

# CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds

**Annual Report & Accounts** 

For the year from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 A UK Authorised Investment Company with Variable Capital

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#### **Registered Office and Directors**

Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") and registered office of the CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds ("the Company"):

### **ConBrio Fund Partners Limited**

111 Piccadilly, Manchester, M1 2HY

ConBrio Fund Partners Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and is a member of The Investment Association ("IA").

### **Directors of the ACD**

John Eckersley	(Managing Partner)
Kathryn Holland	(Head of Finance)
Andrew Knox	(Non-Executive Director)
Timothy Saunt	(Non-Executive Director)
Richard Slattery-Vickers	(Partner)

# **Investment Adviser**

**Castlefield Investment Partners LLP** 111 Piccadilly, Manchester, M1 2HY (Authorised and regulated by the FCA)

### Depositary

#### (From 3 July 2021) **NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited** 250 Bishopsgate, London United Kingdom, EC2M 4AA (Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") and regulated by FCA and PRA)

(Up to 3 July 2021) Société Générale S.A. (London Branch) One Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4SG (Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") and regulated by FCA and PRA)

### Auditor

**Beever and Struthers** St George's House 215-219 Chester Road, Manchester, M15 4JE

### Administrator

(From 5 July 2021) **Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK Branch** 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5NT

(Up to 5 July 2021) **Société Générale Securities Services** One Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4SG

### Registrar

**SS&C Financial Services Europe Limited** St Nicholas Lane Basildon, Essex, SS15 5FS

### **Company Information**

CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds is an Investment Company with Variable Capital under regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations and incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC001099 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from 23 November 2017. Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. At the year end, the Company contained two sub-funds.

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the Financial Conduct Authority Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and is structured as an umbrella Company so that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the agreement of the Depositary.

#### **Important Notes**

On 3 July 2021, NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited replaced Société Générale S.A. (London Branch) Services as Depositary of CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds.

On 5 July 2021, Northern Trust Global Services SE, UK Branch replaced Société Générale Securities Services as Administrator of CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds.

# Report of the ACD to the Shareholders of the Company

The ACD, as sole director, presents its report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The Investment Objectives and Policies of the sub-funds of the Company are covered in the section for each sub-fund. The names and addresses of the ACD, the Depositary, the Registrar, the Investment Adviser and the Auditor are detailed on page 2.

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company.

Where a sub-fund invests in other Collective Investment Schemes, the maximum annual management fee that may be charged to that Collective Investment Scheme is 5% of the net asset value of such a scheme, however, it is expected that the actual annual management fee will not exceed 2%.

There are no significant shareholders that require disclosure (i.e. greater than 10%).

#### Value Assessment

The regulator – the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") – requires each Authorised Corporate Director to annually assess the value of the sub-funds that they operate and manage on behalf of investors. This assessment of value is conducted against seven criteria, as mandated by the FCA, that encompass several considerations of assessment alongside traditional factors such as performance and cost. The latest report conducted by ConBrio Fund Partners Limited on behalf of investors within the CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds can be found on the website www.conbriofunds.com.

#### **Remuneration Disclosure**

The provisions of the Undertakings in Collective Investment Schemes Directive ("UCITS V") took effect on 18 March 2016. The legislation made requirement for the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") to establish and maintain remuneration policies for its staff, the purpose of which is consistent with and to promote sound and effective risk management.

The ACD is part of a larger group of companies and subject to the formal Remuneration Policy of that Group. Any and all remuneration policies are subjected to annual review.

The Company avoids basing rewards on excessive variable remuneration but pays what is believed to be fair fixed remuneration. As an employee owned company, equity ownership amongst all colleagues is encouraged which creates a bias for reward based upon long term shareholder value creation.

The total remuneration of those individuals who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the UCITS scheme for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 is stated below and includes all members of staff that are considered to be senior management or others whose actions may have a material impact on the risk profile of the sub-fund.

Within the Group, all staff are employed by the parent company with none employed directly by the UCITS scheme. The costs included within the below, part of which is attributable to Directors of the management company, is allocated between the entities within the Group.

Fixed Remuneration: £250,040

Number of Full Time Employees: 9

Management has reviewed the general principles of the Remuneration Policy and its application in the last year which has resulted in no material changes to the policy.

The policy pertaining to the UCITS Management Company is disclosed within www.castlefield.com.

### Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) ("the OEIC's Regulations") and the rules of the FCA contained in the COLL Sourcebook require the ACD to prepare Financial Statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of its net revenue and the net gains on the property of the Company for the year. The ACD is responsible for ensuring that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the Auditor is unaware. It is the responsibility of the ACD to take all necessary steps as a director to familiarize themselves with any relevant audit information and to establish that the Auditor is aware of that information. In preparing the Financial Statements, the ACD is required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

• comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;

• follow generally accepted accounting practice and applicable accounting standards;

• keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the Financial Statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;

- take such steps as are reasonably open to it to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

• prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

### Statement of Disclosure to the Auditors

So far as the ACD is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the sub-funds' Auditors are unaware. Additionally, the ACD has taken all the necessary steps that it ought to have taken as ACD in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information to establish that the sub-funds' Auditors are aware of the information.

#### Sub-fund Cross-holdings

No sub-fund held shares in any other sub-fund within the Investment Company with Variable Capital during the year.

#### **Directors' Statement**

In accordance with the regulations, we hereby certify the report on behalf of the directors of ConBrio Fund Partners Limited.

**Richard Slattery-Vickers** Director (of the ACD) 21 April 2022

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds ("the Company") for the Year Ended 31 December 2021.

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

• the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;

- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM") are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AFM:

(i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company, and

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

#### NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited

21 April 2022

#### Independent Auditor's report

Report of the Independent Auditor to the Shareholders of CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds

Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the CFP Castlefield Portfolio Funds ("the Company") for the year from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 which comprise the statements of total return and statements of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders together with the balance sheet for each of the Company's sub-funds, the accounting policies of the Company set out on pages 12 to 13 and the related notes and the distribution tables for each of the Company's sub-funds. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Investment Management Association (IMA) in May 2014 "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Firms" and the 2017 amendments.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

• give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company comprising each of its sub-funds as at 31 December 2021 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the company comprising each of its sub-funds for the year then ended; and

• have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Instrument of Incorporation, the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the IMA relating to UK Authorised Funds and the Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook rules.

#### **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 financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

#### **Conclusions Relating to Going Concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### 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 Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of the Authorised Corporate Director for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Authorised Corporate Director's responsibilities statement on page 5, the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control and the Authorised Corporate Director 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 Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Authorised Corporate Director either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority

#### In our opinion:

• the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority and the Instrument of Incorporation; and

• the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebookof the Financial Conduct Authority rules requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit; and

 proper accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in accordance with those records.

# 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of noncompliance 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 identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements based on our understanding of the company and through discussion with the Authorised Corporate Director and other management (as required by auditing standards).

We also had regard to laws and regulations in areas that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting. We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or to overstate the value of investments and increase the net asset value of the company.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

Audit procedures performed included:

- Discussions with management, inquiring over known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws, regulations, and fraud;
- Review of minutes of all Board meetings of the Authorised Corporate Director;
- Review and testing of transactions (including journals) posted as part of the financial statements preparation process by the Fund Accountant;
- Review of key business processes and evaluation of internal controls implemented by the Fund accountant designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We did not identify any such irregularities however as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities due to fraud, as these may involve deliberate concealment, collusion, forger, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

The maintenance and integrity of the Funds website is the responsibility of the ACD. The work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters.

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

#### Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Scheme's Sourcebook issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders 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 any responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### **Caroline Monk BA FCA**

For and on behalf of Beever and Struthers, Chartered Accountant and Statutory Auditor

St George's House

215 – 219 Chester Road Manchester

M15 4JE

21 April 2022

#### About the Investment Adviser

Castlefield Investment Partners LLP ("CIP") acts as the appointed Investment Adviser of the sub-funds as referred to within this document.

CIP is part of the Castlefield family of investment, advisory and operational businesses. CIP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### Aggregated notes to the Financial Statements

#### 1. Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (2014 SORP) and the 2017 amendments.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss. The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently are set out below.

