# **IFSL Titan OEIC**

Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements for the six month period ended 30 April 2023





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### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

IFSL TITAN OEIC (the Company) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (OEIC Regulations). The Company is a UCITS Scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and is also an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000783. The Company was authorised by an order made by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with effect from 2 November 2009 with the Product Reference Number (PRN) 504576.

The Company currently has eight sub-funds: ACUMEN Portfolio 3; ACUMEN Portfolio 4; ACUMEN Portfolio 5; ACUMEN Portfolio 6, ACUMEN Portfolio 7; ACUMEN Portfolio 8; ACUMEN Income Portfolio; and IFSL Titan Equity Growth Fund.

Shareholders of the sub-funds do not have any proprietary interest in the underlying assets of the Company and will not be liable for the debts of the Company. A sub-fund is not a legal entity. If the assets attributable to a sub-fund were insufficient to meet its liabilities the shortfall will not be met out of the assets attributable to one or more other sub-funds of the Company. The sub-funds are segregated by law under the Protected Cell Regime.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 3**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

#### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a low risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 3. This risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 65% and 100% in bonds and cash.
- Up to 35% in shares of companies.
- Up to 15% in 'alternatives', such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 4**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a lowest medium risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 4. This risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 40% and 80% in bonds and cash.
- Between 20% and 60% in shares of companies.
- Up to 20% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

#### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

Please note both ACUMEN 4 and ACUMEN 5 use the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector as a comparison benchmark however ACUMEN 4 is a lower risk fund. Investors should be considerate of the different risk profiles when comparing performance against the benchmark and reaching a conclusion on its return (which is the money made or lost on an investment). Over the longer-term, lower risk profile funds would be expected to be less volatile and as a result potentially deliver a reduced return versus a higher risk alternative.

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 5**

### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a low medium risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 5. The risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 30% and 70% in bonds and cash.
- Between 20% and 60% in shares of companies.
- Up to 20% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

Please note both ACUMEN 4 and ACUMEN 5 use the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector as a comparison benchmark however ACUMEN 5 is a higher risk fund. Investors should be considerate of the different risk profiles when comparing performance against the benchmark and reaching a conclusion on its return. Over the longer-term higher risk profile funds would be expected to be more volatile and as a result potentially deliver a higher return versus a lower risk alternative.

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 6**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a high medium risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 6. This risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 40% and 85% in shares of companies.
- Between 15% and 60% in bonds and cash.
- Up to 25% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

#### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

Please note both ACUMEN 6 and ACUMEN 7 use the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector as a comparison benchmark however ACUMEN 6 is a lower risk fund. Investors should be considerate of the different risk profiles when comparing performance against the benchmark and reaching a conclusion on its return. Over the longer-term, lower risk profile funds would be expected to be less volatile and as a result potentially deliver a reduced return versus a higher risk alternative.

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 7**

### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a highest medium risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 7. This risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 40% and 85% in shares of companies.
- Up to 50% in bonds and cash.
- Up to 25% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

Please note both ACUMEN 6 and ACUMEN 7 use the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector as a comparison benchmark however ACUMEN 7 is a higher risk fund. Investors should be considerate of the different risk profiles when comparing performance against the benchmark and reaching a conclusion on its return. Over the longer-term, higher risk profile funds would be expected to be more volatile and as a result potentially deliver a higher return versus a lower risk alternative.

### **ACUMEN Portfolio 8**

### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, by investing in a range of asset classes and global markets. The sub-fund will do this through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a high risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 8. This classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 60% and 100% in shares of companies.
- Up to 40% in bonds and cash.
- Up to 30% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Flexible sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

### ACUMEN Income Portfolio

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to provide income that is money paid out from investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds, with the potential for some increase, over a minimum of 5 years, in the value of an investment.

The sub-fund aims to provide an average annual income in excess of inflation (as determined by the UK Consumer Price Index) by 1%, over any 5-year period on a rolling basis. However, there is no guarantee this will be achieved.

### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when, on a low medium risk strategy.

The sub-fund will aim to maintain a risk rating classification of 5. This risk classification is based on a range the Investment Manager maintains from 1 (lowest risk) to 10 (highest risk). The independent risk rating is separate to the Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in exchange traded funds (ETFs), which typically track an index. Through these ETFs the sub-fund will gain exposure to a range of asset classes across different industries and geographical regions including:

- Between 30% and 70% in bonds and cash.
- Between 20% and 60% in shares of companies.
- Up to 20% in alternatives, such as property, commodities (for example gold and oil) and regulated funds employing a hedge fund type strategy.
- The sub-fund may also be exposed to other asset classes including, money market instruments (which are short term loans) and other permitted investments, although this is expected to be minimal.

Bonds, which are loans typically issued by companies, governments and other institutions, may be either investment grade, where the issuer has a high and reliable capacity to repay the debt, or sub-investment grade, which can be more vulnerable to changing market conditions but typically pay a higher rate of interest.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may be held directly in cash or money market instruments, or in other types of funds. The sub-fund may invest in funds operated by the Investment Manager, ACD or its associates.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging) and for investment purposes, in order to help the sub-fund meet its investment objective. The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods. ETFs and other funds purchased will also have the ability to use derivatives to varying degrees.

#### Performance target

The performance target is the level of performance the sub-fund aims to deliver however there is no certainty this will be achieved. The sub-fund targets an average annual income in excess of inflation (as determined by the UK Consumer Price Index) by 1%, over any 5-year period on a rolling basis, net of fees. The UK Consumer Price Index is one of the most widely used measures of inflation.

#### Assessing performance

In addition, the Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector. You may wish to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector. However, unlike the sub-fund, investors should note that not all funds in this IA sector have an income mandate, (where the fund prioritises income over an increase in capital), as detailed above. As such, the sub-fund's focus on maintaining income may lead to deviation from the benchmark from a performance perspective.

### **IFSL Titan Equity Growth Fund**

#### Investment objective

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to increase in value, over a minimum of 5 years, through a combination of capital growth, which is profit on investments held, and income, which is money paid out of investments such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds.

#### Investment policy

The sub-fund will be actively managed, which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy and sell, and when.

At least 80% of the sub-fund will be invested in a range of global shares of companies, also known as equities, across both developed and emerging markets, with no minimum or maximum exposure to any geographic region. This may include exposure through holdings in investment trusts, funds and ETFs/ETCs, although this will not exceed 10% of the sub-fund.

Up to 20% of the sub-fund may have exposure to different asset classes including real assets, for example property and commodities (e.g. gold and oil), government and corporate bonds (both investment grade and sub-investment grade) and money market funds. Any exposure to real assets will only be through investment trusts, funds and ETFs/ETCs.

The sub-fund may hold up to 20% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the sub-fund's investment objective.

The sub-fund may use derivatives (instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor) to reduce risk in the sub-fund (also known as hedging). The sub-fund will not always hold these instruments however at times they may be held for extended periods.

