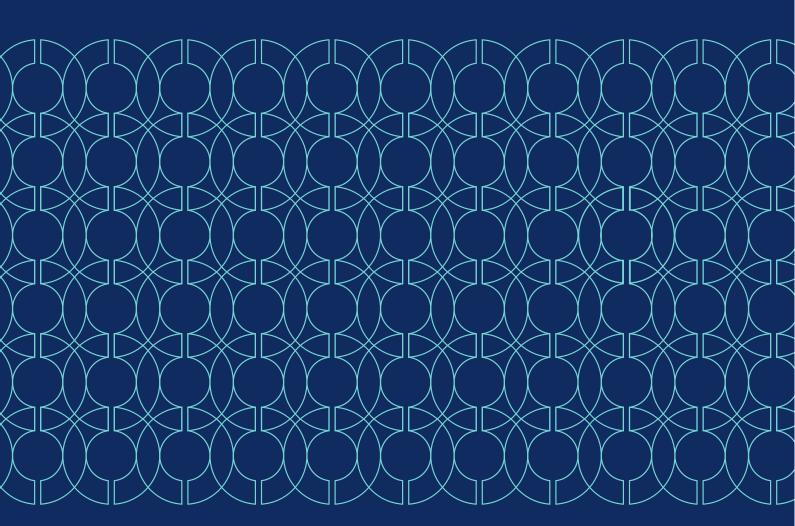
## **Schroders**

# Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund

Annual Report and Accounts
30 September 2024



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## **Fund Information**

## Investment objective and policy

The Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund (the "Fund") aims to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investment in equity, equity-related and debt securities benefiting from the economic growth of emerging markets. For the purposes of the Fund, "emerging markets" are defined as those countries not in the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") World Index.

#### Financial highlights\*

Buying price	30.09.24	30.09.23	% change
A Units	US\$42.633	US\$34.008	25.36%
B Units	US\$42.977	US\$34.289	25.34%
Distribution per A unit	US\$0.3767	US\$0.4404	
Distribution per B unit	US\$0.0000	US\$0.0545	

<sup>\*</sup> Investments valued at mid-market price.

#### **Fund information**

Launch date		14 March 2001
Launch price		US\$10.50 per A & per B unit
	Interim	Annual
Accounting dates	31 March (Unaudited)	30 September (Audited)
Distribution approval date		7 October 2024
Distribution payment date		15 November 2024

# Ongoing charges (excluding transaction costs)

	For the year ended 30.09.24	For the year ended 30.09.23
A Units	0.29%	0.24%
B Units	1.53%	1.49%

## Total purchases and sales

	For the year ended 30.09.24 \$'000s	For the year ended 30.09.23 \$'000s
Total purchases	73,190	88,604
Total sales	133,083	144,575

## **Manager's Report**

#### **Fund performance**

The Fund returned 27.0% (based on A Shares) after adjusting for distributions, outperforming when compared to a return of 26.1% from the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets ('EM') Index.

Country allocation marginally detracted. The overweight to Brazil and underweight to India were the largest detractors. The allocation to China also weighed on returns, starting the period underweight until July 2024 when the Fund transitioned to neutral. On the positive side, the Fund benefited from the underweight to Saudi Arabia and overweight to Taiwan.

Stock selection drove the outperformance. It was notably strong in Taiwan (overweight TSMC and Hon Hai Precision). It also contributed to returns in Brazil (overweight Nu Holdings, Embraer and Itau Unibanco) and Korea (overweight SK Hynix and KB Financial Group). Stock selection detracted in India (overweight HDFC Bank and Axis Bank) and China (overweight China Resources Beer Holdings, Wuxi Biologics and Alibaba).

Emerging market (EM) equities rose over the period ended September 2024, but lagged many of their developed market peers. Strength in the US economy and signs of a "soft landing" coupled with expectations the US has entered a rate cutting cycle were supportive of equity markets. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) loosened US monetary policy in September, which combined with monetary policy easing measures across EM countries, and pledges of monetary support and guidance towards fiscal support from Chinese authorities, helped EM equities post double-digit gains in US dollar terms.

Peru was the strongest index market, against the backdrop of easing monetary policy and rising copper prices, followed by Taiwan, which benefited from global optimism about artificial intelligence-related technology, and Poland.

India and South Africa also strongly outperformed broader EM as political developments supported equity market returns. In India, Prime Minister Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance retained its parliamentary majority in the country's general election, although the BJP lost its single party majority. In South Africa, investors welcomed the formation of a coalition "Government of National Unity" between the ruling African National Congress Party, the key opposition Democratic Alliance and a number of smaller parties. The South African Reserve Bank followed the Fed's lead in September and cut interest rates for the first time since 2020.

China lagged the EM index as lacklustre economic data, and a weak property market weighed on sentiment. At the end of the period, this was partially offset by government support measures including monetary support and guidance towards fiscal support, which the market responded well to. Korea and Brazil underperformed. Against a backdrop of slowing inflation during the first half of the period, Brazil cut its policy rate to 10.5% in May 2024. Improving economic activity led to a pick-up in inflation from April onwards, resulting in the central bank reversing course and raising rates for the first time in two years in September 2024.

Mexico posted a negative return, driven in large part by political developments. The results and risks associated with the election of Claudia Sheinbaum as president, and her Morena party's super majority in the lower house of congress in June 2024, was poorly received by markets given concerns about the party's intention to achieve meaningful reforms within the country.

Egypt was the biggest underperformer, primarily due to its c. 35% currency devaluation at the start of 2024.

The US remains the key engine of global growth and consumer demand continues to be strong, supported by real wage growth, although data is consistent with a cooling labour market. The implication of a Trump administration is likely a net negative for Emerging Market Equities. The new administration won't take office until 20 January, but markets will be pricing in expected policies and their impact.

The potential for broad based tariff application on imports to the US, with a particularly significant rise in tariffs on China, is the most notable risk for emerging markets. Tariffs

#### **Overview**

#### **Outlook**

## **Manager's Report (continued)**

#### **Outlook (continued)**

would likely lead to currency weakness for exposed countries, especially given the potential for RMB depreciation. On the other hand, the application of high tariffs may prompt a more significant Chinese policy response to defend against the impact on growth. There is also uncertainty regarding actual outcome, particularly with regards to China: to what extent is the threat of high tariffs the start of a negotiating process and even if high tariffs are applied to what extent will they be phased in through time?

The anticipated US soft landing, with the Fed loosening monetary policy and the dollar weakening, should be supportive of EM. The introduction of trade tariffs and other Trump administration policies may be inflationary for the US. The expected outcome would be dollar strength, higher inflation, less Fed easing and a higher US yield curve. All of this is broadly unhelpful for emerging market equity returns, pressuring EM currencies and limiting freedom of action for EM central banks. The global trade cycle has been supportive of EM but may soften moving into 2025, particularly given the risk of trade tariffs. The technology cycle is also positive and should continue to improve into next year. While momentum has waned at times, we remain convinced of the sustainability of AI-related demand.

The outlook for EM inflation is less clear. Following significant falls, the easy wins from lower food and energy inflation are over, and aggregate EM inflation has stabilised in recent months. Real rates are above the historical average in many EM but the combination of uncertainty in the external outlook, and in some cases concerns around domestic inflation, could drive further caution from EM central banks. Those EM with resilient growth, face a risk that inflation picks up again, curtailing the degree of potential rate cuts. Indeed, while central banks in some EM, such as South Africa, immediately moved to follow the Fed's lead and cut rates, others, such as Brazil, actually raised rates in the face of growing inflation expectations.

