

# Non-UCITS retail scheme Key Investor Information

This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

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## IFSL CAF ESG Growth Fund

A Sub-fund of the IFSL CAF Investment Fund (ISIN Income: GB00BPSLW148) (ISIN Accumulation: GB00BPSLW031)

This Fund is managed by Investment Fund Services Limited (IFSL)

### Objectives and Investment Policy

The aim of the Fund is to increase the value of an investment over a minimum of 5 years through a combination of capital growth - which is profit on investments held, and income received by the Fund - which is money paid out of investments, such as dividends from shares and interest from bonds. The Fund also aims to outperform, over any rolling 5 year period, inflation plus 4% per annum. Inflation is measured as the UK Consumer Prices Index for these purposes.

The Fund is actively managed which means the Investment Manager decides which investments to buy or sell and when. The Investment Manager uses a responsible investment selection process which consists of selecting assets that have a strong focus on Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") considerations along with the potential to grow in value. The Fund aims to deliver growth from a higher risk level of return.

The Fund will have exposure to ESG focused investments through a broad range of asset classes and investments across different industries and geographical regions, however not all asset classes may be held at all times. This will include: • Between 55% and 85% in shares of companies. • Between 5% and 25% in bonds. • Up to 20% in investment trusts providing exposure to alternative assets such as, property and infrastructure.

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.

The Investment Manager applies their own ESG rating mechanism to the investment selection process to identify assets that look to benefit from changes within the economy whilst offering robust management of ESG risks and opportunities. This process involves detailed research and analysis using both investment expertise combined with independent data. The responsible investment process initially involves negative screening to avoid investing in companies that generate more than a defined percentage of revenue from the following activities: • Tobacco, gambling services and armaments (military weapons and equipment) and civilian firearms – maximum of 5% of revenue. • Pornography – maximum of 3% of revenue. • Predatory lending, cluster munitions and landmines – 0% of revenue. • Coal, unconventional oil or gas extraction (e.g. tar sands and shale), or coal power generation – maximum of 5% of revenue.

Following this analysis and asset selection the Investment Manager will then use an independent ESG ratings agency to verify their conclusions to ensure an overall high

quality ESG rating for the Fund which can be independently verified.

The Fund will not invest in other collective investment schemes. The Fund may hold up to 10% in cash to enable the ready settlement of liabilities, for the efficient management of the portfolio or in pursuit of the Fund's investment objective.

The Fund can use derivatives or forward transactions, instruments whose returns are linked to another asset, market or other variable factor, for efficient portfolio management purposes including the reduction of risk (hedging), although their use is expected to be minimal.

The performance target is the level of performance the Investment Manager aims to deliver, after charges, in normal market conditions. However, returns will fluctuate, and it will not necessarily be achieved over every rolling 5 year period. The UK Consumer Prices Index has been chosen as it is a standard and broadly accepted measure of UK inflation which a real return can be targeted against.

The ARC Charity Indices (ACI) are a set of risk-based indices designed to help charity trustees in assessing the performance of their portfolio against their peers. Charities have historically tended to place a higher importance on ESG and ethical restrictions, so the ACI index represents the performance of a mix of portfolios with varying degrees of restrictions applied, so you may wish to compare the Fund's performance to this index. The Fund has similar characteristics to the ARC Sterling Steady Growth ACI. You may wish to compare the Fund's performance to this index.

Please note both IFSL CAF ESG Income & Growth Fund and IFSL CAF ESG Growth Fund use the ARC Sterling Steady Growth ACI as a comparison benchmark however the IFSL CAF ESG Growth Fund 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.

The Fund will seek validation of its ESG credentials using an independent ESG ratings agency to assess the portfolio's overall ESG score. The Fund currently uses MSCI for this assessment and a "high" ESG score should be considered as AA or AAA.

The Fund pays income. If you wish to receive this please tell us. If you do not want to receive income you will be given accumulation shares which means income is invested back into the Fund and reflected in the price of your shares. You can buy or sell all or part of your investment on any business day subject to the minimum holding requirements.

