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BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund

For the six months ended 31 August 2022

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General Information

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About the Fund

BlackRock Balanced Growth Portfolio Fund (the "Fund") is a UCITS scheme under the COLL Sourcebook. The Fund was established on 15 January 1982. The Fund's FCA product reference number is 108404.

The Fund was first known as Rowan Fixed Interest Fund. It was renamed Mercury Global Fund and the investment objective changed on 5 May 1987. On 1 February 1989 the Fund's name was changed to The Mercury Portfolio Fund and the investment strategy changed to that described below. On 5 January 1998 the Fund's name was changed to the Mercury Balanced Portfolio Fund. On 30 September 2000 the Fund's name was changed to Merrill Lynch Balanced Portfolio Fund. The Fund changed its name to BlackRock Balanced Portfolio Fund on 28 April 2008 and adopted its present name with effect from 1 May 2009.

Assessment of value

The FCA requires UK fund managers to complete an annual assessment of whether their UK authorised funds provide value for investors. Our assessment considers fund-and unit class-level performance, costs and charges, and service quality, concluding with an evaluation of whether investors receive value. BlackRock has fulfilled its obligations for the reporting requirement, including assessing relevant charges, and published the annual assessment of value statements on the BlackRock website on 29 October 2021 in a composite report for all funds managed by BlackRock Fund Managers Limited subject to these requirements. The next annual assessment is due for publication by the end of October 2022.

Fund Managers

As at 31 August 2022, the Fund Managers of the Fund are Adam Ryan, Jason Byrom and Conan McKenzie.

Significant Events

Changes in the Directors of the Manager

B Harrison resigned as a Director effective 19 August 2022.

COVID-19

The infectious respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 has had a profound impact on all aspects of society over the last two years. While there is a growing consensus in developed economies that the worst of the impact is now over, there is an expectation that travel restrictions, enhanced health screenings at ports of entry and elsewhere, disruption of and delays in healthcare service preparation and delivery, cancellations, supply chain disruptions, and lower consumer demand will create ongoing challenges. While widescale vaccination programmes are now in place in many countries and are having a positive effect, the impact of COVID-19 continues to adversely affect the economies of many nations across the entire global economy and this impact may be greater where vaccination rates are lower, such as in certain emerging markets. While it is difficult to make timing predictions, it is expected that the economic effects of COVID-19 will continue to be felt for a period after the virus itself has moved from being pandemic to endemic in nature and this in turn may continue to impact investments held by the Fund.

Investment Report

for the six months ended 31 August 2022

Investment Objective

The aim of the Fund is to provide a return on your investment (generated through an increase in the value of the assets held by the Fund) (gross of fees) with the opportunity for additional income generation (i.e. income received on the Fund's assets) depending on market conditions.

Comparator benchmark	Investment management approach
Investment Association OE Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Average Sector	Active

Performance Summary

The following table compares the Fund's realised performance against the performance of the relevant comparator benchmark during the financial period ended 31 August 2022.

	Fund return %	Comparator benchmark %
Class D Accumulation Units	(0.39)	(1.57)

Further information on the performance measures and calculation methodologies used is detailed below:

- Fund return disclosed, calculated net of fees, is the performance return for the primary unit class of the Fund which has been selected as a representative unit class. The primary unit class represents the class of unit which is the highest charging unit class, free of any commissions or rebates, and is freely available. Performance returns for any other unit class can be made available on request.
- Fund returns are based on the NAV per unit as at close of business for reporting purposes only, for the purpose of fair comparison and presentation with the comparator benchmark close of business valuation point.
- Due to the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102") and SORP requirements, including the accounting policy for the valuation point at 12 noon, where the end of the accounting period end on the balance sheet date is a business day which apply to the financial statements, there may be differences between the NAV per unit as recorded in the financial statements and the NAV per unit calculated in accordance with the Prospectus.

All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and the return of your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed. Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.

Global Economic Overview

Global equities, as represented by the MSCI All Country World Index ("ACWI"), returned (11.21%) (in US dollar terms). However, as the pound sterling declined sharply against other influential currencies, the ACWI returned 2.38% (in GBP terms) for the six months ended 31 August 2022. Amid a slowing economic recovery, both bonds and equities were pressured (in U.S. dollar terms) by persistently high inflation (rate of increase in the prices of goods and services) and moves towards monetary policy tightening from the world's largest central banks. The Russian invasion of Ukraine drove further uncertainty and disruption in financial markets. Sanctions imposed on Russia negatively impacted businesses with ties to the region and contributed to significant volatility (market ups and downs) in some commodity prices.

The US economy faltered in the first half of 2022, contracting amid slowing growth in consumer spending and a sharp decline in business confidence. Japanese growth was modest, as supply shortages and disruptions from the Russian invasion of Ukraine weighed on production. The UK economy slowed, contracting in the three months ended June 2022 amid weakness in services output. The Eurozone posted modest growth, helped in part by an increase in household spending and a rebound in tourism.

Investment Report continued

Economic growth was generally slow among emerging market nations as the global economy cooled. In China, the economy slowed substantially in the second quarter of 2022 following a series of strict lockdowns aimed at containing an increase in COVID-19 cases. India's economy slowed but continued to grow in the first quarter, helped by a pickup in service sector activity.

As inflation continued to rise globally, the world's largest central banks implemented different measures aimed at monetary tightening. The US Federal Reserve ("the Fed") raised interest rates four times in an effort to control inflation, including back to back 75 basis points increases in June and July 2022. The Fed also ended its bond-buying programmes and began reducing some of its accumulated bond holdings in June 2022.

The Bank of England raised interest rates four times, as inflation reached a forty-year high. Inflation also accelerated in the Eurozone and the European Central Bank ("ECB") raised interest rates in July 2022, its first rate hike since 2011. Furthermore, the ECB also signalled that it would take action to prevent significant divergence between bond yields (which move inversely to prices) of Eurozone states as interest rates rise.

