(An Umbrella open-ended Unit Trust authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the provisions of the UCITS Regulations)

## **Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**

for the year ended 30 September 2024

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#### **Manager and Investment Manager**

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#### **Directors of the Manager**

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#### Administrator, Registrar and Transfer Agent

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#### **Depositary**

State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited 78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin 2 Ireland

#### **Independent Auditors**

PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors One Spencer Dock North Wall Quay Dublin 1 Ireland

#### **Legal Advisers to the Trust**

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<sup>\*</sup> Non-Executive Director.

#### Background to Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust

Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust (the "Trust") is an umbrella open-ended Unit trust established as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities ("UCITS") pursuant to the provisions of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended), and under the provisions of the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 (the "UCITS Regulations"). The Trust was constituted on 19 September 2017 as an open-ended umbrella structure Unit trust and commenced operations on 3 October 2017.

The Trust is organised in the form of an umbrella fund and comprises several funds (each a "Fund" together the "Funds"). The Trust has obtained the approval of the Central Bank for the establishment of five Funds. Additional Funds may be established by the Trust with the prior approval of the Central Bank. The base currency of the Trust is US Dollar. The base currency of each Fund will be determined by the Manager and is set out in the relevant Supplement to the Prospectus.

The Trust Deed provides that each Fund may have more than one class of Units allocated to it. The Units of each class allocated to a Fund will rank pari passu with each other in all respects except as to all or any of the currency of denomination of the class, and/or the dividend policy of the class, and/or the level of fees and expenses to be charged to the class and/or the minimum subscription, minimum redemption and minimum holding limits applicable to the class, or as the Manager may otherwise determine.

At 30 September 2024, the following classes of Units were funded:

<b>Fund</b> Architas Flexible Bond	Investment Manager Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited	Sub-Investment Manager	Fund Launch Date 03 October 2017	Classes of Units Institutional Class I (USD) Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Retail Class R (USD) Zero Class Z (USD) Retail Class R Distribution (USD) Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited	-	03 October 2017	Institutional Class I (USD) Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Retail Class R (USD) Zero Class Z (USD)
Architas Flexible Equity	Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited	-	03 October 2017	Institutional Class I (USD) Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Retail Class R (USD) Zero Class Z (USD)
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited	AXA IM Select Asia Limited	18 January 2022	Institutional Class I (JPY) Institutional Class I (USD) Retail Class R (USD) Zero Class Z (USD)
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited	AXA IM Select Asia Limited	03 April 2023	Zero Class Z (USD)

Further classes of Units may be issued on advance notification to, and in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.

The Investment Manager may, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, appoint one or more Sub-Investment Managers to whom it may delegate all or part of the day-to-day conduct of its investment management responsibilities in respect of any Fund. If more than one Sub-Investment Manager is appointed to a Fund, the Investment Manager shall allocate the assets of the Fund between the Sub-Investment Managers in such proportions as it shall, at its discretion, determine.

The investment objectives and policies of each Fund within the umbrella are detailed in the individual Investment Manager's Reports. For a complete description of the objective and policies of each Fund, an investor should read the relevant supplement to the Prospectus.

#### **Global Operating and Geopolitical Environment**

The year under review has continued to provide a challenging context, with an environment marked by an ongoing focus on global inflation, interest rates movements, and the continued conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. Notwithstanding these headwinds, markets rallied over the twelve-month period with inflation rates decelerating and central banks pivoted to a more dovish stance in late 2023. The combination of these factors has provided a resilient environment for all asset classes.

#### Global Operating and Geopolitical Environment (cont/d)

The annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis for the year ended 30 September 2024. The Directors of the Manager are of the view that the Trust can continue in operational existence for twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements ("the period of assessment"). The Directors of the Manager anticipate the financial assets will continue to generate enough cash flows on an ongoing basis to meet the relevant Fund's liabilities as they fall due. In making this assessment, the Directors of the Manager considered the geopolitical tension in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and the macroeconomic trends (interest rates and easing high inflation), and the volatility currently being experienced on financial markets in all asset classes.

Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited (AMMEL) continues to closely monitor the risk of disruptions and other risks to fund operations. Mitigating plans are in place to protect AMMEL employees, sustain services to fund investors, and other stakeholders and ensure effective processes are in place to communicate and execute such plans.

The Directors of the Manager continue to closely monitor the Funds' potential exposures at a global level, to macroeconomic, geopolitical and business disruption risk, including: (i) the consequences from a deterioration in macroeconomic conditions and a consequential slowdown in the flow of people, goods and services, especially on new business volumes, (ii) change in asset prices and financial conditions (including interest rates), (iii) whether any liquidity management tools are considered required (e.g. Anti-Dilution Levies (ADL's), gating, suspending funds); and (iv) the impact on the services provided to Funds by their service providers.

#### Minimum Subscription Amount/Minimum Holding

The minimum subscription amount during and after the Initial Offer Period in respect of each Unit class, in each Fund is as follows:

Unit Class	Minimum Subscription during Initial Offer Period / Minimum Holding	Subsequent Minimum Subscription
Institutional Class I (USD) Units	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged	SG\$1,000	SG\$1,000
Retail Class R (USD) Units	\$1,000	\$1,000
Zero Class Z (USD) Units	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Retail Class R Distribution (USD) Units	\$1,000	\$1,000
Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged Units	CN¥10,000	CN¥10,000
Institutional Class I (JPY) Units	¥100,000,000	¥100,000,000

#### Calculation of Net Asset Value ("NAV")

The State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Administrator") shall determine the NAV per Unit of each class of each Fund on each dealing day (i.e. each Business day on the basis set forth below and in accordance with the Trust Deed).

The NAV per Unit of each Fund is determined by dividing the NAV of the relevant class of Units in the relevant Fund by the total number of Units outstanding in the relevant class of Units of the relevant Fund.

The NAV of each Fund will be equal to all of its assets less all of its liabilities as at the valuation point on each business day plus any interest accrued on underlying assets between the valuation point and the time of calculation of the NAV on the dealing day.

The Manager is responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements for each financial period in accordance with applicable Irish Law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

In preparing these financial statements the Manager is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 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 Trust will continue in operation.

The Manager is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed and the UCITS Regulations.

The Manager has delegated responsibility for administration of the Trust's affairs to State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited for the purpose of maintaining proper books of account. Accordingly, the books of account are kept at State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited, 78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, Ireland. State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary") is responsible for safekeeping of the assets of the Trust in accordance with the Trust Deed.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Investment Manager's website https://select.axa-im.com/. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Manager is also responsible with respect to its duties under the UCITS Regulations to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud, and other irregularities.

#### **Dealings with Connected Persons**

Regulation 43(1) of the UCITS Regulations "Restrictions of transactions with connected persons" states that "A responsible person shall ensure that any transaction between a UCITS and a connected person is conducted a) at arm's length; and b) in the best interest of the Unit-holders of the UCITS".

As required under UCITS Regulation 81.4, the Directors of the Manager, as responsible persons are satisfied that there are in place arrangements, evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1) are applied to all transactions with a connected person; and all transactions with connected persons that were entered into during the period to which the report relates complied with the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1).

On behalf of the Manager

Clubs Compiler Charles Lamb

Director: Julie O'Neill

27 January 2025

### Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Bond

#### Investment Objective and Policies\*

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income and with a low to medium volatility level mainly through exposure to a diversified range of fixed income sub-asset classes.

The Fund intends to hold a minimum of 50% and less than 100% of its NAV in eligible Investment Funds.

In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in eligible Investment Funds and may make direct investments (as described in the Prospectus). The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect either direct investment in, or exposure to, fixed-income securities, money market instruments, derivatives, financial indices and/or currencies. Some of the eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be passively managed whereas others will be actively managed. Some of the eligible Investment Funds may be leveraged from time to time. The Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds, to any one country, region or sector. The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Manager appointed by the Investment Manager. The Fund portfolio may be mainly invested in Units or shares in eligible Investment Funds (including other Funds of the Trust) in accordance with the conditions of Appendix III to the Prospectus.

The Fund may also invest directly in fixed-income securities (including convertible bonds), predominantly USD denominated across developed and emerging markets, which may be government or corporate bonds of fixed or floating rate, across all maturities which are rated investment grade or below investment grade (by a recognised agency) or unrated and which are listed or traded on Regulated Markets, short term liquid assets such as money market instruments, as defined in accordance with the Central Bank Requirements and which include UCITS and acceptable alternative Investment Funds, money market Investment Funds and unlisted securities in accordance with the UCITS requirements. The Fund may not invest more than 10% of its NAV in debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer (including its government, public or local authority) which is below investment grade.

Architas Flexible Bond Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and therefore falls within the scope of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR"), but does not have a sustainable investment objective as such term is understood in accordance with the SFDR.

Further information on the environmental and/or social characteristics, and other SFDR related information of Architas Flexible Bond Fund is available in the Sustainability Disclosure Annex of the Fund supplement and also on the AXA IM Select website (https://docs.select.axa-im.com/ireland/architas-multi-manager-global-managed-unit-trust/website-product-disclosure/architasglobalmanagedwebsite-disclosurepdf.pdf).

In pursuit of its investment objective, the Fund may employ FDI for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management purposes. Investments in FDI shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of Appendix II of the Prospectus including those relating to collateral requirements and Eligible Counterparties, in addition to other requirements contained in the Regulations and conditions imposed by the Central Bank. The Fund may use exchange-traded FDI traded on Regulated Markets such as Futures (including bond Futures, interest rate Futures and index Futures) and Options (including Options on indices, interest rates or bond futures) to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk through hedging and/or to increase returns. The Fund may also invest in over-the-counter (OTC) FDI including interest-rate Swaps (to gain efficient exposure to interest rates, to reduce risk and/or to increase returns), Credit Default Swaps (to gain exposure to credit, to reduce credit risk through hedging and/or to increase returns), Options (including options on indices, interest rates or bond futures) to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk and to increase returns and Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (to gain exposure to currencies or to hedge interest rate or currency exposure) with Eligible Counterparties.

Global exposure of the Fund will be measured and monitored using the commitment approach. The Fund may be leveraged up to 50% of its NAV as a result of its use of FDI. The Fund may also borrow up to 10% of its NAV temporarily.

#### **Performance**

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the 'I' share class of Architas Flexible Bond Fund returned 16.30% (net of fees) in USD terms.\*\*

#### **Market Review**

Inflationary pressures eased, helping central banks to pivot to a more dovish stance. In June, Canada became the first G7 country to cut rates, swiftly followed by the European Central Bank (ECB). With the U.S. economy remaining resilient, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) kept rates on hold for much of the period, but concerns over the health of the job market prompted it to finally start its easing cycle in September with a larger-than-usual 50 basis point (bps) reduction.

### **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Bond**

#### Market Review (cont/d)

In Asia, the Bank of Japan finally exited its below zero interest policy and announced it would be reducing its bond buying programme as inflation was sustainably above 2%. Chinese economic growth continued to underwhelm, and the country flirted with deflation. Towards the end of September, the Chinese authorities announced significant stimulus measures, including cuts in borrowing rates, additional Funds to boost the stock market and facilitate share buybacks, and further support for the country's troubled property market.

#### **Bond Markets**

Global bonds delivered robust gains over the 12 months under review, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returning 12.0% in USD terms. Bond yields fell sharply as inflation slowed back towards target levels and central banks started to cut rates. In general, corporate bonds outperformed government debt, with high yield bonds the strongest (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index +19.0%, USD).

In the U.S., the Treasury market rallied 9.7% (Bloomberg U.S. Government Index in USD), with the 10 year Treasury closing the period at 3.8%, having peaked at 5.0% in early October 2023. With shorter dated yields falling even more, the yield curve (2s to 10s) became positively sloped for the first time since mid-2022. In Europe, the Bloomberg Euro Government Index rose 9.2% in EUR terms, with the 10 year German Bund yield closing at 2.1%, having peaked at 3.0% in early October.

The US Dollar weakened over the 12 month period, with the Dollar Index, which measures the dollar's performance against a basket of its major trading partners, falling 5.1%. The decline picked up speed in the third quarter as the Fed indicated it would soon start to ease rates. At its September meeting, the Fed enacted a larger-than-usual 50 bps cut and signalled that rates were likely to decline another 50 bps before year end, with further cuts to follow in 2025.

It was a volatile year for the Japanese yen which by early July had fallen to 40 year low against the US Dollar. However, the yen rallied sharply in the third quarter as the Bank of Japan signalled it was serious about tightening monetary policy. This rally meant the yen ended the 12 months down only slightly against the euro, but up against the dollar.

#### **Emerging Market Debt**

Emerging market (EM) bonds rallied sharply. Hard currency bonds, which are issued in currencies such as the US Dollar or euro, returned 18.6% in USD terms (JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index). The rally mirrored the robust returns seen in other higher risk areas of fixed income markets where credit spreads over government debt have fallen to historically tight levels.

Local currency bonds also rallied, gaining 13.4% in USD terms (JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index). Overall returns were helped by an appreciation in many EM currencies against the US Dollar, although the Brazilian real, Mexican peso and Turkish lira stood out as notable exceptions, as well as cuts in interest rates. Political developments were also positive for certain markets such as South Africa where the African National Congress was forced into a coalition government with the Democratic Alliance after losing its parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years.

#### **Convertible Bonds**

Convertible bonds rallied strongly over the 12 months under review, with the ICE BoA Global 300 Convertibles Bond Index gaining 16.5% in USD terms. This compared to a return of 32.4% for global equities (MSCI World Index, USD) and 12.0% for global bonds (Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index, USD). While convertible bond returns lay between those of global equities and global bonds, as is to be expected, they underperformed other riskier areas of the bond market, such as high-yield debt which rallied 19.0% (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, USD). Convertible bond issuance picked up over the 12 months, with issuance levels accelerating sharply in the second quarter due in part to increased issuance from investment-grade companies.

#### **Fund Review**

The Fund produced a positive return for the 12-month period ending 30 September 2024. The Fund, which is composed primarily of bond funds produced a positive performance as major central banks around the world started cutting interest rates Emerging Market Debt holdings led gains as EM debt outperformed most other bond markets. Neuberger Berman EM Debt Hard Currency was the best performer for the period. The worst performing fund over the 12 months was BlackRock Global High Yield Sustainable Credit Screened.

30 September 2024

	Institutional Class I
	(USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$16,000,263
Number of Units in Issue	140,195
NAV per Unit	US\$114.13

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Bond**

Fund Review (cont/d)			
	30 September 2024 Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged	30 September 2023 Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged	30 September 2022 Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged
NAV (at dealing prices)	SG\$542,597	SG\$464,495	SG\$441,654
Number of Units in Issue	5,161	4,800	4,678
NAV per Unit	SG\$105.14	SG\$96.77	SG\$94.41
	30 September 2024 Retail Class R (USD)	30 September 2023 Retail Class R (USD)	30 September 2022 Retail Class R (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$9,810,761	US\$11,109,569	US\$8,986,450
Number of Units in Issue	89,277	116,933	101,921
NAV per Unit	US\$109.89	US\$95.01	US\$88.17
	30 September 2024 Zero Class Z (USD)	30 September 2023 Zero Class Z (USD)	30 September 2022 Zero Class Z (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$14,952,220	US\$12,804,865	US\$11,770,522
Number of Units in Issue	129,771	129,771	129,771
NAV per Unit	US\$115.22	US\$98.67	US\$90.70
	30 September 2024 Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	30 September 2023 Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	30 September 2022 Retail Class R Distribution (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$82,260	US\$41,264	US\$39,781
Number of Units in Issue	925	500	500
NAV per Unit	US\$88.89	US\$82.53	US\$79.56
	30 September 2024 Retail Class R Distribution (RMB)	30 September 2023 Retail Class R Distribution (RMB)	30 September 2022 Retail Class R Distribution (RMB)
	Hedged	Hedged***	Hedged
NAV (at dealing prices)	CN¥392,749	CN¥372,607	-
Number of Units in Issue	3,797	3,797	-
NAV per Unit	CN¥103.42	CN¥98.12	-

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Prospectus and relevant Supplements for a full version of the investment objective and policies.

Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited 27 January 2025

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged Units class was launched on 10 May 2023.

### **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Multi-Asset Balanced**

#### Investment Objective and Policies\*

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income and with a medium volatility level through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.

The Fund intends to hold a minimum of 50% and less than 100% of its NAV in eligible Investment Funds.

In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in eligible Investment Funds and may make direct investments (as described in the Prospectus). The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect either direct investment in, or exposure to, fixed-income securities, equities and/or equity-related securities, money market instruments, commodities, real estate, derivatives, financial indices and/or currencies. The Fund exposure to commodities will be obtained through the use of Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs") on commodity indices cleared by the Central Bank and investment in eligible Investment Funds, which may also seek commodity-related exposures through investment in equities of commodity producers, FDI or other commodity-related issuers. Some of the eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be passively managed whereas others will be actively managed. Some of the eligible Investment Funds may be leveraged from time to time. The Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds, to any one country, region, sector, asset class, or any market capitalisation. The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Investment Manager or any Sub-Investment Manager appointed by the Investment Manager. The Fund portfolio may be mainly invested in Units or shares in eligible Investment Funds (including other Funds of the Trust) in accordance with the conditions of Appendix III to the Prospectus.

In addition to the investments in the above via Investment Funds, the Fund may also, subject to the indicative asset allocations shown above, invest directly in equities (such as common or preferred stocks), Units or shares of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") and equity related-securities (such as American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"). The Fund may also, subject to the indicative asset allocations shown above, invest in fixed-income securities, predominantly USD denominated across developed and emerging markets, which may be government or corporate bonds of fixed or floating rate, across all maturities which are rated investment grade or below investment grade (by a recognised agency) or unrated and which are listed or traded on Regulated Markets, short term liquid assets such as money market instruments, as defined in accordance with the Central Bank Requirements and which include UCITS and acceptable alternative Investment Funds, money market Investment Funds and unlisted securities in accordance with the UCITS requirements. The Fund may not invest more than 10% of its NAV in debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer (including its government, public or local authority) which is below investment grade.

Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and therefore falls within the scope of Article 8 of the SFDR, but does not have a sustainable investment objective as such term is understood in accordance with the SFDR.

Further information on the environmental and/or social characteristics, and other SFDR related information of Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Fund is available in the Sustainability Disclosure Annex of the Fund supplement and also on the AXA IM Select website. (https://docs.select.axa-im.com/ireland/architas-multi-manager-global-managed-unit-trust/websiteproduct-disclosure/architasglobalmanagedwebsite-disclosurepdf.pdf)

Global exposure of the Fund will be measured and monitored using the commitment approach. The Fund may be leveraged up to 50% of its NAV as a result of its use of FDI. The Fund may also borrow up to 10% of its NAV temporarily.

#### **Performance**

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the 'R' share class of Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Fund returned 19.23% (net of fees) in USD terms.\*\*

#### **Market Review**

Inflationary pressures eased, helping central banks to pivot to a more dovish stance. In June, Canada became the first G7 country to cut rates, swiftly followed by the ECB. With the U.S. economy remaining resilient, the U.S. Fed kept rates on hold for much of the period, but concerns over the health of the job market prompted it to finally start its easing cycle in September with a larger-than-usual 50 bps reduction.

In Asia, the Bank of Japan finally exited its below zero interest policy and announced it would be reducing its bond buying programme as inflation was sustainably above 2%. Chinese economic growth continued to underwhelm, and the country flirted with deflation. Towards the end of September, the Chinese authorities announced significant stimulus measures, including cuts in borrowing rates, additional Funds to boost the stock market and facilitate share buybacks, and further support for the country's troubled property market.

### **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Multi-Asset Balanced**

#### **Equity Markets**

Global equities rallied sharply, boosted by hopes of lower interest rates. Despite suffering a sharp setback in early August when weaker-than-expected U.S. jobs growth sparked recessionary fears, global stocks subsequently rebounded, boosted by the Fed's decision to start its easing cycle and China's announcement of significant stimulus measures. The MSCI ACWI Index returned 26.6% in EUR terms over the 12 months.

U.S. equities were among the strongest performers, with the S&P 500 Index surging 36.4% in USD terms, driven by a narrow range of mega-cap stocks that were viewed as benefitting the most from the growing use of artificial intelligence. Elsewhere, the MSCI Europe Index and MSCI Japan Index returned 19.5% and 15.3%, respectively, in EUR terms. Chinese shares lagged for much of the period but jumped sharply in September, buoyed by Beijing's new stimulus programme, to close the period +16.6% in EUR terms (MSCI China Index).

#### **Bond Markets**

Global bonds delivered robust gains over the 12 months under review, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returning 12.0% in USD terms. Bond yields fell sharply as inflation slowed back towards target levels and central banks started to cut rates. In general, corporate bonds outperformed government debt, with high yield bonds the strongest (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index +19.0%, USD).

In the U.S., the Treasury market rallied 9.7% (Bloomberg U.S. Government Index in USD), with the 10 year Treasury closing the period at 3.8%, having peaked at 5.0% in early October 2023. With shorter dated yields falling even more, the yield curve (2s to 10s) became positively sloped for the first time since mid-2022. In Europe, the Bloomberg Euro Government Index rose 9.2% in EUR terms, with the 10 year German Bund yield closing at 2.1%, having peaked at 3.0% in early October.

#### **Currency Markets**

The US Dollar weakened over the 12 month period, with the Dollar Index, which measures the dollar's performance against a basket of its major trading partners, falling 5.1%. The decline picked up speed in the third quarter as the Fed indicated it would soon start to ease rates. At its September meeting, the Fed enacted a larger-than-usual 50 bps cut and signalled that rates were likely to decline another 50 bps before year end, with further cuts to follow in 2025.

It was a volatile year for the Japanese yen which by early July had fallen to 40 year low against the US Dollar. However, the yen rallied sharply in the third guarter as the Bank of Japan signalled it was serious about tightening monetary policy. This rally meant the yen ended the 12 months down only slightly against the euro, but up against the dollar.

