# THE CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND GLOBAL EQUITY FUND ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024





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\*Collectively, these comprise the Manager's Report.

References to "CCLA" refer to the CCLA Group, comprising CCLA Investment Management Limited and CCLA Fund Managers Limited.

# Disability Discrimination Act 1995

Extracts from the Annual Report and Financial Statements are available in large print and audio formats.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Audited.



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE for the year ended 31 December 2024

On behalf of the Trustee, I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and Financial Statements of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund (the "Fund"), which includes a separate report from CCLA Investment Management Limited (the "Manager") as Manager of the Fund. The Manager is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

# Structure and management of the Fund

The Fund is an investment fund, administered as a common fund and is established under the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958, as amended by the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1995, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2006, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2010 (together the "Measure") and the Trustee Act 2000. The Fund was formed in September 2007. The Fund is not a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") as amended or changed from time to time.

CBF Funds Trustee Limited (the "Trustee") is the Trustee and Operator of the Fund. The Trustee is a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 (now Companies Act 2006). It is a registered charity (No. 1116932) and is incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee.

The Manager has been appointed by the Trustee pursuant to the investment management agreement dated September 2007 to provide discretionary investment management services as well as administrative and registration services under the investment management agreement.

Under the provisions of FSMA, the Trustee is not considered to be operating the Fund "by way of business". Consequently, it is not required to be authorised or regulated by the FCA and its members are not required to be approved by the FCA for this purpose.

As the Fund is structured as an unregulated fund, investments in the Fund are not covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

#### Charitable status

The Fund is entitled to charitable status by virtue of section 99(4) of the Charities Act 2011. In the administration of the Fund, the Trustee is exempt from the jurisdiction of the Charity Commission by virtue of section 5(1) of the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958.

# Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide income with longterm capital growth (defined as any rolling period of 5 years).

There is no guarantee that the objective of the Fund will be achieved over any time period. Capital is at risk.



#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

for the year ended 31 December 2024

# Investment policy

The Fund will invest at least 90% of its assets by value in shares of the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund. While it is envisaged that the Fund will normally be fully invested in the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund, the Fund may also hold up to 10% of its assets by value in cash.

The CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund is an actively managed, diversified portfolio of global equities managed by CCLA Investment Management Limited. The CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund principally invests in UK and overseas equities but may also invest in other assets.

# Comparator benchmark

The comparator benchmark for the Fund is the MSCI<sup>TM</sup> World Index. The comparator benchmark sets a standard against which the performance of the Fund can be assessed.

# Target investors

The Fund is intended for eligible charity investors, with at least a basic knowledge of relevant financial instruments, which are affiliated with the Church of England and seeking exposure to an actively managed fund that reflects the investment objective and investment policy of the Fund. Investors should be looking to invest for at least five years and understand that their capital may be at risk, have the ability to bear losses and appreciate that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise. Please note

that the Manager is not required to assess the suitability or appropriateness of the Fund against each investor. Investors may be either retail or professional clients (both per se and elective).

# Review of investment activities and policies of the Fund

The Trustee is ultimately responsible for the CBF Church of England Funds and receives reports on the published financial statements. The Trustee holds at least four meetings each year and monitors the investment, property and cash management, administration, registration and company secretarial services provided by the Manager under the investment management agreement. The Trustee has appointed an audit committee to review the financial statements of the Fund and to receive and consider regular reports from the Manager on the management and administration of the Fund. The Trustee has appointed the custodian to hold the securities of the Fund in specially designated accounts in safe custody.

# Delegation of functions

Following its regular meetings and consideration of the reports and papers it has received, the Trustee is satisfied that the Manager, to whom it has delegated the administration and management of the Fund, has complied with the terms of the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and with the investment management agreement.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

for the year ended 31 December 2024

# Controls and risk management

The Trustee receives and considers regular reports from the Manager. Ad hoc reports and information are supplied as required.

The Trustee has appointed HSBC Bank plc Trustee and Depositary Services to oversee the Manager in respect of its activities related to the management, oversight, supervision and administration of the Fund, including the custody and safekeeping of the property of the Fund. HSBC Bank plc Trustee and Depositary Services also provide semi-annual reviews to the Trustee. This oversight provides an additional layer of comfort for Shareholders/Depositors.

The Manager has established an internal control framework to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance on the effectiveness of the internal controls operated on behalf of its clients. The effectiveness of the internal controls is assessed by the directors and senior management of the Manager on a continuing basis.

At its periodic audit committee meetings, the Trustee receives a report from the Chief Risk Officer of the Manager which covers the following areas amongst others:

- breaches and complaints recorded on the Fund during the reporting period;
- compliance monitoring reviews relevant to the Fund during the reporting period;

- a summary of the internal audit reviews carried out during the reporting period and any significant findings;
- an enterprise risk report which outlines any operational risk events which impacted the Fund: and
- an investment risk report on the Fund with relevant metrics as at the last month end prior to the audit committee meeting.

The Manager is currently considering the launch of a Charity Authorised Investment Fund ("CAIF"), a new investment vehicle which has specifically been designed by the FCA for the charity sector, to which the assets and liabilities of this entity could be transferred. Any such change of structure would be subject to Trustee and investor approval. Should this be approved, on completion of the transfer, the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund would cease operations and be wound up, with the investors' existing holdings in the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund being replaced with their equivalent in the new CAIF fund. This change in structure will result in VAT savings on the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and increased regulatory protection for holders of the fund. For existing and future investors the investment experience and service they receive will be unchanged, and the transfer will be undertaken with the minimum of disruption.