#### Investment strategy

The Investment Manager's style is biased towards the 'quality/growth' approach to stock selection which is where the Investment Manager invests in shares of companies that have the potential to deliver strong returns on capital, have low levels of debt and use their strong cash flow to reinvest in their business, compounding the growth of the company. Whilst their approach is focused on quality/growth orientated companies that display these characteristics over time, the Investment Manager will also choose shares of companies that display such characteristics on a temporary basis but are perceived to be good value.

The Investment Manager uses a screening process that ranks companies based on key financial metrics, that they believe are key for quality growth of companies, and then select the top ranked companies from a universe of over 1500 companies for potential inclusion in the sub-fund's portfolio. With the final decision on inclusion or exclusion of the qualifying quality/growth companies in the sub-fund's portfolio being driven by the valuation of each of the companies screened.

The Investment Manager also evaluates the weighting to each industry sector and geographic region to assess whether adjustments to the portfolio are required, based on their view of that area. Based on this view the Investment Manager may adjust the investments held to manage risk or to take advantage of market trends.

#### Assessing performance

The Investment Association (IA), the trade body for UK investment managers, has created a number of 'sectors', as a way of dividing funds into broad groups with similar characteristics.

The sub-fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Global sector. You may want to assess the sub-fund's performance compared to the performance of this sector.

#### Rights and terms attached to each share class

A share of each class represents a proportional entitlement to the assets of the sub-fund. The allocation of income and taxation and the rights of each share in the event that a sub-fund is wound up are on the same proportional basis.

### Changes in prospectus

On 13 March 2023: the name of the company changed from ACUMEN OEIC to IFSL Titan OEIC; and IFSL Titan Equity Growth subfund was launched.

Up to date Key Investor Information Documents, Prospectus and Long Reports and Financial Statements for any sub-fund or Company within the ACD's range, can be requested by the investor at any time.

### Important information

We intend to terminate the ACUMEN Portfolio 3 sub-fund and therefore do not consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements for this sub-fund. Accordingly, the financial statements of the ACUMEN Portfolio 3 sub-fund have been prepared on a breakup basis.

### **Cross holdings**

The sub-funds of the Company do not hold shares in other sub-funds of the Company.

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

All the Acumen Portfolios delivered positive performance, however, underperformed their Investment Association sectors (IA) over the 6 month rolling period, during what has proven to be an extremely volatile period in markets. In November, we were concerned that the market was mispricing the delayed impacts of monetary policy on the real economy (the period between the time a monetary or fiscal policy change is implemented and the time an economic impact is felt). We, therefore, decided to increase the defensiveness within our portfolios. As our concerns grew over some of the core services components of inflation globally being stickier than anticipated, we reduced our exposure to the growth factor and added to our defensive positioning.

Our defensive bias detracted from relative performance in January as there was a significant rotation out of defensive stocks into cyclicals (companies that make or sell discretionary items and services that are in demand when the economy is doing well and less so when the economy declines) with the Nasdaq Composite posting its best January performance since 2001. We have maintained our defensive stance in the portfolios and did not make any notable portfolio changes from January to April. Within fixed income, we maintain our exposure to government bonds and a preference for investment grade over high yield (investment grade tends to be less risky than high yield and usually delivers a lower return) during what has been a particularly volatile period in fixed income markets with evolving interest rate expectations, banking failures and stubborn inflation. Our decision to not hold any direct financials or banks exchange traded funds (ETF) benefitted the portfolios on a relative basis in March given the banking fallout with three US regional banks failing as well as the collapse of Credit Suisse. These events reaffirmed our view to maintain a cautious stance in the portfolios.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Allan Hamer Director

Investment Fund Services Limited 29 June 2023

# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### **Basis for preparation**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102 and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the sub-funds. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand pound.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of investments and certain financial instruments at fair value.

### Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2022 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The investments of the sub-funds have been valued at their fair value at 12 noon on 28 April 2023.

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Helen Redmond Director

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years
ACUMEN Portfolio 3	2.35%	(5.61)%	(5.30)%	(6.01)%
IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares	3.77%	(3.72)%	2.05%	3.67%
External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - g	united price to quoted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table. Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 3 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 2.35% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 20 listed ETFs. The portfolio is structured to provide multi asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, and commodity markets.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 47% North America, 20.5% United Kingdom, 12% Europe excluding the UK, 13% Asia excluding Japan, 3.5% Japan and 4% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 35%, Corporate Bonds 17%, Emerging market Bonds 11.5%, Developed market Equities 24.5%, Emerging market Equities 2%, Commodities 5% and Cash 5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 3. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 0-35% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes. The portfolio is structured to provide multi asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, and commodity markets.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	Year 2022	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	0.9531	0.8817	0.2694	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		0.6815	-	2.2196
Net accumulation paid 31 December		0.6815	-	2.2196

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 3 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	256,717 66,431 66,314 38,165
Total purchases for the period	427,627
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	545,348 253,020 199,824 181,231 173,046 149,193 138,658 124,509 92,782 73,313
Other sales	293,872
Total sales for the period	2,224,796

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>X Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 pence	Year to 31.10.2022 pence	Year to 31.10.2021 pence	Year to 31.10.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	89.42	102.63	99.92	101.28
Return before operating charges*	2.68	(12.07)	3.85	(0.29)
Operating charges	(0.52)	(1.14)	(1.14)	(1.07)
Return after operating charges*	2.16	(13.21)	2.71	(1.36)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.95)	(1.56)	(0.27)	(2.22)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.95	1.56	0.27	2.22
Closing net asset value per share	91.58	89.42	102.63	99.92
* after direct transaction costs of: Performance	-	-	-	-
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	2.42%	(12.87)%	2.71%	(1.34)%
Other information Closing net asset value (£) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	6,346,746 6,930,088 1.16% <sup>B,C</sup> 0.00%	8,256,501 9,233,876 1.17% <sup>B</sup> 0.00%	13,831,379 13,476,721 1.12% <sup>B</sup> 0.00%	19,205,193 19,219,661 1.08% 0.00%
<b>Prices</b> (pence per share) Highest share price Lowest share price	93.03 89.49	104.27 88.62	103.63 100.20	103.86 90.30

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>c</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk						Higher risk
←						<b></b>
Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has changed from 3 to 4.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	CORDORATE RONDS (24 October 2022 22 24%)	£	%
07 205	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 22.34%) iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	427,605	6.74
	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	311,003	4.90
	iShares JP Morgan \$ EM Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	315,632	4.90
	UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates	010,002	4.57
01,272	Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	341,932	5.39
	Total Corporate Bonds	1,396,172	22.00
		.,	
	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 40.30%)		
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	195,220	3.08
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	718,705	11.32
,	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ETF USD	423,609	6.67
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	791,540	12.47
29,426	Lyxor UK Government Bond 0-5Y (DR) UCITS ETF	487,736	7.68
	Total Government Bonds	2,616,810	41.22
	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 11.61%)		
3,551	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	145,191	2.29
	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	168,692	2.66
	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	67,234	1.06
	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	186,383	2.94
	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	245,908	3.87
	Total Overseas Equities	813,408	12.82
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 8.80%)		
10 /58	iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	324,036	5.11
	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	132,626	2.09
	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	188,006	2.96
0,000	Total Commodity Equities	644,668	10.16
04.000	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 7.29%)	474.000	0.70
21,038	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	171,666	2.70
	Total Specialist Equities	171,666	2.70
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 4.13%)		
1,358	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	194,194	3.06
	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	187,866	2.96
	Total United Kingdom Equities	382,060	6.02
	Portfolio of investments	6,024,784	94.93
		0,024,704	94.90
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.79%)		
3NP Paribas	Sell EUR 810,000 for GBP 718,169 - 26 May 2023	3,663	0.06
3NP Paribas	Sell USD 2,940,000 for GBP 2,369,355 - 26 May 2023	11,844	0.18
	Net unrealised gains	15,507	0.24
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	6,040,291	95.17
		0,040,201	30.17
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	306,455	4.83

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 there was no collateral deposited (31 October 2022: £290,000).

