

The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

For the financial year ended 31 January 2023



CITY OF LONDON
Investment Management Company Limited

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Mark Dwyer (British)
Josephine Kitcher (British)
Kevin Molony (Irish)(Independent) (Chairman)
Patricia Taylor (Irish)

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Directors' Report

for the financial year ended 31 January 2023

The Directors present herewith their Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc (the "Company") for the financial year ended 31 January 2023. The Company was incorporated on 6 August 1998 as an open-ended investment company with variable capital and limited liability under the laws of the Republic of Ireland under registration number 291789.

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company and Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") was appointed to act as the UCITS management company of the Company. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to act as a management company of a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

At 31 January 2023, the Company comprises of one active fund; The Emerging World Fund (the "Fund").

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements, in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU") and applicable law.

Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company and of its changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for that financial year. In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors confirm that they believe that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended (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"). They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company. In this regard, they have entrusted the assets of the Company to Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch (the "Depositary") for safe-keeping. They are responsible for such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities (continued)

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included on the Investment Manager's website, www.citlon.com. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Activities, Business Review and Future Developments

The Directors have directed the affairs of the Company so as to enable it to maintain its status as an investment company. There was no change in the nature of the Company's business during the financial year, however the Company changed to an externally-managed investment company, effective 7 February 2022, as detailed above. The Directors consider that the change in the net asset value ("NAV") per share is a key indicator of the performance of the Company. A review of the performance of the Company during the financial year is included in the Investment Manager's Report. The Directors do not anticipate any future change in the structure or investment objectives of the Company, other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

Going Concern

The Directors have made an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and are satisfied that the Company has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have identified the following risks to the going concern assessment:

- (a) Net investor redemptions
- (b) Investment performance
- (c) Investment valuation
- (d) Liquidity
- (e) Reliance on delegates
- (f) Regulation

The Directors are not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Significant Events During the Financial Year

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company and Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited was appointed to act as the UCITS management company of the Company. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to act as a management company of a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

The Company's Prospectus, EWF Supplement and fee agreements with the Administrator, Depositary and Investment Manager, were also updated, effective 7 February 2022, to incorporate the appointment of the Manager. The increased costs incurred by this appointment have been more than offset by the reduction in the Investment Manager's fee.

The Company appointed Carne Global Financial Services Limited as the new Company Secretary, effective 7 February 2022.

In February 2022, President Putin authorised a "special military operation" which resulted in a full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. Subsequently, multiple sanctions were imposed on Russian financial entities (including the central bank), major corporations and prominent oligarchs. The Company does not have any direct exposure to Russian assets and, as at 31 January 2023 exposure on a see through basis was negligible (< 0.01%). There were no Russian investors in EWF as at 31 January 2023. The Company will comply with existing sanctions and any new measures that may be introduced.

Subsequent Events

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in March 2023 in the United States has caused significant volatility within the global financial markets and has questioned the stability of the global banking sector. This has impacted many global banks resulting in the emergency rescue of Credit Suisse by rival Swiss bank UBS. In a global response not seen since the height of the pandemic, the Federal Reserve has joined central banks in Canada, England, Japan, the EU and Switzerland in a co-ordinated action to enhance market liquidity.

The Board of Directors, the Manager and the Investment Manager have conducted an exposure assessment on the Fund and conclude there are no direct or indirect exposures or risks and shall continue to monitor the situation.

There were no other subsequent events affecting the Company since the financial year date that require amendment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Company's investment activities expose it to various types of risk, which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests. Details of the risks inherent in investing in the Company are disclosed in Note 16 of the financial statements.

Directors' Statement on Adequate Accounting Records

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014, with regard to adequate accounting records by employing personnel with appropriate expertise and by providing adequate resources to the finance function. The accounting records of the Company are maintained at BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company, One Dockland Central, Guild Street, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

So far as the Directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The Directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

Results

The results of the operations for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. A review of the activities of the Company and an assessment of its Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are contained in the Investment Manager's Report.

Segregated Liability

The Company is structured with segregated liability under the provisions of the Investment Funds, Companies and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2005. As such, under Irish law, the Company will not be liable as a whole to third parties, in respect of liabilities attributable to an individual fund.

Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividends in respect of the Fund. Accordingly, income and capital gains arising in respect of the Fund will be reinvested in the Fund and reflected in the NAV per Share of the Fund.

Directors' Report (continued)

for the financial year ended 31 January 2023

Connected Person Transactions

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, all transactions carried out with the Company by the Investment Manager, the Depositary and/or their associate and group companies ("connected persons") must be carried out as if negotiated at arm's length and be in the best interests of shareholders. The Directors of the Responsible Person, the Manager, are satisfied that there are arrangements in place (evidenced by written procedures) to ensure that these obligations are applied to all transactions with connected persons and that transactions with connected persons entered into during the financial year complied with these obligations.

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the financial year ended 31 January 2023 are listed below:

Mark Dwyer (British)

Josephine Kitcher (British)

Kevin Molony (Irish) (Independent) (Chairman)

Patricia Taylor (Irish)

Statement of Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors (the "Board") has adopted the Irish Funds' Code of Corporate Governance for Collective Investment Schemes and Management Companies (the "IF Code"). The IF Code is a voluntary code which can be adopted on a 'comply or explain' basis, and the Board has chosen to adopt it in full. The contents of the IF Code can be reviewed at www.irishfunds.ie/fs/doc/publication. The Board has reviewed and assessed the measures included in the IF Code and considers its corporate governance practices and procedures since the adoption of the IF Code as consistent therewith.

The Investment Manager delegates the management of 'the Asian portion of the Fund', with the relevant countries agreed between the parties from time to time, to City of London Investment Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd ("CLIM Singapore"). This delegation was formally approved by the CBI in early April 2022. CLIM Singapore is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Investment Manager and is a holder of a capital markets services licence in respect of fund management issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. The Investment Manager retains full responsibility for the delegated function. CLIM Singapore is not paid directly out of the Company's assets, but rather its fees and expenses are paid by the Investment Manager.

The Directors acknowledge that they are required, under Section 167 of the Companies Act 2014 (as amended), to consider the establishment of an audit committee. The Directors have decided not to establish an audit committee because in the Directors' opinion, at this time, the responsibilities of an audit committee, under Section 167 (i.e. the monitoring of internal control, internal audit, risk management, the financial reporting process, statutory audit and statutory financial statements, the review and monitoring of the independence of the auditors and the provision by the auditors of additional services to the Company) are already being fulfilled by the Board by virtue of the Board's corporate governance regime and the existing arrangements and structures in place designed to secure compliance with the extensive legal and structures in place designed to secure compliance with the extensive legal and regulatory obligations imposed on UCITS investment companies in connection with the Company's management.

Directors' Compliance Statement

It is the policy of the Company to comply with its relevant obligations (as defined in the Companies Act 2014). As required by Section 225 (2) of the Companies Act 2014, the Directors acknowledge that they are responsible for securing the Company's compliance with the relevant obligations. The Directors have drawn up a compliance policy statement as defined in Section 225 (3)(a) of the Companies Act 2014 and a compliance policy which refers to the arrangements and structures that are in place and which are, in the Directors' opinion, designed to secure material compliance with the Company's relevant obligations. These arrangements and structures were reviewed by the Company during the financial year. In discharging their responsibilities under Section 225, the Directors relied upon, among other things, the services provided, advice and/or representations from third parties whom the Directors believe have the requisite knowledge and experience in order to secure material compliance with the Company's relevant obligations.

Directors' Report (continued)

for the financial year ended 31 January 2023

Directors' Interests in the Shares of the Company

Mark Dwyer, a Director of the Company, holds 401 shares in the £ Institutional Class of the Fund. According to the Register of Directors and Secretary, none of the Directors or the Company Secretary has any other interest in the share capital of the Company.

Transactions Involving Directors

Apart from as noted below, the Board of Directors is not aware of any contracts or arrangements of any significance in relation to the business of the Company in which the Directors had any beneficial interest, as defined in the Companies Act 2014, at any time during the financial year.

As at 31 January 2023, Mark Dwyer and Josephine Kitcher are employees of the Investment Manager. Investment management fees of US\$1,371,270 (31 January 2022: US\$1,932,225) were charged to the Company by the Investment Manager during the financial year.

Patricia Taylor was a Director of Wilton Secretarial Limited, the Company Secretary until 6 February 2022; and a partner of William Fry solicitors, who provide legal services to the Company. Fees in respect of the former Company Secretary for the prior financial year are detailed in Note 13 of the financial statements. Legal services fees of US\$73,551 (31 January 2022: US\$88,000) were paid to William Fry during the financial year.

As employees of the Investment Manager, Mark Dwyer and Josephine Kitcher do not receive a fee for their services as Directors.

Political Donations

There were no political donations made by the Company during the financial years ended 31 January 2023 and 31 January 2022.

Auditor

The Company's Auditor, KPMG, Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to remain in office in accordance with Section 383 (2) of the Companies Act 2014.

EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

The Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 ("SFDR") lays down harmonised rules on transparency with regard to the integration of sustainability risks and the consideration of adverse sustainability impacts in their processes and the provision of sustainability-related information with respect to financial products. The Fund is categorised under Article 6 of SFDR. The investments underlying this Fund do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

On behalf of the Board

Director: Kevin Molony

Director: Patricia Taylor

18 May 2023

Investment Manager's Report

THE EMERGING WORLD FUND ("EWF")

EWF Market Review

Global equities struggled in a year marked by high inflation, aggressive central bank tightening and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Given Russia's outsized role as a commodity exporter, commodity prices surged due to the war, exacerbating existing inflationary concerns. The West responded with an unprecedented set of heavy sanctions on Russia, culminating in the Russian equity market becoming uninvestable for international investors. It was removed from the MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index ("MSCI EM Index") on 9th March 2022. The second half of the year was characterised by growing fears of a policy-induced global recession, with the faster-than-anticipated reopening in China providing only a partial offset in the final few months of the year.

Emerging market ("EM") equities, as measured by the MSCI EM Net TR Index, declined by 12.1% in US dollar terms in the 12 months ending in January 2023. EM equities underperformed developed market ("DM") equities (MSCI World Net TR Index), which fell by 7.5% in US dollar terms.

The MSCI China Index fell by 10.1% in US dollar terms in the year to January-end. The country's "Zero-COVID" strategy weighed on economic activity throughout most of the year, with GDP expanding by 3% in 2022, missing the official target of 5.5%. In addition, markets were roiled following the conclusion of the 20th National Congress in October, where President Xi Jinping consolidated his power. Moreover, US-Sino relations continued deteriorating as the US announced a ban on US exports of advanced computer chips to China. However, Chinese stocks rebounded from November onwards as the country started lifting Covid-19 restrictions quicker than expected.

Outside of China, equities in both Taiwan and South Korea were weak on the back of the semiconductor downcycle. Taiwan's stock market was further impacted by rising geopolitical tensions with China. The MSCI Taiwan and South Korea Index returned -19.3% and -11.6% in US dollar terms respectively over the 12 months to end January 2023. As a result, Information Technology was the second worst performing sector over the period after Energy, underperforming EM by 7.6% points.