#### **Emerging Market Debt**

EM bonds rallied sharply. Hard currency bonds, which are issued in currencies such as the US Dollar or euro, returned 18.6% in USD terms (JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index). The rally mirrored the robust returns seen in other higher risk areas of fixed income markets where credit spreads over government debt have fallen to historically tight levels.

Local currency bonds also rallied, gaining 13.4% in USD terms (JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index). Overall returns were helped by an appreciation in many EM currencies against the US Dollar, although the Brazilian real, Mexican peso and Turkish lira stood out as notable exceptions, as well as cuts in interest rates. Political developments were also positive for certain markets such as South Africa where the African National Congress was forced into a coalition government with the Democratic Alliance after losing its parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years.

#### **Convertible Bonds**

Convertible bonds rallied strongly over the 12 months under review, with the ICE BoA Global 300 Convertibles Bond Index gaining 16.5% in USD terms. This compared to a return of 32.4% for global equities (MSCI World Index, USD) and 12.0% for global bonds (Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index, USD). While convertible bond returns lay between those of global equities and global bonds, as is to be expected, they underperformed other riskier areas of the bond market, such as high-yield debt which rallied 19.0% (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, USD). Convertible bond issuance picked up over the 12 months, with issuance levels accelerating sharply in the second quarter due in part to increased issuance from investment-grade companies.

#### **Fund Review**

The Fund produced a positive return for the 12-month period ending 30 September 2024. The Fund, which is composed of both equity and bond Funds produced a positive performance on the back of the resurgence of global equity markets and bond markets. Global Aggregate Bonds led gains as Robeco Global Credit was the leading contributor to performance. Manager selection was weak during the period with several U.S. and Global Aggregate Bonds holdings failing to outperform their respective benchmarks. From an asset allocation perspective, the Fund benefitted from being overweight U.S. equities.

Fund Review (cont/d)			
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	Institutional Class I (USD)	Institutional Class I (USD)	Institutional Class I (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$48,786,073	US\$54,400,128	US\$55,763,251
Number of Units in Issue	342,692	459,480	511,852
NAV per Unit	US\$142.36	US\$118.39	US\$108.94
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	Retail Class R (SGD)	Retail Class R (SGD)	Retail Class R (SGD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	<b>Unhedged</b> SG\$2,188,496	<b>Unhedged</b> SG\$1,609,152	Unhedged
NAV (at dealing prices)  Number of Units in Issue	3G\$2,100,490 17,896	14,774	SG\$1,821,569 17,185
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NAV per Unit	SG\$122.29	SG\$108.92	SG\$106.00
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
NIA) / /	Retail Class R (USD)	Retail Class R (USD)	Retail Class R (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$336,917,432	US\$304,175,020	US\$294,546,965
Number of Units in Issue	2,494,871	2,685,541	2,802,210
NAV per Unit	US\$135.04	US\$113.26	US\$105.11
	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	Zero Class Z (USD)	Zero Class Z (USD)***	Zero Class Z (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$59,884	US\$49,601	US\$5,278,907
Number of Units in Issue	500	500	47,384
NAV per Unit	US\$119.77	US\$99.20	US\$111.41

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Prospectus and relevant Supplements for a full version of the investment objective and policies.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

\*\*\*Architas Multi-Asset Balances Zero Class Z (USD) Units class was closed as at 19 December 2022 and relaunched 18 May

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Equity**

#### Investment Objective and Policies\*

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek to achieve a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income and with a medium to high volatility level mainly through exposure to a diversified range of equity sub-asset classes.

The Fund intends to hold a minimum of 50% and less than 100% of its NAV in Investment Funds.

In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in Investment Funds and may make direct investments (as described in the Prospectus). The Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect either direct investment in, or exposure to, equities and/or equity-related securities, money market instruments, derivatives, financial indices and/or currencies. Some of the Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be passively managed whereas others will be actively managed. Some of the Investment Funds may be leveraged from time to time. The Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through direct investment or investment in Investment Funds, to any one country, region, sector or any market capitalisation. The Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Investment Manager or any subinvestment manager appointed by the Investment Manager. The Fund portfolio may be mainly invested in Units or shares in Investment Funds (including other Funds of the Trust) in accordance with the conditions of Appendix III to the Prospectus.

In addition to Investment Funds, the Fund may also, subject to the indicative asset allocations shown above, invest directly in equities (such as common or preferred stocks), Units or shares of REITs and equity related securities such as ADRs and GDRs.

Architas Flexible Equity Fund promotes environmental and social characteristics and therefore falls within the scope of Article 8 of the SFDR, but does not have a sustainable investment objective as such term is understood in accordance with the SFDR.

Further information on the environmental and/or social characteristics, and other SFDR related information of Architas Flexible Equity Fund is available in the Sustainability Disclosure Annex of the Fund supplement and also on the AXA IM Select website. (https://docs.select.axa-im.com/ireland/architas-multi-manager-global-managed-unit-trust/websiteproduct-disclosure/architasglobalmanagedwebsite-disclosurepdf.pdf)

Global exposure of the Fund will be measured and monitored using the commitment approach. The Fund may be leveraged up to 50% of its NAV as a result of its use of FDI. The Fund may also borrow up to 10% of its NAV temporarily.

#### **Performance**

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the 'I' share class of Architas Flexible Equity Fund returned 27.89% (net of fees) in USD terms.\*\*

#### **Market Review**

Inflationary pressures eased, helping central banks to pivot to a more dovish stance. In June, Canada became the first G7 country to cut rates, swiftly followed by the ECB. With the U.S. economy remaining resilient, the U.S. Fed kept rates on hold for much of the period, but concerns over the health of the job market prompted it to finally start its easing cycle in September with a larger-than-usual 50 bps reduction.

In Asia, the Bank of Japan finally exited its below zero interest policy and announced it would be reducing its bond buying programme as inflation was sustainably above 2%. Chinese economic growth continued to underwhelm, and the country flirted with deflation. Towards the end of September, the Chinese authorities announced significant stimulus measures, including cuts in borrowing rates, additional Funds to boost the stock market and facilitate share buybacks, and further support for the country's troubled property market.

#### **Equity Markets**

Global equities rallied sharply, boosted by hopes of lower interest rates. Despite suffering a sharp setback in early August when weaker-than-expected U.S. jobs growth sparked recessionary fears, global stocks subsequently rebounded, boosted by the Fed's decision to start its easing cycle and China's announcement of significant stimulus measures. The MSCI ACWI Index returned 26.6% in EUR terms over the 12 months.

U.S. equities were among the strongest performers, with the S&P 500 Index surging 36.4% in USD terms, driven by a narrow range of mega-cap stocks that were viewed as benefitting the most from the growing use of artificial intelligence. Elsewhere, the MSCI Europe Index and MSCI Japan Index returned 19.5% and 15.3%, respectively, in EUR terms. Chinese shares lagged for much of the period but jumped sharply in September, buoyed by Beijing's new stimulus programme, to close the period +16.6% in EUR terms (MSCI China Index).

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Equity**

#### **Currency Markets**

The US Dollar weakened over the 12 month period, with the Dollar Index, which measures the dollar's performance against a basket of its major trading partners, falling 5.1%. The decline picked up speed in the third guarter as the Fed indicated it would soon start to ease rates. At its September meeting, the Fed enacted a larger-than-usual 50 bps cut and signalled that rates were likely to decline another 50 bps before year end, with further cuts to follow in 2025.

It was a volatile year for the Japanese yen which by early July had fallen to 40 year low against the US Dollar. However, the yen rallied sharply in the third quarter as the Bank of Japan signalled it was serious about tightening monetary policy. This rally meant the yen ended the 12 months down only slightly against the euro, but up against the dollar.

The Fund produced a positive return for the 12-month period ending 30 September 2024. The Fund, which is primarily composed of equity Funds produced a positive performance on the back of the resillience of global equity markets. European equity holdings led gains as Selection European Equity was the leading contributor to performance. Manager selection was weak during the period with several U.S. and Asia Ex Japan holdings failing to outperform their respective benchmarks.

NAV (at dealing prices)	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	Institutional Class I	Institutional Class I	Institutional Class I
	(USD)	(USD)	(USD)
	US\$119,124,683	US\$118,833,053	US\$127,023,757
Number of Units in Issue NAV per Unit	733,953	936,337	1,145,670
	US\$162.31	US\$126.91	US\$110.87
NAV (at dealing prices) Number of Units in Issue	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	Retail Class R (SGD)	Retail Class R (SGD)	Retail Class R (SGD)
	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
	SG\$882,278	SG\$820,047	SG\$686,031
	6,487	7,192	6,505
NAV per Unit  NAV (at dealing prices)  Number of Units in Issue	SG\$136.01  30 September 2024  Retail Class R (USD)  US\$19,067,530  123,324	SG\$114.03  30 September 2023 Retail Class R (USD)  US\$20,263,877  166,443	\$G\$105.46  30 September 2022 Retail Class R (USD)  US\$18,354,848  171,368
NAV per Unit	US\$154.61	US\$121.75	US\$107.11
NAV (at dealing prices) Number of Units in Issue NAV per Unit	30 September 2024 Zero Class Z (USD) US\$79,919 478 US\$167.16	30 September 2023 Zero Class Z (USD) US\$62,242 478 US\$130.19	30 September 2022 Zero Class Z (USD) US\$54,159 478 US\$113.27

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Prospectus and relevant Supplements for a full version of the investment objective and policies.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund**

#### Investment Objective and Policies\*

The investment objective of the Ethical and Prosperous Investment Choices ("E.P.I.C.") Global Equity Opportunities Fund is to provide long-term growth of capital with a medium to high volatility level from a diversified and actively managed portfolio of securities with a focus on Sustainable Investments.

The Fund intends to hold 100% of its NAV (excluding cash) in eligible Investment Funds and direct investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments. Direct investments are not expected to exceed 10% of the Fund's NAV. The Manager will utilise its extensive research and market insight to seek out opportunities for outperformance through asset allocation decisions as determined by the Manager in its discretion.

When investing in eligible Investment Funds, the Manager will invest in Funds which are classified as Article 9 in line with the SFDR. The Manager also conducts independent Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") due diligence, designed to assess eligible Investment Fund's ESG integration capabilities. The due diligence relies on a detailed proprietary ESG questionnaire, followed by face-to-face due diligence meeting(s) with the eligible Investment Fund's manager and cover:

- ESG policy and governance
- Integration in investment decision process
- Engagement and voting
- Monitoring and Reporting

Using collected information, the Manager will form a view on the robustness of the ESG process (including peer comparison) and compute its aggregated ESG score. Any eligible Investment Funds which score below average will be flagged for further review; this could result in removal from approved buy lists.

When selecting direct investments, the Manager will follow an impact investment strategy which considers an issuer's positive contribution towards social and/or environmental objectives as set out in the SFDR and Taxonomy Regulation, respectively, and the issuer's corporate governance practices. The Manager's assessment as to whether a direct investment contributes to such social and/or environmental objectives will include the consideration of a number of factors, such as whether an issuer contributes to tackling inequality or that fosters social cohesion, invests in human capital, contributes to efforts relating to clean energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transportation, clean water and resource management, or low carbon solutions, or such other social and/or environmental factors that the Manager may determine are relevant. The Manager will also consider governance factors in respect of its consideration of Sustainable Investments - such governance factors include sound management structures, executive remuneration, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance, and reputational issues for companies such as weak labour practices. To help identify Sustainable Investments via direct investments, the Manager may rely on expertise, research and information provided by well-established financial data providers (when available) and/or its own proprietary research. When selecting direct investments, the Manager adheres to the AXA Group Responsible Investment Policy ("Policy"). The Policy identifies specific issuers in certain sectors, the securities of which are excluded as potential investments of the Fund. The most current sector guidelines are available on the AXA Group Responsible Investment website: https://www.axa.com/en/about-us/investments

As the Fund falls within the scope of Article 9 of the SFDR and gains exposure to issuers who engage in economic activities which contribute to certain environmental objectives, it is required under the Taxonomy Regulation to disclose how and to what extent the investments of the Fund are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under Article 3 of the Taxonomy Regulation.

The Manager will carry out qualitative risk assessments when constructing the Fund's portfolio by selecting complimentary Sustainable Investments that strike the best balance in its view between risk and potential return. The qualitative risk assessment process includes consideration of factors such as relative valuation and liquidity.

In addition, the Manager will carry out quantitative screening assessments utilising a proprietary approach designed to provide it with an understanding of how investment performance was achieved and to highlight consistency in delivering returns. This process includes assessing factors such as risk-adjusted return, downside protection and return consistency and assists the Manager to filter the available universe of potential investments in constructing the portfolio. Research tools may also be used by the Manager to analyse the historic volatility and correlation of returns of potential investments and to examine how overall portfolio risk may vary as weightings change.

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund**

#### Investment Objective and Policies\* (cont/d)

In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in a minimum of 50% and less than 100% of its NAV in eligible Investment Funds and may also make direct investments (as described below). The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect either direct investment in, or exposure to, equities and/or equityrelated securities, money market instruments, derivatives, financial indices and/or currencies. Some of the eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be passively managed whereas others will be actively managed. Some of the eligible Investment Funds may be leveraged from time to time. The Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds, to any one country, region, sector or any market capitalisation. The direct investments and eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest or gain exposure will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Manager or any Investment Manager appointed by the Manager. The Fund's portfolio may be mainly invested in Units or shares in eligible Investment Funds (including other Funds of the Trust) in accordance with the conditions of Appendix III to the Prospectus.

In addition to eligible Investment Funds, the Fund may also invest directly in equities (such as common or preferred stocks), Units or shares of REITs and equity related-securities (such as ADRs and GDRs). Any investment in REITs is not expected to exceed 10% of the NAV of the Fund.

The Fund may gain exposure to assets through direct investments or investment in eligible Investment Funds. Investment in eligible Investment Funds as opposed to direct investments may be made for reasons of diversification, efficiency or to gain access to particular investment managers or asset classes. The Fund may be more than 20% exposed to emerging markets through either direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds.

While it is not currently intended that the Fund will engage in FDI, in pursuit of its investment objective, the Fund may, in the future, employ FDI for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and the limitations set down in Appendix II to the Prospectus. The Fund does not intend to invest in Investment Funds with net derivative exposures exceeding 50% of their respective NAV. If the Fund intends to invest in FDI in the future, the Supplement will be updated accordingly. Investments in FDI may include but are not limited to exchange-traded FDI traded on Regulated Markets such as Futures (including index Futures) and Options (including Options on indices), to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk through hedging and/or to increase returns. The Fund may also invest in over-the-counter ("OTC") FDI Swaps (including Total Return Swaps ("TRS")), Options (including options on indices), to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk and to increase returns and Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (to gain exposure to currencies or to hedge currency exposure) with eligible counterparties. The Fund will only utilise FDI which are included in a Risk Management Policy (RMP) submitted to the Central Bank. Please refer to the section headed "Investment in FDI and Efficient Portfolio Management" in the Prospectus for further information regarding FDI which may be used by the Fund and information regarding their use.

In relation to TRS, the Manager expects that such transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV.

The Fund may enter into securities lending, repurchase and/or reverse repurchase agreements solely for the purposes of efficient portfolio management in accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank Requirements and Appendix II to the Prospectus. The Manager expects that lending of securities and repurchase transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however, the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV. The Manager expects that borrowing of securities and reverse repurchase transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV. However, it is not the current intention of the Fund to enter into securities lending, repurchase and/or reverse repurchase agreements. Details on the past utilization of these transactions, including details of the amounts earned and expenses incurred with respect to these transactions, are contained in the Fund annual report.

Global exposure of the Fund will be measured and monitored using the commitment approach. The Fund may be leveraged up to 50% of its NAV as a result of its use of FDI. The Fund may also borrow up to 10% of its NAV temporarily.

#### **Performance**

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the 'Z' share class of E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund returned 25.94% (net of fees) in USD terms.\*\*

#### **Market Review**

Inflationary pressures eased, helping central banks to pivot to a more dovish stance. In June, Canada became the first G7 country to cut rates, swiftly followed by the ECB. With the U.S. economy remaining resilient, the U.S. Fed kept rates on hold for much of the period, but concerns over the health of the job market prompted it to finally start its easing cycle in September with a larger-than-usual 50 bps reduction.

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund**

### Market Review (cont/d)

In Asia, the Bank of Japan finally exited its below zero interest policy and announced it would be reducing its bond buying programme as inflation was sustainably above 2%. Chinese economic growth continued to underwhelm, and the country flirted with deflation. Towards the end of September, the Chinese authorities announced significant stimulus measures, including cuts in borrowing rates, additional Funds to boost the stock market and facilitate share buybacks, and further support for the country's troubled property market.

#### **Equity Markets**

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U.S. equities were among the strongest performers, with the S&P 500 Index surging 36.4% in USD terms, driven by a narrow range of mega-cap stocks that were viewed as benefitting the most from the growing use of artificial intelligence. Elsewhere, the MSCI Europe Index and MSCI Japan Index returned 19.5% and 15.3%, respectively, in EUR terms. Chinese shares lagged for much of the period but jumped sharply in September, buoyed by Beijing's new stimulus programme, to close the period +16.6% in EUR terms (MSCI China Index).

#### **Fund Review**

The Fund produced a strong positive return for the 12-month period ending 30 September 2024. E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund, which is composed of sustainable equity Funds, started the period strongly in the last two months of 2023 as interest rates were falling which is usually supportive for small/mid cap stocks. In the first half of 2024, the concentration of market leadership in a handful of mega cap technology stocks continued which is in general more challenging as the Fund is underweight U.S. mega cap growth names. Over Q3 2024 the environment for the Fund improved as we saw an encouraging broadening out of market performance as small/mid cap and equal-weight indices outperformed market cap indices. The diversification of the Fund across market cap, style and impact themes paid off, as the contribution to performance was quite different depending on the market environment described above.

	30 September 2024 Institutional Class I (JPY)***	30 September 2023 Institutional Class I (JPY)	30 September 2022 Institutional Class I (JPY)
NAV (at dealing prices)	¥312,578,861	-	-
Number of Units in Issue	26,927	-	-
NAV per Unit	¥11,608.32	-	-
	30 September 2024 Institutional Class I (USD)	30 September 2023 Institutional Class I (USD)	30 September 2022 Institutional Class I (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$3,551,627	US\$2,334,422	US\$1,408,655
Number of Units in Issue	33,968	28,002	18,676
NAV per Unit	US\$104.56	US\$83.37	US\$75.43
	30 September 2024 Retail Class R (USD)	30 September 2023 Retail Class R (USD)	30 September 2022 Retail Class R (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$51,225	US\$41,151	US\$37,513
Number of Units in Issue	500	500	500
NAV per Unit	US\$102.45	US\$82.30	US\$75.03
	30 September 2024 Zero Class Z (USD)	30 September 2023 Zero Class Z (USD)	30 September 2022 Zero Class Z (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$45,614,008	US\$36,216,895	US\$32,631,865
Number of Units in Issue	431,375	431,375	431,375
NAV per Unit	US\$105.74	US\$83.96	US\$75.65

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Prospectus and relevant Supplements for a full version of the investment objective and policies.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (JPY) Units class was launched on 14 December 2023.

### **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust** E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

#### Investment Objective and Policies\*

The investment objective of the E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund is to provide a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income through exposure to a diversified and actively managed portfolio of global securities with a focus on Sustainable Investments.

Given the investment objective as outlined above, the Fund is a financial product subject to the disclosure requirements of Article 9 of the SFDR.

The Fund intends to hold 100% of its NAV (excluding cash) in eligible Investment Funds and direct investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments. Direct investments are not expected to exceed 10% of the Fund's NAV. The Manager will utilise its extensive research and market insight to seek out opportunities for outperformance through asset allocation decisions as determined by the Manager in its discretion.

When investing in eligible Investment Funds, the Manager will invest in Funds which are classified as Article 9 in line with the SFDR. The Manager also conducts independent ESG due diligence, designed to assess eligible Investment Fund's ESG integration capabilities. The due diligence relies on a detailed proprietary ESG questionnaire, followed by face-to-face due diligence meeting(s) with the eligible Investment Fund's manager and cover:

- ESG policy and governance
- Integration of ESG consideration in investment decision process
- Engagement and voting
- Monitoring and Reporting

Using collected information, the Manager will form a view on the robustness of the ESG process (including peer comparison) and compute its aggregated ESG score. Any eligible Investment Funds which score below average will be flagged for further review; this could result in removal from approved buy lists.

When selecting direct investments, the Manager will follow an impact investment strategy which considers an issuer's positive contribution towards social and/or environmental objectives as set out in the SFDR and Taxonomy Regulation, respectively, and the issuer's corporate governance practices. The Manager's assessment as to whether a direct investment contributes to such social and/or environmental objectives will include the consideration of a number of factors, such as whether an issuer contributes to tackling inequality or that fosters social cohesion, invests in human capital, contributes to efforts relating to clean energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transportation, clean water and resource management, or low carbon solutions, or such other social and/or environmental factors that the Manager may determine are relevant. The Manager will also consider governance factors in respect of its consideration of Sustainable Investments - such governance factors include sound management structures, executive remuneration, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance, and reputational issues for companies such as weak labour practices. To help identify Sustainable Investments via direct investments, the Manager may rely on expertise, research and information provided by well-established financial data providers (when available) and/or its own proprietary research. When selecting direct investments, the Manager adheres to the Policy. The Policy identifies specific issuers in certain sectors, the securities of which are excluded as potential investments of the Fund. The most current sector guidelines are available on the AXA Group Responsible Investment website: https://www.axa.com/en/aboutus/investments

The Manager will carry out qualitative risk assessments when constructing the Fund portfolio by selecting complimentary Sustainable Investments that strike the best balance in its view between risk and potential return. The qualitative risk assessment process includes consideration of factors such as relative valuation and liquidity.

In addition, the Manager will carry out quantitative screening assessments utilising a proprietary approach designed to provide it with an understanding of how investment performance was achieved and to highlight consistency in delivering returns. This process includes assessing factors such as risk-adjusted return, downside protection and return consistency and assists the Manager to filter the available universe of potential investments in constructing the portfolio. Research tools may also be used by the Manager to analyse the historic volatility and correlation of returns of potential investments and to examine how overall portfolio risk may vary as weightings change.