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

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	427,627
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	2,224,796

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:		110 106		(804.022)
Net capital gains/(losses) Revenue Expenses Net revenue before taxation	104,312 (32,588) 71,724	118,126	169,578 (56,224) 113,354	(804,922)
Taxation				
Net revenue after taxation		71,724	-	113,354
Total return before distributions		189,850		(691,568)
Distributions		(71,724)		(113,354)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		118,126	-	(804,922)
		110,120	=	(004,922)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	8,256,501		13,831,379
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	215,548 (2,309,478)	(2,093,930)	692,207 (2,329,118)	(1,636,911)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		118,126		(804,922)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		66,049		104,500
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	6,346,746	A <sup>-</sup>	11,494,046

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Current Assets:		
Investment assets	6,040,291	7,865,017
Debtors	-	7,643
Cash and bank balances	358,681	424,184
Total assets	6,398,972	8,296,844
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	52,226	40,343
Total liabilities	52,226	40,343
Net assets attributable to shareholders	6,346,746	8,256,501

### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years
ACUMEN Portfolio 4	2.29%	(5.42)%	8.06%	6.33%
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	4.69%	(2.64)%	10.47%	9.11%
External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation guote	d price to quoted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table. Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges,

but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 4 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 2.29% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 20 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 44.5% North America, 28.5% United Kingdom, 11.5% Europe excluding the UK, 9% Asia excluding Japan, 3.5% Japan and 3% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 18%, Corporate Bonds 13.5%, Emerging market Bonds 6%, Developed market Equities 45.5%, Emerging market Equities 2.5%, Commodities 5% and Cash 9.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 4. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes. The portfolio is structured to provide multi asset, global investment exposure with wide diversification across equity, bond, and commodity markets.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

# Distributions

	Year 2023	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	1.1511	0.6292	0.1673	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		0.8357	0.0910	0.5098

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 4 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	4,069,382
iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	2,988,311
VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	2,457,732
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	1,045,298
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,037,459
SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	612,492
iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	571,779
iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	506,387 470.646
iShares Physical Gold ETC USD UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	470,646 427,449
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Other purchases	2,970,267
Total purchases for the period	17,157,202
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD	4,205,482
iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	2,499,142
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,967,148
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	1,487,605
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	793,652
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	786,128
Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	396,418
Total sales for the period	12,135,575

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 pence	Year to 31.10.2022 pence	Year to 31.10.2021 pence	Year to 31.10.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	129.33	145.02	131.40	130.82
Return before operating charges*	3.67	(14.23)	15.12	1.95
Operating charges	(0.68)	(1.46)	(1.50)	(1.37)
Return after operating charges*	2.99	(15.69)	13.62	0.58
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.15)	(1.46)	(0.26)	(0.51)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.15	1.46	0.26	0.51
Closing net asset value per share	132.32	129.33	145.02	131.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	2.31%	(10.82)%	10.37%	0.44%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	115,034,895	103,216,692	124,592,337	111,963,013
Closing number of shares	86,936,211	79,809,026	85,912,751	85,209,778
Operating charges	1.03% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.05% <sup>B</sup>	1.05% <sup>B</sup>	1.06%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	134.83	148.28	146.72	137.34
Lowest share price	129.30	127.54	132.21	107.56

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>c</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk				Higher risk			
←							
Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	CORDORATE RONDS (21 October 2022 16 550()	£	%
1 316 322	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 16.55%) iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	5,779,206	5.02
	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	4,514,807	3.93
	iShares JP Morgan \$ EM Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,351,626	2.91
	UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates	0,001,020	2.01
100,000	Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	5,125,922	4.46
	Total Corporate Bonds	18,771,561	16.32
040 504	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 23.93%)	4 007 004	1.40
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	1,367,004	1.19
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	3,809,738	3.31
	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,669,991	3.19
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	12,090,343	10.51
216,456	Lyxor UK Government Bond 0-5Y (DR) UCITS ETF	3,587,758 24,524,834	<u>3.12</u> 21.32
		24,524,654	21.32
	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 20.61%)		
118,804	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	4,857,586	4.22
117,895	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	7,344,139	6.38
218,092	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	851,475	0.74
	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	6,787,737	5.90
577,146	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	3,891,118	3.38
	Total Overseas Equities	23,732,055	20.62
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 13.01%)		
184 161	iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	5,706,132	4.96
	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	3,414,469	2.97
	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	5,832,721	5.07
, -	Total Commodity Equities	14,953,322	13.00
040.000	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 10.69%)	0.000.000	F 04
818,686	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	6,680,336	5.81
	Total Specialist Equities	6,680,336	5.81
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 10.59%)		
77,743	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	11,117,249	9.67
	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	4,545,808	3.95
	Total United Kingdom Equities	15,663,057	13.62
	Portfolio of investments	104,325,165	90.69
	Portiono or investments	104,323,103	90.09
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.56%)		
3NP Paribas	Sell EUR 12,140,000 for GBP 10,763,666 - 26 May 2023	54,900	0.05
BNP Paribas	Sell USD 28,260,000 for GBP 22,774,821 - 26 May 2023	113,847	0.10
	Net unrealised gains	168,747	0.15
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	101 402 012	00.94
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	104,493,912 10,540,983	90.84
	Total net assets		9.16
	101al liet assets	115,034,895	100.00

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 the collateral deposited was £680,000 (31 October 2022: £3,070,000).