Commodity prices, as measured by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, rose by 3.7% during the 12-month period, benefiting commodity exporters. The MSCI indices for Chile, Brazil and Indonesia gained 17.1%, 8% and 6.4% respectively in US dollar terms over the same period. Other strong performers were Turkey and Mexico, with their MSCI indices rising by 65.5% and 21% in US dollar terms respectively over the period.

EWF Portfolio

Top Ten Holdings as at 31 January 2023

| | | Total Net Assets % |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust Plc | 9.9 |
| 2 | JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust Plc | 5.2 |
| 3 | JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust Plc | 5.0 |
| 4 | Asia Dragon Trust Plc | 4.4 |
| 5 | Fidelity Emerging Markets Ltd. | 4.0 |
| 6 | Schroder AsiaPacific Fund Plc | 4.0 |
| 7 | Utilico Emerging Markets Trust Plc | 3.6 |
| 8 | Fidelity China Special Situations Plc | 3.3 |
| 9 | Taiwan Fund Inc. | 3.3 |
| 10 | Templeton Dragon Fund Inc. | 3.2 |
| | | 45.9 |

This is provided for information purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice to buy or sell any securities.

Source: City of London Investment Management Company Limited

Investment Manager's Report (continued)

EWF Performance

During the twelve-month period under review, the price of EWF (the "Fund") fell 14.28%, net of fees, whilst the Fund's benchmark, the dollar-adjusted S&P Emerging Frontier Super Composite Net Total Return Broad Market Index ("S&P Super BMI") fell 11.82% and the dollar-adjusted MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index ("MSCI EM Index") fell 12.12%. Country allocation versus the benchmark index was unfavourable, whilst the NAV performances and discount movements* of the Fund's underlying holdings were favourable. During the six-month period since the last interim report, the price of the Fund rose 6.02%, net of fees, whilst its benchmark rose 4.84% and the MSCI EM Index rose 4.92%. Please note attribution is shown gross of fees, whilst performance is shown net of fees.

From inception to 6 February 2022, net returns are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum (p.a.). As of 7 February 2022, the investment management fee is 0.95% p.a.

*Discount movements reflect the value added from the changes in discount levels of the Fund's underlying holdings.

Performances in U.S. Dollar (US\$) for all periods ended 31 January 2023 (net)

| | EWF Price | S&P Super BMI | MSCI EM Index |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| 6 Months | +6.02% | +4.84% | +4.92% |
| 12 Months | -14.28% | -11.82% | -12.12% |
| Since Inception* | +882.44% | +708.75% | +629.77% |

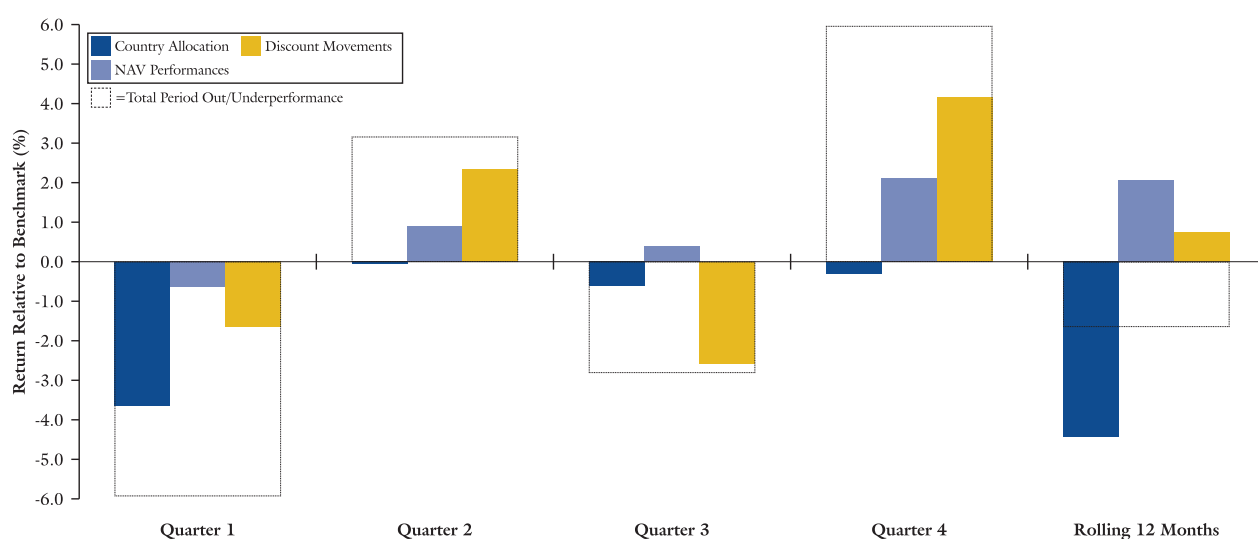
These figures are net returns. From inception to 6 February 2022, net returns are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum (p.a.). As of 7 February 2022, the investment management fee is 0.95% p.a.

*15 September 1998

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: City of London Investment Management Company Limited, S&P, Bloomberg, MSCI

EWF Attribution Chart from 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023 (gross)

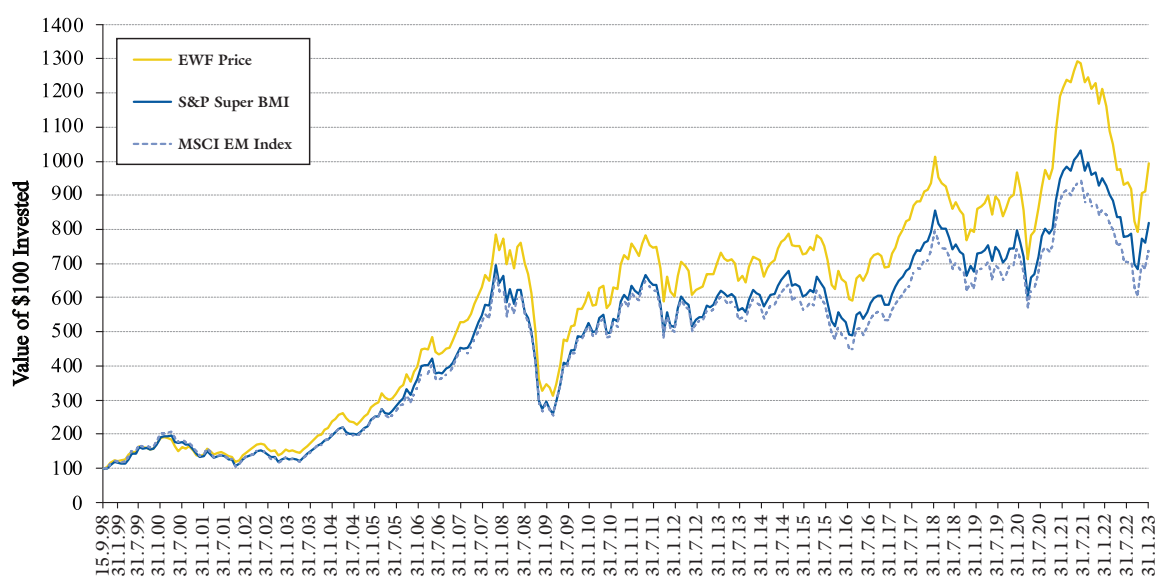


The above figures have been rounded and are presented gross of fees performance figures, which do not reflect the deduction of investment management fees. The actual return is reduced by the investment management fees and any other expenses the Fund may incur in the management of the account. Performance for the Quarter and Rolling 6 Months are compounded and therefore will not always equal the sum of the individual component months.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Source: City of London Investment Management Company Limited, S&P

EWF Performance (net) compared to the S&P Super Composite Net Total Return BMI and MSCI EM Index (US\$)* Since inception (rebased from inception, where 15 September 1998=100)



Source: BNY Mellon, S&P, MSCI

These figures are net returns. From inception to 6 February 2022, net returns are based on an investment management fee of 1% per annum (p.a.). As of 7 February 2022, the investment management fee is 0.95% p.a.

*The benchmark was changed from the S&P Emerging BMI Plus on January 1, 2009 to better reflect the investment strategy of the Fund. The S&P Emerging BMI Plus was the successor index to the S&P/IFC Global Composite Index, the benchmark for the Fund prior to September 1, 2008, which has been discontinued. Benchmark changes have not been applied retroactively and therefore historical benchmark performance is a blend of the BMI and IFC indices. The MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (MSCI EM Index) is shown for comparative purposes.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

EWF Investment Outlook

The outlook for global equities has improved in the past six months as inflation shows tentative signs of moderating, which should allow central banks to bring their tightening cycles to an end. The market is now pricing in the US Federal Reserve (“Fed”) to start cutting rates in September after two more 25 basis points (“bps”) hikes. Meanwhile, China’s Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) is expected to pick up sharply as the country reopens, which could boost commodity prices.

In turn, the backdrop for EM equities has become more supportive. Large commodity exporters stand to benefit from firming commodity prices, while the weakening US dollar and the subsequent easing of financial conditions should also provide some relief. Moreover, an eventual end to the DM tightening cycle should allow EM central banks to pause tightening, especially as inflationary pressures in EM have also started to ease. Nonetheless, headwinds remain, from the DM slowdown to the risk that global inflation proves sticky, necessitating tighter policy.

The International Monetary Fund (“IMF”) expects the global economy to slow from an estimated 3.4% year-on-year in 2022 to 2.9% this year, a touch higher than their October 2022 forecasts. Weakness in the US and euro area mean that DM GDP is projected to grow by just 1.2%. In contrast, EM GDP is expected to expand by 4% in 2023. Much of the strength is concentrated in China and India, which the IMF expects will account for half of global growth in 2023. As such, EM Asia is set to grow by 5.3%, making it the strongest EM region. At the other end of the spectrum, GDP growth in Latin America is expected to slow to 1.8% in 2023 due to soft outturns in Brazil and Mexico.

City of London Investment Management Company Limited

February 2023

Depository's Report for the year ended 31 January 2023

Report from the Depository to the Shareholders dated 31 January 2023

For the period from 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023 (the "Period")

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch (the "Depository" "us", "we", or "our"), has enquired into the conduct of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc (the "Company") for the Period, in its capacity as depository to the Company.

This report including the opinion has been prepared for and solely for the shareholders in the Company, in accordance with our role as depository to the Company 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 Depository

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in Regulation 34 of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No 352 of 2011), as amended (the "Regulations").

Our report shall state whether, in our opinion, the Company has been managed in that period in accordance with the provisions of the Company's constitutional documentation and the Regulations. It is the overall responsibility of the Company to comply with these provisions. If the Company has not been so managed, we as depository must state in what respects it has not been so managed and the steps which we have taken in respect thereof.