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE for the year ended 31 December 2024

The going concern principle applies simply to the vehicle in which the investments are packaged and not to the continuance of the investment offering to investors.

The Archbishops' Council supported the draft legislation that went to Synod. The legislation has received Royal Assent, enabling the future conversion of the funds. Although the timetable is still to be determined following the completion of Trustee approvals, given the intention is to transition the CBF funds into new CAIF funds in 2026, the Trustee has concluded that the financial statements should be prepared on a basis other than going concern.

A Brookes, Chair CBF Funds Trustee Limited 21 May 2025



## REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT MANAGER

for the year ended 31 December 2024

# Strategy

Our starting point is to look for businesses that have a track record of strong returns on capital and the ability to sustain and improve those returns, building on clear competitive advantages. We build the portfolio on a 'bottomup' basis, i.e. by selecting individual companies rather than setting percentage allocations to industries or regions.

We favour companies with robust financial positions and growth prospects that are not simply dependent on cyclical growth in the broad economy. This approach has resulted in high weightings to companies in the technology and healthcare sectors and to non-bank financial businesses. By contrast, the Fund has low weightings to utilities companies, and no holdings of oil and gas producers.

#### Performance

Over the year under review, the Fund returned 8.82%, after expenses, delivering on its objective to provide both income and capital growth. This performance compares with a return of 20.80% for the comparator. We manage the fund actively, so it is common for performance to be higher or lower than the comparator over any given reporting period.

# Annualised total capital and income return

	1 year	3 years	5 years
To 31 December 2024	%	% p.a.	% p.a.
Performance against benchmark (after expenses)			
CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund			
Income Shares*	8.82	4.31	10.66
Accumulation Shares*	8.82	4.31	10.66
Comparator benchmark#	20.79	9.15	12.42
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	2.57	4.56	3.08

Comparator benchmark − From 01.01.16 MSCI & World. To 31.12.15 MSCI World (50% currency hedged) & to 31.12.11 FTSE All-Share Index.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Source: CCLA, Bloomberg & HSBC.

Mid to mid plus income re-invested.



# REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT MANAGER for the year ended 31 December 2024

The US stock market had an extraordinary year, returning over 27% in pounds sterling. Even more extraordinary was the concentration of those returns in a handful of technologyfocused businesses, the 'Magnificent 7' (Google's parent Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Facebook parent Meta Platforms, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla), and Nvidia specifically. Given our diversified approach to building portfolios, our underweight, relative to the comparator benchmark to businesses such as Nvidia and Apple was a headwind to relative performance.

In some other industries, market returns were also concentrated in a limited number of shares. This was the case with companies like Walmart and Costco in consumer goods, and with data centre exposed stocks in industrials.

Health care remained one of the portfolio's largest exposures in 2024, reflecting our belief in the long-term opportunities from ageing demographics and scientific innovations. But the sector lagged more exuberant parts of the market, and the Fund's holdings of life science businesses such as ThermoFisher and Danaher lagged within the sector. Other Fund holdings in healthcare performed well, including medical device companies Stryker and Essilor Luxottica.

Positions in financials told a similar story. The Fund's holdings in this sector delivered a respectable 15% return, led by Tradeweb (+47%) and Visa (+24%). But these returns were outpaced by a strong recovery in banking shares, especially in the US.

In software, the Fund's positions in Fortinet and ServiceNow performed well, but returns in other holdings, such as Roper, Adobe, Hexagon and Synopsys were muted. In our analysis, these attractively valued businesses continue to be well-placed to grow and compound earnings.

#### Market review

At the beginning of 2024, many investors considered that the high interest rates that central banks put in place to combat inflation might trigger recessions. In such a scenario, they feared, stock markets would struggle to advance in 2024.

From early 2024, it became clearer that major economies would probably avoid recessions and continue to grow. US gross domestic product (GDP) grew 2.8% last year. The eurozone and UK economies also avoided recessions, growing 0.7% and 0.9% in 2024, respectively.

Secondly, inflation continued to fall in most countries, particularly in the first half of 2024. As a result, investors grew confident that central banks would cut interest rates soon. And they were right. Starting in June, the European Central Bank cut its deposit rate by 1% in 2024. The Bank of England (BoE) cut its Official Bank Rate 0.50% between August and the end of the year. And in the US, the Fed cut its Federal Funds target rate 1.0% in 2024, starting in September.



# REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT MANAGER for the year ended 31 December 2024

Thirdly, company results continued to go from strength to strength in 2024, especially in the tech sector. For example: the third quarter of 2024, the last quarter for which we have full results, was the fifth consecutive quarter of year-on-year earnings growth for companies in the S&P500. The November election of Donald Trump helped corporate sentiment too, because his policies include corporate tax cuts and deregulation.

However: each of the above catalysts for higher share prices had a flip side. Investors' expectations of companies' earnings became so ambitious that, at times, shares prices fell when companies met their earnings targets or did not beat them convincingly enough. That was briefly the case with, for example, Nvidia and Meta, among other stocks.

High economic growth too had its flip side. Investors welcomed Donald Trump's probusiness agenda. But they did not lose sight of the fact that the Fed might stop cutting rates or even raise them, if Trump's policies put the US economy at risk of overheating.