China continues to face significant structural and cyclical challenges. September's policy announcements are a clear indication that authorities are taking the deterioration in the domestic economy seriously and making a co-ordinated attempt to boost confidence and revive the economy. Monetary policy measures, including cuts to various interest rates and reserve requirement ratios, support for the property market and direct intervention in the stock market are a welcome development for equity investors and have resulted in a market rally in recent weeks. A loosening of financial conditions will be helpful, but the resulting economic effects are typically felt with a 12-18 month lag. Fiscal stimulus is likely to be more successful in bolstering growth, and consensus is that this needs to be in the region of at least 4-5% of GDP to materially improve the outlook. Government rhetoric is clearly promising but follow-through on concrete and meaningful measures is required. Meanwhile, geopolitical tensions, notably with the US, are complex and Trump's threat of 60% tariffs on Chinese goods imported into the US remains a concern.

Headline EM valuations versus their own history are on the whole reasonable and do not provide a clear buy or sell signal. India remains very expensive, but there are no signs of that unwinding. Meanwhile, EM's discount to developed markets of 36% on a 12-month forward price-earnings basis is near its widest in 20 years. Even after adjusting for sector weights this figure remains elevated at 28%.

Near term, the new Trump administration creates risk for the Chinese market. It is also likely to be negative for some other EM. Economic and policy developments in China will also have a significant impact on the outlook for EM. Geopolitics remains an area to monitor, in terms of US-China trade relations, as well as the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. A shift in AI sentiment towards AI would also present downside risk.

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## **Investment Adviser's Review**

## Investment policy and asset allocation

The allocation of the Fund's assets and the benchmark index at the end of September 2024 is shown below:

	Ma	Developing rkets Fund	MSCI EM Index
Region	Country	%	%
Asia	China	27.8	27.8
	India	16.3	19.5
	Indonesia	1.7	1.7
	Korea	10.1	10.4
	Malaysia	0.5	1.5
	Philippines	_	0.6
	Taiwan	18.8	17.6
	Thailand	0.4	1.5
		75.6	80.6
Europe/Middle East/Africa	Czech Republic	-	0.1
	Egypt	-	0.1
	Greece	0.9	0.5
	Hungary	0.5	0.2
	Kuwait	_	0.7
	Luxembourg	2.1	_
	Poland	2.2	0.8
	Qatar	0.5	0.8
	Saudi Arabia	1.0	3.8
	South Africa	3.0	3.1
	Turkey	_	0.6
	United Arab Emirates	1.0	1.2
		11.2	11.9
Latin America	Argentina	0.9	_
	Brazil	7.3	4.8
	Chile	0.8	0.4
	Colombia	_	0.1
	Mexico	2.4	1.9
	Peru	0.8	0.3
		12.2	7.5
		99.0	100.00
Cash and other net current assets		1.0	_
Total		100.0	100.0

## **Investment Adviser's Review (continued)**

#### **Current strategy**

In emerging Asia, we are overweight Taiwan (Positive structural outlook for tech. Current tech cycle mid cycle and valuations less compelling). We are neutral China (Macro headwinds but stronger and more coordinated policy action pledged. Geopolitical risk), and Indonesia (Good structural story. Sensitive to FED policy and US dollar). We are underweight Korea (Valuations attractive but sensitive to global slowdown. Potential governance reform), Philippines (Twin deficits remain. Illiquid market), Malaysia (Undervalued currency. Reasonable valuations. Weak returns), Thailand (Slow growth but potential fiscal stimulus. Unattractive valuations) and India (Structural growth opportunity. Expensive valuations. Slowing earnings growth).

In emerging Latin America, we are overweight Brazil (Monetary tightening. Attractive valuations. Concerns re fiscal sustainability), Mexico (Policy concerns. Nearshoring beneficiary. Reasonable valuations), Peru (Improving growth outlook. Strong stock opportunity), and Argentina (Bottom-up stock opportunities). We are neutral Chile (Bottom-up stock opportunities). We are underweight Colombia (Lack of bottom-up opportunities).

In EMEA we are overweight Poland (Good medium term growth outlook. Attractive valuations. Positive political change) and Hungary (Political concerns. Inflation abating. Attractive stock opportunities). We are neutral Greece (Strong medium term growth outlook. EU recovery fund supportive. Attractive valuations but earnings risk) and South Africa (New coalition government may address structural issues. Potential beneficiary of US rate cuts and weaker dollar). We are underweight UAE (Positive reforms. Strong tourism. Strong demand for real estate. Limited opportunities), Egypt (GCC support and IMF programme. Lack of bottom-up opportunities), Czech Republic (Limited stock opportunities), Qatar (Bottom-up stock opportunity), Turkey (Improving policy mix leading to sharp slowdown and market earnings risk), Kuwait (Political uncertainty. Unattractive valuations), and Saudi Arabia (Societal change. Economic transformation programme. Unattractive valuations).

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## Statement of Manager's Responsibilities

The Manager is responsible for preparing accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view, in accordance with applicable Guernsey law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland," of the financial position of the Fund as at the end of the accounting year and of their revenue, net capital gains and expenditure for the year. In preparing these non-statutory accounts, the Manager has:

- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the non-statutory accounts;
- · selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- · made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- assessed the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- used the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager is required to keep proper accounting records and to manage the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed, The Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021 and the Principal Documents.

The Manager confirms that it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The Trustee is responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Fund and must take reasonable care to ensure that the Fund is managed by the Manager in compliance with the provisions of the Principal Documents and The Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021. The Trustee is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as the Manager is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Fund's auditor is unaware, and the Manager has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Manager in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Fund's auditors are aware of that information.

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## **Comparative Tables**

	A Units			<b>B</b> Units	
2024 per unit	2023 per unit	2022 per unit	2024 per unit	2023 per unit	2022 per unit
US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
33.93	31.09	45.90	34.21	31.24	45.91
9.22	3.82	(13.75)	9.60	3.93	(13.65)
(0.16)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.86)	(0.59)	(0.65)
9.06	3.72	(13.84)	8.74	3.34	(14.30)
(0.44)	(0.88)	(0.97)	(0.05)	(0.37)	(0.37)
42.55	33.93	31.09	42.90	34.21	31.24
26.69%	11.97%	(30.14%)	25.53%	10.69%	(31.15%)
102,863	129,684	168,349	3,463	7,506	8,705
2,417,572	3,821,717	5,414,186	80,796	219,388	278,619
0.29%	0.24%	0.21%	1.53%	1.49%	1.46%
US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
42.76	37.56	46.75	43.11	37.95	47.53
32.57	29.23	30.92	33.19	29.84	31.07
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Past performance is not a guide to future performance and it might not be repeated. The value of investments and the revenue from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Because of this, you are not certain to make a profit on your investments and you may lose money.

<sup>\*</sup> There are no direct transaction costs related to the purchase and sale of investments.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Return/(loss) after charges is based on prices of units calculated to ten significant figures.

## Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders of Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund

Northern Trust (Guernsey) Limited has been appointed as Depositary to Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund (the "Unit Trust") in accordance with the requirements of Article 36 and Articles 21(7), (8) and (9) of the Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and amending Directives 2003/41/EC and 2009/65/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 1095/2010 (the "AIFM Directive").

We have enquired into the conduct of Schroder Unit Trusts Limited (the "AIFM") for the year ended 30 September 2024, in our capacity as Depositary to the Unit Trust.

This report including the review provided below has been prepared for and solely for the Unitholders. We do not, in giving this report, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

Our obligations as Depositary are stipulated in the relevant provisions of the AIFM Directive and the relevant sections of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 (collectively the "AIFMD legislation") and The Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021.

Amongst these obligations is the requirement to enquire into the conduct of the AIFM and the Unit Trust in each annual accounting period.

Our report shall state whether, in our view, the Unit Trust has been managed in that period in accordance with the constitutional documents, the scheme particulars, the Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021, and the AIFMD legislation. It is the overall responsibility of the AIFM and the Unit Trust to comply with these provisions. If the AIFM, the Unit Trust or their delegates have not so complied, we as the Depositary will state why this is the case and outline the steps which we have taken to rectify the situation.