#### **Functional and Presentation Currency**

The functional and presentation currency of the sub-funds is Sterling.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from collective investment schemes, quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Overseas revenue received after the deduction of withholding tax is shown gross of taxation, with the taxation consequences shown within the taxation charge. Accumulation of revenue relating to accumulation units or shares held in collective investment schemes is recognised as revenue and included in the amount available for distribution. Bank interest, interest on debt securities, underwriting commission and other revenue are recognised on an accruals basis. In the case of debt securities, the total revenue arising includes the amortisation of any premium or discount at the time of purchase spread over the life of the security, using the effective interest rate method. The gains and losses arising on investments in structured plans are allocated between revenue and capital according to the nature of the structured plan. This is depending on the extent to which the return is capital or revenue based.

#### **Stock Dividends**

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the sub-funds. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital.

#### **Special Dividends**

Special dividends are recognised as either revenue or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend.

#### Expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than those relating to the purchase and sale of Investments) are charged against income for CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Growth Fund and capital for CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund for the year on an accruals basis.

#### Distributions

Amounts distributable are calculated after excluding expenses as agreed by the ACD and Depositary. Equalisation received from the underlying investments has been treated as a reduction in the book cost of the investments and not distributed. All distributions unclaimed for a period of six years after having become due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the capital of the sub-funds.

### Valuations

All investments are valued at their fair value at close of business on 31 December 2021 being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value of equity and non-equity shares is bid price, excluding any accrued interest. The fair value of dual priced collective investment schemes managed by the ACD is their cancellation price and the fair value of dual priced collective investment schemes which are managed by other management groups is their bid price. The fair value of all single priced collective investment schemes is their schemes is their single price, taking account of any agreed redemption charges. Delisted and unquoted investments are shown at the ACD's valuation.

#### **Foreign Currencies**

Assets and liabilities in currencies other than Sterling are translated into Sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at close of business on the last working day of the accounting year. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax has been provided at 20%. Deferred tax is provided in respect of timing differences that have originated but not been reversed at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that they are more likely than not to be recoverable. Withholding tax on overseas dividends is accounted for when the security is quoted ex-dividend.

#### **Dilution Levy**

In certain circumstances the ACD may charge a dilution levy, in accordance with the FCA Regulations, on all subscriptions and redemptions of shares, which is paid into the sub-funds and included in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders. The levy is intended to cover certain dealing charges not included in the mid-market value of the sub-funds used in calculating the share price, which could have a diluting effect on the performance of the sub-funds.

#### 3. Risk Management Frameworks

The ACD has a documented risk management framework which details the processes and procedures used to identify, measure, manage and monitor appropriately all risks to which the sub-funds are or may be exposed. The risks covered by the framework include market risk, liquidity risk, credit/counterparty risk, operational risk and any other risks that might be material to the sub-funds. The first three risks are primarily focused on the investment itself while operational risk refers to the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed processes, people or systems including attempted fraud. The risk framework details:

- the techniques, tools and arrangements including systems and processes used;
- the content and frequency of reports; and
- the allocation of responsibilities between key staff and departments.

The main risk management system used by the ACD is fully integrated with the position keeping system for the sub-funds and is used to measure and monitor market risk, credit/counterparty risk and liquidity risk.

A separate system is maintained to track instances of operational risk and monitor amendments to controls made seeking to ensure that operational risk errors do not re-occur. As part of its governance processes, the ACD reviews the performance of the risk management framework and its associated arrangements, processes, systems and techniques on an annual basis, and the compliance of the sub-funds with the risk management framework. The risk management framework is updated by the ACD following any significant change in the business or in risk exposures and at least annually. It is also reviewed by the Depositary.

### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from fluctuations in the market value of investments held by the sub-funds attributable to changes in market variables, such as equity prices, foreign exchange rates, interest rates or the credit worthiness of an issuer. The risk management framework monitors the levels of market risk to which the sub-funds are exposed in relation to the sub-fund investment objective and policy. A series of hard (strictly enforced) and soft (warning) limits are employed to ensure the sub-fund stays within its published mandate. The risk systems provide a range of risk analytical tools, including sensitivities to relevant market risks, Value at Risk stress testing, and incorporates the impact of changes to positions in real time. In addition to risk analytics, the risk system has an integrated risk limit and regulatory compliance function which performs checks on potential trades prior to the sub-fund executing them and on the sub-fund exposures on a daily basis. Market risk is also measured using gross leverage and global exposure (the commitment approach). The commitment approach is suitable for sub-funds investing in traditional asset classes such as equities, fixed income, money market securities and collective investment schemes. It can also be used for sub-funds using derivatives in a simple manner and investing in instruments with embedded derivatives where no additional leverage is created. The commitment approach measures the incremental exposure of each derivative calculated by converting it into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative or forward transaction. The ACD may in some instances, and always following the guidelines set by the regulator, take account of legally enforceable netting and hedging arrangements when calculating global exposure where these arrangements do not disregard any obvious or material risks.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the possibility that the sub-fund will not be able to sell its assets without incurring losses within the timeframe required to meet investor redemptions. The asset liquidity profile of each sub-fund is monitored on a regular basis and compared to both historical investor redemption patterns and potential redemption scenarios, with the aim of ensuring that the sub-fund will be able to meet any actual redemptions in a timely manner. The liquidity risk management process includes an assessment of the market turnover, percentage of an issue held by the sub-fund, credit rating of the issuer and/or the buysell spread of the market in the securities held where the information is available and is applicable. Liquidity profile stress tests under both normal and exceptional conditions are conducted on a regular basis. If market liquidity is perceived to be decreasing, the ACD might seek to take any of the following actions to improve the liquidity profile of a sub-fund: maintain higher cash balances; maintain a greater proportion of assets in securities which are traditionally more liquid; diversify the range of issue types and sizes held; hold shorter dated securities; or hold issues with a more diversified investor base.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk comprises both credit issuer risk and counterparty risk. Credit issuer risk is the potential for loss arising from the issuer of a security failing to pay interest and principal in a timely manner. Counterparty risk is the potential for loss arising from the failure of a trading counterparty to honour an obligation to the sub-fund. The sub-funds manage credit issuer risk as a component of market risk. Counterparty risk arises primarily with the financial brokers through whom the sub-fund buys and sells securities.

The sub-funds may only transact with brokers from an approved broker list maintained by the ACD. All brokers on the ACD approved list are subject to regular credit and general business checks. The sub-funds may also be exposed to counterparty risks arising from the use of forward currency instruments, usually transacted to decrease exposure to foreign currency. These risks are monitored daily and are subject to limits, in practice they are for small amounts typically less than 0.1% of the sub-fund assets.

#### 4. Post Balance Sheet Events

The Board of the ACD recognises the impact that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has had upon financial markets after the Company's year end and the increased volatility since. Consideration has therefore been given to the impact, if any, upon the portfolio of investments held by the Company at the year end. It has subsequently been assessed that whilst there is a small proportion of revenue derived by some of the underlying companies invested in by investee funds, from the combined regions of Russia-Ukraine, this is considered not to be material. Subsequently, we do not expect to incur a write-down of assets at the portfolio level and do not have any bonds or other instruments with contracted cash-flows emanating from the region. The Board remains confident in its opinion that the portfolios of investments held remain an appropriate means of meeting their respective objectives over the defined investment time horizon. It will continue to monitor the developing situation closely.

### Sub-fund information

The Comparative Tables on pages 16 and 17 give the performance of each active share class in the sub-fund.

The 'Total return after operating charges' disclosed in the Comparative Tables is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the sub-fund's performance disclosed in the Manager's report which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as collective investment schemes, bonds, money instruments, derivatives) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

### **Comparative Tables**

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021

#### Founder Income Share

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
Change in net asset value per share			
Opening net asset value per share	110.72	107.73	93.58
Return before operating charges*	16.62	6.05	18.02
Operating charges*	(1.26)	(1.26)	(1.44)
Return after operating charges*	15.36	4.79	16.58
Distributions on income shares	(1.62)	(1.80)	(2.43)
Closing net asset value per share	124.46	110.72	107.73
After transaction costs of**:	0.02	0.01	0.08
Performance			
Total return after operating charges*	13.87%	4.44%	17.72%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,686	19,056	23,145
Closing number of shares	17,424,613	17,210,922	21,483,903
Operating charges*	1.06%	1.16%	1.36%
Direct transaction costs**	0.02%	0.01%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	126.46	111.68	109.12
Lowest share price	110.41	85.90	93.84

\* Operating charge, otherwise known as the Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") is the ratio of the sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last year's figures.