And in the second half of 2024, inflation rebounded in many countries. UK consumer price (CPI) inflation, for example, fell to 1.7% in September, but rebounded to 2.6% in November, year on year. Above-target or volatile inflation made several central banks weary of cutting interest rates too fast. In December, the Fed forecast that it would cut rates by only

0.50% in 2025, instead of the 1.0% that investors were expecting. As a result, the S&P500 stock index fell 3% in two days, leading the index lower for the month.

Despite such temporary setbacks, however, stock markets had a record year. The MSCI World Index gained 20.79%, in pound sterling terms, and the S&P500 went up 25.02%, in US-dollar terms.

#### Outlook

The unpredictable nature of the Trump administration adds risk and uncertainty to financial markets. Since the end of 2024, it has become clear that President Trump intends to follow through with a broad-based trade war. As a result, the risks to the economic outlook have become more pronounced.

Tariffs are a headwind to growth and will promote inflation. Market expectations and price falls in US stocks are already beginning to reflect this. The unpredictable nature of Trump's policies and the uncertainty that this creates for business is likely to increase volatility in financial markets.

Previously, we also discussed the unusually concentrated nature of market returns, that this was the exception rather than the rule, and that concentrating portfolios in a small number of highly correlated shares could be risky. In 2025, market breadth has begun to widen, with price falls in the so-called 'Magnificent 7' shares leading the market lower.



# REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT MANAGER for the year ended 31 December 2024

Against this backdrop, we have reduced the fund's exposure to IT and semiconductors in 2025. For stock-specific reasons, we have also reduced the fund's exposure to US health care. In regional terms, the net effect has been to reduce exposure to US shares and increase exposure to Europe, where, at the stock level, we can find compelling opportunities.

The world ahead looks uncertain and tariffs loom over the global economy. As a result, focusing on high-quality businesses, whose growth doesn't solely rely on the economic cycle, is important. High-quality businesses typically have higher margins, so higher costs from tariffs will have less of an impact on their profits. Similarly, quality businesses convey pricing power and have a greater ability to pass on higher costs to customers. Lastly, focusing on structural growth rather than cyclical growth should stand the portfolio in good stead if the economic situation deteriorates further.

C Ryland Head of Investment CCLA Investment Management Limited 21 May 2025



#### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT MANAGER

for the year ended 31 December 2024

Top ten changes in portfolio composition

Cost		Proceeds
£'000		£'000
Purchases:	Sales:	
There were no net purchases during the year.	CCLA Better World Global Equity	
	Fund X Income	4,687

When a stock has both purchases and sales in the reporting period, these transactions have been netted and the net amount has been reflected as either a net purchase or net sale in the table above.

#### Risk warning

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The price of the Fund's Shares and any income distributions from them may fall as well as rise and an investor may not get back the amount originally invested.

The Fund's Shares are intended only for long-term investment and are not suitable for money liable to be spent in the near future. Shares are realisable on each dealing day only.

This Fund may invest in emerging market countries which could be subject to political and economic change.

Investments in the Fund are not covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.



# SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH to the Shareholders of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund

This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Sustainable investment labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. The Fund does not use a sustainable investment label because it does not have a sustainability goal. However, the Fund invests in the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund, which adheres to the CCLA Better World Policy. The CCLA Better World Policy is compliant with the faith consistent investment policy, developed by the Manager and implemented by other CBF Church of England Funds, to meet Shareholders' desire to invest in a way that reflects Christian and Anglican teachings and is grounded in the advice produced by the Church of England's Ethical Investment Advisory Group. Further information on the CCLA Better World Policy can be found at www.ccla.co.uk.

#### Climate-related financial disclosures

CCLA recognises that the investments within the Fund have an impact on the health of the climate. Equally, climate change could influence the performance of investments in the Fund because healthy markets need a healthy planet and healthy communities.

CCLA produces a TCFD Product Report for each fund it manages, which are consistent with the recommendations issued by the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). The TCFD Product Reports are designed to help you understand how the Fund is exposed to climate-related risks.

These reports are available on the relevant fund page at www.ccla.co.uk/investments.

The EIAG was established in 1994 and includes representation from The Church Commissioners, The CBF Church of England Funds, the Church of England Pensions Board and up to seven independent members who are appointed by a dedicated Nominations Committee. It is currently Chaired by Barbara Ridpath who took over from the Right Reverend David Walker, The Bishop of Manchester, on the 8 July 2020. More information about the EIAG is available at www.churchofengland.org/eiag.



to the Shareholders and the CBF Funds Trustee Ltd ('the Trustee') of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund

# Report on the audit of the financial statements Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund (the 'Fund'):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 ('the Measure') Scheme Information and the Trustee Act 2000.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders;
- the balance sheet:
- the distribution tables: and
- the related notes 1 to 15.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 ('the Measure') Scheme Information and the Trustee Act 2000.

# Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) 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 Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, 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.



to the Shareholders and the CBF Funds Trustee Ltd ('the Trustee') of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund

Emphasis of matter - Financial statements prepared other than on a going concern basis We draw attention to note 1a in the financial statements, which indicates that the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

# Responsibilities of trustees and Manager

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustee and Manager Responsibilities, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Manager determines 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 Manager is responsible for assessing the Fund'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 the Manager either intends to liquidate the fund 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 (UK) 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.