### **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust** E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

#### Investment Objective and Policies\* (cont/d)

In order to achieve its objective, the Fund will invest in eligible Investment Funds and may also make direct investments (as described above). The eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will have a range of underlying investments which may reflect either direct investment in, or exposure to, fixed-income securities, equities and/or equity-related securities, money market instruments, derivatives, financial indices and/or currencies. Some of the eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest will be passively managed whereas others will be actively managed. Some of the eligible Investment Funds may be leveraged from time to time. The Fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds, to any one country, region, sector or any market capitalisation. The direct investments and eligible Investment Funds in which the Fund will invest or gain exposure will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Manager or any Investment Manager appointed by the Manager. The Fund portfolio may be mainly invested in Units or shares in eligible Investment Funds (including other Funds of the Trust) in accordance with the conditions of Appendix III to the Prospectus.

In addition to eligible Investment Funds, the Fund may also invest directly in equities (such as common or preferred stocks), Units or shares of REITs and equity related-securities (such as ADRs and GRDs). Any investment in REITS is not expected to exceed 10% of the NAV of the Fund. The Fund may also invest in fixed-income securities, predominantly USD denominated across developed and emerging markets, which may be government or corporate bonds of fixed or floating rate, across all maturities which are rated investment grade or below investment grade (by a recognised agency) or unrated and which are listed or traded on Regulated Markets, short term liquid assets such as money market instruments, as defined in accordance with the Central Bank Requirements and which include UCITS and acceptable alternative Investment Funds, money market collective investment schemes and unlisted securities in accordance with the UCITS requirements. The Fund may not invest more than 10% of its NAV in debt securities issued and/or guaranteed by a single sovereign issuer (including its government, public or local authority) which is below investment grade.

The Fund may gain exposure to assets through direct investments or investment in eligible Investment Funds. Investment in eligible Investment Funds as opposed to direct investments may be made for reasons of diversification, efficiency or to gain access to particular investment managers or asset classes. The Fund may be more than 20% exposed to emerging markets through either direct investment or investment in eligible Investment Funds.

While it is not currently intended that the Fund will engage in FDI, in pursuit of its investment objective, the Fund may, in the future, employ FDI for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus and the limitations set down in Appendix II to the Prospectus. The Fund does not intend to invest in CIS with net derivative exposures exceeding 50% of their respective net asset values. If the Fund intends to invest in FDI in the future, the Supplement will be updated accordingly. Investments in FDI may include but are not limited to exchange-traded FDI traded on Regulated Markets such as Futures (including index Futures) and Options (including Options on indices), to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk through hedging and/or to increase returns. The Fund may also invest in OTC FDI Swaps (including TRS), Options (including options on indices), to gain efficient exposure to the investments outlined above, to reduce risk and to increase returns and Forward Foreign Currency Contracts (to gain exposure to currencies or to hedge currency exposure) with eligible counterparties. The Fund will only utilise FDI which are included in a RMP submitted to the Central Bank. Please refer to the section headed "Investment in FDI and Efficient Portfolio Management" in the Prospectus for further information regarding FDI which may be used by the Fund and information regarding their use.

In relation to TRS, the Manager expects that such transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV.

The Fund may enter into securities lending, repurchase and/or reverse repurchase agreements solely for the purposes of efficient portfolio management in accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank Requirements and Appendix II to the Prospectus. The Manager expects that lending of securities and repurchase transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however, the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV. The Manager expects that borrowing of securities and reverse repurchase transactions will apply to 0% of the NAV of the Fund, however the Fund may enter into such transactions up to 50% of its NAV. However, it is not the current intention of the Fund to enter into securities lending, repurchase and/or reverse repurchase agreements. Details on the past utilization of these transactions, including details of the amounts earned and expenses incurred with respect to these transactions, are contained in the Fund annual report.

Global exposure of the Fund will be measured and monitored using the commitment approach. The Fund may be leveraged up to 50% of its NAV as a result of its use of FDI. The Fund may also borrow up to 10% of its NAV temporarily.

#### **Performance**

From 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the 'Z' share class of E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund returned 20.44% (net of fees) in USD terms.\*\*

## Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

#### **Market Review**

Inflationary pressures eased, helping central banks to pivot to a more dovish stance. In June, Canada became the first G7 country to cut rates, swiftly followed by the ECB. With the U.S. economy remaining resilient, the U.S. Fed kept rates on hold for much of the period, but concerns over the health of the job market prompted it to finally start its easing cycle in September with a larger-than-usual 50 bps reduction.

In Asia, the Bank of Japan finally exited its below zero interest policy and announced it would be reducing its bond buying programme as inflation was sustainably above 2%. Chinese economic growth continued to underwhelm, and the country flirted with deflation. Towards the end of September, the Chinese authorities announced significant stimulus measures, including cuts in borrowing rates, additional Funds to boost the stock market and facilitate share buybacks, and further support for the country's troubled property market.

#### **Equity Markets**

Global equities rallied sharply, boosted by hopes of lower interest rates. Despite suffering a sharp setback in early August when weaker-than-expected U.S. jobs growth sparked recessionary fears, global stocks subsequently rebounded, boosted by the Fed's decision to start its easing cycle and China's announcement of significant stimulus measures. The MSCI ACWI Index returned 26.6% in EUR terms over the 12 months.

U.S. equities were among the strongest performers, with the S&P 500 Index surging 36.4% in USD terms, driven by a narrow range of mega-cap stocks that were viewed as benefitting the most from the growing use of artificial intelligence. Elsewhere, the MSCI Europe Index and MSCI Japan Index returned 19.5% and 15.3%, respectively, in EUR terms. Chinese shares lagged for much of the period but jumped sharply in September, buoyed by Beijing's new stimulus programme, to close the period +16.6% in EUR terms (MSCI China Index).

#### **Bond Markets**

Global bonds delivered robust gains over the 12 months under review, with the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returning 12.0% in USD terms. Bond yields fell sharply as inflation slowed back towards target levels and central banks started to cut rates. In general, corporate bonds outperformed government debt, with high yield bonds the strongest (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index +19.0%, USD).

In the U.S., the Treasury market rallied 9.7% (Bloomberg U.S. Government Index in USD), with the 10 year Treasury closing the period at 3.8%, having peaked at 5.0% in early October 2023. With shorter dated yields falling even more, the yield curve (2s to 10s) became positively sloped for the first time since mid-2022. In Europe, the Bloomberg Euro Government Index rose 9.2% in EUR terms, with the 10 year German Bund yield closing at 2.1%, having peaked at 3.0% in early October.

#### **Currency Markets**

The US Dollar weakened over the 12 month period, with the Dollar Index, which measures the dollar's performance against a basket of its major trading partners, falling 5.1%. The decline picked up speed in the third quarter as the Fed indicated it would soon start to ease rates. At its September meeting, the Fed enacted a larger-than-usual 50 bps cut and signalled that rates were likely to decline another 50 bps before year end, with further cuts to follow in 2025.

It was a volatile year for the Japanese yen which by early July had fallen to 40 year low against the US Dollar. However, the yen rallied sharply in the third quarter as the Bank of Japan signalled it was serious about tightening monetary policy. This rally meant the yen ended the 12 months down only slightly against the euro, but up against the dollar.

#### **Emerging Market Debt**

EM bonds rallied sharply. Hard currency bonds, which are issued in currencies such as the US Dollar or euro, returned 18.6% in USD terms (JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index). The rally mirrored the robust returns seen in other higher risk areas of fixed income markets where credit spreads over government debt have fallen to historically tight levels.

Local currency bonds also rallied, gaining 13.4% in USD terms (JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index). Overall returns were helped by an appreciation in many EM currencies against the US Dollar, although the Brazilian real, Mexican peso and Turkish lira stood out as notable exceptions, as well as cuts in interest rates. Political developments were also positive for certain markets such as South Africa where the African National Congress was forced into a coalition government with the Democratic Alliance after losing its parliamentary majority for the first time in 30 years.

#### **Convertible Bonds**

Convertible bonds rallied strongly over the 12 months under review, with the ICE BoA Global 300 Convertibles Bond Index gaining 16.5% in USD terms. This compared to a return of 32.4% for global equities (MSCI World Index, USD) and 12.0% for global bonds (Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index, USD). While convertible bond returns lay between those of global equities and global bonds, as is to be expected, they underperformed other riskier areas of the bond market, such as high-yield debt which rallied 19.0% (Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, USD). Convertible bond issuance picked up over the 12 months, with issuance levels accelerating sharply in the second quarter due in part to increased issuance from investment-grade companies.

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust** E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

#### **Fund Review**

The Fund produced a strong positive return for the 12-month period ending 30 September 2024. E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund, which holds sustainable equity Funds, started the period strongly in the last two months of 2023 as interest rates were falling which is usually supportive for small/mid cap stocks. In the first half of 2024, the concentration of market leadership in a handful of mega cap technology stocks continued which is in general more challenging as the Fund is under-weight U.S. mega cap growth names. Over Q3 2024 the environment for the Fund improved as we saw an encouraging broadening out of market performance as small/mid cap and equal-weight indices outperformed market cap indices. The diversification of the Fund across market cap, style and impact themes paid off, as the contribution to performance was guite different depending on the market environment described above. Bond holdings overall delivered in line with market and expectation.

	30 September 2024 Zero Class Z (USD)	30 September 2023 Zero Class Z (USD)***	30 September 2022 Zero Class Z (USD)
NAV (at dealing prices)	US\$25,751,692	US\$21,381,375	-
Number of Units in Issue	220,699	220,699	-
NAV per Unit	US\$116.68	US\$96.88	-

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Prospectus and relevant Supplements for a full version of the investment objective and policies.

Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited 27 January 2025

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund Zero Class Z (USD) Units class was launched on 3 April 2023.

Depositary's Report to the Unitholders of Architas Multi Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust

#### Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders

We have enquired into the conduct of the Manager in respect of Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 September 2024, in our capacity as Depositary to the Trust.

This report including the opinion has been prepared for and solely for the Unitholders in the Trust, in accordance with Regulation 34, (1), (3) and (4) in Part 5 of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended, ('the UCITS Regulations'), and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

#### Responsibilities of the Depositary

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in Regulation 34, (1), (3) and (4) in Part 5 of the UCITS Regulations. One of those duties is to enquire into the conduct of the Manager in each annual accounting period and report thereon to the Unitholders.

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

#### **Basis of Depositary Opinion**

The Depositary conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary in order to comply with its duties as outlined in Regulation 34, (1), (3) and (4) in Part 5 of the UCITS Regulations and to ensure that, in all material respects, the Trust has been managed (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of the Trust Deed and the appropriate regulations and (ii) otherwise in accordance with the Trust's constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations.

#### **Opinion**

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

- in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Manager and the Trustee by the Trust Deed, by the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019 ('the Central Bank UCITS Regulations'); and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited

78 Sir John Rogerson's Quay

Dublin 2 Ireland

27 January 2025



# Independent auditors' report to the unitholders of the Funds of Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Funds' assets, liabilities and financial position as at 30 September 2024 and of their results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council of the UK, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Irish law); and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, which comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2024;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Redeemable Participating Unitholders/Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended;
- the Schedule of Investments for each of the Funds as at 30 September 2024; and
- the notes to the financial statements for each of the Funds, which include a description of the accounting policies.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) ("ISAs (Ireland)") and applicable law.

Our responsibilities under ISAs (Ireland) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, which includes IAASA's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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 Funds' ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Funds' ability to continue as a going concern.

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



#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The manager is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance 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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

#### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Responsibilities of the manager for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Manager's Responsibilities set out on page 5, the manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework giving a true and fair view.

The manager is also responsible for such internal control as the manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the manager is responsible for assessing the Funds' ability to continue as going concerns, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the manager intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our audit testing might include testing complete populations of certain transactions and balances, possibly using data auditing techniques. However, it typically involves selecting a limited number of items for testing, rather than testing complete populations. We will often seek to target particular items for testing based on their size or risk characteristics. In other cases, we will use audit sampling to enable us to draw a conclusion about the population from which the sample is selected.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA website at:

https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description of auditors responsibilities for audit.pdf.

This description forms part of our auditors' report.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the unitholders of each of the Funds as a body in accordance with the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Dublin

29 January 2025

Notes Income	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD
Interest income Interest income Dividend income Realised (loss)/gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net change in unrealised gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Expense rebates	5,005 2,039,583 (33,791) 4,475,703 11,604	36,534 289,397 19,643,480 50,746,888 183,656	5,782 - 10,864,218 24,481,500 28,368	13,251 - 375,178 9,907,737 22,637
Total Investment Income	6,498,104	70,899,955	35,379,868	10,318,803
ExpensesManager fees6, 9Audit fees6Administration fees6Depositary fees6Transfer agency fees6Setup fees6	(172,620) (12,346) (51,612) (9,976) (3,715) (2,711)	(4,785,590) (12,591) (77,345) (45,428) (17,935) (2,711)	(828,307) (11,491) (52,022) (21,417) (6,263) (2,711)	(50,680) (12,739) (33,637) (7,428) (1,314) (2,710)
<b>Total Expenses</b> Expense reimbursement 6, 9	(252,980) 74,271	(4,941,600)	(922,211)	(108,508) 35
Expenses after manager reimbursement	(178,709)	(4,941,600)	(922,211)	(108,473)
Net Income	6,319,395	65,958,355	34,457,657	10,210,330
Finance Costs: Distribution Interest expense	(20,731)	(1,608)	(1,352)	(1,933)
Increase in net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders resulting from operations	6,298,664	65,956,747	34,456,305	10,208,397

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGER 27 January 2025

Director: Charles Lamb Clic Conscience Director: Julie O'Neill Julie O'Neill

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

> E.P.I.C. Global

	Notes	Multi-Asset Fund USD
Income Interest income Realised gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net change in unrealised gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Expense rebates	9	5,669 133,800 4,317,300 7,716
Total Investment Income		4,464,485
Expenses Manager fees Audit fees Administration fees Depositary fees Transfer agency fees Setup fees	6, 9 6 6 6	(18,892) (18,497) (38,652) (3,716) (261) (2,710)
Total Expenses		(82,728)
Net Income		4,381,757
Finance Costs: Interest expense		(422)
Increase in net assets resulting from operations		4,381,335

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	Notes	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD
Interest income Interest income Dividend income Realised loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net change in unrealised gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Expense rebates	9	1,744 1,559,090 (3,833,665) 5,879,608 35,567	47,630 713,807 (15,235,013) 47,031,320 181,351	9,930 79,449 (1,511,812) 23,106,424 26,316	10,445 - (4,586,308) 8,370,937 47,503
Total Investment Income		3,642,344	32,739,095	21,710,307	3,842,577
Expenses  Manager fees Audit fees Administration fees Depositary fees Transfer agency fees Setup fees	6, 9 6 6 6	(189,667) (14,183) (109,577) (11,223) (3,468) (2,681)	(4,446,070) (15,583) (102,588) (50,266) (16,582) (2,681)	(829,619) (15,578) (75,489) (25,704) (6,525) (2,681)	(39,949) (13,744) (40,213) (5,934) (1,192) (55,471)
Total Expenses Expense reimbursement	6, 9	(330,799) 147,367	(4,633,770)	(955,596)	(156,503)
Expenses after manager reimbursement		(183,432)	(4,633,770)	(955,596)	(156,503)
Net Income		3,458,912	28,105,325	20,754,711	3,686,074
Finance Costs: Distribution Interest expense		(1,590) (1,838)	(5,790)	(7,900)	(6,036)
Increase in net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders resulting from operations		3,455,484	28,099,535	20,746,811	3,680,038

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 September 2023 (cont/d)

> E.P.I.C. Global

	Notes	Multi-Asset Fund USD
Interest income Interest income Realised loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Net change in unrealised loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Expense rebates	9	3,766 (187,635) (448,862) 516
Total Investment Loss		(632,215)
Expenses Manager fees Audit fees Administration fees Depositary fees Transfer agency fees Setup fees	6, 9 6 6 6	(8,255) (6,132) (10,823) (3,394) (851) (56,189)
Total Expenses		(85,644)
Net Expense		(717,859)
Finance Costs: Interest expense		(195)
Decrease in net assets resulting from operations		(718,054)

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

Director: Julie O'Neill Julie oriel

E.P.I.C.

Assets Notes	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investments at fair value - Unrealised gain on forward foreign currency exchange contracts Cash at bank Dividend receivable Receivable for investments sold Receivable for fund shares issued Expense rebates receivable Other debtors Expense reimbursement receivable  Expense reimbursement receivable  6, 9	40,883,712 557 556,273 77,930 9,285 3,010 1 19,283	386,958,904 171,767 4,636,834 62,803 46,918	139,183,323 788,877 898,879 7,174	50,789,388 594,985 - - 12,620 - 35
Total Assets	41,550,051	391,877,226	140,878,254	51,397,028
Liabilities Bank overdraft		-	(185,395)	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one yearPayable for investments purchasedPayable for fund shares redeemedManager fees payable6, 9Depositary fees payable6Administration fees payable6Transfer agent fees payable6Audit fees payable6Audit fees payable6Overpayment of expense reimbursements6Setup costs payable6	(150,436) (27,889) (2,667) (12,649) (1,508) (12,269) (17,769)	(3,291,782) (91,160) (717,830) (11,910) (20,517) (7,017) (12,269) (236,488) (17,769)	(1,519,725) (465) (112,192) (5,600) (14,938) (2,587) (12,269) (46,977) (17,769)	(10,287) (1,982) (14,453) (818) (12,269) (34,106)
Total Liabilities	(225, 187)	(4,406,742)	(1,917,917)	(73,915)
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at the end of the year	41,324,864	387,470,484	138,960,337	51,323,113

Director: Charles Lamb

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGER

27 January 2025

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position** as at 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

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25,713,281

25,713,281

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ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGER 27 January 2025

Total equity at the end of the year

Assets

**Total Assets** 

Liabilities

- Investments at fair value Cash at bank

Expense rebates receivable

Depositary fees payable

Setup costs payable

**Total Liabilities** 

Net assets

Equity

Administration fees payable Transfer agent fees payable Audit fees payable

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

Creditors - amounts falling due within one year Manager fees payable

Director: Charles Lamb

Director: Julie O'Neill Julie oraiel

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Notes	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD
Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investments at fair value - Unrealised gain on forward foreign currency exchange contracts Cash at bank Dividend receivable Receivable for investments sold Receivable for fund shares issued Expense rebates receivable Expense reimbursement receivable  \$ 9  Expense reimbursement receivable	41,009,093 36 404,241 162,161 3,371 100,333	360,315,281 705,661 9,397 1,598,632 30,912 41,729 15,388	139,772,928 136,751 - 2,990 27,808	37,778,114 2,250,683 - 13,486
Total Assets	41,679,235	362,717,000	139,940,477	40,042,283
Liabilities				
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year Payable for investments purchased Payable for fund shares redeemed Manager fees payable Depositary fees payable Administration fees payable Fransfer agent fees payable Adudit fees payable Adudit fees payable Setup costs payable	(302,378) (30,542) (2,793) (11,543) (1,627) (12,985) (17,724)	(1,983,696) (169,538) (692,524) (12,548) (18,323) (5,567) (13,379) (17,724)	(2,883) (123,321) (6,403) (13,578) (2,551) (14,034) (17,724)	(1,447,156) (7,120) (1,627) (11,076) (986) (12,592) (59,694)
Total Liabilities	(379,592)	(2,913,299)	(180,494)	(1,540,251)
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at the end of the year	41,299,643	359,803,701	139,759,983	38,502,032

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Financial Position** as at 30 September 2023 (cont/d)

> E.P.I.C. Global

21,331,946

	Notes	Multi-Asset Fund USD
Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investments at fair value Cash at bank	2 5	21,055,511 870,232
Total Assets		21,925,743
Liabilities		
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year Payable for investments purchased Manager fees payable Depositary fees payable Administration fees payable Transfer agent fees payable Audit fees payable Setup costs payable	6, 9 6 6 6	(518,554) (2,942) (2,079) (7,215) (686) (6,132) (56,189)
Total Liabilities		(593,797)
Net assets		21,331,946
Equity		

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Total equity at the end of the year

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Redeemable Participating Unitholders for the Year Ended 30 September 2024

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Architas Global Equity

	Bond USD	Balanced USD	Equity USD	Opportunities Fund USD
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at beginning of the year	41,299,643	359,803,701	139,759,983	38,502,032
Amounts received on issue of redeemable participating Units	7,483,471	4,862,995	1,876,191	3,111,771
Amounts paid on disposal of redeemable participating Units	(13,756,914)	(43,152,959)	(37,132,142)	(499,087)
Movement due to issue and disposal of Units	(6,273,443)	(38,289,964)	(35,255,951)	2,612,684
Increase in net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders resulting from operations	6,298,664	65,956,747	34,456,305	10,208,397
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at the end of the year	41,324,864	387,470,484	138,960,337	51,323,113

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGER 27 January 2025

Director: Charles Lamb



Architas

**Statement of Changes in Equity** for the Year ended 30 September 2024

> Global Multi-Asset Fund USD

E.P.I.C.

Total equity at the beginning of the year

21,331,946

Increase in net assets resulting from operations

4,381,335

Total equity at the end of the year

25,713,281

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Redeemable Participating Unitholders for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

E.P.I.C.

