

# **HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.**

## **Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024**

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# **HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.**

## **Directors, officers and other information**

**For the period ended 30 September 2024**

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## **Directors, officers and other information (continued)**

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## Manager's Report

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### Investment Manager's Report

The Investment Manager's Report provides an overview of the domestic and international markets, as well as the underlying economic and political developments that affected market dynamics during the period from 31 March 2024 till 30 September 2024. It provides a commentary on each Fund, outlining the key performance drivers, investment activity, and strategy, as well as the medium to long-term outlook.

### Domestic Economic and Market Review

The period under review has been characterised by the continuation of the disinflationary trend across Europe, with this also being reflected across the Maltese economy, as the balance of risks shifts towards re-stimulating economic activity throughout the Eurozone. In Malta, inflation has moderated to 2.1% as at September 2024 according to the National Statistics Office Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), down from the 2.7% registered at the beginning of the period under review, March 2024.

This has been achieved in major part thanks to the tightening of monetary policy over the past year by the European Central Bank (ECB), which has now pivoted to the beginning of an interest rate cutting cycle as inflation approaches the central bank's target. In contrast to larger European states, Malta doesn't necessarily need more accommodative monetary policy in support of economic growth, in fact, over the past couple of years, the Maltese economy boasted one of the fastest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rates across the union, growing by 6.7% in 2023, in volume terms. This positive momentum has also continued into 2024, with Malta's GDP recording a year-over-year real growth rate of 4.4% as at the end of the second quarter.

This has made the local economy a relative bright spot against the stagnation observed across the broader region, with domestic consumption and household financial strength holding up at very healthy levels. Unemployment, or the relatively low level thereof, has also been a satisfactory data point for Malta, with this clocking in at 3.0% as at August 2024 and making it one of the lowest across the Eurozone. Primarily being driven by a somewhat tight local labour market, this has had real effects in bolstering consumer confidence and supporting discretionary spending. Government aid in the form of continued energy subsidies has also been a material positive contributor to household financial strength.

Government spending has also been a key contributor to the country economic progression over the past couple of years, with a supportive fiscal stance further accelerating investment and economic activity across the country. The Maltese government's fiscal deficit slimmed down to just €59 million over the first quarter of 2024, decreasing by €539mn over the deficit recorded for the last quarter of 2023. Relative indebtedness also moderated to 50.4% of Gross Domestic Product as at the first quarter of 2024 with this being levels below the Eurozone's average of around 88%, as at the end of 2023. The Maltese Treasury turned to local capital markets to raise financing over the period under review once, in August of 2024, for a total of €388 million.

Tourism, one of the country's economic pillars, has been another strong contributor in 2024 with a continuation of the upward trend observed over the previous year. As per the Malta International Airport's latest figures, as at September 2024, year to date passenger movements reached 6.9 million, recording a year over year increase of 15.5%. This sets the scene for the successful completion of another record-breaking year for Maltese tourism, which is quickly gaining popularity as an unmissable destination across various European markets.

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On the back of such positive economic performance and future growth prospects, international credit rating agencies have reaffirmed their strong ratings with regards to Malta's credit quality profile. In May 2024, Moody's affirmed its A2 rating for Maltese debt with a stable outlook, this was then followed by another affirmation from Standard & Poor's at A- with a stable outlook. Finally, and most recently, Fitch also affirmed its A+ rating with a stable outlook for the country's sovereign debt in September of 2024.

The economic model enacted over the past 15 years has unarguably borne positive results from a macro perspective, with Malta's economy growing very strongly, while, in more recent times, managing to weather the storm of uncertainty brought about by the pandemic in 2019, and later, a bout of heightened inflationary pressures and the subsequent tightening of monetary policy over the past couple of years. Nevertheless, the country's economic journey feels like its approaching a crossroads against a backdrop of capacity constraints and population density, with this calling the need for a thorough strategic review with regards to the longer-term economic direction of the island.

In the short term, a continuation of the positive growth momentum is broadly expected by economists, in fact, the Central Bank of Malta (CBM) expects GDP to grow by 3.5% in 2024 and 3.4% in 2025, with an expected moderation in both employment growth and fiscal stimulus.