Basis of Depository Opinion

The Depository conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary in order to comply with its duties and to ensure that, in all material respects, the Company has been managed (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of its constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations and (ii) otherwise in accordance with the Company's constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has been managed during the Period, in all material respects:

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Company by the constitutional documentation and by the Regulations; and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional documentation and the Regulations.

p.p Saskia van Goethem

Michelle Moroney

For and on behalf of The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch,

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Sir John Rogerson's Quay,

Grand Canal Dock,

Dublin 2,

Ireland

Dated: 18 May 2023

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc ('the Company') for the year ended 31 January 2023 set out on pages 14 to 38, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares, Statement of Cash Flow and related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 January 2023 and of its decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014, the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 and the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. The other information comprises the information included in the in the directors' report and other information included in the annual report. The financial statements and our auditor's report thereon do not comprise part of 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 as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Report on the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Other information (continued)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

Based solely on our work on the other information undertaken during the course of the audit, we report that:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014 are unmodified

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by Sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company'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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on IAASA's website at <https://iaasa.ie/publications/description-of-the-auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-financial-statements/>

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use (continued)

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

John Arnold
for and on behalf of KPMG
Chartered Accountants, Statutory Audit Firm
85 South Mall
Cork
Ireland

18 May 2023

Statement of Financial Position

| | Notes | EWF As at 31 January 2023 US\$ | EWF As at 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Deposits with credit institutions | 3 | 2,943,149 | 2,748,659 |
| Receivables | 4 | 418,443 | 520,640 |
| | | <u>3,361,592</u> | <u>3,269,299</u> |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | | |
| - Transferable securities | 16 | 144,578,081 | 164,038,943 |
| | | <u>144,578,081</u> | <u>164,038,943</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u><u>147,939,673</u></u> | <u><u>167,308,242</u></u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Payables (due within one year) | 5 | (940,880) | (495,835) |
| Total liabilities | | <u>(940,880)</u> | <u>(495,835)</u> |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares | | <u><u>146,998,793</u></u> | <u><u>166,812,407</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on 18 May 2023, and signed on its behalf by:

Director: Kevin Molony

Director: Patricia Taylor

18 May 2023

Statement of Comprehensive Income

| | | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2023 US\$ | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|--|--------|---|---|
| Income | | | |
| Bank interest income | | 11,374 | 455 |
| Dividend income | | 2,680,861 | 3,454,081 |
| Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 6 | (24,416,604) | (8,508,723) |
| Net investment deficit | | <u>(21,724,369)</u> | <u>(5,054,187)</u> |
| Expenses | | | |
| Investment management fees | 7 | 1,371,270 | 1,932,225 |
| Manager fees | 8 | 38,061 | - |
| Administration fees | 9 | 160,501 | 160,501 |
| Depositary fees | 10 | 76,526 | 102,204 |
| Directors' fees | 11, 19 | 49,294 | 52,198 |
| Audit fees | 12 | 30,201 | 32,472 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 13 | 137,926 | 277,681 |
| Total expenses | | <u>1,863,779</u> | <u>2,557,281</u> |
| Net (loss) before taxation | | (23,588,148) | (7,611,468) |
| Withholding taxes charged on dividends | | (108,060) | (348,867) |
| Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares from operations | | <u>(23,696,208)</u> | <u>(7,960,335)</u> |

All amounts above relate to continuing operations.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares

| | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2023 US\$ | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|---|---|---|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at start of financial year | 166,812,407 | 193,171,069 |
| Proceeds from issuance of shares | 5,922,776 | 6,957,250 |
| Cost of shares redeemed | (2,040,182) | (25,355,577) |
| (Decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares from operations | (23,696,208) | (7,960,335) |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at end of financial year | <u>146,998,793</u> | <u>166,812,407</u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flow

| | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2023 US\$ | EWF For the financial year ended 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|--|---|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares from operations | (23,696,208) | (7,960,335) |
| Bank interest income | (11,374) | (455) |
| Dividend income | (2,680,861) | (3,454,081) |
| Withholding taxes | 108,060 | 348,867 |
| | <u>(26,280,383)</u> | <u>(11,066,004)</u> |
| (Increase)/decrease in other receivable and accrued income | 26 | 5,216 |
| (Increase)/decrease in receivable for investments sold | (50,636) | 465,832 |
| Increase/(decrease) in payable for investments purchased | 602,331 | (359,782) |
| Increase/(decrease) in other payables and accrued expenses | (157,286) | (26,335) |
| (Increase)/decrease in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 19,460,862 | 23,751,414 |
| Cash from operations | <u>(6,425,086)</u> | <u>12,770,341</u> |
| Bank interest income received | 11,374 | 455 |
| Dividend income received | 2,725,608 | 2,805,610 |
| Net cash from operating activities | <u>(3,688,104)</u> | <u>15,576,406</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from redeemable shares issued | 5,922,776 | 6,957,250 |
| Redemption of redeemable shares | (2,040,182) | (25,355,577) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>3,882,594</u> | <u>(18,398,327)</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 194,490 | (2,821,921) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year* | 2,748,659 | 5,570,580 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year* | 2,943,149 | 2,748,659 |
| Supplementary Information | | |
| Dividend received | 2,651,627 | 3,138,538 |
| Bank interest received | 11,374 | 455 |
| Taxation rebated / (paid) | 76,800 | (337,931) |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents is made up entirely of Deposits with Credit Institutions.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements

1. General Information

The World Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund plc was incorporated on 6 August 1998 as an open-ended investment company with variable capital and limited liability under the laws of the Republic of Ireland under registration number 291789. Effective 27 November 2006, the Company changed its name to “The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc” (the “Company”). The Company qualifies and is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “Central Bank”) as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (“UCITS”) for the purposes of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended (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”).

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company and Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Manager”) was appointed to act as the UCITS management company of the Company. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to act as a management company of a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

Details of the Company’s fund (the “Sub-Fund”) is as follows:

| | Commencement date |
|---|--------------------------|
| The Emerging World Fund (“EWF”) or (the “Fund”) | 15 September 1998 |

Investment Objective

The investment objective of EWF is to provide a vehicle through which investors may place their capital in a variety of emerging markets to achieve long term capital growth.

Prospectus and Supplement

The Company’s prospectus and EWF supplement (the “Prospectus Documents”) were recently updated, effective 7 February 2022. Copies of the Prospectus Documents can be obtained from BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company (the “Administrator”).

There was an Addendum to the Prospectus, dated 25 April 2022, which detailed that the Investment Manager may appoint sub-investment manager(s) to provide investment management and advisory services of part or all of the assets of a Fund; and a change in registered office of the Company to 2nd Floor, Block E, Iveagh Court, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The EWF supplement was updated, effective 21 July 2022 which detailed the amendment to the Investment Objective, as referred to in Note 23 of the financial statements.

There was a second Addendum to the Prospectus, dated 14 April 2023, which detailed new website links throughout the Investment Manager’s website.

2. Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as adopted by the European Union (“EU”) and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

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, that have been measured at fair value. All references to net assets throughout the financial statements refer to net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares unless otherwise stated.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

The format of the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Comprehensive Income has been amended from those set out in the Companies Act 2014 to reflect the nature of the Company's operations.

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

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss

Fair value is defined as 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 in accordance with IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement ("IFRS 13").

(i) *Classification and initial recognition*

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI"), and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated at FVTPL:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets and collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual cash terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A financial asset is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- The contractual cash terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

The Company classifies its investments based on both the Company's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The determination of the objective of the business model applicable to financial assets is based on the relevant information on how the business is managed, such as the Fund's documented investment strategy, the evaluation of the Fund's performance, risk management and the level of portfolio turnover within the Fund.

The Company has classified its financial assets and financial liabilities into the following categories:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Investment in transferable securities - these financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated, on a fair value basis, with frequent sales taking place.

Financial assets at amortised cost

Deposits with credit institutions and receivables, which are held to collect contractual cash flows. These financial assets are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using effective interest rate, less any impairment provision.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Payables due within one year.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

(ii) *Recognition*

The Company recognises financial assets and financial liabilities when all significant rights and access to the benefits from the assets and the exposure to the risks inherent in those benefits are transferred to the Company.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the date they are originated. Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised initially at fair value, with transaction cost recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Financial assets or financial liabilities not at FVTPL are recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue.

(iii) *Measurement*

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted valuation at the Statement of Financial Position date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Company is the closing mid-market price or the last traded price when no closing mid-market price is available. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the FVTPL category are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the financial year in which they arise. Stocks in liquidation and those securities which are not priced using quoted valuation are valued in strict accordance with internal fair value procedures which require documentary verification of the basis of valuation, as well as independent review, adherence to which is checked regularly by the Compliance Department of the Investment Manager.

(iv) *Impairment*

The Company recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses ("ECLs") on financial assets measured at amortised cost. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is "impaired" if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s) and the loss event(s) had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset(s) than can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired includes significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer, default or delinquency by a borrower, restructuring of the amount due on terms that the Company would not otherwise consider, indication that a borrower or issuer will enter bankruptcy, or adverse changes in the payment status of the borrowers.

At each reporting date, the Company shall measure the loss allowance on financial assets measured at amortised cost at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company shall measure the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

The Company measures credit risk and expected credit loss on financial assets measured at amortised cost using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. Significant financial difficulties of a debtor/counterparty, probability that a debtor/counterparty will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default payments are all considered indicators that a loss allowance may be required.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

(iv) Impairment (continued)

If the credit risk increases to the point that it is considered to be credit impaired, interest will be calculated based on the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and reflected in an allowance account against receivables. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised. If an event occurring after the impairment was recognised causing the amount of impairment loss to decrease, then the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Company has financial assets measured at amortised cost which include deposits with credit institutions and receivables. These are deemed to have a low credit risk at the reporting date, based on an assessment of quantitative and qualitative information and historic analysis of payment patterns. Hence, the Company has determined that no recognition is required in these financial statements for twelve month or lifetime expected credit losses.

(v) De-recognition

The Company de-recognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of the ownership and does not retain control of the financial asset.

On de-recognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset that is de-recognised) and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any interest in such transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Company is recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Company de-recognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

(vi) Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Company has the legal right to offset the amounts and it intends either to settle on the net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at FVTPL and foreign exchange gains and losses.

(vii) Specific Instruments

(a) Deposits with Credit Institutions

Deposits with credit institutions comprise cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand with any qualifying financial institution. These deposits are considered repayable on demand if they can be withdrawn at any time without notice and without penalty or if a maturity or period of notice of not more than twenty four hours has been agreed.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

(vii) *Specific Instruments (continued)*

(b) *Financial Derivative Instruments (“FDI”)*

The Company may, where permitted, on behalf of the Fund and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Central Bank and the Prospectus, employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities, including investments in FDI. Such techniques and instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management purposes, or to provide protection against exchange risk or for direct investment purposes, where applicable. Such techniques and instruments may include, but are not limited to, futures, forwards, options, swaps, swaptions, subscription shares and warrants; such investments are valued at FVTPL.

(c) *Transferable securities*

The fair value of any investment which is a share of unit of or participation in an open-ended investment fund shall be the latest available net asset value for the investment as published by the investment fund in question or, where such investment is quoted, listed or dealt in on a regulated market, may be a value determined in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association.

Income

Dividend income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the date on which the right to receive payment is established. For quoted transferable securities, this is usually the ex-dividend date. For unquoted transferable securities, this is usually the date on which the shareholders approve the payment of a dividend. Dividend income from financial assets at FVTPL is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in a separate line item.

Bank interest income and expense are recognised as earned/as incurred by the Fund.

Taxation

The Fund incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investments income. Withholding taxes are recognised on the ex-dividend date, for quoted transferable securities and are disclosed under “withholding taxes charged on dividends” in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and net of any tax credits, if applicable. As at the financial year end date, withholding taxes payable are disclosed within “Sundry payables” as described in Note 5 of the financial statements.