	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at beginning of the year	43,298,640	356,856,079	145,908,350	34,028,994
Amounts received on issue of redeemable participating Units	4,805,357	10,845,096	5,293,411	992,000
Amounts paid on disposal of redeemable participating Units	(10,259,838)	(35,997,009)	(32,188,589)	(199,000)
Movement due to issue and disposal of Units	(5,454,481)	(25,151,913)	(26,895,178)	793,000
Increase in net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders resulting from operations	3,455,484	28,099,535	20,746,811	3,680,038
Net Assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders at the end of the year	41,299,643	359,803,701	139,759,983	38,502,032

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Changes in Equity** for the Year ended 30 September 2023

> E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund USD

## Total equity at the beginning of the year

Amounts received on issue of redeemable participating equity Units

Movement due to issue and disposal of units

Decrease in net assets resulting from operations

Total equity at the end of the year

The notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### 1. **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

## Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include investments at fair value by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

These annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis for the year ended 30 September 2024. The Directors of the Manager are of the view that the Trust can continue in operational existence for twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements ("the period of assessment"). The Directors of the Manager anticipate the financial assets will continue to generate enough cash flows on an ongoing basis to meet the relevant Fund's liabilities as they fall due. In making this assessment, the Directors of the Manager considered the geopolitical tension in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, the macroeconomic trends (increases in interest rates and in inflation) and the volatility currently being experienced on financial markets in all asset classes, please refer to the background to the Trust section and the significant events during the year as detailed in Note 14.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland ("Irish GAAP") including Financial Reporting Standard 102; the FRS applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102"), the Unit Trusts Act, 1990 and the UCITS Regulations. Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC").

The Trust has availed of the exemption available to open-ended Investment Funds under FRS 102 and is not presenting a cash flow statement.

Each of the Funds which are registered with the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") in Hong Kong are regulated under an equivalent jurisdiction in the form of the UCITS Regulations, therefore the SFC accept these regulations. While the SFC recognises that annual reports of recognised jurisdiction schemes will vary in content, annual reports are expected to offer investors comparable disclosure. Annual reports of recognised jurisdiction schemes will generally be reviewed by the SFC on the basis that they already comply in substance with the Hong Kong disclosure requirements.

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES** 2.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors of the Manager, based on the advice of the Investment Manager, to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Trust's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed below.

## Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

#### (i) Classification

This category has two sub-categories: financial assets and financial liabilities held for trading and those designated by the Manager at fair value through profit or loss at inception. All instruments on each Funds' Schedule of Investments are classified as fair value through profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, all instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value with changes in their fair value recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (ii) Recognition/Derecognition

The Trust recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Purchases of financial instruments are recognised using trade date accounting. From this date any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities are recorded.

Financial instruments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Trust has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

#### (iii) Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss are measured at fair value. The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as trading securities) is based on last traded prices for long fixed income positions and other valuation techniques where last traded prices are not available. Where any of the investments are not listed on recognised stock exchanges or traded on a regulated market, such securities shall be valued at their probable fair value as determined by the Manager or its delegate, each of them being approved by the Depositary as a competent person for such purpose.

Financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are those that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Trust's documented investment strategy. The Trust's policy is for the Investment Manager to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

#### 2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont/d)**

## Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (cont/d)

(iv) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Manager uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each Statement of Financial Position date. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

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

#### **Investment Funds**

Investments in open-ended Investment Funds are valued at fair value at the latest available unaudited NAV for the shares or Units obtained from the relevant administrator. The changes in the daily NAV of these Units is recognised as net gain/(loss) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

## Cash at Bank and Bank Overdraft

Cash at bank comprises current deposits with banks and bank overdraft. Cash equivalents and bank overdraft are valued at their face value with accrued interest (where applicable).

## Forward and Spot Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

The fair value of open forward foreign currency exchange contracts and open foreign currency exchange spot contracts are calculated as the difference between the contracted rate and the current forward rate that would close out the contract on the Statement of Financial Position date. For each relevant Fund, gains or losses on open foreign currency exchange spot contracts are included in cash at bank in the Statement of Financial Position and gains or losses on open forward foreign currency exchange contracts are included in the unrealised gain or loss on foreign currency exchange contracts, as appropriate, on the Statement of Financial Position and are shown in the Schedule of Investments of each relevant Fund. The movement in unrealised gains or losses since the prior year end and realised gains or losses are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for each relevant Fund.

## **Accounting for Investment Transactions**

Regular-way purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade date. The trade date is the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value and transaction costs for all financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are included in profit/(loss) on transferable securities in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Investments are recognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments are transferred to the Fund or the Fund has exposure to substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Investments are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Realised gains and losses on investment transactions are calculated using the average cost method. Realised gains and losses on investment transactions in debt instruments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and the amortised cost of the instrument.

Gains and losses realised on the sale of all financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Expenses**

Each Fund shall pay all of its expenses and such proportion of the Trust's expenses as is allocated to that Fund, other than those expressly assumed by the Manager. To the extent that expenses are attributable to a specific Unit class of a Fund, that Unit class shall bear such expenses. All expenses are accrued on a daily basis.

## **Transaction Costs**

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument. When a financial asset or liability is recognised initially, an entity shall measure it at its fair value through profit or loss with transaction costs for such instruments being recognised directly in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

#### 2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont/d)**

## Transaction Costs (cont/d)

Transaction costs charged by the Depositary on the settlement of purchases and sales of investments are included in "Depositary Fees" within operating expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for each Fund.

Transaction costs on purchases and sales of Investment Funds are included in net gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for each Fund. These costs include identifiable brokerage charges, commission, transaction related taxes and other market charges. Transaction costs on open forward foreign currency exchange contracts are included in the purchase and sale price of the investment. These costs cannot be practically or reliably gathered as they are embedded in the cost of the investment and cannot be separately verified or disclosed.

## Foreign currency transactions

In accordance with FRS 102, Section 30, items included in the individual Fund's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (functional currency). The Manager's selection of the functional currency is attributable to the functional currency being (a) where the Funds are mainly marketed and sold and (b) the common proxy for most clients in the Fund's varied client base. The functional currency assessment was done on a Fund by Fund basis. All Funds' base currencies equated to their respective functional currencies when assessed under FRS 102, Section 30.

Each individual Fund has also adopted its functional currency as the presentation currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated to the functional currency of the relevant Fund at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction.

For each relevant Fund:

- (i) Currency gains and losses realised on securities purchase and sales transactions are included in net gain/(loss) on financial instruments in the relevant Funds' Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- (ii) Unrealised currency gains and losses on securities held at year end are included in net gain/(loss) on financial instruments in the relevant Funds' Statement of Comprehensive Income; and
- (iii) Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the Fund's functional currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the close of business on the relevant reporting date and exchange differences are included in net gain/(loss) on financial instruments in the relevant Funds' Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## Units in Issue

Equity Units and participating Units are redeemable at the Unitholder's option and are classified as equity or financial liabilities.

The Units of all Funds with the exception of E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with FRS 102, section 22. The Units of E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund are classified as equity in accordance with FRS 102, section 22. The standard requires entities to classify puttable financial instruments, or components of instruments that impose on the entity an obligation to deliver to another party a pro rata share of the net assets of the entity only on liquidation, as equity, provided the financial instruments have particular features and meet specific conditions. The Units of E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund meet these specific conditions.

## **Distribution Policy**

The Manager is empowered to declare and pay dividends on any class of Units in the Trust at its discretion. The Architas Flexible Bond paid a distribution during the year ended 30 September 2024. Please see Note 12 for details. There were no other dividends paid or payable for the year or prior year.

#### **Currency Hedging**

The Funds may employ techniques and instruments, including investments in FDI, in order to provide protection against exposure to currency risk arising at the level of its portfolio holdings. There can be no guarantee however, that such currency hedging transactions will be successful or effective in achieving their objective.

The Funds may engage in currency hedging transactions in order to protect the value of specific portfolio positions or in anticipation of changes in the relative values of the currencies in which current or future portfolio holdings are denominated or quoted.

#### 3. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE **Redeemable Participating Units**

Each of the Units entitles the holder to participate equally on a pro rata basis in the profits and dividends attributable to such Units and to attend and vote at meetings of the Trust or any Fund represented by those Units. No class of Units confers on the holder thereof any preferential or pre-emptive rights or any rights to participate in the profits and dividends of any other class of Units or any voting rights in relation to matters relating solely to any other class of Units.

Each Unit represents an undivided beneficial interest in the Fund. The Units are not debt obligations or guaranteed by the Depositary or the Manager. The return on an investment in the Fund will depend solely upon the investment performance of the assets in the Fund and the increase or decrease (as the case may be) in the NAV of the Units. The amount payable to a Unitholder in respect of each Unit upon liquidation of the Fund will equal the NAV per Unit.

In accordance with the provisions of the Fund's Trust Deed listed investments and investments with prices quoted in over the counter markets or by market makers are stated at the last traded price on the valuation day for the purpose of determining NAV per Unit for subscriptions and redemptions and for various fee calculations.

A summary of the Unitholder activity during the ended 30 September 2024 is detailed below:

Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed Units in issue at the end of the year	Architas Flexible Bond Institutional Class I (USD) 172,756 36,820 (69,381) 140,195	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged 4,800 909 (548) 5,161	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R (USD) 116,933 9,354 (37,010)	Architas Flexible Bond Zero Class Z (USD) 129,771
Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R Distribution (USD) 500 28,839 (28,414)	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged 3,797	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Institutional Class I (USD) 459,480 11,228 (128,016)	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged 14,774 6,407 (3,285)
Units in issue at the end of the year	925	3,797	342,692	17,896
Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Retail Class R (USD) 2,685,541 22,190 (212,860)	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Zero Class Z (USD)	Architas Flexible Equity Institutional Class I (USD) 936,337 10,592 (212,976)	Architas Flexible Equity Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged 7,192 1,205 (1,910)
Units in issue at the end of the year	2,494,871	500	733,953	6,487

#### 3. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE (cont/d) Redeemable Participating Units (cont/d)

Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued	Architas Flexible Equity Retail Class R (USD) 166,443 1,698	Architas Flexible Equity Zero Class Z (USD)	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (JPY)	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (USD) 28,002 10,771
Units redeemed	(44,817)	-	(459)	(4,805)
Units in issue at the end of the year	123,324	478	26,927	33,968
		E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Retail Class R (USD)	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Zero Class Z (USD)	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund Zero Class Z (USD)
Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed		500	431,375	220,699
Units in issue at the end of the year		500	431,375	220,699

<sup>\*</sup>E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (JPY) Units class was launched on 14 December 2023.

A summary of the unitholder activity during the year ended 30 September 2023 is detailed below:

Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed	Architas Flexible Bond Institutional Class I (USD) 245,107 13,275 (85,626)	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged 4,678 1,066 (944)	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R (USD) 101,921 35,662 (20,650)	Architas Flexible Bond Zero Class Z (USD) 129,771
Units in issue at the end of the year	172,756	4,800	116,933	129,771
Units in issue at the beginning of the year	Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	Architas Flexible Bond <sup>*</sup> Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Institutional Class I (USD) 511,852	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged
Units issued	-	3,797	20,068	9,934
Units redeemed	-	· -	(72,440)	(12,345)
Units in issue at the end of the year	500	3,797	459,480	14,774

#### 3. NUMBER OF UNITS IN ISSUE (cont/d) Redeemable Participating Units (cont/d)

Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Retail Class R (USD) 2,802,210 66,122 (182,791)	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Zero Class Z (USD) 47,384 500 (47,384)	Architas Flexible Equity Institutional Class I (USD) 1,145,670 19,047 (228,380)	Architas Flexible Equity Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged 6,505 2,314 (1,627)
Units in issue at the end of the year	2,685,541	500	936,337	7,192
Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued Units redeemed	Architas Flexible Equity Retail Class R (USD) 171,368 21,815 (26,740)	Architas Flexible Equity Zero Class Z (USD) 478	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (USD) 18,676 11,699 (2,373)	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Retail Class R (USD) 500
Units in issue at the end of the year	166,443	478	28,002	500
			E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Zero Class Z (USD)	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund <sup>***</sup> Zero Class Z (USD)
Units in issue at the beginning of the year Units issued			431,375 -	220,699
Units in issue at the end of the year			431,375	220,699

<sup>\*</sup>Architas Flexible Bond Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged Units class was launched on 10 May 2023.

#### 4. **EXCHANGE RATES**

Where applicable the Administrator translated foreign currency amounts, market value of investments and other assets and liabilities into the base currency of the Fund at the following year end rates:

	30 September 2024 USD=			30 September 2023 USD=	
CNH		6.9987	CNH		7.2858
EUR		0.8960	EUR		0.9445
SGD		1.2820	GBP		0.8193
			SGD		1.3649

#### **CASH AT BANK** 5.

Cash at bank comprises current deposits with banks and bank overdraft. The counterparty for cash and deposits, including overnight deposits as at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023 was the Depositary.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Architas Multi-Asset Balances Zero Class Z (USD) share class was closed as at 19 December 2022 and relaunched 17 May 2023. "E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund Zero Class Z (USD) Units class was launched on 3 April 2023.

#### 6. **FEES AND EXPENSES**

## **Manager Fees**

The Trust has appointed AMMEL to undertake the management of the Trust.

#### Manager Fees pursuant to the Trust Deed

Pursuant to the Trust Deed dated 19 September 2017, the Manager is entitled to charge up to the amounts detailed below or to such a lesser amount as the Manager may agree for any class within a Fund in respect of its own fees, the fees of the Investment Manager, the Administrator (including Registrar and Transfer Agency fees) and the Depositary (including any sub-custody fees). The Investment Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of any Sub-Investment Manager out of the fee received by it from the Manager.

The fees will be accrued daily based on the daily NAV of the underlying Fund attributable to the Unit class and will be paid monthly in arrears. To achieve this, the Manager will reimburse such portion of its fees and the other expenses of each Fund as is necessary to cause the annual total expenses of each class of Units of a Fund not to exceed the rates as set out in the table below.

## **Architas Flexible Bond**

Institutional Class I (USD) Up to 2.00% Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Up to 3.00% Retail Class R (USD) Up to 3.00% Zero Class Z (USD) Up to 2.00% Retail Class R Distribution (USD) Up to 3.00% Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged Up to 3.00%

#### **Architas Multi-Asset Balanced**

Institutional Class I (USD) Up to 2.00% Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Up to 3.00% Retail Class R (USD) Up to 3.00% Zero Class Z (USD) Up to 2.00%

## **Architas Flexible Equity**

Institutional Class I (USD) Up to 2.00% Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged Up to 3.00% Retail Class R (USD) Up to 3.00% Zero Class Z (USD) Up to 2.00%

## E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund

Institutional Class I (JPY) Up to 2.00% Institutional Class I (USD) Up to 2.00% Retail Class R (USD) Up to 3.00% Zero Class Z (USD) Up to 2.00%

#### E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

Zero Class Z (USD) Up to 2.00%

In addition to the disclosures per the Trust Deed detailed above, the Manager has further agreed that all the annual expenses for the Funds will be capped at rates set out in the following table. Any amount that exceeds the cap is receivable by the Fund from the Manager.

## **Ongoing Charges Figure Cap**

	Institutional Class I (JPY)	Institutional Class I (USD)	Retail Class R (USD)	Retail Class R (SGD) Unhedged	Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged	Zero Class Z (USD)
Architas Flexible Bond	-	0.90%	1.45%	1.45%	1.45%	1.48%	0.50%
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	-	1.00%	1.85%	1.60%	-	-	0.60%
Architas Flexible Equity	-	1.00%	1.70%	1.70%	-	-	0.60%
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	1.27%	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

#### 6. FEES AND EXPENSES (cont/d)

## Manager Fees pursuant to the Trust Deed (cont/d)

Manager fees for the year were \$5,856,089 (30 September 2023: \$5,513,560) and the amount payable to the Manager at year end was \$871,539 (30 September 2023: \$856,449). The fees of any Sub-Investment Managers are paid by the Manager. For the year ended 30 September 2024 there is a total reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the expense caps of \$74,306 (30 September 2023; \$147,367) due to the Trust by the Manager. For the year ended 30 September 2024 there was an overpayment of expense reimbursements of \$283,465 (30 September 2023: Nil) due to AMMEL. The amount payable to the Trust by the Manager at the year end was \$19,318 (30 September 2023: \$143,529) which is reflected in Expense reimbursement receivable on the Statement of Financial Position. In most instances where the Funds invest in other funds, rebate agreements are in place with the Investment Manager to refund some or all of the management fee charged by the underlying fund. Please see Note 9 for the rebate expenses and amounts payable due to the Funds for the year ended 30 September 2024.

#### **Administrator Fees**

State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited is the Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for the daily determination of NAV, maintaining the books and records of the Funds in respect of the Trust and other administrative services.

Pursuant to the administration agreement, a fixed fee of \$17,404 per annum per Fund is charged. A variable fee is also charged at a rate of 0.01913 per cent per annum on the first \$550 million, a rate of 0.01340 per cent per annum on the next \$550 million, a rate of 0.01480 per cent per annum on the next \$1.10 billion and a rate of 0.00765 per cent per annum on the balance of the average daily NAV of the Trust. Where more than one Sub-Investment Manager has been appointed, an additional fee of \$14,726 per annum per Sub-Portfolio is charged.

A charge of \$765 per Fund per annum is applied in connection with "Financial Instruments: Disclosure" requirements.

#### **Depositary Fees**

State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited is the Depositary. Depositary fees are accrued and paid at a rate of 0.0077 per cent per annum on the first \$5,500 million, a rate of 0.0057 per cent per annum on the next \$5,500 million and a rate of 0.0046 per cent per annum on the balance of the average daily NAV of the Trust. Depositary fees accrue daily and are paid monthly in arrears.

The Depositary has appointed a network of local Sub-Custodian agents. The Sub-Custodian fees are paid at annual rates based on the total assets of the Trust held in each individual country in which the Funds invest plus applicable transaction charges. The total rate varies between 0.003 per cent and 0.55 per cent.

## **Transfer Agent Fees**

The Manager has appointed State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited as registrar and transfer agent for the Trust pursuant to the Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement between the Trust and the Transfer Agent. The day-to-day services provided to the Trust by the Transfer Agent include receiving and processing subscription and redemption orders, allotting, issuing and maintaining the Unitholder register for the Units. The Transfer Agent is paid a fee of \$15,300 per annum, plus a fee per transaction, in arrears out of the net assets of the Trust.

## **Operational Expenses**

Each Fund shall pay all of its expenses and its due proportion of any allocated expenses. These expenses may include the costs of (i) fees relating to circulation details of the NAV and NAV per Unit, (ii) stamp duties, (iii) taxes, (iv) rating fees,(v) brokerage or other expenses of acquiring and disposing of investments, (vi) fees and expenses of the auditors, tax and other professional advisers, (vii) fees and expenses of any portfolio monitoring and/or proxy voting agents, (viii) registration fees, (ix) associated costs of printing and distribution of financial statements and related documentation, (x) translation fees, (xi) Central Bank fees and/or levies, (xii) fees connected with termination of the Trust, (xiii) post trade compliance monitoring, (xiv) OTC Derivatives Processing and (xv) other fees and expenses relating to management and administration of the Trust. These expenses are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

All the above fees are charged to and borne by each Fund.

## **Transaction Costs**

As disclosed in Note 2, transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability.

**Notes to the Financial Statements** for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

#### 6. FEES AND EXPENSES (cont/d)

## **Transaction Costs (cont/d)**

For the year ended 30 September 2024, the Funds incurred identifiable transaction costs as follows:

				E.P.I.C.	E.P.I.C.
	Architas	Architas	Architas	Global Equity	Global
	Flexible	Multi-Asset	Flexible	Opportunities	Multi-Asset
	Bond	Balanced	Equity	Fund	Fund
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Transaction Costs	7,100	49,509	24,524	4,537	2,835

For the year ended 30 September 2023, the Funds incurred identifiable transaction costs as follows:

				E.P.I.C.	E.P.I.C.
	Architas	Architas	Architas	Global Equity	Global
	Flexible	Multi-Asset	Flexible	Opportunities	Multi-Asset
	Bond	Balanced	Equity	Fund	Fund
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Transaction Costs	8,206	68,639	42,838	5,104	2,080

#### 7. **TAXATION**

Under current law and practice, the Trust qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended). On this basis, it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its relevant income or relevant gains.

However, Irish tax may arise on the happening of a 'chargeable event'. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to Unitholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, repurchase or transfer of Units and any deemed disposal of Units for Irish tax purposes arising as a result of holding Units in the Trust for a period of eight years and on each eight year anniversary. Where a chargeable event occurs, the Trust is required to account for the Irish tax thereon.

No Irish tax will arise on the Trust in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

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

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

The Minimum Tax Directive provides for a European Union wide implementation of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS) Pillar Two rules. The Pillar Two legislation was enacted in Ireland and is effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2024. The Trust meets the definition of an investment entity under BEPS Pillar Two rules, and the clause within it that seeks to protect the tax neutrality of investment funds. This excludes the Trust from quantitative disclosures under BEPS Pillar Two requirement along with Qualified Domestic Minimum Top-up Tax (QDMTT) requirement.

#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE

The objective of FRS 102 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" is to provide information about the Trust's exposure to material risks and how the Trust manages those risks. The Trust, in conjunction with the Investment Manager has determined that its material risks are market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Further details of these and other risks are set out below and in the Trust Deed under "Risk Factors".

The risks involved with investing in securities include changing economic conditions, industry and company conditions and security selection in addition to interest rate risk, credit risk, maturity risk and market risk. International securities are subject to changing exchange rates, less liquid markets and political and economic instability depending on the country.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d)

A Fund may invest in shares of Investment Funds in accordance with its investment policy. Shares of Investment Funds are securities of other open-end or closed-end investment companies. Investing in other investment companies involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but the total return on such investments at the Fund level may be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees. The Trust's overall risk management program seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Trust's performance.

## **Risk Framework**

The Manager has a Risk and Control Framework in place which comprises a number of Committees and also incorporates control functions. The Management Committee is a sub-committee of the Trust that has been appointed by the Board. The Board has delegated responsibility for oversight of the day to day management of the Funds to this sub-committee. The sub-committee covers all aspects of the business and is chaired by Charles Lamb who is the Chief Executive Officer of AMMEL. The Investment Committee is a sub-committee of the Management Committee and focuses on reviewing Investment Strategy, Investment Risk and the performance of all Funds and appointed Sub-Investment Managers. The Investment Committee is chaired by the Senior Investment Manager and Designated Person for Investment Management.