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# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	17,157,202
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	12,135,575

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,531,398		(4,889,379)
Revenue	1,306,076		1,008,442	
Expenses	(416,352)		(478,109)	
Net revenue before taxation	889,724		530,333	
Taxation	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net revenue after taxation		889,724		530,333
Total return before distributions		2,421,122		(4,359,046)
Distributions		(889,724)		(530,333)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		1,531,398		(4,889,379)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	103,216,692		124,592,337
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	23,399,772 (14,113,690)	9,286,082	4,517,582 (9,223,611)	(4,706,029)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,531,398		(4,889,379)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,000,723		519,579
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	115,034,895	A	115,516,508

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	104,493,912	99,023,486
Current Assets:		
Cash and bank balances	12,004,967	4,514,095
Total assets	116,498,879	103,537,581
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	-	109,533
Other creditors	1,463,984	211,356
Total liabilities	1,463,984	320,889
Net assets attributable to shareholders	115,034,895	103,216,692

### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years
ACUMEN Portfolio 5	2.45%	(5.44)%	15.15%	12.72%
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	4.69%	(2.64)%	10.47%	9.11%
External Source of Economic Data: Marpingatar (X Accumulation a	usted price to queted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

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as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 5 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 2.45% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 20 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 47% North America, 27% United Kingdom, 11.5% Europe excluding the UK, 8.5% Asia excluding Japan, 3.5% Japan and 2.5% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 14.5%, Corporate Bonds 14.5%, Emerging market Bonds 3.5%, Developed market Equities 51.5%, Emerging market Equities 3.5%, Commodities 5% and Cash 7.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 5. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

# Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	1.1945	0.5867	0.1305	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		0.8842	0.1944	0.4065

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 5 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	8,356,350
iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	6,698,883
VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	5,115,157
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	3,653,655
iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,659,377
iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,912,790
SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	1,676,201
iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	1,635,772
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,408,415
UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	1,326,714
Other purchases	7,003,821
Total purchases for the period	41,447,135
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD	7,669,323
iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	4,900,192
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	3,282,347
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	2,634,312
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	749,380
Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	748,594
Total sales for the period	19,984,148

### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 pence	Year to 31.10.2022 pence	Year to 31.10.2021 pence	Year to 31.10.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	143.75	159.89	140.47	137.10
Return before operating charges*	4.28	(14.54)	21.07	4.85
Operating charges	(0.75)	(1.60)	(1.65)	(1.48)
Return after operating charges*	3.53	(16.14)	19.42	3.37
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.19)	(1.47)	(0.37)	(0.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.19	1.47	0.37	0.41
Closing net asset value per share	147.28	143.75	159.89	140.47
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	2.46%	(10.09)%	13.82%	2.46%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	201,444,807	175,222,588	191,394,074	159,900,839
Closing number of shares	136,777,891	121,893,837	119,702,539	113,832,081
Operating charges	1.03% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.04% <sup>B</sup>	1.06% <sup>B</sup>	1.09%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	149.72	163.91	161.58	145.48
Lowest share price	143.68	141.73	141.55	109.79

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>C</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk				Higher risk			
Typically	lower rew	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1		2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	CORDORATE RONDS (21 October 2022 16 24%)	£	%
3 117 28/	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 16.24%) iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	13,686,186	6.79
	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	5,848,659	2.90
	iShares JP Morgan \$ EM Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,439,672	1.71
	UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates	0,400,072	1.7 1
311,200	Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	9,964,123	4.95
	Total Corporate Bonds	32,938,640	16.35
		02,000,010	10.00
	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 16.44%)		
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	1,307,075	0.65
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	3,642,933	1.81
	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,765,180	1.87
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	19,430,468	9.65
286,996	Lyxor UK Government Bond 0-5Y (DR) UCITS ETF	4,756,959	2.36
	Total Government Bonds	32,902,615	16.34
	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 23.84%)		
249 951	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	10,219,844	5.07
	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	16.542.643	8.21
	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	3,008,698	1.49
	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	11,645,300	5.78
	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	7,981,409	3.96
.,,	Total Overseas Equities	49,397,894	24.51
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 13.87%)		
311 303	iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	9,645,560	4.79
	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	6,437,393	3.20
	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	12,205,146	6.06
411,132	Total Commodity Equities	28,288,099	14.05
		20,200,000	11.00
	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 11.00%)		
1,468,344	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	11,981,432	5.95
	Total Specialist Equities	11,981,432	5.95
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 11.48%)		
152.945	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	21,871,135	10.86
	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	8,627,108	4.28
,,	Total United Kingdom Equities	30,498,243	15.14
	Portfolio of investments	186,006,923	92.34
		100,000,923	92.04
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.50%)		
3NP Paribas	Sell EUR 18,940,000 for GBP 16,792,738 - 26 May 2023	85,652	0.04
3NP Paribas	Sell USD 51,120,000 for GBP 41,197,765 - 26 May 2023	205,939	0.10
	Net unrealised gains	291,591	0.14
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	186,298,514	92.48
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	15,146,293	7.52
	Total net assets	201,444,807	100.00
		201,444,007	100.0

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 the collateral deposited was £4,490,000 (31 October 2022: £4,490,000).

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

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	41,447,135
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	19,984,148

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,876,648		(5,683,233)
Revenue	2,206,353		1,447,285	
Expenses	(721,453)		(744,913)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,484,900		702,372	
Taxation				
Net revenue after taxation		1,484,900	-	702,372
Total return before distributions		4,361,548		(4,980,861)
Distributions		(1,484,900)		(702,372)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from			-	
investment activities		2,876,648	=	(5,683,233)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
,	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	175,222,588		192,423,001
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	36,153,608 (14,441,881)	21,711,727	13,251,607 (16,446,449)	(3,194,842)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,876,648		(5,683,233)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,633,844		694,071
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	201,444,807	A <sup></sup>	184,238,997

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	186,298,514	163,604,731
Current Assets:		
Debtors	-	334,643
Cash and bank balances	16,366,473	11,490,197
Total assets	202,664,987	175,429,571
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	1,220,180	206,983
Total liabilities	1,220,180	206,983
Net assets attributable to shareholders	201,444,807	175,222,588

### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years
ACUMEN Portfolio 6	1.97%	(6.29)%	21.41%	18.25%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	5.29%	(1.81)%	19.14%	19.35%
External Source of Economic Date: Marningster (X Accumulation guoted	price to quoted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table. Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges,

Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 6 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 1.97% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 20 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 50.5% North America, 28.5% United Kingdom, 7% Europe excluding the UK, 9.5% Asia excluding Japan, 2.5% Japan and 2% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 7.5%, Corporate Bonds 6%, Emerging market Bonds 2%, Developed market Equities 65%, Emerging market Equities 5.5%, Commodities 4.5% and Cash 9.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 6. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

#### Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	1.2623	0.5358	-	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		1.1127	0.1559	0.2779

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 6 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	14,447,106 8,783,653
VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	6,485,808
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	6,384,210
iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	5,039,108 3,867,536
iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	3,467,180
iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	3,176,291
iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	1,966,541
iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	1,782,480
Other purchases	7,945,620
Total purchases for the period	63,345,533
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD	15,285,092
iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD	8,379,929
iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	4,509,153
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD	4,208,641
Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	1,301,045
Other sales	-

Total sales for the period

33,683,860

#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>X Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023	Year to 31.10.2022	Year to 31.10.2021	Year to 31.10.2020
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	151.05	166.92	141.99	137.42
Return before operating charges*	3.76	(14.17)	26.66	6.08
Operating charges	(0.80)	(1.70)	(1.73)	(1.51)
Return after operating charges*	2.96	(15.87)	24.93	4.57
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.26)	(1.65)	(0.16)	(0.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.26	1.65	0.16	0.28
Closing net asset value per share	154.01	151.05	166.92	141.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	1.96%	(9.51)%	17.55%	3.33%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	283,593,088	236,589,322	259,180,529	211,505,709
Closing number of shares	184,137,561	156,634,432	155,276,322	148,953,529
Operating charges	1.04% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.05% <sup>B</sup>	1.07% <sup>B</sup>	1.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	157.24	172.10	168.03	147.87
Lowest share price	150.85	148.19	143.22	106.67