Foreign Currencies

The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Fund operates. If indicators of the primary economic environment are mixed, then management uses its judgement to determine the functional currency that most faithfully represents the economic effect of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. The majority of the Fund’s investments and transactions are denominated in U.S. Dollar. Investor subscriptions and redemptions are determined based on net asset value, and received and paid in U.S. Dollar. The expenses (including investment management fees, depositary fees and administration fees) are denominated and paid in U.S. Dollar. Accordingly, the Investment Manager has determined that the functional currency is U.S. Dollar (“US\$”).

Transactions in foreign currencies, if any, are translated at the foreign currency exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, if any, are translated into the functional currency at the foreign currency closing exchange rate ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

Foreign Currencies (continued)

Foreign currency exchange differences arising on translation and realised gains and losses on disposals or settlements of monetary assets and liabilities, if any, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the foreign currency exchange rates ruling at the dates that the values were determined. Any foreign currency exchange differences are included in net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Segmental Reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risk and returns that are different to those of other business segments.

The Company's segments are based on the nature of the products provided and are considered to be the Fund.

Realised and Unrealised Gains and Losses on Investments

Net gains or losses from financial instruments at FVTPL includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences, but excludes interest and dividend income. Realised gains or losses on disposal of investments at FVTPL and unrealised gains and losses on valuation of investments at FVTPL at the financial year end are calculated on an average cost basis and included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Operating Expenses

Expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis.

Distributions

The Fund will aim to seek capital growth rather than a significant income return and does not guarantee to distribute to shareholders any income that it may receive on its investments.

Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, judgements, estimates and assumptions have been made that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The Directors and the Manager believe that the estimates utilised in preparing the financial statements are reasonable and prudent. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities

The Company may invest in investment funds, which are not subject to consolidation, however meet the definition of a structured entity because:

- the voting rights in the investment fund are not the dominant condition in deciding who controls it because they relate to administrative tasks only;
- the investment fund's activities are restricted by its prospectus; and
- the investment fund has narrow and well-defined objectives to provide investment opportunities to investors.

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

Transaction costs

Transaction costs are defined as the 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 financial liability is recognised initially, an entity shall measure it at its FVTPL plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

Transaction costs on purchases and sales of investments are included in net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Fund.

Redeemable Participating Shares

Redeemable participating shares are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. The participating share can be repurchased by the Company at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share in the Fund's net asset value. The participating share is carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the Statement of Financial Position date if the shareholder exercised its right to sell the share back to the Company.

New accounting standards, amendments and interpretations in issue and effective for the financial period beginning on or after 1 January 2022

Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)

IAS 37 Provisions Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets did not specify which costs to include in estimating the cost of fulfilling a contract for the purpose of assessing whether that contract is onerous. Research conducted by the IFRS Interpretations Committee indicated that differing views on which costs to include could lead to material differences in the financial statements of entities that enter into some types of contracts. In this project, the IASB developed amendments to IAS 37 to clarify that for the purpose of assessing whether a contract is onerous, the cost of fulfilling the contract includes both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts. The IASB issued the amendments in May 2020.

The amendments are effective for contracts for which an entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations on or after 1 January 2022 with earlier application permitted. The adoption of the amendment did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

There are no other standards, amendments to standards or interpretations effective for annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2022 that have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

Standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations in issue but not yet effective

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)

The amendments clarify a criterion in IAS 1 for classifying a liability as non-current: the requirement for an entity to have the right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

The amendments:

- specify that an entity's right to defer settlement must exist at the end of the reporting period;
- clarify that classification is unaffected by management's intentions or expectations about whether the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement;
- clarify how lending conditions affect classification; and
- clarify requirements for classifying liabilities an entity will or may settle by issuing its own equity instruments.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

2. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Preparation (continued)

Financial Assets at Fair Value through Profit or Loss (continued)

Standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations in issue but not yet effective (continued)

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1) (continued)

In its Primary Financial Statements project, the IASB is developing proposals to improve the way information is communicated in financial statements. The IASB proposes to issue requirements in a new IFRS Standard that would replace IAS 1. The amendments apply retrospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 with earlier application permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that this amendment will have on its financial statements.

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are yet to be effective for annual period beginning after 1 January 2022 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Company has not early adopted any of the forthcoming new or amended standards in preparing these annual report and audited financial statements as they are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company.

3. Deposits with Credit Institutions

Cash held by the Company is deposited with The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch (the “Depositary”). The long-term deposit credit rating of the Depositary, as assessed by Moody’s, is Aa2 (31 January 2022: Aa2).

The Company has adopted the Fund Assets Model under the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) Client Asset Regulations 2015 for Investments Firms. Accordingly, subscription and redemption monies are channelled through an umbrella cash collection account in the name of the Company.

The balances on these cash accounts as at 31 January 2023 and 31 January 2022 are deemed immaterial in respect of the Fund. Hence, no adjustments were applied in the financial statements.

4. Receivables

| | EWF 31 January 2023 | EWF 31 January 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Receivable for investments sold | 50,636 | - |
| Dividends and interest receivable | 367,807 | 520,614 |
| Sundry receivables | - | 26 |
| | <u>418,443</u> | <u>520,640</u> |

5. Payables

| | EWF 31 January 2023 | EWF 31 January 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Payable for investments purchased | 667,600 | 65,269 |
| Investment management fee payable | 121,845 | 153,239 |
| Manager fee payable | 5,037 | - |
| Sundry payables | 146,398 | 277,327 |
| | <u>940,880</u> | <u>495,835</u> |

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

6. Net Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

| | EWF 31 January 2023 US\$ | EWF 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | (24,437,772) | (8,479,819) |
| Net gains/(losses) on foreign exchange contracts | 21,168 | (28,904) |
| | <u>(24,416,604)</u> | <u>(8,508,723)</u> |

7. Investment Management Fees

The Investment Manager is entitled to a charge based on the net asset value of each share class as follows:

- 1.00% per annum of the net asset value of each Institutional share class; updated to 0.95% per annum of the net asset value of each Institutional share class, effective 7 February 2022.
- 1.50% per annum of the net asset value of each Retail A share class; updated to 1.45%, effective 7 February 2022.
- 2.25% per annum of the net asset value of each Retail B share class; updated to 2.20%, effective 7 February 2022.

The fee is accrued daily based on the daily net asset value of each share class of the Fund and is payable monthly in arrears. The investment management fees incurred during the financial year are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the investment management fees payable at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 5 of the financial statements.

8. Manager Fees

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company and Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") was appointed to act as a UCITS management company of the Company.

The Manager is entitled to charge a fee at an annual rate of 0.030% of the net asset value of the Fund up to net asset value of €500 million, 0.020% on the next €500 million and 0.010% above €1 billion; which is payable on each month end net asset value; subject to a monthly minimum amount of €3,500 per month; and a discount of 25% was applicable for the first six months to July 2022.

The Manager fees incurred during the financial year are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Manager fees payable at the end of the financial year are disclosed in Note 5 of the financial statements.

9. Administration Fees

The Administrator is entitled to an ad valorem charge at an annual rate of 0.075% of the net asset value of the Fund; a share class charge of US\$3,500 per annum; a transfer agency charge of US\$32 per transaction; and a shareholder servicing charge of US\$22 per shareholder account. Where all charges aggregate to an amount below the minimum monthly threshold of US\$12,500 for the Fund, the Administrator shall charge the minimum fee accordingly. Additionally, the Administrator shall be entitled to reimbursement of periodic out of pocket expenses. Fees charged by the Administrator for the financial year are shown in "Administration fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the amounts due at the financial year end of US\$68,424 (31 January 2022: US\$58,255) are included in "Sundry payables" in Note 5 of the financial statements.

10. Depositary Fees

The Depositary is entitled to charge an annual fee equal to 0.0345% of the net asset value of the Fund, subject to a minimum charge of US\$11,500 per annum. Such fees shall be payable monthly in arrears. The Depositary shall also be entitled to charge transaction and safekeeping fees at agreed rates. The Depositary shall also be entitled to be reimbursed for its out-of-pocket expenses and those of any sub-custodian. Fees charged by the Depositary for the financial year are shown in "Depositary fees" in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the amounts due at the financial year end of US\$19,214 (31 January 2022: US\$ 22,597) are included in "Sundry payables" in Note 5 of the financial statements.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

11. Directors Fees

The Directors not affiliated with the Investment Manager shall be entitled to an annual fee and remuneration for their services at a rate to be determined from time to time by the Directors. Such Directors are currently Kevin Molony and Patricia Taylor. The fees of any Director not affiliated with the Investment Manager in any accounting period shall not exceed US\$50,000 without the approval of the Board. All Directors will be entitled to reimbursement by the Company of expenses directly incurred in attending board meetings or in connection with the business of the Company. Any increase in a Director's fees above US\$50,000 will be notified to Shareholders in advance.

Fixed remuneration paid during the financial year was US\$52,292 (31 January 2022: US\$51,277) paid as follows: Kevin Molony US\$27,761 (31 January 2022: US\$29,865) and Patricia Taylor US\$24,531 (31 January 2022: US\$21,412). No variable remuneration was paid to either during the financial year. Per the Remuneration Policy, outside Kevin Molony and Patricia Taylor, no other Identified Staff were remunerated during the financial year.

12. Auditor's Remuneration

The auditor's remuneration comprises audit fees (inclusive of Value-Added Tax ("VAT")) as noted in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and tax advisory fees, which are disclosed within miscellaneous expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (further details of which are included in Note 13 of the financial statements). There are no costs incurred in relation to other assurance or other non-audit services, other than those set out below. The auditor's remuneration excluding VAT comprises the following:

| | 31 January 2023 US\$ | 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Audit fees | 24,393 | 26,400 |
| Tax advisory fees | 17,308 | 26,070 |
| | <u>41,701</u> | <u>52,470</u> |

The audit fees amount due at the financial year end of US\$30,003 (inclusive of VAT) and tax advisory fees amount due at the financial year end of US\$21,289 (inclusive of VAT) are included in "Sundry payables" in Note 5 of the financial statements.

13. Miscellaneous Expenses

The miscellaneous expenses in the Statement of Comprehensive Income comprise the following:

| | 31 January 2023 US\$ | 31 January 2022 US\$ |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Legal fees | 79,410 | 91,039 |
| Printing fees | 6,641 | 6,205 |
| Tax advisory fees | 20,241 | 32,067 |
| Bank charges | 818 | 670 |
| Regulatory levies | 8,923 | 8,117 |
| Mailing and fulfilment service fees | 2,250 | 900 |
| Directors' insurance | 50,252 | 94,324 |
| Paying agent fees | 21,649 | 28,899 |
| Company secretarial fees | 21,195 | 28,995 |
| Risk fees | 11,165 | - |
| VAT reclaim | (53,013) | (13,618) |
| Other fund expenses (Incorporating credit for release of prior year overaccruals) | (31,605) | 83 |
| | <u>137,926</u> | <u>277,681</u> |

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

14. Transaction Costs

During the financial year, the Fund incurred transaction costs related to the buying and selling of securities, which have been included in “Net gains/(losses) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss” in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. The transaction costs for the financial year ended 31 January 2023 are US\$111,829 (31 January 2022: US\$76,851).

15. Distributions

There were no distributions made during the financial year ended 31 January 2023 (31 January 2022: Nil).