\*\* Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

### Comparative Tables (continued)

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021

General Income Share			
	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	(pence per share)	(pence per share)	(pence per share)
Change in net asset value per share			
Opening net asset value per share	109.78	107.07	93.29
Return before operating charges*	16.35	6.02	18.03
Operating charges*	(1.47)	(1.56)	(1.76)
Return after operating charges*	14.88	4.46	16.27
Distributions on income shares	(1.34)	(1.75)	(2.49)
Closing net asset value per share	123.32	109.78	107.07
After transaction costs of**:	0.02	0.01	0.09
Performance			
Total return after operating charges*	13.55%	4.17%	17.44%
Other Information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	42,504	26,187	7,635
Closing number of shares	34,465,537	23,852,468	7,130,745
Operating charges*	1.24%	1.46%	1.67%
Direct transaction costs**	0.02%	0.01%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	125.26	110.68	108.47
Lowest share price	109.44	85.32	93.55

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\*\* Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

### Risk and Reward Indicator (RRI)

The Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund.

<b>▲</b>	 Typically lower rewards Lower risk			Typically	y higher Hig	rewards gher risk			
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The sub-fund is ranked as a 4 because it has experienced relatively medium rises and falls in value historically. The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

As there is less than five years of available data for this sub-fund, for illustrative purposes the risk/reward profiles of the targeted investments have been used to calculate the risk/reward profile where data for this sub-fund is not available.

The investments of the Company are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. Consequently, the value of Shares in all Funds and the income derived from them can go down as well as up and as a result an investor may not get back the amount originally invested. This can be as a result of market movements and also variations on the exchange rates between currencies. There is also the risk that inflation will devalue the return for investors.

The sub-fund may use derivatives for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management. Using derivatives can involve a higher level of risk.

Investments in fixed income securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation which may affect the value of the sub-fund.

# The indicator may not take fully into account the following risks of investing in this sub-fund:

**Liquidity risk**: during difficult market conditions some securities, such as structures investments, corporate bonds and positions in emerging markets, may become more difficult to sell at a desired price.

**Counterparty risk**: arising from securities which require a specific entity usually a large bank, to honour its obligations to the sub-fund.

**Operational risk**: arising from investments in overseas markets, in particular emerging market countries, which may not have the same level of safekeeping and other controls as UK markets. **Legal or tax risk:** arising from a change in legal regulations, tax rules or the application of them.

#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to focus on achieving capital growth and also to provide income consistent with this primary objective over the long term. Long term means over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

The Investment Adviser expects to invest more than 50% in collective investment schemes with exposure to both UK and non-UK equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities such as shares and bonds (both quoted and unquoted), money market instruments, deposits, warrants, cash and near cash.

In seeking to achieve the stated investment objective, the Investment Adviser uses a responsible investment research process to identify the universe of securities from which the sub-fund may invest. The four criteria that need to be evidenced by each investment are reflected in the name of the sub-fund where "B.E.S.T" indicates Business & financial, Environmental & ecological, Social and Transparency & governance, however equal weighting may not be given to each element of these criteria when screening potential investments. The Investment Adviser then supplements this research process by selecting only those investments which, by their nature, are considered to be sustainable in order to meet the investment objective. Sustainable activities are considered to be those necessary to ensure the long term continuity of an activity, system, society or enterprise. Further information on the "B.E.S.T" criteria and the sustainability element may be obtained from the Investment Adviser's website: www.castlefield.com.

The sub-fund may invest in shares or units of collective investment schemes which are managed or operated by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. When investing in collective investment schemes, some of the underlying investments of that collective investment scheme may not meet all four elements of the "B.E.S.T" criteria.

The sub-fund may also use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management (including hedging). The use of derivatives for these purposes is expected to be limited however it may affect the volatility or risk profile of the sub-fund although this is not the ACD's intention. Investors will be given 60 days' notice prior to the sub-fund using derivatives for investment purposes.

### Performance

During the period, the sub-fund returned +13.63% (General Income Units) against its peer group IA Mixed Investments 40%-85% Equities sector, which returned +10.94%.

#### **Investment Review**

By way of reminder, our Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Funds combine both our proprietary 'B.E.S.T' responsible investment approach and complementary sustainability-focused Screening Policy with focuses on funds and other investments with a 'sustainability' theme. The B.E.S.T process is our proprietary investment selection system that assesses the merits of competing investment choices. It is not a filter or "screen", but a fundamental tool which incorporates four main criteria to assess both financial and non-financial attributes, namely Business; Environmental and Ecological; Social and Transparency.

No major asset allocation changes took place during 2021, as we instead preferred to sit tight with our existing positioning having nudged up UK equity exposure at the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021 on the view that the market in general had become overly pessimistic on UK equities given combined concerns over the handling of the pandemic and the formal exit from the European Union (EU). With the vaccine rollout beginning at pace and a deal with the EU being agreed, lifting our exposure slightly felt the right thing to do and proved to be the case. That aside, keeping a light touch on the tiller while markets were generally positive throughout the year was the order of the day.

The first individual transaction of note was our exit from the small position in the Menhaden Resource Efficiency Investment Trust. We felt that the investment strategy now being pursued was sufficiently divergent from the one we'd originally bought into that we waited for the opportunity to exit at a price we felt fair. By way of a new holding, the sub-fund initiated a position in the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), Tritax Big Box. We considered its credentials for some time before deciding to invest in the company for the sub-fund, ultimately concluding that it has a key focus on energy efficiency whilst also noting its use of solar power generation to provide all its electricity needs, while various sustainability initiatives are embedded with its tenants. In addition, late in the year we participated for the sub-fund in the initial public offering for Harmony Energy Income Trust, a third battery storage option to complement our existing holdings in the Gresham House and Gore Street ventures. It differs from these two peers as it will focus on Tesla and its 'Mega Pack' batteries, which are more expensive but can run for longer and so earn optimal returns that way. These three transactions aside, other changes mainly related to developments in our direct bond holdings, where a pair of the Retail Charity Bonds either matured or were tendered early before being replaced by new issues from the respective issuers, Golden Lane Housing and the Charities Aid Foundation.

2021 was something of a landmark year for our Stewardship work in the broadest sense, with direct benefit both for our own single-strategy sub-funds (which are held within our Portfolio Funds) and for the Portfolio Funds themselves. We began the year in the first quarter by submitting our Annual Stewardship Report to the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) as part of the revised UK Stewardship Code requirements, eventually finding out in September that we'd been accepted as signatories, one of only 125 applicants to be so recognised and with one-third of applications being rejected. It's important to submit our approach to external scrutiny and in a similar vein, during the year we became signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI). Where the UK Stewardship Code assesses us to the UK's highest standard, the UNPRI will require us to be scrutinised by possibly the leading global authority on responsible investment. Our first submission will be in early 2023.

We also became signatories to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Doing so allows us to access substantial data on the companies we invest in and what they've committed to by way of carbon emissions reductions, for example whether a Net Zero target has been adopted for the business. Where we feel companies are falling short, we can tackle them directly, while we can also encourage companies who don't yet submit information to CDP to do so. Finally, we considered various impact reporting providers before deciding to sign up with Impact Cubed, with the first results to be published this year. We'll be able to demonstrate how the Portfolio Funds fare compared to an appropriate benchmark on a variety of different environmental, social and governance-focused criteria. We're pleased with the initial outcome and look forward to reporting it formally in the near future.

2022 also sees a further recruit to our External Advisory Committee in the form of Lisa Stonestreet of the EIRIS Foundation. The Portfolio Growth Fund was the proposal we tabled to the Foundation as part of its "Million-pound question" tender in 2021, to be accompanied by inviting a representative of the Foundation onto the Advisory Committee, and we were delighted to be selected as co-winners of the mandate. It's reflective of the robustness of the Portfolio Growth Fund's approach that it was viewed as appropriate by the Trustees, while we look forward to benefiting from the insight of the charity via Lisa's presence on the committee.

#### Outlook

Heading into 2022 sets up a fascinating year in store: will an energy price crisis or persistent inflation trigger a market upset, or will the view that the sweep of Omicron – knocking out the delta variant as it has been – may herald the end of restrictive social measures intended to protect public health from the spread of COVID-19 and therefore trigger a resurgent economic outlook turn out to be right? What will the near-term hold for developments in responsible and sustainable investment and the investment industry increasingly lending its weight to tackling climate change?