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A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/ auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Fund's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Fund's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management and Trustee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including those that are specific to the Fund's business sector.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Fund operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

• had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the relevant tax legislation; and

· do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Fund's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included The Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and Trustee Act 2000.

We discussed among the audit engagement team, including relevant internal specialists such as IT specialists, regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the valuation and existence of investments due to its significance to the net asset values of the sub-fund. In response we have agreed the investment holdings to independent confirmations; and agreed investment valuations to reliable independent sources.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.



to the Shareholders and the CBF Funds Trustee Ltd ('the Trustee') of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- · reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the FCA.

# Use of our report

This report is made solely to the shareholders of the Fund, as a body, in accordance with paragraph 14 of the Schedule to the Church Investment Funds Measure 1958. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the shareholders of the Fund 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 shareholders of the Fund, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor Glasgow, United Kingdom 21 May 2025



#### SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR

The UK PRIIPs Regulation requirements set out detailed guidelines for the calculation of the risk ratings of products to be portrayed through a summary risk indicator. It is intended to be a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because the Manager is not able to pay you. The risk of the product may be significantly higher than the one represented in the summary risk indicator where the product is not held for the Recommended Holding Period.



The Manager has classified The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level and poor market conditions could impact the Manager's capacity to pay you. This classification is not guaranteed and may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The summary risk indicator assumes investment in the Fund for the Recommended Holding Period of five years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.

Investors can request redemption at any time and the Fund deals on a daily basis. The Fund does not include any protection from future market performance, so you could lose some or all of your investment.

A more detailed description of risk factors that apply to this product is set out in the latest Scheme Information document available on CCLA's website or by request.



#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

# Change in net assets per Share

Change in het assets per share			
		Income Share	S
	Year to	Year to	Year to
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	pence	pence	pence
	per Share	per Share	per Share
Opening net asset value per Share	302.59	263.35	306.24
Return before operating charges*	28.57	48.48	(33.72)
Operating charges**	(1.98)	(1.75)	(1.68)
Return after operating charges*	26.59	46.73	(35.40)
Distributions on Income Shares	(7.64)	(7.49)	(7.49)
Closing net asset value per Share	321.54	302.59	263.35
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	_	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	8.79%	17.74%	(11.56%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£,'000)	244,035	229,079	198,184
Closing number of Shares	75,895,122	75,705,475	75,255,442
Operating charges**	0.65%***	0.65%***	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
Prices (pence per Share)			
Highest Share price (offer)	331.39	303.68	305.34
Lowest Share price (bid)	293.95	264.72	248.92
Lowest Share price (blu)	473.73	407.74	470.74

The return after charges has been calculated in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds' (SORP) prescribed calculation methodology. This is for financial statement reporting purposes only and may differ from the Fund's performance disclosed in the Report of the Investment Manager.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating charges comprise the Manager's annual management charge and other expenses, including VAT, but before taking account of rebates, as these only offset charges incurred within the underlying funds. From 8 April 2022 the operating charges % is calculated on a synthetic basis which takes into account the Fund's own expenses and the expenses in the Fund's only holding, the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund. For the year ended 31 December 2024, this % reflects these charges annualised and divided by the average net assets for the year.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Operating charges includes VAT reclaims received during the year. Operating charges as at 31 December 2024, 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 include synthetic costs of 0.03%, 0.03% and 0.03% respectively. Synthetic costs were not included in previous periods.



#### **COMPARATIVE TABLE**

# Change in net assets per Share

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	A	accumulation Sha	ares
	Year to	Year to	Year to
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	pence	pence	pence
	per Share	per Share	per Share
Opening net asset value per Share	580.87	492.38	556.80
Return before operating charges*	55.06	91.79	(61.32)
Operating charges**	(3.83)	(3.30)	(3.10)
Return after operating charges*	51.23	88.49	(64.42)
Distributions on Accumulation Shares	(6.61)	(5.84)	(5.71)
Retained distributions on Accumulation Shares	6.61	5.84	5.71
Closing net asset value per Share	632.10	580.87	492.38
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	_	0.10
Performance			
Return after charges	8.82%	17.97%	(11.57%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,803	11,507	9,637
Closing number of Shares	1,867,206	1,981,016	1,957,219
Operating charges**	0.65%***	0.65%***	0.65%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
Prices (pence per Share)			
Highest Share price (offer)	647.63	580.89	555.16
Lowest Share price (bid)	564.27	494.95	455.50
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<sup>\*\*</sup> Operating charges comprise the Manager's annual management charge and other expenses, including VAT, but before taking account of rebates, as these only offset charges incurred within the underlying funds. From 8 April 2022 the operating charges % is calculated on a synthetic basis which takes into account the Fund's own expenses and the expenses in the Fund's only holding, the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund. For the year ended 31 December 2024, this % reflects these charges annualised and divided by the average net assets for the year.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Operating charges includes VAT reclaims received during the year. Operating charges as at 31 December 2024, 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 include synthetic costs of 0.03%, 0.03% and 0.03% respectively. Synthetic costs were not included in previous periods.



# **OPERATING CHARGES ANALYSIS**

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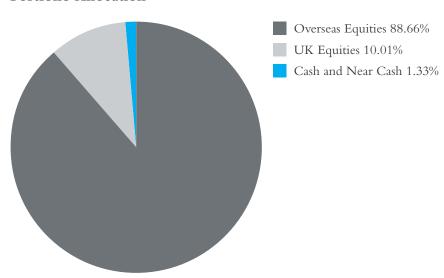
The table below analyses expenses in note 4 to the financial statements. These expenses also represent the total operating charges, which are shown below as a percentage of average net assets of the Fund.