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>C</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk						Higher risk
←						
Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 7.29%)	£	%
2 484 973	iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	10,910,075	3.85
	iShares Fallen Angels High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,480,101	0.52
	iShares JP Morgan \$ EM Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,036,074	1.07
	UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates	-,,	
,	Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	4,527,016	1.60
	Total Corporate Bonds	19,953,266	7.04
	COVEDNMENT DONDS (21 October 2022 0 169/)		
307 / 17	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 9.16%) iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	1,302,995	0.46
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	3,631,515	1.28
	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ETF USD	3,323,290	1.17
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	12,516,632	4.41
	Lyxor UK Government Bond 0-5Y (DR) UCITS ETF	4,109,854	1.45
247,000	Total Government Bonds	24,884,286	8.77
	—		
E40.000	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 33.40%) iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	00 000 464	7.04
	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	22,238,161 29,392,878	7.84 10.36
	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	29,392,878 9,214,295	3.25
	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	25,924,750	9.14
	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	13,797,739	4.87
2,040,000	Total Overseas Equities	100,567,823	35.46
		,	
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 16.06%)		
	iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	13,072,536	4.61
	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	10,037,428	3.54
625,706	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	18,575,137	6.55
	Total Commodity Equities	41,685,101	14.70
	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 16.40%)		
3,002,884	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	24,503,013	8.64
	Total Specialist Equities	24,503,013	8.64
001 510	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 13.03%) iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	31,676,216	11.17
	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	13,630,972	4.81
1,000,701	Total United Kingdom Equities	45,307,188	15.98
	Portfolio of investments	256,900,677	90.59
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.35%)		
BNP Paribas	Sell EUR 12,190,000 for GBP 10,807,998 - 26 May 2023	55,127	0.01
BNP Paribas	Sell USD 53,250,000 for GBP 42,914,339 - 26 May 2023	214,520	0.08
	Net unrealised gains	269,647	0.09
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	057 470 004	00.00
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	257,170,324	90.68
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions) Total net assets	26,422,764 283,593,088	9.32
	101al liet assets	203,393,000	100.00

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 the collateral deposited was £990,000 (31 October 2022: £5,540,000).

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

# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	63,345,533
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	33,683,860

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April 3	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,435,846		(5,102,743)
Revenue	3,051,329		1,859,667	
Expenses	(986,704)		(1,016,461)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,064,625		843,206	
Taxation	<u> </u>			
Net revenue after taxation		2,064,625	-	843,206
Total return before distributions		4,500,471		(4,259,537)
Distributions		(2,064,625)		(843,206)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from			_	
investment activities		2,435,846	=	(5,102,743)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	236,589,322		259,180,529
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	54,374,843 (12,131,333)		15,845,649 (15,084,583)	
	· · ·	42,243,510		761,066
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		2,435,846		(5,102,743)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,324,410		833,732
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	283,593,088	A	255,672,584

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	257,170,324	226,406,371
Current Assets:		
Debtors	514,862	162,998
Cash and bank balances	26,152,880	10,434,593
Total assets	283,838,066	237,003,962
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	-	126
Other creditors	244,978	414,514
Total liabilities	244,978	414,640
Net assets attributable to shareholders	283,593,088	236,589,322

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

#### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years
ACUMEN Portfolio 7	1.79%	(6.29)%	24.03%	17.82%
IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares	5.29%	(1.81)%	19.14%	19.35%
External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation guoted	price to queted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table.

Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

#### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 7 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 1.79% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 17 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 51.5% North America, 27.5% United Kingdom, 6% Europe excluding the UK, 11% Asia excluding Japan, 2.5% Japan and 1.5% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 5%, Corporate Bonds 3.5%, Developed market Equities 70%, Emerging market Equities 8%, Commodities 5% and Cash 8.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 7. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes.

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## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

## Distributions

	Year 2023	Year 2022	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	1.0123	0.4753	-	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		0.8442	0.1962	1.7557

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 7 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	5,066,607 1,884,995 1,788,381 1,620,918 660,612
Total purchases for the period	11,021,513
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	4,480,320 3,483,203 3,026,914 732,374
Total sales for the period	11,722,811

#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 pence	Year to 31.10.2022 pence	Year to 31.10.2021 pence	Year to 31.10.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	123.54	136.28	115.05	111.97
Return before operating charges*	2.86	(11.34)	22.68	4.34
Operating charges	(0.66)	(1.40)	(1.45)	(1.26)
Return after operating charges*	2.20	(12.74)	21.23	3.08
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.01)	(1.32)	(0.20)	(1.76)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.01	1.32	0.20	1.76
Closing net asset value per share	125.74	123.54	136.28	115.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	1.78%	(9.35)%	18.45%	2.75%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	78,714,938	79,923,057	86,170,743	74,057,111
Closing number of shares	62,601,558	64,691,508	63,230,014	64,372,220
Operating charges	1.06% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.06% <sup>B</sup>	1.11% <sup>B</sup>	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	128.84	140.67	136.89	120.01
Lowest share price	123.08	121.90	116.21	84.58

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>C</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

## SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk						Higher risk
←						
Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 3.28%)	~	70
402,788	iShares \$ Short Duration Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,768,409	2.25
	UBS Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates		
	Sustainable UCITS ETF 'A' EUR	821,011	1.04
	Total Corporate Bonds	2,589,420	3.29
	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 5.10%)		
80 762	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF USD	321,402	0.41
	iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yr UCITS ETF USD	895,682	1.14
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	2,027,485	2.58
·	Lyxor UK Government Bond 0-5Y (DR) UCITS ETF	788,174	1.00
41,002	Total Government Bonds	4,032,743	5.13
	—		
407.005	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 36.79%)	5 0 4 4 0 0 4	- 10
	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	5,614,861	7.13
	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	9,778,086	12.42
	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	4,589,528	5.83
,	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	7,604,822	9.66
719,789	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	4,852,818	6.17
	Total Overseas Equities	32,440,115	41.21
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 16.72%)		
131.862	iShares Physical Gold ETC USD	4,085,675	5.19
	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	3,147,105	4.00
	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	5,553,874	7.06
,	Total Commodity Equities	12,786,654	16.25
040 440	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 16.04%)	7 500 474	0.50
919,440	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	7,502,471	9.53
	Total Specialist Equities	7,502,471	9.53
	UK EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 12.51%)		
64,917	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	9,283,132	11.79
519,710	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	3,750,747	4.76
	Total UK Equities	13,033,879	16.55
	Portfolio of investments	72,385,282	91.96
		72,303,202	91.90
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.26%)		
3NP Paribas	Sell EUR 2,720,000 for GBP 2,411,629 - 26 May 2023	12,301	0.02
3NP Paribas	Sell USD 11,300,000 for GBP 9,106,705 - 26 May 2023	45,522	0.05
	Net unrealised gains	57,823	0.07
	Deutfelie of investments and device the set it as	70 440 405	00.00
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	72,443,105	92.03
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	6,271,833	7.97
	Total net assets	78,714,938	100.00

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 the collateral deposited was £260,000 (31 October 2022: £1,580,000).