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks

Compay Risk

The prospectus sets out a comprehensive disclosure of the risks that the Company faces and readers of these financial statements should therefore refer to the prospectus to ensure they have a full understanding of these risks.

Global Exposure

Derivatives were not held by the Fund at any time during the financial year ended 31 January 2023 (31 January 2022: Nil). Had derivatives been held by the Fund, the relevant global exposures would be calculated using the commitment approach as the total of the Fund’s net position exposures. The main risks arising from the Fund’s financial instruments are market price, concentration, liquidity, interest rate, credit and currency risk.

Market Price Risk

Market price risk is the risk that the value of the instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer or all factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

As at 31 January 2023 and 31 January 2022, the overall market exposure were as follows:

| | Fair Value US\$ | 31 January 2023 % of net assets | Fair Value US\$ | 31 January 2022 % of net assets |
|---|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| EWF | | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 144,578,081 | 98.35% | 164,038,943 | 98.34% |

Details of the nature of the Company’s investment portfolio at the financial year end are disclosed in the Portfolio Statement.

The Investment Manager considers the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries whilst continuing to follow the Fund’s investment objective. The Fund’s market price risk is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio. The Fund’s overall market positions are monitored on a daily basis by the Investment Manager.

Sensitivity Analysis

A 10% increase in asset prices at 31 January 2023 would have increased the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares of the Fund by US\$14,457,808 (31 January 2022: US\$16,403,894); an equal change in the opposite direction would have decreased the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares by an equal but opposite amount. In practice, actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and these differences could be material.

Concentration Risk

The Fund invests in transferable securities. The concentration of the Fund’s portfolio in any one security type would subject the Fund to a greater degree of risk with respect to defaults on the security.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Concentration Risk (continued)

Concentration risk can be monitored in several ways. The Company primarily monitors geographic concentration and to a lesser extent industry concentration. The Company will take these concentration levels into account when considering adding new positions to the portfolio whenever possible.

At the financial year end, the Fund's financial assets are exposed to the following geographic areas:

| EWF | 31 January 2023 | 31 January 2022 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Fair Value US\$ | Fair Value US\$ |
| Transferable securities: | | |
| Asia | 67,408,932 | 71,970,666 |
| Europe | 5,591,947 | 7,862,297 |
| Global Emerging Markets | 39,343,279 | 43,273,326 |
| Hong Kong/China | 17,935,148 | 25,256,021 |
| Latin America | 7,193,004 | 3,806,145 |
| Middle East and Africa | 7,105,771 | 7,337,629 |
| Russia | - | 4,532,859 |
| | <u>144,578,081</u> | <u>164,038,943</u> |

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of shares and it is therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting shareholder redemptions at any time.

The Fund's assets are composed largely of traded liquid securities. The liquidity risks associated with the need to satisfy holders' requests for redemptions are mitigated by maintaining cash reserves to satisfy usual levels of demand. Approximately 87% (31 January 2022: 89%) of the value of the holdings within the portfolio are listed on the New York Stock Exchange or London Stock Exchange, 11% (31 January 2022: 9%) are listed on other recognised stock exchanges and 2% (31 January 2022: 2%) is cash. This composition ensures that trading and settlement proficiency is sufficient to meet the normal pattern of redemption requests. The following liabilities have residual contractual maturities of less than one month: payables for investments purchased, investment management fee payable, sundry payables and redeemable participating shares.

Interest Rate Risk

The vast majority of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing. As a result, the Fund is not subject to risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates. Any excess cash and cash equivalents are invested at short term market interest rates. On the basis that the Fund is not subject to significant interest rate risk, no interest rate sensitivity analysis has been provided.

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 Company, resulting in a financial loss to the Company. The carrying amounts of financial assets best represent the maximum credit risk exposure at the Statement of Financial Position date. This relates also to financial assets carried at amortised cost, as they have a short term to maturity.

The expected credit loss on financial assets at amortised cost is de minimis, so no expected credit loss has been recognised.

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Credit Risk (continued)

All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. 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 security has been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation. The Company has some exposure to the risk of trading counterparties being unable to perform their duties due to bankruptcy or administration of those counterparties. The Investment Manager carries out due diligence on all trading counterparties prior to entering into an agreement to trade as well as regular reviews, in addition to a daily review of exposure to each counterparty.

The majority of the investments and cash of the Company are held by the Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary may cause the Company's rights with respect to its investments in securities held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited. The Company's securities are segregated from the assets of either the Depositary or its agents. Thus in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depositary, the Company's assets are segregated from those of the Depositary or its agents.

The Company will, however, be exposed to the credit risk of the Depositary, or any depositary used by the Depositary, in relation to the Company's cash held by the Depositary. In the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Depositary, the Company will be treated as a general creditor of the Depositary in relation to cash holdings of the Company. However, it should be noted that not all jurisdictions have the same rules and regulations as Ireland regarding the custody of assets and the recognition of the interests of a beneficial owner such as a Fund. Therefore, in certain jurisdictions, there is a risk that if a sub-custodian becomes bankrupt or insolvent, the Fund's beneficial ownership of the assets held by such sub-custodian may not be recognised and consequently the creditors of the sub-custodian may seek to have recourse to the assets of the Fund. In those jurisdictions where the Fund's beneficial ownership of its assets is ultimately recognised, the Fund may suffer delay and cost in recovering those assets. The Fund may invest in markets where custodial and/or settlement systems are not fully developed. Therefore, the assets of the Fund which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians for safekeeping, in circumstance where the use of such sub-custodians is necessary, may be exposed to risk. The Depositary shall exercise due skill, care and diligence in the selection, periodic review and ongoing monitoring of any sub-custodian to whom assets of the Fund have been entrusted for safekeeping.

The Company only transacts with counterparties that are regulated entities subject to prudential supervision, or with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The Directors monitor the credit quality of the Depositary on a quarterly basis in order to mitigate risk. The Depositary's long-term deposit credit rating by Moody's is Aa2 (31 January 2022: Aa2) as at the financial year end. The Company minimises concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of counterparties. The Company's credit risk concentration is detailed in the Portfolio Statement.

Credit risk, understood as counterparty risk, is formally evaluated by the Investment Manager. Broker/dealers are selected after satisfying the Investment Manager's due diligence process, and based on their ability to provide best execution according to criteria such as; commission, the market impact costs from trade execution and their ability to execute trades within a reasonable time frame according to the type of trade undertaken and the location of execution. Credit analysis is part of the selection criteria. The Investment Manager's counterparty analysis process includes a Trade Management Oversight Committee (which comprises representatives of the Investment Management, Fund Accounting and Compliance departments), responsible for developing, evaluating and changing (when necessary) its trading practices, commissions, and brokers. This committee, which meets at least on a semi-annual basis, also analyses total trading costs and execution trends.

Currency Risk

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 the risk that the exchange rate of its functional currency relative to other foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of that portion of the Company's assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. The Investment Manager does not hedge the currencies of the underlying securities. As such, changes in price in the currencies of the countries where the investments in which the Company invests are located have an effect on the US\$ net asset value of the Company.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Currency Risk (continued)

Non-monetary amounts represent the currency risk of investments held at the financial year end. Monetary amounts represent the currency risk of deposits with credit institutions and the unrealised gain or loss on spot foreign exchange contracts held at the financial year end. Foreign cash balances in the amount of EUR 1,120, equivalent to US\$1,216 and GBP 148,672, equivalent to US\$183,030, were held at 31 January 2023. There were no foreign cash balances held at the prior financial year end date. The following tables set out the Fund's total exposure to currency risk, based on the underlying currencies of the investments held at the financial year end by the transferable securities held by the Company. The currency of each transferable security is reflected in the Portfolio Statement.

| Currency | Non monetary US\$ | Total US\$ |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 31 January 2023 | | |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 26,302,096 | 26,302,096 |
| Indian Rupee | 23,811,322 | 23,811,322 |
| South Korean Won | 18,464,011 | 18,464,011 |
| Taiwan Dollar | 17,337,573 | 17,337,573 |
| Chinese Yuan | 13,242,043 | 13,242,043 |
| Brazilian Real | 7,430,869 | 7,430,869 |
| Vietnamese Dong | 7,080,646 | 7,080,646 |
| Other Global | 4,306,509 | 4,306,509 |
| Mexican Peso | 3,905,852 | 3,905,852 |
| Saudi Riyal | 3,436,845 | 3,436,845 |
| Others | 18,484,411 | 18,484,411 |
| | 143,802,177 | 143,802,177 |

| Currency | Non monetary US\$ | Total US\$ |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 31 January 2022 | | |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 33,475,455 | 33,475,455 |
| Indian Rupee | 25,718,990 | 25,718,990 |
| South Korean Won | 21,427,952 | 21,427,952 |
| Taiwan Dollar | 18,956,022 | 18,956,022 |
| Chinese Yuan | 16,625,151 | 16,625,151 |
| Russian Ruble | 9,492,231 | 9,492,231 |
| Vietnamese Dong | 7,963,089 | 7,963,089 |
| South African Rand | 5,339,236 | 5,339,236 |
| Brazilian Real | 3,648,295 | 3,648,295 |
| Mexican Peso | 3,313,934 | 3,313,934 |
| Others | 17,718,497 | 17,718,497 |
| | 163,678,852 | 163,678,852 |

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Currency Risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

At financial year end, had the US\$ strengthened by 10% in relation to the currencies detailed in the table above and the underlying currencies associated with the investments, with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares and the change in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares per the Statement of Comprehensive Income, would have decreased by the amounts shown below.

| Significant Currencies | 31 January 2023 | Significant Currencies | 31 January 2022 |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | US\$ | | US\$ |
| Hong Kong Dollar | 2,630,210 | Hong Kong Dollar | 3,347,546 |
| Indian Rupee | 2,381,132 | Indian Rupee | 2,571,899 |
| South Korean Won | 1,846,401 | South Korean Won | 2,142,795 |
| Taiwan Dollar | 1,733,757 | Taiwan Dollar | 1,895,602 |
| Chinese Yuan | 1,324,204 | Chinese Yuan | 1,662,515 |

A 10% weakening of the US\$ against the above currencies would have resulted in an equal but opposite effect on the above financial statement amounts to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant. In practice, actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and these differences could be material.

Fair Value Estimation

IFRS 13 requires the Company to classify fair value measurement using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs could have a significant impact on the instrument's valuation.

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 judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Directors. The Directors consider 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.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Fair Value Estimation (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value at 31 January 2023:

| | Level 1 US\$ | Level 2 US\$ | Level 3 US\$ | Total US\$ |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Transferable securities | 144,534,697 | - | 43,384 | 144,578,081 |
| | <u>144,534,697</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>43,384</u> | <u>144,578,081</u> |

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value at 31 January 2022:

| | Level 1 US\$ | Level 2 US\$ | Level 3 US\$ | Total US\$ |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Transferable securities | 164,038,943 | - | - | 164,038,943 |
| | <u>164,038,943</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>164,038,943</u> |

All other assets and liabilities, including deposits with credit institutions, are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value. As such, level 2 is deemed to be the most appropriate categorisation.

Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc was transferred from Level 1 to Level 3. The Fund is in liquidation and the first distribution was received in the amount of GBP 12.40 on 16 December 2022. The security has been delisted from the London Stock Exchange as of November 14, 2022. Management has determined, in good faith, that the value of the remaining shares is GBP 0.6321 per share.