The complex energy market issues pose an interesting question; in the short-term, it is stoking inflation, yet ultimately it will reduce demand from its impact on consumer spending power, as well as eating into corporate profit margins. Taken together, they could prove a material dampener on the outlook and pose questions as to whether the Bank of England made a policy mistake in raising interest rates in December. We will have to wait and see. The UK economy will also be tackling the new rules and requirements of dealing with the European Union as a 'third country', a regulatory burden which may well hinder competitiveness.

Although COP26 left much on the table by way of ambition, we expect capital markets to continue to march to the relentless beat of progress. Renewable energy will become more cost competitive still, while energy efficiency will attract continued investment as society seeks to pull as many levers as it can to tackle climate change. These areas, along with those seeking to improve outcomes for the breadth of society, will remain the focus of the sub-fund.

#### **Castlefield Investment Partners LLP**

8 February 2022

# Top Ten Purchases and Total Sales during the year:

Purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies	1,890	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	1,262
First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	1,802	Retail Charity Bonds 4.375% 29/07/2021	300
Harmony Energy Income Trust	1,000	Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	265
Tritax Big Box REIT	906	Retail Charity Bonds 5.00% 12/04/2026	252
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	898	Menhaden Resource Efficiency	72
CFP Castlefield BEST Sustainable European Fund	795		
Royal London Ethical Bond Fund	775		
FP WHEB Sustainability Fund	718		
Greencoat UK Wind	673		
CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund	670		
Total purchases during the year	15,060	Total sales during the year	2,151

### Portfolio of Investments

As at 31 December 2021

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Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-fund %
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 79.68% (81.94%)		
3,544,167	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund	4,922	7.67
7,258,982	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund	5,403	8.42
1,508,989	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities Fund	7,353	11.46
828,204	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies Fund	6,605	10.29
1,205,548	CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund	3,224	5.02
1,213,819	Edentree Responsible and Sustainable Sterling Bond Fund	1,407	2.19
1,731,927	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	1,976	3.08
1,791,347	FP WHEB Sustainability Fund	4,320	6.73
621,222	Liontrust Sustainable Future Global Growth Fund	1,915	2.98
1,036,966	Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	2,535	3.95
1,922,956	Royal London Ethical Bond Fund	2,286	3.56
559,251	Sarasin Food & Agricultural Opportunities Fund	1,190	1.85
734,099	Sarasin Responsible Global Equity Fund	2,021	3.15
1,781,724	Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund Class B Accumulation	5,992	9.33
		51,149	79.68

#### **DEBT SECURITIES 4.65% (6.43%)**

108,500	Bruntwood Bond 2 6% 25/02/2025	112	0.17
298,000	Places for People Finance 4.25% 15/12/2023	304	0.47
150,000	Retail Charity Bonds 3.25% 22/07/2031	144	0.22
443,400	Retail Charity Bonds 3.5% 08/12/2031	447	0.70
198,500	Retail Charity Bonds 4% 31/10/2027	201	0.31
275,300	Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 30/03/2026	275	0.43
130,800	Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 06/07/2026	133	0.21
252,000	Retail Charity Bonds 4.4% 30/04/2025	260	0.41
502,300	Retail Charity Bonds 4.5% 20/06/2026	514	0.80
421,500	Retail Charity Bonds 5% 27/03/2030	453	0.71
143,000	Retail Charity Bonds 5% 17/12/2030	144	0.22
		2,987	4.65

### EQUITIES 1.02% (0.61%)

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1,038,352	Capital for Colleagues*	654	1.02

### **Portfolio of Investments**

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-fund %
	INVESTMENT TRUSTS 9.38% (5.96%)		
527,082	Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	619	0.96
872,906	Greencoat Renewables	814	1.27
969,018	Greencoat UK Wind	1,361	2.12
992,402	Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	1,285	2.00
1,000,000	Harmony Energy Income Trust	990	1.54
190,657	NextEnergy Solar Fund	193	0.30
567,064	The Renewables Infrastructure Group	761	1.19
		6,023	9.38
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS 3.79% (2.40%)		
555,742	Primary Health Properties	841	1.31
549,704	Triple Point Social Housing REIT	532	0.83
424,700	Tritax Big Box REIT	1,056	1.65
		2,429	3.79
	Total Value of Investments	63,242	98.52
	Net Other Assets	948	1.48
	Total Net Assets	64,190	100.00

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 31 December 2020.

Securities are admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on another regulated market unless otherwise stated.

\* Quoted on AQSE Growth Market.

# Statement of Total Return

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		31/12	2/2021	31/12	/2020
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains	2		6,308		1,866
Revenue	3	938		687	
Expenses	4	(230)		(154)	
Net revenue before taxation		708		533	
Taxation	5	(19)		(20)	
Net revenue after taxation			689		513
Total return before distributions			6,997		2,379
Distributions	6		(689)		(613)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			6,308		1,766

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31/12	31/12/2021		2/2020
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		45,243		30,779
Amounts received on creation of shares	14,869		19,705	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(2,230)		(7,017)	
		12,639		12,688
Dilution levy		-		10
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		6,308		1,766
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		64,190		45,243

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2021

		31/12/2021	31/12/2020
	Note	£'000	£'000
Assets			
Investment assets		63,242	44,039
Debtors	7	148	625
Cash and bank balances	8	1,237	763
Total assets		64,627	45,427
Liabilities			
Creditors	9	(284)	(52)
Distribution payable on income shares		(153)	(132)
Total liabilities		(437)	(184)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		64,190	45,243

### Summary of Material Portfolio Changes

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Total purchases in year	15,060	12,018
Total sales in year	2,151	397

The notes on pages 26 to 35 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

On behalf of ConBrio Fund Partners Limited

**Richard Slattery-Vickers** Director (of the ACD)

21 April 2022

### Notes to the Financial Statements

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The accounting, distribution and risk management policies are provided in the Aggregated notes to the Financial Statements section on pages 12 to 14.

# 2. Net capital gains

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Non-derivative securities	6,341	1,866
Currency (losses)/gains	(31)	1
Transaction costs and handling charges	(2)	(1)
Net capital gains on investments	6,308	1,866

#### 3. Revenue

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
UK dividends non taxable	512	332
UK dividends taxable	210	168
Overseas dividends non taxable	102	80
Overseas dividends taxable	-	17
Gross bond interest	110	89
Bank interest	4	1
Total revenue	938	687

### 4. Expenses

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Payable to the manager, associates of the manager and agents of either of them		
ACD fees	59	49
Investment Adviser fees	99	45
	158	94
Payable to the depositary or associates of the depositary and agents of either of them		
Depositary fees	19	17
Safe Custody fees	9	8
	28	25
Other expenses:		
Audit fees	6	11
Registration fees	28	22
Financial statement fees	7	2
Calastone fees	1	-
EMX fees	2	_
	44	35
Total expenses	230	154
Total expenses charged to Capital	-	(100)
Total expenses charged to Income	(230)	(54)

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

## 5. Taxation

### (a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Corporation Tax prior year	-	(4)
Corporation tax	19	24
Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))	19	20
Total taxation for the year	19	20

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	708	533
Net revenue for the year multiplied by the standard rate of (20%)	142	107
Effects of:		
Adjustments in respect of prior years	_	(4)
Revenue not subject to taxation	(123)	(83)
Total tax charge (Note 5 (a))	19	20

Authorised OEIC's are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-fund.

# 6. Distributions

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Interim Income		
1st interim distribution	141	175
2nd interim distribution	207	132
3rd interim distribution	205	209
Final distribution	153	132
Total Distribution	706	648
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	3	12
Deduct: Income received on creation of shares	(20)	(47)
Net distribution for the year	689	613
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	689	513
Charges deducted from Capital	_	100
Net distribution for the year	689	613

#### 7. Debtors

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Accrued revenue	113	149
Overseas Withholding Tax reclaimable	13	8
Amounts receivable for creation of shares	14	468
PID tax recoverable	8	_
Total debtors	148	625

### 8. Cash and Bank Balances

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Sterling	1,237	756
Euro		7
Cash and bank balances	1,237	763

### 9. Creditors

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Accrued expenses	38	27
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	227	-
Corporation tax payable	19	25
Total other creditors	284	52

### **10. Related Parties**

#### Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The annual management charge ("AMC") is 0.20% subject to a minimum of £25,000 per annum and is payable monthly. This fee can, and is, reduced at the discretion of the ACD. Amounts paid to the ACD are disclosed within note 4. The amount due to the ACD at the year end was £5,865 and this is included within the accrued expenses.

