An open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act, 2014 (as amended) with registration number 516063 and established as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, (the "UCITS Regulations") and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "Central Bank UCITS Regulations").

# ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the financial year ended 31 October 2023

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#### **General Information**

#### **Board of Directors**

Praveen Jagwani\* (Indian) Tain Huei Hsia (United States)+ Simon McDowell\*\* (Irish)(1) Samantha McConnell (Irish)^

All of the Directors are non-executive.

# **Registered Office**

33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin 2 Ireland

#### Administrator, Registrar and Transfer Agent

Citibank Europe Plc 1 North Wall Quay

Dublin 1 Ireland

#### **Company Secretary**

**Tudor Trust Limited** 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin 2 Ireland

#### Irish Legal Adviser

Dillon Eustace

33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin 2 Ireland

#### Swiss Representative and Paying Agent\*\*\*

RBC Investor Services Bank S.A.

Esch-sur-Alzette Zurich Branch Bleicherweg 7 CH-8027 Zurich Switzerland

#### **Investment Adviser**

UTI Asset Management Company Limited

UTI - Tower, "Gn" Block Bandra Kurla Complex Mumbai - 400051

India

#### Promoter, Investment Manager and Distributor

UTI International (Singapore) Private Limited

3 Church Street

Samsung Hub Building #22-01

Singapore, 049483

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants

Harcourt Centre Harcourt Street Dublin 2 Ireland

### **Depositary**

Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company (DAC)

1 North Wall Quay

Dublin 1 Ireland

# Manager

KBA Consulting Management Limited

(Until 29 September 2023) 35 Shelbourne Road 4th Floor, Ballsbridge Dublin, D04 A4E

Ireland

Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited

(From 29 September 2023) 35 Shelbourne Road 4th Floor, Ballsbridge Dublin, D04 A4E Ireland

<sup>(1)</sup> Chairman.

<sup>(+)</sup> Appointed as Director on 31 December 2023.

<sup>^</sup> Resigned as Director on 31 December 2023.

<sup>\*</sup> Connected with the Investment Manager and Distributor.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Independent Director.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The prospectus, the articles of association, the simplified prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document (KIID), the annual report and semi-annual reports as well as a list containing all purchases and sales which have been made during the reporting period can be obtained free of charge from the Swiss Representative.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> On 29 September 2023 KBA Consulting Management Limited, the Management Company of the Company, completed its merger with Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC"). WMC is the surviving entity post-merger and as such, the Company's Management Company is WMC from this date.

#### **Background to the Company**

UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund Plc (the "Company") is structured as an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under the Companies Act, 2014 (as amended) with registration number 516063 and established as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 as amended and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the Central Bank "UCITS Regulations"). The Company commenced operations on 7 December 2012.

The registered office of the Company is 33 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The Company is structured as an umbrella fund, which may ultimately consist of different funds, each comprising one or more share classes. During the financial year, the Company had one fund in operation namely the UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund (the "Fund"), which is denominated in USD.

#### Investment objective

The Company's investment objective is to generate total returns with moderate levels of credit risk by investing in a portfolio of fixed income securities issued by the Central Government of India, State Governments of India, Indian Public Sector Undertakings and Indian companies, or companies deriving a significant portion of their business in India. The Company will invest in both local currency (Indian Rupee ("INR")) denominated debt as well as offshore, foreign currency debt of Indian issuers. Offshore, foreign currency debt of Indian issuers refers to bonds and debt instruments issued by Indian corporations and financial institutions in currencies other than INR. The Company may invest some part of its assets in debt instruments, issued by Indian companies and banks, denominated in US Dollars ("USD") or other foreign currencies. This exposure to non-INR investments may be converted to INR exposure through the use of non-deliverable forward contracts. The Company may also invest up to 10% of net assets in fixed deposits held with offshore branches of Indian banks, for ancillary liquidity purposes only, in accordance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations. The Investment Manager intends to achieve these moderate levels of credit risk by investing in non-sovereign debentures and bonds where the underlying issuers are assigned "A" or better credit ratings at the time of purchase by a Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") registered rating agency (such as CRISIL, ICRA, Fitch or CARE).

The share classes and the launch dates of these share classes are detailed below:

Name of Fund	Launch Date	Share Class
UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund Plc	7 December 2012	USD Institutional Class
	7 December 2012	USD Retail Class
	10 January 2013	USD RDR Class
	25 November 2016	SGD Retail Class
	25 November 2016	USD Super Institutional Class*
	19 May 2023	EUR Super Institutional Class**

<sup>\*</sup> Share class fully redeemed on 21 February 2023.

# Calculation of net asset value of shares

The net asset value of the Company is determined as at the valuation point (being 12 noon Irish time) for each relevant dealing day by ascertaining the value of the assets of the Company (including income accrued but not collected) and deducting the liabilities of the Company (including a provision for duties and charges, accrued expenses and fees, including those to be incurred in the event of the liquidation of the Company and all other liabilities).

The net asset value attributable to a share class shall be determined by calculating that portion of the net asset value of the Company attributable to the relevant share class subject to adjustment to take account of any entitlements, costs or expenses attributable to that share class. The net asset value per share of a class shall be determined as at the valuation point in relation to each dealing day by dividing the net asset value attributable to the class by the total number of shares in issue in the class at the relevant valuation point and rounding the resulting total to two decimal places. The net asset value attributable to a share class will be expressed in the denominated currency of that share class, or in such other currency as the Directors may determine.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Share Class was relaunched on 19 May 2023, it was previously called EUR Institutional Class.

**Investment Manager's Report** 

#### **UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund**

#### **Fund Commentary**

For this period, UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund returns (with-dividend) for various classes is:

- 3.36% Institutional Class
- 2.89% Retail Class
- 3.36% RDR Class
- -0.47% SGD Retail Class

During this period the underlying currency, Indian Rupee ("INR") depreciated by 0.57% against the US Dollar ("USD").

#### **Market Commentary**

#### **Global Events**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in the recent World Economic Outlook update, kept the global growth forecasts unchanged. It estimated global growth to be 3.0% in 2023 compared to 3.5% in 2022 and the growth for 2024 was projected to be 2.9% (previously projected at 3.0%). The overall growth forecasts remained unchanged for Advanced economies - expected to slow down from 2.7% in 2022 to 1.5% in 2023 and 1.4% in 2024. IMF revised the growth estimates for the US to 2.1% (Previous forecasts 1.8%) in 2023 and 1.5% (previously 1.0%) in 2024. Growth for the Euro area is expected to be at 0.7% (previously 0.9%) in 2023 and 1.2% (previously 1.5%) in 2024. Emerging Market and Developing Economies group is expected to deliver 4.0% (previously 4.0%) GDP growth in 2023 and 4.0% (previously 4.1%) in 2024. Global inflation is expected to be 6.9% (previously 6.8%) in 2023 and 5.8% (previously 5.2%) by 2024. IMF noted that the global economy is still progressively recovering from the epidemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and increased inflation. Despite the effects of the conflict on the food and energy markets and the unprecedented tightening of global monetary policy to combat decades-high inflation, the world economy has slowed but not stopped. However, global divergences are growing and progress remains uneven and slow.

U.S. GDP during the October-December 2022 period increased at a 2.6% annualized pace. The quarter brought an end to a 2022 that saw a 2.1% increase in annualized GDP. During Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2023, US real GDP grew at a 2.2%, 2.1%, and 4.9% (QoQ growth - Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate). The GDP increase in Q3 marked the biggest gain since the fourth quarter of 2021 in spite of higher interest rates, ongoing inflation pressures, and other domestic and global headwinds. The sharp growth was led by increases in consumer spending, private inventory investment, exports, government spending and residential fixed investment. However, the growth was partly offset by downturn in non-residential fixed investment and increase in Imports. During the reporting period, US Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 2.25% to a range of 5.25% - 5.50%, driven by inflation remaining above the target inflation rate together with robust economic activity and labour market. In its recent meeting, FOMC kept the benchmark rates unchanged and cited that it will continue to closely assess the implications of the monetary policy on the economy, growth and job market robustness. US CPI eased to 3.7% in September 2023 compared to 7.7% in October 2022. Core CPI, which excludes food and energy, stood at 4.1% YoY in September 2023 lower than 6.3% in October 2022. While CPI Inflation is moderating, it is still higher than the Fed target inflation rate of 2 %.

In 2022, China's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 3% in 2022, missing the official target of 5.5% and registering its second lowest growth rate in 50 years. China's economy expanded by 4.5%, 6.3% and 4.9% YoY in the first, second and third quarter of 2023 respectively. The growth was driven by services, retail sales and fixed asset investments, while the property sector and private investment continued to be lacklustre. Also, China's exports and imports have continued to decline, although at a slower pace caused by weakness in global demand due to high inflation and diplomatic disputes. IMF forecasts China's economy to grow 5% in 2023 and 4.2% in 2024. China CPI stood at 0.0% yo-y in September 2023 compared to 2.1% YoY in October 2022. Core CPI, which excludes food and energy, stood at 0.8% YoY through September 2023 after declining to 0.4% in June 2023, compared to 0.6% YoY in October 2022.

The European Central Bank ("ECB") hiked the three key main rates by 250 bps during the reporting period taking the interest rates on the main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and the deposit facility to 4.50%, 4.75% and 4.00% respectively. ECB noted that headline inflation has continued to decline but is expected to remain elevated compared to ECB's current medium-term inflation target of 2%. Euro area inflation stood at 4.3% YoY in September 2023 compared to 10.7% YoY in October 2022. ECB indicated that underlying domestic price pressures have remained strong, and that further trajectory of policy rates would be driven by economic and financial data, inflation dynamics and strength of transmission of monetary policy in the economy. Euro Area GDP grew by 0.1%, 0.1% and -0.1% in Q1, Q2 and Q3 of CY2023 respectively on QoQ basis. ECB forecasted Euro area inflation at 5.6% in 2023, 3.2% in 2024 and 2.1% in 2025 and projects euro area economy to expand by 0.7% in 2023, 1.0% in 2024 and 1.5% in 2025.