There were no transfers between levels for the Fund during the financial year ended 31 January 2022. Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the financial year.

Level 3 Securities

The following table represents the movement in Level 3 investments for the financial year ended 31 January 2023:

| | 31 January 2023 US\$ |
|--|-------------------------|
| Opening balance | - |
| Purchases | - |
| Sales | (839,969) |
| Transfers into Level 3 | 933,059 |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | - |
| Net gains/(losses) recognised in other net changes in fair value on financial Assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | |
| Realised gains | 839,969 |
| Unrealised losses | (889,675) |
| Closing Balance | <u><u>43,384</u></u> |

At 31 January 2022, the Fund held no investments, classified within level 3.

15. Financial Instruments and Associated Risks (continued)

Emerging Markets Risk

Emerging markets tend to have a greater level of risk and volatility associated with them and to be less liquid than more established markets. The net asset value, the marketability and the returns derived from the particular Fund's investments may be affected by uncertainties such as political or diplomatic developments, social and religious instability, changes in government policies, taxation and interest rates, currency conversion and repatriation and other political and economic developments in law or regulations in emerging markets and, in particular, the risks of expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets and changes in legislation relating to the level of foreign ownership. All of these facts may adversely affect the overall investment climate and, in particular investment opportunities for the Fund.

Companies in emerging markets may not be subject:

- (i) to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in major markets; and
- (ii) to the same level of government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges as countries with more advanced securities markets.

Accordingly, certain emerging markets may not afford the same level of investor protection as would apply in more developed jurisdictions. The reliability of trading and settlement systems in some emerging markets may not be equivalent to that available in more developed markets, which may result in delays in realising investments. Lack of liquidity and efficiency in certain of the stock markets or foreign exchange markets in certain emerging markets may mean that from time to time the Investment Manager may experience more difficulty in purchasing or selling holdings of securities than it would in a more developed market.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

All of the Company's financial instruments are carried at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position. Usually the fair value of the financial instrument can be reliably determined within a reasonable range of estimates. For certain other financial instruments, including amounts receivable for investments sold/payable for investments purchased, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the immediate or short-term nature of these financial instruments. The carrying amounts of all the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities at the Statement of Financial Position date approximated their fair values. The major methods and assumptions used in deriving fair values are disclosed in Note 2(iii). In practice, actual amounts may differ from these amounts and these differences could be material.

17. Share Capital

Capital Requirements

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company. The Company is required to have share capital of at least EUR125,000 at all times. The Company will seek to ensure that this minimum capital requirement is maintained at all times on an ongoing basis.

Shares in issue

The Company has an authorised share capital of US\$60,000 divided into 60,000 subscriber shares of US\$1 each and 5,000,000,000 shares of no par value. Subscriber shares do not entitle the holders to any dividend and on winding up entitle the holder to receive the amount paid up thereon but not otherwise to participate in the assets of the Company.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

17. Share Capital (continued)

Shares in issue (continued)

The subscriber share capital does not form part of shareholders' Fund, and is disclosed in the financial statements by way of this note only. In the opinion of the Directors, this disclosure reflects the nature of the Company's business as an investment fund. Currently there are seven subscriber shares in issue (fully paid up for cash at par) held in a nominee capacity on behalf of the Investment Manager.

Redeemable Participating Shares

The Company has an authorised share capital of 5,000,000,000 participating shares of no par value.

Redeemable participating shares carry the right to a proportionate share in the assets of the Fund and to any dividends that may be declared. The holders of redeemable participating shares are entitled to one vote per share at a poll. In the event of the winding up of the Company, the holder is entitled to the net asset value of shares held as at the date of the commencement of the winding up. Redeemable participating shares represent financial liabilities as defined under IAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation".

The issued redeemable participating share capital was as follows:

| 31 January 2023 | US\$ | US\$ | US\$ | SGD | £ |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| EWF | Institutional | Retail A | Retail B | Institutional | Institutional |
| As at 31 January 2022 | 1,182,586 | 153,524 | 878 | 11 | 133,767 |
| Shares issued during the financial year | 49,309 | 1,780 | - | - | 14,029 |
| Shares redeemed during the financial year | (8,985) | (5,479) | (37) | - | (9,480) |
| As at 31 January 2023 | 1,222,910 | 149,825 | 841 | 11 | 138,315 |

| 31 January 2022 | US\$ | US\$ | US\$ | SGD | £ |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| EWF | Institutional | Retail A | Retail B | Institutional | Institutional |
| As at 31 January 2021 | 1,323,437 | 172,155 | 2,193 | 11 | 127,036 |
| Shares issued during the financial year | 51,177 | - | - | - | 6,731 |
| Shares redeemed during the financial year | (192,028) | (18,631) | (1,315) | - | - |
| As at 31 January 2022 | 1,182,586 | 153,524 | 878 | 11 | 133,767 |

18. Taxation

The Company is an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. The Company will not be liable to tax in respect of its income and gains other than on the occurrence of a chargeable event. Generally a chargeable event arises on any distribution, redemption, repurchase, cancellation or transfer of shares on the ending of a "relevant period", a "relevant period" being an eight year period beginning with the acquisition of shares by the shareholder, and each subsequent period of eight years being immediately after the preceding relevant period.

A gain on a chargeable event does not arise in respect of:

- (i) a shareholder who is not an Irish resident and not ordinarily resident in Ireland at the time of the chargeable event, provided the necessary signed statutory declaration is held by the Company; or
- (ii) certain exempted Irish resident investors who have provided the Company with the necessary signed statutory declarations; or

18. Taxation (continued)

- (iii) any transaction in relation to shares held in a recognised clearing system as designated by the order of the Irish Revenue Commissioners; or
- (iv) certain transfers between spouses and former spouses, on the occasion of judicial separation and/or divorce; or
- (v) an exchange of shares arising on a qualifying amalgamation or reconstruction of the Company with another fund; or
- (vi) an exchange of shares representing one Fund for another Fund of the Company.

In the absence of an appropriate declaration, the Company will be liable to Irish tax on the occurrence of a chargeable event, and the Company reserves the right to withhold such taxes from the relevant shareholders.

There were no chargeable events during the current or prior financial year.

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received by the Company may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country of origin and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or its shareholders. These dividends, interest and capital gains are shown gross in the Statement of Comprehensive Income with withholding tax shown as a separate line item.

19. Related Parties and Connected Persons

(a) Related Parties

All transactions between the related parties were conducted at arm's length as summarised below.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the Investment Manager is deemed a related party of the Company under IAS 24 "Related Parties Disclosures". Investment management fees charged during the financial year are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the balance outstanding as at financial year end is detailed in Note 5 of the financial statements.

Mark Dwyer and Josephine Kitcher, Directors of the Company, are employees of the Investment Manager and have waived their right to receive Directors' fees.

Patricia Taylor, a Director of the Company, was also a Director of Wilton Secretarial Limited, the Company Secretary until 6 February 2022; and a partner of William Fry solicitors, who provide legal services to the Company. Fees in respect of the former Company Secretary for the prior reporting period are detailed in Note 13 of the financial statements. Legal services fees of US\$73,551 (31 January 2022: US\$88,000) were paid to William Fry during the financial year, which are included in legal fees in Note 13; and legal services fees payable to William Fry at the financial year end date amounted to US\$10,000 (31 January 2022: US\$86,044) which are included in "Sundry payables" in Note 5.

Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, as Manager is considered a related party to the Company as it is considered to have significant influence over the company in its role as Manager. Manager fees charged during the financial year are included in Statement of Comprehensive Income and the balance outstanding as at financial year end is detailed in Note 5 of the financial statements.

Carne Global Financial Services Limited, the parent company of the Manager, received fees amounting to US\$32,011 during the financial year in respect of other fund governance services to the Company, of which US\$10,649 was a prepayment at year end.

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements (continued)

19. Related Parties and Connected Persons (continued)

(a) Related Parties (continued)

The Board of Directors is not aware of cross shareholdings between the Fund and the underlying funds in which they invest.

City of London Investment Group plc, of which the Investment Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary, had the following holdings in the Fund:

| | No. of shares | % holding |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 31 January 2023 | | |
| SGD Institutional | 11 | 100% |
| 31 January 2022 | | |
| SGD Institutional | 11 | 100% |

Mark Dwyer, a Director of the Company, holds 401 shares in the £ Institutional Class of the Fund (31 January 2022: 401).

There were no other related party transactions during the financial year or related party balances at the financial year end other than those disclosed above.

(b) Connected Person Transactions

In accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, all transactions carried out with the Company by the Investment Manager, the Depositary and/or their associated or group companies (“connected persons”) must be carried out as if negotiated at arm’s length and be in the best interests of shareholders. The Directors of the Responsible Person, the Manager, are satisfied that there are arrangements in place (evidenced by written procedures) to ensure that these obligations are applied to all transactions with connected persons and that transactions with connected persons entered into during the financial period complied with these obligations.

20. Soft Commission Arrangements

There were no soft commission arrangements entered into during the current or prior financial year.

21. Stock Lending

The Company did not engage in any agreement to lend securities in its portfolio in exchange for a fixed rate of interest.

22. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31 January 2023 and 31 January 2022.

23. Significant Events During the Financial Year

Effective 7 February 2022, the Company converted from a self-managed investment company to an externally-managed investment company and Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited was appointed to act as the UCITS management company of the Company. The Manager is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to act as a management company of a UCITS pursuant to the UCITS Regulations.

The Company's Prospectus, EWF Supplement and fee agreements with the Administrator, Depositary and Investment Manager, were also updated, effective 7 February 2022, to incorporate the appointment of the Manager. The increased costs incurred by this appointment have been more than offset by the reduction of the Investment Manager's fee.

23. Significant Events During the Financial Year (continued)

The Company appointed Carne Global Financial Services Limited as the new Company Secretary, effective 7 February 2022.

Narrative was also added to the Prospectus to meet requirements under Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR).

There was an Addendum to the Prospectus, dated 25 April 2022, which detailed that the Investment Manager may appoint sub-investment manager(s) to provide investment management and advisory services of part or all of the assets of a Fund; and a change in registered office of the Company to 2nd Floor, Block E, Iveagh Court, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2, Ireland.

In February 2022 President Putin authorised a “special military operation” which resulted in a full scale invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. Subsequently, multiple sanctions were imposed on Russian financial entities (including the central bank), major corporations and prominent oligarchs. The Company does not have any direct exposure to Russian assets and, as at 31 January 2023 exposure on a see through basis was negligible (< 0.01%). There were no Russian investors in EWF as at 31 January 2023. The Company will comply with existing sanctions and any new measures that may be introduced.

Effective 7 July 2022, there was an amendment to the Investment Objective which was passed at the Annual General Meeting.

There were no other significant events affecting the Company during the financial year.

24. Subsequent Events

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank in March 2023 in the United States has caused significant volatility within the global financial markets and has questioned the stability of the global banking sector. This has impacted many global banks resulting in the emergency rescue of Credit Suisse by rival Swiss bank UBS. In a global response not seen since the height of the pandemic, the Federal Reserve has joined central banks in Canada, England, Japan, the EU and Switzerland in a co-ordinated action to enhance market liquidity.

