

Financial statements for the year ended 30, June 2024



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### To the Board of Directors of Butterfield Global Blue Chip Fund

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Butterfield Global Blue Chip Fund (the "Fund"), which comprise the statements of financial position, including the schedules of investments, as at June 30, 2024, and 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information (all expressed in United States dollars).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at June 30, 2024, and 2023, and its financial performance, its changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

#### Risk

The valuation of the Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is a key audit matter because it significantly impacts the Fund's performance and net asset value and is quantitatively significant to the Fund.

#### Our response to the risk

We evaluated management's valuation methodology applied to determine the fair value of the Fund's financial assets and performed the following procedures, among others. We compared the values recorded by the Fund to independently quoted prices, observable trades and/or vendor prices, and we independently recalculated the fair value of all financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss which we compared to the Fund's recorded fair value.

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#### Responsibilities of Management and those charged with governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB, and for such internal control as management 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, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audits. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieved fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audits and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audits.

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#### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

September 27, 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	Notes	J	June 30, 2024		une 30, 2023
ASSETS					
Financial assets at fair value through profit		_	.=		
or loss (Cost: 2024 - \$12,622,246; 2023 - \$9,796,772)	2, 3, 4	\$	15,774,234	\$	11,764,459
Cash and cash equivalents	2 i)		121,777		226,225
Dividend income receivable			8,683		6,328
Prepaid expenses			8,047		3,596
			15,912,741		12,000,608
LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS) Accrued expenses Redemptions payable	6, 7		76,883 40,000		59,369 29,407
Subscriptions in advance			34,749		15,768
			151,632		104,544
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS		\$	15,761,109	\$	11,896,064
Number of redeemable shares in issue	5		522,910		473,565
NET ASSET VALUE PER REDEEMABLE SHARE		\$	30.14	\$	25.12

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Michael A. McWatt DIRECTOR

Erwin Dikau DIRECTOR

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	Notes	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Income			
Dividend income	2	\$ 243,455	\$ 197,316
Net realised gains on financial assets at fair value			
through profit or loss		1,468,985	228,147
Net change in unrealised gains on financial assets			
at fair value through profit or loss		1,184,301	1,850,665
Net foreign currency losses	2	(25,066)	(11,892)
Total income		2,871,675	2,264,236
Expenses			
Management fees	6	136,032	149,129
Custodian fees	6	27,207	21,579
Administration fees	7	18,965	15,063
Audit and legal fees		27,222	29,033
Sundry expenses		22,578	28,969
Total expenses		232,004	243,773
Net investment income		2,639,671	2,020,463
Withholding tax on dividend income		(64,108)	(54,615)
Increase in net assets attributable to			
shareholders from operations		\$ 2,575,563	\$ 1,965,848

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Increase in net assets attributable to shareholders from operations	\$ 2,575,563	\$ 1,965,848
Capital transactions		
Issuance of redeemable shares	3,124,609	936,924
Redemption of redeemable shares	(1,835,127)	(1,174,386)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to		
shareholders from capital transactions	1,289,482	(237,462)
Net increase in net assets attributable to shareholders	3,865,045	1,728,386
Net assets attributable to shareholders – beginning of year	11,896,064	10,167,678
Net assets attributable to shareholders – end of year	\$ 15,761,109	\$ 11,896,064

