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# Interim report and unaudited financial statements

BlackRock Global Income Fund

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# **General Information**

### Manager & Registrar

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## About the Fund

BlackRock Global Income Fund (the "Fund") is a UCITS scheme under the COLL Sourcebook. The Fund was established on 6 May 2011. The Fund's FCA product reference number is 542066.

### 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 Molly Greenen and Olivia Treharne.

# 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.

### Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Certain financial markets have fallen during the financial period due primarily to geo-political tensions arising from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the impact of the subsequent range of sanctions, regulations and other measures which impaired normal trading in Russian securities. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with the Fund's investment objectives, and the operations of the Fund and the publication of net asset values are continuing.

# Risk and Reward Profile

Unit Class	Lower risk Typically lower rewards ◆				Тур	loically highe	ligher risk er rewards
A Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
D Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- The risk indicator was calculated incorporating historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.
- · The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- · The lowest category does not mean risk free.

For more information on this, please see the Fund's Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs"), which are available at www.blackrock.com.

# **Investment Report**

for the six months ended 31 August 2022

### **Investment Objective**

The aim of the Fund is to provide an income return on your investment (gross of fees) that is above average when compared to the income produced by global equity markets (as represented by the MSCI All Countries World Index) (i.e. a level of income which exceeds that produced by the constituents of the index), without sacrificing capital growth (i.e. the value of the assets held by the Fund) over the long term (5 or more consecutive years beginning at the point of investment).

Target benchmark	Investment management approach
MSCI All Countries World Index	Active

### Performance Summary

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

	Fund return %	Target benchmark %
Class D Accumulation Units	1.14	2.38

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 target 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.

# **Investment Report** continued

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.

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 European 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.

# **Investment Report** continued

### Fund Performance Review and Activity

Over the six month period to 31 August 2022, the Fund's performance return was 1.14% and the active return was (1.24%), regrettably underperforming its target benchmark which returned 2.38% (active return is the difference between the Fund's return and the target benchmark).

Equity investors faced a difficult period as markets fell in response to recession fears, supply side inflation shocks, a war in Europe and concerns around monetary policy. COVID-19 continued to have an impact as China enforced strict local shutdowns, compounding the global inventory problems. Central bankers raised rates as inflation surged which caused recession fears.

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

	Largest Contributors	Largest Detr	actors
Stock	Effect on Fund return	Stock	Effect on Fund return
Novo Nordisk#	0.47%	Prudential <sup>#</sup>	(0.56%)
M&T Bank#	0.43%	Mediatek#	(0.56%)
UnitedHealth#	0.42%	Citizens Financial	(0.53%)
AstraZeneca#	0.41%	Taylor Wimpey#	(0.47%)
EDP#	0.34%	Kering <sup>^</sup>	(0.40%)

<sup>#</sup> Overweight position - holds more exposure than the benchmark.

A position in Novo Nordisk represented a top contributor during the period as the company saw strong growth in GLP-1 (Glucagon-like peptide) prescriptions. Early in the year, Novo Nordisk's new obesity drug, Wegovy, faced supply constraints, leading to shortages. These manufacturing problems largely eased although it will take time to resupply the market. Prudential also detracted. Shares continue to be weak given tough macroeconomic conditions and continued covid-19 lockdowns disruption for the Asia-focused insurer. Historically, prior to COVID-19, 55% of new business profit came from Hong Kong, made up of largely mainland Chinese going to Hong Kong to buy insurance products. The fact the Hong Kong/China border remains closed has thus caused the shares to underperform.

Stock selection within communication services and information technology contributed, while an overweight position in and stock selection within health care contributed to the relative performance during the period.

Stock selection within consumer discretionary and industrials detracted, while an underweight position in and stock selection within energy detracted from the relative performance during the period.

The following table details the significant active positions, where the Fund was overweight (held more exposure than the target benchmark) and underweight (held less exposure than the target benchmark), at 31 August 2022 and 28 February 2022:

Top overweight positions					
	31 August 2022			28 February 2022	
Sector		Active Weighting	Sector	Active Weighting	
Financials		3.26%	Health Care	5.92%	
Health Care		3.23%	Consumer Staples	3.68%	
Industrials		2.46%	Industrials	2.09%	

<sup>^</sup> Underweight position - holds less exposure than the benchmark.

# **Investment Report** continued

Top underweight positions					
	31 August 2022		28 February 2	2022	
Sector	Ad	ctive Weighting	Sector	Active Weighting	
Real Estate		(2.79%)	Materials	(4.96%)	
Materials		(2.26%)	Consumer Discretionary	(2.96%)	
Communications		(2.04%)	Energy	(1.97%)	

Where the Fund is underweight to a sector, the return from such sector will have an opposite effect on the Fund's active return. This may result in a sector being listed as a contributor/detractor but not listed on the Fund's Portfolio Statement.

