning should benefit from a less pessimistic view on economic and political outcomes.

\*Source: Aviva Investors/Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, as at 28 February 2019. Basis: Mid to mid, net income reinvested, net of angoing charges and fees, in Sterling and net of tax payable by the Fund. The figures do not include the effect of any exit or entry charge.

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# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland Growth Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	28/02/2017
	pence	pence	pence
Accumulation Shares	per share	per share	per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	396.54	374.56	318.76
Return before operating charges*	(3.61)	27.08	60.20
Operating charges	(5.08)	(5.10)	(4.40)
Return after operating charges	(8.69)	21.98	55.80
Distributions	(9.71)	(7.72)	(8.23)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	9.71	7.72	8.23
Closing net asset value per share	387.85	396.54	374.56
*After direct transaction costs of	(0.37)	(0.40)	(0.40)
Performance <sup>†</sup>			
Return after charges	(2.19)%	5.87%	17.51%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	214,011,756	236,032,199	237,159,421
Closing number of shares	55,178,712	59,523,194	63,316,940
Operating charges**	1.28%	1.28%	1.28%
Direct transaction costs	0.10%	0.10%	0.12%
Prices			
Highest share price	427.7	419.1	375.4
Lowest share price	360.1	376.8	308.6

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the potential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

## **Portfolio Statement**

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United Kingdom Equities - 98.94% (97.33%)			
Asset Managers - 6.07% (6.84%)			
Intermediate Capital	902,042	9,345,155	4.37
Rathbone Brothers	160,785	3,646,604	1.70
Automobiles - 0.00% (2.04%)			
Banks - 5.10% (5.27%)			
Close Brothers	214,193	3,221,463	1.50
HSBC	1,254,733	7,704,061	3.60
Broadcasting & Entertainment - 1.93% (2.73%)			
ITV	3,226,774	4,123,817	1.93
Building Materials & Fixtures - 6.10% (2.27%)			
Breedon	1,883,356	1,235,482	0.58
lbstock	988,670	2,451,902	1.15
Melrose Industries	4,236,573	7,344,099	3.43
Volution	1,337,902	2,020,232	0.94
Business Support Services - 6.83% (5.08%)			
Ashtead	301,721	5,958,990	2.78
Rentokil Initial	2,500,018	8,662,562	4.05
Containers & Packaging - 1.87% (2.17%)			
DS Smith	1,192,080	4,003,005	1.87
Defence - 1.21% (0.00%)			
Babcock International	490,439	2,588,537	1.21
Distillers & Vintners - 1.90% (0.00%)			
Diageo	140,452	4,069,597	1.90
Diversified Industrials - 1.60% (0.00%)			
Smiths	239,606	3,414,385	1.60
Fixed Line Telecommunications - 1.84% (1.88%)			
ВТ	1,829,454	3,930,582	1.84
General Mining - 8.90% (7.50%)			
Antofagasta	289,870	2,729,416	1.28
BHP Billiton	456,759	8,012,466	3.74
Rio Tinto	191,803	8,297,398	3.88

## **Portfolio Statement**

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
Industrial Machinery - 0.00% (2.64%)			
Integrated Oil & Gas - 4.91% (4.91%)			
Royal Dutch Shell 'B' (UK Regd.)	442,421	10,516,347	4.91
Investment Services - 0.17% (1.37%)			
AJ Bell	121,175	353,892	0.17
Life Insurance - 8.57% (7.60%)			
Legal & General	1,369,401	3,794,610	1.77
Phoenix	521,033	3,598,254	1.68
Prudential	504,231	7,961,807	3.72
St. James's Place Capital	310,100	2,983,782	1.40
Media Agencies - 1.14% (1.02%)			
Informa	349,128	2,452,275	1.14
Medical Equipment - 2.43% (1.98%)			
Smith & Nephew	365,013	5,192,310	2.43
Mobile Telecommunications - 1.71% (2.80%)			
√odafone	2,693,794	3,654,401	1.71
Multiutilities - 1.24% (1.00%)			
National Grid	314,458	2,660,629	1.24
Nondurable Household Products - 0.00% (2.79%)			
Personal Products - 3.34% (3.91%)			
Unilever	179,267	7,150,064	3.34
Pharmaceuticals - 4.50% (1.98%)			
GlaxoSmithKline	637,057	9,624,657	4.50
Property & Casualty Insurance - 3.24% (1.50%)			
Hiscox	302,952	4,777,553	2.23
Sabre Insurance	805,923	2,151,814	1.01
Publishing - 4.26% (3.37%)			
RELX	528,607	9,107,899	4.26
Recreational Services - 3.18% (2.96%)			
Carnival	95,586	4,027,038	1.88
Cineworld	999,260	2,787,935	1.30
Restaurants & Bars - 3.59% (4.25%)			
Compass	460,594	7,680,405	3.59

#### **Portfolio Statement**

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		Market	Total Net
Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
Soft Drinks - 0.78% (1.00%)			
Fevertree Drinks	63,636	1,672,990	0.78
Software - 3.15% (5.00%)			
Sage	1,027,188	6,746,571	3.15
Speciality Finance - 0.75% (1.26%)			
Sherborne Investors B	1,845,907	166,132	0.08
Sherborne Investors C	2,416,810	1,425,918	0.67
Specialty REITs - 1.68% (1.34%)			
Tritax Big Box Reit	2,535,572	3,600,512	1.68
Tobacco - 1.62% (3.84%)			
British American Tobacco	126,420	3,476,550	1.62
Transportation Services - 3.08% (4.15%)			
BBA Aviation	2,723,633	6,591,192	3.08
Travel & Tourism - 0.00% (0.88%)			
Water - 2.25% (0.00%)			
Severn Trent	240,681	4,825,654	2.25
Portfolio of investments - 98.94% (97.33%)		211,740,944	98.94
Net current assets - 1.06% (2.67%)		2,270,812	1.06
Total Net Assets		214,011,756	100.00

The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

## Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 28 February 2019

			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income					
Net capital (losses)/gains	2		(10,545,137)		9,171,736
Revenue	3	8,569,831		7,913,125	
Expenses	4	(2,935,869)		(3,117,167)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	-			
Net revenue before taxation		5,633,962		4,795,958	
Taxation	5	14,753		-	
Net revenue after taxation			5,648,715		4,795,958
Total return before distributions			(4,896,422)		13,967,694
Distributions	7		(5,648,715)		(4,795,958)
Change in net assets attributable to					
Shareholders from investment activities			(10,545,137)		9,171,736

## Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 28 February 2019

		28/02/2019		28/02/2018
Notes	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	4	236,032,199		237,159,421
Amounts received on issue of shares	1,497,021		1,764,937	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(18,330,267)		(16,661,031)	
		(16,833,246)		(14,896,094)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(10,545,137)		9,171,736
Retained distributions on accumulation shares 7		5,357,940		4,597,136
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		214,011,756		236,032,199

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 28 February 2019

as at 20 replicary 2019					
			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets			211,740,944		229,726,805
Current assets					
Debtors	8	798,249		1,572,829	
Cash and bank balances	9	2,062,303		6,093,645	
Total other assets		-012710200ELL	2,860,552		7,666,474
Total assets			214,601,496		237,393,279
LIABILITIES					
Creditors					
Other creditors	10	(589,740)		(1,361,080)	
Total other liabilities			(589,740)		(1,361,080)
Total liabilities			(589,740)		(1,361,080)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			214,011,756		236,032,199

## **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

## **Final Distribution for Accumulation Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019

	Net		payable on	Amount paid on
Dividend Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	30/04/2019	30/04/2018
Group 1	9.7102	(=)	9.7102	7.7233
Group 2	4.2534	5.4568	9.7102	7.7233