#### **Domestic Events**

Domestically, the Union Budget presented by the Honourable Finance Minister (FM) has demonstrated continuity as it has built on last year's budget announcements with growth revival being the principal theme of the budget. Resisting the temptation of populist give-aways, the budget has focused on creation of sustainable long-term growth enablers through investments in infrastructure creation, manufacturing and logistics rather than short-term measures through revenue expenditure. The FM re-iterated Government's intention to control fiscal deficit from budget estimate of 6.4% of GDP in FY23 to under 4.5% in FY26. Moderate assumptions on Revenue growth targets and divestments makes Fiscal Deficit numbers more realistic. The sharp cut in subsidy program spends and a policy for new emerging industries are additional positives.

**Investment Manager's Report (continued)** 

#### **Market Commentary (continued)**

#### **Domestic Events (continued)**

In Q4FY23, the country saw real GDP growth of 6.1%. For fiscal year 2023, real GDP growth stood at 7.2%. FY 2023 was the first year without any kind of Covid-related restrictions and its positive impact was visible in private consumption as it grew by 7.5%. GDP growth was also supported by GFCF growth at 11.4% and growth in services at 9.5%. Real GDP growth improved to 7.8% in Q1FY24. In terms of contribution to growth, investments contributed positively, private consumption remained robust and real exports contracted sharply. Real GDP grew by 7.6% in Q2FY24, led by investment (Gross Fixed Capital Formation) growth of 11.0% (Q1FY24: 8.0%) and government consumption growth of 12.4% (Q1FY24: -0.7%) while private consumption grew by 3.1% (Q1FY24: 6.0%). On the production side, Q2FY24 real GVA grew by 7.4% (Q1FY24: 7.8%), led mainly by growth of 13.2% in Industry (Q1FY24: 5.5%). This was driven by healthy growth of 13.9%, 13.3%, 10.1%, and 10.0% in manufacturing, construction, electricity, and mining respectively. The services sector grew by 5.8% (Q1FY24: 10.3%) and agriculture grew by 1.2% (Q1FY24: 3.5%).

CPI Inflation moderated to 5.02% in September 2023, after rising to 7.4% in July, compared to October 2022 levels of 6.77%. In September, Food and beverages inflation stood at 6.3%, after increasing to 10.6% in July 2023, compared to 7.1% in October 2022 while fuel and light inflation contracted to -0.11% (November 2022: 10.6%). Rural inflation moderated to 5.3% (October 2022: 6.98%) and urban inflation moderated to 4.5% (October 2022: 6.5%) respectively. Core inflation (CPI excluding food and fuel) moderated to 4.5% (October 2022: 6.00%).

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) hiked the policy repo rate during November 2022 to October 2023 by 60 bps to 6.50%. The MPC reiterated to continue focus on "withdrawal of accommodation" to contain inflation while supporting growth. RBI forecasts inflation at 5.4% for 2023-24. Recent hike in vegetable prices, due to El ñino circumstances and volatility in global energy prices, could be sources for upward pressure in near term inflation. However, MPC expects the risks to be evenly balanced on the back of correction in food inflation and further decline in commodity prices due to lower global growth. MPC forecasts that the inflation trajectory will be shaped by domestic and global factors. On the growth front, MPC retained India's real GDP growth projection at 7% for 2023-24. MPC expressed its comfort on domestic growth on the back of healthy balance sheets of banks and corporates, consumer and business optimism, and government's continued focus on capital expenditure, while highlighting downside risks emanating from global factors like geopolitical tensions, global economic slowdown and uneven monsoon.

JP Morgan confirmed inclusion of Indian Government Bonds (IGB) in the GBI-EM Global index suite starting June 28, 2024. India will be included GBI EM Global Diversified Index (GBI-EM GD) which has funds with AUM of US\$213bn benchmarked to it. India will get a weight of 10% which will be added from next year, 1% will be added per month from June 28, 2024 to March 31, 2025. India will have the second largest weight in the Index, after China. India is also expected to enter other JP Morgan bond indexes - JADE Global Diversified index, JESG GBI-EM index and other aggregate suite of local currency indexes. The AUM of funds tracking JP Morgan GBI-EM family of indices are US\$236bn. The index inclusion could result in passive inflows of US\$23.6bn into FAR bonds starting from next year and completed by April / May 2025 in addition to expected active flows of US\$10-15bn. FPI holdings of outstanding government bonds could rise to 3.4% by April / May 2025 v/s 1.7% in September 2023. This inclusion also increases chances for India inclusion in other major global bond indices such as Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index and FTSE Emerging Markets Government Bond Index.

Government bond yields down during this period. The 10-year benchmark yield went from a level of 7.45% as on October 2022 month end to a level of 7.36% as on October 2023 month end.

#### **Outlook**

Market participants had for long have held on to the view that the US and the global economy was at a risk of a sharp slowdown in the near term and the rate hiking cycle may need to be reversed. With global economic momentum slowing down and disinflation well underway, global policy rates seem to have peaked. This gives space for the RBI to wait out till the confidence in disinflation is achieved before it goes for rate cuts, which we expect to take place in the latter part of next calendar year.

The conditions for fixed income are much more benign today. Even if the rate cuts are likely to be modest, the high real yields levels present an attractive opportunity for patient investors (allocating to duration strategies) to experience high accrual as well as possibility of participating in capital gains as the rate cycle turns.

#### Overview of Portfolio Holdings

- Portfolio Modified Duration had gone up slightly from 5.06 years as of end of October 2022 to 5.63 years as of end of October 2023.
- The allocation mix between Government and Corporate exposure has changed from 66%:32% (2% is Cash & Cash equivalents) as of end of October 2022 to 63.87%:36.05% (0.08% is Cash & Cash equivalents) as of end of October 2023.

The fund continues to maintain portfolio allocation majorly tilted towards sovereign; quality local AAA rated bonds as well as USD bonds of Indian issuers (local rating AAA) which has helped the fund to maintain a decent liquidity profile. Given the current rate environment, we have been maintaining an appropriate allocation towards various segment of the yield curve. We continue to actively manage duration, and will aim to maintain a range of between 5-6 years in light of present market conditions.

#### Directors' Report

The Board of Directors (the "Directors") of the Company present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 October 2023. The Company was incorporated in Ireland on 02 August 2012 as a public limited company under the Irish Companies Act 2014 (as amended).

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law.

Irish law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 102: the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Under Irish law the Directors shall not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the Company for the financial year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and ensure that they contain the additional information required by the Companies Act 2014 (as amended); and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to:

- correctly record and explain the transactions of the Company;
- enable, at any time, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy;
   and
- enable the Directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 (as amended) and enable those financial statements to be audited.

In this regard, Citibank Europe Plc has been appointed for the purpose of maintaining adequate accounting records. Accordingly, the accounting records are kept at the following address: Citibank Europe Plc, 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland (the "Administrator").

The Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company. In this regard, they have entrusted the assets of the Company to Citi Depositary Services Ireland (the "Depositary") who has been appointed as Depositary to the Company pursuant to the terms of a Depositary Agreement. The Directors have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Directors' Compliance Statement**

The Directors acknowledge that they are responsible for securing compliance by the Company with its Relevant Obligations as defined with the Companies Act 2014 (as amended) (hereinafter called the "Relevant Obligations").

The Directors confirm that they have drawn up and adopted a compliance policy statement setting out the Company's policies that, in the Directors' opinion, are appropriate to the Company in respect of its compliance with its Relevant Obligations.

The Directors further confirm the Company has put into place appropriate arrangements or structures that are, in the Directors' opinion, designed to secure material compliance with its Relevant Obligations including reliance on the advice of persons employed by the Company and external legal and tax advisers as considered appropriate from time to time and that they have reviewed the effectiveness of these arrangements or structures during the financial year to which this Report relates.

#### **Audit Committee**

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023 or 31 October 2022 the Company did not have an audit committee in place. The Board considered setting up an audit committee as outlined in Section 167 of the Companies Act 2014 (as amended). The Board made the decision not to establish an audit committee as this was deemed most appropriate to the Company's structure as a UCITS fund and the nature, scale and complexity of the Company's operations at this time.

# Relevant audit Information

As far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware of and the Directors have taken all the steps that should have been taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Directors' Report (continued)**

## **Principal activities**

The Company was established to generate total returns with moderate levels of credit risk by investing in a portfolio of fixed income securities issued by the Central Government of India, State Governments of India, Indian Public Sector Undertakings, companies of Indian origin or deriving a significant portion of their business in India. The Company will invest in both local currency (INR) denominated debt as well as offshore, foreign currency debt of Indian issuers refers to bonds and debt instruments issued by Indian corporations and financial institutions in currencies other than INR. The Company may invest some part of its assets in debt instruments, issued by Indian companies and banks, denominated in USD or other foreign currencies. This exposure to non-INR investments may be converted to INR exposure through the use of non-deliverable forward contracts. The Company may also invest up to 10% of net assets in fixed deposits held with offshore branches of Indian banks, for ancillary liquidity purposes only, in accordance with the requirements of the UCITS Regulations.

#### Review of business and future developments

The Directors do not anticipate any changes in the structure of the Company or investment objectives of the Fund in the immediate future.

#### **Corporate Governance Code**

A corporate governance code ("the Code") applicable to Irish domiciled collective investment schemes was issued by Irish Funds (formerly known as the Irish Funds Industry Association) on 14 December 2011. The Board has put in place a framework for corporate governance which it believes is suitable for an investment company and which enables the Company to comply voluntarily with the main requirements of the Code, which sets out principles of good governance and a code of best practice. The Board voluntarily adopted the Code with effect from date of incorporation, 2 August 2012.

The Board considers that throughout the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022 the Company was in compliance with the Irish Funds Code.

https://files.irishfunds.ie/1432820468-corporate-governance-code-for-collective-investment-schemes-and-management-companies.pdf

# Internal Control and Risk Management Systems in Relation to Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control and risk management systems of the Company in relation to the financial reporting process.

Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of error or fraud in achieving the Company's financial reporting objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

#### Directors

The Directors of the Company at any time during the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022 are set out below:

Praveen Jagwani (Indian) Simon McDowell (Irish) Samantha McConnell\*

\*Samantha McConnell resigned as Director on 31 December 2023 and Tain Huei Hsia was appointed as Director on 31 December 2023.

