

Interim Report 30 November 2023

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### **Basis of Accounting**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for the Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

## **Certification of the Interim Report by the Authorised Corporate Director**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ('the COLL Sourcebook') and the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the IA.

C. O'Keeffe

P.J. Foley-Brickley

Directors

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30 January 2024

### **Investment Objective**

The Sub-fund aims to deliver capital growth and income through an exposure to equities of up to 40%.

### **Investment Policy**

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The Sub-fund may also invest directly (at the Investment Managers' discretion) in equities and equity like instruments (which may include shares in investment trusts and REITS), fixed income securities, money market instruments, depositary receipts and cash.

The fixed income securities and money market instruments to which the Sub-fund may seek exposure may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They can be investment grade (meet a certain level of credit rating by a credit rating agency) or they may be unrated (and hence more likely to fail than investment grade bonds).

The primary focus of our research team is to identify a 'buy list' of thoroughly researched investments from which we select when building the funds. Investment research conducted by the team covers all major asset classes spanning all regions of the world as well as alternative investments. The investment companies from which we select funds is based on an initial quality screen, which considers factors such as the financial strength, organisational integrity and stability of the investment firm, in addition to manager access and the provision of full portfolio transparency on a timely basis.

Our investment approach is to utilise the expertise of the best Investment Managers at the lowest cost to manage the asset. To do this, we invest in other funds to gain access to the specified style or strategy

The Sub-fund may invest in derivatives for the purposes of hedging with the aim of reducing the risk profile of the Sub-fund in accordance with the principles of Efficient Portfolio Management.

The Sub-fund is actively managed. The mix of investment types will be managed and regularly monitored by our investment team.

## **Investment Manager's Report**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

### Introduction

This report covers the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds and their underlying Sub-funds for the period from 31 May 2023 to 30 November 2023.

#### **Market Review**

The six-month period to the end of November 2023 started off with strong gains for equities although this was tapered as stocks sold off in the third quarter. The initial rally was driven by the narrow leadership of the seven largest US tech-based companies (dubbed the 'Magnificent 7'), and include names such as Nvidia, Meta, Amazon and Apple. These stocks have performed strongly year-to-date helped by the Artificial Intelligence boom ('Al-boom').

Central banks continued to increase interest rates in response to rising inflation although they appeared to pause on their rate hiking campaign towards the end of the period which caused the bond market to respond positively.

Geopolitical tensions remain high between the US and China as President Biden signed an executive order to restrict US investment in certain Chinese technology sectors, such as semiconductors. The war in Europe continued with the Wagner rebellion revealing weakness in the Russian leadership. In addition to this, the Hamas-led attacks on 7 October resulted in Israel declaring war on the militant group and retaliation within the Gaza Strip.

### **Investment Manager's Report**

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#### **Performance Activity and Attribution**

The MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 40% Equity Fund gave a total return of 1.8% (B Accumulation, quoted valuation) over the period to the end of November 2023, outperforming the peer group index (IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares) which returned 1.6%.

As central banks continued to hike interest rates, UK government bonds, which are more sensitive to rates, were impacted the most. These rate hikes provided attractive entry points to add to UK government bonds. Towards the end of the period, gilts and US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities were added to as central banks signalled an end to interest rate rises. These changes were reflected in MI Select Managers Bond and funded from absolute return and cash.

US equities were the largest positive contributor to returns led by the large-cap growth names in particular which benefited from the Al-boom tailwind. In the UK, the value orientated strategies outperformed to a lesser extent.

Within the Japanese equity allocation, Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was increased in light of the tweak in the yield curve policy announced by the Bank of Japan. This increase was funded from Baillie Gifford Japanese.

MI Select Managers Alternatives comprises holdings in property, gold and absolute return strategies. Notably, the position in gold contributed positively, acting as a safe-haven despite the weaker dollar and helped by central bank demand.

#### Outlook

Government bonds have surged recently which has occurred alongside an apparent pause in the central banks' rate hiking campaigns. With government bond performance generally moving in a very close inverse fashion with central bank rate expectations, the asset class appears attractively priced relative to recent history.

Yields on bonds are relatively high, which imply better risk adjusted returns in future years than that experienced in the past decade. The market is reflecting the possibility of interest rate cuts over the coming year, either to prevent a recession or at least reduce its seriousness. A lowering of interest rates would be supportive for the equity markets.

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### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

		Market value	% of total net assets
Holding	Security	£	2023
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES* 97.99% (98.40%)		
	Asia ex-Japan Equities 1.59% (1.82%)		
337,965	BNY Mellon Asian Income - W Institutional Income	435,738	1.12
12,492	Fidelity Asia - W Accumulation	183,009	0.47
		618,747	1.59
	European Equities 1.25% (1.28%)		
300,892	BlackRock Continental European - A Income	485,483	1.25
	Global Equities 1.99% (2.03%)		
135,106	Fundsmith Equity - I Income	773,172	1.99
	Global Fixed Interest 72.53% (73.72%)		
39,793	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulation GBP	4,418,733	11.39
182,710	Colchester Global Bond - GBP Hedged I Accumulation	2,070,104	5.33
8,119,114	MI Select Managers Alternatives - Institutional Income^	7,785,013	20.06
13,493,155	MI Select Managers Bond - Institutional Income^	12,250,570	31.57
17,975	Robeco Global Credits IBH GBP	1,621,330	4.18
		28,145,750	72.53
	Japan Equities 0.91% (0.96%)		
11,178	Baillie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income	162,190	0.42
67,979	Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	190,206	0.49
		352,396	0.91
	UK Equities 5.52% (5.47%)		
2,024,313	MI Select Managers UK Equity Income - Institutional Income^	2,140,428	5.52
	UK Fixed Interest 6.58% (5.66%)		
1,875,845	Insight Investment UK Government All Maturities Bond - P2 Income	1,493,548	3.85
1,171,415	Man GLG Sterling Corporate Bond - G Institutional Income	1,061,419	2.73
, ,		2,554,967	6.58
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201 701	US Equities 7.62% (7.46%)	1 220 520	2 10
391,791 889,365	Fidelity Index US - P Income MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	1,230,538 1,723,340	3.18 4.44
009,303	MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional income.		
		2,953,878	7.62
	Investment assets	38,024,821	97.99
	Net other assets	781,790	2.01
	Net assets	38,806,611	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares or stock units on a regulated securities market unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent % holdings as at 31.05.23.

At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £6,101,512
Total sales for the period: £4,161,626

<sup>^</sup>Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

<sup>\*</sup>Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£2,056,179	2,124,398	96.79	0.72%
A Accumulation	£23,144,874	23,045,833	100.43	0.72%
B Income	£1,310,147	1,353,593	96.79	0.62%
B Accumulation	£12,295,411	12,207,653	100.72	0.62%

<sup>\*</sup>Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated by annualising the expenses incurred against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

The Investment Manager currently rebates the Sub-fund's operating charges, excluding the Investment Manager's fee and Synthetic ongoing charges (0.35% of operating charges) in order for them not to exceed 0.12% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

## **Risk and Reward profile**

The risk and reward indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



The Sub-fund is ranked 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past. Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Sub-fund:

- Investing in other funds may expose investors to increased risk due to less strict regulations and the use of derivatives. These other funds can themselves invest into assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Sub-fund.
- The Sub-fund may invest in bond funds which will be impacted by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the underlying bond issuers.
- Investing overseas can bring additional returns and spread risk to different markets. There are risks, however, that changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment to decrease or increase.
- The Sub-fund may invest in property funds which can be less liquid than other asset classes.
- For further risk information please see the Prospectus.