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

		June 30, 2024		June 30, 2023
Cash flows from operating activities				
Increase in net assets attributable to shareholders from				
operations	\$	2,575,563	\$	1,965,848
Adjustments for:				
Purchase of financial assets		(10,193,931)		(4,384,862)
Net proceeds from sale of financial assets		8,837,442		4,730,308
Net realised gains on financial assets at fair value through				
profit or loss		(1,468,985)		(228,147)
Net change in unrealised gains on financial assets at		(4.404.004)		(4.0=0.00=)
fair value through profit or loss		(1,184,301)		(1,850,665)
Changes in:		(0.055)		050
Dividend income receivable		(2,355)		356 7 220
Prepaid expenses		(4,451)		7,330
Accrued expenses  Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		17,514 (1,423,504)		30,713 270,881
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(1,423,304)		270,001
Cash flows from financing activities				
Redemptions payable		10,593		29,407
Subscriptions in advance		18,981		14,768
Proceeds from issuance of shares		3,124,609		936,924
Paid on redemption of shares		(1,835,127)		(1,174,386)
Net cash provided/(used in) by financing activities		1,319,056		(193,287)
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Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(104,448)		77,594
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year		226,225		148,631
Cash and cash equivalents – end of year	\$	121,777	\$	226,225
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Supplemental cash flow information:				
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	\$	176,992	\$	143,057

### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS As at June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

						% of
Financial assets	Shares		Cost		Fair Value	Portfolio
Equities/ADRs - Europe						
E.ON SE	12,585	\$	150,101	\$	165,225	1.05%
Mercedes-Benz Group AG	3,107		219,387		214,923	1.36%
Moncler Spa	3,274		191,328		200,134	1.27%
Novonesis (Novozymes) B.	3,290		185,237		201,398	1.28%
SAP SE - Sponsored ADR	1,920		280,865		387,283	2.46%
Shell Plc - Sponsored ADR	4,073		241,334		293,989	1.86%
Siemens AG - Sponsored ADR	3,480		332,015		324,510	2.05%
Total Equities/ADRs - Europe		\$	1,600,267	\$	1,787,462	11.33%
Equities/ADRs - United Kingdom						
BAE Systems Plc - Sponsored ADR	2,995	\$	198,178	\$	200,215	1.27%
Rio Tinto Plc - Sponsored ADR	1,423	Ψ	94,232	Ψ	93,818	0.59%
Total Equities/ADRs - United Kingdom	1,420	\$	292,410	\$	294,033	1.86%
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Equities/ADRs - Switzerland						
ABB Ltd	4,385	\$	164,109	\$	243,546	1.54%
Novartis AG - Sponsored ADR	3,445		333,080		366,755	2.33%
Total Equities/ADRs - Switzerland		\$	497,189	\$	610,301	3.87%
Equities/ADRs - United States						
Abbott Laboratories	3,025	\$	338,264	\$	314,328	1.99%
Adobe Inc.	600	·	277,504	·	333,324	2.11%
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	1,627		222,974		263,916	1.67%
Alphabet Inc Class C	2,585		265,385		474,141	3.01%
Amazon.com Inc.	2,410		292,064		465,733	2.95%
Apple Inc.	3,083		458,248		649,341	4.12%
Applied Materials Inc.	1,140		152,298		269,029	1.71%
Arista Networks Inc.	645		183,340		226,060	1.43%
BP Plc - Sponsored ADR	7,110		234,678		256,670	1.63%
Chevron Corp.	1,028		141,765		160,800	1.02%
Chubb Ltd	1,495		300,265		381,345	2.42%
ConocoPhillips	1,580		166,344		180,720	1.15%
Eli Lilly & Co.	175		155,664		158,442	1.00%
Johnson & Johnson	1,403		219,488		205,062	1.30%
Mastercard Inc Class A	592		192,390		261,167	1.66%
Merck & Co. Inc.	2,337		212,279		289,321	1.83%
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	722		240,839		364,047	2.31%
Microsoft Corp.	1,444		411,956		645,396	4.09%
Mondelez International Inc Class A	4,043		249,783		264,574	1.68%
Netflix Inc.	170		59,928		114,730	0.73%
Nike Inc Class B	1,579		169,867		119,009	0.75%

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) As at June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