#### Directors' and Secretary's interests

The Directors are not aware of any shareholding in the Company by any Director, the Secretary or their respective families during the financial year ended and as at 31 October 2023 and 2022.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, directors' fee amounted to US\$13,437 (31 October 2022: US\$34,947). Directors' fee payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$24,935 (31 October 2022: US\$5,583).

Other than as disclosed here and in Note 10 to the financial statements, there are no related party transactions or directors' interests for the financial year.

#### **Dealings with Connected Parties**

Regulation 43 of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations "restrictions of transactions with connected persons" states that "a responsible person shall ensure that any transaction between a UCITS and a connected person is conducted a) at arm's length; and b) in the best interest of the unitholders of the UCITS".

As required under UCITS Regulation 81(4), the Directors, as responsible persons are satisfied that there are in place arrangements, evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations that are prescribed by UCITS Regulation 43(1) are applied to all transactions with a connected person; and all transactions with a connected person that were entered into during the financial year to which the report relates complied with the obligations that are prescribed by UCITS Regulation 43(1).

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

#### Results for the financial year and dividends

The results for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the financial year ended 31 October 2023. The state of affairs of the Company is set out in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 October 2023.

The Company declared a distribution of US\$932,612 (31 October 2022: US\$1,195,705) during the financial year under review.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company include but are not limited to market risks, credit risk (including sovereign issuers) and liquidity risk. A detailed analysis of the risks faced by the Fund is included in Note 11 to the financial statements.

### **Diversity Policy**

Owing to the organisational structure and operating model of the Company, whereby most activities/operational tasks have been delegated by the Company to the various service providers to the Company, and given that only employees of the Company are the Directors do not consider the adoption of a diversity policy necessary.

#### Significant events during the financial year

Significant events during the financial year are described in Note 17 of the financial statements.

#### Significant events since the financial year end

Significant events since the financial year end are disclosed in Note 18 of the financial statements.

#### **Independent Auditors**

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants have been appointed as independent auditors and will continue in office in accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014 (as amended).

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

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Tain Huei Hsia
Director
27 February 2024

1C4B3DC4D7944B6 Simon McDowell Director 26 February 2024



# **UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund plc**

#### Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders

We have enquired into the conduct of the UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund PLC ("the Company") for the financial year 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023, in our capacity as Depositary to the Company.

This report including the opinion has been prepared for and solely for the shareholders in the Company as a body, in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, as amended, and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

#### Responsibilities of the Depositary

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in the UCITS Regulations, as amended. One of those duties is to enquire into the conduct of the Company in each annual accounting period and report thereon to the shareholders.

Our report shall state whether, in our opinion, the Company has been managed in that period in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the UCITS Regulations, as amended. It is the overall responsibility of the Company to comply with these provisions. If the Company has not so complied, we as Depositary must state why this is the case and outline the steps which we have taken to rectify the situation.

### **Basis of Depositary Opinion**

The Depositary conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary in order to comply with its duties as outlined in UCITS Regulations, as amended, and to ensure that, in all material respects, the Company has been managed (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of its constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations and (ii) otherwise in accordance with the Company's constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Company has been managed during the year, in all material respects:

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Company by the Memorandum & Articles of Association and by the UCITS Regulations, as amended, (the "Regulations") and;
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum & Articles of Association and the Regulations.

Citi Depositary Services Ireland Designated Activity Company

1 North Wall Quay

Sheenagh Carroll

Dublin

27th February 2024



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UTI INDIAN FIXED INCOME FUND PLC

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund Plc (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 October 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares, Schedule of Investments and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 October 2023 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations, 2011, and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UTI INDIAN FIXED INCOME FUND PLC (CONTINUED)

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year ended for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

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

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UTI INDIAN FIXED INCOME FUND PLC (CONTINUED)

## Respective responsibilities

# Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: <a href="http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description">http://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description</a> of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

David Bennett for and on behalf of

Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Dublin

Date: 28 February 2024

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

		31 October 2023	31 October 2022
_	Notes	USD	USD
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	129,462	537,396
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:			
Transferable securities	11	15,859,562	18,852,410
Interest receivable		285,515	401,049
Other receivables		33,690	12,834
Total Assets		16,308,229	19,803,689
Liabilities			
Investment management fee payable	8, 10	(54,660)	(55,624)
Redemptions payable	3(j)	(120,507)	(597,362)
Audit fee payable	8	(30,067)	(32,243)
Directors' fee payable	8, 10	(24,935)	(5,583)
Depositary fee payable	8	(4,656)	(3,500)
Professional fee payable		-	(340)
Administration and advisory fees payable	8	(17,288)	(15,408)
Transfer agency fee payable		(7,600)	(8,500)
Management fee payable	8, 10	(2,073)	(352)
Miscellaneous fee payable		(4,303)	(7,493)
Total Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(266,089)	(726,405)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	4, 7	16,042,140	19,077,284

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

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Director

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Simba McDowell

Director

Date: 27 February 2024

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

<del>,</del> _	Notes	31 October 2023 USD	31 October 2022 USD
Income			
Dividend income		13,660	4,833
Interest income		1,150,764	1,442,950
Realised and unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets and liabilities at			
fair value through profit or loss			
Net realised loss on investments		(160,801)	(540,433)
Net realised loss on foreign currency		(1,172,708)	(1,197,341)
Total realised loss		(1,333,509)	(1,737,774)
Movement in net unrealised gain on investments		128,821	12,347
Movement in net unrealised gain/(loss) on foreign currency		1,009,013	(1,416,440)
Total net movement in unrealised gain/(loss)		1,137,834	(1,404,093)
Other income		130,952	61,570
Net investment income/(loss)		1,099,701	(1,632,514)
Expenses			
Investment management fee	8, 10	(167,079)	(233,030)
Depositary fee	8	(28,128)	(33,149)
Professional fee		(60,228)	(55,847)
Administration and advisory fees	8	(109,425)	(108,415)
Transfer agency fee		(47,208)	(53,672)
Audit fee	8	(33,972)	(33,117)
Management fee	8, 10	(21,253)	(6,961)
Directors' fee	8, 10	(13,437)	(34,947)
Transaction fee		-	(33)
Financial regulatory fee		(12,477)	(9,300)
Miscellaneous fee		(6,987)	(21,371)
Total operating expenses		(500,194)	(589,842)
Operating gain/loss		599,507	(2,222,356)
Finance cost			
Income distribution	5	(932,558)	(1,195,705)
Operating loss for the financial year before taxation		(333,051)	(3,418,061)
Taxation			
Withholding Tax	9	(29,882)	(53,294)
Net decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares resulting from operations		(362,933)	(3,471,355)

There are no recognised gains or losses arising in the financial year other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. In arriving at the results of the financial year, all amounts above relate to continuing operations.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

For the financial year ended 31 October 2023

	Note	31 October 2023 USD	31 October 2022 USD
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial year		19,077,284	29,392,178
Operating activities  Net decrease in net assets attributable to redeemable participating shares resulting from operations		(362,933)	(3,471,355)
Share transactions			
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the year	7	1,055,596	394,028
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the year	7	(3,727,807)	(7,237,567)
Net decrease from share transactions		(2,672,211)	(6,843,539)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial year		16,042,140	19,077,284

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

# **AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2023**

		Coupon	Maturity	Fair Value	% of
Nominal	Security Description	Rate	Date	USD	Net Assets
=	(25.73%) (2022: 25.24%)				
50,000,000	Indian Railway Finance Corp	7.50	09/09/2029	594,356	3.70
50,000,000	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development	6.49	30/12/2030	564,606	3.52
50,000,000	Bajaj Finance	5.75	16/02/2024	596,605	3.72
250,000,000	Yes Bank	9.00	18/10/2066	-	-
200,000,000	Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services	8.72	21/01/2025	-	-
750,000	REC Ltd	5.63	11/04/2028	729,643	4.55
1,000,000	State Bank of India/London	2.49	26/01/2027	902,456	5.63
500,000	HDFC Bank Ltd/Gandhinagar	5.69	02/03/2026	499,407	3.11
250,000	State Bank of India/London	4.88	05/05/2028	240,173	1.50
			-	4,127,246	25.73
Government Bon	ds (72.41%) (2022: 71.51%)				
50,000,000	India Government Bond	7.61	09/05/2030	606,675	3.78
50,000,000	India Government Bond	7.06	10/10/2046	574,625	3.57
50,000,000	India Government Bond	7.38	20/06/2027	601,193	3.75
250,000,000	India Government Bond	7.26	06/02/2033	2,975,848	18.55
100,000,000	India Government Bond	7.06	10/04/2028	1,188,308	7.41
150,000,000	India Government Bond	7.18	24/07/2037	1,759,526	10.97
200,000,000	India Government Bond	7.18	14/08/2033	2,373,986	14.80
50,000,000	National Highways Authority of India	7.35	26/04/2030	591,201	3.69
1,000,000	Export-Import Bank of India	5.50	18/01/2033	945,013	5.89
			- -	11,616,375	72.41
Investment Fund	s (0.72%) (2022: 2.07%)				
115,941	Goldman Sachs plc - US\$ Treasury Liquid Reserves Fund			115,941	0.72
113,511	Goldman Buens pie CB\$ Trousary Esquid resorves Fand		<del>-</del>	115,941	0.72
Total financial A	research and Freig Walter Thurstell Druged and Large (2022), 09 920/		-	15,859,562	98.86
Total Illiancial As	ssets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (2022: 98.82%)		-	15,059,502	70.00
Cash and Cash Eq	uivalents			129,462	0.81
Other Net Assets				53,116	0.33
Net assets value a	s at 31 October 2023		- -	16,042,140	100.00
					% of
				Fair Value	Total
Portfolio Analysis	S			USD	Assets
=	ities admitted to an official stock exchange listing			15,859,562	97.25
Other current asser	ts			448,667	2.75
Total			-	16,308,229	100.00
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### Statement of compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 102, the FRS applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 352 of 2011) (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") and Irish Statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 (as amended).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured at fair value.

UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund Plc (the "Company") has continued to avail of the exemption available to open-ended investment funds under FRS 102 and is not presenting a cash flow statement.