#### **Risk warning**

An investment in a non-UCITS Retail Scheme Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	30.11.23			30.11.22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		221,299		(1,264,267)
Revenue	522,184		243,745	
Expenses	(54,546)	_	(44,597)	
Net revenue before taxation	467,638		199,148	
Taxation	(71,393)		(22,981)	
Net revenue after taxation		396,245		176,167
Total return before distributions		617,544		(1,088,100)
Distributions		(393,660)		(172,148)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		223,884		(1,260,248)

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	30.11.22 £
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders		36,454,741		30,395,210
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	7,957,358		7,151,754	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(6,194,417)		(4,580,759)	
		1,762,941		2,570,995
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		223,884		(1,260,248)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		365,045		163,736
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		38,806,611		31,869,693

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

Net assets attributable to Shareholders		38,806,611		36,454,741
Total liabilities		(317,858)		(219,398)
Total creditors		(317,858)		(219,398)
Other creditors	(297,800)	_	(206,274)	
Distribution payable	(20,058)		(13,124)	
Creditors				
LIABILITIES				
Total assets		39,124,469		36,674,139
Total current assets		1,099,648		804,064
Cash and bank balances	759,026	_	705,194	
Current assets Debtors	340,622		98,870	
Fixed assets Investments		38,024,821		35,870,075
ASSETS				
	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
			р	р	þ	þ
A	First interim	Group 1	0.4107	_	0.4107	0.2472
		Group 2	_	0.4107	0.4107	0.2472
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5699	_	0.5699	0.2860
		Group 2	_	0.5699	0.5699	0.2860
В	First interim	Group 1	0.4349	_	0.4349	0.2723
		Group 2	0.0048	0.4301	0.4349	0.2723
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5874	_	0.5874	0.2961
		Group 2	_	0.5874	0.5874	0.2961

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
			р	р	P	þ
A	First interim	Group 1	0.4290	_	0.4290	0.2501
		Group 2	0.0497	0.3793	0.4290	0.2501
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5848	_	0.5848	0.2880
		Group 2	_	0.5848	0.5848	0.2880
В	First interim	Group 1	0.4441	_	0.4441	0.2760
		Group 2	0.0167	0.4274	0.4441	0.2760
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6090	_	0.6090	0.3052
		Group 2	_	0.6090	0.6090	0.3052

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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# **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

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		2,149,319	2.00
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	bal Fixed Interest 57.72% (58.60%) :kRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulation GBP	5,381,218	4.99
	chester Global Bond - GBP Hedged I Accumulation	5,361,216 1,809,741	1.68
	Select Managers Alternatives - Institutional Income^	19,473,074	18.08
	Select Managers Aicernatives - institutional income	34,106,036	31.66
	eco Global Credits IBH GBP	1,413,383	1.31
,		<del></del>	57.72
		62,183,452	37.72
	an Equities 1.80% (1.86%)		
	lie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income	542,648	0.50
501,356 Ma	n GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	1,402,794	1.30
		1,945,442	1.80
UK	Equities 10.93% (10.67%)		
3,846,746 MI	Select Managers UK Equity - Institutional Income^	4,110,671	3.81
7,251,242 MI	Select Managers UK Equity Income - Institutional Income^	7,667,173	7.12
		11,777,844	10.93
IIK	Fixed Interest 2.08% (1.31%)		
	ght Investment UK Government All Maturities Bond - P2 Income	1,305,196	1.21
	n GLG Sterling Corporate Bond - G Institutional Income	932,291	0.87
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0 1		2.08
		2,237,487	2.00
	Equities 16.74% (16.65%)	6.070.400	
	elity Index US - P Income	6,878,189	6.38
5,759,324 MI	Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	11,159,957	10.36
		18,038,146	16.74
Inv	estment assets	105,866,433	98.27
	other assets	1,864,046	1.73
Ne	assets	107,730,479	100.00

### **Portfolio Statement**

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^Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £19,478,284
Total sales for the period: £7,014,563

### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£3,539,674	3,436,364	103.01	0.74%
A Accumulation	£57,220,501	53,326,995	107.30	0.74%
B Income	£7,859,650	7,629,746	103.01	0.64%
B Accumulation	£39,110,654	36,346,724	107.60	0.64%

<sup>\*</sup>Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated by annualising the expenses incurred against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

The Investment Manager currently rebates the Sub-fund's operating charges, excluding the Investment Manager's fee and synthetic ongoing charges (0.37% of operating charges) in order for them not to exceed 0.12% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

### **Risk and Reward profile**

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- Investing in other funds may expose investors to increased risk due to less strict regulations and the use of derivatives. These other funds can themselves invest into assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Sub-fund.
- The Sub-fund may invest in bond funds which will be impacted by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the underlying bond issuers.
- Investing overseas can bring additional returns and spread risk to different markets. There are risks, however, that changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment to decrease or increase.
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### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

		30.11.23		30.11.22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		937,968		(2,575,542)
Revenue	1,342,525		773,043	
Expenses	(144,222)	_	(121,107)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,198,303		651,936	
Taxation	(138,515)		(44,384)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,059,788		607,552
Total return before distributions		1,997,756		(1,967,990)
Distributions		(1,058,476)		(605,707)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		939,280		(2,573,697)

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	30.11.22 £
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders		94,059,206		82,479,841
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	25,599,888		14,087,620	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(13,872,218)		(8,954,025)	
		11,727,670		5,133,595
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		939,280		(2,573,697)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,004,323		558,572
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		107,730,479		85,598,311

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

Net assets attributable to Shareholders		107,730,479		94,059,206
Total liabilities		(2,264,265)		(836,306)
Total creditors		(2,264,265)		(836,306)
Other creditors	(2,191,785)		(781,503)	
<b>Creditors</b> Distribution payable	(72,480)		(54,803)	
LIABILITIES				
Total assets		109,994,744		94,895,512
Total current assets		4,128,311		2,356,943
Cash and bank balances	2,217,196		1,702,578	
Current assets Debtors	1,911,115		654,365	
<b>Fixed assets</b> Investments		105,866,433		92,538,569
ASSETS				
	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue p	Equalisation p	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
	F	<u> </u>	-	P	0.4505	0.2042
A	First interim	Group 1	0.4585	_	0.4585	0.3042
		Group 2	_	0.4585	0.4585	0.3042
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6407	_	0.6407	0.4369
		Group 2	_	0.6407	0.6407	0.4369
В	First interim	Group 1	0.4780	_	0.4780	0.3303
		Group 2	0.0184	0.4596	0.4780	0.3303
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6614	_	0.6614	0.4460
		Group 2	0.0348	0.6266	0.6614	0.4460

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
			р	р	þ	þ
A	First interim	Group 1	0.4703	_	0.4703	0.3088
		Group 2	_	0.4703	0.4703	0.3088
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6638	_	0.6638	0.4439
		Group 2	_	0.6638	0.6638	0.4439
В	First interim	Group 1	0.4926	_	0.4926	0.3359
		Group 2	_	0.4926	0.4926	0.3359
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6865	_	0.6865	0.4681
		Group 2	_	0.6865	0.6865	0.4681

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

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### **Investment Objective**

The Sub-fund aims to provide an income stream and the opportunity for capital growth through an exposure to equities of up to 70%.