#### **Basis of Depositary Review**

The Depositary conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable discretion, considers necessary in order to comply with its obligations and to ensure that, in all material respects, the Unit Trust has been managed (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of its constitutional documentation, the scheme particulars and the appropriate regulations and (ii) otherwise in accordance with the constitutional documentation, the scheme particulars and the appropriate regulations. Such reviews vary based on the type of fund, the assets in which a fund invests and the processes used, or experts required, in order to value such assets.

#### Review

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

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers
  of the Unit Trust by the constitutional documents; the Scheme Particulars; The
  Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021 and by
  the AIFMD legislation; and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the principal documents; the Scheme Particulars; The Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021 and the AIFMD legislation.

For and on behalf of Northern Trust (Guernsey) Limited 13 January 2025

#### Our opinion is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund (the "Trust"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 September 2024, the statements of total return and changes in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of the Trust as at 30 September 2024, and of the Trust's financial performance for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 17 January 2001, as amended and varied by supplemental deeds dated or effective 10 May 2002, 11 April 2005, 27 June 2014, 2 July 2014, 4 December 2015 and 28 January 2016.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Trust in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as applied to listed entities. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

#### Key audit matters: our assessment of the risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In arriving at our audit opinion above, the key audit matter was as follows (unchanged from 2023):

#### The risk

### Investment assets: \$105,309,000; (2023: \$134,825,000)

Refer to the portfolio statement on pages 18 - 24, accounting policy note 1 and note 12.

#### Basis:

The Trust's investments consist primarily of listed equity securities from emerging markets ("Investments").

As at 30 September 2024, the Trust had invested the equivalent of \$105,309,000; (2023: \$134,825,000) in listed equity securities. These Investments, carried at fair value, are valued by the Trust based on prices obtained from third party pricing providers.

#### Risk:

The valuation of the Trust's Investments, given that it represents the majority (99.04%) of the Trust's net assets, is considered to be the area which has the greatest effect on our overall audit strategy and allocation of resources in planning and completing our

#### **Our response**

Our audit procedures included:

#### **Internal Controls:**

We evaluated the design and implementation of the control over the valuation of Investments.

#### **Substantive procedure:**

Our KPMG valuation specialist independently priced the Investments using third party pricing sources.

#### Assessing disclosures:

We also considered the Trust's valuation policies adopted in note 1 and the Trust's disclosures in relation to the use of estimates and judgements regarding the valuation of Investments and in addition the fair value disclosures in note 12 in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

#### Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit

Materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at \$2,130,000, determined with reference to a benchmark of net assets of \$106,326,000, of which it represents approximately 2.0% (2023: 2.0%).

In line with our audit methodology, our procedures on individual account balances and disclosures were performed to a lower threshold, performance materiality, so as to reduce to an acceptable level the risk that individually immaterial misstatements in individual account balances add up to a material amount across the financial statements as a whole. Performance materiality for the Trust was set at 75% (2023:65%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to \$1,590,000. We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk.

We reported to the Fund Manager any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding \$106,500, in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

Our audit of the Trust was undertaken to the materiality level specified above, which has informed our identification of significant risks of material misstatement and the associated audit procedures performed in those areas as detailed above.

#### **Going concern**

The Manager has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Trust's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of thefinancial statements (the "going concern period").

In our evaluation of the Manger's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Trust's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Trust's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risks that we considered most likely to affect the Trust's financial resources or ability to continue operations over this period were:

- Availability of capital to meet operating costs and other financial commitments; and
- Availability of capital to meet investor redemption requests.

We considered whether these risks could plausibly affect the liquidity in the going concern period by comparing severe, but plausible downside scenarios that could arise from these risks individually and collectively against the level of available financial resources indicated by the Trust's financial forecasts.

We also considered whether the going concern disclosure in note 1 to the financial statements gives a full and accurate description of the Manager's assessment of going concern.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the Manager's assessment that there is not, a
  material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively,
  may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for the
  going concern period; and
- we found the going concern disclosure in the notes to the financial statements to be acceptable.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Trust will continue in operation.

#### Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

#### Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- enquiring of management as to the Trust's policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as enquiring whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- · reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the Trust's revenue streams are simple in nature with respect to accounting policy choice, and are easily verifiable to external data sources or agreements with little or no requirement for estimation from management. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing any identified entries to supporting documentation; and
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in our audit procedures.

## Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Trust's regulatory and legal correspondence, if any, and discussed with management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. As the Trust is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

The Trust is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

The Trust is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or impacts on the Trust's ability to operate. We identified financial services regulation as being the area most likely to have such an effect, recognising the regulated nature of the Trust's activities and its legal form. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

#### Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as this may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

#### Other information

The Manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### We have nothing to report on other matters on which we are required to report by exception

#### Respective responsibilities

#### Manager's responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 9, the Manager is 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 Trust'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 Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>.

## The purpose of this report and restrictions on its use by persons other than the Trust's unitholders, as a body

This report is made solely to the Trust's unitholders, as a body, in accordance with The Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance 2021 and our terms of engagement as detailed in our letter of 13 September 2024. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the unitholders 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 Trust and its unitholders, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

KPMG Channel Islands Limited Chartered Accountants Guernsey 13 January 2025

## **Portfolio Statement**

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
Asia			
China 27.81%			
(30.09.23 – 30.68%)			
AIA Group	163,000	1,463	1.38
Alibaba Group ADR	174,568	2,473	2.33
China Pacific Insurance Group	189,800	683	0.64
China Petroleum & Chemical	1,340,000	833	0.78
Contemporary Amperex Technology	45,520	1,638	1.54
Fuyao Group	131,807	1,096	1.03
Innovent Biologics	129,000	782	0.74
Kanzhun Limited	32,031	556	0.52
Kweichow Moutai	3,100	774	0.73
Lenovo Group Limited	438,000	598	0.56
Meituan	134,400	2,977	2.80
Midea Group	89,398	969	0.91
Nari Technology	262,840	1,040	0.98
PDD Holdings ADR	3,635	490	0.46
PICC Property and Casualty Company	604,000	894	0.84
Sany Group	197,000	531	0.50
Shenzhen Inovance Technology	103,300	919	0.86
Shenzhou International Group	61,600	559	0.53
Sieyuan Electric	44,400	469	0.44
Tencent Holdings	119,200	6,824	6.42
Tencent Music Entertainment Group	50,254	606	0.57
Trip.com Group Limited	24,018	1,428	1.34
Tsingtao Brewery	62,000	485	0.46
Zhejiang Satellite Petrochemical	181,729	483	0.45
		29,570	27.81

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
India 16.33%			
(30.09.23 – 10.60%)			
Ashok Leyland Limited	187,229	527	0.50
Axis Bank	132,595	1,949	1.83
Bharti Airtel	74,547	1,524	1.43
Coforge Limited	6,488	542	0.51
HCLTech	32,297	691	0.65
HDFC Bank	34,029	703	0.66
ICICI Bank	158,780	2,413	2.27
Mahindra & Mahindra	39,476	1,467	1.38
Makemytrip Limited	5,601	520	0.49
PB Fintech Limited	30,029	576	0.54
Power Grid Corporatin of India Limited	236,650	992	0.93
Reliance Industries	49,624	1,751	1.65
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	32,609	748	0.70
Tata Consultancy Services	35,243	1,793	1.69
Tata Consumer Products Limited	25,438	363	0.34
Tata Motors Limited	69,059	803	0.76
		17,362	16.33
Indonesia 1.65%			
(30.09.23 – 1.99%)			
Bank Central Asia	1,506,800	1,028	0.97
Bank Mandiri	954,200	436	0.41
Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero	1,432,900	283	0.27
		1,747	1.65