All references to net assets throughout the financial statements refers to net assets attributable to holders of Redeemable Participating Shares unless otherwise stated.

#### 2. ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

#### **Significant Estimates**

The preparation of Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods.

#### Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments is an estimate. Please refer to Note 3(a) further on in the financial statements.

#### **Judgements**

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Going Concern

The Company's management has made an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Company has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. In performing the assessment, management has considered assets under management, redemptions during the year, litigation, conditional/unconditional obligations and the Company's exposure, which, is spread over several industries and regions. Furthermore, management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

# 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies and estimation techniques applied in the preparation of these Financial Statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all financial years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Company for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 are set out below:

#### (a) Financial Assets

# i) Valuation of Financial Assets or Liabilities at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Substantially all financial instruments on the Company's Schedule of Investments have been designated as fair value through profit or loss.

# Classification

Under FRS 102, in accounting for all of its financial instruments, an entity is required to apply either of the following:

- (a) the full requirements of Section 11 "Basic Financial Instruments" and Section 12 "Other Financial Instruments Issues" of FRS 102; or
- (b) the recognition and measurement provisions of International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement", (as amended) ("IAS 39") as adopted for use in the European Union and the disclosure requirements of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102; or
- (c) the recognition and measurement provisions of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") 9 "Financial Instruments" ("IFRS 9") and the disclosure requirements of Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102.

The Company classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities into the category below in accordance with IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (a) Financial Assets (continued)

#### i) Valuation of Financial Assets or Liabilities at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (continued)

#### Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are as follows:

# Financial assets and liabilities held for trading

Derivatives and fixed income securities are categorised as held for trading, as the Company does not designate any derivatives as hedging instrument for hedge accounting purposes as described under IAS 39.

#### Recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial instruments are recognised on the trade date, which is the date that the Company commits to purchase or sell an asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial instruments that require delivery of assets within the financial year generally established by regulation or convention in the market place. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial instruments are calculated using the FIFO method.

#### **Initial measurement**

Financial instruments categorised at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value, with transaction costs for such instruments being recognised directly in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Subsequent Measurement

After initial measurement, the Company measures financial instruments which are classified as at fair value through profit or loss at their fair values. Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. The fair value of financial instruments is based on their quoted market price on a recognised exchange or sourced from a reputable broker/counterparty in the case of non-exchange traded instruments, at the statement of financial position date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets and liabilities are valued at their last traded market prices.

If a quoted market price is not available on a recognised stock exchange or from a broker/counterparty, the fair value of the financial instruments may be estimated by the Company using valuation techniques, including the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, discounted cashflow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation technique that provides a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

Where the Company has assets and liabilities with offsetting market risks, it uses mid-market prices as a basis for establishing fair values for the offsetting risk positions and applies the bid or offer price to the net open position as appropriate.

Subsequent changes in the fair value of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the net trading income. Interest earned or incurred is accrued in interest income or expense, respectively, according to the terms of contract.

#### Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable part of a financial asset or part of group of similar assets) is derecognised where;

- The rights to receive cash flows from the assets have been expired; or
- The Company transferred its rights to receive cash flows from assets or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cashflows in full without material delay to a third party under "pass through" arrangements;
- Either (a) the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the assets, or (b) the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the assets, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Company has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass through arrangement and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Fund could be required to repay.

The Company derecognises a financial liability when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (a) Financial Assets (continued)

#### ii) Determining fair values

Securities listed on a recognised stock exchange or traded on any other organised market are valued at the current last traded price on the stock exchange or market, which constitutes the principal market for such securities.

In the case of any security that is not listed, quoted or dealt in on a regulated market or for which no quotation or value is available which would provide a fair valuation, or in respect of which the price is unrepresentative, the fair value of such a security is determined on the basis of the probable realisation value and is determined by the Directors, a stockbroker or other competent person appointed by the Directors and approved for the purpose by the Depositary, using appropriate industry standard valuation techniques. There was no requirement during the current financial year for the Directors to appoint a competent person for such purposes. The Company uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each statement of financial position date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis and option pricing models.

If there is a valuation technique obtained in actual market transactions, the Company uses that technique. Estimation methods and valuation models may be used to calculate fair value. Due to the dynamic nature of assumptions used in estimating fair value and market volatility, the values reflected in the financial statements for these investments may differ from the values that would be determined by negotiations held between parties in a near term sales transaction, and those differences could be material.

The Company may, from time to time, hold financial instruments that are not quoted in active markets, such as over-the-counter derivatives. Fair values of such instruments are determined by using valuation techniques which are based off either observable, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices), or non-observable data. Where valuation techniques (for example, models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by experienced personnel at the Administrator, independent of the party that created them. Models use observable data, to the extent practicable. The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) requires management to make varying degrees of judgement depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument. Changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

#### (iii) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and it intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange gains and losses.

#### (b) Net Gain/(Loss) on Investment Activities

In respect of each instrument type classified as financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, the movement in unrealised gains/(losses) and realised gains/(losses) are included in net unrealised gains/(losses) and net realised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, respectively, in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (c) Accounting for Income and Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

Dividends are credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the dates on which the relevant securities are listed as "ex dividend". Income is accounted for gross of any non-reclaimable or irrecoverable withholding taxes and net of any tax credits. The withholding tax is shown separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (d) Foreign Currency Transactions

The functional currency of the Company is the US Dollar. The Company has also adopted its functional currency as the presentation currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated to the functional currency at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Gains and losses on translation are recorded realised and unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

# (e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes deposits held at call with banks and other short-term, highly liquid investments in an active market with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, subject to insignificant risk of changes in value, and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments other than cash collateral provided in respect of derivative and security borrowing transactions.

# (f) Umbrella Cash Accounts

Cash account arrangements have been put in place in respect of the Company as a consequence of the introduction of requirements relating to the subscription and redemption collection accounts pursuant to the Central Bank of Ireland (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48 (i)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers (the 'Investor Money Regulations'). These cash accounts, held with a third party banking entity for collection of subscriptions, payment of redemptions and distributions for the Company are deemed assets of the Company. As of the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the balance of these cash accounts is US\$Nil (31 October 2022: US\$Nil).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (g) Redeemable Participating Shares

Redeemable Participating Shares are redeemable at the Shareholder's option and are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 32, "Financial Instruments: Presentation". IAS 32 classifies as equity (a) certain puttable financial instruments and (b) certain financial instruments that impose on the entity an obligation to deliver to another party a pro rata share of the net assets of the entity only on liquidation.

As the redeemable participating shares of the Company did not meet the specific criteria (as laid out in the amendment to IAS 32) to be classified as equity instruments these units have been classified as financial liabilities in these financial statements.

In accordance with the Prospectus, the Fund is contractually obliged to redeem shares at dealing prices and the liability to redeemable participating shareholders has been adjusted to reflect this. Monetary value share transactions during the financial year are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares of the Fund.

#### (h) Transactions Costs

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Depositary transaction costs are included in Depositary fees. These costs are separately identifiable transaction costs and the total costs incurred by the Company during the financial year are disclosed in Note 8, these include transaction costs paid to the Depositary.

#### (i) Due to and from brokers

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the Statement of Financial Position date respectively. As of the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the balance of due to and from brokers is US\$Nil (31 October 2022: US\$Nil).

#### (j) Subscriptions receivable and redemptions payable

Subscriptions receivable and redemptions payable relate to receivables on share subscriptions and payables on share redemptions that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the reporting date, respectively.

#### 4. NET ASSET VALUE

	31 October 2023	31 October 2022	31 October 2021
USD Institutional Class			
Net Asset Value USD	6,156,519	7,118,182	11,313,424
Number of Shares in Issue	827,428	938,673	1,285,327
Net Asset Value per Share USD	7.44	7.58	8.80
USD Retail Class			
Net Asset Value USD	7,587,063	9,189,487	14,513,239
Number of Shares in Issue	1,085,446	1,280,088	1,729,558
Net Asset Value per Share USD	6.99	7.18	8.39
USD RDR Class			
Net Asset Value USD	1,093,797	1,152,525	1,473,991
Number of Shares in Issue	147,910	152,872	168,397
Net Asset Value per Share USD	7.4	7.54	8.75
SGD Retail Class			
Net Asset Value SGD	546,468	737,587	1,013,129
Number of Shares in Issue	79,602	100,914	124,358
Net Asset Value per Share SGD	6.86	7.31	8.15
USD Super Institutional Class*			
Net Asset Value USD	-	1,094,859	1,269,663
Number of Shares in Issue	-	141,643	141,643
Net Asset Value per Share USD	-	7.73	8.96
EUR Super Institutional Class ^			
Net Asset Value EUR	755,151	-	59,303
Number of Shares in Issue	75,000	-	7,287
Net Asset Value per Share EUR	10.06	-	8.14

<sup>\*</sup> Share class fully redeemed on 21 February 2023.

<sup>^</sup> Share Class was relaunched on 19 May 2023, it was previously called EUR Institutional Class.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 5. DISTRIBUTIONS

The Directors are entitled to declare and pay dividends for shares in the Company. The Directors intend to declare and pay dividends on a semi-annual basis. Any dividend will be declared on the last Business Day in January and in July in each financial year or on such other date as may be determined by the Directors, or such other frequency as the Directors consider appropriate. The Company may commence declaring and the payment of dividends for the relevant Class twelve months following the date of the closing of the Initial Offer Period for that Class. The Directors may also determine if and to what extent dividends paid include realised capital gains and/or are paid out of capital attributable to the relevant Class. Dividends declared will be paid in cash and payment will be made to the relevant Shareholders pre-designated bank accounts, net of bank charges. Distributions to the shareholders are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs.

The Company declared a distribution of US\$932,558 (31 October 2022: US\$1,195,705) during the financial year ended 31 October 2023. The distributions per share for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 are as follows:

	USD				USD Super	EUR Super
	Institutional	<b>USD Retail</b>	USD RDR	SGD Retail	Institutional	Institutional
Ex-Date	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class	Class
31 January 2023	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	-
28 July 2023	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	-	-

# 6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprises current deposits with banks. The counterparty for cash at bank including overnight deposits as at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022 was Citi Depositary Services Ireland DAC. Citi Depositary Services Ireland DAC is not rated but the credit rating of the parent company of the Depositary, Citibank N.A. is A+ (31 October 2022: A+).