#### *Malta Stock Exchange Listed Equities Performance*

MSE-Listed Equities	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Price (%)
Maltex Total Return Index	€8,178.66	€8,411.45	2.85%
APS Bank plc	€0.54	€0.56	3.21%
AX Real Estate plc	€0.50	€0.45	-10.20%
Bank of Valletta Plc	€1.44	€1.67	16.45%
BMIT Technologies	€0.39	€0.34	-11.11%
FIMBank Plc	€0.18	€0.16	-11.67%
GO Plc	€3.04	€2.78	-8.57%
Grand Harbour Marina Plc	€0.47	€0.87	86.59%
Harvest Technology Plc	€1.10	€0.95	-13.19%
Hili Properties plc	€0.18	€0.23	22.66%
HSBC Bank Malta Plc	€1.36	€1.48	9.08%
International Hotels Inv. Plc	€0.45	€0.42	-6.91%
LifeStar Holding plc	€0.85	€0.99	16.49%
LifeStar Insurance plc	€0.21	€0.41	100.19%
Lombard Bank plc	€0.84	€0.85	0.95%
Loqus Plc	€0.20	€0.19	-4.57%
M&Z Plc	€0.60	€0.59	-0.83%

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MSE-Listed Equities	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Price (%)
Mainstreet Complex plc	€0.35	€0.33	-6.57%
Malita Investments Plc	€0.49	€0.52	6.54%
Malta International Airport	€5.72	€6.00	4.84%
Malta Properties Company Plc	€0.30	€0.34	13.79%
MaltaPost Plc	€0.45	€0.48	6.68%
Mapfre Middlesea Ins plc	€1.39	€1.32	-4.74%
Medserv Plc	€0.62	€0.38	-39.34%
MIDI Plc	€0.24	€0.25	3.32%
PG Plc	€2.00	€1.90	-5.00%
Plaza Centres Plc	€0.59	€0.63	6.80%
RS2 Software Plc	€1.02	€0.50	-50.96%
RS2 Software plc Pref	€1.05	€0.61	-42.61%
Santumas Shareholdings Plc	€1.35	€1.24	-8.15%
Simonds Farsons Cisk Plc	€6.65	€6.75	1.47%
VBL Plc	€0.18	€0.20	0.00%
The Convenience Shop Holding plc	€0.90	€1.00	10.88%
Tigne Mall Plc	€0.82	€1.00	21.92%
Trident Estates Plc	€1.16	€1.12	-3.53%
Source: Third Party Independent Valuation			

The Maltex Total Return Index closed the period under review with a positive return of 2.85%, however performance amongst constituents was broadly diverse. Financials, which also have a material weighting in the broader index, registered strong gains as the tailwind of a higher interest rate environment greatly bolstered these companies' bottom lines. Specifically, BOV gained 16.45% while HSBC gained 9.08%. MIA registered a moderate positive repricing of 4.84% over the 6 months under review, with financial performance also benefitting from the higher level of tourism. Tigne Mall rallied by 21.92% over the past 6 months as news broke out of a voluntary purchase offer being made to existing shareholders of €1.04 per share in a bid to take the company private. Some of the laggards on the other hand were RS2 Software, which lost 50.96% over the period under review followed by Harvest which fell by 13.19%. In the telecommunication sector, GO and BMIT also registered losses of -8.57% and -11.11% respectively.

The performance of the local fixed-income market during the period under review has been positive, with the Malta Stock Exchange Corporate Bond Total Return Index gaining 3.48%. Maltese corporate debt has however underperformed versus European peers, with spreads locally remaining relatively wider. Local corporates have also underperformed sovereigns with the Malta Stock Exchange Government Stocks Index gaining 3.70% over the past six months as spreads on Maltese debt tightened versus the German Bund. The Maltese curve also steepened, reflecting the moves observed across European fixed income markets, with yields on the shorter end of the curve falling faster than those on the longer end. During the period under review, five new issuers tapped the bond market namely; Best Deal Holdings plc. (€15mn), Burmarrad Group Assets plc. (€16mn), Hili Finance plc. (€80mn), Hal Mann Vella plc. (€23mn) and Mercury Projects plc. (€20mn).