The Board of Directors, the Manager and the Investment Manager have conducted an exposure assessment on the Fund and conclude there are no direct or indirect exposures or risks and shall continue to monitor the situation.

There was a second Addendum to the Prospectus, dated 14 April 2023, which detailed new website links throughout the Investment Manager’s website.

There were no other subsequent events affecting the Company since the financial year date that require amendment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

25. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 18 May 2023.

Portfolio Statement (Unaudited) as at 31 January 2023

EWF

| | Nominal Holding | Functional Currency | Fair Value US\$ | Total Net Assets % |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Transferable securities | | | | |
| Asia (31 January 2022: 43.15%) | | | | |
| Abrdn Asia Focus Plc | 1,422,750 | GBP | 4,606,570 | 3.13 |
| Abrdn Asia-Pacific Income Fund Inc. | 259,610 | USD | 748,975 | 0.51 |
| Abrdn Asian Income Fund Ltd. | 642,736 | GBP | 1,796,188 | 1.22 |
| Abrdn New Dawn Investment Trust Plc | 870,318 | GBP | 3,171,488 | 2.16 |
| Abrdn New India Investment Trust Plc | 251,436 | GBP | 1,640,577 | 1.12 |
| Asia Dragon Trust Plc | 1,182,296 | GBP | 6,462,529 | 4.40 |
| Icapital.biz Berhad | 2,670,500 | MYR | 1,252,066 | 0.85 |
| INVESCO Asia Trust Plc | 716,423 | GBP | 3,236,897 | 2.20 |
| iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF | 70,000 | USD | 4,705,120 | 3.20 |
| JPMorgan Indian Investment Trust Plc | 746,007 | GBP | 7,384,010 | 5.02 |
| Korea Fund Inc. | 114,326 | USD | 2,755,257 | 1.88 |
| LG Corp | 58,550 | KRW | 3,933,279 | 2.68 |
| Morgan Stanley India Investment Fund Inc. | 181,432 | USD | 3,646,783 | 2.48 |
| Samsung C&T Corp | 38,380 | KRW | 3,693,740 | 2.51 |
| Schroder AsiaPacific Fund Plc | 876,131 | GBP | 5,824,466 | 3.96 |
| Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust Plc | 100,574 | GBP | 1,461,036 | 0.99 |
| Taiwan Fund Inc. | 186,991 | USD | 4,848,677 | 3.30 |
| Vietnam Enterprise Investments Ltd. | 221,318 | GBP | 1,719,252 | 1.17 |
| Vietnam Holding Ltd. | 124,723 | GBP | 445,285 | 0.30 |
| VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd. | 607,558 | GBP | 3,526,653 | 2.40 |
| Weiss Korea Opportunity Fund Ltd. | 229,140 | GBP | 550,084 | 0.38 |
| | | | 67,408,932 | 45.86 |
| Europe (31 January 2022: 4.71%) | | | | |
| Barings Emerging EMEA Opportunities Plc | 118,801 | GBP | 779,544 | 0.53 |
| Hansa Investment Co Ltd. | 327,265 | GBP | 703,054 | 0.48 |
| Prosus NV | 51,260 | EUR | 4,109,349 | 2.79 |
| | | | 5,591,947 | 3.80 |
| Global Emerging Markets (31 January 2022: 25.94%) | | | | |
| Abrdn Emerging Markets Equity | 465,988 | USD | 2,623,513 | 1.78 |
| BlackRock Frontiers Investment Trust Plc | 242,308 | GBP | 405,695 | 0.28 |
| Fidelity Emerging Markets Ltd. | 743,268 | GBP | 5,844,343 | 3.98 |
| Fundsmith Emerging Equities Trust Plc ^ | 55,748 | GBP | 43,384 | 0.03 |
| JPMorgan Emerging Markets Investment Trust Plc | 5,302,637 | GBP | 7,677,018 | 5.22 |
| JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Income Trust Plc | 382,355 | GBP | 647,236 | 0.44 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Fund | 165,481 | USD | 2,100,781 | 1.43 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust Plc | 7,361,713 | GBP | 14,555,186 | 9.90 |
| Utilico Emerging Markets Trust Plc | 1,983,474 | GBP | 5,274,407 | 3.59 |
| Voya Emerging Markets High Dividend Equity Fund | 30,746 | USD | 171,716 | 0.12 |
| | | | 39,343,279 | 26.77 |

Portfolio Statement (Unaudited) as at 31 January 2023 (continued)

EWF (continued)

| Transferable securities (continued) | Nominal Holding | Functional Currency | Fair Value US\$ | Total Net Assets % |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hong Kong/China (31 January 2022: 15.14%) | | | | |
| Abrdn China Investment Co. | 402,357 | GBP | 3,061,212 | 2.08 |
| China Fund Inc. | 118,659 | USD | 1,826,755 | 1.24 |
| Fidelity China Special Situations Plc | 1,387,434 | GBP | 4,910,701 | 3.34 |
| Morgan Stanley China A Share Fund Inc. | 207,554 | USD | 3,385,206 | 2.31 |
| Templeton Dragon Fund Inc. | 399,099 | USD | 4,751,274 | 3.23 |
| | | | 17,935,148 | 12.20 |
| Latin America (31 January 2022: 2.28%) | | | | |
| BlackRock Latin American Investment Trust Plc | 143,537 | GBP | 676,793 | 0.46 |
| Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF | 125,000 | USD | 2,489,375 | 1.69 |
| Mexico Fund Inc. | 159,688 | USD | 2,669,983 | 1.82 |
| Ocean Wilsons Holdings Ltd. | 121,115 | GBP | 1,356,853 | 0.92 |
| | | | 7,193,004 | 4.89 |
| Middle East and Africa (31 January 2022: 4.40%) | | | | |
| Gulf Investment Fund Plc | 665,472 | USD | 1,247,760 | 0.85 |
| iShares MSCI Saudi Arabia Capped UCITS ETF | 420,000 | USD | 2,491,860 | 1.69 |
| Remgro Ltd. | 418,637 | ZAR | 3,366,151 | 2.29 |
| | | | 7,105,771 | 4.83 |
| Total transferable securities (31 January 2022: 98.34%) | | | 144,578,081 | 98.35 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | | 144,578,081 | 98.35 |
| Other net current assets | | | 2,420,712 | 1.65 |
| Total net assets | | | 146,998,793 | 100.00 |

^ In liquidation.

| | Total Assets % |
|--|-----------------------|
| Analysis of Total Assets | |
| Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing | 97.73 |
| Deposits | 1.99 |
| Current assets | 0.28 |
| Total assets | 100.00 |

Significant Portfolio Movements for the financial year ended 31 January 2023 (unaudited)

EWF

In accordance with the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, a statement of the largest changes in the composition of the Portfolio Statement during the financial year is provided to ensure that the shareholders can identify changes in the investments held by the Fund. These statements present the aggregate purchases and sales of an investment, exceeding 1% of the total value of purchases and sales for the financial year. At a minimum, the largest twenty purchases and sales are listed. If a Fund enters into less than twenty purchases or sales during the financial year, then all transactions are presented.

| Major Purchases | Cost US\$ '000 | Major Sales | Proceeds US\$ '000 |
|--|-------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF | 6,312,365 | iShares China Large Cap UCITS ETF | 6,355,594 |
| Schroder AsiaPacific Fund Plc | 5,287,383 | HSBC MSCI China UCITS ETF | 4,838,171 |
| JPMorgan Emerging Markets Inv Trust Plc | 3,884,945 | Lyxor MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF | 3,846,597 |
| iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF | 3,172,060 | JPMorgan Russian Securities Plc | 3,235,405 |
| iShares MSCI Saudi Arabia Capped UCITS ETF | 2,757,370 | iShares MSCI Korea UCITS ETF | 3,094,981 |
| Samsung C&T Corp | 1,551,532 | Central and Eastern Europe Fund Inc. | 2,789,103 |
| VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd. | 1,548,318 | Naspers Ltd. | 2,479,532 |
| Ocean Wilsons Holdings Ltd. | 1,332,283 | Scottish Oriental Smaller Companies Trust Plc | 2,288,516 |
| Templeton Emerging Markets Inv Trust Plc | 1,294,799 | iShares MSCI South Africa UCITS ETF | 1,955,872 |
| Fidelity China Special Situations Plc | 1,279,738 | Prosus NV | 1,271,580 |
| Remgro Ltd. | 1,137,789 | BlackRock Latin American Inv Trust Plc | 1,036,896 |
| Prosus NV | 1,123,297 | VinaCapital Vietnam Opportunity Fund Ltd. | 1,028,004 |
| iShares MSCI Korea UCITS ETF | 980,300 | iShares MSCI Taiwan UCITS ETF | 970,829 |
| Utilico Emerging Markets Trust Plc | 927,261 | Utilico Emerging Markets Trust Plc | 880,106 |
| iShares MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF | 671,625 | Weiss Korea Opportunity Fund Ltd. | 673,478 |
| Abrdn Asia-Pacific Income Fund Inc. | 618,024 | iShares MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF | 671,625 |
| iShares MSCI South Africa UCITS ETF | 583,950 | Vietnam Enterprise Investments Limited | 650,981 |
| iShares China Large Cap UCITS ETF | 568,996 | Remgro Ltd. | 416,730 |
| Vietnam Enterprise Investments Ltd. | 568,357 | JPMorgan Emerging Markets Inv Trust Plc | 376,480 |
| JPMorgan Global Emerging Markets Inc Trust Plc | 536,667 | Pacific Assets Trust Plc | 334,249 |
| Abrdn Emerging Markets Equity | 454,623 | | |

Supplemental Unaudited Information

(i) Other Fees and Expenses

Other fees and operating expenses are detailed in the Company's prospectus.

The total expenses are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Total Expense Ratio ("TER") is determined by assessing the total operating costs per share class to the average share class net asset value. The TER for the financial year was as follows:

| | 31 January 2023 | 31 January 2022 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| EWF | | |
| Investment Management Fee Ratio: | | |
| US\$ Institutional Class ¹ | 0.95% | 1.00% |
| US\$ Retail A Class ² | 1.45% | 1.50% |
| US\$ Retail B Class ³ | 2.20% | 2.25% |
| SGD Institutional Class ¹ | 0.95% | 1.00% |
| £ Institutional Class ¹ | 0.95% | 1.00% |
| Other Expenses Ratio: | | |
| US\$ Institutional Class | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| US\$ Retail A Class | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| US\$ Retail B Class | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| SGD Institutional Class | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| £ Institutional Class | 0.36% | 0.36% |
| Total Expenses Ratio: | | |
| US\$ Institutional Class | 1.31% | 1.36% |
| US\$ Retail A Class | 1.81% | 1.86% |
| US\$ Retail B Class | 2.56% | 2.61% |
| SGD Institutional Class | 1.31% | 1.36% |
| £ Institutional Class | 1.31% | 1.36% |

¹ The investment management fee for the institutional share classes was reduced from 1.00% to 0.95%, effective 7 February 2022.

² The investment management fee for the Retail A Class was reduced from 1.50% to 1.45%, effective 7 February 2022.

³ The investment management fee for the Retail B Class was reduced from 2.25% to 2.20%, effective 7 February 2022.

(ii) Investment Risks

Investors should note the risk factors set out in the prospectus in addition to those set out below.