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	
	%	%	
Manager's annual management charge including VAT	0.60	0.60	
Safe custody fees and monitoring fee	0.01	0.01	
Other expenses	0.01	0.01	
Total operating charges	0.62	0.62	



# PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS at 31 December 2024

#### Portfolio Allocation



# Breakdown of Overseas Equities by Geography

	88.66%
Other Countries	1.36%
Japan	0.86%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	4.55%
Europe	19.27%
North America	62.62%

# Breakdown of Equities by Sector

Information Technology	26.82%
Financials	20.53%
Health Care	16.13%
Industrials	13.62%
Consumer Discretionary	10.68%
Consumer Staples	5.23%
Communication Services	3.79%
Real Estate	1.00%
Utilities	0.87%
	98.67%

The portfolio analyses above differs from the following portfolio statement because prices used here are mid-market rather than bid; and allocations are adjusted on a 'look through' basis in respect of cross holding in CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund (i.e. the fund is shown in a single category in the portfolio statement, but are analysed by their underlying holdings on this page).



# PORTFOLIO STATEMENT at 31 December 2024

	Holding	Fair value £'000	% of total net assets
MULTI GEOGRAPHY 100.34%			
(31.12.2023 – 100.34%) CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund X Income*	143,924,255	256,547	100.28
INVESTMENT ASSETS		256,547	100.28
NET OTHER LIABILITIES		(709)	(0.28)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		255,838	100.00

CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund is managed by the Manager and represents a related party transaction. Refer to page 21 for geographical allocation of the underlying portfolio.



# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Year ended 31.12.2024		Year ended 31.12.2023	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains	2		19,833		35,857
Revenue	3	2,736		2,404	
Expenses	4	(1,565)		(1,371)	
Interest payable and similar charges		_		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation		1,171		1,032	
Taxation	5	16		79	
Net revenue after taxation			1,187		1,111
Total return before distributions			21,020		36,968
Distributions	6		(5,912)		(5,721)
Change in net assets attributable to					
Shareholders from investment activities			15,108		31,247

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Year ended 31.12.2024			ended 2.2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders		240,586		207,821
Amounts receivable on issue of Shares	14,714		5,107	
Amounts payable on cancellation of Shares	(14,698)		(3,704)	
		16		1,403
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		15,108		31,247
Retained distributions on Accumulation Shares		128		115
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		255,838		240,586

The notes on pages 25 to 38 and the distribution tables on page 39 form part of these financial statements.



# **BALANCE SHEET** at 31 December 2024

		31.12	2.2024	31.1	2.2023
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ASSETS					
Fixed assets:					
Investments			256,547		241,402
Current assets:					
Debtors	7	805		560	
Cash and bank balances	8	91		227	
Total current assets			896		787
Total assets			257,443		242,189
LIABILITIES					
Creditors:					
Other creditors	9	156		157	
Distribution payable on Income Shares		1,449		1,446	
Total liabilities			1,605		1,603
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			255,838		240,586

The financial statements on pages 23 to 39 have been approved by the Trustee.

Approved on behalf of the Trustee 21 May 2025

A Brookes, Chair CBF Funds Trustee Limited

The notes on pages 25 to 38 and the distribution tables on page 39 form part of these financial statements.



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# 1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern, as a result of the intention to transition the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund into new Charity Authorised Investment Fund ("CAIF") in 2026. This basis includes, where applicable, writing the Fund's assets down to net realisable value. As of the reporting date, no assets have been written down, and they continue to be reflected at their fair value. No provision has been made for the future cost of terminating the Fund unless such costs were committed at the reporting date. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these financial statements and applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, the Scheme Information, The Church Funds Investment Measures Act 1958 and the Trustee Act 2000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and investment liabilities.

The Fund is exempt from preparing a statement of cash flows under FRS 102 and The Church Funds Investment Measure Act 1958 substantially all of the Fund's investments are highly liquid, substantially all of the Fund's investments are carried at market value and the Fund provides a statement of change in net assets.

The Manager is currently considering the launch of a Charity Authorised Investment Fund ("CAIF"), a new investment vehicle which has specifically been designed by the FCA for the charity sector, to which the assets and liabilities of this entity could be transferred. Any such change of structure would be subject to Trustee and investor approval. Should this be approved, on completion of the transfer, the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund would cease operations and be wound up, with the investors' existing holdings in the CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund being replaced with their equivalent in the new CAIF fund. This change in structure will result in VAT savings on the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and increased regulatory protection for holders of the fund.



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# Accounting policies (continued)

# (a) Basis of preparation (continued)

The going concern principle applies simply to the vehicle in which the investments are packaged and not to the continuance of the investment offering to investors.

The Archbishops' Council supported the draft legislation that went to Synod. The legislation has received Royal Assent, enabling the future conversion of the funds. Although the timetable is still to be determined following the completion of Trustee approvals, given the intention is to transition the CBF funds into new CAIF funds in 2026, the Trustee has concluded that the financial statements should be prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern.

# (b) Revenue recognition

Dividends on investments are accrued to revenue on the dates when the investments are first quoted ex-dividend or otherwise, on receipt of cash. Interest on bank deposits are accrued on a daily basis and interest on deposits in The Public Sector Deposit Fund are credited to revenue on an accrual basis.