Global equity performance was significantly negative in most parts of the world (in US dollar terms). Rising inflation amid supply chain constraints and tighter monetary policy from many central banks negatively impacted equities. US, European, and Asia-Pacific equities all retreated during the six month period.

Global bond prices also declined (in US dollar terms), as heightened inflation put pressure on returns. US treasuries fell amid concerns that the Fed would continue to raise interest rates due to high inflation. Long-term US Treasury yields fell below short-term yields, a signal that markets were increasingly concerned about slowing economic growth. Similarly, UK, European, and Japanese government bonds declined (in US dollar terms) for the six month period. Corporate bonds fell globally as investors became concerned about the impact of rising interest rates on companies' financing costs.

Equities in emerging markets posted a substantial decline (in US dollar terms), as the US dollar strengthened and interest rates rose. Central banks in several emerging markets, such as India, Brazil, and Mexico raised interest rates multiple times in response to heightened inflation concerns. Emerging market bond prices declined sharply, particularly following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The commodities markets were volatile, with energy prices rising sharply (in US dollar terms), following Russia's invasion of Ukraine before moderating late in the period on growth concerns. The price of Brent crude oil rose sharply following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, but retreated as markets stabilised, ending the six-month period nearly flat. Natural gas prices gained significantly, particularly in Europe, amid supply disruptions from Russia. Gold prices declined, as higher interest rates made non-interest-bearing investments relatively less attractive despite rising inflation, while industrial metals also generally declined.

On the foreign currencies, the US dollar rose against most other global currencies, particularly as the Fed began tightening monetary policy in 2022. The Japanese yen declined notably against the US dollar, as the Bank of Japan's relatively accommodative stance meant that interest rates rose faster in the US than in Japan. The euro, pound sterling, and Chinese yuan also weakened relative to the US dollar as investors saw the US dollar being more insulated from the geopolitical turmoil.

Fund Performance Review and Activity

Over the six month period to 31 August 2022, the Fund's return was (0.39%), outperforming its comparator benchmark, which returned (1.57%).

Investment Report continued

Over the period both equities and bonds extended losses seen at the start of the year. Sharply rising inflation, central bank tightening against a backdrop of slowing economic growth, the ongoing impact of supply chain disruption and, in addition to the terrible human cost, the economic impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Given the sharp sell off in equities and bonds over the period, the allocation to developed market equities was the key detractor from returns although corporate bonds, emerging market equities, commodities, government bonds, and volatility strategies had a negative impact on returns, albeit to a lesser extent. Alternatives and currency positioning, due to weakness in sterling, generated positive returns over the period.

During the six month period the following were the largest contributors to and detractors from the Fund's absolute return:

Largest Contributors		Largest Detractors	
Stock	Effect on Fund return	Stock	Effect on Fund return
BGF US Flexible Equity Fund	0.52%	BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund	(1.30%)
FTSE 250 Equity Futures (hedging)	0.50%	S&P 500 Futures	(0.90%)
Euro Stoxx 50 Futures (hedging)	0.39%	US Enterprise Tech Equity Basket	(0.66%)
Nasdaq 100 Futures (hedging)	0.22%	iShares MSCI USA SRI UCITS ETF	(0.57%)
Greencoat UK Wind	0.22%	iShares Global Corp Bond ETF	(0.52%)

Due to the persistence of inflation and implications of central bank tightening for global growth, growth stocks in the US underperformed, impacting the performance of S&P 500 Futures, US Enterprise Tech Equity Basket and iShares MSCI USA SRI UCITS ETF. Corporate bond exposure through the iShares Global Corp Bond ETF also detracted as the sharp rise in bond yields and widening credit spreads weighed on the asset class. Offsetting some of these losses was active exposure through the BGF US Flexible Equity Fund as well as hedging positions on UK, European, US Technology equities. Exposure to renewable energy through the Greencoat UK Wind contributed positively.

The following table details the significant portfolio weightings at 31 August 2022 and 28 February 2022:

31 August 2022		28 February 2022	
Asset Class	Gross Exposure	Asset Class	Gross Exposure
Equities	68.64%	Equities	68.60%
Cash & FX	12.58%	Cash & FX	12.60%
Fixed Income	8.75%	Fixed Income	11.56%
Alternatives	5.23%	Volatility & Carry Strategies	4.35%
Commodities	3.05%	Alternatives	2.91%

The Fund maintained the allocation to equities though expressed a preference for the US over Europe given the Manager's view that the US economy is more resilient to the energy and growth shocks. The Manager reduced exposure to Fixed Income, instead increasing the allocation to Commodities, through adding exposure to gold, and renewable energy within Alternatives.

Looking forward, the Manager believes that persistent and high inflation will lead to more restrictive central bank policies in order to bring headline inflation back to target. This will most likely be at the expense of economic growth. Against the backdrop of lower growth, the Manager is focused on portfolio resilience preferring more defensive parts of the market and companies with strong profitability, and dynamically managing the Fund to balance risk and access opportunities.

Net Asset Value

At 31 August 2022	Units in Issue	Net Asset Value £000's	Net Asset Value per Unit p
A Income	612,514	1,121	183.0
A Accumulation	39,247,254	168,154	428.5
D Income	8,836,713	17,231	195.0
D Accumulation	17,614,258	80,154	455.1
S Income	1,976,157	2,925	148.0
S Accumulation	10,629,291	18,892	177.7

Distributions Payable for the period to 31 August 2022

Unit Class	Distribution payable on 31.10.2022 Pence per Unit
A Income	2.1048
A Accumulation	4.8626
D Income	2.2321
D Accumulation	5.1466
S Income	1.6910
S Accumulation	1.9742

Operating Charges

Unit Class	1.3.2022 to 31.8.2022	1.3.2021 to 28.2.2022
A Income	1.60%	1.57%
A Accumulation	1.60%	1.57%
D Income	0.85%	0.82%
D Accumulation	0.85%	0.82%
S Income	0.77%	0.74%
S Accumulation	0.77%	0.74%

Operating charges are annualised and exclude portfolio trade-related costs, except costs paid to the custodian/depositary and entry/exit charges paid to an underlying collective investment scheme (if any).

Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

at 31 August 2022

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
EQUITIES – 34.35%; 28.2.2022 29.66%			
AUSTRALIA – 0.14%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
Agriculture – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
27,088	Costa ^o	43	0.01
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.13%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
62,384	Santos	290	0.10
3,597	Woodside Energy ^o	73	0.03
		363	0.13
AUSTRIA – 0.05%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
Computers – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,861	Kontron	24	0.01
Electricity – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
622	Verbund	51	0.02
Machinery Diversified – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,091	Andritz	43	0.01
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
5,395	ams-OSRAM ^o	34	0.01
BELGIUM – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
Chemicals – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,031	Umicore	29	0.01
BRAZIL – 0.09%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
Agriculture – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
9,965	SLC Agricola	81	0.03
Forest Products & Paper – 0.05%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
19,596	Suzano	149	0.05
Packaging & Containers – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
11,525	Klabin	37	0.01
CANADA – 0.32%; 28.2.2022 0.15%			
Chemicals – 0.13%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
4,722	Nutrien	381	0.13
Forest Products & Paper – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
2,435	Canfor	41	0.01
30,111	Western Forest Products	30	0.01
		71	0.02
Gas – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
2,956	Brookfield Infrastructure	122	0.04
Mining – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
2,815	Cameco	72	0.02
Pipelines – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
9,707	Pembina Pipeline	300	0.10

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Telecommunications – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,242	Sierra Wireless	33	0.01
DENMARK – 0.14%; 28.2.2022 0.16%			
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.05%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
6,431	Vestas Wind Systems	139	0.05
Building Materials – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
527	Rockwool International ^o	93	0.03
Chemicals – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
961	Novozymes	48	0.02
Electricity – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
1,385	Orsted	118	0.04
FINLAND – 0.30%; 28.2.2022 0.13%			
Forest Products & Paper – 0.15%; 28.2.2022 0.07%			
14,674	Stora Enso	188	0.07
8,240	UPM-Kymmene	241	0.08
		429	0.15
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.15%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
9,692	Neste	421	0.15
FRANCE – 0.13%; 28.2.2022 0.21%			
Biotechnology – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
2,483	FermentaIg Rights 31/12/2049 ¹	–	0.00
Commercial Services – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.10%			
7,554	Worldline	277	0.10
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
901	Schneider Electric ^o	94	0.03
Water – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
GERMANY – 0.16%; 28.2.2022 0.14%			
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
15,263	Nordex ^o	127	0.04
Chemicals – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,518	Evonik Industries ^o	24	0.01
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.06%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
3,749	SMA Solar Technology	165	0.06
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
621	Siemens	54	0.02
Semiconductors – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
2,313	Infineon Technologies	50	0.02

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Software – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
841	Software	20	0.01
HONG KONG – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
29,000	Digital China	11	0.00
IRELAND – 1.68%; 28.2.2022 1.21%			
Agriculture – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
14,637	Origin Enterprises	48	0.02
Building Materials – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
2,446	Kingspan	120	0.04
Forest Products & Paper – 0.06%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
5,926	Smurfit Kappa	172	0.06
Private Equity – 1.46%; 28.2.2022 0.90%			
3,988,298	Greencoat Renewables	4,214	1.46
Retail – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.24%			
40,400	Grafton	291	0.10
ISRAEL – 0.06%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
Chemicals – 0.06%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
20,977	ICL	174	0.06
ITALY – 0.05%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
Automobile Manufacturers – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
841	Iveco	4	0.00
Electricity – 0.05%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
4,294	Enel	17	0.01
16,295	Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale ^o	101	0.04
		118	0.05
JAPAN – 0.19%; 28.2.2022 0.21%			
Computers – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
200	Fujitsu ^o	21	0.01
Forest Products & Paper – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
12,500	Oji	43	0.01
500	Sumitomo Forestry	7	0.00
		50	0.01
Machinery Diversified – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
3,100	Kubota	42	0.01
1,100	Omron	50	0.02
900	Yaskawa Electric	26	0.01
		118	0.04

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.11%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
61,100	Eneos	199	0.07
4,800	Idemitsu Kosan	109	0.04
		308	0.11
Semiconductors – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
8,600	Renesas Electronics	71	0.02
NETHERLANDS – 0.16%; 28.2.2022 0.20%			
Chemicals – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
565	Koninklijke DSM	63	0.02
Commercial Services – 0.06%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
120	Adyen ^o	162	0.06
Food Producers – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,431	Corbion	35	0.01
Healthcare Products – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
2,331	Koninklijke Philips ^o	33	0.01
Pipelines – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
4,739	Koninklijke Vopak	89	0.03
Semiconductors – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
26	ASML	11	0.00
524	NXP Semiconductors	75	0.03
		86	0.03
NORWAY – 0.37%; 28.2.2022 0.16%			
Environmental Control – 0.07%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
10,798	TOMRA Systems	213	0.07
Food Producers – 0.19%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
13,751	Leroy Seafood	79	0.03
15,110	Mowi	267	0.09
5,084	Norway Royal Salmon	109	0.04
1,511	Salmar	86	0.03
		541	0.19
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
1,606	Aker BP	49	0.02
7,101	Equinor	234	0.08
		283	0.10
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
3,090	Nordic Semiconductor	41	0.01