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Selected MSE-Listed Corporate Bonds			
Security	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Yield (bps)
HILIPROP 4.5% 2025	4.48%	4.48%	0
IHI 5.75% 2025	4.80%	5.65%	85
MDSMV 4.5% 2026	5.71%	4.53%	-118
PRMCPT 3.75% 2026	4.32%	4.00%	-31
HILI 3.80% 2029	4.64%	4.31%	-33
BOV 3.5% 2030	4.47%	4.52%	5
GO 3.5% 2031	3.99%	4.00%	1
AX 3.50% 2032	4.11%	4.48%	37

Source: Bloomberg L.P.

Generic Yields On Selected MGS Tenors			
Tenor	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Yield (bps)
2 years	3.08%	2.49%	-59
5 years	3.15%	2.71%	-44
10 years	3.38%	3.18%	-20
15 years	3.65%	3.46%	-19
20 years	3.81%	3.65%	-16
25 years	3.93%	3.82%	-11

Source: Bloomberg L.P.



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### International Economic and Market Review

Over the six-month period under review ending 30 September 2024, international equity markets on a global level recorded a strong positive performance and continued rising higher, with the FTSE All World index gaining 6.66% in EUR terms over the past six months.

US equity markets were once again amongst the leaders of such move, as bullish sentiment carried the S&P 500 index higher by 6.94% in EUR terms against a resilient economic backdrop and strong corporate financial performance. Market sentiment and equity valuations were further bolstered over the period under review by the long-awaited pivot to the easing of monetary policy by the Federal Reserve (FED), which cut its benchmark interest rate by 50 bps to 5.0% on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. This was done as the balance of risks shifted towards preserving labour market strength and economic growth as inflation approaches the FED's 2% target. In fact, US headline inflation has moderated from 3.5% as at March of 2024 to 2.4% as at September of 2024, with the FED deeming the pace of the disinflationary trend satisfactory enough to justify a shift towards getting the central bank's rate to a more neutral level over time.

It has however been a relatively volatile period, with a bout of seasonal weakness over the start of the third quarter of the calendar year, causing a period of polarized market pricing across asset classes. In reaction, yields on sovereign US debt repriced temporarily lower reflecting subdued inflationary and economic growth expectations along with a heightened need for an accelerated cutting cycle. The FED has also revised lower its expectations for the USD's benchmark rate over the next couple of years, fully reiterating its intent of preserving economic strength. With the probability of a US recession being revised lower over the end of September 2024, and a fiscal policy stance which promises to remain supportive, equities continued to march higher into the start of the third quarter's earnings season, as this bull market's upward momentum acts with immunity towards a higher repricing in US yields, heightened geopolitical tensions and valuations which are approaching multi-year highs.

The old continent recorded positive performance for equities, with the EuroStoxx 600 returning 4.29% in EUR terms over the period under review, however, was a relative underperformer as a much gloomier economic outlook and heightened political uncertainty weighed on investors' sentiment.

The European Central Bank (ECB) initiated its cutting cycle ahead of the FED, with the Eurozone's economy undoubtedly needing a more accommodative monetary policy in a relatively more urgent manner. The ECB's deposit facility rate was lowered twice over the period under review, both by 25bps, from 4.0% to 3.5% as at the end of September 2024. A relatively stagnant economic backdrop, especially in Germany, which is set to record its second year of negative GDP growth, helped exacerbate the disinflation observed over the past 6 months, which took headline inflation in Europe to 1.7% as at September of 2024. Consumer confidence and Purchasing Managers Indexes (PMIs) across the continent, which are leading indicators of economic activity, are also relatively weak. In this context, earnings expectations for some of the largest companies across Europe have been revised lower, with this causing a deterioration in the risk/reward profile for equity markets across the region and dampening investor sentiment.