### **Investment Policy**

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The Sub-fund may also invest directly (at the Investment Managers' discretion) in equities and equity like instruments (which may include shares in investment trusts and REITS), fixed income securities, money market instruments, depositary receipts and cash.

The fixed income securities and money market instruments to which the Sub-fund may seek exposure may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They can be investment grade (meet a certain level of credit rating by a credit rating agency) or they may be unrated (and hence more likely to fail than investment grade bonds).

The primary focus of our research team is to identify a 'buy list' of thoroughly researched investments from which we select when building the funds. Investment research conducted by the team covers all major asset classes spanning all regions of the world as well as alternative investments. The investment companies from which we select funds is based on an initial quality screen, which considers factors such as the financial strength, organisational integrity and stability of the investment firm, in addition to manager access and the provision of full portfolio transparency on a timely basis.

Our investment approach is to utilise the expertise of the best Investment Managers at the lowest cost to manage the asset. To do this, we invest in other funds to gain access to the specified style or strategy.

The Sub-fund may invest in derivatives for the purposes of hedging with the aim of reducing the risk profile of the Sub-fund in accordance with the principles of Efficient Portfolio Management.

The Sub-fund is actively managed. The mix of investment types will be managed and regularly monitored by our investment team.

## **Investment Manager's Report**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

### Introduction

This report covers the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds and their underlying Sub-funds for the period from 31 May 2023 to 30 November 2023.

#### **Market Review**

The six-month period to the end of November 2023 started off with strong gains for equities although this was tapered as stocks sold off in the third quarter. The initial rally was driven by the narrow leadership of the seven largest US tech-based companies (dubbed the 'Magnificent 7'), and include names such as Nvidia, Meta, Amazon and Apple. These stocks have performed strongly year-to-date helped by the Artificial Intelligence boom ('Al-boom').

Central banks continued to increase interest rates in response to rising inflation although they appeared to pause on their rate hiking campaign towards the end of the period which caused the bond market to respond positively.

Geopolitical tensions remain high between the US and China as President Biden signed an executive order to restrict US investment in certain Chinese technology sectors, such as semiconductors. The war in Europe continued with the Wagner rebellion revealing weakness in the Russian leadership. In addition to this, the Hamas-led attacks on 7 October resulted in Israel declaring war on the militant group and retaliation within the Gaza Strip.

### **Investment Manager's Report**

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#### **Performance Activity and Attribution**

The MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 70% Equity Fund gave a total return of 2% (B Accumulation, quoted valuation) over the period to the end of November 2023, outperforming the peer group index (IA Mixed Investment 20-60% Shares) which returned 1.7%.

As central banks continued to hike interest rates, UK government bonds, which are more sensitive to rates, were impacted the most. These rate hikes provided attractive entry points to add to UK government bonds. Towards the end of the period, gilts and US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities were added to as central banks signalled an end to interest rate rises. These changes were reflected in MI Select Managers Bond and funded from absolute return and cash.

US equities were the largest positive contributor to returns led by the large-cap growth names in particular which benefited from the Al-boom tailwind. In the UK, the value orientated strategies outperformed to a lesser extent.

Within the Japanese equity allocation, Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was increased in light of the tweak in the yield curve policy announced by the Bank of Japan. This increase was funded from Baillie Gifford Japanese.

MI Select Managers Alternatives comprises holdings in property, gold and absolute return strategies. Notably, the position in gold contributed positively, acting as a safe-haven despite the weaker dollar and helped by central bank demand.

#### Outlook

Government bonds have surged recently which has occurred alongside an apparent pause in the central banks' rate hiking campaigns. With government bond performance generally moving in a very close inverse fashion with central bank rate expectations, the asset class appears attractively priced relative to recent history.

Yields on bonds are relatively high, which imply better risk adjusted returns in future years than that experienced in the past decade. The market is reflecting the possibility of interest rate cuts over the coming year, either to prevent a recession or at least reduce its seriousness. A lowering of interest rates would be supportive for the equity markets.

### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

Holding	Security	Market value £	% of total net assets 2023
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES* 98.46% (98.38%)		
1,653,255 142,394 454,442	Asia ex-Japan Equities 4.46% (4.72%) BNY Mellon Asian Income - W Institutional Income Fidelity Asia - W Accumulation Invesco Asian (UK) - Z Income	2,131,541 2,086,078 2,118,474	1.50 1.47 1.49
		6,336,093	4.46
791,760	Emerging Market Equities 0.88% (0.96%) Fidelity Emerging Markets - W Accumulation	1,255,731	0.88
3,077,499 114,666	European Equities 4.12% (4.49%) BlackRock Continental European - A Income HSBC European Index - C Income	4,965,483 884,335 5,849,818	3.50 0.62 4.12
490,166	Global Equities 1.98% (1.98%) Fundsmith Equity - I Income	2,805,075	1.98
50,915 17,969,994 48,208,741	Global Fixed Interest 46.96% (46.61%) BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulating GBP MI Select Managers Alternatives - Institutional Income^ MI Select Managers Bond - Institutional Income^	5,653,821 17,230,528 43,769,198 66,653,547	3.98 12.14 30.84 46.96
68,316 911,360	Japan Equities 2.50% (2.44%) Baillie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	991,262 2,549,986 3,541,248	0.70 1.80 2.50
6,657,345 12,676,060	UK Equities 14.45% (14.30%) MI Select Managers UK Equity - Institutional Income^ MI Select Managers UK Equity Income - Institutional Income^	7,114,106 13,403,159 20,517,265	5.01 9.44 14.45
3,892,244 10,619,555	US Equities 23.11% (22.88%) Fidelity Index US - P Income MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	12,224,761 20,577,725 32,802,486	8.61 14.50 23.11
	Investment assets Net other assets	139,761,263 2,187,628	98.46 1.54
	Net assets	141,948,891	100.00

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At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £19,107,641
Total sales for the period: £15,220,000

<sup>\*</sup>Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

<sup>^</sup>Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£2,753,635	2,569,386	107.17	0.75%
A Accumulation	£72,287,012	64,630,985	111.85	0.75%
B Income	£25,068,831	23,394,083	107.16	0.65%
B Accumulation	£41,839,413	37,307,349	112.15	0.65%