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
PORTUGAL – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
10,996	Galp Energia SGPS	99	0.03
SOUTH KOREA – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
Semiconductors – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
25	Samsung Electronics	24	0.01
SPAIN – 0.08%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
7,719	Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy	119	0.04
Electricity – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
3,938	EDP Renovaveis	82	0.03
3,143	Iberdrola	28	0.01
		110	0.04
SWEDEN – 0.26%; 28.2.2022 0.16%			
Building Materials – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
33,651	Nibe Industrier	276	0.10
Electricity – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
1,689	Orron Energy	3	0.00
Forest Products & Paper – 0.15%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
4,747	Holmen	178	0.06
20,863	Svenska Cellulosa	269	0.09
		447	0.15
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
Telecommunications – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
5,257	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	34	0.01
SWITZERLAND – 0.14%; 28.2.2022 0.11%			
Commercial Services – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
15	SGS	28	0.01
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
2,950	ABB ^o	71	0.02
Metal & Hardware – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
92	VAT ^o	19	0.01
Packaging & Containers – 0.08%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
11,091	SIG ^o	226	0.08
Semiconductors – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.03%			
2,365	STMicroelectronics ^o	72	0.02
TAIWAN – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
Semiconductors – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
668	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	48	0.02

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
UNITED KINGDOM – 19.76%; 28.2.2022 19.36%			
Advertising – 0.15%; 28.2.2022 0.24%			
210,300	Ascential	432	0.15
Agriculture – 0.81%; 28.2.2022 0.86%			
68,100	British American Tobacco	2,339	0.81
Airlines – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.10%			
Apparel – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
Banks – 1.13%; 28.2.2022 1.06%			
310,000	Barclays	510	0.18
149,200	HSBC	788	0.27
985,900	Lloyds Banking	432	0.15
258,271	Standard Chartered	1,529	0.53
		3,259	1.13
Beverages – 0.36%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
27,625	Diageo	1,044	0.36
Biotechnology – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
32,081	Oxford Nanopore Technologies ^o	86	0.03
Chemicals – 0.24%; 28.2.2022 0.21%			
33,930	Johnson Matthey	689	0.24
Commercial Services – 2.02%; 28.2.2022 2.03%			
21,000	Ashtead	895	0.31
161,864	RELX	3,678	1.28
235,000	Rentokil Initial	1,237	0.43
		5,810	2.02
Computers – 0.29%; 28.2.2022 0.23%			
475,500	Serco	837	0.29
Cosmetics & Personal Care – 0.31%; 28.2.2022 0.30%			
23,200	Unilever	908	0.31
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.73%; 28.2.2022 1.09%			
20,958	Ferguson	2,108	0.73
Diversified Financial Services – 0.89%; 28.2.2022 0.55%			
38,200	Hargreaves Lansdown ^o	313	0.11
27,694	London Stock Exchange	2,251	0.78
		2,564	0.89
Electricity – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
2,251	SSE	38	0.01
Electronics – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
1,181	Halma	25	0.01
Environmental Control – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.07%			
26,023	Biffa	103	0.04
4,358	Pentair	170	0.06
		273	0.10

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Food Producers – 0.08%; 28.2.2022 0.39%			
12,700	Greggs	236	0.08
Food Services – 1.13%; 28.2.2022 0.98%			
176,600	Compass	3,274	1.13
Healthcare Products – 0.23%; 28.2.2022 0.30%			
65,100	Smith & Nephew	655	0.23
Household Products – 0.96%; 28.2.2022 0.79%			
41,900	Reckitt Benckiser	2,760	0.96
Insurance – 0.37%; 28.2.2022 0.44%			
78,932	Phoenix ^o	475	0.16
68,200	Prudential	616	0.21
		1,091	0.37
Internet – 1.38%; 28.2.2022 1.53%			
245,800	Auto Trader	1,597	0.55
271,849	Baltic Classifieds	407	0.14
157,200	Moonpig	308	0.11
248,100	Rightmove	1,507	0.52
53,604	Trainline	184	0.06
		4,003	1.38
Investment Companies – 1.33%; 28.2.2022 1.22%			
524,700	Melrose Industries	717	0.25
2,619,860	Sdcl Energy Efficiency Income Trust	3,102	1.08
		3,819	1.33
Leisure Time – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
44,990	Patisserie ²	–	0.00
Machinery Diversified – 0.15%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
32,965	CNH Industrial	350	0.12
4,208	CNH Industrial	45	0.02
254	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	27	0.01
		422	0.15
Media – 0.31%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
101,300	Pearson	884	0.31
Mining – 1.15%; 28.2.2022 1.38%			
69,500	Rio Tinto	3,330	1.15
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
4,618	Diploma	117	0.04
Oil & Gas Producers – 2.04%; 28.2.2022 1.65%			
454,537	BP	1,981	0.69
49,100	Capricorn Energy ^o	113	0.04
166,000	Shell	3,768	1.31
		5,862	2.04