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

## 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

## 2 Net capital (losses)/gains

The net capital (losses)/gains on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £	
Non-derivative securities	(10,535,991)	9,176,815	
Currency exchange	(3,407)	_	
Activity charges	(5,739)	(5,079)	
Net capital (losses)/gains	(10,545,137)	9,171,736	

#### 3 Revenue

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
Bank interest	12,102	4,894
Non-taxable overseas dividends	325,196	-
Overseas dividends	12,251	24,367
UK dividends	8,071,683	7,812,050
UK REIT PID dividends	148,599	70,719
Underwriting commission	-	1,095
Total revenue	8,569,831	7,913,125

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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4 Expenses		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	2,881,705	3,057,563
	2,881,705	3,057,563
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	43,584	45,676
Safe custody charges	3,380	3,632
	46,964	49,308
Other expenses:	Standard to	V-10-4-
Audit fee	7,200	8,487
Printing costs	-	1,733
Professional service fees	-	76
	7,200	10,296
Total expenses	2,935,869	3,117,167

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £6,000 (2018 - £6,000).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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5 Taxation		
	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
-0.	£	£
a) Analysis of tax credit in year:		
income tax repayment	(14,753)	-
Total tax charge (note 5b)	(14,753)	_
CONT.		

#### b) Factors affecting tax credit for the year:

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 20%). The differences are explained below:

Net revenue before taxation	5,633,962	4,795,958
Corporation tax @ 20%	1,126,792	959,192
Effects of:		
Dividends not subject to corporation tax	(1,679,375)	(1,555,208)
Movement in excess management expenses	554,509	596,016
Income tax repayment	(14,753)	-
Prior year adjustment	(1,926)	
Total tax credit (see note 5a)	(14,753)	

#### c) Deferred tax

After claiming relief against accrued revenue taxable on receipt, the Sub-fund has unrelieved excess expenses of £43,077,610 (2018 - £40,305,064). These unrelieved excess management fees represent an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £8,615,522 (2018 - £8,061,013). It is unlikely that the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (2018 - £nil).

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

Net revenue after taxation

Net distributions for the year

(continued)

Interest payable and similar charges	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	28/02/2018
nterest	*	
Total interest		
7 Distributions		
The distributions take account of amounts added on the issue of shares and	mounts deducted on the cancellation of sha	res and comprise:
	20/03/2010	28/02/2018
	28/02/2019	
	28/02/2019 £	20/02/2016
Accumulation Distributions		
Accumulation Distributions Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares		
	£	1
Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares	£ 5,357,940	4,597,136
	£ 5,357,940	4,597,136
Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares  Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations	£ 5,357,940 <b>5,357,940</b>	4,597,136 4,597,136
Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares  Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations  Amounts added on issue of shares	£ 5,357,940 5,357,940 (19,365)	4,597,136 4,597,136 (21,947

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# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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8 Debtors		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Accrued revenue	750,511	754,613
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	18,018	_
Income tax recoverable	29,720	-
Prepaid expenses	-	565
Sales awaiting settlement	<del></del>	817,651

#### 9 Cash and bank balances

	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Cash held at bank	2,062,303	4,993,467
Amounts held in Aviva Investors Liquidity Fund	7	1,100,178
Total cash and bank balances	2,062,303	6,093,645

798,249

1,572,829

#### 10 Creditors

**Total debtors** 

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018	
(44)	£	£	
Other creditors			
Accrued expenses	218,218	255,099	
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	371,522	223,782	
Purchases awaiting settlement		882,199	
Total other creditors	589,740	1,361,080	

#### 11 Financial instruments

## a) Interest rate risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.96% (2018 - 2.12%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was interest bearing. Further disclosure would be required if the exposure of the Sub-fund was deemed significant.

#### b) Currency exposure risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.11% (2018 - 0.09%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies.

# c) Derivatives risk and Efficient Portfolio Management

The Sub-fund did not enter into any derivative transactions during the year.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2019	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	211,740,944	
Level 2: Observable	7 <del></del> 4	
Level 3: Unobservable		-
	211,740,944	

28 February 2018	Assets £	Liabilities £
Level 1: Quoted	229,726,805	-
Level 2: Observable	-	-
Level 3: Unobservable		-
	229,726,805	_

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

## Interest rate sensitivity

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.96% (2018 - 2.12%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was interest bearing, hence no interest sensitivity has been carried out.

#### **Currency sensitivity**

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.11% (2018 - 0.09%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies, hence no currency sensitivity has been carried out.

## **Equity market price sensitivity**

The table below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening in equity market prices by 5% as at the reporting date:

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
	10,639,140	11.452.679
Increase in net capital gains and increase in net asset value	10,033,140	11,452,075

A weakening in equity market prices of the same 5% will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

## f) Leverage

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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For the year ended 28 February 2019					
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	9
Equity instruments (direct)	39,778,851	19,061	0.05	175,801	0.4
Total purchases	39,778,851	19,061		175,801	
Total purchases including transaction costs	39,973,713				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	9
Equity instruments (direct)	46,897,531	21,279	0.05	92	0.0
Total sales	46,897,531	21,279	<u></u>	92	
Total sales net of transaction costs	46,876,160				***
Total transaction costs		40,340		175,893	
Total transaction costs				0.000/	
as a % of average net assets		0.02%		0.08%	

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 28 February 2018

	Transaction			<b>T</b>	
	Value	Commissions	60	Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	44,726,419	24,359	0.05	187,406	0.42
Total purchases	44,726,419	24,359		187,406	
Total purchases including transaction costs	44,938,184				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	53,610,546	34,723	0.06	137	0.00
Total sales	53,610,546	34,723		137	
Total sales net of transaction costs	53,575,686				
Total transaction costs		59,082		187,543	

**Total transaction costs** 0.08% 0.02% as a % of average net assets

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Sub-fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

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

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.13% (2018 - 0.14%).

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £204,226 (2018 - £236,277).

As at the balance sheet date there were no related party investments.

## 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

#### 15 Share movement

For the year ended 28 February 2019	
	Accumulation shares
Opening shares	59,523,194
Shares issued	382,792
Shares redeemed	(4,727,274)
Closing shares	55,178,712

## 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland High Yield Fund**

**Audited Report** 

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Investment Objective & Policy

To provide a high level of income. The Sub-fund will invest in a portfolio of fixed interest securities, principally in securities is sued by corporates and supranationals, preference shares and convertibles. The Sub-fund will not be restricted to any particular geographic regions.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### **Performance**

The Fund returned 0.81% (after charges) in the twelve months to 28 February 2019, compared with a net return of 0.76% for its peer group, the Investment Association £ Strategic Bond sector\*.

#### **Portfolio Summary**

Corporate bonds posted modest returns in the year in review. The performance of fixed income markets in general were held back by expectations of tighter monetary policy by the main central banks. Indeed, in 2018 the US central bank, the Federal Reserve, raised its base rate four times while the Bank of England raised its own rate once. Elsewhere, the European Central Bank finally wound up its €2.6 trillion asset purchase programme, which included corporate bonds.

The market suffered the most turbulence in the final weeks of 2018 as investors sold down corporate bonds, and in particular high-yield debt, on worries that a dip in the performance of the global economy would leave heavily indebted companies struggling to finance themselves. However, a change to a more cautious tone from the Federal Reserve in January soothed fears that interest rates would rise too quickly, enabling corporate bonds to start 2019 with positive momentum.

Fund performance benefited from the portfolio's cautious positioning in a period when credit spreads were often under pressure. However, the biggest contributors were individual securities. Winning credits for the Fund included telecoms company AT&T, which redeemed early a sterling bond at a considerable premium. The roadside assistance companies detracted from performance, however, as profits suffered from rising call-outs and falling membership. A strong recovery in the price of New Look bonds later in the period was not enough to offset earlier disappointing performance by the embattled UK clothes retailer.