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

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	11,021,513
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	11,722,811

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		785,364		(1,596,106)
Revenue	961,345		623,905	
Expenses	(316,396)		(331,198)	
Net revenue before taxation	644,949		292,707	
Taxation			<u> </u>	
Net revenue after taxation		644,949	-	292,707
Total return before distributions		1,430,313		(1,303,399)
Distributions		(644,949)		(292,707)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		785,364	-	(1,596,106)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April 2	2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	79,923,057		86,170,743
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	1,789,902 (4,417,096)	(2,627,194)	4,736,822 (6,799,473)	(2,062,651)
		(2,027,104)		(2,002,001)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		785,364		(1,596,106)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		633,711		293,346
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	78,714,938	A —	82,805,332

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investment assets	72,443,105	72,487,681
Current Assets:		
Debtors	77,519	48,472
Cash and bank balances	6,624,244	7,470,788
Total assets	79,144,868	80,006,941
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	429,930	83,884
Total liabilities	429,930	83,884
Net assets attributable to shareholders	78,714,938	79,923,057

#### AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

#### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>
ACUMEN Portfolio 8	1.80%	(7.21)%	25.89%	16.87%
IA Flexible Investment	4.88%	(1.38)%	22.26%	20.95%
External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation au	otod price to quoted price)			

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Accumulation - quoted price to quoted price).

but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table. Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges,

#### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Portfolio 8 was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 1.80% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 11 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 51% North America, 26.5% United Kingdom, 5% Europe excluding the UK, 14% Asia excluding Japan, 2% Japan and 1.5% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Developed market Equities 77%, Emerging market Equities 10.5%, Commodities 7% and Cash 5.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 8. The Fund's investment policy puts it in the IA Flexible sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

## Distributions

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	<u>Year 2020</u>
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 30 June	1.1648	0.6195	-	N/A <sup>B</sup>
Net accumulation paid 31 December		1.0643	0.2396	2.7651

<sup>B</sup> On 7 April 2021, the distribution frequency of ACUMEN Portfolio 8 increased from once to twice per year.

Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	2,808,942 1,134,989 734,189 733,492
Total purchases for the period	5,411,612
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF USD iShares Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity Swap UCITS ETF USD iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	2,119,529 2,112,214 1,892,671 1,112,967 550,648 298,430
Total sales for the period	8,086,459

#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

X Accumulation shares Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 pence	Year to 31.10.2022 pence	Year to 31.10.2021 pence	Year to 31.10.2020 pence
Opening net asset value per share	121.93	135.74	113.56	111.21
Return before operating charges*	2.89	(12.34)	23.72	3.65
Operating charges	(0.68)	(1.47)	(1.54)	(1.30)
Return after operating charges*	2.21	(13.81)	22.18	2.35
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.16)	(1.68)	(0.24)	(2.77)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.16	1.68	0.24	2.77
Closing net asset value per share	124.14	121.93	135.74	113.56
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	0.01	0.01
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	1.81%	(10.17)%	19.53%	2.11%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	27,639,606	29,997,266	37,018,307	32,516,762
Closing number of shares	22,265,052	24,601,775	27,270,781	28,634,636
Operating charges	1.11% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.12% <sup>B</sup>	1.18% <sup>B</sup>	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	127.78	140.59	136.85	119.92
Lowest share price	121.42	120.81	114.83	81.04

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

<sup>C</sup> These figures have been annualised.

Operating charges are the same as the ongoing charges and are the total expenses paid by each share class in the period. Direct transaction costs are the total charges for the period, included in the purchase and sale of investments in the portfolio of the sub-fund. These amounts are expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value over the period and the average shares in issue for the pence per share figures.

#### SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR

Lower risk			Higher risk			
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Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
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This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

#### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 43.85%)		
	iShares Edge MSCI World Quality Factor UCITS ETF USD	1,927,677	6.98
57,966	iShares Edge S&P 500 Minimum Volatility UCITS ETF USD	3,610,928	13.07
561,337	iShares MSCI China A UCITS ETF USD	2,191,572	7.93
110,212	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	2,670,520	9.66
399,092	Xtrackers S&P 500 Inverse Daily Swap UCITS ETF USD	2,690,678	9.73
	Total Overseas Equities	13,091,375	47.37
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 21.04%)		
62,000	iShares Physical Gold ETC	1,921,037	6.95
38,757	Lyxor MSCI New Energy ESG Filtered (DR) UCITS ETF	1,186,017	4.29
73,307	VanEck Gold Miners UCITS ETF 'A' USD	2,176,242	7.87
	Total Commodity Equities	5,283,296	19.11
	SPECIALIST EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 16.25%)		
301,193	iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD	2,457,683	8.89
	Total Specialist Equities	2,457,683	8.89
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 13.78%)		
25 435	iShares FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP	3,637,205	13.16
-,	iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	1,739,939	6.30
,	Total United Kingdom Equities	5,377,144	19.46
	Portfolio of investments	26,209,498	94.83
		20,200,400	01.00
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.17%)		
BNP Paribas	Sell EUR 500,000 for GBP 443,314 - 26 May 2023	2,261	0.01
BNP Paribas	Sell USD 2,780,000 for GBP 2,683,725 - 26 May 2023	11,200	0.03
	Net unrealised gains	13,461	0.04
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	26,222,959	94.87
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	1,416,647	5.13
	Total net assets	27,639,606	100.00
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The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 there was no collateral deposited (31 October 2022: £330,000).

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

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	5,411,612
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	8,086,459

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 Apri	l 2023 30 April		ril 2022	
	£	£	£	£	
Income:					
Net capital gains/(losses)		283,774		(676,987)	
Revenue	390,099		306,778		
Expenses	(118,237)		(143,450)		
Net revenue before taxation	271,862		163,328		
Taxation	<u> </u>				
Net revenue after taxation		271,862	_	163,328	
Total return before distributions		555,636		(513,659)	
Distributions		(271,862)		(163,328)	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from					
investment activities		283,774	-	(676,987)	

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	А	29,997,266		37,018,307
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	1,028,228 (3,929,020)	(2,900,792)	1,503,768 (3,038,017)	(1,534,249)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		283,774		(676,987)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		259,358		161,979
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	27,639,606	A =	34,969,050

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	26,222,959	28,521,388
Current Assets:		
Debtors		3,482
	-	,
Cash and bank balances	1,529,987	1,517,440
Total assets	27,752,946	30,042,310
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	113,340	45,044
Total liabilities	113,340	45,044
Net assets attributable to shareholders	27,639,606	29,997,266
	21,000,000	20,001,200

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

#### Performance to 30 April 2023

	Six months	<u>1 year</u>	<u>3 years</u>	5 years	
ACUMEN Income Portfolio	3.24%	(1.85)%	15.01%	5.65%	
IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares	4.69%	(2.64)%	10.47%	9.11%	
External Source of Economic Date: Marningster (V. Income, guated price to guated price, not income reinvested)					

External Source of Economic Data: Morningstar (X Income - quoted price to quoted price, net income reinvested).

The performance figures above are based on quoted prices and will, therefore, differ from the performance in the Comparative Table. Capital at risk. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up. Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested and take account of all ongoing charges, but not entry charges (if applicable). The past performance of this share class is calculated in sterling.