The Business Development Committee is also a sub committee of the Management Committee. It is responsible for recommending the approval of new funds, monitoring existing funds and overseeing termination of funds where required.

The Pricing Committee is also a sub committee of the Management Committee. Its purpose is to approve/review the AMMEL Valuation Policy, to provide independent and broad-based oversight of fund pricing and to formally review pricing and valuation issues.

The Committee Structure is supported by independent control functions which include Risk and Compliance. In addition the Manager falls within the scope of AXA Investment Managers Internal Audit function. Monthly reports are provided by the relevant business areas to the Management Committee covering Investment, Distribution, Finance and Capital Management, Investment Risk, Operational Risk and Compliance and operational issues.

## **Market Risk**

Market risk represents the uncertainty in the future market value of an investment portfolio. The management of market risk is an important and integral part of the Investment Manager's investment process. The Investment Manager uses analytical techniques to limit the market risk of the portfolio while following the investment objective of the Fund. These techniques may include asset allocation analysis to diversify the risk exposure to the different fixed income sectors, equity sectors, or different geographical or industry sectors. Please refer to the Schedule of Investments on pages 56 to 62 for details of investments held as at year end.

Market risks are monitored against the quoted benchmarks and the permitted deviations as agreed in the Investment Management Agreement. Systems are in place at both the Investment Manager and Sub-Investment Manager level to monitor market risk. The Sub-Investment Manager reviews the portfolio on a regular basis using both quantitative and qualitative measures to ensure the strategies are in line with objectives. Corrective action where required may involve buying and selling of securities. Furthermore, all portfolios are monitored by our independent risk team and formally reviewed by the Manager's investment committee.

Funds adhere to guidelines concerning the investable universe and liquidity positions. The Investment Manager receives reports from sub-managers and performance is measured formally on a monthly basis.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Fund's profit/(loss) for the year to a reasonably possible change in market value of the Fund should the market have increased or decreased by 10% assuming all other variables remain constant. This represents management's best estimate of a reasonably possible shift.

	30 September 2024 Sensitivity of changes in fair value of investments increase	30 September 2023 Sensitivity of changes in fair value of investments increase
	USD	USD
Architas Flexible Bond	4,088,371	4,100,909
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	38,695,890	36,031,528
Architas Flexible Equity	13,918,332	13,977,293
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	5,078,939	3,777,811
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	2,557,296	2,105,551

#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) **Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value of the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the financial asset or financial liability is denominated and the functional currency of the Funds. The value of the investments of a Fund denominated in a currency other than the functional currency may rise and fall due to exchange rate fluctuations in respect of the relevant currencies. There is a risk that large exchange rate fluctuations may have a significant impact on the performance of the Funds.

Where a Fund holds investments in a currency other than that of the Fund's functional currency the Investment Manager may manage foreign currency risk by either hedging foreign currency into the functional currency of the Fund or alternatively by diversifying investments across multiple currencies.

The following tables set out the Fund's net exposure to foreign currency other than the functional currency for both its monetary and non-monetary assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023.

	Net Monetary	30 September 2024 Net Non- Monetary	Total
Architas Flexible Bond Chinese Yuan Singapore Dollar	<b>USD</b> 56,007 (2)	USD - -	<b>USD</b> 56,007 (2)
	56,005	-	56,005
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Euro Singapore Dollar	<b>USD</b> 774,389	<b>USD</b> 54,910,079	<b>USD</b> 55,684,468
	774,390	54,910,079	55,684,469
Architas Flexible Equity Euro Singapore Dollar	<b>USD</b> (461,117) (1)	<b>USD</b> 29,601,573	<b>USD</b> 29,140,456 (1)
	(461,118)	29,601,573	29,140,455
<b>E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund</b> Euro	USD	20,163,267	20,163,267
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund Euro	USD	20,163,267 = USD 6,094,817	20,163,267 <b>USD</b> 6,094,817
Luio		6,094,817	6,094,817
	Net Monetary	30 September 2023 Net Non- Monetary	Total
Architas Flexible Bond Chinese Yuan Singapore Dollar	<b>USD</b> 51,739 101	USD -	<b>USD</b> 51,739 101
	51,840	<del></del>	51,840

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) 8. Foreign Currency Risk (cont/d)

	Net Monetary	30 September 2023 Net Non- Monetary	Total
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Euro Pound Sterling	USD -	<b>USD</b> 29,721,096 228	<b>USD</b> 29,721,096 228
		29,721,324	29,721,324
Architas Flexible Equity Euro Pound Sterling	USD -	22,174,771 24,210 22,198,981	22,174,771 24,210 22,198,981
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund  Euro	USD (012,402)	USD	USD
Euro	(913,492)	17,895,925 17,895,925	16,982,433
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund Euro	<b>USD</b> (319,359)	<b>USD</b> 6,024,799	<b>USD</b> 5,705,440
	(319,359)	6,024,799	5,705,440

The tables below detail the approximate increase or decrease in net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders' for each Fund had the exchange rate between the base currency of the Fund and the relevant foreign currency increased or decreased by 5% (based on monetary items) as at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023.

30 September 2024	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund USD
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Foreign Currency Exposure					
Chinese Yuan	2,667	-	-	-	-
Euro	<u>-</u> _	36,876	(21,958)		
	2,667	36,876	(21,958)		

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) 8. Foreign Currency Risk (cont/d)

30 September 2023 Foreign Currency Exposure	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund USD
Chinese Yuan	2,464	-	-	-	-
Euro	-	-	-	(43,500)	(15,208)
Singapore Dollar	5	-	-	-	-
	2,469			(43,500)	(15,208)

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Funds which hold fixed interest rate debt securities are exposed to interest rate risk where the value of these securities may fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. Holdings in floating and variable rate securities may also be subject to interest rate risk although to a lesser degree. None of the Funds have significant exposure to interest rate risk.

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to or issuer of a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Funds. The Trust will be exposed to credit risk on parties with whom it trades and will also bear the risk of settlement default. The Trust minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of customers and counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The Sub-Investment Manager maintains a list of approved brokers that have been pre-certified. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

As the Funds do not hold debt instruments they are not exposed to significant credit risk.

OTC financial derivative instrument contracts and cash held with brokers for open forward foreign currency exchange contracts have an exposure to counterparty risk such that the counterparty may become insolvent or otherwise incapable of meeting its obligations under a financial derivative instrument contract. This includes the legal risk arising from a contract being unenforceable. The names of the counterparties used by each individual Fund can be found at the base of each relevant Schedule of Investments. The credit rating of the counterparty for the open forward foreign currency exchange contracts held by State Street Bank & Trust Company as at 30 September 2024 is AA- (30 September 2023: AA-) (Standard & Poor's rating).

Substantially all of the cash balances held by the Funds are held via the Depositary. State Street Bank and Trust Company act as the Global Custodian for State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Bankruptcy or insolvency by the Depositary may cause the Funds' rights with respect to the cash held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The credit rating of the Depositary is highly rated by prominent rating agencies. If the credit quality or financial position of the Depositary deteriorates significantly, the Board of Directors of the Manager in conjunction with the Investment Manager will attempt to move the cash holdings to another bank.

The long term credit rating of the parent company of State Street Bank and Trust Company, State Street Corporation is A (30 September 2023: A) (Standard and Poor's rating).

Investment Funds entered into on behalf of the Funds with other parties and Cash entered into on behalf of the Funds with a counterparty are not held within the State Street depositary network. The Depositary are therefore not liable in any way for the default of any counterparty. The eligible Investment Funds in which the Funds will invest in will be selected using qualitative and quantitative risk assessments that are determined by the Investment Manager.

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#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) Credit Risk (cont/d)

The Trust's securities are always separately identified on the books and records of State Street Bank and Trust Company. therefore the rights, with respect to those securities, are preserved. Thus in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depositary, the Trust's assets are segregated and protected and this further reduces counterparty risk. Cash cannot be registered in the name of, or identified as beneficially owned by a client, nor can it practically be held in physical segregation, however, for all major currencies, the cash at the sub custodian is maintained in correspondent accounts of State Street Bank and Trust Company. The Trust's asset is a deposit with State Street Bank and Trust Company that is not conditioned upon the solvency of a correspondent bank.

## Liquidity Risk

The Trust Deed provides for daily creation and cancellation of Units and the Funds are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting Unitholder redemptions at any time. The Trust invests the majority of its assets in investments that are traded in an active market and can be readily disposed of.

The Administrator monitors subscription and redemption volumes on a daily basis and notifies the Investment Manager of significant movements and unusual trends as appropriate. The Trust can limit redemptions, if redemption requests on any dealing day (as defined in the Trust Deed) exceed 10% of the Units in issue in respect of any Fund.

The Trust may defer the excess redemption requests to subsequent dealing days and shall redeem such Units rateably.

The Trust has the ability to borrow in the short-term to ensure settlement. In accordance with the UCITS Regulations a Fund may not borrow money except as follows:

- (a) A Fund may acquire foreign currency by means of a "back-to-back" loan; and
- (b) A Fund may borrow up to 10 % of its NAV provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis.

The Trust may at any time, on notice to the Depositary and the Central Bank of Ireland, temporarily suspend the issue, valuation, sale, purchase, redemption and/or conversion of Units during any period when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any other circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Manager, any disposal or valuation of Investments of the relevant Fund is not, in the opinion of the Manager, reasonably practicable without this being seriously detrimental to the interests of owners of Units in general or the owners of Units of the relevant Fund or if, in the opinion of the Manager, the redemption price cannot fairly be calculated or such disposal would be materially prejudicial to the owners of Units in general or the owners of Units of the relevant Fund; during which any breakdown occurs in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the Investments of the Trust or when for any other reason the value of any of the Investments or other assets of the relevant Fund cannot reasonably or fairly be ascertained.

All liabilities, including net assets attributable to redeemable participating Unitholders, as disclosed on the Funds' Statement of Financial Position are payable within three months of the year end date. Please refer to the Schedule of Investments for gross settlement amounts on open forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

None of the liquidity management measures were invoked during the year ended 30 September 2024.

As at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023 Architas Flexible Bond held open forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

#### **Capital Risk Management**

The capital of each Fund is represented by the value of the Units issued to date. The amount of Units can change significantly on a daily basis, as each Fund is subject to daily subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of Unitholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for Unitholders, provide benefits for other stakeholders and maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

#### Other Price Risk - Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The Trust has delegated responsibility for valuation of financial instruments to its Administrator, State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Administrator"). In addition, the Investment Managers' Pricing Committee (the "Committee") will provide guidance to the Administrator and to the Board of Directors of the Manager on valuation matters related to the Funds. Refer to Note 2 for further information on fair value estimation.

#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) **Fair Valuation Hierarchy**

The fair value hierarchy as required under FRS 102. Section 11.27 is based on the valuation inputs used to fair value the financial assets and liabilities and consideration of the market activity for each individual financial asset and liability. The definition for Levels 1, 2 and 3 are set out below.

Level 1: The unadjusted guoted 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.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Trust. The Trust considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Trust's financial assets measured at fair value at 30 September 2024:

Architas Flexible Bond				Total
	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	<b>332</b>	332	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
- Investment Funds	1,836,856	39,046,856	-	40,883,712
- Open Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	<u> </u>	557	<del>-</del>	557
	1,836,856	39,047,413	<u>-</u>	40,884,269
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced				Total
	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investment Funds	92,809,824	294,149,080	-	386,958,904
	92,809,824	294,149,080	-	386,958,904
Architas Flexible Equity				Total
	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investment Funds	33,581,285	105,602,038		139,183,323
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	33,581,285	105,602,038	<del>-</del>	139,183,323
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund				Total
	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investment Funds	7,940,015	42,849,373	-	50,789,388
	7,940,015	42,849,373	-	50,789,388

Level 3

Total

Fair Value

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) 8. Fair Valuation Hierarchy (cont/d)

E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund

- Investment Funds

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

	USD	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investment Funds	2,944,804	22,628,157		05 570 061
- Investment runds				25,572,961
	<u>2,944,804</u>	22,628,157	<del>-</del>	25,572,961
The following table analyses within the fair at 30 September 2023:	value hierarchy the Trust	's financial asse	its measured a	at fair value
Architas Flexible Bond				Total
	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Investment Funds	2,152,150	38,856,943	-	41,009,093
- Open Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	-	36	-	36
Financial Liabilities				
- Open Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts	-	-	-	-
, , , ,	2,152,150	38,856,979		41,009,129
	=====		=	41,009,129
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:	USD	USD	USD	USD
- Investment Funds	60,137,916	300,177,365	-	360,315,281
	60,137,916	300,177,365	-	360,315,281
Avabitas Flavible Fauity				Total
Architas Flexible Equity	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:				
- Investment Funds	23,773,730	115,999,198	<u>-</u> _	139,772,928

23,773,730

Level 1

5,814,023

5,814,023

USD

115,999,198

Level 2

31,964,091

31,964,091

USD

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

USD

139,772,928

Total

USD

Fair Value

37,778,114

37,778,114

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#### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS: RISK DISCLOSURE (cont/d) Fair Valuation Hierarchy (cont/d)

E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	Level 1 USD	Level 2 USD	Level 3 USD	Total Fair Value USD
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss: - Investment Funds	2,019,031	19,036,480	-	21,055,511
	2,019,031	19,036,480	-	21,055,511

There were no investments classified at Level 3 as at 30 September 2024 and as at 30 September 2023.

## **Global Exposure**

The Investment Manager monitors the global exposure of each Fund on a daily basis.

The global exposure can be calculated in 2 ways, using either

- the Commitment Approach that calculates the incremental exposure generated by the instruments held in the
- Value at Risk ("VaR"), where complex investment strategies are used. The VaR measure estimates the potential loss of the portfolio over a predefined period of time given a specified confidence level. The VaR methodology is a statistical measurement that produces a single aggregated result for the overall portfolio, taking into consideration the market volatilities of all the markets and assets as well as their correlations allowing for offsetting across different assets and markets. Where VaR is used, it is calculated by the Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund.

All Funds use the Commitment Approach to calculate the global exposure of each Fund.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS 9.

## Transactions with entities with significant influence

The Manager of the Funds is Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited. The Manager was incorporated as a limited liability company on 8 September 2008 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA IM Select.

The Manager has responsibility for the investment of the Trust's assets and has delegated the Investment Management Function to the Sub-Investment Managers AXA IM Select Asia Limited for E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund and E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund.

Manager fees for the year were \$5,856,089 (30 September 2023: \$5,513,560) and the amount payable to the Manager at the year end was \$871,539 (30 September 2023: \$856,449).

For the year ended 30 September 2024 there is a total reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the expense caps of \$74,306 (30 September 2023: \$147,367) due to the Trust by the Manager. The amount payable to the Trust by the Manager at the year end was \$19,318 (30 September 2023: \$143,529) which is reflected in Expense reimbursement receivable on the Statement of Financial Position.

## Transactions with key management personnel

Matthieu André is a Director of the Manager and is also an employee of AXA Group Companies. Charles Lamb and Aoife McGee are Directors and also employees of the Manager. Julie O'Neill serves as independent non-executive Director of other AXA Group companies. Damian Neylin serves as an independent non-executive Director. Peter Hazell served as independent non-executive Director of other AXA Group companies until his resignation on 8 May 2024.

## Transactions with other related parties

The table below details the related Unitholders of each Fund who hold all the Units in issue at the year end. These are the only Unitholders at the year end.

Fund	Class	Unitholder	Units Held 30 September 2024	Units Held 30 September 2023
	I (USD), R (SGD), R (USD),	Architas Multi-Manager Europe		
Architas Flexible Bond	R Dist (USD), R Dist (RMB)	Limited	5,957	5,957
		Philippine Axa Life Insurance		
Architas Flexible Bond	I (USD)	Corporation	139,695	172,256

#### 9. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont/d)** Transactions with other related parties (cont/d)

Fund	Class	Unitholder	Units Held 30 September 2024	Units Held 30 September 2023
Architas Flexible Bond	R (SGD)	AXA Insurance Pte Ltd		1,985
	(55.2)	AXA China Region Insurance		,,
Architas Flexible Bond	R (USD), R Dist (USD), Z (USD)	Company (Bermuda) Limited	133,122	130,628
		Standard Chartered Bank		
Architas Flexible Bond*	R (USD)	(Singapore) Limited	85,851	115,576
	I (USD), R (SGD), R (USD),	Architas Multi-Manager Europe	,	,
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	Z (USD)	Limited	2,160	2,160
	,	Philippine Axa Life Insurance		
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	I (USD)	Corporation	342,192	458,980
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	R (SGD)	AXA Insurance Pte Ltd	-	6,443
	,	AXA China Region Insurance		
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	R (USD)	Company (Bermuda) Limited	882	537
	,	AXA Wealth Management		
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	R (USD)	(HK) Limited	2,171,168	2,307,499
	,	Standard Chartered Bank		
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced*	R (USD)	(Singapore) Limited	322,321	377,005
	I (USD), R (SGD), R (USD),	Architas Multi-Manager Europe		
Architas Flexible Equity	Z (USD)	Limited	2,138	2,138
, ,	,	Philippine Axa Life Insurance		
Architas Flexible Equity	I (USD)	Corporation	733,453	935,837
Architas Flexible Equity	R (SGD)	AXA Insurance Pte Ltd	-	2,852
. ,	. ,	AXA China Region Insurance		
Architas Flexible Equity	R (USD)	Company (Bermuda) Limited	367	446
, ,	• •	Standard Chartered Bank		
Architas Flexible Equity*	R (USD)	(Singapore) Limited	122,457	165,497
	I (JPY), I (USD), R (USD),	Architas Multi-Manager Europe		
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	Z (USD)	Limited	2,229	1,500
		AXA China Region Insurance		
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	Z (USD)	Company (Bermuda) Limited	400,000	400,000
		Krungthai-Axa Life Insurance		
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	I (USD), Z (USD)	Public Company Limited	64,343	58,377
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	I (JPY)	AXA Life Insurance Co. Ltd.	26,198	-
		Architas Multi-Manager Europe		
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	Z (USD)	Limited	500	500
		AXA China Region Insurance		
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	Z (USD)	Company (Bermuda) Limited	160,000	160,000
		Krungthai-Axa Life Insurance		
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	Z (USD)	Public Company Limited	60,199	60,199

<sup>\*</sup>Please be advised that the Fund contains nominee accounts which are not considered Related Parties, however it should be noted that the underlying beneficial owners of these accounts may be Related Parties.

AXA China Region Insurance Company (Bermuda) Limited is a Hong Kong insurance company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA S.A..

AXA Insurance Pte Ltd is a Singapore insurance company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA S.A..

AXA Life Insurance Co. Ltd. is a French insurance company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA S.A..

AXA Wealth Management (HK) Limited is a Hong Kong insurance company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of AXA S.A..

Kruntghai-AXA Life Insurance Public Company Limited is an AXA Joint Venture.

Philippine AXA Life Insurance Corporation is an AXA Joint Venture.

#### 9. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont/d)** Transactions with other related parties (cont/d)

The following table discloses the related party Investment Funds held during the year ended 30 September 2024 together with their respective Investment Managers. Fees associated with such investments range from 0.25% to 1.50%. In most instances rebate agreements are in place with the Investment Manager to refund some or all of the management fee charged by the underlying Fund.

## **Investment Funds**

Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection European Equity Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection Japan Equity Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection US Equity AXA IM Fixed Income Investment Strategies - US Short Duration High Yield AXA IM Nasdag 100 UCITS ETF AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI AXA IM U.S. Equity QI AXA World Funds - ACT Emerging Markets Short Duration Bonds Low Carbon AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund AXA World Funds - ACT Green Bonds AXA World Funds - Asian High Yield Bonds AXA World Funds - Asian Short Duration Bonds AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds

## **Investment Manager**

Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited AXA Investment Managers Paris AXA Investment Managers Paris

There are expense rebates due to each Fund in most instances, by the Investment Manager of the underlying Investment Funds detailed above. The following tables set out these amounts for the year ended 30 September 2024 and the year ended 30 September 2023.

30 September 2024	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund USD
Amount charged to the Fund during the year	11,604	183,656	28,368	22,637	7,716
Expense rebates receivable by the Fund at year end	3,010	46,918	7,174	12,620	1,595
30 September 2023	Architas Flexible Bond USD	Architas Multi-Asset Balanced USD	Architas Flexible Equity USD	E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund USD	E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund USD
Amount charged to the Fund during the year	35,567	181,351	26,316	47,503	516
Expense rebates receivable by the Fund at year end	3,371	41,729	2,990	13,486	-

All related party transactions detailed above in this note have been entered into in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms.

#### 10. **EFFICIENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

AXA World Funds - Global High Yield Bonds

Each Fund may utilise FDI's for investment purposes and/or for efficient portfolio management ("EPM") purposes.

In addition to the investments in FDIs set down in Appendix II to the Prospectus and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank each Fund may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities and money market instruments for EPM purposes. Transactions for the purposes of EPM may be undertaken with a view to achieving a reduction in risk, a reduction in costs or an increase in capital or income returns to a Fund and may not be speculative in nature. These techniques and instruments may include investments in FDIs. New techniques and instruments may be developed which may be suitable for use by a Fund and the Manager may employ such techniques and instruments. The Funds did not utilise FDI's for EPM purposes during the year ended 30 September 2024 or the year ended 30 September 2023.

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#### 11. SOFT COMMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AND DIRECTED BROKERAGE

Soft commission transactions occur when the Investment Manager uses certain investment research services which assist in the management of the Fund's investments and which arrangements are paid for by certain brokers. These services may include, for example, research and analysis of the relative merits of individual shares or markets. In return, the Investment Manager places a proportion of business with these brokers including transactions relating to the Fund's investments. The Investment Manager has satisfied itself that it obtains best execution on behalf of the Funds and that these arrangements are to the benefit of the Funds.

There were no soft commission arrangements or directed brokerage services entered into by the Investment Manager, on behalf of the Trust, during the year.

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS** 12.