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Pharmaceuticals – 1.77%; 28.2.2022 1.61%			
47,837	AstraZeneca	5,097	1.77
Private Equity – 0.76%; 28.2.2022 0.77%			
179,900	3i	2,179	0.76
Real Estate Investment Trusts – 0.17%; 28.2.2022 0.24%			
220,000	Capital & Counties Properties	264	0.09
20,600	Unite	219	0.08
		483	0.17
Retail – 0.78%; 28.2.2022 0.97%			
38,500	Next	2,238	0.78
Semiconductors – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.05%			
Telecommunications – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
10,176	Spirent Communications	26	0.01
Water – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
1,961	Pennon ^o	18	0.01
3,439	United Utilities	36	0.01
		54	0.02
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 10.20%; 28.2.2022 7.17%			
Aerospace & Defence – 0.80%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
9,386	AAR	352	0.12
4,500	AeroVironment	346	0.12
2,826	Curtiss-Wright	362	0.13
7,420	Hexcel ^o	378	0.13
12,038	Howmet Aerospace	372	0.13
9,981	Kaman	279	0.10
17,063	Triumph	193	0.07
		2,282	0.80
Agriculture – 0.28%; 28.2.2022 0.10%			
5,401	Archer-Daniels-Midland	407	0.14
4,129	Bunge	355	0.12
728	Darling Ingredients	47	0.02
		809	0.28
Alternative Energy Sources – 0.13%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
2,672	First Solar	281	0.10
2,725	Sunrun	76	0.03
		357	0.13
Automobile Parts & Equipment – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
6,573	Velodyne Lidar	7	0.00
Biotechnology – 0.13%; 28.2.2022 0.07%			
7,001	Corteva	372	0.13

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Chemicals – 0.19%; 28.2.2022 0.04%			
1,184	Ecolab	169	0.06
7,475	Mosaic	369	0.13
		538	0.19
Commercial Services – 0.38%; 28.2.2022 0.23%			
1,449	Block	86	0.03
5,338	Booz Allen Hamilton	439	0.15
604	Quanta Services	73	0.03
23,245	Sabre ^o	145	0.05
11,404	V2X	346	0.12
941	Vivint Smart Home	5	0.00
		1,094	0.38
Computers – 0.87%; 28.2.2022 0.84%			
8,009	Apple	1,096	0.38
58,431	Conduent	210	0.07
6,160	Fortinet	260	0.09
3,645	International Business Machines	407	0.14
4,313	NetApp	268	0.09
3,883	Seagate Technology	232	0.08
9,437	Vuzix	62	0.02
		2,535	0.87
Distribution & Wholesale – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
3,200	Resideo Technologies	58	0.02
Diversified Financial Services – 0.26%; 28.2.2022 0.26%			
1,340	Mastercard	378	0.13
2,243	Visa	389	0.13
		767	0.26
Electrical Components & Equipment – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
421	Emerson Electric	30	0.01
521	EnerSys	28	0.01
		58	0.02
Electricity – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
915	Ameresco	53	0.02
Electronics – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.06%			
529	Badger Meter	43	0.01
274	TE Connectivity	30	0.01
4,266	Trimble	235	0.08
		308	0.10
Engineering & Construction – 0.04%; 28.2.2022 0.02%			
855	Aecom	54	0.02
743	MasTec	52	0.02
		106	0.04

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Environmental Control – 0.32%; 28.2.2022 0.21%			
3,443	CECO Environmental	30	0.01
9,777	Evoqua Water Technologies	299	0.10
2,430	Republic Services	301	0.10
2,152	Tetra Tech	254	0.09
330	Waste Management	48	0.02
		932	0.32
Food Producers – 0.11%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
6,368	Hain Celestial	112	0.04
1,015	Hershey	198	0.07
		310	0.11
Healthcare Products – 0.02%; 28.2.2022 0.01%			
363	Masimo	47	0.02
Internet – 0.86%; 28.2.2022 0.88%			
5,860	Alphabet	550	0.19
5,080	Amazon.com	563	0.20
1,935	F5	265	0.09
2,735	Meta Platforms	370	0.13
825	Palo Alto Networks	397	0.14
2,046	VeriSign	320	0.11
		2,465	0.86
Machinery Diversified – 0.62%; 28.2.2022 0.24%			
3,878	Agco	365	0.13
2,098	Deere	666	0.23
338	Dover	37	0.01
1,605	Lindsay	223	0.08
128	Rockwell Automation	26	0.01
2,128	Watts Water Technologies ^o	260	0.09
2,590	Xylem	204	0.07
		1,781	0.62
Miscellaneous Manufacturing – 0.10%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
721	A O Smith	36	0.01
4,647	Donaldson ^o	212	0.07
358	Eaton	43	0.01
607	General Electric	39	0.01
		330	0.10
Office & Business Equipment – 0.09%; 28.2.2022 0.11%			
1,008	Zebra Technologies	263	0.09
Oil & Gas Producers – 0.38%; 28.2.2022 0.18%			
5,913	EOG Resources	620	0.21
1,993	Occidental Petroleum ^o	124	0.04
1,774	Pioneer Natural Resources	389	0.13
		1,133	0.38

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Oil & Gas Services – 0.35%; 28.2.2022 0.19%			
19,482	Halliburton	509	0.18
14,298	Schlumberger	476	0.17
		985	0.35
Packaging & Containers – 0.27%; 28.2.2022 0.12%			
16,609	Graphic Packaging	324	0.11
1,638	Packaging of America	196	0.07
7,569	Westrock	270	0.09
		790	0.27
Pharmaceuticals – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			
148	Dexcom	11	0.00
Pipelines – 0.43%; 28.2.2022 0.21%			
3,138	Cheniere Energy	435	0.15
33,004	Kinder Morgan	525	0.18
9,394	Williams Cos	277	0.10
		1,237	0.43
Real Estate Investment Trusts – 0.17%; 28.2.2022 0.08%			
6,320	CatchMark Timber Trust	57	0.02
6,066	Rayonier	187	0.06
8,420	Weyerhaeuser	246	0.09
		490	0.17
Semiconductors – 0.98%; 28.2.2022 1.05%			
4,719	Advanced Micro Devices	353	0.12
600	Ambarella	44	0.02
3,396	Analog Devices	446	0.15
875	Broadcom	382	0.13
951	Ceva	24	0.01
9,824	Intel	273	0.09
4,929	Marvell Technology	204	0.07
1,365	Microchip Technology	76	0.03
1,498	Micron Technology	73	0.03
1,942	Nvidia	259	0.09
3,754	ON Semiconductor	223	0.08
609	Qorvo	48	0.02
774	Qualcomm	90	0.03
4,511	Rambus	100	0.03
680	Silicon Laboratories ^o	76	0.03
625	Skyworks Solutions	53	0.02
517	Texas Instruments	74	0.03
		2,798	0.98
Software – 1.51%; 28.2.2022 1.46%			
992	Adobe	320	0.11
1,342	Ansys	289	0.10
1,061	Aspen Technology	189	0.07
2,978	Cadence Design Systems	446	0.15