Financial assets	Shares		Cost		Fair Value	% of Portfolio
Equities/ADRs - United States (continued)						
Northrop Grumman Corp.	441	\$	183,154	\$	192,254	1.22%
Nvidia Corp.	4,640	•	240,096	*	573,226	3.63%
Palo Alto Networks Inc.	695		156,863		235,612	1.49%
Procter & Gamble Co.	1,025		149,789		169,042	1.07%
The Coca-Cola Company	5,021		289,099		319,587	2.03%
TJX Companies Inc.	2,566		168,645		282,517	1.79%
T-Mobile US Inc.	575		83,336		101,304	0.64%
Trane Technologies Plc	955		135,614		314,128	1.99%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	653		270,102		332,547	2.11%
Walmart Inc.	3,489		157,373		236,240	1.50%
Walt Disney Co.	1,239		139,232		123,020	0.78%
Welltower Inc.	1,965		154,933		204,851	1.30%
Total Equities/ADRs - United States		\$	7,073,559	\$	9,481,483	60.11%
Total Equities/ADRs		\$	9,463,425	\$	12,173,279	77.17%
Exchange Traded Funds - United States						
Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	11,432	\$	351,773	\$	469,970	2.98%
Ishares Biotechnology ETF	1,053	Ψ	129,846	Ψ	144,535	0.92%
Ishares Global Financials ETF	12,057		838,605		1,025,726	6.50%
Ishares MSCI Japan ETF	12,980		843,962		885,755	5.62%
Ishares U.S. Medical Devices ETF	3,923		211,223		219,845	1.39%
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF	7,091		302,179		310,302	1.97%
Vanguard Materials ETF	1,124		166,063		216,516	1.37%
Wisdomtree Japan Hedged ETF	2,910		315,170		328,306	2.08%
Total Exchange Traded Funds - United States	,	\$	3,158,821	\$	3,600,955	22.83%
Total Exchange Traded Funds		\$	3,158,821	\$	3,600,955	22.83%
Total financial assets at fair value			40.000.045			400 0001
through profit or loss		\$	12,622,246	\$	15,774,234	100.00%

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS As at June 30, 2023 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

Financial assets	Shares		Cost		Fair Value	% of Portfolio
Equities/ADRs - Europe						
Air Liquide SA	1,395	\$	179,201	\$	249,880	2.12%
Essilorluxottica SA	950		143,201		178,875	1.52%
E.ON SE	12,390		135,826		157,870	1.34%
Mercedes-Benz Group AG	2,257		158,884		181,387	1.54%
Moncler Spa	1,959		102,136		135,362	1.15%
Shell Plc - Sponsored ADR	1,558		78,638		94,072	0.80%
Total Equities/ADRs - Europe		\$	797,886	\$	997,446	8.47%
Equities/ADRs - United Kingdom						
BP Plc - Sponsored ADR	2,285	\$	63,073	\$	80,638	0.69%
Rio Tinto Plc - Sponsored ADR	1,588	*	105,604	Ψ	101,378	0.86%
Total Equities/ADRs - United Kingdom	1,222	\$	168,677	\$	182,016	1.55%
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Equities/ADRs - Switzerland						
ABB Ltd	6,225	\$	208,959	\$	244,524	2.08%
Novartis AG	2,392		191,864		240,375	2.04%
Total Equities/ADRs - Switzerland		\$	400,823	\$	484,899	4.12%
Equities - United States						
Adobe Inc.	320	\$	106,964	\$	156,478	1.33%
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	1,212		115,379		138,059	1.17%
Alphabet Inc Class C	2,785		210,362		336,901	2.86%
Amazon.com Inc.	3,310		344,619		431,492	3.67%
Apple Inc.	2,053		213,008		398,220	3.38%
Applied Materials Inc.	1,095		84,724		158,271	1.35%
Chevron Corp.	538		60,759		84,654	0.72%
Chubb Ltd	1,470		285,145		283,063	2.41%
Cisco Systems Inc.	2,271		94,344		117,502	1.00%
ConocoPhillips	1,090		106,914		112,935	0.96%
Johnson & Johnson	1,403		220,967		232,225	1.97%
Mastercard Inc Class A	627		172,245		246,599	2.10%
Merck & Co. Inc.	2,047		158,529		236,203	2.01%
Meta Platforms Inc Class A	852		172,921		244,507	2.08%
Microsoft Corp.	784		139,447		266,983	2.27%
Mondelez International Inc Class A	2,853		157,185		208,098	1.77%
Netflix Inc.	270		84,415		118,932	1.01%
Nike Inc Class B	1,424		163,391		157,167	1.34%
Northrop Grumman Corp.	436		174,809		198,729	1.69%
Nvidia Corp.	390		54,102		164,978	1.40%
Palo Alto Networks Inc.	590		96,273		150,751	1.28%