#### Investment commentary

The performance of Acumen Income Portfolio was positive over the period and the Class X Shares returned 3.24% net of fees. The fund is invested in a total of 10 listed ETFs.

The average allocation by regional exposure at the end of the period was as follows, 43.5% North America, 27.5% United Kingdom, 8% Europe excluding the UK, 17% Asia excluding Japan, 1% Japan and 3% Rest of the World.

The average allocation by asset class at the end of the period was as follows, Government Bonds 9%, Corporate Bonds 24.5%, Emerging market Bonds 11%, Developed market Equities 37.5%, Emerging market Equities 9.5% and Cash 8.5%.

The fund is actively managed and aims to maintain a risk rating classification of 5. The Fund targets an average annual income in excess of inflation (as determined by the UK Consumer Price Index) of 1% and its investment policy puts it in the IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector which can be used for performance comparison purposes.

Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023

# AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

Distributions				
	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>	Year 2020
X Income (pence per share)				
Net income paid 31 March	1.0587	1.2967	0.7322	1.1035
Net income paid 30 June	0.5698	0.4823	0.4533	0.3913
Net income paid 30 September		1.9414	1.2494	0.9277
Net income paid 31 December		1.1356	1.1640	0.5244
X Accumulation (pence per share)				
Net accumulation paid 31 March	1.3304	1.5563	0.8503	1.2457
Net accumulation paid 30 June	0.7220	0.5854	0.5297	0.4461
Net accumulation paid 30 September		2.3676	1.4672	1.0619
Net accumulation paid 31 December		1.4099	1.3821	0.6060
Portfolio changes				
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Purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	449,522
Total purchases for the period	449,522
Sales	Proceeds (£'000)
iShares Asia Pacific Dividend UCITS ETF USD iShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	924,351 399,148
Total sales for the period	1,323,499

## COMPARATIVE TABLE

X Income shares	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
Change in net assets per share	30.04.2023	31.10.2022	31.10.2021	31.10.2020
	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	99.63	108.85	97.76	112.73
Return before operating charges*	3.93	(2.98)	16.11	(10.81)
Operating charges	(0.61)	(1.38)	(1.42)	(1.21)
Return after operating charges*	3.32	(4.36)	14.69	(12.02)
Distributions on income shares	(1.63)	(4.86)	(3.60)	(2.95)
Closing net asset value per share	101.32	99.63	108.85	97.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	3.33%	(4.01)%	15.03%	(10.66)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	10,894,296	10,533,329	12,405,334	14,770,253
Closing number of shares	10,752,769	10,572,154	11,396,401	15,108,311
Operating charges	1.21% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.28% <sup>B</sup>	1.31% <sup>B</sup>	1.16%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	105.10	112.93	112.52	115.83
Lowest share price	99.75	100.63	98.74	87.13
X Accumulation shares	Period to	Year to	Year to	Year to
Titan Asset Management Limited	30.04.2023	31.10.2022	31.10.2021	31.10.2020
20 June 2023	pence	pence	pence	pence
Opening net asset value per share	125.16	130.65	113.54	127.26
Return before operating charges*	4.88	(3.81)	18.77	(12.31)
Operating charges	(0.77)	(1.68)	(1.66)	(1.41)
Return after operating charges*	4.11	(5.49)	17.11	(13.72)
Distributions on accumulation shares	(2.05)	(5.92)	(4.23)	(3.36)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.05	5.92	4.23	3.36
Closing net asset value per share	129.27	125.16	130.65	113.54
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-	-
Performance				
Return after charges <sup>A</sup>	3.28%	(4.20)%	15.07%	(10.78)%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (£)	1,657,193	2,360,465	2,794,177	4,979,109
Closing number of shares	1,281,950	1,885,957	2,138,747	4,385,213
Operating charges	1.21% <sup>B,C</sup>	1.28% <sup>B</sup>	1.31% <sup>B</sup>	1.16%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Prices (pence per share)				
Highest share price	133.06	136.61	132.48	130.76
Lowest share price	126.13	124.99	114.68	99.33

<sup>A</sup> The return after charges is calculated using the underlying investments bid prices.

<sup>B</sup> From 30 April 2021, the Operating Charges (or Ongoing Charges Figure) calculation has been extended to include, where relevant, charges incurred by closed-ended vehicles such as investment trusts.

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# SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR (all share classes)

Lower risk	wer risk Highe					Higher risk
Typically lower rev	vards				Туріс	cally higher rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of the sub-fund based on past data. It uses historic returns over the last five years. If five years' data is not available, simulated data based on a representative portfolio is used.

The sub-fund has been measured as 4 because its investments have experienced moderate volatility in the past. During the period the synthetic risk and reward indicator has remained unchanged.

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value £	Percentage of total net assets %
	CORPORATE BONDS (31 October 2022 - 24.83%)	~	<i>,</i> <b>,</b>
18.572	iShares \$ Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,543,457	12.30
	iShares \$ Short Duration High Yield Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,535,627	12.23
, -	Total Corporate Bonds	3,079,084	24.53
	GOVERNMENT BONDS (31 October 2022 - 20.34%)		
331 015	iShares China CNY Bond UCITS ETF USD	1,397,486	11.13
	iShares Global Govt Bond UCITS ETF USD	352,103	2.81
1	UBS Sustainable Development Bank Bonds UCITS ETF 'A' USD	793,057	6.32
00,240	Total Government Bonds	2,542,646	20.26
	OVERSEAS EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 22.77%)		
214,312	iShares Edge MSCI Europe Value Factor UCITS ETF EUR	1,018,874	8.12
106,440	iShares EM Dividend UCITS ETF USD	1,177,759	9.38
17,484	SPDR S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats UCITS ETF	423,651	3.38
	Total Overseas Equities	2,620,284	20.88
	COMMODITY EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 10.54%)		
35,581	Invesco Morningstar US Energy Infrastructure MLP UCITS ETF	1,217,865	9.70
	Total Commodity Equities	1,217,865	9.70
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES (31 October 2022 - 17.58%)		
Titan Asset Manage	riShares UK Dividend UCITS ETF GBP	2,102,976	16.75
20 June 2023	Total United Kingdom Equities	2,102,976	16.75
	Portfolio of investments	11,562,855	92.12
		11,302,033	92.12
Counterparty	Forward Currency Exchange Contracts (31 October 2022 - 0.49%)		
BNP Paribas	Sell EUR 760,000 for GBP 673,837 - 26 May 2023	3,437	0.03
BNP Paribas	Sell USD 3,510,000 for GBP 2,828,720 - 26 May 2023	14,140	0.11
	Net unrealised gains	17,577	0.14
	Portfolio of investments and derivative positions	11,580,432	92.26
	Net other assets (excluding derivative positions)	971,057	7.74
	Total net assets	12,551,489	100.00

The forward currency exchange contracts are collateralised with cash deposited by the sub-fund with the counterparty, BNP Paribas. As at 30 April 2023 there was no collateral deposited (31 October 2022: £300,000).