#### Outlook

Credit markets are likely to face stiff headwinds in 2019. Many companies are now facing significant pressure to reduce their debt load after years of overextending their balance sheets to fund acquisitions and share buybacks. Spreads over government bonds look set to widen, pushing up corporate interest costs. Against this backdrop, we could see a marked variation in the performance of different sectors. Bonds issued by companies in the real estate and auto sectors look especially vulnerable to tighter monetary policy given the extent to which interest rates affect consumer demand. By contrast, bonds issued by banks seem more likely to outperform, especially at the shorter end of the maturity range. Lenders have greatly strengthened their balanced sheets since the financial crisis, partly by raising capital, whereas non-financial corporations' balance sheets have veered in the opposite direction. The fact that the market is heavily regulated should also comfort investors.

\* Fund performance figures –share class 1, source Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, net of fees, net income reinvested in GBP

## Important information:

Except where stated as otherwise, the source of all information is Aviva Investors Glabal Services Limited ("Aviva Investors") as at 28/02/2019. Unless stated otherwise any views and opinions expressed are those of Aviva Investors. They should not be viewed as indicating any guarantee of return from an investment managed by Aviva Investors nor as advice of any nature.

The value of an investment and any income from it may go down as well as up and the investor may not get back the original amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

Issued by Aviva Investors Global Services Limited, the Investment Manager to the Fund registered in England No. 1151805. Registered Office: St. Helens, 1 Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ.

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland High Yield Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019 pence	28/02/2018 pence	28/02/2017 pence
Income Shares	per share	per share	per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	126.04	127.85	118.13
Return before operating charges*	2.33	3.29	15.42
Operating charges	(1.31)	(1.35)	(1.33)
Return after operating charges	1.02	1.94	14.09
Distributions	(3.49)	(3.75)	(4.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares			-
Closing net asset value per share	123.57	126.04	127.85
*After direct transaction costs of	0.00	0.00	0.00
Performance <sup>†</sup>			
Return after charges	0.81%	1.52%	11.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	78,197,252	86,540,595	93,836,204
Closing number of shares	63,280,390	68,662,958	73,395,362
Operating charges**	1.05%	1.04%	1.05%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices			
Highest share price	127.1	131.3	134.1
Lowest share price	122.3	126.6	118.8

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

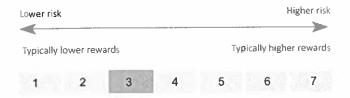
The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

<sup>†</sup>Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

#### **Statistics**

# Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the potential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced low to medium rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-Fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

**Portfolio Statement** 

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%
UK Government Stocks' - 14.16% (10.50%)			125
UK Treasury 1% 22/4/2024	£550,000	549,780	0.70
UK Treasury 1.625% 22/10/2028	£413,058	426,193	0.54
UK Treasury 3.5% 22/1/2045	£434,000	584,911	0.79
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/6/2032	£1,120,000	1,489,824	1.93
UK Treasury 4.25% 07/3/2036	£180,000	248,940	0.37
UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/2042	£1,600,000	2,442,992	3.12
UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/2038	£1,900,000	2,868,335	3.67
UK Treasury 5% 07/3/2025	£2,000,000	2,464,560	3.15
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds - 74.66% (75.27%)			
AA Bond 5.5% 31/7/2043	£850,000	740,673	0.95
America Movil 4.375% 07/8/2041	£350,000	415,451	0,53
America Movil 6.375% FRN 06/9/2073	£1,000,000	1,054,400	1.35
Anglian Water Osprey Financing 4% 08/3/2026	£885,000	773,605	0.99
Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 25/5/2037	£542,000	498,109	0.64
Annington Funding 2.646% 12/7/2025	£769,000	755,489	0.93
AT&T 4.25% 01/6/2043	000,000	824,709	1.0
AT&T 4.375% 14/9/2029	£899,000	972,376	1,24
Aviva 5,9021% Perpetual	£800,000	826,400	1.0
Aviva 6.875% 20/5/2058	£1,100,000	1,319,199	1,69
AXA 5.625% FRN 16/1/2054	£800,000	882,381	1.1
Barclays 10% 21/5/2021	£1,357,000	1,561,680	2.0
Barclays 14% Perpetual	£700,000	723,401	0.9
Barclays 3.25% 12/2/2027	£400,000	391,932	0.5
BAT International Finance 4% 04/9/2026	£1,000,000	1,052,559	1.3
BAT International Finance 6% 24/11/2034	£300,000	371,700	0.4
Broadgate Financing 4.999% 05/10/2033	£700,000	831,509	1.0
Canary Wharf Finance II 6.455% 22/10/2033	£322,185	398,374	0.5
Cattles 6.875% 17/1/2014*	£1,300,000	-	
Citigroup 4.5% 03/3/2031	£1,200,000	1,344,166	1.7
Connect Plus M25 Issuer 2.607% 31/3/2039	£443,451	452,001	0.5
Credit Suisse 2.125% 12/9/2025	£443,000	425,138	0.5
Debenhams 5.25% 15/7/2021	£190,000	101,481	0.1
DS Smith 2.875% 26/7/2029	£650,000	620,756	0.7
E.ON International Finance 6.375% 07/6/2032	£450,000	608,823	0.7
Eastern Power Networks 4.75% 30/9/2021	£1,000,000	1,077,613	1.3
Électricité de France 6.125% 02/6/2034	£1,300,000	1,764,325	2.2
Enel 6.625% FRN 15/9/2076	£900,000	954,207	1.2
Enel Finance International 5.75% 14/9/2040	£400,000	500,306	0.6
European Investment Bank 5% 15/4/2039	£1,000,000	1,498,752	1.9
Eversholt Funding 6.697% 22/2/2035	£712,000	897,691	1.1
Gatwick Funding 5.25% 23/1/2026	£900,000	1,021,194	1.3
GE Capital UK Funding 5.875% 18/1/2033	£300,000	363,890	0.4
GE Capital UK Funding 8% 14/1/2039	£100,000	149,134	0,1
Goldman Sachs 3.125% 25/7/2029	£788,000	790,545	1.0
Grainger 3.375% 24/4/2028	£714,000	707,924	0.9
Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 05/4/2031	£748,000	917,914	1.1
Greene King Finance 5.702% 15/12/2034	£1,200,000	1,055,902	1.3
Heathrow Finance 3.875% 01/3/2027	£1,000,000	940,720	1.2

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland High Yield Fund Portfolio Statement