There was however a material positive development coming from China, which is one of the largest trading partners to Europe, especially France and Germany, in the form of the announced stimulus package aimed at reigniting economic growth in the world's second largest economy as it chases the 5% GDP growth target for 2024. The People's Bank of China (PBoC) announced a vast set of measures on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September, including interest rate cuts, decreases to banks' reserve requirements, a decrease in the amount of deposit needed for home buyers, along with an array of tools being made available to bolster demand in the country's capital markets. Economists' reactions have been diverse, while it is undeniable that this is one of the strongest stimulus packages announced in recent years, some argue that an equally strong support package is needed from a fiscal perspective along with structural reforms for an improvement in the longer-term country's economic outlook.

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While economists' opinions were split, the market's reaction was decisively positive, with the HangSeng index rallying strongly on the news over the last couple of weeks of September and into October. This was the primary driver behind the rally observed in Asian and emerging market equities, with these rallying 15.16% and 11.03% in EUR terms over the period under review, represented by the MSCI Asia Ex. Japan Index and the MSCI Emerging Market Index respectively, making them the best performing markets over the past six months. Within emerging markets, Brazilian equities also performed positively, bolstered by attractive valuations and supportive fundamental tailwinds.

Closer to home, the United Kingdom's equity market registered a return of positive increase of 8.55% in EUR terms as per the FTSE100 index, outperforming both US and European counterparts. The relatively defensive and value-oriented nature of this market drew investor's attention and sympathy in the context of a continued rally in other developed markets, which drove valuations into relatively expensive territory, prompting a rotation and increased demand for UK equities.

Equity Indices	Total Return (%)
FTSE All World Index (EUR)	6.66%
S&P 500 Index (EUR)	6.94%
FTSE 100 Index (EUR)	8.55%
STOXX Europe 600 Index (EUR)	4.29%
Japan Nikkei 225 Average (EUR)	-2.56%
MSCI AC Asia Ex. Japan Index (EUR)	15.16%
MSCI Emerging Market Index (EUR)	11.03%

Source: Bloomberg L.P.

\*Covering the period from 31st March 2024 to 30th September 2024

During the six-month period under review, fixed income market performance was broadly positive, although divergences could be observed across different geographies. In the US, the 10-year sovereign bond yield repriced lower by 42 bps as a softening in economic data over the start of Q3 prompted a rally across longer dated US sovereign debt. The move was partially mirrored across European fixed income markets, although to a lesser extent, with the 10-year German Bund repricing lower by 18 bps over the period under review. In reaction, spreads on corporate debt widened slightly, as economic growth expectations and corporate financial performance across these two geographies was revised marginally lower, prompting a brief risk-off period. In the UK, sovereign debt performed slightly negatively over the past six months, with the 10-year Gilt repricing higher by 7 bps. A material development shared across these three geographies has been the dis-inversion of their respective yield curves, with yields on the shorter end repricing lower by a larger magnitude relative to those on the longer end as monetary policy was eased by some of the world's major central banks.

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Developed Market 10-Year Bond Yields			
Country	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Yield (bps)
US	4.20%	3.78%	-42
UK	3.93%	4.00%	7
Germany	2.30%	2.12%	-18
Italy	3.68%	3.45%	-23
Spain	3.16%	2.93%	-23
Japan	0.73%	0.86%	13

Source: Bloomberg L.P.

As can be seen from the table below, Maltese sovereign debt performed very positively over the period under review, outperforming local corporate debt as spreads tightened across curve versus the German Bund. From an absolute perspective, yields have repriced materially lower, with a steepening effect playing out as shorter-term yields repriced lower by a larger magnitude than longer term yields, reflecting the moves observed across international EUR fixed income markets.

Generic Yields On Selected MGS Tenors			
Tenor	31-Mar-24	30-Sep-24	Change in Yield (bps)
2 years	3.08%	2.49%	-59
5 years	3.15%	2.71%	-44
10 years	3.38%	3.18%	-20
15 years	3.65%	3.46%	-19
20 years	3.81%	3.65%	-16
25 years	3.93%	3.82%	-11

Source: Bloomberg L.P.