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
758	Digi International	22	0.01
849	Fair Isaac	333	0.12
897	Intuit	335	0.12
4,613	Microsoft	1,044	0.36
6,482	Oracle	414	0.14
2,755	PTC	271	0.09
2,051	Salesforce	282	0.10
1,278	Splunk	102	0.04
2,822	VMware	286	0.10
		4,333	1.51
Telecommunications – 0.56%; 28.2.2022 0.44%			
11,892	A10 Networks	146	0.05
3,279	Arista Networks	342	0.12
9,831	Cisco Systems	383	0.13
20,133	CommScope	185	0.06
12,498	Juniper Networks	311	0.11
12,093	Maxar Technologies ^o	251	0.09
		1,618	0.56
Water – 0.19%; 28.2.2022 0.11%			
1,464	American Water Works	190	0.07
2,265	California Water Service	114	0.04
5,479	Essential Utilities	233	0.08
330	Global Water Resources	4	0.00
		541	0.19
BONDS – 2.12%; 28.2.2022 1.87%			
US Dollar Denominated Government Bonds – 2.12%; 28.2.2022 1.87%			
\$7,258,100	United States Treasury Note/Bond 0.125% 30/4/2023	6,119	2.12
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES – 57.89%; 28.2.2022 57.53%			
Equity Funds – 27.57%; 28.2.2022 20.50%			
474,149	BlackRock Continental European Fund [†]	16,961	5.88
608,284	BlackRock Global Funds - Emerging Markets Fund [†]	7,823	2.71
646,447	BlackRock Global Funds - US Flexible Equity Fund	29,685	10.29
443,207	BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund [†]	3,663	1.27
1,961,531	BlackRock UK Smaller Companies Fund [†]	21,388	7.42
		79,520	27.57
Exchange Traded Funds – 20.86%; 28.2.2022 23.59%			
890,566	iShares Core Bond UCITS ETF ^{†o}	3,595	1.25

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Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
87,079	iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF GBP Acc [†]	11,334	3.93
16,552	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF [†]	5,861	2.03
172,079	iShares Global Bond UCITS ETF [†]	12,700	4.40
1,164,488	iShares IV Public Company - iShares MSCI Japan SRI UCITS ETF USD [†]	5,892	2.04
94,470	iShares Physical Gold ETC [†]	2,713	0.94
3,962,863	iShares USD Ultrashort Bond UCITS ETF	18,088	6.27
		60,183	20.86

Investment Trusts – 2.71%; 28.2.2022 0.96%

3,735,659	Greencoat UK Wind [⊖]	6,108	2.12
1,017,382	Gresham House Energy Storage Fund Fund	1,719	0.59
		7,827	2.71

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
Short-term Money Market Funds – 6.75%; 28.2.2022 12.48%			
20,364	BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class	1,716	0.59
128,677	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class [†]	12,861	4.46
56,915	BlackRock ICS US Dollar Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class [†]	4,901	1.70
		19,478	6.75

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Underlying Exposure – Derivatives £000's	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
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DERIVATIVES – 0.00%; 28.2.2022 0.05%

Forward Currency Contracts – 0.03%; 28.2.2022 (0.11%)

AU\$5,036,517	Australian dollar vs UK sterling	2,969	69	0.02
CA\$4,481,439	Canadian dollar vs UK sterling	2,938	38	0.01
€6,850,000	Euro vs Swedish krona	11,672	125	0.04
£6,636,776	UK sterling vs Euro	6,678	(41)	(0.01)
£9,525,000	UK sterling vs US dollar	9,825	(300)	(0.10)
US\$10,370,141	US dollar vs Euro	17,616	222	0.08
US\$7,100,000	US dollar vs Mexican peso	12,391	(178)	(0.06)
US\$9,050,000	US dollar vs Taiwan dollar	15,422	145	0.05
		79,511	80	0.03

Futures – 0.43%; 28.2.2022 0.27%

24	E-Mini Consumer Staples Select September 2022	1,501	17	0.01
(17)	E-Mini Financial Select September 2022	1,456	(55)	(0.02)
13	E-Mini Health Care Select September 2022	1,394	(40)	(0.01)
(19)	E-Mini Industry Select September 2022	1,517	(107)	(0.04)
(21)	E-Mini Materials Select September 2022	1,427	(19)	(0.01)
25	E-Mini Utilities Select September 2022	1,592	122	0.04
(737)	Euro Stoxx 50 September 2022	22,427	1,387	0.48
154	FTSE 100 Index September 2022	11,203	(371)	(0.13)
(533)	FTSE 250 Index September 2022	20,283	378	0.13
(86)	MSCI World Index September 2022	5,983	(6)	0.00
165	S&P 500 E-Mini September 2022	28,384	81	0.03
18	S&P/TSX 60 Index September 2022	2,780	(140)	(0.05)
28	SPI 200 September 2022	2,836	4	0.00
(51)	STOXX 600 Auto September 2022	1,140	48	0.02
(213)	STOXX 600 Bank September 2022	1,143	34	0.01