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Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Heathrow Funding 7.125% 14/2/2024	£600,000	721,019	0.92
HSBC 5.875% Perpetual	£801,000	806,527	1.03
HSBC 6.75% 11/9/2028	£750,000	949,669	1.21
Imperial Brands Finance 9% 17/2/2022	£1,250,000	1,481,803	1.89
Innogy Finance 5.5% 06/7/2022	£300,000	334,865	0.43
Investec Bank 4.25% 24/7/2028	£597,000	580,762	0.74
JPMorgan Chase 1.875% 10/2/2020	£634,000	637,663	0.82
Juturna Euro Loan 5.0636% 10/8/2033	£731,185	877,940	1.12
Kelda Finance 3 5.75% 17/2/2020	£700,000	700,966	0.90
KPN 6.875% 14/3/2073	£650,000	671,053	0.86
Legal & General 10% 23/7/2041	£1,100,000	1,294,797	1.66
Lloyds Banking 2.25% 16/10/2024	£1,200,000	1,169,232	1.49
Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 12/7/2037	£1,054,204	1,275,777	1.63
Mitchells & Butlers Finance 6.469% 15/9/2032	£1,000,000	1,078,441	1.38
Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 31/1/2029	£312,000	310,387	0.40
Orange 5.875% FRN Perpetual	£720,000	768,438	0.98
Prudential 5.625% 20/10/2051	£400,000	414,516	0.53
Prudential 11.375% FRN 29/5/2039	£980,000	1,002,550	1.28
RELX 2.75% 01/8/2019	£1,100,000	1,101,397	1.43
Saga 3.375% 12/5/2024	£500,000	455,195	0.58
Southern Gas Networks 2.5% 03/2/2025	£1,000,000	1,010,029	1.29
Spirit Issuer 5.472% 28/12/2028	£1,000,000	1,040,512	1.33
Telecom Italia 5.875% 19/5/2023	£1,100,000	1,141,041	1.40
Telefonica Europe 6.75% Perpetual	£1,100,000	1,160,709	1.4
Tesco Property Finance 6 5.4111% 13/7/2044	£866,924	990,182	1.2
THPA Finance 8.241% 15/3/2028	£922,000	1,036,734	1.3
Travis Perkins 4.375% 15/9/2021	£400,000	410,312	0.5
Unite Usaf II 3.921% 30/6/2030	£196,000	213,769	0.2
Varsity Funding 8.7915% 24/7/2026	£194,945	226,136	0.29
Veolia Environnement 6.125% 29/10/2037	£250,000	356,377	0.4
Verizon Communications 3.375% 27/10/2036	£691,000	704,495	0.9
Virgin Media Secured Finance 5% 15/4/2027	£1,100,000	1,091,156	1.4
Wells Fargo 3.5% 12/9/2029	£800,000	874,649	1.1
Western Power Distribution 5.75% 16/4/2032	£700,000	906,280	1.1
Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds - 5.44% (9.59%)			
Adient Global 3.5% 15/8/2024	EUR 489,000	325,613	0.4
Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe 4.75% 15/7/2022	EUR 800,000	754,808	0.9
Hellas Telecommunications II 0% FRN 15/1/2015*	EUR 1,200,000	0 <u>-</u> 2	
Intesa Sanpaolo 6.625% 13/9/2023	EUR 200,000	199,324	0.2
Netflix 4.625% 15/5/2029	EUR 500,000	453,971	0.5
SoftBank 4% 20/4/2023	EUR 500,000	453,791	0.5
Telecom Italia 2.375% 12/10/2027	EUR 585,000	444,224	0.5
Unitymedia Hessen 4.625% 15/2/2026	EUR 1,071,900	993,875	1.2
Volkswagen International Finance 4.625% Perpetual	EUR 600,000	508,469	0.6

# **Portfolio Statement**

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continueu		Market	Total Net
investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%)
Non-Sterling Denominated Corporate Bonds (continued)			
Waterford Wedgwood 9.875% 01/12/2010*	EUR 1,179,000	-	-
Wind Tre 2.4667% FRN 20/1/2024	EUR 150,000	121,068	0.15
Irish Equities - 0.12% (0.19%)			
Independent News & Media	1,765,904	90,625	0.12
Derivatives - 0.08% (0.23%)			
Futures - 0.01% (0.02%)			
Long Gilt Future Expiry June 19	(6)	7,450	0.01
EUR Forward Currency Contracts - 0.07% ((0.02%))			
Forward Currency Contracts 23/5/2019	EUR (5,371,200)	(4,622,204)	(5.91)
Forward Currency Contracts 23/5/2019	£4,673,918	4,673,918	5.98
US Forward Currency Contracts - (0.00%) (0.23%)			
Portfolio of investments - 94.46% (95.78%)		73,862,274	94.46
Net current assets - 5.54% (4.22%)		4,334,978	5.54
Total net assets		78,197,252	100.00

The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

<sup>†</sup>Related party investment.

<sup>\*</sup>This security is suspended and therefore priced at the ACD's fair valuation.

# Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 28 February 2019

or the year ended 28 February 2019		VWV	28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Blotos	£	28/02/2019 £	£	28/02/2016
	Notes	- L			
ncome	2		(1,637,791)		(1,197,342
Net capital losses	2	3.185,935	(1,037,731)	3,610,336	(1,157,542
Revenue	3	-,		(955,421)	
xpenses	4	(866,801)			
nterest payable and similar charges	6	(9,648)		(2,584)	
let revenue before taxation		2,309,486		2,652,331	
axation	5		2 200 405		7.653.331
Net revenue after taxation			2,309,486		2,652,331
Total return before distributions			671,695		1,454,989
Distributions	7		(2,309,486)		(2,652,331
Change in net assets attributable to					44 455 545
Shareholders from investment activities		(46	(1,637,791)		(1,197,342
Statement of Change in Net Assets A	ttributable to S	Shareholders			
for the year ended 28 February 2019			28/02/2019	107	28/02/2018
		£	£	£	
Opening net assets attributable to Share	holders		86,540,595		93,836,204
Amounts received on issue of shares		1,459,667		2,012,183	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(8,168,773)		(8,111,739)	
Allounts paid on cancellation of shares		(0,200)	(6,709,106)		(6,099,556
Dilusian adjustment			-		1,289
Dilution adjustment	- lalore				2,20
Change in net assets attributable to Shareh	oiders		(1,637,791)		(1,197,342
from Investment activities (see above)			3,554		(1,137,342
Unclaimed distributions	-ld-us		78,197,252		86,540,59
Closing net assets attributable to Shareh	loiders		76,137,132		00,540,55
Balance Sheet					
as at 28 February 2019					
			28/02/2019		28/02/201
	Notes	£	£	£	
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Fixed assets Investment assets			78,484,478		97,687,08
			78,484,478		97,68 <b>7</b> ,08
Investment assets	8	1,328,071	78,484,478	1,450,496	97,687,08
Investment assets Current assets	8 9	1,328,071 3,790,869	78,484,478	1,450,496 3,014,576	
Investment assets Current assets Debtors Cash and bank balances		• •	78,484,478 5,118,940		
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# **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### **Final Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019

	Net		payable on	Amount paid on
Interest Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	30/04/2019	30/04/2018
Group 1	0.8713	170	0.8713	0.8817
Group 2	0.3001	0.5712	0.8713	0.8817

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

#### **Interim Distribution for Income Shares**

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 2018 to 30 November 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 September 20	Net			Amount paid on
Interest Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/01/2019	31/01/2018
Group 1	0.8603	-	0.8603	0.9347
Group 2	0.3497	0.5106	0.8603	0.9347

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

#### Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 June 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2018

	Net		paid on	paid on
Interest Distribution	Revenue	Equalisation	31/10/2018	31/10/2017
Group 1	0.8957	=	0.8957	0.9728
Group 2	0.3303	0.5654	0.8957	0.9728

Amount

Amount

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

# Interim Distribution for Income Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 31 May 2018

Interest Distribution	Net Revenue	Equalisation	paid on 31/07/2018	paid on 31/07/2017
Group 1	0.8676	1 2	0.8676	0.9641
Group 2	0,3546	0.5130	0.8676	0.9641

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=0.00%, U=100.00%

# Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 28 February 2019

# 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

# 2 Net capital losses

The net capital losses on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £	
Non-derivative securities	(1,561,425)	(1,585,661)	
Derivative securities	(1,548)	(4,075)	
Forward currency contracts	(82,469)	499,204	
Currency exchange	10,948	(103,101)	
Activity charges	(3,297)	(3,709)	
Net capital losses	(1,637,791)	(1,197,342)	

#### 3 Revenue

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440	28/02/2019	28/02/2018		
	£	£		
Bank interest	7,947	1		
Interest on debt securities	3,175,351	3,606,091		
Overseas dividends	2,637	4,203		
Returns from bond futures	<u> </u>	41		
Total revenue	3,185,935	3,610,336		

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£ £	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	832,006	918,976
	832,006	918,976
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	20,484	22,282
Safe custody charges	7,111	7,710
	27,595	29,992
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	7,200	5,727
Printing costs	<u> </u>	650
Professional service fees		76
	7,200	6,453
Total expenses	866,801	955,421

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £6,000 (2018 - £6,000).