н	lolding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
Korea 10.10%			
(30.09.23 – 12.08%)			
Hanwha Aerospace	2,118	481	0.45
Hanwha Industrial Solutions	1,889	48	0.05
KB Financial Group	19,511	1,207	1.14
Kia Corporation	10,789	824	0.77
LG Electronics	5,457	435	0.41
Samsung Biologics	928	693	0.65
Samsung Electro-Mechanics	3,875	393	0.37
Samsung Electronics	99,544	4,682	4.40
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance	2,036	536	0.50
Samsung SDI	2,223	643	0.60
SK Hynix	6,096	813	0.76
		10,755	10.10
Malaysia 0.52%			
(30.09.23 – 0.00%)			
CIMB Group Holdings	284,600	556	0.52
		556	0.52
Taiwan 18.83%			
(30.09.23 – 15.92%)			
Accton Technology Corporation	49,000	822	0.77
ASE Technology	165,524	790	0.74
Cathay Financial Holdings	368,376	774	0.73
CTBC Financial Holding	549,000	597	0.56
Delta Electronics	106,000	1,274	1.20
E Ink Holdings	116,000	1,074	1.01
Foxconn Technology Group	277,000	1,641	1.54
MediaTek	52,000	1,931	1.82
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	328,043	9,920	9.33
Uni-President Enterprises	183,000	504	0.47
United Microelectronics	416,000	707	0.66
		20,034	18.83

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
Thailand 0.38%			
(30.09.23 – 0.00%)			
Kasikornbank	86,200	402	0.38
		402	0.38
Total Asia 75.64%			
(30.09.23 - 71.26%)		80,426	75.64
Europe/Middle East/Africa			
Greece 0.89%			
(30.09.23 – 1.13%)			
Eurobank Ergasias Services and Holdings S.A.	178,717	410	0.39
National Bank of Greece	49,280	422	0.40
Piraeus Financial Holdings	25,877	110	0.10
		942	0.89
Hungary 0.52%			
(30.09.23 - 0.78%)			
OTP Bank	10,491	553	0.52
		553	0.52
Luxembourg 2.05%			
(30.09.23 – 1.30%)			
Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Emerging Markets Smaller Companies	5,711	1,374	1.29
Schroder International Selection Fund Frontier Markets Equity	2,374	804	0.76
		2,178	2.05

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
Poland 2.17%			
(30.09.23 – 1.20%)			
Bank Pekao	10,935	419	0.39
Jeronimo Martins	17,083	336	0.32
PKN Orlen	36,282	528	0.50
PKO Bank Polski	39,946	583	0.55
Powszechny Zakład Ubezpieczeń	39,640	435	0.41
		2,301	2.17
Qatar 0.49%			
(30.09.23 – 0.00%)			
Qatar National Bank	112,301	521	0.49
		521	0.49
Russia 0.00%*			
(30.09.23 – 0.00%)			
Polyus GDR	4,463	_	_
Rosneft Oil	203,582	-	-
		-	-
Saudi Arabia 1.04%			
(30.09.23 – 1.65%)			
Saudi National Bank	121,363	1,110	1.04
		1,110	1.04
South Africa 3.09%			
(30.09.23 – 6.69%)			
Absa Group	82,237	837	0.79
Anglo American	2,288	82	0.08
Aspen Pharmacare	33,442	378	0.36
Bid Corporation	19,762	508	0.48
Bidvest Group	28,112	477	0.45
Gold Fields	32,000	499	0.47
Shoprite Holdings	29,272	502	0.46
		3,283	3.09

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
United Arab Emirates 0.97%			
(30.09.23 – 0.90%)			
Emaar Properties	301,723	708	0.67
First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	85,548	320	0.30
		1,028	0.97
Total Europe/Middle East/Africa 11.21%			
(30.09.23 - 13.65%)		11,916	11.21
Latin America			
Argentina 0.90%			
(30.09.23 – 0.47%)			
Globant S.A.	2,193	434	0.41
Mercadolibre	256	525	0.49
		959	0.90
Brazil 7.31%			
(30.09.23 – 9.57%)			
Banco Bradesco S.A.	142,915	386	0.36
Banco BTG Pactual SA	85,439	522	0.49
Eletrobras S.A.	55,266	399	0.38
Embraer S.A.	29,556	260	0.24
Equatorial Energia	3,380	20	0.02
Equatorial Energia SA Com NPV	66,238	395	0.37
Itau Unibanco Holding ADR	219,558	1,460	1.37
Lojas Renner	108,476	358	0.34
NU Holdings Limited	31,474	430	0.40
Petrio Rio S.A.	77,196	614	0.58
Petroleo Brasileiro ADR	82,374	1,187	1.12
Raia Drogasil	92,739	434	0.41
Suzano	29,658	296	0.28
Vale ADR	39,126	457	0.43
WEG	55,903	558	0.52
		7,776	7.31

	Holding at 30.09.24	Market Value US\$000's	% of total net assets
Chile 0.77%			
(30.09.23 – 0.81%)			
Antofagasta Plc	23,565	636	0.60
Banco Santander Chile ADR	3,063	64	0.06
Sociedad Quimica Y Minera De Chile ADR	2,710	113	0.11
		813	0.77
Mexico 2.42%			
(30.09.23 – 1.73%)			
Fomento Economico Mexicano	12,179	1,203	1.13
Grupo Financiero Banorte	111,670	793	0.75
Wal-Mart de Mexico	190,819	575	0.54
		2,571	2.42
Peru 0.80%			
(30.09.23 – 0.80%)			
Credicorp	4,689	848	0.80
		848	0.80
Total Latin America 12.20%			
(30.09.23 - 13.36%)		12,967	12.20
Portfolio of investments		105,309	99.04
Net other assets		1,017	0.96
Net assets attributable to unitholders		106,326	100.00

% of

Market

admitted to official stock exchange listings.

<sup>\*</sup> Manager derived valuation, refer to Note 12 on page 35.

## **Significant Portfolio Movements\***

#### **Purchases**

Total cost of purchases for the year	US\$73,190,035
For the year ended 30 September 2024	Cost US\$000's
Meituan	3,174
Trip.com Group Limited	2,028
Samsung Electronics	1,853
Delta Electronics	1,647
Tencent Holdings	1,605
China Resources Beer	1,380
E Ink Holdings	1,339
Tata Motors Limited	1,330
Kia Corporation	1,310
Bank Mandiri	1,293
PetroChina	1,249
Schroder International Selection Fund Frontier Markets Equity	1,201
Wanhua Chemical Group	1,130
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	1,126
Fuyao Group	1,085
Wal-Mart de Mexico	1,080
HCLTech	1,040
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	1,038
PDD Holdings ADR	1,020
ICICI Bank	1,016

<sup>\*</sup> Significant portfolio movements disclose the twenty largest purchases during the year.

## Significant Portfolio Movements\* (continued)

#### **Sales**

Total proceeds of sales for the year	US\$133,083,239
For the year ended 30 September 2024	Proceeds US\$000's
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company	12,715
Samsung Electronics	6,675
Tencent Holdings	4,309
SK Hynix	3,331
Alibaba Group ADR	3,221
Foxconn Technology Group	2,482
ICICI Bank	2,295
HDFC Bank	2,172
Meituan	1,769
FirstRand	1,722
Axis Bank	1,715
Naspers Limited	1,686
NetEase	1,479
Itau Unibanco Holding ADR	1,421
Midea Group	1,407
MediaTek	1,277
Bharti Airtel	1,257
H World Group Limited	1,255
Wanhua Chemical Group	1,237
Banco Bradesco S.A.	1,230

<sup>\*</sup> Significant portfolio movements disclose the twenty largest sales during the year.

## **Statement of Total Return**

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	30.0 US\$000's	09.24 US\$000's	30. US\$000's	09.23 US\$000's
Income					
Net capital gains	2		29,927		20,941
Revenue	1&3	4,290		4,353	
Expenses	4	(468)		(519)	
Finance costs: Interest payable	6	(7)		(10)	
Net revenue for the year before taxation		3,815		3,824	
Taxation	5	(1,537)		(881)	
Net revenue after taxation	1&6		2,278		2,943
Total return before distributions			32,205		23,884
Finance costs: Distribution and equalisation	ı 6		(3,991)		(6,157)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities	1		28,214		17,727

The results above are from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Total Return.