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## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) As at June 30, 2023 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

Financial assets	Shares		Cost		Fair Value	% of Portfolio
Equities - United States (continued)						
Procter & Gamble Co.	815	\$	117,469	\$	123,668	1.05%
The Coca-Cola Company	3,916		219,850		235,822	2.00%
TJX Companies Inc.	2,241		122,205		190,014	1.62%
T-Mobile US Inc.	760		107,519		105,564	0.90%
Trane Technologies Plc	1,230		148,454		235,250	2.00%
United Parcel Service Class B	1,095		164,237		196,279	1.67%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	378		129,243		181,682	1.54%
Walmart Inc.	1,108		141,789		174,155	1.48%
Walt Disney Co.	1,804		216,495		161,061	1.37%
Welltower Inc.	1,855		139,146		150,051	1.28%
Total Equities - United States		\$	4,722,909	\$	6,196,293	52.68%
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Total Equities/ADRs		\$	6,090,295	\$	7,860,654	66.82%
Exchange Traded Funds - Europe						
Ishares Msci China A UCITS ETF	33,765	\$	161,373	\$	150,592	1.28%
Total Exchange Traded Funds - Europe		\$	161,373	\$	150,592	1.28%
Exchange Traded Funds - United States						
Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund	11,697	\$	348,463	\$	394,306	3.35%
First Trust Nasdaq Cybersecurity ETF	4,070	Ψ	165,807	Ψ	184,819	1.57%
Ishares Biotechnology ETF	2,258		271,907		286,676	2.44%
Ishares Global Consumer Staples ETF	2,160		133,894		132,170	1.12%
Ishares Global Financials ETF	8,385		544,440		599,863	5.10%
Ishares Global Tech ETF	1,215		65,102		75,561	0.64%
Ishares MSCI Japan ETF	14,170		923,313		877,123	7.46%
Ishares U.S. Medical Devices ETF	2,403		122,094		135,673	1.15%
SPDR S&P Health Care Equipment ETF	3,390		311,093		333,576	2.84%
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund	1,304		155,746		226,713	1.93%
Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF	5,881		253,650		239,239	2.03%
Vanguard Global EX - US Real Estate ETF	2,291		117,600		92,075	0.78%
Vanguard Materials ETF	964		131,995		175,419	1.49%
Total Exchange Traded Funds - United States		\$	3,545,104	\$	3,753,213	31.90%
Total Exchange Traded Funds		\$	3,706,477	\$	3,903,805	33.18%
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		\$	9,796,772	\$	11,764,459	100.00%

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Butterfield Global Blue Chip Fund (the "Fund") was incorporated as an open-ended multi-class exempted Mutual Fund Company under the laws of the Cayman Islands on November 5, 1998 and was registered under the Mutual Funds Act of the Cayman Islands on November 12, 1998.

The Fund commenced operations on December 3, 1998 and is administered by MUFG Fund Services (Cayman) Limited, a Cayman Islands licensed Mutual Fund Administrator.

On December 3, 1998, the Fund was listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange. On January 18, 2000, the Fund was listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in a global portfolio of international "blue chip" equities.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Statements Board ("IASB"). The financial statements have been prepared on a historical-cost basis, except for financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

The financial statements are represented in United States dollars, which is the functional currency of the Fund and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar, except when otherwise stated.