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
a) Analysis of tax charge in year:		
Overseas tax	-	=
Total tax charge (note 5b)		_
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:		
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year: The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of co The differences are explained below:	rporation tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 20	0%).
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The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of co The differences are explained below: Net revenue before taxation	2,309,486	2,652,331
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Authorised investment companies with variable capital are exempt from tax on capital gains. Therefore any capital return is not included in the above reconciliation.

#### c) Deferred tax

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in the accounts. The Sub-fund has no excess management expenses (2018 - £Nil).

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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6	Interest	payab	le and	similar	charges
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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Return from short position bond futures	6,929	_
Interest	2,719	2,584
Total interest	9,648	2,584

# 7 Distributions

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

	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Income Distributions		
Interim distribution 31 May - Income shares	583,430	691,779
Interim distribution 31 August - Income shares	590,471	687,953
Interim distribution 30 November - Income shares	559,476	649,929
Final distribution 28 February - Income shares	551,340	605,376
- In the second	2,284,717	2,635,037
Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations		
Amounts added on issue of shares	(6,616)	(9,470)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	31,385	26,764
	24,769	17,294
Net distributions for the year	2,309,486	2,652,331
The distributable amount has been calculated as follows:		
Net revenue after taxation for the year	2,309,486	2,652,331
Net distributions for the year	2,309,486	2,652,331

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
	1,328,071	1,430,421
Accrued revenue	1,326,071	
Amounts receivable for issue of shares		20,075
Debtors	1,328,071	1,450,496
9 Cash and bank balances	<u> </u>	
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	1,587,339	2,213,526
Cash held at bank	3,530	1,050
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	•	•
Amounts held in Aviva Investors Liquidity Fund	2,200,000	800,000
Total cash and bank balances	3,790,869	3,014,576
10 Creditors		
	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
a) Distribution payable		
Net distribution payable	551,340	605,376
Total distribution payable	551,340	605,376
b) Other creditors		
Accrued expenses	71,628	81,25
Amount payable for cancellation of shares	160,994	122,169
Total other creditors	232,622	203,421

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments

#### a) Credit risk

The Sub-fund enters into derivative transactions in the form of futures and forward currency contracts. The purpose of these financial instruments is Efficient Portfolio Management. Futures are used to manage market price risk. Forward currency contracts are used to manage currency risk arising from holdings of overseas securities. The purpose of undertaking these contracts is to protect the portfolio as far as possible from a downturn in the markets.

The Sub-fund's use of exchange traded derivatives are considered to be free of counterparty risk if the derivative is traded on an exchange where the clearing house is backed by an appropriate performance guarantee and is characterised by a daily mark-to-market valuation of the derivative position and at least daily margining.

At 28 February 2019, the Sub-fund held non exchange traded derivatives in the form of forward currency contracts. The counterparty exposure is shown below:

**Forwards** 

Comunication

Counterparty Details of OTC	28/02/201
Financial Derivative Transactions	
Barclays	51,71

At 28 February 2018, the Sub-fund held non exchange traded derivatives in the form of forward currency contracts. The counterparty exposure is shown below:

Counterparty Details of OTC	28/02/2018
Financial Derivative Transactions	L
Goldman Sachs	197,642
Société Générale Cowen	(3,700)
RBC Dominion	(9,271)

No collateral is held or pledged for forward currency contracts. Given the short maturity of the transactions, the ACD believes the robust approval and monitoring procedures in place for the counterparties are sufficient to mitigate the counterparty risk associated with the contracts.

Margin is paid or received on futures contracts to cover any exposure by the counterparty to the Sub-fund or by the Sub-fund to the counterparty. Cash and bank balances consist primarily of cash and margin receivable from the Sub-fund's clearing brokers and JP Morgan Chase. It is included in "Cash and bank balances" on the Balance Sheet.

Margin amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers are disclosed in notes 9 and overdrafts in the liabilities section of the balance sheet.

#### b) Interest rate risk

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2019 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets		73,712,485	4,771,993 (4,622,204)	78,484,478 (4,622,204)

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities as at 28 February 2018 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments £	Fixed Rate Investments £	Non-interest Bearing Investments £	Total £
Investment assets		82,526,979	15,160,105	97,687,084
Investment liabilities	-		(14,797,764)	(14,797,764)

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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## 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### b) Interest rate risk (continued)

Credit quality	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
Investment grade	55,853,729	60,581,133
Below investment grade	17,858,756	17,534,183
Not rated	-	4,411,664
	73,712,485	82,526,980

A fixed income security is deemed to be of investment grade if it is rated BBB- or above.

#### c) Foreign currency risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.04% (2018 - (0.04)%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies.

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2019	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	98,075	_
Level 2: Observable	78,160,267	(4,622,204)
Level 3: Unobservable	226,136	-
	78,484,478	(4,622,204)
	Assets	Liabilities
28 February 2018	£	£
Level 1: Quoted	177,671	
Level 2: Observable	97,276,417	(14,797,764)
Level 3: Unobservable	232,996	_
	97,687,084	(14,797,764)

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability,

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

#### Interest rate sensitivity

An increase of 100 basis points (1%) as at the reporting date will cause net capital losses to increase by £5,231,324 and the net asset value to decrease by £5,231,324 (2018 - will cause net capital losses to increase by £5,865,609 and net asset value to decrease by £5,865,609).

A decrease would have had an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

### **Currency sensitivity**

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.04% (2018 - (0.04)%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was denominated in foreign currencies, hence no currency sensitivity has been carried out.

#### **Equity market price sensitivity**

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, 0.12% (2018 - 0.19%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was invested in equity shares, hence no equity market price sensitivity has been carried out.

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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1	7	Portfo	lio	transaction	costs

For the year ended 28 February 2019					
	Transaction			Tours	
	Value		%	Taxes	%
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	70	£	70
Debt instruments (direct)	18,605,275	-			
Total purchases	18,605,275	_			
Total purchases including transaction costs	18,605,275				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	25,403,404	-			-
Total sales	25,403,404	-			
Total sales net of transaction costs	25,403,404				
Derivative transaction costs		117		₩.	
Total transaction costs		117			
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.00%		0.00%	

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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### 12 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 28 February 2018					
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	26,490,674				_
Total purchases	26,490,674	_		-	
Total purchases including transaction costs	26,490,674				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Debt instruments (direct)	30,724,596				
Total sales	30,724,596	-			
Total sales net of transaction costs	30,724,596				
Derivative transaction costs		-		-	
Total transaction costs		-		-	
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.00%		0.00%	

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

For the Sub-fund's investment transactions in debt and money market instruments any applicable transaction charges form part of the dealing spread for these instruments. Transactions in money market instruments to manage the Sub-fund's daily liquidity position are excluded from the analysis.

During the year the Sub-fund utilised derivative instruments including futures covering different underlying asset classes. The settlement values for opening and closing derivative positions are not comparable to principal values for transactions in direct holding investments and therefore purchase and sale amounts for derivative transactions are not quantified in the analysis above. Transaction costs for derivatives positions will be either suffered as direct costs or form part of the dealing spread for the instruments. Any direct costs are identified in the analysis above.

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.64% (2018 - 0.63%).

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £60,703 (2018 - £68,022).

Details of related party investments are disclosed within the portfolio statement.

#### 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

#### 15 Share movement

**Closing shares** 

For the year ended 28 February 2019 Income shares 68,662,958 Opening shares 1,167,807 Shares issued (6,550,375)Shares redeemed 63,280,390

#### 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

# **Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund**

Audited Report for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund

#### **Fund Report**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### Investment Objective & Policy

To achieve long term capital appreciation. The Sub-fund will invest in a well diversified portfolio of global shares. The Sub-fund may be invested in any recognised stock exchange worldwide. There is no limit to the amount of the portfolio which may be invested in any one market.