Having outlined the market and economic developments that materialised during the reporting period, the rest of this report highlights the performance, activity, strategy, and outlook for each of the Funds. The commentary for each Fund is presented under a separate heading.

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### Malta Government Bond Fund

#### Fund Performance

During the period under review, the unit price of the Accumulator shares in the Malta Government Bond Fund increased by 2.76% from €449.22 as at 31 March 2024<sup>1</sup> to €461.63 as at 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>. **Error! Bookmark not defined..**

During the period under review, the Fund paid the following dividends to the holders of the Income shares –

- €1.462 per share declared on 30 June 2024
- €1.490 per share declared on 30 September 2024

The lower repricing in yields along with a period of negative economic surprises prompted a rally in fixed income markets with the Malta Government Bond fund performing positively against such backdrop. Maltese government debt also experienced tightening spreads over the period under review, with these being supportive of the strong positive performance recorded by this fund.

The Fund Manager had been continually adding to the duration positioning of the fund over the six-month period under review with this position being subsequently unwound at an attractive time to do so. Over the past months, and considering the lower repricing in yields, the Fund Manager has been continually liquidating exposure to longer dated bonds to rotate into intermediate term bonds, as the easing of monetary policy across developed markets prompts a steepening of the yield curve and the return of term premium. Going forward, the Fund Manager will continue to actively assess the broader macro-economic backdrop in the context of current market prices to take advantage of any opportunities as they arise.

### Malta Bond Fund

#### Fund Performance

During the period under review, the unit price of the Accumulator shares in the Malta Bond Fund increased 2.81% from €657.35 as at 31 March 2024<sup>1</sup> to €675.85 as at 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>.

During the period under review, the Fund paid the following dividends to the holders of the Income shares –

- €2.491 per share declared on 30 June 2024
- €2.766 per share declared on 30 September 2024

During the 6-months ending 30 September 2024, the Fund outperformed international bond markets, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate index in EUR, due to its exposure to Maltese sovereign and corporate debt.

During the period under review, the Fund Manager has been continually reinvesting cash in local corporate debt on issues which the manager deems to be attractive risk/reward profiles and continues to optimize the portfolio from a security selection perspective. The manager has also reduced exposure to the long end of the curve, especially on the international front as the EUR curve steepens. Going forward, the manager will actively adjust sector weightings while also managing credit exposures, term buckets, duration, and reinvestment risks, attempting to generate positive returns through capital appreciation and interest income.

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<sup>1</sup> Prices are based on the last dealing date of the year under review.

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#### International Bond Fund

##### Fund Performance

During the period under review, the unit price of the Accumulator Shares of the International Bond Fund increased by 3.16% from €451.06 as at 31 March 2024<sup>1</sup> to €465.33 as at 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>.

During the period under review, the Fund paid the following dividends to the holders of the Income shares -

- €2.006 per share declared on 30 June 2024
- €2.217 per share declared on 30 September 2024

Over the six-month period under review, the Fund Manager continued to position the portfolio in line with his capital market and economic expectations against the broader macro-economic backdrop and outlook. The portfolio's duration has been cautiously extended over the past six months, with this position then being unwound in view of the material lower repricing in yields. The International Bond Fund also benefitted from a tightening in corporate spreads over the quarter, with this segment of the market being continually robust.

Looking forward, the fund will continue to reposition the portfolio in accordance with the fund's objectives and restrictions as specified in the prospectus, while also closely monitoring the evolution of inflation and economic growth expectations. Over the longer-term, focus will remain on careful selection and monitoring of a globally diversified portfolio of credit exposures (sovereign and corporate) to achieve capital appreciation through a mix of interest income and capital gains.

#### Maltese Assets Fund

##### Fund Performance

During the period under review, the unit price of the Accumulator shares in the Maltese Assets Fund registered a gain of 3.03% from €593.00 as of 31 March 2024<sup>1</sup> to €610.95 as of 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>.