#### **Investment Adviser**

Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, is part of the same group of companies to which the ACD belongs, Castlefield Partners Limited. The Investment Adviser fee is charged at share class level as a percentage of funds under management and disclosed with the respective Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs") and the Company Prospectus. Amounts paid to Castlefield Investment Partners LLP in respect of the Investment Adviser Fee are disclosed within note 4. The amount due at the year end was £10,333 and this is disclosed within the accrued expenses.

#### **CFP Castlefield Funds**

The Company has invested within sub-funds of the CFP Castlefield Funds, an entity to which Castlefield Investment Partners LLP and Conbrio Fund Partners Limited act as the appointed Investment Adviser and Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") respectively. The investments in other related party entities are individually identified within the Portfolio of Investments.

# 10. Related Parties (continued)

A sub-fund of the Company may invest within other Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS") which are managed by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. No ACD fee or Investment Adviser fee shall be charged to a Fund, for the value of any investment that Fund has made within a CIS that is managed or operated by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. The expenses payable to the ACD, associates and the Investment Adviser are included within note 4.

Details of shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

The revenue derived from these investments are included within Note 3.

All related party transaction were carried out at arm's length in the ordinary course of business. The terms and returns recieved by the related parties in making the investments were no more favourable than those received by other investors investing into the same share class.

#### 11. Contigent Liabilities and Commitment

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2020: £Nil).

#### **12. Financial Instruments**

In pursuing the sub-fund's investment objective, the main risks arising from the sub-fund's financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

#### **Market Price Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

At 31 December 2021, if the price of the investments held by the sub-fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £3,162,093 (2020: £2,201,950).

#### **Currency Exposure**

There was no material direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the balance sheet date.

#### Currency exposure as at 31/12/2021

Currency	Portfolio of investments £'000	Net other assets £'000	Total £'000	Total exposure %
Euro	814	13	827	1.29
	814	13	827	1.29
Sterling	62,428	935	63,363	98.71
Total Net Assets	63,242	948	64,190	100.00

# 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

### Currency exposure as at 31/12/2020

Currency	Portfolio of investments £'000	Net other assets £'000	Total £'000	Total exposure %
Euro	625	15	640	1.41
	625	15	640	1.41
Sterling	43,414	1,189	44,603	98.59
Total Net Assets	44,039	1,204	45,243	100.00

At 31 December 2021, 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 unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £8,271 (2020: £6,402).

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The interest rate risk of the sub-fund's financial assets and financial liabilities are as shown in the table below:

### Interest rate risk as at 31/12/2021

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Euro	-	-	827	827
Sterling	2,987	1,237	59,576	63,800
Total	2,987	1,237	60,403	64,627
Currency	Fixed rate financial liabilities £'000	Floating rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Liabilities				
Sterling	-	-	437	437
Total	_	_	437	437

# 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

# Interest rate risk as at 31/12/2020

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Euro	-	7	633	640
Sterling	2,908	756	41,122	44,786
Total	2,908	763	41,755	45,426
Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Liabilities				
Sterling		_	183	183
Total	_	-	183	183

### **Liquidity Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

### **Counterparty Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

### **Valuation Technique**

As at 31/12/2021	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000
Level 1	9,106	_
Level 2	54,136	-
Level 3		_
Total	63,242	_

# 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

### As at 31/12/2020

AS UL 31/12/2020	ASSELS	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000
Level 1	6,461	_
Level 2	37,578	-
Level 3		_
Total	44,039	_

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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 within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable for the asset or liability).

#### **Derivatives and Forward Transactions**

As part of its monitoring of the usage of derivatives by each sub-fund, the ACD is required to calculate the global exposure for each sub-fund daily and to ensure that it meets the cover for investment in derivatives rules. The ACD has determined that each fund should be classified as non-sophisticated and that the most appropriate methodology for calculating global exposure is the 'commitment approach'. The sub-fund's Depositary has reviewed this decision and is in agreement. The commitment approach follows guidelines laid down originally by the Committee of European Securities Regulators 'CESR' and referenced by the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook in COLL 5.3.9. It measures the incremental exposure generated by the use of derivatives and forward transactions and then ensures that it does not exceed 100% of the net value of the Scheme Property. The incremental exposure of each derivative or forward is calculated by converting it into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative or forward transaction. The ACD may in some instances, and always following the CESR Guidelines, take account of legally enforceable netting and hedging arrangements when calculating global exposure where these arrangements do not disregard any obvious or material risks. The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives or forward transactions that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

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The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risk.

### 13. Share Classes

The sub-fund currently has two types of share in issue and the Investment Adviser's Fee on the share class is as follows:

#### Founder Shares: 0.00%

#### General Shares: 0.50%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

Founder Income Share	Income
Opening Shares	17,210,922
Shares Created	842,622
Shares Liquidated	(628,931)
Closing Shares	17,424,613

# 13. Share Classes(continued)

General Income Share	Income
Opening Shares	23,852,468
Shares Created	11,880,497
Shares Liquidated	(1,267,428)
Closing Shares	34,465,537

The net asset value, the asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the Comparative Table on 16 and 17. All shares classes have the same rights on winding up. The taxation and income are apportioned equally based on the weighted proportion of each share class.

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on 36 and 37.

#### 14. Portfolio Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs, please refer to the additional portfolio cost information on 16 and 17.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS	31.12.2021 £'000	31.12.2020 £'000
Analysis of total purchase costs:		
Equities	4,454	1,169
Bonds	683	866
Collective Investment Schemes	9,913	9,980
Purchases in year before transaction costs	15,050	12,015
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	2	1
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	8	2
Total purchase costs	10	3
Gross purchases total	15,060	12,018
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Equities	1,599	78
Bonds	552	-
Collective Investment Schemes		319
Gross sales in year before transaction costs	2,151	397
Total sales costs		
Gross sales total	2,151	397

# 14. Portfolio Transaction Costs (continued)

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS	31.12.2021 %	31.12.2020 %
Analysis of total purchase costs:		
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	0.04	0.05
Bonds total value paid	-	0.03
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	0.18	0.19
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	-	0.05
Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset values		
Taxes	0.02	0.01

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.32% (2020: 0.41%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

### **Distribution Tables**

### First Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021

#### Founder Income Share

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/05/2021	31/05/2020
Group 1	0.3519	-	0.3519	0.5470
Group 2	0.2041	0.1478	0.3519	0.5470

### General Income Share

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/05/2021	31/05/2020
Group 1	0.2888	-	0.2888	0.5605
Group 2	0.1779	1.1109	0.2888	0.5605

### Second Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 April 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 April 2021 to 2 July 2021

#### Founder Income Share

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/08/2021	31/08/2020
Group 1	0.4734	-	0.4734	0.3946
Group 2	0.3191	0.1543	0.4734	0.3946

#### **General Income Share**

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/08/2021	31/08/2020
Group 1	0.4041	-	0.4041	0.4067
Group 2	0.2115	0.1926	0.4041	0.4067

## Third Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021

#### Founder Income Share

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	30/11/2021	30/11/2020
Group 1	0.4496	-	0.4496	0.4985
Group 2	0.1780	0.2716	0.4496	0.4985

### **General Income Share**

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	30/11/2021	30/11/2020
Group 1	0.3811	-	0.3811	0.4889
Group 2	0.1750	0.2061	0.3811	0.4889

### Final Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021

Founder Income Share	ounder Income Share					
		Dist	Distribution Payable			
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/02/2022	28/02/2021		
Group 1	0.3442	_	0.3442	0.3575		
Group 2	0.1490	0.1952	0.3442	0.3575		

#### General Income Share

		I	Distribution Payable	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/02/2022	28/02/2021
Group 1	0.2704	-	0.2704	0.2952
Group 2	0.1634	0.1070	0.2704	0.2952

### Sub-fund information

The Comparative Table on page 39 gives the performance of each active share class in the sub-fund.

The 'Total return after operating charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table is calculated as the return after operating charges per share divided by the opening net asset value per share. It differs from the sub-fund's performance disclosed in the Manager's report which is calculated based on the latest published price.

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred when investments are bought or sold by a sub-fund in order to achieve the investment objective. These transaction costs affect an investor in different ways depending on whether they are joining, leaving or continuing with their investment in the sub-fund.

In addition, there are indirect portfolio transaction costs arising from the 'dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of underlying investments in portfolio. Unlike shares whereby broker commissions and stamp duty are paid by the sub-fund on each transaction, other types of investments (such as collective investment schemes, bonds, money instruments, derivatives) do not have separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of the dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and money market sentiment.