Cash account arrangements have been put in place in respect of the Company as a consequence of the introduction of requirements relating to the subscription and redemption collection accounts pursuant to the Central Bank of Ireland (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48 (i)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers (the 'Investor Money Regulations'). These cash accounts, held with a third party banking entity for collection of subscriptions, payment of redemptions and distributions for the Company are deemed assets of the Company. As of the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the balance of these cash accounts is US\$Nil (31 October 2022: US\$Nil).

# 7. SUBSCRIBER AND REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES

The authorised share capital of the Company is 300,000 redeemable non-participating shares of no par value and 500,000,000,000 participating shares of no par value. Non-participating shares do not entitle the holders thereof to any dividend and on a winding up entitle the holders thereof to receive the amount paid up thereon but do not otherwise entitle them to participate in the assets of the Fund. The Directors have the power to allot shares up to the authorised share capital of the Company.

There are two issued Founder Shares in the Company. The Founder Shares each have full and equal voting rights. In addition, the Founder Shares have exclusive voting rights in relation to the appointment of Directors, the alteration of the Company's share capital, the winding up of the Company, and amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, except insofar as the same involves a variation of the class rights or a change to the investment objectives, policies or restrictions of the Company. The Founder Shares are not redeemable.

The Founder Shares are held by UTI International (Singapore) Private Limited and Dillon Eustace.

The issued share capital of the Company in shares is as follows:

#### For the financial year ended 31 October 2023

	At 31 October 2022	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	At 31 October 2023
USD Institutional Class	938,673	26,948	(138,193)	827,428
USD Retail Class	1,280,088	4,199	(198,841)	1,085,446
USD RDR Class	152,872	3	(4,965)	147,910
SGD Retail Class	100,914	2,763	(24,075)	79,602
USD Super Institutional Class	141,643	-	(141,643)	-
EUR Super Institutional Class^	-	75,000	-	75,000
Total	2,614,190	108,913	(507,717)	2,215,386

# For the financial year ended 31 October 2022

	At 31 October 2021	Shares issued	Shares redeemed	<b>At 31 October 2022</b>
USD Institutional Class	1,285,327	29,038	(375,692)	938,673
USD Retail Class	1,729,558	16,859	(466,329)	1,280,088
USD RDR Class	168,397	3	(15,528)	152,872
SGD Retail Class	124,358	3,350	(26,794)	100,914
USD Super Institutional Class	141,643	-	-	141,643
EUR Super Institutional Class^	7,287	-	(7,287)	-
Total	3,456,570	49,250	(891,630)	2,614,190

<sup>^</sup> Share Class was relaunched on 19 May 2023, it was previously called EUR Institutional Class.

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#### 7. SUBSCRIBER AND REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES (continued)

#### Capital management

As a result of the ability to issue, repurchase and resell shares, the capital of the Company can vary depending on the demand for redemptions and subscriptions to the Company. The Company has no legal restrictions on the issue, repurchase or resale of redeemable shares beyond those included in the Company's constitution.

The Company's objectives for managing capital are:

- To invest the capital in investments meeting the description, risk exposure and expected return indicated in its prospectus,
- To achieve consistent returns while safeguarding capital by investing in diversified portfolio, by participating in derivative and other capital markets and by using various investment strategies and hedging techniques,
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the expenses of the Company, and to meet redemption requests as they arise,
- To maintain sufficient size to make the operation of the Company cost-efficient.

#### 8. FEES

## **Investment Management Fee**

UTI International (Singapore) Private Limited (the "Investment Manager") shall be entitled to receive from the Company an annual fee of the NAV, as detailed below:

	% of NAV
USD Institutional Class	0.75%
USD Retail Class	1.20%
USD RDR Class	0.75%
SGD Retail Class	1.20%
USD Super Institutional Class	0.75%
EUR Super Institutional Class	0.75%

The Investment Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company out of the assets of the Company any properly vouched reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it on behalf of the Company. The Investment Manager will be responsible for any fees payable to the Investment Committee and to any Investment Advisor appointed.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the investment management fee amounted to US\$167,079 (31 October 2022: US\$233,030). The investment management fee payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$54,660 (31 October 2022: US\$55,624).

# **Administration and Advisory Fees**

The administrator shall be entitled to receive from the Company a maximum annual fee of 1.5% of the NAV of the company. Such fee shall be calculated and accrued as at each Valuation Point and shall be payable monthly in arrears.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, administration fees amounted to US\$73,243 (31 October 2022: US\$78,928). Administration fees payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$12,522 (31 October 2022: US\$12,812).

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, advisory fees amounted to US\$36,182 (31 October 2022: US\$29,487). Advisory fees payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$4,766 (31 October 2022: US\$2,596).

#### Depositary's Fee

Citi Depositary Services Ireland (the "Depositary") is the Company's Depositary. The Depositary shall be entitled to receive from the Company a maximum annual fee of 0.5% of the NAV of the Company which shall consist of;

- (a) a safekeeping fee, an annual fee billed and payable monthly based on the value of the month end assets. Safekeeping fees calculated on a "per country" basis and include the safekeeping fees charged by the sub-depositaries.
- (b) a fee per transaction, a per portfolio trade settlement which includes sub-depositaries expenses. All transactions are sent through an STP process. Manual transactions will incur an extra fee of €15 per manual transaction.
- (c) a fee for each third party fixed deposit, foreign exchange deal and outward payment affected by the Depositary on behalf of the Company. These transactions will incur a fee of US\$10 per transaction.

Such fees shall be calculated and accrued as at each valuation point and shall be payable monthly in arrears. The Depositary shall also be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company out of the assets of the Company any properly vouched reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it on behalf of the Company.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the depositary fee amounted to US\$28,128 (31 October 2022: US\$33,149). The depositary fee payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$4,656 (31 October 2022: US\$3,500).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 8. FEES (continued)

#### Directors' Fee

The Directors are authorised to charge a fee for their services at a rate determined by the Directors up to a maximum fee per Director of  $\in 20,000$  per annum and may be entitled to special remuneration if called upon to perform any special or extra services to the Company. Simon McDowell received  $\in 10,000$  (31 October 2022:  $\in 15,833$ ) for the financial year ended 31 October 2023, Samantha McConnell received  $\in 10,000$  (31 October 2022:  $\in 15,833$ ) for the financial year ended 31 October 2023. Praveen Jagwani waived his fees for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022. All Directors will be entitled to reimbursement by the Company of expenses properly incurred in connection with the business of the Company or the discharge of their duties.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, directors' fee amounted to US\$13,437 (31 October 2022: US\$34,947). Directors' fee payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$24,935 (31 October 2022: US\$5,583).

#### Auditor's Fee

The total amounts earned by the statutory auditors, Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants for the provision of services to the Company for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and financial year ended 31 October 2022 were (excluding Value Added Tax):

	31 October 2023	31 October 2022	
	USD	USD	
Statutory audit	33,972	33,117	
Other assurance services	-	-	
Tax advisory	-	-	
Other non-audit services	-	-	

The audit fee payable as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$30,067 (31 October 2022: US\$32,243).

#### **Management Fee**

The Manager shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Company an annual fee up to 0.0125% of the Net Asset Value of the Company (plus VAT, if any), subject to a minimum amount of  $\in$ 50,000 per annum for the initial Fund and  $\in$ 12,500 per annum per additional fund. The Manager's fee will be accrued and calculated on each Valuation Point and payable quarterly in arrears.

The Manager shall be entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable and properly vouched out-of-pocket expenses (plus any applicable taxes) incurred on behalf of the Company, out of the assets of the Company.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023 fees of US\$21,253 (31 October 2022: US\$6,961) were incurred and US\$2,073 (31 October 2022: US\$352) were payable to the Manager at the financial year end.

## **Transaction Costs**

Transaction costs of the Depositary for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 were US\$15,000 (31 October 2022: US\$15,000). Transaction costs on purchases and sales of bonds for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022 are as follows:

	31 October 2023	31 October 2022	
	USD	USD	
UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund	1.900	1.380	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 9. TAXATION

Under current law and practice, the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. On that basis, it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or capital gains. However, Irish tax can arise on the happening of a "chargeable event" in the Company. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of shares and the holding of shares at the end of each eight year period beginning with the acquisition of such shares

No Irish tax will arise in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- (a) a Shareholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided appropriate valid declarations in accordance with the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, are held by the Company or the Company has been authorised by the Irish Revenue to make gross payments in the absence of appropriate declarations; and
- (b) certain exempted Irish tax resident shareholders who have provided the Company with the necessary signed statutory declarations.

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the Company may be subject to taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or its shareholders.

For the financial year ended 31 October 2023 the Company incurred capital gains taxes of US\$Nil (31 October 2022: US\$Nil) and incurred withholding tax of US\$29,882 (31 October 2022: US\$53,294).

# 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

FRS 102 "Related Party Disclosures" requires the disclosure of information relating to material transactions with parties who are deemed to be related to the reporting entity.

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between a reporting entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

#### (a) Entities with significant influence over the Company

UTI Asset Management Company Limited (the "Investment Advisor") has been appointed as Investment Advisor of the Company. The Investment Advisor fees will be paid out of the fees of the Investment Manager.

The Company has delegated responsibility for the investment and re-investment of the Company's assets to the Investment Manager. During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, US\$167,079 (31 October 2022: US\$233,030) was incurred and US\$54,660 (31 October 2022: US\$55,624) was payable to the Investment Manager at the financial year end.

The employees of the Investment Manager hold 66.45 shares (31 October 2022: 63.02 shares) with a value of US\$491.40 (31 October 2022: US\$475.10) as at the financial year ended 31 October 2023.

Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited as Manager of the Company is a related party. During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, fees of US\$21,253 (31 October 2022: US\$6,961) were incurred and US\$2,073 (31 October 2022: US\$352) was payable to the Manager at the financial year end.

#### (b) Key management personnel of the Company

The Directors' fees for the financial year are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, US\$36,037 (31 October 2022: US\$34,947) was incurred and US\$24,935 (31 October 2022: US\$5,583) was payable at the financial year end.