Revenue is stated net of irrecoverable tax credits. In the case where revenue is received after the deduction of withholding tax, the revenue is shown gross of taxation and the tax consequences are shown within the tax charge. Overseas tax recovered is recorded in the period it is received.

#### (c) Expenses

During the year, the annual management charge (AMC), paid to the Manager, was taken to the capital of the Fund. The AMC is based on a fixed percentage of the value of the Fund and was 0.75% per annum plus VAT up to 7 April 2022. From 8 April 2022 the AMC is 0.60% per annum and no VAT.

On a daily basis, the value of the Fund at the end of the previous day is taken to calculate the AMC due. The Manager charges an AMC for the provision of managing investments. From 1 October 2019, the Manager ceased charging the fee for ethical and stewardship services.

The depositary fee, audit fee, legal fees, safe custody fees and transaction charges, insurance fees and other fees are charged separately to the revenue of the Fund before distribution.



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# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

# (d) Distributions

Distributions are paid quarterly and can also be supported by the Fund's capital.

A reconciliation of the net distribution to the net income of the Fund as reported in the statement of total return is shown in note 6.

The Fund can utilise an income reserve to even out the fluctuations in revenue which arise over the years. Movements in the income reserve are therefore adjustments made to net revenue in determining the distributions. The income reserve was £nil as at 31 December 2024. There was no change in the income reserve balance during the current and prior reporting period.

#### (e) Basis of valuation

Quoted investments are valued at bid-market values as at close of business on the last business day of the accounting period.

# (f) Cash equivalents

The Manager has treated some assets as Cash equivalents for the purposes of the Balance Sheet disclosure. Investments are regarded as Cash equivalents if they meet all of the following criteria:

- highly liquid investments held in sterling that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash;
- · are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value; and
- provide a return no greater than the rate of a three month high quality government bond.

#### 2. Net capital gains

	Year ended	Year ended	
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	
	£'000	£'000	
The net capital gains during the year comprise:			
Realised gains on non-derivative securities*	2,150	3	
Unrealised gains on non-derivative securities*	17,683	35,854	
Total net capital gains	19,833	35,857	

<sup>\*</sup> Where net realised gains include gains/(losses) arising in previous reporting periods, a corresponding (loss)/gain is included in unrealised gains/(losses).



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#### 3. Revenue

Revenue	Year ended 31.12.2024 £'000	Year ended 31.12.2023 £'000
Overseas dividends	(1)	9
UK dividends	2,726	2,386
Bank interest	11	9
Total revenue	2,736	2,404
Expenses		
	Year ended 31.12.2024 £'000	Year ended 31.12.2023 £'000
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Manager's annual management charge – see note 1(c)	1,506	1,320
	1,506	1,320
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:		
Monitoring fee	19	17
Safe custody fees	5	_
	24	17
Other expenses:		
Audit fee	11	10
Insurance fee	4	3
Other fees	20	21
	35	34
Total expenses	1,565	1,371

Audit fee net of VAT is £9,100 (31.12.2023, £8,750).

The above expenses include VAT where applicable.



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#### 5. Taxation

The Fund has charitable status and is exempt from UK Income and Capital Gains Tax pursuant to Part 11 Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. Distributions are paid and reinvested revenue credited gross to Shareholders on the basis that all recoverable UK taxation has been reclaimed. Overseas withholding tax is deducted in full from overseas revenue. Recoverable withholding tax is credited to revenue, on receipt.

	Year ended	Year ended
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	£'000	£'000
Overseas taxation relief in the year	(14)	1
Overseas recoverable withholding tax windfall in the year	(2)	(80)
Total taxation	(16)	(79)

#### Distributions

Distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of Shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of Shares, and comprise:

Year ended	Year ended	
31.12.2024	31.12.2023	
£'000	£'000	
1,481	1,396	
1,500	1,416	
1,453	1,437	
1,478	1,472	
5,912	5,721	
5,912	5,721	
	31.12.2024 £'000 1,481 1,500 1,453 1,478 5,912	



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# Distributions (continued)

	Year ended	Year ended
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	£'000	£'000
Net revenue after taxation for the year	1,187	1,111
Distributions from capital	3,215	3,290
Expenses charged to capital	4	_
Manager's periodic charge – see note 1(c)	1,506	1,320
Net distribution for the year	5,912	5,721

Details of the distribution per Share are set out in the distribution tables on page 39.

The Manager's annual management charge is charged to capital, so this amount is added back in the table above to the net distribution for the year and deducted from capital.

There were unclaimed distributions as at 31 December 2024 of £,nil (31.12.2023, £,978).

#### **Debtors** 7.

		31.12.2024 £'000	31.12.2023 £'000
	Accrued revenue	652	540
	Amounts receivable on creation of Shares	153	1
	Sales awaiting settlement	_	19
	Total debtors	805	560
8.	Cash equivalents, cash and bank balances	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
		£'000	£'000
	Cash and bank balances – cash at bank	91	227
9.	Other creditors		
		31.12.2024	31.12.2023
		£'000	£'000
	Amounts payable on cancellation of Shares	_	20
	Accrued expenses	156	137
	Total other creditors	156	157



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#### 10. Financial instruments

Fair value

Securities held by the Fund are valued at bid-market value (see note 1(e)). Bid-market value is considered to be a fair representation of the amount repayable to Shareholders should they wish to sell their Shares. Other financial assets and liabilities of the Fund are included in the balance sheet at their fair value.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments and the Manager's policies for managing these risks are summarised below. These policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the comparative year.

