THE CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND GLOBAL EQUITY FUND INTERIM REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Half year ended 30 June 2024



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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 Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements are available in large print and audio formats.

On behalf of the Trustee, I have pleasure in presenting the Interim Report and Unaudited 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 long-term 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.

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 MSCITM 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.

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.

Possible future developments

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 investor consultation and Trustee 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 is expected to result in savings on at least VAT to the end investor and increased regulatory protection for holders of the fund.

The Archbishops' Council supported the draft legislation that went to Synod, enabling the future conversion of the funds; however, the timetable is still to be determined following the completion of Trustee approvals.

Because the final decision on this transfer is still in progress, it is not possible to say with certainty that The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund will be operational in the foreseeable future, albeit it that in that event, it will be replaced by the new CAIF ensuring continuity for investors. We, therefore, have to consider that it is possible that the fund in its current form is not a going concern over the longer term. To be viewed as a going concern, the Trustees must have reasonable certainty that the fund will be continuing to operate for the foreseeable future (considered to be a period of at least 12 months from the end of the reporting period). In the event that the decision is taken not to make the changes the fund is expected to continue to operate as it does now, and hence continue as a going concern.

Going Concern

Notwithstanding the material uncertainty explained above, the Trustee, having made appropriate enquiries and considered the ability of the Fund to meet its ongoing liabilities, has concluded that it remains appropriate to continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. In reaching this conclusion, the Trustee has considered that the proposal is contingent on investor consultation and Trustee approval and that the Fund remains a going concern in all other regards.

A Brookes, Chair CBF Funds Trustee Limited 16 September 2024

Strategy

We believe investing in high-quality companies that can grow returns consistently at valuations that are attractive, should lead to outperformance over the long term. We look for companies which in our opinion:

- demonstrate an enduring competitive advantage, measured by their cash flow return on investment and a strong track record of shareholder value creation
- benefit from clear long-term growth trends
- benefit from superior financial strength, with a strong balance sheet
- are trading at valuations that are attractive.

There were no significant structural changes to the portfolio during the period under review. Most activity was driven by valuations and in particular trimming exposure to companies that had reached our valuation targets and reinvesting in those where we saw greater return potential.

Performance

Over the period the fund achieved a total return after expenses of 7.1% while the return on the MSCI World index comparator was 12.7%.

The portfolio is actively managed and it is common for performance to be either above or below that of the comparator benchmark over any given reporting period.

Annualised total capital and income return

To 30 June 2024	6 months %	1 year %	5 years % p.a.	10 years % p.a.
Performance against benchmark (after expenses)				
The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund				
Income Shares*	7.05	16.65	11.33	11.32
Accumulation Shares*	7.04	16.65	11.33	11.31
Comparator benchmark [#]	12.69	20.88	11.93	12.18
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	1.44	1.98	4.44	2.96

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.

* Mid to mid plus income re-invested.

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Source: CCLA, Bloomberg and HSBC.

Continuing the pattern observed since the spring of 2023, returns from the global equity market as a whole were dominated by exceptional gains for a handful of giant technology stocks which make up a high proportion of the market's overall value. The Fund's equity portfolio is well diversified across many companies and we avoid over-reliance on any individual holding, however favourably we regard its prospects. Hence, although some of these technology stocks were held in the portfolio and contributed well to total returns, over the period under review the Fund did not fully participate in the gains seen at the market level.

Market review

Equities made good progress over the period as a whole, with total returns of 12.7% (as measured by the MSCI World Index) for the first six months of 2024. As is normal for the stock market these gains did not come at an even pace. Shifts in sentiment were most often driven by changing investor expectations for monetary policy and specifically for the timing and pace of central banks' reductions in policy interest rates. These rates had climbed steeply between late 2021 and the summer of 2023 as central banks such as the US's Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank all sought to bring surging inflation under control. By the beginning of 2024 there was a broad consensus that rates had reached a peak for the current cycle and markets were anticipating successive reductions over the course of the coming year.