### **Comparative Table**

For the financial year ended 31 December 2021

#### **General Income Share**

	31/12/2021	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 <sup>1</sup>
		(pence per share)
Change in net asset value per share		
Opening net asset value per share	103.49	100.00
Return before operating charges*	10.37	6.20
Operating charges*	(1.59)	(1.56)
Return after operating charges*	8.78	4.64
Distributions on income shares	(2.82)	(1.15)
Closing net asset value per share	109.45	103.49
After transaction costs of**:	0.01	0.05
Performance		
Total return after operating charges*	8.48%	4.64%
Other Information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13,310	12,683
Closing number of shares	12,159,866	12,256,115
Operating charges*	1.48%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs**	0.01%	0.06%
Prices		
Highest share price	112.03	104.45
Lowest share price	102.88	98.50

<sup>1</sup> CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund was launched on 6 July 2020.

\* Operating charge, otherwise known as the Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") is the ratio of the sub-fund's total disclosable costs (excluding overdraft interest) to the average net assets of the sub-fund. The OCF is intended to provide a reliable figure which gives the most accurate measure of what it costs to invest in a sub-fund and is calculated based on the last year's figures.

\*\* Direct transaction costs are stated after deducting the proportion of the amounts collected from dilution adjustments or dilution levies that relate to direct transaction costs. A negative transaction costs figure might arise where there is a timing difference between inflows and the settlement of the resultant purchases.

### Risk and Reward Indicator (RRI)

The Risk and Reward Indicator demonstrates where the sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the sub-fund.

Typico Lowe		r rewards Typically highe			0	ewards gher risk
•						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The sub-fund is ranked as a 4 because it has experienced relatively medium rises and falls in value historically. The risk number shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.

Please note that even the lowest ranking does not mean a risk-free investment.

As there is less than five years of available data for this sub-fund, for illustrative purposes the risk/reward profiles of the targeted investments have been used to calculate the risk/reward profile where data for this fund is not available.

The investments of the Company are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities. Consequently, the value of Shares in all Funds and the income derived from them can go down as well as up and as a result an investor may not get back the amount originally invested. This can be as a result of market movements and also variations on the exchange rates between currencies. There is also the risk that inflation will devalue the return for investors.

The sub-fund may use derivatives for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management. Using derivatives can involve a higher level of risk.

Investments in fixed income securities are particularly affected by trends in interest rates and inflation which may affect the value of the sub-fund.

# The indicator may not take fully into account the following risks of investing in this sub-fund:

**Liquidity risk**: during difficult market conditions some securities, such as structures investments, corporate bonds and positions in emerging markets, may become more difficult to sell at a desired price.

**Counterparty risk**: arising from securities which require a specific entity usually a large bank, to honour its obligations to the sub-fund.

**Operational risk**: arising from investments in overseas markets, in particular emerging market countries, which may not have the same level of safekeeping and other controls as UK markets. **Legal or tax risk:** arising from a change in legal regulations, tax rules or the application of them.

### **Investment Objective and Policy**

The investment objective of the sub-fund is to focus on providing income, with a minimum income return of 3% per annum, and also to provide capital growth consistent with this primary objective over the long term. Long term means over a minimum investment horizon of five years.

The Investment Adviser expects to invest more than 50% of the sub-fund in collective investment schemes with exposure to both UK and non-UK equities and fixed income securities. The sub-fund may also invest in transferable securities such as shares and bonds (both quoted and unquoted), money market instruments, deposits, warrants, cash and near cash.

In seeking to achieve the stated investment objective, the Investment Adviser uses a responsible investment research process to identify the universe of securities from which the sub-fund may invest. The four criteria that need to be evidenced by each investment are reflected in the name of the sub-fund where "B.E.S.T" indicates Business & financial, Environmental & ecological, Social and Transparency & governance, however equal weighting may not be given to each element of these criteria when screening potential investments. The Investment Adviser then supplements this research process by selecting only those investments which, by their nature, are considered to be sustainable in order to meet the investment objective. Sustainable activities are considered to be those necessary to ensure the long term continuity of an activity, system, society or enterprise. Further information on the "B.E.S.T" criteria and the sustainability element may be obtained from the Investment Adviser's website: www.castlefield.com.

The sub-fund may invest in shares or units of collective investment schemes which are managed or operated by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. When investing in collective investment schemes, some of the underlying investments of that collective investment scheme may not meet all four elements of the "B.E.S.T" criteria.

The sub-fund may also use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management (including hedging). The use of derivatives for these purposes is expected to be limited however it may affect the volatility or risk profile of the sub-fund although this is not the ACD's intention. Investors will be given 60 days' notice prior to the sub-fund using derivatives for investment purposes.

### Performance

During the period, the sub-fund returned +8.71% (General Income Units) against its peer group IA Mixed Investments 20%-60% Equities sector, which returned +7.2%.

### **Investment Review**

By way of reminder, our Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Funds combine both our proprietary 'B.E.S.T' responsible investment approach and complementary sustainability-focused Screening Policy with focuses on funds and other investments with a 'sustainability' theme. The B.E.S.T process is our proprietary investment selection system that assesses the merits of competing investment choices. It is not a filter or "screen", but a fundamental tool which incorporates four main criteria to assess both financial and non-financial attributes, namely Business; Environmental and Ecological; Social and Transparency.

The continuing impact on income generation owing to the pandemic has posed a challenge for the sub-fund, with several of the strategies we invest in offering reduced distributions compared to those envisaged at the outset. Bond yields offered materially lower starting levels while some areas of listed equity also generated less than had been hoped for originally, for example in the listed infrastructure fund where unsurprisingly, cash flows for the companies it invests in were crimped by the lower volume of economic activity. Mindful of the sub-fund's mandate however, we've identified some subtle tweaks to increase the prospective distributions in future.

The main individual transaction of note during 2021 was our exit from the small position in the Menhaden Resource Efficiency Investment Trust. We felt that the investment strategy now being pursued was sufficiently divergent from the one we'd originally bought into that we waited for the opportunity to exit at a price we felt fair. Separately, at virtually the half-way point in the year and with the UK equity market having performed well up to that point, we opted to crystallise some gains in our two small and growth-focused holdings in our own CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies and CFP B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities funds, bringing our aggregate UK equity exposure back in line with our prevailing tactical weight. The majority of the proceeds were recycled into increasing the sub-fund's weightings in the Triple Point Social Housing REIT and the Gore Street Energy Storage Fund. The tailwinds for the battery storage sector appear favourable at present and hence we materially increased our position in the Gore Street Fund, a complement to our other sector holding in the Gresham House Energy Storage Fund. Gore Street had a tough start as a listed company when its initial public offering raised substantially less than the managers hoped for, however management's consistent execution has meant that it's subsequently been able to raise substantial further capital and we've been happy to have reaped the rewards that we felt were left on the table by others hesitant to invest originally. Finally, as with the Portfolio

Growth Fund, we rolled over existing holdings in bonds issued by Golden Lane Housing and the Charities Aid Foundation via the Retail Charity Bond platform into the new issues that replaced them.

2021 was something of a landmark year for our Stewardship work in the broadest sense, with direct benefit both for own single-strategy funds (which are held within our Portfolio Funds) and for the Portfolio Funds themselves. We began the year in the first quarter by submitting our Annual Stewardship Report to the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) as part of the revised UK Stewardship Code requirements, eventually finding out in September that we'd been accepted as signatories, one of only 125 applicants to be so recognised and with one-third of applications being rejected. It's important to submit our approach to external scrutiny and in a similar vein, during the year we became signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI). Where the UK Stewardship Code assesses us to the UK's highest standard, the UNPRI will require us to be scrutinised by possibly the leading global authority on responsible investment. Our first submission will be in early 2023.

We also became signatories to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Doing so allows us to access substantial data on the companies we invest in and what they've committed to by way of carbon emissions reductions, for example whether a Net Zero target has been adopted for the business. Where we feel companies are falling short, we can tackle them directly, while we can also encourage companies who don't yet submit information to CDP to do so. Finally, we considered various impact reporting providers before deciding to sign up with Impact Cubed, with the first results to be published this year. We'll be able to demonstrate how the Portfolio Funds fare compared to an appropriate benchmark on a variety of different environmental, social and governance-focused criteria. We're pleased with the initial outcome and look forward to reporting it formally in the near future.