# Market price risk

The underlying fund, CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund, is an actively managed Fund which invests mainly in UK and overseas equities. Investors are thus exposed to market price risk, which can be defined as the uncertainty about future price movements of the financial instruments the Fund is invested in. Market price risk arises mainly from economic factors, including investor confidence and is not limited to interest rate and currency movements. This exposure to market price risk may result in substantial fluctuations in the Share price from time to time, although there will generally be a positive correlation in the movement of the Share price to the markets the Fund is invested in. The Fund seeks to minimise the risks by holding a diversified portfolio of investments in line with the Fund's investment objectives. Risk is monitored at both the asset allocation and stock selection levels by Directors of the Manager on a regular basis and also by the Board.

At 31 December 2024, if the price of the investments held by the Fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to Shareholders, and profit or loss, would increase or decrease respectively by approximately £,12,827,000 (31.12.2023, £, 12,070,000).

## Credit risk

The Fund has an indirect credit risk exposure through its investment in The Better World Global Equity Fund. The underlying Fund's transactions in securities expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment for a purchase or the cash for a sale. To minimise this, the Fund only deals with an approved list of brokers maintained by the Manager.



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# 10. Financial instruments (continued)

# Liquidity risk

Financial instruments held by the underlying Fund, excluding short-term debtors and creditors, are made up of UK and overseas equities, sterling and overseas cash deposits. These assets are generally liquid and enable the Fund to meet the payment of any redemption of Shares that Shareholders may wish to make.

# Currency risk

The underlying Fund is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies as some of its assets and revenue are denominated in currencies other than sterling, the base currency of the Fund. The Fund may enter into forward currency contracts to protect the sterling value of the underlying portfolio of securities against the effect of possible adverse movements in foreign exchange rates on investments and revenue accrued, but not yet received. In respect of revenue, receipts are converted to sterling shortly after receipt.

The underlying Fund does not seek to avoid currency risk on revenue accrued, but not yet received. In respect of revenue, receipts are converted to sterling shortly after receipt.

At 31 December 2024, if the value of sterling increased or decreased by 1% against all currencies, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to Shareholders, and profit or loss, would decrease or increase respectively by approximately £,nil (31.12.2023, increase or decrease respectively by £,nil).

#### Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equities which neither receive interest nor have maturity dates. The Fund also invests in cash deposits, the revenue of which may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to cash deposits or as a result of the Manager being unable to secure similar returns following the withdrawal of the cash deposits.

A sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk is not shown as the impact is unlikely to be significant.



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# 10. Financial instruments (continued)

*Interest rate risk (continued)* 

The total exposure at 31 December 2024 was:

			Financial assets	
	Floating rate	Fixed rate	not carrying	
	financial assets*	financial assets	interest	Total
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sterling	91	_	257,352	257,443
Total	91	_	257,352	257,443
			Financial	
	Floating rate	Fixed rate	liabilities	
	financial	financial	not carrying	
	liabilities	liabilities	interest	Total
Currency	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sterling	_	_	1,605	1,605
Total	_	_	1,605	1,605

The total exposure at 31 December 2023 was:

Currency	Floating rate financial assets* £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Sterling	227	_	241,962	242,189
Total	227	_	241,962	242,189
Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities	Fixed rate financial liabilities	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Sterling	_	_	1,603	1,603
Total	_	_	1,603	1,603

The floating rate financial assets of the Fund earn interest at rates based on either SONIA or base rate.

All financial liabilities are due to be settled within one year or on demand.



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# 11. Commitments and contingent liabilities

There were no commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2024 (31.12.2023, £,nil).

# 12. Related party transactions

The Manager's annual management charge is paid to the Manager, a related party to the Fund. The amounts incurred in respect of this inclusive of annual management charge rebates are disclosed in note 4. Please see note 1(c) for further information. An amount of £135,311 was due to the Manager at 31 December 2024 (31.12.2023, £120,337).

There were no other transactions entered into with the Manager during the year (31.12.2023, £,nil).

CBFFT, as Trustee, is a related party to the Fund. There were no outstanding balances due to CBFFT at 31 December 2024 (31.12.2023, £,nil). There were no other transactions entered into with CBFFT during the year (31.12.2023, £,nil).

At 31 December 2024, the Fund held 81.57% (31.12.2023, 89.20%) of the value of the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund.

At 31 December 2024, CBF Church of England Investment Fund held 49.75% (31.12.2023, 49.75%) of the value of the Fund.

There is no individual investor holding more than 20% of the Fund.



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# 13. Portfolio transaction costs

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Value Co	ommissions	Taxes			Total
	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000
Analysis of total purchases costs						
Fund transactions	11,325	_	_	_	_	11,325
Total	11,325	_		_		11,325
	Value Co	ommissions		Taxes		Total
	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000
Analysis of total sales costs						
Fund transactions	16,012	_	_	_	_	16,012
Total	16,012	_		_		16,012

Commissions and taxes as a percentage of average net assets

Commissions 0.00% Taxes 0.00%

The average portfolio dealing spread, including the effect of foreign exchange, as at 31 December 2024 was 0.00%.