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the year ended 30 September 2024

	30.0 US\$000's	09.24 US\$000's	30. US\$000's	09.23 US\$000's
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		137,190		177,054
Amounts receivable on issue of: A Units B Units	6,827 12		16,215 100	
	6,839		16,315	
Less: Amounts payable on cancellation A Units B Units	of: (61,063) (4,854)		(71,847) (2,059)	
	(65,917)		(73,906)	
		(59,078)		(57,591)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities	es	28,214		17,727
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		106,326		137,190

## **Balance Sheet**

#### As at 30 September 2024

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			09.24	30.0	9.23
	Notes	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's
<b>Current assets</b>					
Investment assets	1		105,309		134,825
Debtors	7	6,053		699	
Cash and bank balances		3,444		2,623	
Total other assets			9,497		3,322
Total assets			114,806		138,147
Current liabilities					
Creditors	8	(8,480)		(957)	
Total other liabilities			(8,480)		(957)
Total liabilities excludin net assets attributable	g				
to unitholders			(8,480)		(957)
Net assets attributable	40		406.006		407.466
to unitholders	13		106,326		137,190

The Financial Statements on pages 27 to 40 were approved at a Board Meeting of Schroder Investment Management (Guernsey) Limited on 13 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Neville Director

Jamie Sebire Director

Directors of the Manager

### **Notes to the Accounts**

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the SORP for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ("IA"), previously the Investment Management Association ("IMA") in May 2014, and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), the provisions of the The Trust Deed dated 17 January 2001, as amended and varied by supplemental deeds dated or effective 10 May 2002, 11 April 2005, 27 June 2014, 2 July 2014, 4 December 2015 and 28 January 2016.

The accounts are presented in US Dollars and amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

#### Going concern

The Manager believes that, having considered the Fund's investment objective (see Fund Information on page 3), financial instruments and risk profile (see Note 12 on the Financial Statements) and in view of the Fund's holdings in cash and cash equivalents, the liquidity of investments and the income deriving from those investments, the Fund has adequate financial resources and suitable management arrangements in place to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### Revenue

Dividend income from equity investments is recognised when the right to receive the dividend is irrevocable and is included gross of any withholding tax. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### **Expenses**

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis. They are recognised in the Statement of Total Return in the year in which they are incurred on an accruals basis.

A and B units bear their pro-rata share of all expenses, other than management fees which are charged as detailed in note 4(a).

#### Realised and unrealised gains or losses on investments

Unrealised and realised gains or losses on disposals of investments are treated as movements on capital and classified as net capital gains or losses in the Statement of Total Return.

#### **Taxation**

The amounts disclosed as taxation in the Statement of Total Return of the Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund (the "Fund") relate to withholding tax suffered at source on income and capital gains tax on the sale of Indian and Brazilian investments. The Fund is exempt from Guernsey income taxation under the provisions of the Income Tax (Exempt Bodies) (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1989.

#### Foreign exchange

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. This is the currency in which an entity primarily generates and uses cash. The functional and presentational currency of the Fund is US Dollars.

Monetary assets and liabilities in all other currencies different from the functional currency, are translated based on the exchange rates in effect at Balance Sheet date. Income and expenses in all other currencies different from the functional currency are translated based on the exchange rates in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency translation gains and losses are credited or charged to the Statement of Total Return.

#### Distributions and equalisation

Distributions may only be made from accumulated income and expenditure of a revenue nature, which consists of net revenue for the year less withholding tax and excluding the effects of taxation on capital gains.

The Directors of the Manager determined that equalisation should be applied within the Fund. Equalisation is a calculation intended to ensure that an investor buying or selling units part way through a distribution period pays or receives a price for the units that

reflects revenue accrued in the Fund up to that date and prevents dilution of Fund values. Equalisation is treated as a finance cost of the Fund. Each unit holder will receive a statement with each distribution containing details of the appropriate amount representing the income purchased by each holder.

Amounts receivable on issue of units and amounts payable on redemption of units are disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders.

#### **Estimates and judgements**

The Manager has reviewed matters requiring judgements, estimations or assumptions. The preparation of the Financial Statements requires management to make judgements, estimations or assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the year-end date and the amounts reported for revenue and expenses during the year. However, the nature of the estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The estimate or assumption used in the current year relates to the valuation of the Fund's unquoted Russian investments. Whilst the Manager considers the methodologies and assumptions adopted in the valuation of the unquoted investments are reasonable and robust because of the inherent uncertainty of the valuation, the values used may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed. These values may need to be revised as circumstances change and adjustments may still arise as a result of revaluation of the unquoted investments fair value within the next year. See note 12 for further information regarding the valuation of investments.

#### **Investment assets**

The Fund's quoted investments are designated as "fair value through profit or loss". Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date (the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment). They are initially recorded at fair value being the consideration payable excluding any transaction costs. Gains and losses on subsequent revaluation are taken directly to the Statement of Total Return.

Quoted investments and warrants are valued for accounting purposes at bid prices ruling at 24:00 hours on the Balance Sheet date. The difference between cost and valuation is shown as unrealised gains or losses on investments and recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

#### Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances comprise cash at bank and short-term deposits with original maturity of three months or less. These are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes.

#### Other financial instruments

For other financial instruments, including all debtors, creditors and payables, the carrying amounts as shown in the Balance Sheet approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

#### **Cash flow statement**

The Fund has not prepared a cash flow statement as it is an open-ended investment fund that meets the requirements for exemption under FRS 102 paragraph 7.1A.

#### Net assets attributable to unitholders

The net assets attributable to unitholders are classified as financial liabilities.

The Fund is a trust and does not have any other capital or equity and the net assets are distributable to the unitholders in their entirety.

The Fund does not deal or trade in its own units as principal. In accordance with the Fund's Scheme Particulars, the Manager may deal/trade in the Fund's units as principal.

## 2 Net capital gains

The net capital gains during the year comprise:

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Non-derivative securities		
Realised gains on investments sold during the year	26,560	19,772
Realised losses on investments sold during the year	(16,195)	(17,681)
Unrealised gains for the year	25,794	26,463
Unrealised losses for the year	(5,819)	(7,287)
Transaction costs	(314)	(331)
Currency (losses)/gains	(99)	5
Net capital gains	29,927	20,941

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Dividend income	4,143	4,201
Bank interest	147	152
Total revenue	4,290	4,353

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and/or agents of either of them:		
Annual management charge	56	106
	56	106
Payable to the Depositary and Trustee, associates of the Trustee and/or agents of either of them:		
Depositary and Trustee fee	30	31
	30	31
Other expenses:		
Administration fee	211	232
Custodian fee	101	79
General expenses	56	37
Audit fee	14	34
	382	382
Total expenses	468	519

#### a) Annual management charge:

The Manager is entitled to a management charge, payable out of the assets of the Fund, at the rate of up to 2% per annum of the value of the Fund on a mid market basis. The fee is accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. In respect of "A" units, no annual management charge is currently imposed by the Manager. In respect of "B" units, the amount currently charged is at the rate of 1.25% per annum. The fee is accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

#### **3** Revenue

#### 4 Expenses

Other than the imposition of the annual management charge on "B" units, there is no difference in the structure of "A" and "B" units. Both types of units are available to eligible investors.

#### b) Depository and Trustee fee:

The Trustee and Depositary is entitled to a fee, subject to a minimum fee of US\$2,500 per month, payable out of the assets of the Fund, at a rate of up to 0.03% per annum of the first US\$50 million, 0.015% per annum of the next US\$100 million and 0.005% per annum thereafter of the value of the Fund or such higher amount as may be agreed between the Manager and the Trustee from time to time.