Equity markets generally benefit when borrowing costs are lower because they help to support consumer spending and business investment, making it easier for companies to generate earnings. Meanwhile as cash and other 'low risk' assets offer diminishing yields, investing in riskier assets such as company shares can become more attractive to investors.

Consumer price inflation continued to fall in most major economies during the period under review, encouraging the belief that interest rates would soon begin to fall. However emerging data indicating continued resilience in the US economy and the jobs market in particular, as well as a slowdown in the rate at which inflation was falling, regularly gave investors pause for thought. Around halfway through the period, for example, comments from key officials at the US central bank (the Fed) gave further weight to the view that borrowing costs would remain 'higher for longer', with rate cuts coming later and more gradually than previously anticipated, and equity market progress slowed markedly.

The market's less optimistic view of the outlook for interest rates was countered by positive news on corporate earnings. Information technology and communications services, the industry sectors which heavily dominated returns in 2023, were once again the strongest performers in the global equity index over the first half of 2024. Nevertheless other sectors also made significant contributions, resulting in a broader base of returns than was the case last year. Some cyclical sectors, those whose fortunes tend

to follow the economic cycle, fared well as confidence grew that growth in the US was on a firm footing and a recession would be avoided. Financial stocks, industrials and traditional energy, as well as the more defensive healthcare sector, were all comfortably in positive territory over the period.

Outlook

Having made a strong start to 2024, equities had a more muted period in the second calendar quarter, however most major economies – notably the US – have demonstrated in recent months that activity can expand despite the pressures of higher prices and higher interest rates. Leading indicators are pointing in the direction of further, if still modest, growth over the remainder of 2024.

Accelerating economic growth should bode well for corporate earnings and hence for equity returns over the medium term. Markets will continue to be alert, though, to emerging macroeconomic data and commentary from central banks, responding to reflect any implications that new information may have for the path of monetary policy.

We have also been reminded recently that political developments at both the national and international levels, especially when they arise without warning, have the potential to destabilise markets at least in the short term. Volatility is therefore likely to remain a feature of equity markets but need not undermine positive outcomes in the medium term. In other asset classes, the progress of bond markets is closely linked to interest rate changes and so policy makers' actions and commentary will continue to be the main driver of returns.

C Ryland Head of Investment CCLA Investment Management Limited 16 September 2024

Top changes in portfolio composition		
Cost £'000		Proceeds £'000
Purchases:	Sales:	
There were no net purchases during the period.	CCLA Better World	
	Global Equity Fund X Income	2,306

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

Faith-consistent investment

The Fund is managed in line with a faithconsistent investment policy. This policy has been developed by the Manager, 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. Responsibility for accepting the Manager's policies rests with the Trustees. The Trustee is represented on the EIAG by C Chan, a director of the Trustee.

Sustainability Approach

The Fund is managed in line with CCLA's, 'Act, Assess, Align' approach to sustainability. This includes:

- Acting as an agent for 'change', because investment markets can only ever be as healthy as the environment and communities that support them.
- Assessing the environmental, social, and governance standards of listed equity assets with the aim of avoiding investment in companies that are deemed by CCLA as having an unacceptable social or environmental impact and supporting the financial returns of the Fund.
- Investing in a way that we believe is aligned with the values of our clients.

Further details can be found on the Manager's website https://www.ccla.co.uk/sustainability/ corporate-governance/approach-esg.

The Manager is a signatory to both the UK Stewardship Code and the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) and is a member of CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project), the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) and UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF).

Investment Exclusions

The Trustees do not wish to directly profit from, or provide capital to, activities that are materially inconsistent with Christian values, and are also mindful of the danger of undermining the credibility, effectiveness and unity of the Church's witness were they to do so. A range of investment exclusions is therefore maintained.