During the period, the Fund reduced exposure to health care, by trimming the position in Medtronic and UnitedHealth. The Fund increased exposure to energy, by adding a new position, Chevron and added to Baker Hughes.

### **Net Asset Value**

			Net Asset Value
		Net Asset Value	per Unit
At 31 August 2022	Units in Issue	£000's	р
A Income	2,599,998	4,837	186.0
A Accumulation	637,744	1,635	256.4
D Income	24,230,694	48,965	202.1
D Accumulation	15,445,213	43,108	279.1

# Distributions Payable for the period to 31 August 2022

Unit Class	Distribution payable on 31.10.2022		
	Pence per Unit		
A Income	1.0000		
A Accumulation	1.3664		
D Income	1.0851		
D Accumulation	1.4863		

# **Operating Charges**

Unit Class	1.3.2022 to 31.8.2022	1.3.2021 to 28.2.2022
A Income	1.71%	1.71%
A Accumulation	1.71%	1.71%
D Income	0.96%	0.96%
D Accumulation	0.96%	0.96%

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

Hald's a se	Manhat	% of	Habibaaaa	Manhat	% of
Holding or Nominal Value Investment	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets	Holding or Nominal Value Investment	Market Value £000's	Total Net Assets
ASIA AND PACIFIC - 8.09%; 28.2.2022 8.279	V <sub>4</sub>		Switzerland - 2.07%; 28.2.2022 1.04%		
,	,,,		5,385 Zurich Insurance	2,042	2.07
EQUITIES - 8.09%; 28.2.2022 8.27%			United Kingdom - 16.15%; 28.2.2022 19.36%		
Indonesia - 1.13%; 28.2.2022 1.10%			29,194 AstraZeneca	3,111	3.16
4,448,500 Bank Rakyat Indonesia	1,117	1.13	53,126 Diageo	2,007	2.04
Persero			21,224 Ferguson	2,135	2.17
Japan - 1.50%; 28.2.2022 1.64%			239,401 Prudential	2,161	2.19
55.800 KDDI	1.480	1.50	47,602 Reckitt Benckiser	3,136	3.18
	.,		85,467 RELX	1,943	1.97
Singapore - 0.93%; 28.2.2022 1.01%			1,287,441 Taylor Wimpey	1,414	1.44
45,587 DBS	915	0.93		15,907	16.15
Taiwan - 4.53%; 28.2.2022 4.52%				10,001	10.10
91,000 MediaTek	1,717	1.74	NORTH AMERICA - 46.93%; 28.2.2022 52.099	6	
193,000 Taiwan Semiconductor  Manufacturing	2,751	2.79	EQUITIES - 46.93%; 28.2.2022 52.09%		
•			Canada - 2.49%; 28.2.2022 2.86%		
	4,468	4.53	125,331 Telus	2,454	2.49
EUROPE - 43.11%; 28.2.2022 39.50%			Mexico - 0.99%; 28.2.2022 0.97%		
EQUITIES - 43.11%; 28.2.2022 39.50%			341,163 Wal-Mart de Mexico	977	0.99
•			United States of America - 43.45%; 28.2.2022	10 260/	
Denmark - 2.53%; 28.2.2022 3.21%			18,915 AbbVie	2,207	2.24
27,134 Novo Nordisk	2,497	2.53	13,950 Assurant	1,899	1.93
France - 12.32%; 28.2.2022 9.44%			68,090 Baker Hughes	1,468	1.49
13,586 Air Liquide <sup>Ø</sup>	1,476	1.50	7,888 Chevron	1,090	1.11
16,196 EssilorLuxottica <sup>Ø</sup>	2,110	2.14	63,201 Citizens Financial	1,999	2.03
4,286 Kering <sup>Ø</sup>	1,874	1.90	4,511 Estee Lauder Cos	999	1.01
3,441 LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	1,934	1.96	29,270 Fidelity National Information	2,339	2.37
40.655 Sanofi <sup>Ø</sup>	0.050	2.90	Services		
18,185 Schneider Electric	2,859 1,894	2.90 1.92	27,940 Intercontinental Exchange	2,417	2.45
16, 165 Schillelder Electric	1,094	1.92	9,199 International Flavors & Fragrances	882	0.90
	12,147	12.32	7,714 Intuit	2,877	2.92
Ireland - 2.01%; 28.2.2022 2.99%			17,742 M&T Bank	2,792	2.83
26.342 Medtronic	1.979	2.01	16,060 Microsoft	3,636	3.69
	1,010		34,491 Otis Worldwide	2,163	2.20
Netherlands - 1.55%; 28.2.2022 0.00%			17,693 Paychex	1,892	1.92
558,859 Koninklijke KPN	1,530	1.55	23,945 Philip Morris International	1,968	2.00
Portugal - 2.35%; 28.2.2022 2.63%			71,697 Synchrony Financial	2,034	2.06
561,782 EDP - Energias de	2,319	2.35	21,156 TE Connectivity	2,301	2.34
Portugal			12,013 United Parcel Service	2,017	2.05
Spain - 2.26%; 28.2.2022 0.83%			5,688 UnitedHealth	2,562	2.60
120,376 Industria de Diseno	2,223	2.26	12,117 Visa 39,209 Williams Cos	2,100	2.13 1.18
Textil	2,223	2.20	59,209 Williams Cos	1,158	1.18
Sweden - 1.87%; 28.2.2022 0.00%				42,800	43.45
138,104 Epiroc <sup>∅</sup>	1,845	1.87			
100,104 Epiloc	1,043	1.07			