For liquidity management purposes the Sub-fund may also invest in other transferable securities, deposits and units or shares in collective investment schemes.

#### Performance

The fund returned 4.49% (after charges) for the year to the end of February 2019, compared with a return of 4.63% for the MSCI World Index and an average return of 1.86% for its peer group, the Investment Association Global sector\*.

#### **Portfolio Summary**

The fund outperformed its peer group over the period under review. The outperformance was driven predominantly by stock selection within the healthcare and and consumer discretionary sectors.

In the healthcare sector, we were encouraged by the performance of our holding in medical device equipment maker Becton Dickinson, which delivered an impressive full-year set of results. The company is seeing an acceleration in growth from their acquisition of C.R.Bard, which was completed at the end of 2017 and provides them with more of a foothold in emerging markets. We expect growth to be underpinned by continued innovation in products such as insulin pumps and drug-coated balloons. Our holding in Irish pharmaceutical firm Shire was another contributor as the shares rose sharply on a takeover bid from Japanese pharmaceutical firm Takeda, which was finally concluded in January. US pharmaceutical group Merck also performed well, reporting fourth quarter results ahead of analyst's estimates due to strong growth from its cancer drugs and vaccines.

Amongst our consumer holdings, the key contributors were retailer TJX Companies, owner of the TJ Maxx chain, and McDonald's. TJX buys branded high-end goods through inventory clearance sales and then re-sells them on at a discount to its customers. The company recently reported an acceleration in annual same-store sales growth, while adding to its international network of stores. Our investment case for US restaurant chain McDonald's centres around the turnaround of their US business and ongoing effort to refranchise restaurants, which should help drive operating margins higher. Recent initiatives around relaunching a more value-orientated menu and enhancing delivery platforms have helped drive this momentum.

Exposure to financials detracted from the fund's performance over the year under review. Our holding in US bank JPMorgan weakened on concerns about the global economic outlook. We note loan growth remains healthy and while we do expect bad debt provisions to rise, credit quality remain strong in the US. Dutch banking group ING was another detractor, after the company was heavily fined for compliance failures which subsequently resulted in a sharp fall in net profits during the third quarter of 2018. Nevertheless, ING reported underlying revenues had exceeded analysts' forecasts as its focus on growing digital-only businesses in new markets, while reducing the size of its domestic branch network, was having a positive impact.

During the year, we continued to build a position in US defence manufacturer Raytheon, adding to our holding towards the end of 2018 as defence stocks had derated significantly, on concerns over the US budget and tensions between the US and Saudi Arabia. However, we still view the order backlogs as robust and believe Raytheon's international exposure gives it an advantage over peers.

We also initiated a new position in US health insurer UnitedHealth Group. We see significant growth potential in the business, particularly in their Optum division (health care benefits and services) as individuals focus more on managing their health and lifestyle benefits and avoiding expensive stays in hospital.

The fund sold its holding in Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche. Roche's legacy oncology drug portfolio (Rituxan, Herceptin and Avastin) has been extremely successful but the company is facing the threat of biosimilar competition, which is likely to erode future returns.

### RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund

#### **Fund Report**

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#### Outlook

The outlook for global equities remains positive, underpinned by a robust US economy, dovish Federal Reserve monetary policy and an easing of US/China trade tensions. However, risks to this scenario remain as we move through 2019.

We are therefore focusing on higher quality, diversified companies with strong balance sheets which we believe are robust enough to manage any external macroeconomic risks. It is our view that companies which offer an attractive and growing income stream will be better placed to deal with elevated volatility in the market.

\*Source: Aviva Investors/Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, as at 28 February 2019. Basis: Mid to mid, net income reinvested, net of an going charges and fees, in Sterling and net of tax payable by the Fund. The figures do not include the effect of any exit or entry charge-

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# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund Comparative table

For the year ending:	28/02/2019 pence	28/02/2018 pence	28/02/2013
Accumulation Shares	per share	per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	525.70	512.45	410.23
Return before operating charges*	32.13	21.36	109.47
Operating charges	(8.53)	(8.11)	(7.25)
Return after operating charges	23.60	13.25	102.22
Distributions	(7.33)	(6.26)	(6.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.33	6.26	6.02
Closing net asset value per share	549.30	525.70	512.45
*After direct transaction costs of	(0.19)	(0.00)	(0.66)
Performance <sup>†</sup>			100
Return after charges	4.49%	2.59%	24.92%
Other information			
Closing net asset value	26,528,361	26,816,187	27,840,711
Closing number of shares	4,829,445	5,101,066	5,432,906
Operating charges**	1.57%	1.56%	1.58%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.06%	0.14%
Prices			
Highest share price	578.2	550.8	513.8
Lowest share price	488.3	494.7	405.3

<sup>\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Sub-fund and share class returns before operating charges.

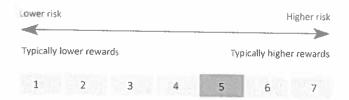
The Operating Charges figure is based on the expenses for year ending 28 February 2019, and this figure may vary from period to period. The Operating Charges figure shown in the KIID may be calculated at a different point in time and therefore there could be immaterial differences between the two.

†Performance per comparative table based on bid market price portfolio valuation at midday on the last day of the accounting period and with related accounting adjustments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running this Sub-fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it, but not the costs of any advice you have been given. These charges reduce the growth of your investment.

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund Statistics

# Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator



These ratings indicate how this Sub-fund may perform and the risk of losing some or all of your capital. Generally the potential for higher gains also means a higher risk of losses. The lowest rating does not mean a risk free investment.

This Sub-fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. The risk and reward category for this Sub-fund is not guaranteed to remain unchanged, and may shift over time.

Historical data, such as is used for calculating the rating, may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Sub-fund.

More information on the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator is contained in the Risk and Reward Profile of the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), which is available from the ACD on request. Full information on the risks applicable to the Sub-fund is detailed in the Prospectus.

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund

**Portfolio Statement** 

as at 28 February 2019 (28 February 2018)

Investments	Holding	Market Value (£)	Total Net Assets (%)
United Kingdom - 13.57% (15.32%)			
Legal & General	300,555	832,838	3.14
Prudential	47,525	750,420	
RELX	32,733	563,989	2.83
Rio Tinto	15,784	682,816	2.13
Unilever	19,324	770,738	2.57 2.90
Overseas Equities - 84.73% (81.35%)			
Canada - 0.00% (0.00%)			
Nortel Networks*	1,336	-	_
Denmark - 0.00% (3.01%)			
Finland - 1.35% (0.00%)			
Nordea Bank ABP	52,489	357,885	1.35
France - 9.56% (8.01%)			
Orange	57.4.1		
Total	57,943	666,823	2.51
Vinci	22,772	974,198	3.67
· indi	12,511	896,089	3.38
Germany - 2.66% (3.36%)			
Deutsche Telekom (Regd.)	32,569	405,558	1.53
SAP	3,729	300,592	1.13
Netherlands - 5.14% (7.89%)			
ING	68,668	684,411	2.58
Royal Dutch Shell '8' (UK Regd.)	28,555	678,752	2.56
Singapore - 0.03% (0.03%)			
Keppel Real Estate Investment Trust	11,400	7,819	0.03
Switzerland - 0.00% (1.91%)			
Jnited States Of America - 65.99% (57.14%)			
Accenture	5,247	633,561	2.20
Amgen	4,014	577,584	2.39
Apple	4,828	634,648	2.18
Becton Dickinson	3,400	639,618	2.39
Boeing	2,092		2.41
Broadcom	3,909	684,763 797,756	2.58
Cisco Systems	27,097		3.01
Comcast 'A'	16,729	1,050,841	3.96
CoreSite Realty		484,529	1.83
<u> </u>	8,303	639,062	2.41