### Outlook

Once again, we expect little by way of change to the sub-fund's asset allocation, with both the split between equities and bonds and our weightings to UK and global equities at levels we feel justified for the current backdrop and delivering the sub-fund's mandate. Any activity is likely to be focused on incremental increases in the income yield the fund produces; while some assets have recovered well from the initial shock of the pandemic's impact on their dividend distribution plans, overall, there may be scope to enhance the fund's income generation.

With interest rates generally expected to rise further in the UK and stimulus being withdrawn in the USA, sentiment towards bonds will likely remain subdued as the year begins. How the rate and persistence of inflation pans out will be a key driver of sentiment to the asset class; with many investors having focused squarely on inflationary pressures for several months now, it may pay to keep an eye on any developments that suggest such short-term pressures may ease.

The sub-fund remains well-exposed to infrastructure, in particular on the renewable energy side; this will remain a keen area of focus for the sub-fund in 2022. We expect the battery storage market to continue to grow and for positive returns to be generated, meaning we're happy with our exposure and could foresee increasing it. The simple fact is that fossil fuels need to continue to be phased out of the energy mix, wind and solar will fill some of that gap and energy storage provides the perfect complement to offset the intermittency that such sources of generation inevitably come with. For the sub-fund, such investments generate a meaningful income return to go with the beneficial impact the technologies have on tackling climate change.

**Castlefield Investment Partners LLP** 

8 February 2022

## Top Ten Purchases and Sales during the year:

Purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastracture Fund	457	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastracture Fund	458
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	198	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund	267
Edentree Responsible and Sustainable Sterling Bond Fund	145	Retail Charity Bonds 4.375% 29/07/2021	182
CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund	110	CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund	143
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	101	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies Fund	118
Royal London Ethical Bond Fund	80	First Sentier Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund	108
Retail Charity Bonds 3.50% 08/12/2031	62	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Opportunities	78
Retail Charity Bonds 3.25% 22/07/2031	50	Retail Charity Bonds 5.00% 12/04/2026	71
JLEN Environmental Assets Group	45	Sarasin Responsible Global Equity	64
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	36	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund	59
Total purchases during the year	1,578	Total sales during the year	1,760

### Portfolio of Investments

As at 31 December 2021

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-fund %
	COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 77.45% (78.20%)		
334,910	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable European Fund	465	3.50
3,386,784	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Income Fund	2,521	18.94
80,702	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Opportunities Fund	393	2.95
49,423	CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable UK Smaller Companies Fund	394	2.96
271,605	CFP Castlefield Real Return Fund	726	5.46
952,951	Edentree Responsible and Sustainable Sterling Bond Fund	1,105	8.30
350,582	First Sentier Responsible Listed Infrastructure Fund	396	2.98
199,674	First Sentier Stewart Investors Worldwide Sustainability Fund	590	4.43
121,267	FP WHEB Sustainability Fund	293	2.20
146,111	JLEN Environmental Assets Group	153	1.15
74,159	Liontrust Sustainable Future Global Growth Fund	229	1.72
1,449,337	Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund	1,492	11.21
976,792	Royal London Ethical Bond Fund	1,161	8.72
141,484	Sarasin Responsible Global Equity Fund	390	2.93
		10,308	77.45
	DEBT SECURITIES 7.30% (8.35%)		
100,900	Places for People Finance 4.25% 15/12/2023	103	0.77
50,000	Retail Charity Bonds 3.25% 22/07/2031	48	0.36
62,300	Retail Charity Bonds 3.5% 08/12/2031	63	0.47
85,600	Retail Charity Bonds 4% 31/10/2027	87	0.65
76,000	Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 30/03/2026	76	0.57
55,700	Retail Charity Bonds 4.25% 06/07/2026	57	0.43
65,300	Retail Charity Bonds 4.4% 30/04/2025	67	0.50
187,200	Retail Charity Bonds 4.5% 20/06/2026	191	1.44
176,500	Retail Charity Bonds 5% 27/03/2030	190	1.43
81,300	Retail Charity Bonds 5% 17/12/2030	82	0.62
7,000	SNCF 5.375% 18/03/2027	8	0.06
		972	7.30

### EQUITIES 1.16% (0.58%)

244,955	Capital for Colleagues*	154	1.16
		154	1.16

### **Portfolio of Investments**

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Total Value of Sub-fund %
	INVESTMENT TRUSTS 10.23% (8.93%)		
154,285	Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	181	1.36
310,900	Greencoat Renewables	290	2.18
196,801	Greencoat UK Wind	276	2.07
234,110	Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	303	2.28
232,216	The Renewables Infrastructure Group	312	2.34
		1,362	10.23
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS 2.46% (2.29%)		
133,722	Primary Health Properties	203	1.53
128,145	Triple Point Social Housing REIT	124	0.93
		327	2.46
	Total Value of Investments	13,123	98.60
	Net Other Assets	187	1.40

Figures in brackets represent sector distribution at 31 December 2020.

Securities are admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on another regulated market unless otherwise stated.

\* Quoted on AQSE Growth Market.

### **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

		31/12	2/2021	06/07/2020 - 31/	/12/2020
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains	2		838		458
Revenue	3	371		124	
Expenses	4	(91)		(32)	
Net revenue before taxation		280		92	
Taxation	5	(15)		(3)	
Net revenue after taxation			265		89
Total return before distributions			1,103		547
Distributions	6		(356)		(121)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			747		426

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

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31/	31/12/2021		31/12/2021 06/07/20		07/2020 - 31/12/2020	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		12,683		_*			
Amounts received on creation of shares	1,683		12,336				
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(1,803)		(79)				
		(120)		12,257			
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		747		426			
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		13,310		12,683			

\* CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund was launched on 6 July 2020.

### **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2021

		31/12/2021	31/12/2020*
	Note	£'000	£'000
Assets			
Investment assets		13,123	12,474
Debtors	7	45	64
Cash and bank balances	8	253	237
Total assets		13,421	12,775
Liabilities			
Creditors	9	(30)	(14)
Distribution payable on income shares		(81)	(78)
Total liabilities		(111)	(92)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		13,310	12,683

\* CFP Castlefield B.E.S.T Sustainable Portfolio Income Fund was launched on 6 July 2020.

### **Summary of Material Portfolio Changes**

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Total purchases in year	1,578	12,322
Total sales in year	1,760	295

The notes on pages 48 to 56 are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

On behalf of ConBrio Fund Partners Limited

**Richard Slattery-Vickers** Director (of the ACD)

21 April 2022

### Notes to the Financial Statements

### **1. Accounting Policies**

The accounting, distribution and risk management policies are provided in the Aggregated notes to the Financial Statements section on pages 12 to 14.

### 2. Net capital gains

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
Non-derivative securities	837	459
Currency gains	2	1
Transaction costs and handling charges	(1)	(2)
Net capital gains on investments	838	458

### 3. Revenue

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
UK dividends non taxable	166	60
UK dividends taxable	127	34
Overseas dividends non taxable	38	15
Gross bond interest	40	15
Total revenue	371	124

### 4. Expenses

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
Payable to the manager, associates of the manager and agents of either of them		
ACD fees	17	6
Investment Adviser fees	44	16
	61	22
Payable to the depositary or associates of the depositary and agents of either of them		
Depositary fees	5	2
Safe Custody fees	3	_
	8	2
Other expenses:		
Audit fees	9	3
Registration fees	10	4
Financial statement fees	3	1
	22	8
Total expenses	91	32
Total expenses charged to Capital	(91)	(32)

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the above expenses where relevant.

## 5. Taxation

### (a) Analysis of the tax charge in the year

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
Corporation tax	15	3
Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))	15	3
Total taxation for the year	15	3

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	280	92
Net revenue for the year multiplied by the standard rate of (20%)	56	18
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(41)	(15)
Total tax charge (Note 5 (a))	15	3

Authorised OEIC's are exempt from tax on capital gains made within the sub-fund.