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## **Risk and Reward profile**

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### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	30.11.23			30.11.22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,411,651		(3,139,337)
Revenue	1,917,800		1,222,938	
Expenses	(192,567)		(164,947)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,725,233		1,057,991	
Taxation	(157,575)		(45,152)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,567,658		1,012,839
Total return before distributions		2,979,309		(2,126,498)
Distributions		(1,566,852)		(1,010,638)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		1,412,457		(3,137,136)

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	£	30.11.23 £ 136,754,652	£	30.11.22 £ 116,334,349
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	28,702,640		27,426,062	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(26,176,394)		(14,394,556)	
		2,526,246		13,031,506
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		1,412,457		(3,137,136)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,255,536		858,348
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		141,948,891		127,087,067

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £
ASSETS	2	_	_	
Fixed assets Investments		139,761,263		134,535,168
Current assets				
Debtors	419,810		650,354	
Cash and bank balances	3,000,522		2,689,537	
Total current assets	3,420,332			3,339,891
Total assets		143,181,595		137,875,059
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	(180,867)		(136,144)	
Other creditors	(1,051,837)		(984,263)	
Total creditors		(1,232,704)		(1,120,407)
Total liabilities		(1,232,704)		(1,120,407)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders		141,948,891		136,754,652

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
			р	р	р	р
Α	First interim	Group 1	0.5009	_	0.5009	0.3827
		Group 2	_	0.5009	0.5009	0.3827
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6777	_	0.6777	0.4769
		Group 2	_	0.6777	0.6777	0.4769
В	First interim	Group 1	0.5231	_	0.5231	0.4088
		Group 2	0.0050	0.5181	0.5231	0.4088
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6987	_	0.6987	0.5060
		Group 2	_	0.6987	0.6987	0.5060

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
		_	р	р	Р	P
A	First interim	Group 1	0.5182	_	0.5182	0.3880
		Group 2	_	0.5182	0.5182	0.3880
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7029	_	0.7029	0.4984
		Group 2	0.0008	0.7021	0.7029	0.4984
В	First interim	Group 1	0.5434	_	0.5434	0.4162
		Group 2	_	0.5434	0.5434	0.4162
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7263	_	0.7263	0.5188
		Group 2	_	0.7263	0.7263	0.5188

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

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for the period ended 30 November 2023

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Central banks continued to increase interest rates in response to rising inflation although they appeared to pause on their rate hiking campaign towards the end of the period which caused the bond market to respond positively.

Geopolitical tensions remain high between the US and China as President Biden signed an executive order to restrict US investment in certain Chinese technology sectors, such as semiconductors. The war in Europe continued with the Wagner rebellion revealing weakness in the Russian leadership. In addition to this, the Hamas-led attacks on 7 October resulted in Israel declaring war on the militant group and retaliation within the Gaza Strip.

### **Investment Manager's Report**

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#### **Performance Activity and Attribution**

The MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 80% Equity Fund gave a total return of 2.1% (B Accumulation, quoted valuation) over the period to the end of November 2023, outperforming the peer group index (IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares) which returned 1.6%.

As central banks continued to hike interest rates, UK government bonds, which are more sensitive to rates, were impacted the most. These rate hikes provided attractive entry points to add to UK government bonds. Towards the end of the period, gilts and US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities were added to as central banks signalled an end to interest rate rises. These changes were reflected in MI Select Managers Bond and funded from absolute return and cash.

US equities were the largest positive contributor to returns led by the large-cap growth names in particular which benefited from the Al-boom tailwind. In the UK, the value orientated strategies outperformed to a lesser extent.

Within the Japanese equity allocation, Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was increased in light of the tweak in the yield curve policy announced by the Bank of Japan. This increase was funded from Baillie Gifford Japanese.

MI Select Managers Alternatives comprises holdings in property, gold and absolute return strategies. Notably, the position in gold contributed positively, acting as a safe-haven despite the weaker dollar and helped by central bank demand.

#### Outlook

Government bonds have surged recently which has occurred alongside an apparent pause in the central banks' rate hiking campaigns. With government bond performance generally moving in a very close inverse fashion with central bank rate expectations, the asset class appears attractively priced relative to recent history.

Yields on bonds are relatively high, which imply better risk adjusted returns in future years than that experienced in the past decade. The market is reflecting the possibility of interest rate cuts over the coming year, either to prevent a recession or at least reduce its seriousness. A lowering of interest rates would be supportive for the equity markets.

### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

		Market value	% of total net assets
Holding	Security	£	2023
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES* 98.35% (98.86%)		
	Asia ex-Japan Equities 5.39% (5.80%)		
4,909,353 355,870	BNY Mellon Asian Income - W Institutional Income Fidelity Asia - W Accumulation	6,329,629 5,213,499	1.92 1.58
1,343,363	Invesco Asian (UK) - Z Income	6,262,353	1.89
.,5 .5,5 55		17,805,481	5.39
	Emerging Market Equities 1.09% (1.18%)		
2,265,321	Fidelity Emerging Markets - W Accumulation	3,592,799	1.09
	European Equities 5.10% (5.51%)	<del></del>	
141,875	Baillie Gifford European - B Income	2,731,088	0.83
2,269,872	BlackRock European Dynamic - FD Income	5,948,654	1.80
726,376	HSBC European Index - C Income	5,602,034	1.69
3,238,901	Schroder European Recovery - L Income GBP	2,573,631	0.78
		16,855,407	5.10
	Global Equities 1.98% (1.96%)		
1,146,793	Fundsmith Equity - I Income	6,562,754	1.98
	Global Fixed Interest 36.82% (36.84%)		
105,051	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulation GBP	11,665,318	3.53
29,566,621	MI Select Managers Alternatives - Institutional Income^	28,349,955	8.57
90,039,733	MI Select Managers Bond - Institutional Income^	81,747,974	24.72
		121,763,247	36.82
	Japan Equities 3.02% (2.92%)		
233,810	Baillie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income	3,392,585	1.03
2,347,016	Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	6,566,952	1.99
		9,959,537	3.02
	UK Equities 16.97% (16.84%)		
26,900,795	MI Select Managers UK Equity - Institutional Income^	28,746,458	8.69
25,881,525	MI Select Managers UK Equity Income - Institutional Income^	27,366,089	8.28
		56,112,547	16.97
	US Equities 27.98% (27.81%)		
10,848,617	Fidelity Index US - P Income	34,073,338	10.30
30,171,833	MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	58,464,565	17.68
		92,537,903	27.98
	Investment assets	325,189,675	98.35
	Net other assets	5,463,202	1.65
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All investments are ordinary shares or stock units on a regulated securities market unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent % holdings as at 31.05.23.