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

Holding or Nominal Value	Investment	Underlying Exposure – Derivatives £000's	Market Value £000's	% of Total Net Assets
(24)	STOXX 600 Chemicals September 2022	1,144	66	0.02
34	STOXX 600 Food September 2022	1,151	(57)	(0.02)
28	Stoxx 600 Healthcare September 2022	1,181	(47)	(0.02)
(42)	STOXX 600 Industrial September 2022	1,105	71	0.03
123	STOXX 600 TLM September 2022	1,169	(38)	(0.01)
72	Stoxx 600 Utilities September 2022	1,110	(82)	(0.03)
		111,926	1,246	0.43
Inflation Swaps – (0.04%); 28.2.2022 0.00%				
444,000	Goldman Sachs Euro 0% vs Variable 16/3/2052	380	(13)	(0.01)
1,305,261	Goldman Sachs Euro 0% vs Variable 16/4/2052	1,107	(53)	(0.02)
1,756,644	UBS Euro 0% vs Variable 16/4/2052	1,521	(40)	(0.01)
		3,008	(106)	(0.04)
Options – 0.01%; 28.2.2022 0.12%				
416	CBOE Call Option 21/9/2022 32.5	212	31	0.01
(235)	EURO STOXX 50 Call Option 21/10/2022 3700	1,990	(116)	(0.04)
235	EURO STOXX 50 Put Option 21/10/2022 3350	2,175	145	0.05
(21)	S&P 500 Call Option 21/10/2022 4100	2,469	(151)	(0.05)
21	S&P 500 Put Option 21/10/2022 3720	1,751	102	0.04
		8,597	11	0.01
Total Return Swaps – (0.43%); 28.2.2022 (0.23%)				
30,547	Barclays Bank Volatility Carry Strategy Index 0% 21/11/2022	3,692	17	0.01
3,891	Citibank Global Brands Basket Index 0% 5/9/2022	8,799	(2,100)	(0.73)
112,636	Goldman Sachs International GSCBBAG4 INDEX 0% 12/4/2023	8,684	824	0.28
2,671	Morgan Stanley International MSVCDRSE INDEX VOL 21-JUL- 0% 24/7/2023	1,170	19	0.01
411,462	UBS AQPPEC4N INDEX 0% 10/8/2023 [^]	6,107	–	0.00
		28,452	(1,240)	(0.43)
Portfolio of investments		272,202	94.36	
Net other assets		16,275	5.64	
Total net assets		288,477	100.00	

Unless otherwise stated, all securities are either listed on a recognised exchange or traded on an eligible securities market.

Underlying exposure has been calculated according to the guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") (as adopted by the FCA) and represents the market value of an equivalent position in the assets underlying each financial derivative instrument.

The counterparties for the forward currency contracts are BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, HSBC Bank Plc, J.P. Morgan Securities Plc, Royal Bank of Scotland Plc and Toronto-Dominion Bank.

The total return swaps ("TRS") shown in the portfolio statement starting on page 16 are expressed at both their mark-to-market and original notional value, which when added together represent the current notional value of the TRS. The current notional value of a TRS represents the reference amount used to calculate payments between the counterparties to the TRS. The full notional value represents the economic interest in the security underlying the TRS, but does not change hands in full between the counterparties.

¹ Fair valued by the Manager.

² Security fair valued by Manager at zero.

⁰ All or a portion of this investment represents a security on loan.

[†] Managed by a related party.

[^] Investments which are less than £500 are rounded to zero.

Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.2022		31.8.2021
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income			
Net capital (losses)/gains		(496)	28,686
Revenue	3,369		2,228
Expenses	(1,783)		(1,684)
Interest payable and similar charges	(86)		(141)
Net revenue before taxation	1,500		403
Taxation	(29)		(25)
Net revenue after taxation		1,471	378
Total return before distributions		975	29,064
Distributions		(3,254)	(2,062)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(2,279)	27,002

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

(unaudited) for the six months ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.2022		31.8.2021
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		285,254	236,552
Amounts receivable on issue of units	22,641		45,831
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(20,164)		(20,927)
		2,477	24,904
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(2,279)	27,002
Retained distribution on accumulation units		3,025	1,950
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		288,477	290,408

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 31 August 2021 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 March 2022.

Balance Sheet (unaudited)

at 31 August 2022

	31.8.2022	28.2.2022
	£000's	£000's
Assets:		
Fixed assets		
– Investment assets	276,156	258,268
Current assets		
– Debtors	1,451	4,034
– Cash and bank balances	18,367	29,659
– Cash collateral posted	2,240	300
Total assets	298,214	292,261
Liabilities:		
Investment liabilities	(3,954)	(4,074)
Creditors		
– Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	(1,315)	(623)
– Cash collateral payable	(1,820)	–
– Distributions payable	(243)	(212)
– Other creditors	(2,405)	(2,098)
Total liabilities	(9,737)	(7,007)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	288,477	285,254

G D Bamping (Director)

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BlackRock Fund Managers Limited

28 October 2022

Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)

for the six months ended 31 August 2022

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("UK GAAP") and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (the "SORP") issued by the Investment Management Association (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2022 and are described in those annual financial statements.

Supplementary Information

Efficient Portfolio Management Techniques

The Manager may, on behalf of the Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the FCA and the Prospectus, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, including investments in Over-the-Counter Financial Derivative Instruments (OTC FDIs) provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes or to provide protection against exchange risk or for direct investment purposes, where applicable.

In addition to the investments in OTC FDIs, the Fund may employ other techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments, subject to the conditions set out in the Fund's Prospectus, as amended from time to time, and the relevant ESMA Guidelines (as adopted by the FCA), such as repurchase/reverse repurchase transactions ("repo transactions") and securities lending.