#### Material accounting policy information

#### a) Significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Fund's management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and disclosures made in the financial statements, and accompanying notes. Management believes that the estimates and assumptions utilised in preparing the Fund's financial statements are reasonable and prudent. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### b) Investment entities

IFRS 10 defines and requires a reporting entity that meets the definition of an investment entity not to consolidate but instead to measure its investments at fair value through profit or loss in its financial statements.

To qualify as an investment entity, a reporting entity is required to:

- Obtain funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing them with investment management services;
- Commit to its investor(s) that its business purpose is to invest funds solely for returns from capital appreciation, investment income, or both; and
- Measure and evaluate performance of substantially all of its investments.

Management has determined that the Fund meets the definition of an investment entity and recognizes all investments at fair value through profit or loss.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### c) Financial instruments

#### i. Classification

In accordance with IFRS 9, the Fund classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities at initial recognition into the categories of financial assets and financial liabilities discussed below.

In applying that classification, a financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held for trading if:

- (a) It is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term or
- (b) On initial recognition, it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which, there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking or
- (c) It is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument)

#### **Financial assets**

The Fund classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss on the basis of both:

- The entity's business model for managing the financial assets
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset

#### Financial assets measured at amortised cost

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. The Fund includes in this category short-term non-financing receivables including cash collateral posted on derivative contracts, accrued income and other receivables.

A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- (a) Its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding or
- (b) It is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell or
- (c) At initial recognition, it is irrevocably designated as measured at FVPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### c) Financial instruments (continued)

#### i. Classification (continued)

#### Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

The Fund includes in this category:

<u>Debt instruments:</u> These include investments that are held under a business model to manage them on a fair value basis for investment income and fair value gains.

<u>Instruments held for trading:</u> This category includes equity instruments and debt instruments which are acquired principally for the purpose of generating a profit from short-term fluctuations in price. This category also includes derivative contracts in an asset position.

#### **Financial liabilities**

#### Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

A financial liability is measured at FVPL if it meets the definition of held for trading.

The Fund includes in this category, derivative contracts in a liability position and equity and debt instruments sold short since they are classified as held for trading.

#### Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss. The Fund includes in this category convertible bonds, debentures, and other short-term payables.

#### Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

#### Other financial liabilities

This category includes all financial liabilities, other than those classified at FVPL. The Fund includes in this category amounts for other short-term payables.

#### ii. Recognition

The Fund recognises a financial asset or a financial liability when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Fund commits to purchase or sell the asset.

#### iii. Initial measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. All transaction costs for such instruments are recognised directly in profit or loss.

Financial assets and liabilities (other than those classified at FVPL) are measured initially at their fair value plus any directly attributable incremental costs of acquisition or issue.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### c) Financial instruments (continued)

#### iv. Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Fund measures financial instruments which are classified at FVPL, at fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of those financial instruments are recorded in net gain or loss on financial assets and liabilities at FVPL in the statement of comprehensive income. Interest and dividends earned or paid on these instruments are recorded separately in interest revenue or expense and dividend revenue or expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### v. Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or a part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or the Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a pass-through arrangement and either: the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Fund has transferred its right to receive cash flows from an asset (or has entered into a pass-through arrangement), and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Fund's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Fund also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the fund has retained. The Fund derecognises a financial liability when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expired.

#### d) Fair value measurement

The Fund measures its investments in financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Fund.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at the reporting date is based on their quoted price or binding dealer price quotations, without any deduction for transaction costs. Securities defined in these accounts as 'listed' are traded in an active market. It is the policy of the Fund to value equities quoted on a stock exchange at the closing daily price or, if there has been no sale on the relevant day, the equity will be valued at the last available average sale price.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### e) Impairment of financial assets

The Fund holds only trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months at amortised cost and, as such, has chosen to apply an approach similar to the simplified approach for expected credit losses (ECL) under IFRS 9 to all its trade receivables. Therefore the Fund does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. As at June 30, 2024, the Fund had no ECLs and had, therefore, not recognised a loss allowance.