### 6. Distributions

	31/12/2021 £'000	06/07/2020 to 31/12/2020 £'000
Interim Income		
1st interim distribution	84	-
2nd interim distribution	110	-
3rd interim distribution	81	50
Final distribution	81	78
Total Distribution	356	128
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	5	-
Deduct: Income received on creation of shares	(5)	(7)
Net distribution for the year	356	121
Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions:		
Net revenue after taxation	265	89
Charges deducted from Capital	91	32
Net distribution for the year	356	121

### 7. Debtors

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Accrued revenue	42	64
Overseas Withholding Tax reclaimable	2	-
PID tax recoverable	1	_
Total debtors	45	64

### 8. Cash and Bank Balances

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Sterling	253	237
Cash and bank balances	253	237

### 9. Creditors

	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Accrued expenses	15	8
Amounts payable for cancellation of shares	-	2
Corporation tax payable	15	4
Total other creditors	30	14

### **10. Related Parties**

### Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")

The annual management charge ("AMC") is 0.20% subject to a minimum of £25,000 per annum and is payable monthly. This fee can, and is, reduced at the discretion of the ACD. Amounts paid to the ACD are disclosed within note 4. The amount due to the ACD at the year end was £1,433 and this is included within the accrued expenses.

#### **Investment Adviser**

Castlefield Investment Partners LLP, is part of the same group of companies to which the ACD belongs Castlefield Partners Limited. The Investment Adviser fee is charged at share class level as a percentage of funds under management and disclosed with the respective Key Investor Information Documents ("KIIDs") and the Company Prospectus. Amounts paid to Castlefield Investment Partners LLP in respect of the Investment Adviser Fee are disclosed within note 4. The amount due at the year end was £3,800 and this is disclosed within the accrued expenses.

#### **CFP Castlefield Funds**

The Company has invested within sub-funds of the CFP Castlefield Funds, an entity to which Castlefield Investment Partners LLP and Conbrio Fund Partners Limited act as the appointed Investment Adviser and Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") respectively. The investments in other related party entities are individually identified within the Portfolio of Investments.

A sub-fund of the Company may invest within other Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS") which are managed by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. No ACD fee or Investment Adviser fee shall be charged to a Fund, for the value of any investment that Fund has made within a CIS that is managed or operated by the ACD or an associate of the ACD. The expenses payable to the ACD, associates and the Investment Adviser are included within note 4.

### 10. Related Parties (continued)

Details of shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders.

The revenue derived from these investments are included within Note 3.

All related party transaction were carried out at arm's length in the ordinary course of business. The terms and returns received by the related parties in making the investments were no more favourable than those received by other investors investing into the same share class.

### 11. Contigent Liabilities and Commitment

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2020: £Nil).

### **12. Financial Instruments**

In pursuing the sub-fund's investment objective, the main risks arising from the sub-fund's financial instruments are market price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and counterparty risk.

### **Market Price Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

At 31 December 2021, if the price of the investments held by the sub-fund increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables remaining constant, then the net assets attributable to shareholders would increase or decrease by approximately £656,138 (2020: £623,750).

### **Currency Exposure**

There was no material direct foreign currency exposure within the sub-fund at the balance sheet date.

### Currency exposure as at 31/12/2021

Currency	Portfolio of investments £'000	Net other assets £'000	Total £'000	Total exposure %
Euro	290	2	292	2.19
	290	2	292	2.19
Sterling	12,833	185	13,018	97.81
Total Net Assets	13,123	187	13,310	100.00

## 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

### Currency exposure as at 31/12/2020

Currency	Portfolio of investments £'000	Net other assets £'000	Total £'000	Total exposure %
Euro	311	-	311	2.45
	311	-	311	2.45
Sterling	12,163	209	12,372	97.55
Total Net Assets	12,474	209	12,683	100.00

At 31 December 2021, 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 unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately £2,917 (2020: £3,235).

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The interest rate risk of the sub-fund's financial assets and financial liabilities are as shown in the table below:

### Interest rate risk as at 31/12/2021

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Euro	-	-	292	292
Sterling	972	253	11,904	13,129
Total	972	253	12,196	13,421
Currency	Fixed rate financial liabilities £'000	Floating rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Liabilities				
Sterling	-	-	111	111
Total	_	-	111	111

## 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

### Interest rate risk as at 31/12/2020

Currency	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Assets				
Euro	-	-	311	311
Sterling	1,069	237	11,158	12,464
Total	1,069	237	11,469	12,775
Currency	Fixed rate financial liabilities £'000	Floating rate financial liabilities £'000	Financial liabilities not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Liabilities				
Sterling		_	92	92
Total	-	-	92	92

### **Liquidity Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

### **Counterparty Risk**

Risk management policies surrounding this risk are discussed in note 3 on pages 13 and 14.

### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the the financial assets and

liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

### Valuation Technique

As at 31/12/2021	Assets	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000
Level 1	1,996	-
Level 2	11,127	-
Level 3		_
Total	13,123	

## 12. Financial Instruments (continued)

### As at 31/12/2020

AS UL 51/12/2020	Assels	Liabilities
	£'000	£'000
Level 1	2,474	-
Level 2	10,000	-
Level 3		
Total	12,474	_

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 within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable for the asset or liability).

### **Derivatives and Forward Transactions**

As part of its monitoring of the usage of derivatives by each sub-fund, the ACD is required to calculate the global exposure for each sub-fund daily and to ensure that it meets the cover for investment in derivatives rules. The ACD has determined that each sub-fund should be classified as non-sophisticated and that the most appropriate methodology for calculating global exposure is the 'commitment approach'. The sub-fund's Depositary has reviewed this decision and is in agreement. The commitment approach follows guidelines laid down originally by the Committee of European Securities Regulators 'CESR' and referenced by the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook in COLL 5.3.9. It measures the incremental exposure generated by the use of derivatives and forward transactions and then ensures that it does not exceed 100% of the net value of the Scheme Property. The incremental exposure of each derivative or forward is calculated by converting it into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative or forward transaction. The ACD may in some instances, and always following the CESR Guidelines, take account of legally enforceable netting and hedging arrangements when calculating global exposure where these arrangements do not disregard any obvious or material risks. The sub-fund does not hold any derivatives or forward transactions that could materially impact the value of the sub-fund.

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The Investment Adviser does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against risk.

### 13. Share Classes

The sub-fund currently has one type of share class in issue and the Investment Adviser's Fee on the share class is as follows:

#### General Shares: 0.50%

The following table shows the shares in issue during the year:

General Income Share	Income
Opening Shares	12,256,115
Shares Created	1,580,398
Shares Liquidated	(1,676,647)
Closing Shares	12,159,866

The net asset value, the asset value per share and the number of shares in issue are given in the Comparative Table on page 39. All shares classes have the same rights on winding up. The taxation and income are apportioned equally based on the weighted proportion of each share class.

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 57.

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### 14. Portfolio Transaction Costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs, please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 39.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS	31/12/2021 £'000	31/12/2020 £'000
Analysis of total purchase costs:		
Equities	363	1,557
Bonds	178	1,045
Collective Investment Schemes	1,035	9,714
Purchases in year before transaction costs	1,576	12,316
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	-	2
Bonds total value paid	-	1
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	1	3
Bonds total value paid	1	-
Total purchase costs	2	6
Gross purchases total	1,578	12,322
Analysis of total sale costs:		
Equities	7	-
Bonds	252	-
Collective Investment Schemes	1,501	295
Gross sales in year before transaction costs	1,760	295
Total sales costs	-	_
Gross sales total	1,760	295

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS	31/12/2021 %	31/12/2020 %
Analysis of total purchase costs:		
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	-	0.11
Bonds total value paid	-	0.06
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	0.28	0.23
Bonds total value paid	0.56	0.04
Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset values		
Commissions	-	0.02
Taxes	0.01	0.04

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.39% (2020: 0.50%) based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

### **Distribution Tables**

### First Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021

#### **General Income Shares**

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/05/2021	31/05/20201
Group 1	0.6583	-	0.6583	-
Group 2	0.4994	0.1589	0.6583	

### Second Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 April 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021

#### General Income Shares

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	31/08/2021	31/08/20201
Group 1	0.8540	-	0.8540	-
Group 2	0.1745	0.6795	0.8540	

### Third Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021

#### General Income Shares

			<b>Distribution Paid</b>	<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	30/11/2021	30/11/2020
Group 1	0.6418	-	0.6418	0.5131
Group 2	0.3670	0.2748	0.6418	0.5131

### Final Interim Dividend Distribution In Pence Per Share

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2021

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021

#### **General Income Shares**

		Distribution Payable		<b>Distribution Paid</b>
	Net Income	Equalisation	28/02/2022	28/02/2021
Group 1	0.6643	-	0.6643	0.6353
Group 2	0.4166	0.2477	0.6643	0.6353

<sup>1</sup>There were no distributions as the General Income Share was launched on 6 July 2020.



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