At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £57,941,888
Total sales for the period: £14,834,999

<sup>\*</sup>Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

<sup>^</sup>Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£11,590,740	10,443,939	110.98	0.76%
A Accumulation	£137,622,723	119,429,505	115.23	0.76%
B Income	£62,013,490	55,877,268	110.98	0.66%
B Accumulation	£119,425,924	103,356,832	115.55	0.66%

<sup>\*</sup>Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated by annualising the expenses incurred against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

The Investment Manager currently rebates the Sub-fund's operating charges, excluding the Investment Manager's fee and synthetic ongoing charges (0.39% of operating charges) in order for them not to exceed 0.12% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

## **Risk and Reward profile**

The risk and reward indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



The Sub-fund is ranked 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Sub-fund:

- Investing in other funds may expose investors to increased risk due to less strict regulations and the use of derivatives. These other funds can themselves invest into assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Sub-fund.
- The Sub-fund may invest in bond funds which will be impacted by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the underlying bond issuers.
- Investing overseas can bring additional returns and spread risk to different markets. There are risks, however, that changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment to decrease or increase.
- The Sub-fund may invest in property funds which can be less liquid than other asset classes.
- For further risk information please see the Prospectus.

#### **Risk warning**

An investment in a non-UCITS Retail Scheme Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

		30.11.23		30.11.22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		4,453,837		(3,474,107)
Revenue	3,500,217		2,064,670	
Expenses	(461,754)	_	(341,158)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,038,463		1,723,512	
Taxation	(235,618)	_	(43,602)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,802,845		1,679,910
Total return before distributions		7,256,682		(1,794,197)
Distributions		(2,802,688)		(1,679,258)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		4,453,994		(3,473,455)

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	£	30.11.23 £ 281,058,292	£	30.11.22 £ 207,243,707
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	77,693,327		63,194,237	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(34,863,369)		(13,604,001)	
		42,829,958		49,590,236
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		4,453,994		(3,473,455)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		2,310,633		1,372,550
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		330,652,877		254,733,038

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £
ASSETS	£	L	L	L
Fixed assets Investments		325,189,675		277,843,581
Current assets				
Debtors	1,736,410		2,403,575	
Cash and bank balances	6,825,865		5,354,918	
Total current assets		8,562,275		7,758,493
Total assets		333,751,950		285,602,074
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	(461,630)		(369,732)	
Other creditors	(2,637,443)		(4,174,050)	
Total creditors		(3,099,073)		(4,543,782)
Total liabilities		(3,099,073)	·	(4,543,782)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders		330,652,877		281,058,292

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.3380	_	0.3380	0.2341
		Group 2	_	0.3380	0.3380	0.2341
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6776	_	0.6776	0.5613
		Group 2	_	0.6776	0.6776	0.5613
В	First interim	Group 1	0.3599	_	0.3599	0.2629
		Group 2	0.0003	0.3596	0.3599	0.2629
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6995	_	0.6995	0.5764
		Group 2	_	0.6995	0.6995	0.5764

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.3445	_	0.3445	0.2403
		Group 2	0.0169	0.3276	0.3445	0.2403
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6994	_	0.6994	0.5680
		Group 2	_	0.6994	0.6994	0.5680
В	First interim	Group 1	0.3707	_	0.3707	0.2676
		Group 2	_	0.3707	0.3707	0.2676
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7239	_	0.7239	0.5868
		Group 2	_	0.7239	0.7239	0.5868

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### **Investment Objective**

The Sub-fund aims to provide capital growth with some level of income through an exposure to equities of up to 90%.

### **Investment Policy**

At least 80%, and potentially 100%, of the Sub-fund's investments will be indirect through other funds. The other funds may be actively managed or may be passively managed (that is funds which track or are closely linked to the performance of an index), although it is not expected that more than 20% will be invested in passive funds at any one time. It is the intention to invest at least 35% of the allocation into funds managed by the ACD or sponsored by Brewin Dolphin Limited. Through its investments in these funds, the Subfund will have a very high exposure to equities (shares in companies), no more than 90% either directly or through equity funds, whilst the remainder will be split between funds which seek exposure to cash, fixed income securities (bonds) and alternatives (such as real estate, commodities and infrastructure).

The Sub-fund may also invest directly (at the Investment Managers' discretion) in equities and equity like instruments (which may include shares in investment trusts and REITs), fixed income securities, money market instruments, depositary receipts and cash.

The fixed income securities and money market instruments to which the Sub-fund may seek exposure may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They can be investment grade (meet a certain level of credit rating by a credit rating agency) or they may be unrated (and hence more likely to fail than investment grade bonds).

The primary focus of our research team is to identify a 'buy list' of thoroughly researched investments from which we select when building the funds. Investment research conducted by the team covers all major asset classes spanning all regions of the world as well as alternative investments. The investment companies from which we select funds is based on an initial quality screen, which considers factors such as the financial strength, organisational integrity and stability of the investment firm, in addition to manager access and the provision of full portfolio transparency on a timely basis.

Our investment approach is to utilise the expertise of the best Investment Managers at the lowest cost to manage the asset. To do this, we invest in other funds to gain access to the specified style or strategy.

The Sub-fund may invest in derivatives for the purposes of hedging with the aim of reducing the risk profile of the Sub-fund in accordance with the principles of Efficient Portfolio Management.

The Sub-fund is actively managed. The mix of investment types will be managed and regularly monitored by our investment team.

## **Investment Manager's Report**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

### Introduction

This report covers the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds and their underlying Sub-funds for the period from 31 May 2023 to 30 November 2023.

#### **Market Review**

The six-month period to the end of November 2023 started off with strong gains for equities although this was tapered as stocks sold off in the third quarter. The initial rally was driven by the narrow leadership of the seven largest US tech-based companies (dubbed the 'Magnificent 7'), and include names such as Nvidia, Meta, Amazon and Apple. These stocks have performed strongly year-to-date helped by the Artificial Intelligence boom ('Al-boom').

Central banks continued to increase interest rates in response to rising inflation although they appeared to pause on their rate hiking campaign towards the end of the period which caused the bond market to respond positively.

Geopolitical tensions remain high between the US and China as President Biden signed an executive order to restrict US investment in certain Chinese technology sectors, such as semiconductors. The war in Europe continued with the Wagner rebellion revealing weakness in the Russian leadership. In addition to this, the Hamas-led attacks on 7 October resulted in Israel declaring war on the militant group and retaliation within the Gaza Strip.

### **Investment Manager's Report**

continued

#### **Performance Activity and Attribution**

The MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 90% Equity Fund gave a total return of 2.1% (B Accumulation, quoted valuation) over the period to the end of November 2023, outperforming the peer group index (IA Flexible Investment) which returned 1.4%.

As central banks continued to hike interest rates, UK government bonds, which are more sensitive to rates, were impacted the most. These rate hikes provided attractive entry points to add to UK government bonds. Towards the end of the period, gilts and US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities were added to as central banks signalled an end to interest rate rises. These changes were reflected in MI Select Managers Bond and funded from absolute return and cash.

US equities were the largest positive contributor to returns led by the large-cap growth names in particular which benefited from the Al-boom tailwind. In the UK, the value orientated strategies outperformed to a lesser extent.

Within the Japanese equity allocation, Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was increased in light of the tweak in the yield curve policy announced by the Bank of Japan. This increase was funded from Baillie Gifford Japanese.