Direct investments in equities and corporate debt

The Fund will avoid investment in companies that the Manager has been advised by their third-party data providers, through the data points selected by the Manager as:

- producing landmines, cluster bombs, chemical/biological weapons, and/or nuclear weapons;
- having significant involvement (>3% of revenues) in adult entertainment,
- having significant involvement (>5% of revenues) in, tobacco,
- having significant involvement (>25% of revenues) in alcohol,

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- having significant involvement (>10% of revenues) in gambling, high interest rate lending, non-military weapons, or strategic military sales;
- having fallen behind the transition to a low carbon economy. This is currently defined as any company that derives more than 5% of their revenue from the extraction of energy coal or tar sands;
- companies, whose principal business is the generation of electricity, that have not demonstrated the ability to align their business with the Paris Climate Change Agreement (as determined by the Manager);
- extractives or utilities sector companies where productive engagement is not believed to be possible (at the discretion of the Manager);
- deriving more than 10% of their revenue from the extraction of oil and gas (this is defined as revenue derived from oil and gas extraction & production and oil and gas refining).

Direct investments in property: The Manager applies the same exclusions to direct property investments as are used for equities and corporate debt investments. To implement this policy, we seek to screen properties prior to investing in them. We do this by assessing the activities undertaken by the underlying tenants. Full details on how the policy is applied can be found in the property section of our values based screening policy which can be accessed at Our values-based screening policy (ccla.co.uk).

Indirect investments via pooled funds: To ensure that we can implement our values-based screens we prefer to invest directly. This allows us to exercise control over the selection of investments. However, where we do not have the expertise to gain direct exposure, for example in specialist asset classes, such as private equity and infrastructure, we use externally managed investment products. Our external data providers have not been able to deliver comprehensive screening of fund-based investments. For this reason, we have developed an in-house approach to screening these vehicles against our valuesbased investment policies. Details of this approach can be found in the third-party managed funds section of Our values-based screening policy (ccla.co.uk).

SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH

to the Shareholders of The CBF Church of England Global Equity Fund

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.

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

		Income	e Shares	
	Half year to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	30.06.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
	per Share	per Share	per Share	per Share
Opening net asset value per Share	302.59	263.35	306.24	263.52
Return before operating charges*	22.29	48.48	(33.72)	52.39
Operating charges**	(0.97)	(1.75)	(1.68)	(2.33)
Return after operating charges*	21.32	46.73	(35.40)	50.06
Distributions on Income Shares	(3.82)	(7.49)	(7.49)	(7.34)
Closing net asset value per Share	320.09	302.59	263.35	306.24
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	_	0.05	0.14
Performance				
Return after charges	7.05%	17.74%	(11.56%)	19.00%
Other information				
Closing net asset value ($f'_{,000}$)	242,928	229,079	198,184	233,616
Closing number of Shares	75,894,266	75,705,475	75,255,442	76,285,218
Operating charges**	0.65%***	0.65%***	0.64%***	0.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.05%
Prices (pence per Share)				
Highest Share price (offer)	326.70	303.68	305.34	313.10
Lowest Share price (bid)	293.95	264.72	248.92	254.46
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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.

- ** 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 period ended 30 June 2024, this % reflects these charges annualised and divided by the average net assets for the period.
- *** Operating charges includes VAT reclaims received during the period/year. Operating charges as at 30 June 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.

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COMPARATIVE TABLE

Change in net assets per Share

Change in het assets per Share				
	Accumulation Shares			
	Half year to	Year to	Year to	Year to
	30.06.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
	pence	pence	pence	pence
	per Share	per Share	per Share	per Share
Opening net asset value per Share	580.87	492.38	556.80	467.08
Return before operating charges*	42.78	91.79	(61.32)	94.00
Operating charges***	(1.86)	(3.30)	(3.10)	(4.28)
Return after operating charges*	40.92	88.49	(64.42)	89.72
Distributions on Accumulation Shares	(3.77)	(5.84)	(5.71)	(5.01)
Retained distributions on Accumulation Shares	3.77	5.84	5.71	5.01
Closing net asset value per Share	621.79	580.87	492.38	556.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	_	_	0.10	0.25
Performance				
Return after charges	7.04%	17.97%	(11.57%)	19.21%
Other information				
Closing net asset value (\pounds ,'000)	12,389	11,507	9,637	10,994
Closing number of Shares	1,992,537		1,957,219	1,974,511
Operating charges**	0.65%***			
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.05%
Prices (pence per Share)			4 -	
Highest Share price (offer)	627.15	580.89	555.16	565.87
Lowest Share price (bid)	564.27	494.95	455.50	450.98