#### (c) Significant Shareholders

The following table details the number of shareholders with significant holdings of at least 20 percent of the Company and the aggregate value and percentage of that holding.

# As at 31 October 2023

	Number of	Value of Holding	Holding
Fund	Shareholders	USD	% of Fund
UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund	1	3,905,676	23.69%
As at 31 October 2022			
	Number of	Value of Holding	Holding
Fund	Shareholders	USD	% of Fund
UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund	1	4,180,325	21.09%

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Company is exposed to market price risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, currency risk and liquidity risk arising from the financial instruments the Company holds. The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on financial performance.

The policies documented below are standard operational practices and are reviewed on a continuous basis. In certain market conditions, the Manager may apply additional risk procedures to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

#### (a) Market Price Risk

Market price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial assets/liabilities will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market price risk arises from uncertainty about future prices of financial assets/liabilities held. It represents the potential loss the Company might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Board monitors the Company's characteristics in detail with the Investment Manager at least quarterly and in some cases monthly. The Investment Manager also reviews the Company's portfolio characteristics in their entirety. This review may include as appropriate a review of capitalisation, distribution, industry sector weights, price/book levels, portfolio duration, sector exposure, quality exposure and other key risk measures. The Company's other price risk is managed in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the limits set forth in the prospectus.

As at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022, the financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss comprises the following:

Financial assets	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
	USD	USD
Government Bonds	11,616,375	13,642,525
Corporate Bonds	4,127,246	4,815,052
Investment funds	115,941	394,833
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	15,859,562	18,852,410

The exposure to market price risk with a 2.5% increase/decrease in market prices with all other variables remaining constant are set out below. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonably possible shift.

	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
Net asset movement if market prices had		
increased/decreased by 2.5%	US\$396,489	US\$471,310

## (b) Interest Rate Risk

This risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial asset/liability will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fixed interest rate debt securities are exposed to interest rate risk where the value of these securities may fluctuate as a result of a change in market interest rates. The Company's interest bearing assets are subject to changes in the level of interest rates. Generally, the value of fixed income securities will change inversely with changes in interest rates.

The tables below summarise the exposure to interest rate risk, including the assets and liabilities at fair value for the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022:

31 October 2023 Assets Investments Other Assets	Up to 1 year USD 596,605 129,462	1-5 years USD 4,161,180	Over 5 years USD 10,985,836	Non-Interest Bearing USD 115,941 319,205	<b>Total Value USD</b> 15,859,562 448,667
Total Assets	726,067	4,161,180	10,985,836	435,146	16,308,229
Liabilities					
Other Liabilities	-	-	-	(266,089)	(266,089)
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	(266,089)	(266,089)
Total Net Assets	726,067	4,161,180	10,985,836	169,057	16,042,140

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (continued)

#### (b) Interest Rate Risk (continued)

31 October 2022 Assets	Up to 1 year USD	1-5 years USD	Over 5 years USD	Non-Interest Bearing USD	Total Value USD
Investments	-	7,772,465	10,685,112	394,833	18,852,410
Other Assets	537,396	-	-	413,883	951,279
Total Assets	537,396	7,772,465	10,685,112	808,716	19,803,689
Liabilities					
Other Liabilities	-	-	_	(726,405)	(726,405)
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	(726,405)	(726,405)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	537,396	7,772,465	10,685,112	82,311	19,077,284

A 0.5% increase/decrease in interest rate with all other variables remaining constant would amount to a US\$79,365 (31 October 2022: US\$94,975) movement in the Company.

The sensitivity of the profit/(loss) for the financial year is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rate on changes in fair value of investments for the financial year, based on revaluing fixed rate financial assets at the end of the reporting year.

In practice, the actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and the difference could be significant.

#### (c) Currency Risk

The Company may hold assets denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Company. The Company is therefore exposed to currency risk, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. The Company may utilise financial instruments to hedge against fluctuations in the relative values of its portfolio positions in addition to making active currency selections.

The following table details the material currency exposures as at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022.

31 October 2023	Foreign currency
	denominated assets
	2023
	USD
Euro	2,149
Indian Rupee	12,718,939
Singapore Dollar	200
31 October 2022	Foreign currency
31 October 2022	Foreign currency denominated assets
31 October 2022	8
31 October 2022	denominated assets
31 October 2022 Euro	denominated assets 2022
	denominated assets 2022 USD

The table below details the approximate increase or decrease in net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders for the Company had the exchange rate between the USD and the relevant foreign currency weakened or strengthened by 5% (based on monetary items) as at 31 October 2023 and as at 31 October 2022.

	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
Foreign currency Exposure	USD	USD
Euro	107	205
Indian Rupee	635,947	949,035
Singapore Dollar	10	167

#### (d) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the possibility of a loss resulting from a counterparty to a financial asset/liability who fails to discharge an obligation or commitment that was entered into with the Company. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the statement of financial position date. All physical securities and cash at bank balances are held by the Depositary, Citi Depositary Services Ireland DAC. Citi Depositary Services Ireland DAC is not rated but the credit rating of the parent company of the Depositary, Citibank N.A. is A+ (31 October 2022: A+).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (continued)

#### (d) Credit Risk (continued)

The table below sets out a summary of the credit exposure based on the credit ratings of the debt securities held by the Company as at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022:

Rating	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
BB+*	0.00%	3.22%
BBB-*	92.49%	80.06%
Not Rated	7.43%	15.56%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.08%	1.16%
Total	100.00%	100.00%

<sup>\*</sup>Ratings are provided by S&P.

#### (e) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. Generally, the Company's assets are comprised of actively traded and highly liquid securities. The liquidity risks associated with the need to satisfy shareholders' requests for redemptions, which is allowed on a daily basis, are mitigated by maintaining a liquid portfolio of assets which can be liquidated to satisfy usual levels of demand. In addition, the Company may restrict redemptions and borrow monies on a temporary basis as detailed in the Company's Prospectus. The Investment Manager manages the Company's liquidity position on a daily basis. Also, the Investment Manager is able, through the provisions in the Prospectus, to defer the processing of redemptions of significant size to facilitate an orderly disposition of securities in order to protect the interest of the remaining shareholders.

As at 31 October 2023, the Company's liabilities were payable within 12 months as disclosed below:

	On-demand	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Liabilities	-	266,089	-	-	-
Net assets attributable to redeemable					
Participating shareholders	16,042,140	-	-	-	-
	16,042,140	266,089	-	-	-

As at 31 October 2022, the Company's liabilities were payable within 12 months as disclosed below:

	On-demand	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Liabilities Net assets attributable to redeemable	-	726,405	-	-	-
Participating shareholders	19,077,284	-	-	-	-
	19,077,284	726,405	-	-	-

#### (f) Fair Value Hierarchy

FRS 102 Section 11.27 on "Fair Value: Disclosure" requires disclosure relating to the fair value hierarchy in which fair value measurements are categorised for assets and liabilities. The disclosures are based on a three-level fair value hierarchy for the inputs used in valuation techniques to measure fair value.

The Company classifies fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements, using a quantitative and qualitative analysis of those instruments recognised at fair value based on a three-level measurement hierarchy.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels as defined under FRS 102 Section 34.22:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (continued)

#### (f) Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

The level in the fair valuation hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability. The determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgement by the Company. The Company considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. Investments, whose values are based on quoted market prices in active markets, and therefore classified within Level 1, include active listed equities, exchange traded derivatives, US government treasury bills and certain non-US sovereign obligations. The Company does not adjust the quoted price for these instruments.

Financial instruments that do not have quoted market prices or that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on market information, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2. These include investment-grade corporate bonds and certain non-US sovereign obligations, listed equities and over the counter derivatives. As Level 2 investments include positions that are not traded in active markets and/or are subject to transfer restrictions, valuations may be adjusted to reflect illiquidity and/or non-transferability, which are generally based on available market information.

The following table is a summary of the fair value hierarchy applied under FRS 102 in valuing the Company's financial assets and liabilities measured as at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022.

31 October 2023	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
Government Bonds	-	11,616,375	-	11,616,375
Corporate Bonds	-	4,127,246	-	4,127,246
Investment Funds	115,941	-	-	115,941
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	115,941	15,743,621	-	15,859,562
31 October 2022	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	652	CSE	CSD	CSE
Government Bonds	-	13,642,525	-	13,642,525
Corporate Bonds	-	4,815,052	-	4,815,052
Investment Funds	394,833	-	-	394,833
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	394,833	18,457,577	-	18,852,410

The level 3 valuation assessments are the outcome of UTI's investment committee which examines various market linked factors including credit and liquidity.

Due to a lack of sufficient liquidity in the bonds of Yes Bank the management have decided to mark down the Yes Bank Infra bond and the Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services bond to \$Nil (2022: \$Nil). The Investment Committee used a valuation and mark down policy for these thinly traded / non-traded debt securities to derive the stated fair value.

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 or 3 during the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022.

## 12. EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

In accordance with UCITS Regulation 58, the Company may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities for efficient portfolio management purposes including repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements and security lending arrangements.

Where considered appropriate, the Investment Manager will enter into forward currency contracts and cash settled futures contracts for efficient portfolio management on behalf of the Company and/or a Class of Shares within the Company to protect against exchange risks and/or to alter the currency exposure characteristics of transferable securities within the conditions and limits laid down by the Central Bank from time to time

#### 13. SOFT COMMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND DIRECT BROKERAGE ARRANGEMENTS

No soft commission arrangements and direct brokerage arrangements were entered into during the financial year ended 31 October 2023 and during the financial year ended 31 October 2022.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

#### 14. EXCHANGE RATE

The following exchange rates were used to convert the instruments and other assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the base currency at 31 October 2023 and 31 October 2022:

•	31 October 2023	31 October 2022
	USD	USD
Euro	0.938	1.007
Indian Rupee	83.257	82.393
Singapore Dollar	1.366	1.416

#### 15. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: Nil).

#### 16. COMMITTED DEALS

There were no committed deals at 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: Nil).

#### 17. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

On 29 September 2023 KBA Consulting Management Limited, the Management Company of the Company, completed its merger with Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited ("WMC"). WMC is the surviving entity post-merger and as such, the Company's Management Company is WMC from this date.