MI Select Managers Alternatives comprises holdings in property, gold and absolute return strategies. Notably, the position in gold contributed positively, acting as a safe-haven despite the weaker dollar and helped by central bank demand.

#### Outlook

Government bonds have surged recently which has occurred alongside an apparent pause in the central banks' rate hiking campaigns. With government bond performance generally moving in a very close inverse fashion with central bank rate expectations, the asset class appears attractively priced relative to recent history.

Yields on bonds are relatively high, which imply better risk adjusted returns in future years than that experienced in the past decade. The market is reflecting the possibility of interest rate cuts over the coming year, either to prevent a recession or at least reduce its seriousness. A lowering of interest rates would be supportive for the equity markets.

### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

		Market value	% of total net assets
Holding	Security	£	2023
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES* 98.52% (98.45%)		
	Asia ex-Japan Equities 7.00% (7.18%)		
362,326	Fidelity Asia - W Accumulation	5,308,070	2.12
1,299,975	Invesco Asian (UK) - Z Income	6,060,092	2.43
638,450	Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Sustainability - B Accumulation GBP	6,124,267	2.45
		17,492,429	7.00
	Emerging Market Equities 1.43% (1.56%)		
2,248,682	Fidelity Emerging Markets - W Accumulation	3,566,410	1.43
	European Equities 6.42% (6.90%)		
118,845	Baillie Gifford European - B Income	2,287,761	0.91
2,167,359	BlackRock Continental European - A Income	5,679,997	2.27
760,864	HSBC European Index - C Income	5,868,015	2.35
2,802,328	Schroder European Recovery - L Income GBP	2,226,730	0.89
		16,062,503	6.42
	Global Equities 2.03% (1.96%)		
885,744	Fundsmith Equity - I Income	5,068,845	2.03
	Global Fixed Interest 21.75% (21.49%)		
34,968	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulation GBP	3,882,981	1.55
18,489,352	MI Select Managers Alternatives - Institutional Income^	17,728,515	7.09
36,102,342	MI Select Managers Bond - Institutional Income^	32,777,678	13.11
		54,389,174	21.75
	Japan Equities 3.75% (3.68%)		
212,034	Baillie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income	3,076,611	1.23
2,251,002	Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	6,298,305	2.52
		9,374,916	3.75
	UK Equities 20.97% (20.63%)		
45,354,581	MI Select Managers UK Equity - Institutional Income^	48,466,359	19.38
3,759,318	MI Select Managers UK Equity Income - Institutional Income^	3,974,953	1.59
		52,441,312	20.97
	US Equities 35.17% (35.05%)		
10,160,284	Fidelity Index US - P Income	31,911,420	12.76
28,908,429	MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	56,016,441	22.41
		87,927,861	35.17
	Investment assets	246,323,450	98.52
	Net other assets	3,702,838	1.48
	Net assets	250,026,288	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares or stock units on a regulated securities market unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent % holdings as at 31.05.23.

At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £34,242,530
Total sales for the period: £11,995,000

<sup>\*</sup>Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

<sup>^</sup>Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

#### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£5,178,691	4,468,071	115.90	0.77%
A Accumulation	£105,022,428	87,850,539	119.55	0.77%
B Income	£48,446,565	41,797,241	115.91	0.67%
B Accumulation	£91,378,604	76,217,867	119.89	0.67%

<sup>\*</sup>Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated by annualising the expenses incurred against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

The Investment Manager currently rebates the Sub-fund's operating charges, excluding the Investment Manager's fee and synthetic ongoing charges (0.40% of operating charges) in order for them not to exceed 0.12% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

## **Risk and Reward profile**

The risk and reward indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



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- For further risk information please see the Prospectus.

#### **Risk warning**

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### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

		30.11.23		30.11.22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		4,021,681		(1,301,207)
Revenue	2,302,851		1,495,605	
Expenses	(356,415)		(257,063)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,946,436		1,238,542	
Taxation	(50,914)			
Net revenue after taxation		1,895,522		1,238,542
Total return before distributions		5,917,203		(62,665)
Distributions		(1,895,199)		(1,237,703)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		4,022,004		(1,300,368)

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	£	30.11.23 £ 223,657,176	£	30.11.22 £ 161,580,145
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	44,294,023		41,301,174	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(23,486,988)		(10,921,696)	
		20,807,035		30,379,478
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		4,022,004		(1,300,368)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		1,540,073		991,938
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		250,026,288		191,651,193

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £
ASSETS	_	_	_	_
Fixed assets Investments		246,323,450		220,183,645
Current assets				
Debtors	2,411,271		591,143	
Cash and bank balances	4,636,478		3,840,225	
Total current assets		7,047,749		4,431,368
Total assets		253,371,199		224,615,013
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	(350,337)		(278,156)	
Other creditors	(2,994,574)		(679,681)	
Total creditors		(3,344,911)		(957,837)
Total liabilities		(3,344,911)		(957,837)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders		250,026,288		223,657,176

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.1589	_	0.1589	0.0402
		Group 2	_	0.1589	0.1589	0.0402
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7426	_	0.7426	0.7148
		Group 2	_	0.7426	0.7426	0.7148
В	First interim	Group 1	0.1904	_	0.1904	0.0686
		Group 2	0.0128	0.1776	0.1904	0.0686
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7588	_	0.7588	0.7406
		Group 2	_	0.7588	0.7588	0.7406

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.1620	_	0.1620	0.0409
		Group 2	_	0.1620	0.1620	0.0409
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7616	_	0.7616	0.7208
		Group 2	_	0.7616	0.7616	0.7208
В	First interim	Group 1	0.1963	_	0.1963	0.0696
		Group 2	0.0131	0.1832	0.1963	0.0696
	Second interim	Group 1	0.7796	_	0.7796	0.7496
		Group 2	_	0.7796	0.7796	0.7496

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### **Investment Objective**

The Sub-fund's principal objective is to provide capital growth and some income through an exposure to equities of up to 100% of the portfolio.

### **Investment Policy**

At least 80%, and potentially 100%, of the Sub-fund's investments will be indirect through other funds. The other funds may be actively managed or may be passively managed (that is funds which track or are closely linked to the performance of an index), although it is not expected that more than 20% will be invested in passive funds at any one time. It is the intention to invest at least 35% of the allocation into funds managed by the ACD or sponsored by Brewin Dolphin Limited. Through its investments in these funds or direct investment, the Sub-fund will be almost entirely exposed to equities (shares in companies), up to 100%, whilst any non-equity exposure will be through funds which seek exposure to cash, fixed income securities (bonds) and alternatives (such as real estate, commodities and infrastructure).

The Sub-fund may also invest directly (at the Investment Managers' discretion) in equities and equity like instruments (which may include shares in investment trusts and REITS), fixed income securities, money market instruments, depositary receipts and cash.

The fixed income securities and money market instruments to which the Sub-fund may seek exposure may be issued by companies, governments, government agencies and supranationals (such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development). They can be investment grade (meet a certain level of credit rating by a credit rating agency) or they may be unrated (and hence more likely to fail than investment grade bonds).