# Portfolio Statement (unaudited) continued

			% of
Holding or		Market	Total
Nominal		Value	Net
Value	Investment	£000's	Assets

**COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT** SCHEMES - 2.10%; 28.2.2022 0.94%

Short-term Money Market Funds - 2.10%; 28.2.2022 0.94%

20,764 BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquid

2,075 2.10

Environmentally Aware Fund	-
Agency Income Class <sup>†</sup>	

Portfolio of investments	98,775	100.23
Net other liabilities	(230)	(0.23)
Total net assets	98,545	100.00

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

 $<sup>^{\</sup>emptyset}$  All or a portion of this investment represents a security on loan.

<sup>†</sup> Managed by a related party.

# Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 31 August 2022

	£000's	31.8.2022 £000's	£000's	31.8.2021 £000's
Income				
Net capital gains		997		12,486
Revenue	1,518		1,015	
Expenses	(465)		(398)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,053		617	
Taxation	(133)		8	
Net revenue after taxation		920		625
Total return before distributions		1,917		13,111
Distributions		(796)		(650)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		1,121		12,461

# 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	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		83,981		105,232
Amounts receivable on issue of units	18,144		7,137	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(5,115)		(47,518)	
		13,029		(40,381)
Change in net assets attributable to				
unitholders from investment activities		1,121		12,461
Retained distribution on accumulation units		414		278
Closing net assets attributable				
to unitholders		98,545		77,590

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 £000's	28.2.2022 £000's
Assets:		
Fixed assets		
- Investment assets	98,775	84,652
Current assets		
- Debtors	407	552
- Cash and bank balances	229	71
Total assets	99,411	85,275
Liabilities:		
Creditors		
- Distributions payable	(289)	(282)
- Other creditors	(577)	(1,012)
Total liabilities	(866)	(1,294)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	98,545	83,981

G D Bamping (Director) M T Zemek (Director) 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, the Prospectus, as amended from time to time, and the ESMA Guidelines (as adopted by the FCA), employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities. These include repurchases/reverse repurchase transactions ("repo transactions") and securities lending, provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes.

### Securities Lending

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.

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) as at 31 August 2022 and the income earned 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.

	Securities on Ioan			
Income earned £000's	% of NAV	% of lendable assets		
1	3.91	4.48		

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.

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

		Securities L	ending
Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Amount on Ioan £000's	Collateral received £000's
HSBC Bank Plc	UK	1,777	1,939
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	UK	1,387	1,461
Société Générale SA	France	34	38
UBS AG	Switzerland	659	725
Total		3,857	4,163

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are recallable 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, 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				
CAD	_	-	10	-
CHF	_	-	38	-
CNY	_	-	607	-
DKK	_	-	1	-
EUR	_	-	1,089	-
GBP	_	-	143	-
HKD	_	-	185	-
JPY	_	-	153	-
USD	_	-	1,937	-
Total	_	_	4,163	_

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

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, as at 31 August 2022.

			Matui	rity Tenor			
Collateral type and quality	1 - 7 days	8 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 365 days	More than 365 days	Open transactions	Total
	£000's	£0003	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Collateral received - securities lending							
Fixed income							
Investment grade	_	1	266	3	1,537	_	1,807
Equities							
Recognised equity index	-	-	_	_	_	2,356	2,356
Total	_	1	266	3	1,537	2,356	4,163

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.

# **Supplementary Information continued**

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 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 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 as at 31 August 2022.

Issuer	Value	% of the Fund's NAV
	£000's	
HSBC Bank Plc	1,939	1.97
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc	1,461	1.48
UBS AG	725	0.73
Société Générale SA	38	0.04
Total	4,163	4.22

# About us

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