The Prospectus of the Company was updated on 1 December 2022 to comply with Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the "SFDR").

On 12 December 2022, the Manager changed its address to 35 Shelbourne Road, 4th Floor, Ballsbridge, Dublin, D04 A4E, Ireland.

The Board of Directors have noted the ongoing developments in the Ukraine and the sanctions which continue to be imposed on Russia by many countries as a result. Given the absence of exposure in the region, the Board of Directors' view is that those developments and sanctions are unlikely to have a significant direct adverse impact on the Company. Nonetheless, the situation continues to evolve, and it remains difficult at this stage to estimate all direct and indirect impacts which may arise from these emerging developments. The Board of Directors continues to monitor the developments closely and to take all the necessary actions.

On 7 October 2023, the group Hamas led surprise attacks against Israel by land, sea, and air in the Gaza Strip. The conflict continues to escalate with devastating implications for the region both politically and economically in addition to the human tragedies. To date the Company has no exposure to the region and the conflict has not had an impact on the performance of the Company.

There were no other significant events affecting the Company during the financial year that require amendment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 18. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS SINCE THE FINANCIAL YEAR END

Samantha McConnell resigned as Director on 31 December 2023 and Tain Huei Hsia was appointed as Director on 31 December 2023.

There have been no other significant events since the financial year end.

#### 19. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors approved the financial statements on 16 February 2024.

# APPENDIX 1 - SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

#### INFORMATION FOR INVESTORS IN NORWAY AND SWITZERLAND

Following a guideline from the Swiss Funds Association (the "SFA") dated 27 July 2004; the Investment Manager is required to supply performance data in conformity with these guidelines. This data can be found below:

# **Total Expense Ratio**

UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund	31 October 2023	31 October 2022	
	Total Expense Ratio	Total Expense Ratio	
USD Institutional Class	2.63%	1.96%	
USD Retail Class	3.08%	2.41%	
USD RDR Class	2.63%	1.96%	
SGD Retail Class	3.07%	2.41%	
USD Super Institutional Class	-	1.95%	
EUR Super Institutional Class^	0.99%	-	

<sup>^</sup> Share Class was relaunched on 19 May 2023, it was previously called EUR Institutional Class.

# Performance Data as of 31 October 2023

UTI India Fixed Income Fund	Inception Date	Currency	YTD	1 Year	3 Years (Annualised)	5 Years (Annualised)	Since Inception (Annualised)
USD Institutional Class	7 Dec 2012	USD	1.67	3.36	0.69	1.42	1.18
USD Retail Class	7 Dec 2012	USD	1.29	2.89	0.23	0.97	0.73
USD RDR Class	10 Jan 2013	USD	1.67	3.36	0.69	1.42	1.15
SGD Retail Class	25 Nov 2016	SGD	3.25	(0.47)	0.23	0.70	(0.89)
USD Super Institutional Class	25 Nov 2016	USD	N. A	N. A	N. A	N. A	N. A
EUR Super Institutional Class	19 May 2023	EUR	N. A	N. A	N. A	N. A	N. A

#### APPENDIX 2 - REMUNERATION DISCLOSURE (UNAUDITED)

The Manager has designed and implemented a remuneration policy (the "Policy") in line with the provisions of S.I. 257 of 2013 European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013 (the "AIFM Regulations"), S.I. 352 of 2011 European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") and of the ESMA Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD (the "ESMA Guidelines"). The Policy is designed to ensure that the remuneration of key decision makers is aligned with the management of short and long-term risks, including the oversight and where appropriate the management of sustainability risks in line with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations.

The Manager's remuneration policy applies to its identified staff whose professional activities might have a material impact on the Company's risk profile and so covers senior management, risk takers, control functions and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers and whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company. The Manager's policy is to pay identified staff a fixed component with the potential for identified staff to receive a variable component. It is intended that the fixed component will represent a sufficiently high proportion of the total remuneration of the individual to allow the Manager to operate a fully flexible policy, with the possibility of not paying any variable component. When the Manager pays a variable component as performance related pay certain criteria, as set out in the Manager's remuneration policy, must be adhered to. The various remuneration components are combined to ensure an appropriate and balanced remuneration package that reflects the relevant staff rank and professional activity as well as best market practice. The Manager's remuneration policy is consistent with, and promotes, sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the funds it manages.

These disclosures are made in respect of the remuneration policies of the Manager. The disclosures are made in accordance with the ESMA Guidelines.

Total remuneration (in EUR) paid to the identified staff of the Manager fully or partly involved in the activities of the Company that have a material impact on the Company's risk profile during the financial year to 31 December 2022 (the Manager's financial year):

Fixed remuneration	EUR
Senior Management	1,387,113
Other identified staff	-
Variable remuneration	
Senior Management	180,517
Other identified staff	-
Total remuneration paid	1,567,630

Neither the Manager nor the Company pays any fixed or variable remuneration to identified staff of the Investment Manager.

There have been no material changes made to the Remuneration Policy or the Manager's remuneration practices and procedures during the financial year.

#### APPENDIX 3 – SECURITIES FINANCING TRANSACTIONS REGULATIONS (SFTR) (UNAUDITED)

Securities Financing Transactions ("SFTs"), broadly speaking, are any transaction where securities are used to borrow cash, or vice versa. Practically, this mostly includes repurchase agreements (repos or reverse repos), securities lending activities, total return swaps and sell/buy-back transactions. In each of these, ownership of the securities temporarily changes in return for cash temporarily changing ownership. At the end of an SFT, the change of ownership reverts, and both counterparties are left with what they possessed originally, plus or minus a small fee depending on the purpose of the transaction. In this regard, they act like collateralised loans.

Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament increases the transparency of SFTs and specifically, within Article 13 of that regulation, requires managers to inform investors on the use made of SFTs and total return swaps (which have similar characteristics) in the semi-annual and annual reports of the Company.

During the financial year ended 31 October 2023, the Company did not enter into any transaction that requires disclosure under the Securities Financing Transaction Regulation.

# APPENDIX 4 – SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS (SFDR) (UNAUDITED)

The European Union's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations (SFDR) came into force in March 2021. The SFDR is designed to help institutional asset owners and retail clients understand, compare, and monitor the sustainability characteristics of investments funds by standardising sustainability disclosures.

Under the SFDR, the fund must make both fund and product-level disclosures on the integration of sustainability risks, the consideration of adverse sustainability impacts, the promotion of environmental or social factors, and sustainable investment objectives.

The Fund is an Article 8 fund, as a fund that promotes environmental and social characteristics provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.

The Fund seek to promote good environmental and social standards and invests in companies that apply good corporate governance practices. To achieve this, the Fund pursues the following approaches in the investment process via exclusions, ESG integration and active ownership.

In identifying investments which allow the Fund to promote environmental or social characteristics, the Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, adopts the approach to encourage positive ESG improvements in investee companies.

The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, has determined that certain companies will be excluded from the Fund's investment universe where any one or more factors mentioned below are applicable to the relevant company:

- Companies in the business of production, exploration, mining & processing of thermal coal.
- Companies that generate more than 75% of their captive power using thermal coal.
- Companies that derive more than 50% of their revenue from activities related to fossil fuels.
- Companies that derive more than 20% of their revenue from alcohol, tobacco or gambling.
- · Companies that are engaged in manufacturing or distribution of weaponry, particularly cluster munitions or anti-personnel mines.
- Companies that have been found guilty of exploiting children for labour.
- Companies that have been found guilty of the following in a persistent and systemic manner and the issue is considered to be material in the context of the overall operations of the company:
  - Violating human rights.
  - Involved in environmental pollution.
  - Involved in systemic corruption.

The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, assesses the governance practices of issuers through active analysis of the relevant companies' financial and operational health. The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, analyses companies as going concerns and evaluates companies' track records over a long period of time, in addition to using governance ratings provided by third party data providers ("Data Providers") to supplement their research. In addition, the Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, directly engages with management at regular intervals in order to satisfy itself that the relevant issuers follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, monitors investee companies and checks whether companies have policies in place on these factors. In addition, the Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, has adopted a stewardship code.

The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, monitors compliance with the ESG characteristics outlined above on a regular basis through the use of sustainability indicators covering environmental footprint and compliance, social and employee matters, board and senior management governance, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery, among others.

- The Investment Manager, in consultation with the Investment Advisor, ensures that at least:
  90% of debt securities and money market instrument with an investment grade credit rating, sovereign debt issued by developed countries, and
- 75% of debt securities and money market instruments with a high yield rating and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries, held in the Funds' portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria.

#### APPENDIX 4 – SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS (SFDR) (UNAUDITED)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: UTI Indian Fixed Income Fund Legal entity identifier: 5493003TU93OMP480719

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? Yes It made sustainable investments with an It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and environmental objective: \_\_\_% while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of 76.99 % of sustainable investments in economic activities that qualify with an environmental objective in economic activities as environmentally sustainable that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU under the EU Taxonomy Taxonomy in economic activities that do not with an environmental objective in economic activities qualify as environmentally that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable sustainable under the EU under the EU Taxonomy Taxonomy with a social objective It made sustainable investments with a It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable social objective: \_\_\_% investments

#### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund during the reporting period 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023 (the "Reporting Period") consisted of:

The environmental characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund are:

- carbon neutrality;
- · decarbonisation efforts;
- · use of renewable energy;

The social characteristics promoted by the Sub-Fund are:

- · employee health and safety;
- · gender diversity.
- · Women participation in workforce.
- · Women directors on board.

The Fund met these environmental and social characteristics, as measured by reference to the sustainability indicators set out below.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

19.49% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Low Risk & Medium Risk. 8.43% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Low Risk. 11.06% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Medium Risk. 9.13% of investments are in companies which provide few ESG disclosures and have a Sustainalytics ESG score of High Risk/Severe Risk. 7.43% of the investments are in investee companies for which Sustainalytics does not provide an ESG Risk score. 63.87% of the investments are in securities issued by the Government of India. Sustainalytics use different models for rating countries compared to corporates. The most reliable metric for assessing the E/S characteristics of a country, that is most consistent with the Risk score for corporations, is the ESG Factor score. The ESG factor score for India, per Sustainalytics, is 44.56 (grade C)". Based on the country factor score and rating, we consider these investments to meet environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. Investee companies only include the companies invested under corporate bonds and for which we have Sustainalytics ESG score.