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PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

Portfolio Allocation





Breakdown of Overseas Equities by Geography

	89.95%
Japan	0.96%
Other Countries	1.21%
Asia Pacific ex Japan	4.41%
Europe	16.11%
North America	67.26%

Breakdown of Equities by Sector

	98.76%
Utilities	0.87%
Real Estate	1.16%
Communication Services	3.51%
Consumer Staples	7.21%
Consumer Discretionary	10.75%
Industrials	12.80%
Financials	17.03%
Health Care	19.58%
Information Technology	25.85%

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 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

		Fair value	% of total net
	Holding	£'000	assets
MULTI GEOGRAPHY 99.99% (31.12.2023 – 100.34%)			
CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund X Income*	145,367,539	255,297	99.99
INVESTMENT ASSETS		255,297	99.99
NET OTHER ASSETS		20	0.01
TOTAL NET ASSETS		255,317	100.00

* CCLA Better World Global Equity Fund is managed by the Manager and represents a related party transaction. Refer to page 17 for geographical allocation of the underlying portfolio.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN for the half year ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

	Period ended 30.06.2024		Period 30.06	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		16,201		16,258
Revenue	1,578		1,394	
Expenses	(773)		(673)	
Net revenue before taxation	805		721	
Taxation	2		64	
Net revenue after taxation		807		785
Total return before distributions		17,008		17,043
Distributions		(2,981)		(2,812)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		14,027		14,231

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS for the half year ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

	Period ended 30.06.2024			l ended 5.2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders		240,586		207,821
Amounts receivable on issue of Shares	5,608		403	
Amounts payable on cancellation of Shares	(4,979)		(2,333)	
		629		(1,930)
Change in net assets attributable to				
Shareholders from investment activities		14,027		14,231
Retained distributions on Accumulation Shares		75		67
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		255,317		220,189

The note on page 21 and the distribution tables on page 22 form part of these financial statements.

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 June 2023, whereas the opening net assets for the current accounting period commenced on 1 January 2024.

BALANCE SHEET

at 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

	30.06	5.2024	31.1	2.2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
ASSETS				
Fixed assets:				
Investments		255,297		241,402
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,631		560	
Cash and bank balances	556		227	
Total current assets		2,187		787
Total assets		257,484		242,189
LIABILITIES				
Creditors:				
Other creditors	717		157	
Distribution payable on Income Shares	1,450		1,446	
Total liabilities		2,167		1,603
Net assets attributable to Shareholders		255,317		240,586

The financial statements on page 19 to 22 have been approved by the Trustee.

Approved on behalf of the Trustee 16 September 2024

A Brookes, Chair CBF Funds Trustee Limited

The note on page 21 and the distribution tables on page 22 form part of these financial statements.

NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the half year ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, in compliance with FRS 102, the Scheme Information, The Church Funds Investment Measure 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.

The Fund is exempt from preparing a statement of cash flows under FRS 102 and The Church Funds Investment Measure Act 1958 as 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.

Unless otherwise stated, all other accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and are described in those financial statements.

DISTRIBUTION TABLES for the half year ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)

			Dividends p	ayable/paid
Period ended	Date payable	e/paid	pence per Share	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Income Shares				
31 March	31 May	31 May	1.91	1.84
30 June	31 August	31 August	1.91	1.84
			3.82	3.68
Period ended			Revenue ac pence pe	
r erioù endeù			2024	2023
Accumulation Shares				
31 March			1.22	1.18
30 June			2.55	2.24
			3.77	3.42

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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