Investors should note that investments in closed-ended schemes may be acquired at a significant discount or premium to the relevant net asset value of the scheme. Generally, it is not the policy of the Fund to invest in units which are at a premium to their relevant net asset value.

The investment policies of certain securities may permit them to gain exposure to the underlying markets using derivative instruments issued by third parties. Such securities will be subject to counterparty risk associated with those issuers and may suffer losses, potentially equivalent to the full value of the derivative instrument, if any issuer fails to perform its obligations under such derivative contract.

Supplemental Unaudited Information (continued)

(ii) Investment Risks (continued)

The Investment Manager does not use currency hedging. The value of any share expressed in its class currency is subject to exchange rate risk in relation to the base currency of the Fund, being U.S. Dollar.

(iii) Exchange Rates

The following financial year end exchange rates against the U.S. Dollar were used in the preparation of these financial statements:

| | 31 January 2023 | 31 January 2022 |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| British Pound | 0.8123 | 0.7454 |
| Canadian Dollar | 1.3344 | 1.2718 |
| Euro | 0.9208 | 0.8921 |
| Malaysian Ringgit | 4.2658 | 4.1855 |
| Mexican Peso | 18.8000 | 20.6490 |
| Singapore Dollar | 1.3144 | 1.3522 |
| South African Rand | 17.4275 | 15.4700 |
| South Korean Won | 1,231.8000 | 1,205.5000 |
| Swiss Franc | 0.9188 | 0.9311 |
| Taiwan Dollar | 30.0250 | 27.8140 |

iv) Net Asset Value

| EWF | Total net asset value | | Net asset value per share | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ | US\$ | US\$ | SGD | £ |
| | | Institutional | Retail A | Retail B | Institutional | Institutional |
| 31 January 2023 | 146,998,793 | 98.24 | 88.09 | 78.34 | 129.09 | 79.81 |
| 31 January 2022 | 166,812,407 | 114.61 | 103.28 | 92.55 | 154.99 | 85.44 |
| 31 January 2021 | 193,171,069 | 120.12 | 108.78 | 98.21 | 159.47 | 87.48 |

(v) UK Reporting Fund Status

EWF has been approved as a Reporting Fund by HM Revenue and Customs under the provisions of the Offshore (Tax) Regulations 2009 and the Company has committed to seek to maintain Reporting Fund status in respect of those funds through to at least 31 January 2023.

As a Reporting Fund for UK tax purposes, the Fund is required to report its Reported Income within six months of the end of the accounts financial year. The Fund intends to publish the relevant shareholder information, as required by HM Revenue & Customs under the provisions of The Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations 2009, at the web address www.citlon.com on an annual basis within six months of the Company's financial year end, being 31 July. A hard copy of the Reported Statement of Compressive Income may be obtained from the Investment Manager at the address on page 1 of this report.

UCITS V Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

The World Markets Umbrella Fund PLC (the “Company”)

Remuneration Policy (the “Policy”) for the period 1 February 2022 to 6 February 2022 (the “Period”)

The Company is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “**Central Bank**”) as a UCITS investment company.

The purpose of this Policy is to describe the remuneration practices of the Company in relation to its Identified Staff, namely the non-executive directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) and appointed Designated Persons responsible for the managerial functions identified in the Company’s UCITS Business Plan. The Company’s board of Directors (the “**Board**”) has established this Policy with the aim of ensuring that it is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management, including in respect of sustainability risk and does not encourage risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile and articles of association of the Company.

The Company currently has one sub-fund:

- The Emerging World Fund (the “Fund”).

The total net assets of the Company as at most recent year end date (31 January 2023) was c.USD147 million.

Identified Staff

The categories of staff, including senior management, risk takers and control functions whose professional activities may have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company are identified in the Schedule to this Policy (the “**Identified Staff**”).

As at the date of this Policy, Identified Staff include the Directors and Designated Persons appointed in accordance with Regulation 102 of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2019.

Types of Remuneration

This Policy applies to all forms of payments or benefits paid by the Company to the Identified Staff in exchange for professional services. Such forms of payment or benefit may include:

1. fixed remuneration (payments or benefits without reference to performance); and
2. variable remuneration (additional payments dependent on performance or other contractual criteria).

The Company currently pays two non-executive directors (namely, Mr Kevin Molony and Ms Patricia Taylor) fixed remuneration and does not pay any variable remuneration.

Directors and Designated Persons who are also employees of the Company’s appointed investment manager, City of London Investment Management Company Limited (the “**Investment Manager**”) – namely Mr Mark Dwyer, Ms Josephine Kitcher and Ms Ashleigh Simms - do not receive any remuneration from the Company, whether fixed or variable.

Remuneration Policy

The Company's policy is to pay the relevant Identified Staff fixed remuneration only with no variable component being paid.

Disclosure

The Company’s policy is to comply with the remuneration-related disclosure requirements set out in the European Communities (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011, as amended, consolidated or replaced from time to time (the “**UCITS Regulations**”).

Accordingly, this Policy was kept up-to-date for the Period and was disclosed on the following website: www.citlon.co.uk. A summary statement in relation to this Policy was included in the Company’s prospectus for the Period and in each of the Company’s KIIDs for the Period.

UCITS V Remuneration Policy (Unaudited) (continued)

Disclosure (continued)

The total amount of remuneration for the financial year, split into fixed and variable remuneration (if any), paid by the Company to the Identified Staff will be disclosed in the Company's annual report, as will the aggregate amount of remuneration broken down by senior management whose actions have a material impact on the risk profile of the Company. The Board considers that this Policy is in line with the strategy, objectives and values of the Company and is not inconsistent with the best interests of the Company.

Remuneration Committee/Board Oversight

The Board has determined in light of the size, internal operations, nature, scale and complexity of the Company that a remuneration committee is not required. Remuneration matters will be dealt with by the Board with the relevant affected Director absenting him/herself from such discussions.

The Company has in place a conflicts of interest policy and this policy and its implementation shall be subject to the requirements of such conflicts of interest policy.

Application

It is the Company's intention to apply this Policy to the extent applicable to the remuneration of any Identified Staff in accordance with the UCITS Regulations and the European Securities Markets Authority ("ESMA") Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policies under the UCITS Directive (ESMA/2016/575) (the "ESMA UCITS Remuneration Guidelines").

Review

The Board will review the implementation of this Policy on an annual basis.

Scope

This is the Company's remuneration policy and does not extend to delegates of the Company. However, it is the Company's policy that it will comply with the ESMA UCITS Remuneration Guidelines including insofar as and to the extent the ESMA UCITS Remuneration Guidelines oblige the Company to ensure that similar remuneration requirements are applied to its delegates.

The Company pays investment management fees at fixed rates which are disclosed in the Company's Prospectus and annual report. The Company does not pay any performance related management/ investment management fees.

SCHEDULE

Identified Staff

Board Members

- Mr Kevin Molony (Independent) (Chairman)
- Ms Patricia Taylor
- Mr Mark Dwyer
- Ms Josephine Kitcher

Designated Person

- Ms Ashleigh Simms

The above named individuals are the **Identified Staff** of the Company for the purpose of this Policy.

The Company has no other personnel or staff required to be categorised as Identified Staff for the purposes of complying with applicable UCITS requirements pertaining to the remuneration of its personnel or staff.

UCITS V Remuneration Policy (Unaudited) (continued)

Remuneration Policy (the “Policy”) of Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited for the period 7 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

The European Union Directive 2014/91/EU as implemented in Ireland by S.I. No. 143/2016 - European Union (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, requires management companies to establish and apply remuneration policies and practices that promote sound and effective risk management, and do not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the UCITS.

To that effect, Carne Global Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (“the **Manager**”), has implemented a remuneration policy that applies to all UCITS for which the Manager acts as manager (the “**Remuneration Policy**”) and covers all staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Manager or the UCITS it manages (“**Identified Staff of the Manager**”). The Remuneration Policy also applies to all alternative investment funds for which the Manager acts as alternative investment fund manager. In accordance with the Remuneration Policy, all remuneration paid to Identified Staff of the Manager can be divided into:

- Fixed remuneration (payments or benefits without consideration of any performance criteria); and
- Variable remuneration (additional payments or benefits depending on performance or, in certain cases, other contractual criteria) which is not based on the performance of the UCITS.

The Manager has designated the following persons as Identified Staff of the Manager:

1. The Designated Persons;
2. Each of the Manager’s directors;
3. Head of Compliance;
4. Risk Officer;
5. Head of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Compliance
6. Money Laundering Reporting Officer;
7. Chief Executive Officer;
8. Chief Operating Officer; and
9. All members of the investment committee.

The Manager has a business model, policies, and procedures which by their nature do not promote excessive risk taking and take account of the nature, scale, and complexity of the Manager and the UCITS. The Remuneration Policy is designed to discourage risk taking that is inconsistent with the risk profile of the UCITS and the Manager is not incentivised or rewarded for taking excessive risk.

The Manager has determined not to constitute a separate remuneration committee and for remuneration matters to be determined through the Manager’s Compliance and AML Committee, a Committee of the Manager’s Board.

The Manager’s Compliance and AML Committee is responsible for the ongoing implementation of the Manager’s remuneration matters and will assess, oversee, and review the remuneration arrangements of the Manager as well as that of the delegates as relevant, in line with the provisions of the applicable remuneration requirements.

The Manager has a number of directly employed staff. The Manager’s parent company is Carne Global Financial Services Limited (“Carne”). In addition, Carne also operates through a shared services organisational model which provides that Carne employs staff and further enters into inter-group agreements with other Carne Group entities within the group to ensure such entities are resourced appropriately. As at 31 December 2022, 10 of the Identified Staff are employed directly by the Manager. The remainder of the Identified Staff are employees of Carne, or employees of another entity within the Carne Group, and are remunerated directly based on their contribution to Carne Group as a whole. In return for the services of each of the Carne Identified Staff, the Manager pays an annual staff recharge to Carne (the “**Staff Recharge**”).

UCITS V Remuneration Policy (Unaudited) (continued)

The independent non-executive directors are paid a fixed remuneration. The Other Identified Staff member's remuneration is linked to their overall individual contribution to the Manager or the Carne Group, with reference to both financial and non-financial criteria and not directly linked to the performance of specific business units or targets reached or the performance of the UCITS.

The aggregate of the total Staff Recharge, remuneration of the directly employed identified staff of the Manager and the remuneration of the independent non-executive directors is €2,502,802 paid to 16 Identified Staff* for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Manager has also determined that, on the basis of number of sub-funds / net asset value of the UCITS relative to the number of sub-funds / assets under management, the portion of this figure attributable to the UCITS is €2,651.

The Fund does not pay any fixed or variable remuneration to identified staff of the Investment Manager.

*This number represents the number of Identified Staff as at 31 December 2022.

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (Unaudited)

The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc (the “Company”)

The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Important Notice

The World Markets Umbrella Fund plc (“the Company”) is an open-ended investment company with variable capital with segregated liability between sub-funds, incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Ireland, authorised and supervised by the Central Bank of Ireland as a UCITS fund. Registered address: 2nd Floor, Block E Iveagh Court, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2, Ireland. The Company is a recognised scheme under Section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom.

City of London Investment Management Company Limited is the investment manager of the Company and is authorised and regulated within the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority and registered as an Investment Advisor with the United States Securities Exchange Commission.

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