#### c) Administration fee:

The Administrator is entitled to a fee, payable out of the assets of Schroder Institutional Developing Markets (the "Fund"), at a rate of 0.215% per annum of the first US\$50 million, 0.115% per annum of the next US\$100 million, 0.053% per annum of the next US\$100 million, 0.03% per annum of the next US\$400 million and 0.025% per annum thereafter of the value of the Fund on a mid market basis or such higher amount as may be agreed between the Manager and the Administrator from time to time and subject to the Manager giving three months' written notice to Unitholders. Effective 28 January 2016, the Administrator's fee is subject to a minimum of US\$6,000 per month, with other rates remaining unchanged.

#### d) Custodian fee:

The Custodian is entitled to transaction and safekeeping fees, payable out of the assets of the Fund, at various transaction rates based on a security's country of origin, as per the Custody Fee Agreement with JPMorgan Bank (Ireland) plc, dated 1 November 2006. The Custodian's fee is paid monthly in arrears.

#### e) Sponsor fee:

Effective from 13 July 2016, Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Guernsey) Limited (the "Sponsor") has been appointed to act as Sponsor of the Fund in connection with the Listing. The Sponsor is entitled to a fee, payable out the assets of the Fund, in consideration of the listing services performed. The Sponsor's fee is paid monthly in arrears

Analysis of the tax charge for the year:

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Withholding tax on dividend income	561	622
Capital gains tax provision	976	259
Total taxation	1,537	881

#### 5 Taxation

#### 6 Finance costs: distribution and equalisation

#### Distributions and interest payable

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of units and revenue deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
	0340003	0330003
Final dividend distribution – relating to prior year	1,695	4,876
Add: Equalisation charge on cancellation of units	2,484	1,609
Deduct: Equalisation credit on creation of units	(188)	(328)
Finance costs: Distributions and equalisation	3,991	6,157
Finance costs: Interest payable	7	10
Total finance costs	3,998	6,167
Net revenue after taxation	2,278	2,943
Movement in undistributed revenue	1,720	3,224
Finance costs: distributions, equalisation and		
interest payable	3,998	6,167

After the year end, the Directors of the Manager of the Fund declared a distribution of US\$0.3767 (2023: US\$0.4404) per A unit and US\$ Nil (2023: US\$0.0545) per B unit amounting to US\$910,699 (2023: US\$1,695,041) payable to Unitholders on record on 30 September 2024, which was paid on 15 November 2024. Distributions for 2023 were paid on 17 November 2023.

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Sales of investments awaiting settlement	5,802	445
Accrued dividend income	246	241
Other debtors	5	13
Total debtors	6,053	699

	2024		2	2023	
	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's	
Purchases of investments awaiting settlement		1,037		518	
Capital shares redeemed payable		6,565		-	
Amounts payable for cancellation of	units				
Accrued expenses:					
Manager and Agents					
Annual management charge	3		8		
Custodian fee	32		9		
		35		17	
Depositary and Trustee and Age	nts				
Depositary and Trustee fee	3		2		
		3		2	
Other accrued expenses		840		420	
Total creditors		8,480		957	

#### 7 Debtors

#### 8 Creditors

#### 9 Contingent liabilities

## 10 Related party transactions

#### 11 Unit classes

# 12 Financial instruments and risk profile

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

The Manager, Depositary and Trustee and AIFM actively co-operate to exercise control over the Fund and are therefore related parties by virtue of their controlling influence.

Amounts paid during the year or due to the Manager or the Depositary and Trustee at the year end are disclosed under Expenses (Note 4) and Creditors (Note 8) in the Notes to the Accounts.

Transactions relating to the creation and redemption of units which pass through, but are not for the benefit of, either related party are disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders.

The Fund currently has two unit classes: A and B. The annual management charge is based on the average value of the Fund, calculated on a daily basis, and covers the remuneration of the Manager, the Investment Adviser, the Alternative Investment Fund Manager and their overhead expenses and for each unit class is as follows:

A units 0.00% B units 1.25%

The net asset value of each unit class, the net asset value per unit and the number of units in issue in each class are given in the net asset value and Comparative Tables on page 10. The distribution per unit class is given in the Financial highlights on page 3. Both classes have the same rights on winding up.

In addition, the Manager is entitled to receive a preliminary charge on the sale of units to unitholders. At present, the preliminary charge is 5% of the creation price or such lesser amount as the Manager may determine. The preliminary charge is included in the issue price of units and is not expensed separately.

In accordance with the investment objectives and policies, the Fund holds financial instruments which at any one time may comprise the following:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objectives and policies;
- · cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations;
- borrowings used to finance investment activity; and
- derivative transactions including investments in warrants and forward currency contracts.

The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market risk which is monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy. The financial instruments held by the Fund principally comprise equities listed on stock markets in emerging countries and are thus subject to risk factors greater than those typically encountered in investing in securities of companies listed on the major securities markets.

The Fund may invest in Low Exercise Call Warrants. These instruments are issued by a broker and are an easy way to access local markets where entry is difficult and time consuming. There were no such financial instruments held at the year end (2023: Nil).

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, liquidity, interest rate and credit risks.

The specific risks arising from the Fund's exposure to these instruments, and the Manager's policies for managing these risks, which have been applied throughout the year, are summarised below.

#### Market price risk

The Fund's investment portfolio – particularly its equity investments – is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies.

Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed and the Principal Documents mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

Exceptional risks associated with investment in emerging markets may include:

- a) controls on foreign investment, including those related to the level of foreign ownership, which may include the risk of expropriation, nationalisation and confiscation of assets, together with possible limitations on repatriation of invested capital;
- b) greater price volatility, substantially less liquidity and significantly smaller market capitalisation of securities markets;
- more substantial government intervention in the economy, including restrictions on investing in companies or in industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests;
- d) a lower level of government supervision and enforcement activity in the regulation of securities markets and the participants in those markets; and
- e) political uncertainty or diplomatic developments, social and religious instability and other considerations.

The risks associated with investment in emerging markets may increase the price risk of the Fund's investment portfolio.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia which began in February 2022 has increased valuation, liquidity and market risk for securities issued by Ukraine, Belarus and Russia, and to a certain extent, most global markets. As at the date of this report, the resolution of this event and the potential impact on the Fund, continues to be uncertain. The Manager is closely monitoring the situation with respect to Russian securities held in the Fund and will continue to apply appropriate valuation principles in accordance with the pricing processes. During the year to 30 September 2024, some transactions were able to be conducted for the Russian securities in the Fund, however the value of Russian securities still present in the Fund remain de minimis and this is expected to be reflected as such until further notice.

#### **Price sensitivity analysis**

The following details the Fund's sensitivity to movement in market prices. At 30 September 2024, if the market prices had been 10% higher with all other variables held constant, the increase in the net assets attributable to unitholders would have been US\$10,530,900 (2023: 10%, US\$13,486,208). An equal change in the opposite direction would have decreased the net assets attributable to unitholders by the same amount.

Actual trading results may differ from the above sensitivity analysis and those differences may be material.

#### Foreign currency risk

The Fund's investment portfolio is invested in securities denominated in currencies other than the US Dollar which is the functional and reporting currency of the Fund and the Balance Sheet may be significantly affected by movements in the exchange rates of such currencies against the US Dollar. The Manager has the power to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward foreign currency contracts. The Fund has not hedged the US Dollar value of investments that are priced in other currencies.

The Manager's treatment of currency transactions other than in US Dollars is set out in Note 1 to the Accounts under "Foreign exchange".

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued income.

Risks associated with investment in emerging markets may include:

- a) the Fund's inability to exchange local currencies for US Dollars as a result of insufficient currency reserves being available; and
- b) currency devaluations of the US Dollar/the underlying currency.