During the period under review, the Fund paid the following dividends to the holders of the Income shares –

- €3.685 per share declared on 30 June 2024
- €2.837 per share declared on 30 September 2024

The multi-asset nature of the Maltese Asset Fund with predominant exposure to local equities and fixed income allowed the portfolio to record a strong positive performance over the period under review while exhibiting much lower volatility in comparison to international markets. Over the past six months, the Fund Manager has been continually optimizing the portfolio from both an asset allocation and security selection perspective, in line with the stated strategy and restrictions of this fund.

Looking forward, the Fund Manager will continually seek to invest in the most attractive risk/reward profiles locally, with local equities still trading at attractive valuations. On the fixed income side, the Fund Manager maintains a preference towards local corporate debt in view of the attractive valuations of such, against a backdrop of Maltese economic strength and positive corporate financial performance. Finally, on the international side, the Fund Manager will continually assess inflationary and economic growth expectations to adjust the duration positioning of the fixed income allocation of the portfolio. All of this being done in an attempt to generate positive returns from a mix of capital appreciation and income.

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#### Equity Growth Fund

##### Fund Performance

During the period under review, the unit price of the Accumulator shares in the Equity Growth Fund increased by 4.73% from €396.11 as of 31 March 2024<sup>1</sup> to €414.84 as of 30 September 2024<sup>1</sup>.

Despite the challenging uncertain macro-economic landscape and relatively heightened volatility over the period under review, the fund registered gains against a backdrop of a continued rally across global equity markets. The resilience shown by developed market economies, especially the US, in spite of tight monetary policy, has continued to bolster investors' sentiment towards equity markets, with this effect now gaining further steam as interest rates are cut in support of economic growth. Valuations are now easily considerable expensive, although the market's positive momentum seems difficult to derail against an economic outlook that has been improving over the past months, as such the Fund Manager maintains a cautiously optimistic approach while actively monitoring macro-economic developments and re-assessing capital market expectations against the context of the current market.

In this context, the manager continues to prefer a slightly defensive equity allocation given the extended valuations of equities in developed markets. In this regard, the manager is also positive on specific emerging markets which offer relatively attractive valuations and enjoy improving underlying economic conditions.

In view of this, the manager will continue to be selective in terms of which regions within international markets to invest and in security selection which will continue to favour quality names at more attractive valuations which represent better risk/reward profiles. At the same time, closely following macro-economic developments for a potential rotation into the sectors and names that will stand to benefit the most from the subsequent recovery and easing of monetary policy.

##### Compliance with Directive (EU) 2017/828

Directive (EU) 2017/828 amending Directive 2007/36/EC has been issued with the objective of encouraging long term shareholder engagement.

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## Comparative table

	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund*		Equity Growth Fund**	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	EUR	EUR	GBP	EUR	EUR	EUR
Net Asset Value as at:						
30 September 2024	138,471,748	66,401,788	-	49,223,539	58,207,982	57,292,046
31 March 2024	125,862,678	55,471,112	-	42,913,533	57,296,748	54,486,032
31 March 2023	119,442,072	49,874,172	-	32,700,462	61,366,077	49,423,378
31 March 2022	141,301,392	53,804,757	-	28,925,806	84,839,951	47,282,063
Net Asset Value per unit (using mid-market prices) as at: (Accumulator Class / Income Class)						
30 September 2024	675.85 / 395.04	465.33 / 278.77	387.46 / 231.79	414.84	461.63 / 295.35	610.95 / 463.29
31 March 2024	657.60 / 389.55	451.18 / 274.44	386.02 / 234.47	396.10	449.29 / 290.37	592.97 / 456.07
31 March 2023	631.20 / 383.80	423.17 / 263.68	372.11 / 231.54	349.38	437.01 / 287.76	551.02 / 432.64
31 March 2022	656.41 / 407.80	437.56 / 276.08	370.04 / 233.13	370.73	480.90 / 321.14	567.52 / 448.45
	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units
Number of units in circulation:						
30 September 2024	211,882	144,747	-	118,658	132,318	93,898
31 March 2024	197,767	124,510	-	108,342	133,756	91,976
31 March 2023	195,763	119,479	-	93,595	147,118	89,803
31 March 2022	222,451	124,771	-	78,024	183,723	83,428

As at the financial reporting date, the accumulator factor on the Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund, Malta Government Bond Fund and Maltese Assets Fund stood at 1.710839 (31 March 2024: 1.688102), 1.669226 (31 March 2024: 1.644002), 1.562993 (31 March 2024: 1.547302) and 1.318720 (31 March 2024: 1.300173) respectively.