The primary focus of our research team is to identify a 'buy list' of thoroughly researched investments from which we select when building the funds. Investment research conducted by the team covers all major asset classes spanning all regions of the world as well as alternative investments. The investment companies from which we select funds is based on an initial quality screen, which considers factors such as the financial strength, organisational integrity and stability of the investment firm, in addition to manager access and the provision of full portfolio transparency on a timely basis.

Our investment approach is to utilise the expertise of the best Investment Managers at the lowest cost to manage the asset. To do this, we invest in other funds to gain access to the specified style or strategy.

The Sub-fund may invest in derivatives for the purposes of hedging with the aim of reducing the risk profile of the Sub-fund in accordance with the principles of Efficient Portfolio Management.

The Sub-fund is actively managed. The mix of investment types will be managed and regularly monitored by our investment team.

## **Investment Manager's Report**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### Introduction

This report covers the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds and their underlying Sub-funds for the period from 31 May 2023 to 30 November 2023.

#### **Market Review**

The six-month period to the end of November 2023 started off with strong gains for equities although this was tapered as stocks sold off in the third quarter. The initial rally was driven by the narrow leadership of the seven largest US tech-based companies (dubbed the 'Magnificent 7'), and include names such as Nvidia, Meta, Amazon and Apple. These stocks have performed strongly year-to-date helped by the Artificial Intelligence boom ('Al-boom').

Central banks continued to increase interest rates in response to rising inflation although they appeared to pause on their rate hiking campaign towards the end of the period which caused the bond market to respond positively.

Geopolitical tensions remain high between the US and China as President Biden signed an executive order to restrict US investment in certain Chinese technology sectors, such as semiconductors. The war in Europe continued with the Wagner rebellion revealing weakness in the Russian leadership. In addition to this, the Hamas-led attacks on 7 October resulted in Israel declaring war on the militant group and retaliation within the Gaza Strip.

### **Investment Manager's Report**

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#### **Performance Activity and Attribution**

The MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 100% Equity Fund gave a total return of 2.2% (B Accumulation, quoted valuation) over the period to the end of November 2023, underperforming the peer group index (IA Global) which returned 2.9%.

US equities were the largest positive contributor to returns led by the large-cap growth names in particular which benefited from the Al-boom tailwind. In the UK, the value orientated strategies outperformed to a lesser extent.

Within the Japanese equity allocation, Man GLG Japan Core Alpha was increased in light of the tweak in the yield curve policy announced by the Bank of Japan. This increase was funded from Baillie Gifford Japanese.

#### Outlook

Government bonds have surged recently which has occurred alongside an apparent pause in the central banks' rate hiking campaigns. With government bond performance generally moving in a very close inverse fashion with central bank rate expectations, the asset class appears attractively priced relative to recent history.

Yields on bonds are relatively high, which imply better risk adjusted returns in future years than that experienced in the past decade. The market is reflecting the possibility of interest rate cuts over the coming year, either to prevent a recession or at least reduce its seriousness. A lowering of interest rates would be supportive for the equity markets.

### **Portfolio Statement**

as at 30 November 2023

Holding	Security	Market value £	% of total net assets 2023
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES* 98.09% (98.12%)		
	Asia ex-Japan Equities 8.78% (8.92%)		
65,143	Fidelity Asia - W Accumulation	954,341	2.69
229,238	Invesco Asian (UK) - Z Income	1,068,639	3.01
113,682	Stewart Investors Asia Pacific Leaders Sustainability - B Accumulation GBP	1,090,486	3.08
		3,113,466	8.78
	Emerging Market Equities 1.82% (1.79%)		
405,742	Fidelity Emerging Markets - W Accumulation	643,506	1.82
	European Equities 8.11% (8.97%)		
24,020	Baillie Gifford European - B Income	462,388	1.30
381,460	BlackRock European Dynamic - FD Income	999,691	2.82
120,223	HSBC European Index - C Income	927,198	2.62
613,558	Schroder European Recovery - L Income GBP	487,533	1.37
		2,876,810	8.11
	Global Equities 2.00% (1.99%)		
123,890	Fundsmith Equity - I Income	708,987	2.00
	Global Fixed Interest 0.97% (1.02%)		
3,095	BlackRock ICS Sterling Liquidity - Premier Accumulation GBP	343,735	0.97
	Japan Equities 4.73% (4.71%)		
39,238	Baillie Gifford Japanese - W1 Income	569,341	1.61
395,745	Man GLG Japan Core Alpha - D Professional Income	1,107,296	3.12
		1,676,637	4.73
	UK Equities 27.08% (26.79%)		
3,986,944	MI Select Managers UK Equity - Institutional Income^	9,603,538	27.08
	US Equities 44.60% (43.93%)		40.00
1,578,247	Fidelity Index US - P Income	4,956,958	13.98
5,287,893	MI Select Managers North American Equity - Institutional Income^	10,246,455	28.90
2,143	Vanguard U.S. Equity Index - Institutional Plus GBP Income	611,425	1.72
		15,814,838	44.60
	Investment assets	34,781,517	98.09
	Net other assets	678,562	1.91
	Net assets	35,460,079	100.00

All investments are ordinary shares or stock units on a regulated securities market unless otherwise stated. The percentages in brackets show the equivalent % holdings as at 31.05.23.

At the period end the Sub-fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-funds within the MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds.

Total purchases for the period: £12,505,826
Total sales for the period: £6,255,106

<sup>\*</sup>Collective Investment Schemes permitted under COLL, not listed on any exchange.

<sup>^</sup>Represents investment into a related party of the Manager. Apex Fundrock Limited also acts as ACD for this fund.

#### **Net Asset Value and Shares in Issue**

Class	Net Asset Value	Shares in issue	Net Asset Value per share (p)	Operating Charges*
A Income	£1,432,430	1,473,190	97.23	0.80%
A Accumulation	£21,440,919	21,609,049	99.22	0.80%
B Income	£228,004	234,423	97.26	0.70%
B Accumulation	£12,358,726	12,430,397	99.42	0.70%

<sup>\*</sup>Operating charges include indirect costs incurred in the maintenance and running of the Sub-fund, as disclosed (but not limited to) the detailed expenses within the Statement of Total Return. Included within this figure are the charges of the underlying funds (synthetic ongoing charge). The figures used within this table have been calculated by annualising the expenses incurred against the average Net Asset Value for the accounting period.

The Investment Manager currently rebates the Sub-fund's operating charges, excluding the Investment Manager's fee and synthetic ongoing charges (0.43% of operating charges) in order for them not to exceed 0.12% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

### **Risk and Reward profile**

The risk and reward indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



The Sub-fund is ranked 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past. Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Sub-fund:

- Investing in other funds may expose investors to increased risk due to less strict regulations and the use of derivatives. These other funds can themselves invest into assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Sub-fund.
- Investing overseas can bring additional returns and spread risk to different markets. There are risks, however, that changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment to decrease or increase.
- For further risk information please see the Prospectus.