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## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	449,522
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	1,323,499

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023		30 April	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		248,772		(70,418)
Revenue	230,582		262,034	
Expenses	(54,141)		(63,258)	
Net revenue before taxation	176,441		198,776	
Taxation	(10,035)		(6,108)	
Net revenue after taxation		166,406	-	192,668
Total return before distributions		415,178		122,250
Distributions		(204,408)		(236,553)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from			_	
investment activities		210,770	=	(114,303)

## STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the six month period ended 30 April 2023

	30 April 2	2023	30 April 2	2022
Titan Asset Management Limited 20 June 2023	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	A	12,893,794		15,222,935
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	1,023,512		1,219,253	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(1,604,214)		(1,917,606)	
		(580,702)		(698,353)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
investment activities		210,770		(114,303)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		27,627		43,592
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	-	12,551,489	A	14,453,871

<sup>A</sup> With respect to the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the comparative figures are from the prior period's interim and this is the reason why the Opening Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders for the current period does not equal the Closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £	31 October 2022 £
Assets:		
Fixed Assets:		
Investments	11,580,432	12,449,654
Current Assets:		
Debtors	2,637	33,910
Cash and bank balances	1,086,089	557,762
Total assets	12,669,158	13,041,326
Liabilities:		
Creditors:		
Distributions payable on income shares	61,275	120,061
Other creditors	56,394	27,471
Total liabilities	117,669	147,532
Net assets attributable to shareholders	12,551,489	12,893,794

## AUTHORISED INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the period from 13 March 2023 to 30 April 2023

### Investment commentary

The launch period of the sub-fund ran from 13 March 2023 to 20 March 2023. Shares were first valued on 21 March 2023.

By the period end date, we have seen inflows of *circa*. £17.4 million, 95% of this money is now invested, with 83.5% invested in overseas equities in line with the investment policy.

It is too early to assess relative performance against the benchmark and so we have not included a performance table.

Distributions	
X Accumulation (pence per share)	<u>Year 2023</u>
Net accumulation paid 30 June	0.0203
Portfolio changes	
Largest purchases	<u>Cost (£'000)</u>
SPDR MSCI World Financials UCITS ETF	914,987
Amazon.com	587,981
Hermès International	580,689
Mastercard 'A' UnitedHealth Group	571,388 544,984
Novo Nordisk 'B'	544,984
Microsoft	483,688
Booking Holdings	480,085
Shell	460,929
Adobe Systems	457,525
Other purchases	11,387,288
Total purchases for the period	17,012,048
Largest sales	Proceeds (£'000)
Crocs	177,878
Meta Platforms 'A'	134,528
Advanced Micro Devices	75,355
Hermès International	37,658
Total sales for the period	425,419

#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

<u>X Accumulation shares</u> Change in net assets per share	Period to 30.04.2023 <sup>A</sup>
Opening net asset value per share	<b>pence</b> 100.00
Return before operating charges*	4.94
Operating charges	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	4.82
Distributions on accumulation shares	(0.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.02
Closing net asset value per share	104.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13
Performance	
Return after charges <sup>B</sup>	4.82%
Other information Closing net asset value (£'000) Closing number of shares Operating charges Direct transaction costs	17,886 17,063,055 0.99% <sup>C,D</sup> 1.07% <sup>D</sup>
<b>Prices</b> (pence per share) Highest share price Lowest share price	105.70 100.00

<sup>A</sup> Period from 20 March 2023 being the end of the launch period.

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# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value		Bid value	Percentage of total net assets
		£	%
2 006		221 252	1.2
-	Amadeus IT Group	221,352	2.(
	ASML Holding	369,151	
	Hermès International	588,286	3.2
-	L'Oréal	487,228	2.7
	LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	425,288	2.3
,	Nestlé	403,611	2.2
	Universal Music Group	399,716	2.2
	Volkswagen	225,328	1.2
4,447	Novo Nordisk 'B'	595,783	3.3
	Total European Equities	3,715,743	20.7
	UNITED STATES EQUITIES		
5,269	Activision Blizzard	328,057	1.8
1,542	Adobe Systems	459,526	2.5
2,906	Advanced Micro Devices	203,736	1.1
11,868	AIA Group	416,882	2.3
2,938	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd - SP ADR	199,143	1.1
4,439	Alphabet 'A'	383,121	2.2
7,175	Amazon.com	631,292	3.5
2,504	Apple	338,327	1.8
	Boeing	181,011	1.(
	Booking Holdings	497,232	2.7
	Cisco Systems	236,780	1.3
	Fortinet	444,413	2.4
,	Johnson & Johnson	427,369	2.3
,	Mastercard 'A'	587,015	3.2
,	Meta Platforms 'A'	249,403	1.3
,	Microsoft	515,073	2.8
,	Nike 'B'	440,594	2.4
		-	2.2 1.5
	Nintendo Rev Bal Haldinga	267,609	
	PayPal Holdings	306,471	1.7
	Pool	241,199	1.3
,	Procter & Gamble	393,099	2.2
,	S&P Global	363,458	2.0
	Salesforce.Com	399,727	2.2
	Snap-On	235,076	1.3
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co ADR	213,780	1.2
	The Hershey Company	420,960	2.3
	UnitedHealth Group	550,148	3.0
4,589	Walt Disney	367,937	2.0
	Total United States Equities	10,298,438	57.5
	UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES		
3.616	AstraZeneca	423,144	2.3
-	Diageo	398,925	2.2
	Experian	411,533	2.3
4,783		320,270	1.7
20,024		479,274	2.6
20,024	Total United Kingdom Equities	2,033,146	11.3
22 400	EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS SPDR MSCI World Financials UCITS ETF	928,772	E /
20,409			5.1
	Total Exchange Traded Funds	928,772	5.1
	Portfolio of investments	16,976,099	94.9

## PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

as at 30 April 2023

Holding or nominal value	Bid value £'000	Percentage of total net assets %
Portfolio of investments	16,976,099	94.91
Net other assets	910,195	5.09
Total net assets	17,886,294	100.00

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PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS for the six month period ended 30 April 2023	£
Total purchases costs, including transaction charges	17,012,048
Total sales proceeds, net of transaction charges	425,419

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the period from 13 March 2023 to 30 April 2023

	30 Apri £	l 2023 £
Income: Net capital gains Revenue Expenses Net revenue before taxation	20,702 (13,660) 7,042	494,816
Taxation	(1,092)	
Net revenue after taxation		5,950
Total return before distributions		500,766
Distributions		(5,950)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		494,816
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS for the period from 13 March 2023 to 30 April 2023		
	30 Apri	
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	£	£
Amounts receivable on issue of shares Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	17,388,005	
		17,388,005
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		494,816
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		3,473
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		17,886,294

Comparative figures have not been included as these are the first interim financial statements since the launch of the sub-fund.

## BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 April 2023

	30 April 2023 £
Assets:	
Fixed Assets:	
Investment assets	16,976,099
Current Assets:	
Debtors	3,409
Cash and bank balances	1,544,670
Total assets	18,524,178
Liabilities:	
Creditors:	
Other creditors	637,884
Total liabilities	637,884
Net assets attributable to shareholders	17,886,294

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