The Fund's approach to ECLs reflects a probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The Fund uses the provision matrix as a practical expedient to measuring ECLs on trade receivables, based on days past due for groupings of receivables with similar loss patterns. Receivables are grouped based on their nature. The provision matrix is based on historical observed loss rates over the expected life of the receivables and is adjusted for forward-looking estimates.

#### f) Functional and presentation currency

The Fund's functional currency is the United States Dollar, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates. The Fund's performance is evaluated and its liquidity is managed in United States Dollars. Therefore, the United States Dollar is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The Fund's presentation currency is also the United States Dollar.

#### g) Offsetting and financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

As at June 30, 2024 and 2023 there were no assets and liabilities offset in the Statement of Financial Position, nor were there any assets or liabilities available for offset. The Fund does not have a legally enforceable right to offset, nor does it have master netting agreements or similar arrangements that would allow for related amounts to be set off.

#### h) Foreign currency translations

Assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated into United States dollars at rates of exchange on the period end date. Transactions during the period are translated at the rate in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency translation gains and losses are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash on hand and short-term deposits in banks that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, with original maturities of three months or less.

#### i) Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all interest-bearing financial instruments using the effective interest method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

#### Material accounting policy information (continued)

#### k) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised on the date on which the investments are quoted ex-dividend or, where no ex-dividend date is quoted, when the Fund's right to receive the payment is established. Dividend income is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### I) Realised and change in unrealised gains and losses

Realised and change in unrealised gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The cost of investments sold is accounted for using the average cost basis.

#### m) Expenses

All expenses (including management fees) are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accrual basis.

#### n) Going concern

The Fund's management has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

#### o) Share capital

The Fund's Ordinary Shares are classified as equity in accordance with the Fund's articles of association. These shares do not participate in the profits of the Fund.

#### p) Redeemable shares

Shares are redeemable at the shareholder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. Shareholders may arrange to redeem all or part of their Shares on any Dealing Day at the prevailing redemption price of the Shares. A Dealing Day is normally Wednesday of each week, or the following Business Day if Wednesday is not a Business Day. The prevailing redemption price of Shares will be the Net Asset Value per Share of the relevant Class as at the preceding Valuation Day, which is normally the Business Day preceding the Dealing Day. No Shares may be redeemed whilst the calculation of Net Asset Value is suspended.

#### q) Subscriptions in advance

Subscriptions in advance represent amounts received from investors during the year for subscriptions into the Fund on a Dealing Day after year end.

# r) New standards, amendments and interpretations effective after July 1, 2024 and have not been early adopted

There are no new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective starting after July 1, 2024 that are expected have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fund maintains positions in a variety of non-derivative financial instruments as dictated by its investment management strategy. The Fund's investment portfolio is comprised of quoted equity instruments.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Asset allocation is determined by the Investment Advisor with reference to the target asset allocation set out in the Fund's prospectus. The Investment Advisor manages the distribution of the assets to achieve its investment objective. Divergence from target asset allocations and the composition of the portfolio is monitored by the Investment Advisor. In instances where the portfolio has diverged from target asset allocations, the Investment Advisor will rebalance the portfolio to fall in line with the target asset allocations.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the year-end date and the risk management policies employed by the Fund are discussed below:

#### a) Market risk

Market risk embodies the potential for both losses and gains and includes currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Market risk is the risk that changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates or equity and commodity prices will affect the positions held by the Fund, making them less valuable. The Fund is exposed to market risk on financial instruments that are valued at market prices.

The Fund's strategy for the management of market risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective. The Fund's market risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Advisor in accordance with the policies and procedures in place. The Fund's Directors review the performance of the Investment Advisor on a continuous basis.