Distributions declared during the year were as follows:

	30 September 2024	30 September 2023
Fund	EUR	EUR
Architas Flexible Bond	20,731	1,590

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES** 13.

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2024 (30 September 2023: Nil).

#### 14. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund Institutional Class I (JPY) Unhedged Units class launched on 14 December

On the 22 December 2023 the Central Bank of Ireland approved an Acquiring Transaction, in relation to AMMEL, the fund management company for "Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust". There will be a change in the direct owner of AMMEL, which will result in AMMEL becoming part of the AXA Investment Managers group of entities. The ultimate beneficial owner of AXA SA will not change.

On the 11 January 2024 Architas rebranded and are now known as AXA IM Select.

A new Independent Non-Executive Director Damian Neylin joined the board on 23 April 2024. On 8 May 2024 Julie O'Neill was approved by the CBI as PCF-3 Office of Chair of the Board of the Manager, and was approved by the Directors as Chairperson and Director for Organisational Effectiveness of the Manager on 8 May 2024. Peter Hazell resigned as a Chairperson, Director for Organisational Effectiveness and Independent Non Executive Director of the Manager on 8 May 2024.

AXA announced on 1 August 2024 that it had entered into an exclusive negotiation to sell its asset manager AXA Investment Managers (AXA IM) to BNP Paribas. The Manager of this fund, Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited, as part of the AXA IM group of entities, will be included in this sale. The parties signed the stock purchase agreement on 21 December 2024, and the closing of the Transaction is currently expected to take place by mid-2025.

Further details in the following press release: AXA enters into an exclusive negotiation to sell AXA Investment Managers to BNP Paribas | AXA

There were no other significant events during the year.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS SINCE THE YEAR END 15.

Distributions declared after the financial year end were as follows:

Fund	Unit Class	Ex-Date	Rate per Unit	Total Amount USD
Architas Flexible Bond	Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	14 October 2024	0.50	712
Architas Flexible Bond	Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged	14 October 2024	0.56	2,127
Architas Flexible Bond	Retail Class R Distribution (USD)	14 November 2024	0.50	702
Architas Flexible Bond	Retail Class R Distribution (RMB) Hedged	14 November 2024	0.56	2,127

There were no other significant events since the year end.

#### 16. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the Manager on 27 January 2025.

Holding					Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Investment Funds (98	8.93%) (2023: 99.30%	6)			
	Ireland (58.01%)					
59,487 56,022	Barings Global High Y BlackRock ICAV I - Bla Fund		rield Sustainable Credit	Screened	5,752,342 6,304,918	13.92 15.26
58 159,437	BlackRock ICS U.S. Do First Sentier Investors Bond		PLC - First Sentier Asia	an Quality	6,922 1,527,626	0.02 3.69
417,325 702,720 22,658	iShares JP Morgan ES Neuberger Berman En PineBridge Asia Pacifi	nerging Market Debt -	Hard Currency Fund		1,836,856 6,282,321 2,263,407	4.44 15.20 5.48
					23,974,392	58.01
125 57 43,869 19,912 18,651	AXA World Funds - AC AXA World Funds - Glo AXA World Funds - Glo BlackRock Global Inde	Investment Strategies T Emerging Markets S bbal Emerging Market bbal High Yield Bonds		ow Carbon	11,337 4,913 5,026,496 1,981,910 1,645,442	0.03 0.01 12.16 4.80 3.98
354,662 21,168 21,010	Index LU Capital International G Robeco Capital Growtl UBS Lux Bond SICAV	h Funds - Robeco Glo	bal Credits ade Bonds Sustainable	USD	3,929,653 2,086,308 2,223,261	9.51 5.05 5.38
					16,909,320	40.92
	Total Investment Fun	ds (Cost USD: 39,30	4,758)		40,883,712	98.93
	Total Investments ex	cluding Financial De	rivative Instruments		40,883,712	98.93
Financial Deriv	vative Instruments (0.0	0%) (2023: 0.00%)				
Open Forward	Foreign Currency Exc	hange Contracts (0.	00%)			
Settlement Date 25/10/2024	Currency Bought CNH	Amount Bought 391,481	Currency Sold USD	Amount Sold 55,450	Unrealised Gain USD 557	<b>Fund</b> % 0.00
	gain on open forward	foreign currency ex	change contracts	,	557	0.00
	Derivative Instrument		J		557	0.00
					Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Total Investments				40,884,269	98.93
	Other Net Assets				440,595	1.07
	Net Assets				41,324,864	100.00
Investment Fun OTC financial d	erivative instruments				% of Tot	98.40 0.00
Other current as	ಎಎರ! <b>১</b>					1.60
						100.00

# **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Flexible Bond**

Schedule of Investments as at 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

The counterparty for the open forward foreign currency exchange contracts is State Street Bank & Trust Company.

# Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Multi-Asset Balanced

Holding		Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Investment Funds (99.87%) (2023: 100.14%)		
	Ireland (83.51%)		
5,717	Amundi Russell 1000 Growth UCITS ETF	2,666,695	0.69
82,214	Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection European Equity	13,614,535	3.51
20,916	Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection Japan Equity	2,512,231	0.65
181,147	Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection US Equity	37,142,283	9.59
201,246	AXA IM Nasdaq 100 UCITS ETF	3,474,713	0.90
573,958	AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI	15,835,515	4.09
6,314	AXA IM U.S. Equity QI	395,547	0.10
4,535	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Japanese Fund	66,314	0.02
51,788	Barings Global High Yield Bond Fund	8,125,046	2.10
6,506	BlackRock ICS U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund	780,486	0.20
2,144,086	Federated Hermes Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund	10,442,557	2.70
1,276,078	First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - First Sentier Asian Quality Bond	12,226,613	3.16
473,632	First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund	8,655,051	2.23
1,118,437	iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund	10,525,609	2.72
6,690,688	iShares Global Aggregate Bond ESG UCITS ETF	35,572,381	9.18
37,272	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (Switzerland listed)	7,222,568	1.86
20,450	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (United Kingdom listed)	3,965,050	1.02
1,580,343	iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	13,658,420	3.52
28,376	iShares MSCI Japan ESG Screened UCITS ETF	197,140	0.05
717,540	iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	7,463,851	1.93
549	iShares Physical Gold ETC	28,103	0.01
2,498,107	iShares S&P 500 ESG UCITS ETF	18,175,056	4.69
7,976	MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity	1,796,268	0.46
255,807	NT All Country Asia Ex Japan Custom ESG Equity Index Fund	6,366,850	1.64
4,710	PIMCO Funds Global Investors Series PLC - Commodity Real Return Fund	44,318	0.01
2,714,950	PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG Fund	32,253,610	8.32
262,762	PineBridge Asia Pacific Investment Grade Bond Fund	33,101,394	8.54
6,021	SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF	385,847	0.10
33	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - European Stock Index Fund	5,986	0.00
57,750	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Global Bond Index Fund	9,307,378	2.40
18,387	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund	5,757,370	1.49
5,993	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index Fund	2,068,266	0.53
28,851	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	10,520,257	2.72
78,592	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. Government Bond Index Fund	9,142,831	2.36
504	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Vanguard Global Corporate Bond Index Fund	59,500	0.02
		323,555,639	83.51
	Luxembourg (16.36%)		
53,596	AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	15,388,916	3.97
18,506	AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds	3,934,650	1.02
38	Capital International Group	423	0.00
266,304	Fidelity Funds - Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund	4,180,968	1.08
410,582	Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets CORE Equity Portfolio	9,804,705	2.53
24,482	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	12,767,723	3.29
137,409	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Global Credits	17,325,880	4.47
		63,403,265	16.36
	Total Investment Funds (Cost USD: 328,891,635)	386,958,904	99.87

# Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Multi-Asset Balanced

Schedule of Investments as at 30 September 2024 (cont/d)

	Fair Value USD	Fund %
Total Investments	386,958,904	99.87
Other Net Assets	511,580	0.13
Net Assets	387,470,484	100.00

# **Analysis of Total Assets (Unaudited)**

Investment Funds (UCITS) Other current assets

% of Total Assets 98.74

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Holding		Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Investment Funds (100.16%) (2023: 100.01%)	035	/6
	Ireland (84.81%)		
3,495	Amundi Russell 1000 Growth UCITS ETF	1,630,243	1.17
54,771	Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection European Equity	9,070,105	6.53
5,812	-	698,129	0.50
114,077	Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection US Equity	23,390,259	16.83
35,457	AXA IM Nasdag 100 UCITS ETF	612,201	0.44
481,364	·	13,280,827	9.56
647	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Japanese Fund	9,468	0.01
89	BlackRock ICS U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund	10,631	0.01
1,223,828		5,960,534	4.29
307,513		5,619,430	4.04
713,368	iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund	6,713,502	4.83
13,449	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (Switzerland listed)	2,606,147	1.88
16,690	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (United Kingdom listed)	3,236,024	2.33
887,544	iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	7,670,770	5.52
166,667	iShares MSCI Japan ESG Screened UCITS ETF	1,157,904	0.83
887,407	iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	9,230,808	6.64
120,430	iShares North America Index Fund	5,623,705	4.05
1,003,405	iShares S&P 500 ESG UCITS ETF	7,300,305	5.25
2,893	MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity	651,444	0.47
143,334	NT All Country Asia Ex Japan Custom ESG Equity Index Fund	3,567,477	2.57
2,136	SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF	136,883	0.10
9,228	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund	2,889,511	2.08
5,581	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index Fund	1,926,210	1.39
13,315	Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	4,855,296	3.49
		117,847,813	84.81
	Luxembourg (15.35%)		
23,511	AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	6,750,716	4.86
216,162		3,393,738	2.44
239,382		5,716,456	4.11
10,498	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	5,474,600	3.94
		21,335,510	15.35
	Total Investment Funds (Cost USD: 105,631,311)	139,183,323	100.16
	Total Investments	139,183,323	100.16
	Other Net Liabilities	(222,986)	(0.16
	Net Assets	138,960,337	100.00

Other current assets

Holding		Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Investment Funds (98.96%) (2023: 98.12%)		
	Ireland (28.39%)		
63,945	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund	1,337,215	2.61
191,568	JPMorgan Carbon Transition Global Equity CTB UCITS ETF	7,940,015	15.47
104,500	Pinnacle ICAV - Aikya Global Emerging Markets Fund UCITS	1,282,717	2.50
178,210	Wellington Global Stewards Fund	4,009,244	7.81
		14,569,191	28.39
	Luxembourg (70.57%)		
25,855	AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund	3,550,667	6.92
5,719	BNP Paribas Funds - Aqua	2,505,017	4.88
9,588	BNP Paribas Funds - Smart Food	1,019,780	1.99
14,856	Candriam Sustainable - Equity World	5,986,059	11.66
142,047	Janus Henderson Horizon Fund-Sustainable Future Technologies Fund	1,660,529	3.24
56,440	M&G Lux Investment Funds 1 - M&G Lux Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund	2,889,796	5.63
7,998	Natixis International Funds Lux I - Thematics Safety Fund	1,659,689	3.23
27,220	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	5,274,382	10.28
6,780	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Energy	500,228	0.97
2,869	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Mobility	509,850	0.99
141,077	Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	7,817,058	15.23
66,730	Templeton Global Climate Change Fund	2,847,142	5.55
		36,220,197	70.57
	Total Investment Funds (Cost USD: 42,981,011)	50,789,388	98.96
	Total Investments	50,789,388	98.96
	Other Net Assets	533,725	1.04
	Net Assets	51,323,113	100.00
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Holding		Fair Value USD	Fund %
	Investment Funds (99.45%) (2023: 98.70%)		
	Ireland (34.43%)		
22,900	Baillie Gifford Worldwide Positive Change Fund	478,885	1.86
71,049	JPMorgan Carbon Transition Global Equity CTB UCITS ETF	2,944,804	11.45
38,600	Pinnacle ICAV - Aikya Global Emerging Markets Fund UCITS	473,807	1.84
323,255	Wellington Global Impact Bond Fund	3,621,975	14.09
59,330	Wellington Global Stewards Fund	1,334,765	5.19
		8,854,236	34.43
	Luxembourg (65.02%)		
8,462	AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund	1,162,086	4.52
10,310	AXA World Funds - ACT Green Bonds	1,210,497	4.71
1,905	BNP Paribas Funds - Aqua	834,442	3.25
1,495	Candriam Sustainable - Bond Global High Yield	1,687,975	6.56
4,570	Candriam Sustainable - Equity World	1,841,430	7.16
67,325	Janus Henderson Horizon Fund-Sustainable Future Technologies Fund	787,029	3.06
18,270	M&G Lux Investment Funds 1 - M&G Lux Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund	935,446	3.64
2,890	Natixis International Funds Lux I - Thematics Safety Fund	599,675	2.33
27,810	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Climate Global Credits	2,655,021	10.33
6,891	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	1,335,260	5.19
2,190	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Energy	161,578	0.63
930	Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Mobility	165,270	0.64
43,700	Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	2,421,417	9.42
21,600	Templeton Global Climate Change Fund	921,599	3.58
		16,718,725	65.02
	Total Investment Funds (Cost USD: 21,704,523)	25,572,961	99.45
	Total Investments	25,572,961	99.45
	Other Net Assets	140,320	0.55
	Net Assets	25,713,281	100.00

# **Analysis of Total Assets (Unaudited)**

Investment Funds (UCITS) Other current assets

% of Total Assets

99.12 0.88

Listed below is the schedule of significant portfolio changes during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Securities*	Acquisition Cost USD
Capital International Group	2,134,894
Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt - Hard Currency Fund	1,727,462
AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds	996,349
PineBridge Asia Pacific Investment Grade Bond Fund	513,553
Barings Global High Yield Bond Fund	317,840
AXA World Funds - Asian Short Duration Bonds	229,391
AXA World Funds - Asian High Yield Bonds	220,960
UBS Lux Bond SICAV - Asian Investment Grade Bonds Sustainable USD	211,115
BlackRock Global Index Funds - iShares Emerging Markets Government Bond Index LU	118,128
AXA World Funds - Global High Yield Bonds	112,723
First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - First Sentier Asian Quality Bond	41,692
AXA IM Fixed Income Investment Strategies - U.S. Short Duration High Yield	445
AXA World Funds - ACT Emerging Markets Short Duration Bonds Low Carbon	180

Securities*	Disposal Proceeds USD
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Global Credits	2,249,224
AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds	1,716,940
Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt - Hard Currency Fund	1,596,434
BlackRock ICAV I - BlackRock Global High Yield Sustainable Credit Screened Fund	1,051,360
AXA World Funds - Asian High Yield Bonds	968,584
BlackRock Global Index Funds - iShares Emerging Markets Government Bond Index LU	804,341
Capital International Group	573,548
Barings Global High Yield Bond Fund	564,882
iShares JP Morgan ESG USD EM Bond UCITS ETF	532,546
First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - First Sentier Asian Quality Bond	406,382
PineBridge Asia Pacific Investment Grade Bond Fund	283,176
AXA World Funds - Asian Short Duration Bonds	231,005
AXA World Funds - Global High Yield Bonds	212,868

<sup>\*</sup>There were no other purchases or sales during the year ended 30 September 2024.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations this statement presents the aggregate purchases and aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1.00% of the total value of purchases and sales for the year or at least the top 20 purchases and sales.

Listed below is the schedule of significant portfolio changes during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Securities	Acquisition Cost USD
AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI	18,213,721
iShares S&P 500 ESG UCITS ETF	17,403,371
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	15,429,217
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. Government Bond Index Fund	12,395,813
iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund	12,070,679
BlackRock ICS U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund	11,086,398
iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (Switzerland listed)	11,001,796
Amundi Nasdaq 100 II UCITS ETF	8,199,480
AXA IM Nasdaq 100 UCITS ETF	7,336,398
AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds	6,405,292
NT All Country Asia Ex Japan Custom ESG Equity Index Fund	5,878,683
AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	5,864,321
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	5,301,334
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	5,107,015
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets CORE Equity Portfolio	3,991,493
SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF	3,320,581
iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	3,311,342
PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG Fund	2,962,525
Amundi Russell 1000 Growth UCITS ETF	2,684,257
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund	2,317,892
MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity	2,228,880
Fidelity Funds - Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund	1,839,725

Securities	Disposal Proceeds USD
AXA IM U.S. Equity QI	26,183,340
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	15,738,116
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	14,132,363
Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection US Equity	12,679,101
AXA World Funds - Global Emerging Markets Bonds	12,435,742
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. Government Bond Index Fund	10,787,051
BlackRock ICS U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund	10,417,067
AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	10,088,720
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	9,417,869
Amundi Nasdaq 100 II UCITS ETF	8,849,889
Matthews Asia Funds - Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund	7,418,937
Fidelity Funds - Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund	6,330,286
Federated Hermes Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund	6,195,182
iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	5,406,106
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets CORE Equity Portfolio	5,137,958
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Global Bond Index Fund	4,890,855
AXA World Funds - Asian High Yield Bonds	4,742,954
AXA IM Nasdaq 100 UCITS ETF	4,329,105
iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund	4,088,763
First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund	4,047,674
PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG Fund	4,022,768
AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI	3,983,683
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Global Credits	3,161,615
SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF	2,882,562
Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection European Equity	2,791,477
Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection Japan Equity	2,791,423
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund	2,409,700
First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC-First Sentier Asian Quality Bond	2,310,688

# **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust Architas Multi-Asset Balanced**

**Schedule of Portfolio Changes** for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited) (cont/d)

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations this statement presents the aggregate purchases and aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1.00% of the total value of purchases and sales for the year or at least the top 20 purchases and sales.

Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection European Equity

Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection Japan Equity

Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Pacific Ex-Japan Stock Index Fund

Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets CORE Equity Portfolio

iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund

iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (Switzerland listed)

SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF

AXA IM Nasdaq 100 UCITS ETF

Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund

First Sentier Investors Global Umbrella Fund PLC - FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund

3,058,503

2,803,516

2,654,957

2,421,106

2,344,256

2,267,248

1,389,563

1,078,526

914,714

740,669

Listed below is the schedule of significant portfolio changes during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Securities	Acquisition Cost USD
iShares S&P 500 ESG UCITS ETF	7,551,150
Goldman Sachs Emerging Markets CORE Equity Portfolio	7,160,941
iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF (Switzerland listed)	5,977,580
iShares Emerging Market Screened Equity Index Fund	4,114,157
NT All Country Asia Ex Japan Custom ESG Equity Index Fund	3,384,445
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	3,189,365
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	2,078,904
AXA IM Nasdag 100 UCITS ETF	1,904,714
AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	1,899,542
Amundi Russell 1000 Growth UCITS ETF	1,639,239
iShares MSCI Japan ESG Screened UCITS ETF	1,260,185
SPDR Russell 2000 U.S. Small Cap UCITS ETF	1,246,702
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	1,172,146
iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	1,129,656
Federated Hermes Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund	1,020,562
Fidelity Funds - Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund	930,713
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - Japan Stock Index Fund	849,276
MAN GLG Japan CoreAlpha Equity	759,775
Amundi Nasdaq 100 II UCITS ETF	621,104
AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI	484,701
Securities	Disposal Proceeds
	USD
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	9,500,059
Architas Multi-Manager Global Funds Unit Trust - Selection US Equity	7,470,374
Federated Hermes Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund	7,146,166
AB SICAV I - American Growth Portfolio	6,867,637
AXA IM U.S. Enhanced Index Equity QI	6,515,267
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco BP U.S. Premium Equities	5,996,380
Matthews Asia Funds - Asia ex Japan Total Return Equity Fund	5,501,978
iShares MSCI Europe ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	5,177,778
Fidelity Funds - Asia Pacific Opportunities Fund	4,410,894
Vanguard Investment Series PLC - U.S. 500 Stock Index Fund	3,668,884

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations this statement presents the aggregate purchases and aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1.00% of the total value of purchases and sales for the year or at least the top 20 purchases and sales.

# **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund**

**Schedule of Portfolio Changes** for the Year Ended 30 September 2024 (Unaudited)

Listed below is the schedule of significant portfolio changes during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Securities*	Acquisition Cost USD
Wellington Global Stewards Fund	3,302,780
Templeton Global Climate Change Fund	2,554,401
M&G Lux Investment Funds 1 - M&G Lux Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund	2,443,523
Janus Henderson Horizon Fund - Sustainable Future Technologies Fund	2,140,365
JPMorgan Carbon Transition Global Equity CTB UCITS ETF	1,545,719
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	1,170,745
BNP Paribas Funds - Smart Food	953,386
Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	485,335
JPMorgan Carbon Transition China Equity CTB UCITS ETF	435,632
Candriam Sustainable - Equity World	219,106

Securities*	Disposal Proceeds USD
Candriam Sustainable - Equity World	2,850,180
AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund	1,777,329
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	1,655,098
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Energy	1,451,100
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Mobility	1,386,376
JPMorgan Carbon Transition Global Equity CTB UCITS ETF	1,162,173
Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	1,064,405
Janus Henderson Horizon Fund - Sustainable Future Technologies Fund	693,542
JPMorgan Carbon Transition China Equity CTB UCITS ETF	473,120

<sup>\*</sup>There were no other purchases or sales during the year ended 30 September 2024.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations this statement presents the aggregate purchases and aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1.00% of the total value of purchases and sales for the year or at least the top 20 purchases and sales.

Listed below is the schedule of significant portfolio changes during the year ended 30 September 2024.

Securities*	Acquisition Cost	
	USD	
Wellington Global Stewards Fund	1,100,034	
Templeton Global Climate Change Fund	826,780	
M&G Lux Investment Funds 1 - M&G Lux Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund	790,020	
Janus Henderson Horizon Fund - Sustainable Future Technologies Fund	709,139	
JPMorgan Carbon Transition Global Equity CTB UCITS ETF	283,034	
JPMorgan Carbon Transition China Equity CTB UCITS ETF	234,639	

Securities*	Disposal Proceeds USD
Candriam Sustainable - Equity World	1,069,410
AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund	595,808
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco QI Global SDG & Climate Conservative Equities	574,014
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Energy	513,361
Robeco Capital Growth Funds - Robeco Smart Mobility	472,182
Sustainable Global Thematic Portfolio	351,551
JPMorgan Carbon Transition China Equity CTB UCITS ETF	254,831
Candriam Sustainable - Bond Global High Yield	45,032

<sup>\*</sup>There were no other purchases or sales during the year ended 30 September 2024.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations this statement presents the aggregate purchases and aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1.00% of the total value of purchases and sales for the year or at least the top 20 purchases and sales.