\* In accordance with the Prospectus, where a Fund has one or more Currencies of Expression apart from the Base Currency, the Net Asset Value per unit for that Fund shall, after the calculation thereof be made in the Base Currency, and also converted into and expressed in the applicable Currency of Expression at the appropriate commercial rates of exchange applicable on the relevant Dealing Day. In view of this, the highest and lowest quoted prices for the sterling variant are stated having regard to exchange movements.

\*\* The Equity Growth Fund has an accumulator class of shares only (Class A and Class B).

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Comparative table (continued)

	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund		Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
ACCUMULATOR SHARES	EUR	EUR	GBP	EUR	EUR	EUR
Price movement from 1 April 2024 (first Dealing Day of period) to 30 September 2024 (last Dealing Day of period):						
<u>Malta Bond Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 30 September 2024)	675.85	-	-	-	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 3 April 2024)	656.02	-	-	-	-	-
<u>International Bond Fund</u>						
Highest quoted price in:						
- GBP (on 14 August 2024)	-	-	396.76	-	-	-
- EUR (on 11 September 2024)	-	465.42	-	-	-	-
Lowest quoted price in:						
- GBP (on 10 June 2024)	-	-	381.25	-	-	-
- EUR (on 25 April 2024)	-	447.56	-	-	-	-
<u>Equity Growth Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 27 September 2024)	-	-	-	415.29	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 19 April 2024)	-	-	-	389.00	-	-
<u>Malta Government Bond Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 27 September 2024)	-	-	-	-	462.04	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 11 June 2024)	-	-	-	-	444.13	-
<u>Maltese Assets Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 20 August 2024)	-	-	-	-	-	614.38
- Lowest quoted price (on 2 April 2024)	-	-	-	-	-	589.35



# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Comparative table (continued)

INCOME SHARES	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund		Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	EUR	EUR	GBP	EUR	EUR
Price movement from 1 April 2024 (first Dealing Day of period) to 30 September 2024 (last Dealing Day of period):					
<u>Malta Bond Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 26 September 2024)	397.66	-	-	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 3 April 2024)	388.61	-	-	-	-
<u>International Bond Fund</u>					
Highest quoted price in:					
- GBP (on 14 August 2024)	-	-	239.25	-	-
- EUR (on 11 September 2024)	-	281.05	-	-	-
Lowest quoted price in:					
- GBP (on 12 July 2024)	-	-	231.40	-	-
- EUR (on 25 April 2024)	-	272.23	-	-	-
<u>Malta Government Bond Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 27 September 2024)	-	-	-	297.10	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 2 July 2024)	-	-	-	285.75	-
<u>Maltese Assets Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 20 August 2024)	-	-	-	-	468.75
- Lowest quoted price (on 19 July 2024)	-	-	-	-	452.87

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Comparative table (continued)

	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund		Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
ACCUMULATOR SHARES	EUR	EUR	GBP	EUR	EUR	EUR
Price movement from 1 April 2023 (first Dealing Day of period) to 29 September 2023 <sup>2</sup> (last Dealing Day of period):						
<u>Malta Bond Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 24 August 2023)	637.56	-	-	-	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 20 April 2023)	629.98	-	-	-	-	-
<u>International Bond Fund</u>						
Highest quoted price in:						
- GBP (on 25 April 2023)	-	-	374.83	-	-	-
- EUR (on 14 September 2023)	-	430.27	-	-	-	-
Lowest quoted price in:						
- GBP (on 11 July 2023)	-	-	361.24	-	-	-
- EUR (on 13 April 2023)	-	422.08	-	-	-	-
<u>Equity Growth Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 31 July 2023)	-	-	-	372.20	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 04 May 2023)	-	-	-	346.85	-	-
<u>Malta Government Bond Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 06 April 2023)	-	-	-	-	437.17	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 28 September 2023)	-	-	-	-	428.52	-
<u>Maltese Assets Fund</u>						
- Highest quoted price (on 08 August 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	590.71
- Lowest quoted price (on 03 April 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	549.14