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund Portfolio Statement

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		Market	Total Net
Investments	Holding	Value (£)	Assets (%
United States Of America (continued)			
Home Depot	6,562	905,746	3.41
Honeywell International	6,702	778,869	2.94
Intercontinental Exchange	11,882	680,783	2.57
Johnson & Johnson	5,615	573,529	2.16
JPMorgan Chase	13,434	1,061,855	4.00
Lyondelibasell Industries 'A'	8,223	535,796	2.02
McDonald's	6,597	909,288	3.43
Merck & Co	9,977	604,560	2.28
Microsoft	11,129	938,473	3.54
NextEra Energy	5,196	729,463	2.75
Pfizer	24,899	803,514	3.03
Raytheon	5,223	727,718	2.74
Texas Instruments	10,339	821,571	3.10
XLT	18,056	699,818	2.64
UnitedHealth	3,140	590,399	2.22
Portfolio of investments - 98.30% (96.67%)		26,076,672	98.30
Net current assets - 1.70% (3.33%)		451,689	1.70
Total Net Assets		26,528,361	100.00

The figures in brackets represent the proportion of the total net assets of the Sub-fund represented by the holdings as at 28 February 2018.

Unless otherwise stated, all investments are approved securities being either officially listed in a member state or traded on or under the rules of an eligible securities market.

Unless otherwise indicated, the holdings in the Portfolio Statement represent the ordinary shares, ordinary stock units or common shares of the relevant companies or issuers.

<sup>\*</sup>This security is suspended and therefore priced at the ACD's fair valuation.

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund

# Statement of Total Return

for the year ended 28 February 2019

			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income				7	
Net capital gains	2		828,461		363.988
Revenue	3	859,695	357	835,179	303,200
Expenses	4	(421,654)		(423,612)	
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(122)		(129)	
Net revenue before taxation		437,919		411,438	
Taxation	5	(68,328)		(78,572)	
Net revenue after taxation			369,591	, , , , , ,	332,866
Total return before distributions	411		1,198,052		696,854
Distributions	7		(369,591)		(332,866)
Change in net assets attributable to				1	(552,555)
Shareholders from investment activities			828,461		363,988

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

for the year ended 28 February 2019

			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
2.00	otes	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders			26,816,187		27,840,711
Amounts received on issue of shares		152,125		192,650	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(1,622,574)		(1,900,493)	
			(1,470,449)		(1,707,843)
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders					
from investment activities (see above)			828,461		363,988
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7		354,162		319,331
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders			26,528,361		26,816,187

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 28 February 2019

as at 20 residally 2019					
			28/02/2019		28/02/2018
	Notes	£	£	£	£
ASSETS					
Fixed assets					
Investment assets			26,076,672		25,922,636
Current assets					23,322,030
Debtors	8	86,731		84,332	
Cash and bank balances	9	470,348		865,841	
Total other assets			557,079		950,173
Total assets		25	26,633,751		26,872,809
LIABILITIES					
Creditors					
Other creditors	10	(105,390)		(56,622)	
Total other liabilities	7		(105,390)	(55,055)	(56,622)
Total liabilities		1000	(105,390)		(56,622)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			26,528,361		26,816,187

# RBS Investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund

## **Distribution Statement**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

# Final Distribution for Accumulation Shares

(in pence per share)

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019

Dividend Distribution	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Amount payable on 30/04/2019	Amount paid on 30/04/2018
Group 1	7.3334	_	7.3334	6.2601
Group 2	2.8792	4.4542	7,3334	6.2601

Percentage of (F)ranked/(U)nfranked revenue; F=100.00%, U=0.00%

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

for the year ended 28 February 2019

#### 1 Accounting and distribution policies

The Sub-fund's accounting and distribution policies are set out on pages 6 to 7.

#### 2 Net capital gains

The net capital gains on investments during the year comprise:	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Non-derivative securities	844,390	352,058
Currency exchange	(14,025)	13,849
Activity charges	(1,904)	(1,919)
Net capital gains	828,461	363,988

#### 3 Revenue

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018 £
	£	
Bank interest	2,877	574
Overseas dividends	643,193	643,824
Property income dividends	20,384	343
UK dividends	193,241	190,438
Total revenue	859,695	835,179

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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Audit fee

Printing costs

Total expenses

Professional service fees

	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
Payable to the ACD or Associate of the ACD:		
ACD's periodic charge	405,081	408,942
	405,081	408,942
Payable to the Depositary or Associate of the Depositary:		
Depositary's fees	7,292	7,358
Safe custody charges	1,885	2,105
	9,177	9,463

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196

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(2,115)

5,207

423,612

189

The Audit fee for the year, excluding VAT, was £6000 (2018 - £6,000).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
	£	£
a) Analysis of tax charge in year:		
Overseas tax withheld	68,328	78,572
Total tax charge (note 5b)	68,328	78,572
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year:		
The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporate differences are explained below:	pration tax in the UK for an ICVC (20%) (2018 - 20	0%).
Net revenue before taxation		
	437,919	411,438
Corporation tax @ 20%	437,919 87,584	411,438 82,288
Corporation tax @ 20%		82,288
Corporation tax @ 20%  Effects of:	87,584	82,288 (166,822)
Corporation tax @ 20%  Effects of:  Dividends not subject to corporation tax	87,584 (167,287)	
Corporation tax @ 20%  Effects of:  Dividends not subject to corporation tax  Movement in excess management expenses	87,584 (167,287) 80,307	82,288 (166,822) 84,534

#### c) Deferred tax

After claiming relief against accrued revenue taxable on receipt, the Sub-fund has unrelieved excess expenses of £4,828,054 (2018 - £4,426,521). These unrelieved excess management fees represent an unrecognized deferred tax asset of £965,611 (2018 - £885,304). It is unlikely that the Sub-fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (2018 - £nil).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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6 Interest payable and sim	ilar charges
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	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
		£
Interest	122	129
Total interest	122	129

#### 7 Distributions

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

	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Accumulation Distributions		
Final distribution 28 February - Accumulation shares	354,162	319,331
	354,162	319,331
Amounts received on creations and deducted on cancellations		
Amounts added on issue of shares	(1,162)	(1,857)
Amounts deducted on cancellation of shares	16,591	15,392
	15,429	13,535
Net distributions for the year	369,591	332,866
The distributable amount has been calculated as follows:	1100 400	
Net revenue after taxation	369,591	332,866
Net distributions for the year	369,591	332,866

# RBS investment Funds ICVC - Royal Bank of Scotland International Growth Fund **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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## Accrued revenue	8 Debtors		
Accrued revenue 45,531 53 Overseas tax recoverable 41,200 33 Total debtors 86,731 84  9 Cash and bank balances  28/02/2019 28/02/ £  Cash held at bank 470,348 865 Total cash and bank balances 470,348 865  10 Creditors  28/02/2019 £  b) Other creditors  Accrued expenses 38,487 40 Amount payable for cancellation of shares 66,903 15	A supplemental and the supplem	28/02/2019	28/02/2018
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9 Cash and bank balances  28/02/2019 28/02/ £  Cash held at bank 470,348 869  Total cash and bank balances 470,348 869  10 Creditors  28/02/2019 28/02/ £  b) Other creditors  Accrued expenses 38,487 40  Amount payable for cancellation of shares 66,903 15	Overseas tax recoverable	41,200	31,118
Cash held at bank       470,348       865         Total cash and bank balances       470,348       865         10 Creditors         28/02/2019 £       28/02/2019 £         b) Other creditors       38,487       40         Accrued expenses       38,487       40         Amount payable for cancellation of shares       66,903       15	Total debtors	86,731	84,332
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10 Creditors         28/02/2019       28/02/2         £       E         b) Other creditors       38,487       40         Accrued expenses       38,487       40         Amount payable for cancellation of shares       66,903       15	Cash held at bank	470,348	865,841
28/02/2019 £         28/02/2019 £           b) Other creditors         38,487         40           Accrued expenses         38,487         40           Amount payable for cancellation of shares         66,903         15	Total cash and bank balances	470,348	865,841
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Accrued expenses 38,487 40 Amount payable for cancellation of shares 66,903 15		£	£
Amount payable for cancellation of shares 66,903	b) Other creditors		
	Accrued expenses	38,487	40,693
Total other creditors 105,390 56	Amount payable for cancellation of shares	66,903	15,929
	Total other creditors	105,390	56,622

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments

#### a) Interest rate risk

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, nil% (2018 - nil%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was interest bearing. Further disclosure would be required if the exposure of the Sub-fund was deemed significant.