#### Currency Risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund may invest in financial instruments and enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than its functional currency. Consequently, the Fund is exposed to risks that the exchange rate of its currency relative to other foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of the portion of the Fund's assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than US Dollars.

The Fund's policy is not to enter into any currency hedging transactions. The Investment Advisor manages currency risk by monitoring exposure to different geographical regions.

At June 30, 2024, if the exchange rates of the relevant foreign currencies against the US Dollars had been 10% higher or lower with all overall variables held constant, the net assets would have increased/decreased by \$102,523 (2023: \$114,375). 10% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in exchange rates.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### a) Market risk (continued)

#### Currency Risk (continued)

As at June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Fund had the following currency exposure in US Dollar equivalents:

	2024 USD	2024 % of Net Assets	2023 USD	2023 % of Net Assets
CHF	243,546	1.54%	484,899	4.08%
EUR	580,283	3.68%	903,374	7.59%
DKK	201,398	1.28%	-	-
Total	1,025,227	6.50%	1,388,273	11.67%

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. All of the Fund's investments are highly liquid securities which are actively traded on various stock exchanges. As a result, the Fund is not subject to fair value interest rate risk due to reasonably possible fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

The Fund's exposure to cash flow interest rate risk is limited to its cash and cash equivalents of \$121,777 (2023: \$226,225). Cash and cash equivalents represent 0.77% of the Fund's net assets at June 30, 2024 (2023: 1.90%). The Fund does not have any other significant interest-bearing assets and liabilities and therefore believes its sensitivity to changes in market interest rates is insignificant.

#### Price Risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of an instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to a particular instrument, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market. The Fund is exposed to price risk on its investments. As all of the Fund's financial instruments are carried at fair value with fair value changes recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, all changes in market conditions will directly affect the profit attributable to shareholders.

Price risk is managed by the Investment Advisor by constructing a diversified portfolio of investments traded on various markets. All of the Fund's investments at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are listed on stock exchanges.

As at June 30, 2024, the fair value of the Fund's investments in securities that are exposed to movement in equity prices amounted to \$15,774,234 (2023: \$11,764,459).

The Fund estimates that a reasonably possible movement in its equity portfolio is calculated using the average performance of the Fund's benchmark, which is also the Fund's effective rate, over the past nine years of 9% (2023: 9%) adjusted to correlate to the actual investment portfolio held. As at June 30, 2024, if the benchmark equity market prices had been 9% (2023: 9%) higher or lower with all other variables held constant, the Fund's net assets would have been \$1,032,224 higher or \$1,032,224 lower (2023: \$859,066 higher or \$859,066 lower). The adjusted rate is the rate used when reporting price risk internally to key management personnel.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund. Financial instruments that potentially expose the Fund to credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and unsettled transaction balances held at brokers. The Fund's maximum exposure to credit risk is limited to the value of these assets in the Statement of Financial Position.

Credit risk arising on transactions with brokers includes transactions awaiting settlement. Risk related to unsettled transactions, including dividends and interest accrued, is considered to be low due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used. The Fund monitors the credit rating of its brokers to mitigate this risk.

#### c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Fund's financial liabilities at June 30, 2024 represent 0.96% of net assets (2023: 0.88%) that fall due not later than one month. The Fund's Prospectus provides for weekly subscription and redemption of shares and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting shareholder redemptions. The Fund does not anticipate any significant liquidity concerns in funding redemption requests and other liabilities. However, all of the Fund's investments at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are listed securities actively traded on major stock exchanges. As such, they are considered to be highly realisable, mitigating the liquidity risk of the Fund as at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Fund's liquidity risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Advisor in accordance with the policies and procedures in place.

#### **Capital Risk Management**

The Fund's capital consists of the issued share capital.

The Investment Advisor manages the capital of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions, as outlined in the Prospectus, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet shareholder redemptions. The Fund's overall strategy for managing capital remains unchanged from 2023. The Fund does not have any externally imposed capital requirements.