#### **Currency risk profile**

The currency risk profile of the Fund's net assets and liabilities at the Balance Sheet date was as follows:

was as follows:			
Currency	Monetary* exposure US\$000's	Non- monetary exposure US\$000's	Total US\$000's
Brazilian Real			
2024	230	4,243	4,473
2023	272	8,220	8,492
Chilean Peso			
2024	-	-	-
2023	_	383	383
Chinese Yuan			
2024	98	2,372	2,470
2023	37	4,757	4,794
Chinese Yuan Offshore			
2024	_	5,548	5,548
2023	_	6,183	6,183
Emirati Dirham			
2024	-	1,028	1,028
2023		1,243	1,243
Euro			
2024	8	1,279	1,287
2023	<del>-</del>	1,556	1,556
Hong Kong Dollar	507	10.560	40.075
2024	507	18,568	19,075
2023	22	27,416	27,438
Hungarian Forint	F.4	552	607
2024 2023	54	553 1,073	607 1,073
	<del>_</del>	1,073	1,075
Indian Rupee 2024	1 107	16 041	10 020
2024	1,197 <i>10</i>	16,841 <i>14,547</i>	18,038 <i>14,557</i>
		17,577	
Indonesian Rupiah 2024	(540)	1,747	1,207
2023	(279)	2,727	2,448
Malaysian Ringgit	(273)	2,727	
2024	146	556	702
2023	-	-	-
Mexican Peso			
2024	_	1,369	1,369
2023	_	840	840
Polish Zloty			
2024	110	1,965	2,075
2023	44	1,647	1,691

Currency	Monetary* exposure US\$000's	Non- monetary exposure US\$000's	Total US\$000's
Pound Sterling			
2024	2	636	638
2023	2	345	347
Qatari Rial			
2024	33	521	554
2023	-	-	-
Saudi Arabian Riyal			
2024	-	1,110	1,110
2023	-	2,259	2,259
South African Rand			
2024	247	3,285	3,532
2023	(15)	9,172	9,157
South Korean Won			
2024	449	10,756	11,205
2023	(134)	16,567	16,433
Taiwan Dollar			
2024	1,616	20,035	21,651
2023	133	21,835	21,968
Thai Baht			
2024	-	402	402
2023	-	-	-
US Dollar			
2024	(3,141)	12,496	9,355
2023	2,273	14,056	16,329

<sup>\*</sup> Monetary exposure includes all bank balances and trade debtors and creditors.

The above reflects the actual exposure of the underlying investments which would not necessarily match the currency of the primary investment's domicile.

At 30 September 2024, had all the above currencies strengthened by 10% against the US Dollar, with all other variables held constant, the net assets attributable to unitholders and the change in net assets to unitholders from investment activities would have decreased by US\$9,697,100 (2023: 10%, US\$12,086,100). A 10% weakening of those currencies against the US Dollar would have resulted in an equal but opposite effect.

#### Liquidity risk

As at 30 September 2024, the Fund has financial liabilities consisting of short term creditors and a capital share redemption arising directly from investing activities.

The Manager takes into account the liquidity of potential investments before making a decision to invest. Using average daily traded volume for the last six months, the investments of the Fund, if sold in isolation, could be liquidated within 1 day, taking an average for all the Fund's investments, with some smaller stocks taking 2 or more days to sell.

If the Fund were selling in conjunction with other funds managed by Schroders' emerging market equity team, then the average would be approximately 6 days, but some smaller stocks could take a week or more to sell. If the Fund were selling in conjunction with all other funds managed by Schroders, then the average would be approximately 8 days, but again some smaller stocks could take much longer.

The Manager may suspend the creation, sale and redemption of units if, amongst other things, the Manager is of the opinion that a suspension is in the interests of Unitholders.

The suspension of dealings in units must cease as soon as practicable after the Manager is no longer of the opinion that exceptional circumstances continue to apply and in any event within 12 months of the commencement of the suspension. Whenever the Manager declares a suspension as described above, then it must inform the Guernsey Financial Services Commission of the suspension and the reasons for it and it must also give notice of the suspension and the reasons for it to The International Stock Exchange.

#### Interest rate risk

The Fund may invest in fixed and floating rate securities. The revenue of the Fund may be affected by changes to interest rates relevant to particular securities or as a result of the Manager being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or sale of securities. The value of fixed interest securities may be affected by interest rate movements or the expectation of such movements in the future.

Interest receivable on bank balances or payable on bank overdraft positions will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates.

Risks associated with investment in emerging markets may include higher rates of inflation.

As at 30 September 2024, substantially all of the Fund's assets are non interest bearing equity investments and its direct exposure to interest rate changes is minimal.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

The Fund is exposed to credit risk in respect of investment assets, sale of investments awaiting settlement, cash and bank balances.

The carrying amount of financial assets best represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Fund at the Balance Sheet date. All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as the delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Fund is exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The Fund minimises the concentration of credit risk by undertaking transactions with reputable counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges.

Substantially, all of the Fund's assets are held with JPMorgan Bank (Ireland) plc, a wholly owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase and Company, which has a credit rating of P-1 with Moody's. The Fund is subject to credit risk to the extent that this institution may be unable to return the cash and investment assets.

#### Fair value of investments

The Fund's fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1 - Valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2 – Valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1.

Level 3 – Valued by reference to valuation techniques that are not based on observable market data.

Categorisation within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's financial assets (by class) measured at fair value.

#### As at 30 September 2024:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's
Investment assets	105,309	103,131	2,178	-

#### As at 30 September 2023:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's	US\$000's
Investment assets	134,825	133,044	1,781	-

Following Russia's invasion of the Ukraine in February 2022, Russian authorities implemented sanctions on foreign entities transacting in Russian securities and on the exchange of Russian Rubles. This resulted in third-party pricing of Russian equities being discontinued in early March 2022.

The current carrying value of the Russian equities has been determined by the Directors, in conjunction with the Investment Adviser, through a process of assessing alternative trading or exchange channels, anecdotal evidence of any trades or exchanges on such channels and assessing the approach taken by other investment managers and investment advisors who manage/advise similar funds. They have considered the fact that any valuation methodology applied would be highly subjective, whereby the pricing of any transactions with unitholders in the interim period (until valid pricing information is available again) would also become highly subjective. Finally, and considering the uncertainty of when and if Russian markets will once again become accessible to foreign investors, they have decided that the value of Russian equities held within the Fund is £Nil (2023: \$Nil).

There were no transfers between levels during the year (2023: £Nil).

13 Reconciliation of Reported Net Asset Value to Net Asset Value per Accounts

	2024 US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Reported Net Asset Value*	106,348	137,258
Adjustment to restate mid-market prices to bid prices	(22)	(68)
Net Assets attributable to unitholders per Financial Statements	106,326	137,190

<sup>\*</sup> This represents the year end Net Asset Value for valuation purposes before deducting distributions.

The adjustment to restate mid-market prices to bid prices is an accounting adjustment only and does not apply for valuation purposes.

There were 2,417,572 (30 September 2023: 3,821,717) A units and 80,796 (30 September 2023: 219,388) B units in issue at 30 September 2024.

## 14 Portfolio transaction costs

	US\$000's	2024 US\$000's	US\$000's	2023 US\$000's
Analysis of total purchase costs:				
Purchases in year before transaction costs		73,190		88,604
Commissions	45		59	
Other costs	37		52	
Total purchase costs		82		111
Gross purchase total		73,272		88,715
Analysis of total sales costs:				
Gross sales in year before transaction costs		133,083		144,575
Commissions	(80)		(79)	
Other costs	(151)		(142)	
Total sales costs		(231)		(221)
Total sales net of transaction costs	5	132,852		144,354

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the Balance Sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.13% (2023: 0.34%), based on close of business prices.

This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

## 15 Units in issue reconciliation

	Number of units in issue as at 30.09.23	Number of units issued	Number of units redeemed	Number of units in issue as at 30.09.24
A Units	3,821,717	184,468	(1,588,613)	2,417,572
B Units	219,388	335	(138,927)	80,796

#### 16 Subsequent events

On 7 October 2024, the Directors of the Manager declared a distribution of US\$0.3767 per A units amounting to US\$910,699 payable to Unitholders.