## **Remuneration Policy Overview**

The AMMEL Remuneration Policy is aligned to AXA Investment Managers policy and has been designed to ensure that the AMMEL approach to remuneration does not encourage short term risk taking and aligns the client outcomes to the employee outcomes. It has been designed to be consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles or rules of the products/ portfolios managed by AMMEL.

The Policy and the practical application of the Policy is reviewed annually to ensure the Policy as designed is delivering on its stated objectives and outcomes. In 2023 this annual review did not identify any issues.

A summary of the AMMEL remuneration policy is available here:

https://select.axa-im.com/globalassets/ireland/remuneration-policy/remuneration-policy-summary.pdf

## Remuneration for the Financial Year 2023 (latest available remuneration figures)

- The total remuneration paid by AMMEL to staff was €2,492,472.
- This was allocated as Fixed 75% (€1,868,015) and Variable 25% (€624,457).
- The number of staff engaged during the period was 29 (including starters and leavers); and of the total number of staff, there were 8 identified staff (as defined in the policy including new starters and leavers throughout the year).
- The total remuneration paid to identified staff was €1,395,970 and other staff was €1,096,502.

## Transactions with Connected Persons for the Funds distributed in Hong Kong

Connected Persons of the Manager, Investment Manager, Depositary and the Directors of the Trust are those as defined in the SFC Code. All transactions entered into during the year between the Funds and the Manager, Investment Manager, Depositary and the Directors of the Manager and their respective Connected Persons were carried out in the normal course of business and on normal commercial terms. No Directors of the Manager or their respective Connected Persons profit from transactions in Units of the Funds or from management of the Funds.

Security investments and currency transactions through a broker who is a Connected Person of the Manager, the Investment Advisors, the Depositary and the Directors of the Company were as follows for the financial year ended 30 September 2024:

	Total Purchases & Sales through a broker who is a			
	Connected Person US\$	% of Total Purchases	Commissions	Average Rate of Commissions
Fund	('000)	& Sales	('000)	in %
Architas Flexible Bond	17,288	97.01	-	0.00
Architas Flexible Equity	79,574	56.87	2	0.00
Architas Multi-Asset Balanced	267,885	68.15	6	0.00
E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund	28,131	86.24	-	0.00
E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund	8,500	87.25	-	0.00

There were no commissions charged on the transactions in the above table for the financial year ended 30 September 2024.

## **Architas Multi-Manager Global Managed Funds Unit Trust**

Appendix III - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR") and EU Taxonomy Regulation (Unaudited)

SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation) is a regulatory change that applies to all financial business and products to provide standardised disclosures on how ESG factors are integrated at both entity and product level. In addition, the EU Taxonomy Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 establishes a classification system (or taxonomy) which provides businesses with a common language to identify whether or not a given economic activity should be considered environmentally sustainable.

The investments underlying the Sub-Funds do not currently take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities as defined by the Taxonomy regulation.

For updates on the Architas approach to SFDR please access our Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation Declarations on our website: https://select.axa-im.ie/

Through ensuring that the investment process promotes Environmental or Social characteristics the following Sub-Funds within the Unit Trust previously categoristed as Article 6 are now transitioned to Article 8:

Architas Flexible Bond Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Architas Flexible Equity

The following Sub-Funds are categorised as Article 9 due to a sustainable investment objective.

E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund

E.P.I.C. Global Multi-Asset Fund

The individual unaudited Sub-Fund SFDR reporting is available below. The Principal Adverse Impacts (PAIs), top investments, asset allocation and economic sectors in the reports are calculated based on an average of the quarter holdings.

The environmental and social sustainable investments split in relation to Article 9 Sub-Funds are based on the end of period allocations.

The holdings therefore may not align exactly with the values contained in the statement of investments.

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

**Product name: Architas Flexible Bond** 

Legal entity identifier: 5493 00T7WFOHI7RYZQ 57

# Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did	this	financial produ	ct have a sustai	nable investment objective?				
••		Yes		••	×	No		
	inv		ctive:% ctivities that ronmentally der the EU ctivities that do environmentally		cl it h	promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) haracteristics and while it did not have as sobjective a sustainable investment, it ad a proportion of % of sustainable expressions with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective		
		ade sustainable invale invalente inv	vestments with a			omoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not</b> e any sustainable investments		

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally** sustainable **economic activities**. That Regulation

does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

# Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are

attained.



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

Throughout the reference period (from 01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), the fund has pursued an investment strategy that favours, among other things, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of these characteristics in accordance with article 8 of the SFDR.

The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR. No index has been designated for the Sub-Fund as a reference benchmark for the purposes of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through investment in Eligible CIS, to any one E/S characteristic or any one sustainable investment objective.

As part of the monitoring of constraints on funds, the risk function draws up and maintains a list of automated constraints systematically monitored on both a pre trade and post trade basis.

Among these constraints, a minimum of 80% of underlying funds must be Article 8 or Article 9 funds is applied: this control is a blocking constraint which is followed both pretrade and post-trade on a daily basis.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to assess the fund's extra-financial performance were as follows:

1. The percentage of investment in underlying funds classified under article 8 (which promote environmental or social characteristics) and article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) in accordance with SFDR regulations. This threshold of at least 80% of investments in products classified as article 8 or article 9 has been complied with over the reference period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024).

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we have calculated an annual average per fund of investments in underlying funds being Article 8 or 9 at the end of each quarter. The result of this calculation shows a threshold of **88** %.

- **2.** The Investment Manager conducted an independent ESG due diligence process, which is a scored assessement, in respect of each target Eligible CIS (which is proprietary to the Investment Manager) which has covered:
- ESG policy and governance

- ESG Integration
- Engagement and stewardship
- Risk and reporting

In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score

Threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

...and compared to previous periods?

The evolution of the % of investments in underlying funds art.8 and art.9:

2023	2024		
86%	88%		

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.



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

The Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring the following PAI indicators:

Indicator 2 : Carbon Footprint	12,12 (tCO2e/M€ or tCO2e/M\$)				
Indicator 13 : Board Gender Diversity	4,66 (expressed as % of all board members)				

PAI calculation methodologies have been defined as consistently as possible with current regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, reporting on PAIs can be limited mainly due to challenges with regards to both data availability and reliability. PAI definitions and calculation methodologies may still evolve in the future depending on any additional regulatory guidelines, or due to data evolution with, for instance, data provider's change in methodology, or change in data sets used in order to align different reporting frameworks whenever possible.

N.B.: PAIs are reported based on an average of the impacts at each end of quarter where data is available.



# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The main investments in Financial Product are detailed below:

Largest Investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
BlackRock Glb HY ESGandCrdtScrn DUSDAcc		15.49	IRELAND
Neuberger Berman EM DbtHrdCcy EUR I C		15.08	IRELAND
Barings Global High Yield Bond B EUR Acc		13.38	IRELAND
AXAWF Global Emerg Mkts Bds I Cap EUR H		11.34	LUXEMBOURG

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2024

Capital Group GlobCorpBd (LUX) Pd	9.93	LUXEMBOURG
PineBridge Asia Pacific Invm Grd Bd Y1H	5.53	IRELAND
UBS Asian IG Bonds Sustainable	5.08	LUXEMBOURG
Robeco Global Credits IH EUR	4.90	LUXEMBOURG
iShares Em Mkts Govt Bd Idx (LU) A2 USD	4.75	LUXEMBOURG
iShares JPM ESG EM Bond	4.75	IRELAND
AXAWF Global High Yield Bds I Dis USD	4.55	LUXEMBOURG
First Sentier Asian Quality Bd VI USDInc	3.98	IRELAND
AXAIMFIIS US Short Dur HY A Dis MlyflUSD	0.03	LUXEMBOURG
BlackRock ICS USD Liquidity Heritage Acc	0.02	IRELAND
AXAWF ACT EmMktsShDurBdsLwCarbIDisUSD	0.01	LUXEMBOURG

Please note that the Top Holdings are calculated based on an average of the quarter end holdings and will therefore not align exactly with the holding values contained in the statement of investments.



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

0%

# Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

### What was the asset allocation?

Throughout the reference period, the fund held an average of 88 % of underlying funds classified as Article 8 or Article 9 under the SFDR Regulation.

Taxonomyaligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditur e (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#20ther** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.

The category **#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** covers:

- The sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covers environmentally and socially sustainable investments.
- The sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covers investments aligned with the environmental or social characteristics that do not qualify as sustainable investments.

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As the Fund is managed on a multi-management basis (fund of funds structure), investments have mainly in underlying funds. Given this structure we are unable to provide any relevant answers.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules. **Enabling** activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding

to the best performance.



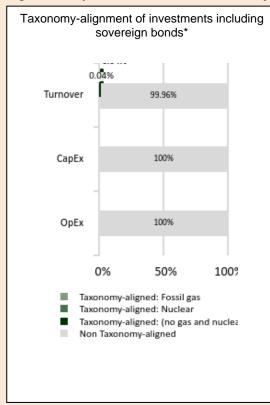
To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

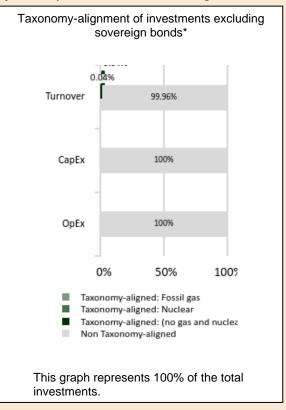
0,04 %

Did the activitie	inancial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related that comply with EU Taxonomy ? <sup>1</sup>
	es
	In fossil gas In nuclear energy
X	lo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

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

  0,19 % (coverage 23%)
- How did the percentage of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

0 %



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentall y sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0 %



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

0 %



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

Over the period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), "other" assets represented a maximum of 12 % of net assets. These were mainly includes cash and SFDR Article 6 funds. Investments categorised as "Other" investments, were not subject to additional minimum ESG safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

As Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited is an open architecture manager, investment is mainly made through funds managed in funds of funds, while investment in direct securities remains marginal. The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR.

In selecting the funds in which to invest, our priority regarding the integration of ESG considerations is to ensure that the managerof these funds has appropriate policies, governance and processes in place with relation to ESG factors.

During the reporting period, sustainability risks were integrated into investment decisions through ESG due diligence of the fund manager and the fund.

The objective of this was to assess the ESG quality of the funds. It covered: ESG policy and governance, ESG integration into investment decisions, engagement and stewardship, risk and reporting. In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

The Sub-Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring selected PAI indicators as mentioned above.



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

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name: Architas Multi-Asset Balanced Legal entity identifier:** 5493 00ICRL1B7288IG 30

# Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?					
••	Yes	• No			
	investments with an vironmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of % of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			
	made sustainable investments with a ocial objective:%	<ul> <li>with a social objective</li> <li>X It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments</li> </ul>			

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation

does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

# Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial

product are

attained.



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

Throughout the reference period (from 01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), the fund has pursued an investment strategy that favours, among other things, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of these characteristics in accordance with article 8 of the SFDR.

The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR. No index has been designated for the Sub-Fund as a reference benchmark for the purposes of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through investment in Eligible CIS, to any one E/S characteristic or any one sustainable investment objective.

As part of the monitoring of constraints on funds, the risk function draws up and maintains a list of automated constraints systematically monitored on both a pre trade and post trade basis.

Among these constraints, a minimum of 80% of underlying funds must be Article 8 or Article 9 funds is applied: this control is a blocking constraint which is followed both pretrade and post-trade on a daily basis.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to assess the fund's extra-financial performance were as follows:

1. The percentage of investment in underlying funds classified under article 8 (which promote environmental or social characteristics) and article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) in accordance with SFDR regulations. This threshold of at least 80% of investments in products classified as article 8 or article 9 has been complied with over the reference period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024).

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we have calculated an annual average per fund of investments in underlying funds being Article 8 or 9 at the end of each quarter. The result of this calculation shows a threshold of **83 %**.

- **2.** The Investment Manager conducted an independent ESG due diligence process, which is a scored assessement, in respect of each target Eligible CIS (which is proprietary to the Investment Manager) which has covered:
- ESG policy and governance

- ESG Integration
- Engagement and stewardship
- Risk and reporting

In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score

Threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

## ...and compared to previous periods?

The evolution of the % of investments in underlying funds art.8 and art.9:

2023	2024		
84%	83%		

This % was reduced due to an increase in low tracking error art. 6 passive funds for risk management purposes to mitigate the effects of the narrow leadership in the equity market.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



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

The Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring the following PAI indicators:

Indicator 2 : Carbon Footprint	28,47 (tCO2e/M€ or tCO2e/M\$)				
Indicator 13 : Board Gender Diversity	17,89 (expressed as % of all board members)				

PAI calculation methodologies have been defined as consistently as possible with current regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, reporting on PAIs can be limited mainly due to challenges with regards to both data availability and reliability. PAI definitions and calculation methodologies may still evolve in the future depending on any additional regulatory guidelines, or due to data evolution with, for instance, data provider's change in methodology, or change in data sets used in order to align different reporting frameworks whenever possible.

N.B.: PAIs are reported based on an average of the impacts at each end of quarter where data is available.



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

The main investments in Financial Product are detailed below:

Largest Investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
ARCHITAS SELECT US EQ-ZZ USD		10.54	IRELAND
iShares Global Aggregate Bond ESG		9.08	IRELAND

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2024

PIMCO GIS Global Bond ESG Instl EURH Acc	8.53	IRELAND
PineBridge Asia Pacific Invm Grd Bd Y1H	8.49	IRELAND
AB American Growth S1 EUR H	4.61	LUXEMBOURG
Robeco Global Credits IH EUR	4.41	LUXEMBOURG
Robeco BP US Premium Equities IH EUR	3.79	LUXEMBOURG
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	3.65	IRELAND
SELECTION EUROPEAN EQU-Z EUR	3.62	IRELAND
Vanguard U.S. 500 Stk Idx Ins Pl USD Acc	3.19	IRELAND
First Sentier Asian Quality Bd VI USDInc	3.18	IRELAND
Federated Hermes Asia exJpn Eq F EUR Acc	3.15	IRELAND
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced USD UCITS ETF	2.94	IRELAND
GS Emerging Markets CORE Equity USD	2.90	LUXEMBOURG
ISH EMER MKT SCREE EQ IX-DUA	2.87	IRELAND

Please note that the Top Holdings are calculated based on an average of the quarter end holdings and will therefore not align exactly with the holding values contained in the statement of investments.



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

0 %

# What was the asset allocation?

Throughout the reference period, the fund held an average of 83 % of underlying funds classified as Article 8 or Article 9 under the SFDR Regulation.

allocation describes the share of investments in

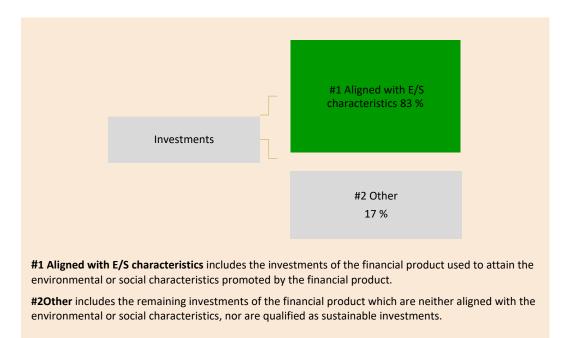
specific assets.

Asset

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Taxonomyaligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover
  reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- expenditure
  (CapEx)
  showing the
  green
  investments
  made by
  investee
  companies,
  e.g. for a
  transition to
  a green
  economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.



### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As the Fund is managed on a multi-management basis (fund of funds structure), investments have mainly in underlying funds. Given this structure we are unable to provide any relevant answers.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules. Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best

performance.



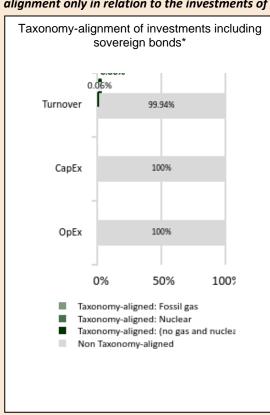
To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

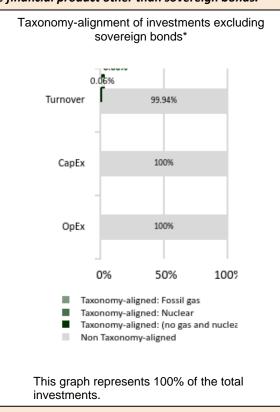
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Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>

	Yes				
		In	fossil	gas	In nuclear energy
Χ	No				

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

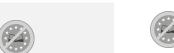
What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Transitional activities: 0,01 % (coverage 62 %)

Enabling activities: 0,05 % (coverage 62 %)

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

0 %



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What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0 %



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

0 %



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

Over the period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), "other" assets represented a maximum of 17 % of net assets. These were mainly includes cash and SFDR Article 6 funds. Investments categorised as "Other" investments, were not subject to additional minimum ESG safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

As Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited is an open architecture manager, investment is mainly made through funds managed in funds of funds, while investment in direct securities remains marginal. The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR.

Within the Asian allocation new article 8 funds have been added so the exposure to art 6 can be reduced.

In selecting the funds in which to invest, our priority regarding the integration of ESG considerations is to ensure that the managerof these funds has appropriate policies, governance and processes in place with relation to ESG factors.

During the reporting period, sustainability risks were integrated into investment decisions through ESG due diligence of the fund manager and the fund.

The objective of this was to assess the ESG quality of the funds. It covered: ESG policy and governance, ESG integration into investment decisions, engagement and stewardship, risk and reporting. In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

The Sub-Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring selected PAI indicators as mentioned above.



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

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that

they promote.

Reference

Not applicable.

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

**Product name: Architas Flexible Equity** 

Legal entity identifier: 5493 00JDVS60LB82DF 02

# **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?				
Yes	• × No			
It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of % of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy			
It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%	with a social objective  X It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments			

Sustainable investment

means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally** sustainable **economic activities**. That Regulation

does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

# Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are

attained.



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

Throughout the reference period (from 01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), the fund has pursued an investment strategy that favours, among other things, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of these characteristics in accordance with article 8 of the SFDR.

The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR. No index has been designated for the Sub-Fund as a reference benchmark for the purposes of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its assets that may be exposed, through investment in Eligible CIS, to any one E/S characteristic or any one sustainable investment objective.

As part of the monitoring of constraints on funds, the risk function draws up and maintains a list of automated constraints systematically monitored on both a pre trade and post trade basis.

Among these constraints, a minimum of 80% of underlying funds must be Article 8 or Article 9 funds is applied: this control is a blocking constraint which is followed both pretrade and post-trade on a daily basis.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to assess the fund's extra-financial performance were as follows:

1. The percentage of investment in underlying funds classified under article 8 (which promote environmental or social characteristics) and article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) in accordance with SFDR regulations. This threshold of at least 80% of investments in products classified as article 8 or article 9 has been complied with over the reference period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024).

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we have calculated an annual average per fund of investments in underlying funds being Article 8 or 9 at the end of each quarter. The result of this calculation shows a threshold of **82** %.

- **2.** The Investment Manager conducted an independent ESG due diligence process, which is a scored assessement, in respect of each target Eligible CIS (which is proprietary to the Investment Manager) which has covered:
- ESG policy and governance

- ESG Integration
- Engagement and stewardship
- Risk and reporting

In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score

Threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

## ...and compared to previous periods?

The evolution of the % of investments in underlying funds art.8 and art.9:

2023	2024
85%	82%

This % was reduced due to an increase in low tracking error art. 6 passive funds for risk management purposes to mitigate the effects of the narrow leadership in the equity market.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.



Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



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

The Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring the following PAI indicators:

Indicator 2 : Carbon Footprint	42,14 (tCO2e/M€ or tCO2e/M\$)	
Indicator 13 : Board Gender Diversity	28,93 (expressed as % of all board members)	

PAI calculation methodologies have been defined as consistently as possible with current regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, reporting on PAIs can be limited mainly due to challenges with regards to both data availability and reliability. PAI definitions and calculation methodologies may still evolve in the future depending on any additional regulatory guidelines, or due to data evolution with, for instance, data provider's change in methodology, or change in data sets used in order to align different reporting frameworks whenever possible.

N.B.: PAIs are reported based on an average of the impacts at each end of quarter where data is available.



# What were the top investments of this financial product?

The main investments in Financial Product are detailed below:

Largest Investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
ARCHITAS SELECT US EQ-ZZ USD		17.85	IRELAND
AXA Rosenberg US Enh Idx Eq Alp A(H)EURAcc		9.75	IRELAND

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2024

iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced USD UCITS ETF	8.04	IRELAND
SELECTION EUROPEAN EQU-Z EUR	6.87	IRELAND
AB American Growth S1 EUR H	6.02	LUXEMBOURG
iShares MSCI USA ESG Enhanced UCITS ETF	5.96	IRELAND
Federated Hermes Asia exJpn Eq F EUR Acc	5.67	IRELAND
ISH EMER MKT SCREE EQ IX-DUA	4.87	IRELAND
Robeco BP US Premium Equities IH EUR	4.60	LUXEMBOURG
GS Emerging Markets CORE Equity USD	4.09	LUXEMBOURG
Vanguard U.S. 500 Stk Idx Ins Pl USD Acc	4.07	IRELAND
FSSA Asian Equity Plus Fund III Acc USD	3.83	IRELAND
iShares North America Idx (IE) InstlAccUSD	3.78	IRELAND
Fidelity Asia Pacific Opps I-Acc-EUR	3.27	LUXEMBOURG
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx Ins PI EUR Acc	2.47	IRELAND

Please note that the Top Holdings are calculated based on an average of the quarter end holdings and will therefore not align exactly with the holding values contained in the statement of investments.