Sustainability Indicators	Performance 2022	Performance 2023
Percentage of investee companies with Net Zero/ Carbon Neutral/ SBTi targets	30%	25%
Percentage of investee companies with which the Investment Manager attained ESG Engagement	80%	75%
Percentage of investee companies that disclose energy utilized from renewable sources	70%	50%
Percentage of investee companies that fell within the Human Rights Exclusions	0%	0%
Percentage of investee companies which provide disclosures on anti-bribery policy	65%	50%
Percentage of investee companies which disclose women directors on Board	100%	N/A
Percentage of investee companies which disclose employee attrition	100%	N/A
Percentage of investee companies which disclose women workforce participation rate	100%	75%

# APPENDIX 4 – SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS (SFDR) (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

N/A - the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

#### How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

# Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

#### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

This Sub-Fund considers PAI on sustainability factors. This is done in a number of ways.

- The Investment Manager's decision on whether to make an investment in a company, and the size of that investment, takes into account a wide range of PAI Indicators relating to the social, environmental and governance characteristics of that company, including the adverse impact that the company is having on sustainability.
- The product does not invest in any companies engaged in certain activities which, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, are associated with a particularly adverse impact on sustainability. These include but are not limited to companies involved in the in the business of production, exploration, mining & processing of thermal coal.
- The Investment Manager engages with companies in which it invests on a range of issues, including engagement with companies which have high adverse impact, with a view to influencing the company to change its activities in a manner which will reduce the adverse impact.

The following PAI indicators were considered during the reporting period:

- GHG emissions (Scope 1, 2, 3 and total).
- Carbon footprint.
- · GHG intensity of investee companies.
- Exposure to companies active in the fossil fuel sector.
- Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production.
- Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector.
- Activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas.
- · Emissions to water.
- · Hazardous waste ratio.
- Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.
- Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.
- Unadjusted gender pay gap.
- · Board gender diversity.
- Exposure to controversial weapons (antipersonnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons).

The data availability has increased in FY24 as compared to FY23 onwards. With mandatory filing of Business responsibility and sustainability reporting by listed entities (BRSR) for the top 1000 listed companies (by market capitalization) we expect to have 75%-95% of portfolio companies to report incremental data.

# APPENDIX 4 – SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS (SFDR) (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

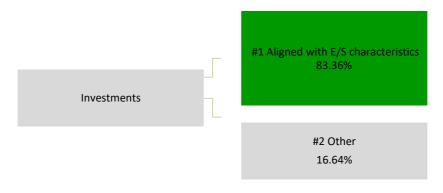
Security Description	Country	Sector	Security Type	Exposure % NAV*
INDIA GOVERNMENT BOND 7.26 6 FEB 2033	India	GOV	Fixed Income	18.87%
INDIA GOVERNMENT BOND 7.18 14AUG 2033	India	GOV	Fixed Income	15.03%
INDIA GOVERNMENT BOND 7.18 24 JUL 2037	India	GOV	Fixed Income	11.18%
INDIA GOVERNMENT BOND 7.06 10 APR2028	India	GOV	Fixed Income	7.44%
EXPORT-IMPORT BK INDIA 5.50 18 JAN 2033	India	Financials	Fixed Income	5.99%
STATE BANK INDIA/LONDON 2.49 26 JAN 2027	India	Financials	Fixed Income	5.67%
REC LTD 5.625 11 APR 2028	India	Financials	Fixed Income	4.56%
INDIA GOVERNMENT BOND 7.610 09 May 30	India	GOV	Fixed Income	3.92%
5.75% Bajaj Finance Ltd 16 Feb 2024	India	Financials	Fixed Income	3.87%
Indian Railway Finance Corp 7.50 09 SEP 2029	India	Financials	Fixed Income	3.86%

<sup>\*</sup>The above percentages may not match the schedule of investments percentages because the schedule of investments are calculated using the financial statements NAV.

# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments? 0%

#### What was the asset allocation?

19.49% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Low Risk & Medium Risk. 8.43% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Low Risk. 11.06% of the investments were into companies with Sustainalytics ESG score of Medium Risk. 63.87% of the investments are in securities issued by the Government of India. Sustainalytics use different models for rating countries compared to corporates. The most reliable metric for assessing the E/S characteristics of a country, that is most consistent with the Risk score for corporations, is the ESG Factor score. The ESG factor score for India, per Sustainalytics, is 44.56 (grade C)". Based on the country factor score and rating, we consider these investments to meet environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund. The countries which are having a factor score of A, B & C are considered by us ESG compliant.



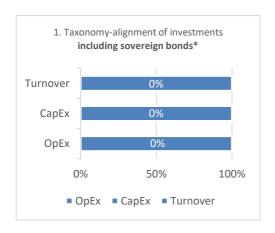
- **#1** Aligned with E/S characteristics includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.
- **#2** Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

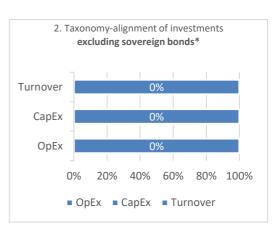
# In which economic sectors were the investments made?

	Sum of % of Net Assets
Cash	0.08%
Financials	32.22%
GOV	63.87%
Industrials	3.83%
Total	100.00%

#### APPENDIX 4 – SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATIONS (SFDR) (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy? The proportion of investments of the product in environmentally sustainable economic activities aligned with the EU Taxonomy was 0%.





## What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

# How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy? N/A – the Fund does not commit to making sustainable investments.

#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

N/A – the Fund does not commit to making socially sustainable investments.

# What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

7.43% of the investments are in investee companies for which Sustainalytics does not provide an ESG Risk score. 0.08% is cash and equivalents. Through regular meetings and discussions with such companies, the Investment Manager actively seeks increased transparency by encouraging more frequent and robust disclosure and the establishment of tangible ESG goals.

# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period? The Investment Manager maintained and updated proprietary qualitative and quantitative ESG tracksheet for the following reasons:

- a) To assess performance on sustainability for companies in the Investment Manager's portfolios and investable universe;
- b) To identify potential ESG issues of companies for further qualitative ESG research and engagement.

The Investment Manager conducted engagement calls with portfolio holding companies on material ESG issues to obtain additional research insights, encourage positive change for the ESG characteristics promoted, and to discuss any material controversies.

In FY 2022-23, the Investment Manager engaged with 3 investee companies.

The Investment Manager took an active and responsible approach to proxy voting by using customized ESG proxy voting guidelines for casting votes, when required.

#### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

 $N/A-no \ such \ reference benchmark has been designated.$ 

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?  $N/\Delta$
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?
- $\bullet$  How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark? N/A
- $\bullet$  How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index? N/A

# APPENDIX 5 - SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO CHANGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Listed below are the largest cumulative investment purchases and sales during the financial year ended 31 October 2023 in excess of 1% of total purchases and in excess of 1% of total sales. At a minimum the largest 20 purchases and 20 sales must be given or all purchases and sales if less than 20.

Largest Purchases India Government Bond 7.26% India Government Bond 7.41%	Maturity Date 06/02/2033 19/12/2036 22/08/2032	Quantity 600,000,000 450,000,000	7,292,696
	19/12/2036		
			5,571,491
India Government Bond 7.26%		400,000,000	4,874,339
Goldman Sachs plc - US\$ Treasury Liquid Reserves Fund	_	4,552,364	4,552,364
India Government Bond 7.06%	10/04/2028	250,000,000	3,015,067
India Government Bond 7.18%	14/08/2033	200,000,000	2,407,560
India Government Bond 7.29%	27/01/2033	150,000,000	1,835,700
India Government Bond 7.18%	24/07/2037	150,000,000	1,830,393
India Government Bond 7.38%	20/06/2027	150,000,000	1,814,067
India Government Bond 7.54%	23/05/2036	100,000,000	1,255,494
India Government Bond 7.17%	17/04/2030	100,000,000	1,199,961
Export-Import Bank of India 5.50%	18/01/2033	1,000,000	1,000,800
State Bank of India/London 2.49%	26/01/2027	1,000,000	897,100
REC Ltd 5.63%	11/04/2028	750,000	749,820
HDFC Bank Ltd/Gandhinagar 5.69%	02/03/2026	500,000	500,100
State Bank of India/London 4.88%	05/05/2028	250,000	249,295
		,	Value
Largest Sales	<b>Maturity Date</b>	Quantity	USD
India Government Bond 7.26%	22/08/2032	550,000,000	6,885,322
India Government Bond 7.38%	20/06/2027	450,000,000	5,660,430
India Government Bond 7.41%	19/12/2036	450,000,000	5,579,838
Goldman Sachs plc - US\$ Treasury Liquid Reserves Fund	-	4,831,257	4,831,257
India Government Bond 7.26%	06/02/2033	350,000,000	4,383,869
India Government Bond 7.29%	27/01/2033	150,000,000	1,923,271
India Government Bond 7.06%	10/04/2028	150,000,000	1,855,112
India Government Bond 6.54%	17/01/2032	150,000,000	1,806,017
India Government Bond 7.54%	23/05/2036	100,000,000	1,262,647
India Government Bond 7.17%	17/04/2030	100,000,000	1,238,442
India Government Bond 6.69%	27/06/2024	100,000,000	1,226,350
India Government Bond 7.06%	10/10/2046	100,000,000	1,210,274
Power Grid Corp of India 9.30%	04/09/2029	50,000,000	702,788
Power Grid Corp of India 8.93%	20/10/2028	50,000,000	685,468
Indian Railway Finance Corp 7.50%	09/09/2029	50,000,000	644,206
Axis Finance 6.55%	22/09/2026	50,000,000	618,183
National Highways Authority of India 7.35%	26/04/2030	50,000,000	610,415
India Government Bond 5.63%	12/04/2026	50,000,000	588,202
India Government Bond 5.74%	15/11/2026	50,000,000	584,408
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development 6.44%	04/12/2030	50,000,000	577,911