The distribution was paid on 15 November 2024.

There were no material events subsequent to year end.

## **Distribution Table**

#### Final distribution for the year ended 30 September 2024

**Group 1** Units purchased prior to 1 October 2023

Group 2 Units purchased on or after 1 October 2023

	Net revenue 2024 per unit US\$	Equalisation 2024 US\$	Distribution 30.09.24 US\$	Distribution 30.09.23 US\$
A Units				
Group 1	0.3767	-	0.3767	0.4404
Group 2	-	0.3767	0.3767	0.4404
<b>B</b> Units				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.0545
Group 2	_	-	-	0.0545

### **Equalisation**

Equalisation applies to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of Group 2 units and is refunded to the holders of these units as a return of capital.

Being capital, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

### **General Information**

#### Manager

Schroder Investment Management (Guernsey) Limited, PO Box 255, Trafalgar Court, Les Banques, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY1 3QL.

#### **Administrator and Registrar**

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#### **Depository and Trustee**

Northern Trust (Guernsey) Limited PO Box 71, Trafalgar Court, Les Banques, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands, GY1 3DA.

#### **Alternative Investment Fund Manager**

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited 1 London Wall Place, London, EC2Y 5AU, United Kingdom

#### **Investment Adviser**

Schroder Investment Management Limited 1 London Wall Place, London, EC2Y 5AU, United Kingdom

#### **Independent Auditor**

KPMG Channel Islands Limited Glategny Court, Glategny Esplanade, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 1WR.

#### **Custodian and Banker**

JPMorgan Bank (Ireland) plc JPMorgan House, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland.

## **General Information (continued)**

Schroder Institutional Developing Markets Fund is an open-ended Unit Trust constituted under the laws of Guernsey by deed on 17 January 2001.

The Fund has been authorised by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020 as a Class B Scheme as defined in the Authorised Collective Investment Schemes (Class B) Rules and Guidance, 2021.

The accounting date of the Fund is 30 September in each year. The units of the Fund are listed on The International Stock Exchange (TISE') and were delisted from the Irish Stock exchange on 15 July 2016. Effective from 15 July 2016, the Fund changed from Secondary listing to Primary listing on the TISE. Prices of the units in the Fund are published in the Financial Times in the "FT Managed Funds Service" section under the heading, "Schroder Inv Mgmt (Guernsey) Ltd (Regulated)".

It is the intention of the Manager to conduct the affairs of the Fund so as to ensure that it will not become resident in the United Kingdom. Accordingly, and provided that the Fund does not carry on a trade in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency situated therein, the Fund will not be subject to United Kingdom Corporation Tax or Income Tax.

Under The Offshore Funds (Tax) Regulations, the Fund has received approval from the HMRC as a reporting fund with effect from 01 October 2010. For the accounting year ended 30 September 2011 and future years, details of the reportable income that a UK investor should declare as taxable income have been published in the Schroders website (https://www.schroders.com/en-gb/uk/institutional/funds-and-strategies/guernsey-fund-income-tables/) within six months of the end of each accounting year.

#### **Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD)**

The AIFMD, as implemented in the UK by the Alternative Investment Fund Managers (AIFMs) Regulations 2013, establishes an EU wide harmonised framework for monitoring and supervising risks posed by AIFMs and the alternative investment funds (AIFs) they manage.

The Fund is an AIF and Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ("SUTL") was authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority to act as an AIFM on 2 July 2014.

The AIFMD requires certain information to be disclosed to unitholders. It is intended that any such information will in future be provided in the report and accounts, unless such information is required to be disclosed without delay, in which case it will be made via the Schroders website at: www.schroders.com/en/uk/private-investor/fund-centre/changes-to-funds/

## AIFMD remuneration disclosures for Schroder Unit Trusts Limited ('SUTL') for the year to 31 December 2023

These disclosures form part of the non-audited section of this annual report and accounts and should be read in conjunction with the Schroders plc Remuneration Report on pages 74 to 93 of the 2023 Annual Report & Accounts (available on the Group's website – www.schroders.com/ir) which provides more information on the activities of our Remuneration Committee and our remuneration principles and policies.

The AIF Material Risk Takers ('AIF MRTs') of SUTL are individuals whose roles within the Schroders Group can materially affect the risk of SUTL or any AIF fund that it manages. These roles are identified in line with the requirements of the AIFM Directive and guidance issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

The Remuneration Committee of Schroders plc has established a remuneration policy to ensure the requirements of the AIFM Directive are met for all AIF MRTs. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Schroders plc review remuneration strategy at least annually. The directors of SUTL are responsible for the adoption of the remuneration policy and periodically reviewing its implementation in relation to SUTL. During 2023 the Remuneration Policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with the UCITS/AIFMD remuneration requirements and no significant changes were made.

The implementation of the remuneration policy is, at least annually, subject to independent internal review for compliance with the policies and procedures for remuneration adopted by the Board of SUTL and the Remuneration Committee. The most recent review found no fundamental issues but resulted in minor recommendations relating to policy documentation.

## **General Information (continued)**

The ratio of total costs to net income through the market cycle guides the total spend on remuneration each year. This is recommended by the Remuneration Committee to the Board of Schroders plc. This approach aligns remuneration with Schroders financial performance. In determining the remuneration spend each year, the underlying strength and sustainability of the business is taken into account, along with reports on risk, legal, compliance and internal audit matters from the heads of those areas.

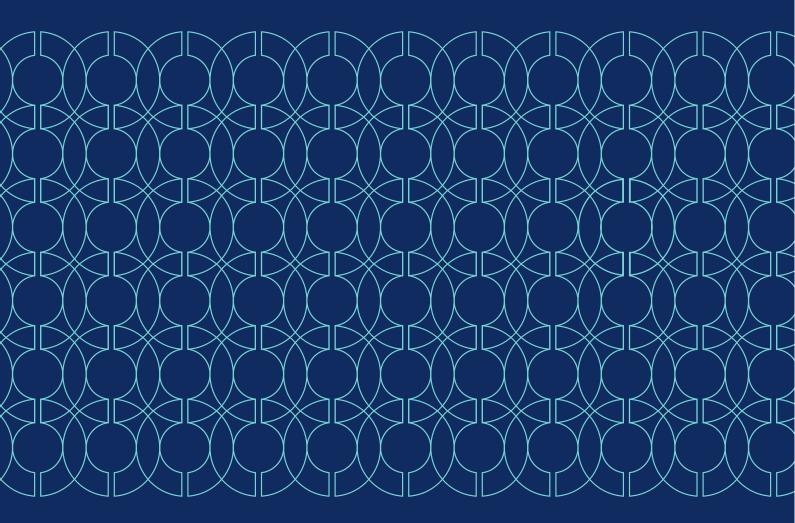
The remuneration data that follows reflects amounts paid in respect of performance during 2024.

- The total amount of remuneration paid by SUTL to its staff was nil as SUTL has no employees. SUTL has two independent Non Executive Directors who receive fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL<sup>1</sup>. Employees of other Schroders Group entities who serve as Directors of SUTL receive no additional fees in respect of their role on the Board of SUTL.
- The following disclosures relate to AIF MRTs of SUTL. Most of those AIF MRTs were employed by and provided services to other Schroders group companies and clients. In the interests of transparency, the aggregate remuneration figures that follow reflect the full remuneration for each SUTL AIF MRT. The aggregate total remuneration paid to the 153 AIF MRTs of SUTL in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 is £80.53 million, of which £43.98 million was paid to senior management, £34.12 million was paid to MRTs deemed to be taking risk on behalf of SUTL or the AIF funds that it manages and £2.43 million was paid to Control Function MRTs.

For additional qualitative information on remuneration policies and practices see www.schroders.com/rem-disclosures.

<sup>1</sup>The fee is not disclosed due to confidentiality and data protection considerations. The amount is not material to SUTL.







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