What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

0 %

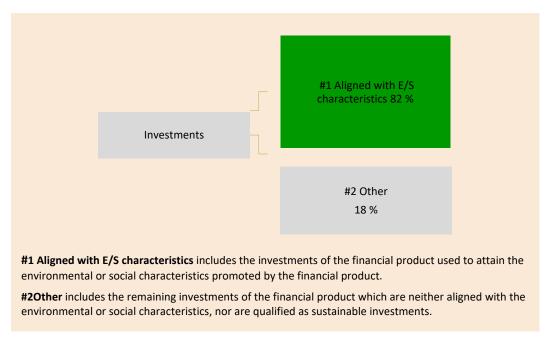
Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomyaligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover
  reflecting the
  share of
  revenue
  from green
  activities of
  investee
  companies
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

### What was the asset allocation?

Throughout the reference period, the fund held an average of 82 % of underlying funds classified as Article 8 or Article 9 under the SFDR Regulation.



### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As the Fund is managed on a multi-management basis (fund of funds structure), investments have mainly in underlying funds. Given this structure we are unable to provide any relevant answers.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules. Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best

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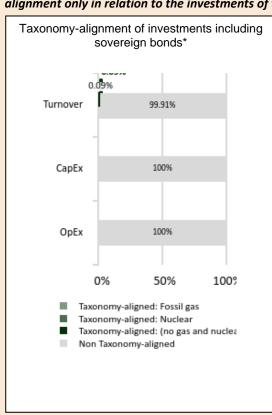
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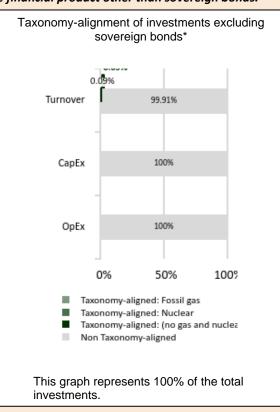
0,09 %

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>

	Yes				
		In	fossil	gas	In nuclear energy
Χ	No				

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





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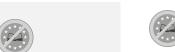
What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

Transitional activities: 0,01 % (coverage 90 %)

Enabling activities: 0,03 % (coverage 90 %)

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

0 %



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What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0 %



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

0 %



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

Over the period (01.10.2023 to 30.09.2024), "other" assets represented a maximum of 18 % of net assets. These were mainly includes cash and SFDR Article 6 funds. Investments categorised as "Other" investments, were not subject to additional minimum ESG safeguards.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

As Architas Multi-Manager Europe Limited is an open architecture manager, investment is mainly made through funds managed in funds of funds, while investment in direct securities remains marginal. The environmental or social characteristics which the Sub-Fund has sought to promote have been met by seeking to hold at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS which are classified as either Article 8 (funds that promote E/S characteristics) or Article 9 (funds that have a sustainable investment objective) in line with the SFDR.

Within the Asian allocation, new article 8 funds have been added so the exposure to art 6 can be reduced.

In selecting the funds in which to invest, our priority regarding the integration of ESG considerations is to ensure that the manager of these funds has appropriate policies, governance and processes in place with relation to ESG factors.

During the reporting period, sustainability risks were integrated into investment decisions through ESG due diligence of the fund manager and the fund.

The objective of this was to assess the ESG quality of the funds. It covered: ESG policy and governance, ESG integration into investment decisions, engagement and stewardship, risk and reporting. In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

The Sub-Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring selected PAI indicators as mentioned above.



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

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that

they promote.

Not applicable.

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: E.P.I.C. Global Equity Opportunities Fund (the "Sub-Fund")

Legal entity identifier: 2138 00NZSFBLVTZLKH 92

# Sustainable investment objective

Did this financial product have a sustainable investment objective? Yes No It made **sustainable** It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) Х characteristics and while it did not have as its investments with an objective a sustainable investment, it had a environmental objective: 58% proportion of \_\_\_\_% of sustainable investments in economic activities that Χ with an environmental objective in economic qualify as environmentally activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU sustainable under the EU Taxonomy Taxonomy with an environmental objective in in economic activities that do Χ economic activities that do not qualify as not qualify as environmentally environmentally sustainable under the EU sustainable under the EU Taxonomy Taxonomy with a social objective It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any It made sustainable investments with a sustainable investments social objective: 38%

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU** Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmental ly sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Sustainability indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.

# To what extent was the sustainable investment objective of this financial product met?

During the reference period (01/10/23 - 30/09/24), the investment objective of the Sub-Fund was to provide long-term growth of capital with a medium to high volatility level from a diversified and actively managed portfolio of securities with a focus on Sustainable Investments.

"Sustainable Investments" are investments in economic activities that contribute to at least one of the environmental objectives as provided for in Regulation (EU) 2020/852 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment, and amending the SFDR (the "Taxonomy Regulation") and/or social objectives as provided for in the SFDR, do not significantly harm any of these environmental and/or social objectives, and where the issuer of each investment follows, in the Manager's view, good governance practices.

While the fund has sustainable investment as its investment objective and commits to hold 100% of its Net Asset Value (excluding cash) in investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments, the fund is not allocating a specific minimum threshold between environmental and/or social sustainable investments as this will depend on the availability of any given sustainable investment.

For the avoidance of doubt, when investing in underlying funds classified as article 9, the Manager considered such funds as sustainable investments.

# How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to assess the extra-financial performance of the fund were :

**1.** The percentage of investment in underlying funds classified as Article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) according to the SFDR regulation.

This threshold of at least 90% of investments in products classified as Article 9 has been respected over the reference period (01/10/23 - 30/09/24).

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we calculated an annual average per fund of the investments in underlying funds being Article 9 at the end of each quarter. The result of this calculation shows the threshold of 96 %.

- **2.** The Investment Manager conducted an independent ESG due diligence process, which is a scored assessement, in respect of each target Eligible CIS (which is proprietary to the Investment Manager) which has covered:
- ESG policy and governance
- ESG Integration
- Engagement and stewardship

### • Risk and Reporting

In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score Threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

## ...and compared to previous periods?

The evolution of the % of sustainable investments in underlying funds :

2023	2024
98%	96%

**2023** calculation methodology: the percentage of investment in underlying funds classified as Article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) according to the SFDR regulation.

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we calculated an annual average per fund of the investments in underlying funds being Article 9 at the end of each quarter (source Bloomberg).

**2024 calculation methodology**: based on the weighted average of the reported Sustainable Investments % by each underlying fund in its EET\* (at year-end of each underlying fund).

Our funds are invested 100% in funds art. 9 (excluded cash).

# How did the sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective?

All of the underlying assets comply with the Do No Significant Harm "DNSH" requirement, due to the fact they are all classified as Article 9.

Since Q4 2022, underlying funds' approach to the DNSH requirement has been assessed as part of the ESG Due Diligence of the fund.

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

The product takes into account some of the main negative impacts on sustainability factors ('PAI') listed in Annex 1 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022.

The fund takes into consideration the following PAI indicators selected by the management company:

- PAI 2: Carbon footprint
- PAI 13: Gender diversity in governance bodies

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

<sup>\*</sup>EET (European ESG Template) available via Morningstar

When investing in funds managed by AXA Group companies or in funds managed by external management companies, the investment external management companies, the management company relies on the measurement of PAI indicators calculated by a data provider. The measurement of these indicators is taken into account as part of the ESG due diligence process to select the underlying funds.

The management company of the top fund reviews annually the measurement of the selected PAI indicators of the underlying funds over the last four quarters.

Underlying fund management companies that appear to have a significant negative impact may be subject to engagement by the management company of the top fund.

The purpose of this engagement may be to encourage these management companies to review investments/instruments which have a significant negative impact on sustainability factors, and to encourage them to take the necessary actions.

Decisions taken by the lead fund management company to mitigate IAPs will be proportionate to the ongoing measurement of the underlying funds' PAI indicators.

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

During the reference period, we evaluated human rights issues which may include alignment with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

As part of the ESG due diligence process, we evaluated each underlying fund manager's approach to issues concerning human rights through the exclusion policies applied by each fund manager.

The underlying funds' exclusion policies were taken into account as part of the ESG Due Diligence for fund selection.



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

The Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring the following PAI indicators:

Indicator 2 : Carbon Footprint	20,12 (tCO2e/M€ or tCO2e/M\$)		
Indicator 13 : Board Gender Diversity	30,75 (expressed as % of all board members)		

PAI calculation methodologies have been defined as consistently as possible with current regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, reporting on PAIs can be limited mainly due to challenges with regards to both data availability and reliability. PAI definitions and calculation methodologies may still evolve in the future depending on any additional regulatory guidelines, or due to data evolution with, for instance, data provider's change in methodology, or change in data sets used in order to align different reporting frameworks whenever possible.

N.B.: PAIs are reported based on an average of the impacts at each end of quarter where data is available.



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

The main investments in Financial Product are detailed below:

Largest Investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
JPM Carb Transition Glbl Eq(CTB)ETF\$Acc		15.51	IRELAND
AB Sustainable Glb Thematic S1 USD		14.90	LUXEMBOURG
Candriam Sst Eq World I EUR Acc		11.70	LUXEMBOURG
RobecoSAM QI Global SDG & Clim		9.37	LUXEMBOURG
Wellington Global Stewards USD S Acc		7.21	IRELAND
AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate Equity Fund G Capitalisation EUR		7.17	LUXEMBOURG
M&G LX 1 GL SUS PARIS-USD CA		5.32	LUXEMBOURG
BNP Paribas Aqua I C		5.01	LUXEMBOURG
Janus Henderson Hrzn Ss Ft Th E2USD		4.14	LUXEMBOURG

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2024

Templeton Glb Climate Change I(acc)EUR	3.70	LUXEMBOURG
Thematics Safety I/A USD	3.43	LUXEMBOURG
Baillie Gifford WW Pstv Chg B USD Acc	2.80	IRELAND
Aikya Global EM Mkts UCITS I USD Acc	2.50	IRELAND
RobecoSAM Smart Mobility Equities I USD	2.34	LUXEMBOURG
RobecoSAM Smart Energy Eqs I USD	2.34	LUXEMBOURG

Please note that the Top Holdings are calculated based on an average of the quarter end holdings and will therefore not align exactly with the holding values contained in the statement of investments.



# What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

96%

### What was the asset allocation?

During the reference period, the Sub-Fund held on average\* 96 % of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS and direct investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments.



Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.

Taxonomyaligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital
  expenditur
  e (CapEx)
  showing
  the green
  investment
  s made by
  investee
  companies,
  e.g. for a
  transition
  to a green
  economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflecting

<u>Calculation methodology</u>: based on the weighted average of the reported Sustainable Investments % by each underlying fund in its EET\* (at year-end of each underlying fund).

\*EET (European ESG Template)

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As the Fund is managed on a multi-management basis (fund-of-funds structure), investments have been made mainly in underlying funds (UCIs). In view of this structure, we cannot provide relevant answers.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules. Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are economic activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding

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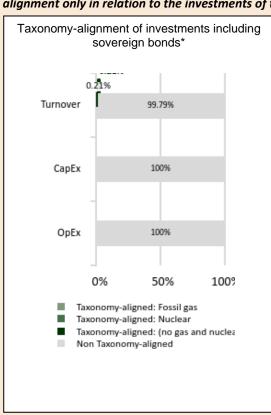
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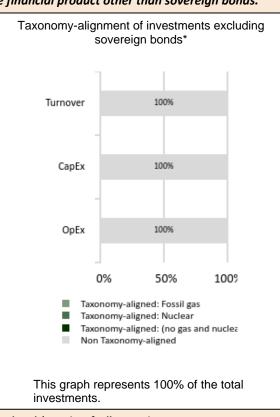
0,21 %

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with EU Taxonomy ?¹

	Yes				
		In	fossil	gas	In nuclear energy
X	No				

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





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

0,07 % (coverage 91%)

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

2023:1,60%

2024:0,21%



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentall y sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

57,79 %



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

38 %



What investments were included under "not sustainable", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"Not sustainable" included cash and money market instruments, for purposes such as general running of the fund and for liquidity. Cash and money market instruments are not subject to additional minimum environmental or social safeguards.



What actions have been taken to attain the sustainable investment objective during the reference period?

During the reference period, the Fund continued to be fully compliant with it's sustainable investment objective as stated in the Annex II. It did so by holding 100% of its Net Asset Value (excluding cash) in investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments. For the avoidance of doubt, when investing in underlying funds classified as article 9, the Manager considers such funds as sustainable investments.

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This included direct engagement with Fund Managers of underlying funds to understand current and future classification and the related rationale.

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The Sub-Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring selected PAI indicators as mentioned above.



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

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the sustainable objective. Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 9, paragraphs 1 to 4a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 5, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

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# Sustainable investment objective

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU** Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmental ly sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not include a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Did this financial product have a sustai	nable investment objective?			
• • X Yes	• No			
It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective: 59%  In economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  In economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective			
X It made sustainable investments with a social objective: 36%	It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments			

Sustainability indicators measure how the sustainable objectives of this financial product are attained.



# To what extent was the sustainable investment objective of this financial product met?

During the reference period (01/10/23 - 30/09/24), the investment objective of the Sub-Fund was to provide a return for investors over the medium to long term based on a combination of capital growth and income through exposure to a diversified and actively managed portfolio of global securities with a focus on Sustainable Investments.

"Sustainable investments" are investments in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices. Environmental objectives includes both economic activities that contribute to at least one of the environmental objectives as provided for in the Taxonomy Regulation ((EU) 2020/852) on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and economic activities with environmental objectives that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the Taxonomy Regulation.

While the fund has sustainable investment as its investment objective and commits to hold 100% of its Net Asset Value (excluding cash) in investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments, the fund is not allocating a specific minimum threshold between environmental and/or social sustainable investments as this will depend on the availability of any given sustainable investment.

For the avoidance of doubt, when investing in underlying funds classified as article 9, the Manager considered such funds as sustainable investments.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to assess the extra-financial performance of the fund were :

**1.** The percentage of investment in underlying funds classified as Article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) according to the SFDR regulation.

This threshold of at least 90% of investments in products classified as Article 9 has been respected over the reference period (01/10/23 - 30/09/24).

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we calculated an annual average per fund of the investments in underlying funds being Article 9 at the end of each quarter. The result of this calculation shows the threshold of 95 %.

- **2.** The Investment Manager conducted an independent ESG due diligence process, which is a scored assessement, in respect of each target Eligible CIS (which is proprietary to the Investment Manager) which has covered:
- ESG policy and governance
- ESG Integration

- Engagement and stewardship
- Risk and Reporting

In the reporting year, all Eligible CIS met or exceeded the minimum ESG Score Threshold set by the Investment Manager which is a requirement to be investible.

### ...and compared to previous periods?

The evolution of the % of sustainable investments in underlying funds :

2023	2024	
98%	95%	

**2023** calculation methodology: the percentage of investment in underlying funds classified as Article 9 (which have a sustainable objective) according to the SFDR regulation.

In order to verify compliance with this constraint, we calculated an annual average per fund of the investments in underlying funds being Article 9 at the end of each quarter (source Bloomberg).

**2024 calculation methodology**: based on the weighted average of the reported Sustainable Investments % by each underlying fund in its EET\* (at year-end of each underlying fund).

\*EET (European ESG Template) available via Morningstar

Our funds are invested 100% in funds art. 9 (excluded cash).

# How did the sustainable investments not cause significant harm to any sustainable investment objective?

All of the underlying assets comply with the Do No Significant Harm "DNSH" requirement, due to the fact they are all classified as Article 9.

Since Q4 2022, underlying funds' approach to the DNSH requirement has been assessed as part of the ESG Due Diligence of the fund.

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

The product takes into account some of the main negative impacts on sustainability factors ('PAI') listed in Annex 1 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 of 6 April 2022.

The fund takes into consideration the following PAI indicators selected by the management company:

- PAI 2: Carbon footprint

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

#### - PAI 13: Gender diversity in governance bodies

When investing in funds managed by AXA Group companies or in funds managed by external management companies, the investment external management companies, the management company relies on the measurement of PAI indicators calculated by a data provider. The measurement of these indicators is taken into account as part of the ESG due diligence process to select the underlying funds.

The management company of the top fund reviews annually the measurement of the selected PAI indicators of the underlying funds over the last four quarters.

Underlying fund management companies that appear to have a significant negative impact may be subject to engagement by the management company of the top fund.

The purpose of this engagement may be to encourage these management companies to review investments/instruments which have a significant negative impact on sustainability factors, and to encourage them to take the necessary actions.

Decisions taken by the lead fund management company to mitigate IAPs will be proportionate to the ongoing measurement of the underlying funds' PAI indicators.

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

During the reference period, we evaluated human rights issues which may include alignment with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

As part of the ESG due diligence process, we evaluated each underlying fund manager's approach to issues concerning human rights through the exclusion policies applied by each fund manager.

The underlying funds' exclusion policies were taken into account as part of the ESG Due Diligence for fund selection.



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

The Fund has considered the principal adverse impacts ("PAI") on sustainability factors by measuring and monitoring the following PAI indicators:

Indicator 2 : Carbon Footprint	14,86 (tCO2e/M€ or tCO2e/M\$)		
Indicator 13 : Board Gender Diversity	20,99 (expressed as % of all board members)		

PAI calculation methodologies have been defined as consistently as possible with current regulatory guidelines. Furthermore, reporting on PAIs can be limited mainly due to challenges with regards to both data availability and reliability. PAI definitions and calculation methodologies may still evolve in the future depending on any additional regulatory guidelines, or due to data evolution with, for instance, data provider's change in methodology, or change in data sets used in order to align different reporting frameworks whenever possible.

N.B.: PAIs are reported based on an average of the impacts at each end of quarter where data is available.



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

The main investments in Financial Product are detailed below:

Largest Investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
WELL GLBL IMPACT BOND FD-S		14,33%	IRELAND
JPM Carb Transition Glbl Eq(CTB)ETF\$Acc		10,65%	IRELAND
ROBECOSAM CLIMT GLB CRD-IH U		10,50%	LUXEMBOURG
AB Sustainable Glb Thematic A EUR H		9,28%	LUXEMBOURG
Candriam Sst Eq World N EUR Acc		7,02%	LUXEMBOURG
Candriam Sst Bd Glbl Hi Yld R EUR Acc		6,67%	LUXEMBOURG
RobecoSAM QI Global SDG & Clim		5,57%	LUXEMBOURG
AXA WF ACT Green Bds I Cap USD H		4,81%	LUXEMBOURG
Wellington Global Stewards USD S Acc		4,59%	IRELAND
AXA World Funds - ACT Factors - Climate		4,51%	LUXEMBOURG
Equity Fund G Capitalisation EUR		3,33%	LUXEMBOURG
M&G LX 1 GL SUS PARIS-USD CA		3,20%	LUXEMBOURG
BNP Paribas Aqua I C		2,85%	LUXEMBOURG

The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2024

Janus Henderson Hrzn Ss Ft Th E2USD	2,37%	LUXEMBOURG
Thematics Safety I/A USD	2,29%	LUXEMBOURG
Templeton Glb Climate Change I(acc)EUR		

Please note that the Top Holdings are calculated based on an average of the quarter end holdings and will therefore not align exactly with the holding values contained in the statement of investments.

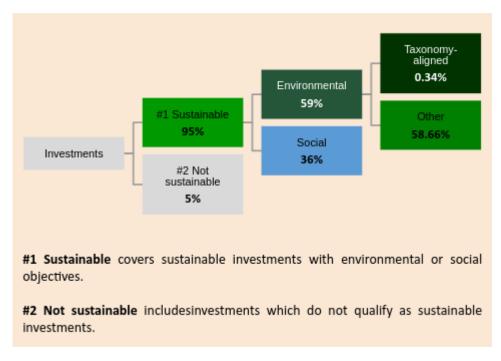


### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

95 %

## What was the asset allocation?

During the reference period, the Sub-Fund held on average\* 95 % of its Net Asset Value in Eligible CIS and direct investments that the Manager believes are Sustainable Investments.



<u>Calculation methodology</u>: based on the weighted average of the reported Sustainable Investments % by each underlying fund in its EET\* (at year-end of each underlying fund).

\*EET (European ESG Template)

Taxonomyaligned

Asset allocation

describes the share of investments in specific assets.

> activities are expressed as a share of: - turnover

- reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- capital expenditure (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditur e (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

As the Fund is managed on a multi-management basis (fund-of-funds structure), investments have been made mainly in underlying funds (UCIs). In view of this structure, we cannot provide relevant answers.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules. Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to environmental objective. **Transitional** activities are economic activities for which lowcarbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best

performance.



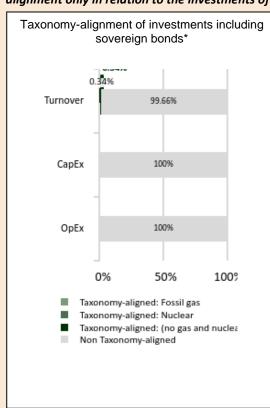
To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

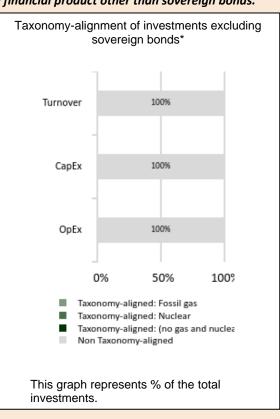
0,34 %

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities that comply with EU Taxonomy ?<sup>1</sup>

Yes				
	In	fossil	gas	In nuclear energy
X No				

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.





\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objectives - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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

0,40 % (coverage 69%)

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

2023: 2.70 %

**2024**: 0,34 %



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentall y sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that were not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

58,66 %



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

36 %



What investments were included under "not sustainable", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

"Not sustainable" included cash and money market instruments, for purposes such as general running of the fund and for liquidity. Cash and money market instruments are not subject to additional minimum environmental or social safeguards.



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### Reference benchmarks

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