Securities Lending and Total Return Swaps (TRS)

Securities lending transactions entered into by the Fund are subject to a written legal agreement between the Fund and the Stock Lending Agent, BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited, a related party to the Fund, and separately between the Stock Lending Agent and the approved borrowing counterparty. Collateral received in exchange for securities lent is transferred under a title transfer arrangement and is delivered to and held in an account with a tri-party collateral manager in the name of The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited ("the Trustee") on behalf of the Fund. Collateral received is segregated from the assets belonging to the Fund's Trustee or the Stock Lending Agent.

All TRS are entered into by the Fund under an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs OTC FDIs (including TRS) entered into by the parties. The parties' exposures under the ISDA Master Agreement are netted and collateralised together, therefore any collateral disclosures provided are in respect of all OTC FDIs entered into by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement, not just TRS. All collateral received/posted by the Fund under the ISDA Master Agreement is transferred bilaterally under a title transfer arrangement.

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Fund's total lendable assets and Net Asset Value (NAV) and the value of TRS as a proportion of the Fund's NAV, as at 31 August 2022. The income/returns earned from securities lending and TRS respectively are also shown for the period ended 31 August 2022. Total lendable assets represents the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Fund's securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Fund that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction. The value of TRS is based on the underlying exposure value on a gross absolute basis.

Securities on loan			TRS	
% of lendable assets	% of NAV	Income earned £000's	% of NAV	Returns earned £000's
4.51	2.30	13	9.86	(79)

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the relevant Fund and the Stock Lending Agent. The Fund receives 62.5% while the Stock Lending Agent receives 37.5% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Stock Lending Agent's share.

All returns and costs from TRS will accrue to the Fund and are not subject to any returns or cost sharing arrangements with the Fund's Manager or any other third parties.

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The following table details the value of securities on loan (individually identified in the Fund's portfolio statement) and associated collateral received and the underlying exposure value on a gross absolute basis for TRS, analysed by counterparty as at 31 August 2022.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Securities Lending		TRS
		Amount on loan	Collateral received	Underlying exposure
		£000's	£000's	£000's
Barclays Bank Plc	UK	–	–	3,692
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	UK	3,450	4,097	–
BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC	France	168	184	–
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	UK	560	599	8,799
Goldman Sachs International	UK	–	–	8,684
HSBC Bank Plc	UK	148	162	–
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	UK	461	508	–
Merrill Lynch International	UK	145	161	–
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	UK	726	764	1,170
UBS AG	Switzerland	973	1,071	6,107
Total		6,631	7,546	28,452

The following table provides an analysis of the maturity tenor of TRS as at 31 August 2022.

	Maturity Tenor					Total
	1 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 days	More than 365 days	Open transactions	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
TRS	8,799	3,692	15,961	–	–	28,452

The above maturity tenor analysis has been based on the respective transaction contractual maturity date. All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are callable or terminable on a daily basis.

Supplementary Information continued

Collateral

The Fund engages in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ("collateral posted") or may hold collateral received ("collateral received") from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the underlying cash and non-cash collateral received/posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Fund, in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs (including TRS), as at 31 August 2022.

Currency	Cash collateral received	Cash collateral posted	Non-cash collateral received	Non-cash collateral posted
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Securities lending transactions				
AUD	–	–	118	–
CAD	76	–	56	–
CHF	–	–	104	–
CNY	–	–	342	–
DKK	–	–	11	–
EUR	–	–	2,342	–
GBP	–	–	402	–
HKD	–	–	149	–
JPY	–	–	853	–
NOK	–	–	15	–
SEK	–	–	57	–
SGD	–	–	48	–
USD	–	–	2,973	–
Total	76	–	7,470	–

As at 31 August 2022, all cash collateral received in respect of OTC derivative transactions by the Fund was re-invested in money market funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates, as disclosed in the Fund's portfolio statement.

Non-cash collateral received by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in relation to securities lending transactions and OTC FDIs cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.

The returns earned by the Fund from the reinvestment of cash collateral in money market funds during the period ended 31 August 2022 is summarised below. These returns represent the accumulative total return of the representative money market fund for the period ended 31 August 2022. These returns do not take into account any interest payable to the counterparty under the relevant collateral arrangements.

Money market fund	Total return %
Institutional Cash Series plc	
BlackRock ICS Euro Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class	(0.04)
BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class	1.70
BlackRock ICS US Dollar Liquid Environmentally Aware Fund - Agency Income Class	2.45

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The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received/posted by the Fund by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDI (including TRS), as at 31 August 2022.

Collateral type and quality	Maturity Tenor					Open transactions	Total
	1 - 7 days	8 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 days	More than 365 days		
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's		
Collateral received - securities lending							
Fixed income							
Investment grade	–	1	139	19	2,074	–	2,233
Equities							
Recognised equity index	–	–	–	–	–	5,179	5,179
ETFs							
UCITS	–	–	–	–	–	58	58
Total	–	1	139	19	2,074	5,237	7,470

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency; Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch.

A recognised equity index contains at least 20 equities where no single equity represents more than 20% of the total index and no five equities combined represent more than 60% of the total index.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while for equity securities and ETFs received as collateral are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 31 August 2022, all non-cash collateral received by the Fund in respect of securities lending transactions and OTC FDI (including TRS) is held by the Fund's Trustee (or through its delegates).

The following table lists the top ten issuers (or all the issuers if less than ten) by value of non-cash collateral received by the Fund by way of the title transfer collateral arrangement across securities lending transactions and OTC FDI as at 31 August 2022.

Issuer	Value £000's	% of the Fund's NAV
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	4,020	1.39
UBS AG	1,071	0.37
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	764	0.26
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	600	0.21
J.P. Morgan Securities Plc	508	0.18
BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC	184	0.06
HSBC Bank Plc	162	0.06
Merrill Lynch International	161	0.06
Total	7,470	2.59

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