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# 13. Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Value	Commissions	Taxes		Taxes Total		Total
	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	
Analysis of total							
purchases costs							
Fund transactions	4,760	_	_	_	_	4,760	
Total	4,760	_		_		4,760	
	Value	Commissions		Taxes		Total	
	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	
Analysis of total							
sales costs							
Fund transactions	7,980	_	_	_	_	7,980	
Total	7,980	_		_		7,980	

Commissions and taxes as a percentage of average net assets

Commissions 0.00% Taxes 0.00%

The average portfolio dealing spread, including the effect of foreign exchange, as at 31 December 2023 was 0.00%.

For the current year and the comparative year, in the case of equities, commissions and taxes are paid by the Fund on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Unlike equities, the majority of other types of investments (such as bonds, funds, money market instruments, derivatives) have no separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.



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#### 14. Shareholders' funds – reconciliation of Shares

	Yea	r ended	
	31.12.2024		
	Income	Accumulation	
	Shares	Shares	
Opening number of Shares at beginning of year	75,705,475	1,981,016	
Shares issued in year	4,432,362	96,615	
Shares cancelled in year	(4,242,715)	(210,425)	
Closing number of Shares at end of year	75,895,122	1,867,206	

All Shares carry the same rights.

#### 15. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

In respect of financial assets and liabilities other than investments, there is no material difference between their value, as shown on the balance sheet, and their fair value.

Investments are held at fair value. An analysis of the valuation technique used to derive fair value of the investments is shown below:

The fair value of investments has been determined using the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included above that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

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Category	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investment assets	_	256,547	_	256,547
	_	256,547	_	256,547



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# 15. Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Category	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Level 3 £'000	Total £'000
Investment assets	_	241,402	_	241,402
	_	241,402	_	241,402

For financial instruments which have quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets, or for which there are prices of recent transactions for identical instruments, those prices are taken to be fair value.

For financial instruments for which the Manager uses valuation techniques using observable market data, the inputs include: prices of recent transactions for identical instruments in inactive markets; broker quotes; evaluated pricing data from data providers; or prices quoted for closely similar (but not identical) instruments.

For derivatives, fair value is the price that would be required to close out the contract at the balance sheet date.

With affect from 8 April 2022 the Fund no longer holds individual securities directly. The Fund holds Shares in the CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund which is considered to be a level 2 investment.



# **DISTRIBUTION TABLES**

for the year ended 31 December 2024

			Dividends payable/paid		
Period ended	* '	Date payable/paid		pence per Share	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Income Shares					
31 March	31 May	31 May	1.91	1.84	
30 June	30 August	31 August	1.91	1.84	
30 September	29 November	30 November	1.91	1.90	
31 December	28 February	29 February	1.91	1.91	
			7.64	7.49	
Period ended			Revenue accumulated pence per Share		
			2024	2023	
Accumulation Shares					
31 March			1.22	1.18	
30 June			2.55	2.24	
30 September			1.29	1.11	
31 December			1.55	1.31	
			6.61	5.84	

The distributions for Income Shares were paid in the same year, apart from the distribution declared on 31 December which is payable on the 28 February in the subsequent year.



#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE AND MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee shall comply with the duty of care when exercising their powers and discharging their duties under the Scheme of the Charity Commission made under the Charities Act 1993 (amended Charities Act 2011), dated 14 May 2008, for the Fund to:

- make and revise the written statement of the investment objectives of the Fund and details of such investment objectives will be included in the Scheme Information:
- · determine the criteria and methods for evaluating the performance of the Fund;
- appoint the Auditor of the Fund and agree their terms of engagement;
- determine the rate of remuneration of the Trustee and the Manager in accordance with the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and the Scheme Information;
- exercise supervision and oversight of the Manager's compliance with the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and the Scheme Information. In particular, the Trustee shall be satisfied on a continuing basis that the Manager is competently exercising the powers and discharging the duties conferred or imposed on it by or pursuant to the provisions of the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and ensure the Manager is maintaining adequate and proper records;

- review the appointment, supervision and oversight of any Registrar or other delegate whom it has appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme Information;
- review the custody and control of the property of the Fund and the collection of all revenue due to the Fund in accordance with the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958:
- make distributions to investors holding Income Shares and make allocations to investors holding Accumulation Shares in proportion to their respective share in the property of the Fund; and
- · take all steps and execute all documents which are necessary to ensure that the purchases and sales of investments for the Fund are properly completed.



#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE AND MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

# Preparation of financial statements

The Trustee of the Fund is required, by The Church Funds Investment Measure 1958, to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund at each interim and year end valuation date. The net revenue for the year, together with a report on the operation of the Fund, is also required.

The financial statements show the net asset value of the Shares in the Fund as at the date to which the financial statements are prepared, the amount of revenue per Share and the amount of revenue, if any, to be transferred to capital pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Schedule to the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustee:

- selects suitable accounting policies that are appropriate for the Fund and applies them on a consistent basis:
- complies with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds (SORP) issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017);
- follows generally accepted accounting principles and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards;

- keeps proper accounting records which enables them to demonstrate that the financial statements, as prepared, comply with the above requirements;
- makes judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and
- prepares the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume this.

The Trustee is also required to manage the Fund in accordance with the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and has delegated to the Manager the day-to-day management, accounting and administration of the Fund, as permitted by the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958.

# Manager responsibilities

The Manager is required to carry out these duties in accordance with the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958 and take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



# **CBF** Funds Trustee Limited (Charity Registration No. 1116932)

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#### Trustee Directors

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