#### 4. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following information provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

- Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data, including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments

All of the Fund's investments are classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy as the value of these investments are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets as at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

The Fund did not hold any Level 3 investments at the beginning, during, or at the end of the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 5. SHARE CAPITAL

The Fund may issue up to 5,000,000 Non-Voting Redeemable Shares, which are redeemable at the option of the shareholders. The authorised share capital of the Fund shall consist of \$50,100 divided into 100 Ordinary Shares having a nominal value of \$1.00 each and 5,000,000 Non-Voting Redeemable Shares having a nominal value of \$0.01.

The Investment Advisor is the holder of the Ordinary Shares and shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend and vote at any general meeting of the Fund.

Details of Redeemable Shares issued, redeemed and outstanding during the year are as follows:

	2024	2023
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance - beginning of year	473,565	484,423
Issue of redeemable shares	116,241	41,029
Redemption of redeemable shares	(66,896)	(51,887)
Balance - end of year	522,910	473,565

Currently only the US Dollar class of shares, and no others, have been designated and issued.

#### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited (the "Custodian") acts as custodian for the Fund and is entitled to receive a fee, calculated at a rate of 0.20% (2023: 0.20%) per annum of the net asset value of the Fund, calculated and accrued weekly.

Custodian fees charged for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$27,207 (2023: \$21,579) for the Fund, of which \$7,655 (2023: \$5,741) remained payable at year end and is included in accrued expenses.

Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited (the "Investment Advisor") is entitled to receive a management fee for providing investment advice to the Fund, calculated at a rate of 1.00% per annum of the net asset value of each Class of shares, calculated and accrued weekly.

Management fees for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$136,032 (2023: \$149,129) for the Fund, of which \$38,273 (2023: \$28,704) remained payable at year end and is included in accrued expenses.

Employees of the Investment Advisor, its parent company and other affiliated companies, and their immediate family members may hold shares in the Fund. These shareholdings are not significant to the Fund.

#### 7. ADMINISTRATION FEE

In accordance with the administration agreement, the Administrator receives a fee based upon the nature and extent of the services provided. Administration fee for the year was \$18,965 (2023: \$15,063) of which \$1,987 (2023: \$2,910) was payable at year end and is included in accrued expenses.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### 8. DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The Directors of the Fund at June 30, 2024 and 2023 were:

Erwin Dikau Michael McWatt

The Directors are not entitled to any remuneration for their services as directors. At June 30, 2024, none of the Directors held any shares in the Fund. Each Director is affiliated with the Custodian and Investment Advisor.

#### 9. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Per share operating performance (for a share outstanding throughout the year)

Per Share Information		2024	2023
Net asset value per redeemable share – beginning of year	\$	25.12 \$	20.99
Income from investment operations			
Net investment income/(loss)		(0.13)	(0.22)
Net realised and change in unrealised gains/(losses) on financial			
assets at fair value through profit and loss and foreign currency	/	5.15	4.35
Total from investment operations		5.02	4.13
Net asset value per redeemable share – end of year	\$	30.14 \$	25.12
Total Return		19.98%	19.68%
Ratios / supplemental data			
Total net assets - end of year	\$	15,761,109 \$	11,896,064
Ratio of expenses to weighted average net assets Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to weighted average net		1.69%	2.27%
assets		(0.38)%	(0.94)%
Portfolio turnover rate*		65.20%	40.98%

<sup>\*</sup> Portfolio turnover rate is calculated using the lesser of purchases or sales of investments for the year divided by the weighted average value of investments, calculated using the last valuation date of each month.

An individual investor's return and ratios may vary from the above returns and ratios based on the timing of capital transactions.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended June 30, 2024 (Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

#### **10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Fund has evaluated all the events or transactions that occurred after June 30, 2024 through September 27, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Since June 30, 2024 the Fund received subscriptions of \$494,012 and paid redemptions of \$175,272.

#### 11. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on September 27, 2024.