### Risk and Reward Profile



This indicator aims to give you a measure of the price movement of this share class 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 are used.

Past data may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category may change in the future and is not guaranteed. The lowest category does not mean risk free. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount you originally invested.

This Fund has been measured as 5 because its investments have experienced moderate to high volatility in the past. The Fund's volatility is affected by various risks, including:

- The Fund will be exposed to stock markets and market conditions can change rapidly. Prices can move irrationally and be affected unpredictably by diverse factors, including political and economic events.

The Fund has exposure to bonds, the prices of which will be impacted by factors including; changes in interest rates, inflation expectations and perceived credit quality. When interest rates rise, bond values generally fall. This risk is generally greater for longer term bonds and for bonds with perceived lower credit quality.

The Fund invests in other currencies. Changes in exchange rates will therefore affect the value of your investment.

Risks which are not adequately captured by the risk indicator include: The Fund has an ESG focus which may limit or exclude the Fund's exposure to companies, industries, or sectors as part of the Investment Manager's responsible investment selection process. This may impact the Fund's investment performance

compared to other funds and may differ from an investor's own view of responsible ESG selection.

The Fund invests in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and other companies or funds engaged in property investment, which involve risks above those associated with investing directly in property. In particular, REITs may be subject to less strict regulation than the Fund itself and may experience greater volatility than their underlying assets.

The Fund may be vulnerable to factors that particularly affect the infrastructure sector, for example natural disasters, operational disruption and national and local environmental laws.

- In certain market conditions some assets may be less predictable than usual. This may make it harder to sell at a desired price and/or in a timely manner. In extreme market conditions redemptions in the underlying funds or the Fund itself may be deferred or suspended.

The insolvency of any institution providing services, such as safekeeping of assets or holding investments with returns linked to financial contracts (known as derivatives), may expose the Fund to financial loss.

The Fund may enter into various financial contracts (known as derivatives) in an attempt to protect the value of the Fund's assets or to reduce the costs of investing, although this may not be achieved.

All or part of the fees and expenses may be charged to the capital of the Fund rather than being deducted from income. Future capital growth may be constrained as a result of this. A more detailed description of the risks that apply to this Fund can be found in the Fund's prospectus.

## Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment. The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you may pay less - you can find this out from your financial adviser.

The ongoing charges figure is based on expenses for the year ending 30/04/2023. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes:

- Portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the non-UCITS retail scheme when buying or selling units in another collective investment undertaking.

For more information about charges, please see Section 7 of the Fund's Prospectus, which is available at [www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com).

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry Charge	0.00%
Exit Charge	None

This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested.

### Charges taken from the fund over each year

Ongoing Charges	0.60%
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### Charges taken from the fund under certain conditions

Performance Fee	None
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## Past Performance

As the Fund has no performance data for one complete year, there is insufficient data to provide a useful indication of past performance.

This Fund was launched on 16 May 2022.

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## Practical Information

If you wish to sell all or part of your investment please write to us at Investment Fund Services Limited, Marlborough House, 59 Chorley New Road, Bolton, BL1 4QP or telephone 0808 178 9321. Your deal will be placed at the next valuation point after we receive your instruction.

The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly Report and Accounts for the Fund are available free of charge at [www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com) or by calling 0808 178 9321. The documents are available in English only.

For further details including how to invest please see the Supplementary Information Document which is available at [www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com) or call 0808 178 9321.

For further details please see the Fund's Prospectus which is available at [www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com). The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly Reports cover all the Funds within the OEIC.

You may switch to any Fund in the range subject to meeting the investment criteria, please refer to the Prospectus for further details.

The Depositary for the Fund is HSBC Bank plc.

UK taxation may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Fund prices are available on our website [www.ifslfunds.com](http://www.ifslfunds.com).

The Sub-funds of the OEIC are segregated by law. In the unlikely event of one Sub-fund having debts, the assets of the other funds may not be used to settle these.

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