#### **Risk warning**

An investment in a non-UCITS Retail Scheme Open-Ended Investment Company should be regarded as a medium to long-term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the revenue from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

### **Statement of Total Return**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	30.11.23		30.11.22	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Net capital gains		658,648		193,760
Revenue	262,979		152,056	
Expenses	(49,994)	_	(27,949)	
Net revenue before taxation	212,985		124,107	
Taxation		_	_	
Net revenue after taxation		212,985		124,107
Total return before distributions		871,633		317,867
Distributions		(209,611)		(119,645)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		662,022		198,222

# **Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	30.11.22 £
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders	-	28,454,457	-	16,160,045
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	13,957,241		9,810,252	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(7,819,249)		(1,761,453)	
Dilution levy			1,134	
		6,137,992		8,049,933
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities (see Statement of				
Total Return above)		662,022		198,222
Retained distributions on accumulation shares		205,608		150,974
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		35,460,079		24,559,174

The opening net assets attributable to Shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to Shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 November 2023

	£	30.11.23 £	£	31.05.23 £
ASSETS	2	_	_	_
Fixed assets Investments		34,781,517		27,918,129
Current assets				
Debtors	180,883		1,834,125	
Cash and bank balances	711,310		479,237	
Total current assets	892,193			2,313,362
Total assets		35,673,710		30,231,491
LIABILITIES				
Creditors				
Distribution payable	(9,711)		(560)	
Other creditors	(203,920)		(1,776,474)	
Total creditors		(213,631)		(1,777,034)
Total liabilities		(213,631)		(1,777,034)
Net assets attributable to Shareholders		35,460,079		28,454,457

### **Distribution Tables**

for the period ended 30 November 2023

#### **Income Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Distribution paid/payable 2023	Distribution paid 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.0022	_	0.0022	0.0277
		Group 2	-	0.0022	0.0022	0.0277
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5681	_	0.5681	0.5734
		Group 2	-	0.5681	0.5681	0.5734
В	First interim	Group 1	0.0586	-	0.0586	0.0514
		Group 2	0.0488	0.0098	0.0586	0.0514
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5724	_	0.5724	0.6196
		Group 2	-	0.5724	0.5724	0.6196

#### **Accumulation Share Distributions**

Share class	Distribution	Shares	Net revenue	Equalisation	Amount reinvested 2023	Amount reinvested 2022
			р	р	р	р
A	First interim	Group 1	0.0155	_	0.0155	0.0281
		Group 2	_	0.0155	0.0155	0.0281
	Second interim	Group 1	0.5742	_	0.5742	0.5798
		Group 2	-	0.5742	0.5742	0.5798
В	First interim	Group 1	0.0285	_	0.0285	0.0512
		Group 2	0.0107	0.0178	0.0285	0.0512
	Second interim	Group 1	0.6015	_	0.6015	0.6070
		Group 2	-	0.6015	0.6015	0.6070

First interim period: 01.06.23 - 31.08.23 Second interim period: 01.09.23 - 30.11.23

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to a distribution period Group 2: Shares purchased during a distribution period

#### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging, it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for capital gains tax purposes.

### **MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds**

#### **General Information**

#### **Authorised Status**

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds (the 'Company') is structured as an Investment Company with Variable Capital ('ICVC'), under regulation 12 (Authorisation) of the OEIC Regulations (Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228)).

The Company does not intend to have an interest in immovable property.

The Company is authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') as a non-UCITS Retail Scheme under the COLL Sourcebook.

The Company was incorporated in England and Wales on 15 September 2020 under registration number IC032157. The Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company has 7 Sub-funds however only 6 Sub-funds have currently been launched. These are detailed below:

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 40% Equity Fund

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 60% Equity Fund

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 70% Equity Fund

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 80% Equity Fund

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 90% Equity Fund

MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 100% Equity Fund

#### **Head Office**

Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3BY

#### **Address for Service**

The Head Office is the address in the United Kingdom for service on the Company of notices or other documents required or authorised to be served on it.

#### **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Company is Pounds Sterling.

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum share capital of the Company is £1 and the maximum is £100,000,000,000. Shares in the Company have no par value. The share capital of the Company at all times equals the sum of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund.

#### **Classes of Shares**

The Sub-funds currently have the following classes of shares available for investment:

	Share Class			
Sub-fund	A Inc	A Acc	B Inc	B Acc
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 40% Equity Fund	~	~	~	~
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 60% Equity Fund	<b>✓</b>	~	~	~
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 70% Equity Fund	<b>✓</b>	~	~	~
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 80% Equity Fund	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	~	~
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 90% Equity Fund	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	~	~
MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Max 100% Equity Fund	~	~	~	~

The Company may issue both Income and Accumulation Shares.

Holders of Income shares are entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such shares in respect of each annual accounting period in the currency of the relevant share class.

Holders of Accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the revenue attributable to such shares, but that revenue is retained and accumulated for the benefit of Shareholders and is reflected in the price of shares.

### MI Brewin Dolphin Voyager Funds

#### **General information**

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#### **Valuation Point**

The scheme property of the Company and each Sub-fund will normally be valued at 12:00 on each dealing day for the purpose of calculating the price at which shares in the Company may be issued, sold, repurchased or redeemed.

For the purpose of the pricing of shares, a business day is defined as a day on which the dealing office of the ACD is open for the buying and selling of shares. The ACD may at any time during a business day carry out an additional valuation of the property of the Sub-fund if the ACD considers it desirable to do so, with the Depositary's approval.

#### **Buying, Redeeming and Switching of Shares**

The ACD will accept orders for the purchase, sale and switching of shares on normal business days between 08:30 and 16:30. Instructions to buy or sell shares may either be in writing to:

Hamilton Centre, Rodney Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3BY Or by telephone to: 0345 872 4982

The ACD has the right to establish facilities for recording telephone calls made or received on this telephone line.

A contract note giving details of the shares purchased will be issued no later than the next business day after the business day on which an application to purchase shares is received and instrumented by the ACD. Certificates will not be issued in respect of shares. Ownership of shares will be evidenced by an entry on the register of Shareholders.

#### **Pricing Basis**

There is a single price for buying, selling and switching shares in a Sub-fund which represents the Net Asset Value of the Sub-fund concerned. The share price is calculated on a forward pricing basis, that is at the next Valuation Point after the purchase or redemption is deemed to be accepted by the ACD.

The prices of shares are published daily on www.fundrock.com. Neither the ACD nor the Company can be held responsible for any errors in the publication of the prices. The shares in the Sub-fund will be issued and redeemed on a forward pricing basis which means that the price will not necessarily be the same as the published price.

#### **Other Information**

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the Company which is also the Head Office of the Company. Copies may be obtained free of charge upon application. They are also available from the website of the Company, the details of which are given in the directory of this report.

Shareholders who have complaints about the operation of the Company should in the first instance contact the ACD, or, following that, may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

#### **Significant Information**

The ACD has assessed implications of current world geopolitical tensions and conflicts. The current crises have and will have a wider impact in terms of market performance.

#### **Risk Warning**

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