#### b) Currency exposure risk

The currency risk as at 28 February 2019 was as follows:

		Net currency assets	
Currency	Monetary	Non- monetary	
	exposures	exposures	Total
	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	1	-	1
Danish krone	=	7,104	7,104
Euro	43,582	4,303,055	4,346,637
Singapore dollar	244	7,820	8,064
Swiss franc	<u> </u>	10,564	10,564
US dollar	-	17,538,381	17,538,381
Total	43,827	21,866,924	21,910,751

The currency risk as at 28 February 2018 was as follows:

	Net currency assets		
Currency	Monetary	Non- monetary	
	exposures	exposures	Total
	£	£	£
Canadian dollar	1	_	1
Danish krone	5	810,127	810,127
Euro	31,978	4,519,969	4,551,947
Singapore dollar	244	7,344	7,588
Swiss franc	8,716	520,018	528,734
US dollar	542,195	14,993,850	15,536,045
Total	583,134	20,851,308	21,434,442

## c) Derivatives risk and Efficient Portfolio Management

The Sub-fund did not enter into any derivative transactions during the year.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### d) Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

28 February 2019	Assets £	Liabilities £
Level 1: Quoted	26,076,672	-
Level 2: Observable	-	_
Level 3: Unobservable	-	-
	26,076,672	_

28 February 2018	Assets £	Liabilities £
Level 1: Quoted	25,922,636	
Level 2: Observable	==,,==,,==	_
Level 3: Unobservable	-	_
	25,922,636	_

Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities the entity can access at measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### e) Sensitivity analysis

#### Interest rate sensitivity

At the year end date, 28 February 2019, nil% (2018 - nil%) of the Sub-fund's net asset value was invested in interest bearing investments, hence no interest rate sensitivity has been carried out.

#### **Currency sensitivity**

The tables below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening of:

Currencies	28/02/2019 %	28/02/2018 %
GBP against EUR	5	5
GBP against all currencies	5	5
Effect in GBP	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
EUR		
Decrease in net capital gains/(increase in net capital losses) and decrease in net asset value All currencies	(214,400)	(226,960)
Decrease in net capital gains/(increase in net capital losses) and decrease in net asset value	(1,114,496)	(1,068,469)

A weakening of the GBP against the above currencies of the same rates will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 11 Financial instruments (continued)

#### e) Sensitivity analysis (continued)

# Equity market price sensitivity

The table below sets out the effect of a reasonably possible strengthening in equity market prices by 5% as at the reporting date:

	28/02/2019 £	28/02/2018 £
Increase in net capital gains and increase in net asset value	1,305,758	1,292,827

A weakening in equity market prices of the same 5% will have resulted in an equal but opposite effect. The analysis assumes all other variables remain constant.

#### f) Leverage

The Sub-fund did not employ significant leverage during the year.

#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 28 February 2019

	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	5,942,099	2,224	0.04	4,864	0.08
Total purchases	5,942,099	2,224		4,864	
Total purchases including transaction costs	5,949,187				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	6,641,909	2,307	0.03	58	0.00
Total sales	6,641,909	2,307	58		
Total sales net of transaction costs	6,639,544				
Total transaction costs		4,531 4,922			
Total transaction costs					
as a % of average net assets		0.02%			

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 12 Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 28 February 2018

	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Purchases (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity Instruments (direct)	2,976,930	2,783	0.09	6,993	0.23
Total purchases	2,976,930	2,783		6,993	
Total purchases including transaction costs	2,986,706				
	Transaction				
	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
Sales (excluding derivatives)	£	£	%	£	%
Equity instruments (direct)	4,710,813	4,579	0.10	74	0.00
Total sales	4,710,813	4,579		74	
Total sales net of transaction costs	4,706,160				
Total transaction costs		7,362 7,067			
Total transaction costs					
iotal transaction costs					

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Sub-fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instruments types.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Sub-fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Sub-fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (difference between bid and offer prices of all investments expressed as a percentage of the offer price value) was 0.02% (2018 - 0.03%).

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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#### 13 Related party transactions

RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the Sub-fund. The aggregate monies received through the creation and cancellation of shares are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to Shareholders.

Amounts paid to RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited in respect of the ACD's, associates' and agents' periodic fees are disclosed in note 4. The balance outstanding as at the year end was £29,965 (2018 - £31,498).

#### 14 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date (2018 - nil).

#### 15 Share movement

For the year ended 28 February 2019

10.7	Accumulation shares
Opening shares	5,101,066
Shares issued	28,830
Shares redeemed	(300,451)
Closing shares	4,829,445

#### 16 Post balance sheet events

For further information on post balance sheet events, please refer to the Report of the Authorised Corporate Director on page 4.

#### **RBS investment Funds ICVC**

#### Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The ACD of the Company is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the OEIC Regulations, the COLL and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law") and the IMA SORP 2014; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of its Sub-funds as at the end of that period and the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the property of the Company and each of its Sub-funds for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for:

- electing suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- stating whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IMA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

For reasons stated in Note 1 (a) of the Accounting Policies, the financial statements of the existing sub-funds have not been prepared on a going concern basis but on a breakup basis.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company, for safeguarding the assets, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the preparation of an ACD's report which complies with the requirements of the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the COLL of the FCA.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Annual Report and the audited financial statements were approved by the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on 25 June 2019.

Emily.

Philip Benjamin Hunt, Director For and on behalf of RBS Collective Investment Funds Limited **Authorised Corporate Director** 25 June 2019

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RBS INVESTMENT FUNDS ICVC

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of RBS Investment Funds ICVC ("the Company") for the year ended 28 February 2019 which comprise of The Statement of Total Return and Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders together with the Balance Sheet for each of the Company's sub-funds, the accounting policies of the Company, the related notes for each sub-fund and the Distribution Tables. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds as at 28 February 2019 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the scheme property of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. 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.

# Emphasis of matter - Financial Statements prepared on a break up basis

We draw attention to Note 1 (a) of the Accounting Policies which explains that the ACD intends to terminate the existing sub-funds of the Company and therefore do not consider it to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements of the existing sub-funds have been prepared on a break up basis as described in Note 1 (a) of the Accounting Policies. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### 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 ACD is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation;
- the information given in the ACD's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- there is nothing to indicate that proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

 we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### Responsibilities of the ACD

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities set out on page 155, the ACD 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 ACD determine 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 ACD 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 ACD either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

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

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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.

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Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor Edinburgh, United Kingdom

#### **RBS Investment Funds ICVC**

#### **Investor Information**

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lan Michael Brian McLaughlin Philip Benjamin Hunt Dickson Brown Anderson Laura Yvonne Newman (Appointed 31 July 2018)

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(Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") and regulated by the FCA and the PRA)

# Investment Manager

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(Authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA)

#### Registrar and Administration

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#### Auditor

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