<sup>2</sup> 30 September is not a dealing date

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## Comparative table (continued)

INCOME SHARES	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund		Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	EUR	EUR	GBP	EUR	EUR
Price movement from 1 April 2023 (first Dealing Day of period) to 29 September 2023 (last Dealing Day of period):					
<u>Malta Bond Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 16 May 2023)	385.38	-	-	-	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 04 July 2023)	381.06	-	-	-	-
<u>International Bond Fund</u>					
Highest quoted price in:					
- GBP (on 25 April 2023)	-	-	233.23	-	-
- EUR (on 14 September 2023)	-	267.04	-	-	-
Lowest quoted price in:					
- GBP (on 11 July 2023)	-	-	223.88	-	-
- EUR (on 11 July 2023)	-	262.89	-	-	-
<u>Malta Government Bond Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 06 April 2023)	-	-	-	287.87	-
- Lowest quoted price (on 29 September 2023)	-	-	-	279.91	-
<u>Maltese Assets Fund</u>					
- Highest quoted price (on 08 August 2023)	-	-	-	-	460.77
- Lowest quoted price (on 03 April 2023)	-	-	-	-	431.17

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Report of the Directors

### For the period ended 30 September 2024

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The Directors present their interim report and the financial statements of HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c. ('the Company') for the six-month period ending 30 September 2024.

#### Principal activities

The Company is an open-ended collective investment scheme organised as a multi-fund public limited liability company with variable share capital registered under the Laws of Malta and licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) in terms of the Investment Services Act (Chapter 370, Laws of Malta). The Company qualifies as a 'Maltese UCITS' in terms of the Investment Services Act (Marketing of UCITS) Regulations (S.L. 370.18, Laws of Malta). As such, the Company aims to provide investors with a choice of Sub-Funds having diverse investment objectives and investing in a range of assets. The objectives of each Sub-Fund are further described in the Manager's Report.

#### Business review and future developments

The disinflationary trend witnessed across developed market economies that had its start in mid/late 2022 persisted, and somewhat stabilised, throughout the past six months under review. This, along with the geopolitical uncertainty dominating the entire world, was arguably the capital markets' major focus as inflation remains the primary driver of worldwide central banks' interest rate trajectory. In fact, the annual inflation rate in the United States of America (USA) moderated from 3.5% in March of 2024 to 2.4% in September of 2024, whilst in the Eurozone, this moderated from 2.4% to 1.7% during the same period. This led both central banks across the Atlantic to pivot towards an easing in their monetary policy in their endeavours to support the labour market and economic growth.

The European Central Bank ("the ECB") eased its monetary policy before the Federal Reserve ("the Fed"), cutting its Refinancing Rate twice, both by 25 bps, during this period under review, effectively reducing its interest rates from 4.0% to 3.5%. The Federal Reserve initiated its widely anticipated series of rate cuts by cutting the Fed Funds by 50 bps to 5.0% on the 18th September 2024.

However, whilst monetary policy and economic momentum in the USA and the Eurozone have been aligned in recent years, the economic outlook for these regions is now diverging. Economic growth projections in Europe have been revised lower, especially as Germany and other major countries face structural challenges, such as demographic headwinds, technological gaps, and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. Additionally, the urgent need for fiscal discipline amongst the European Union's member states further weakens the broader macro-economic backdrop. In fact, as at the end of the period under review, the ECB's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth expectations stood at just 1.4% for 2025, with this expected to pick up slightly to 1.6% in 2026.

On the other hand, the USA promises a continued supportive fiscal policy that is set to further support economic activity and this, along with the projected easing in monetary policy, points towards further growth acceleration across an economy which during the third quarter of the year had registered a healthy 2.8% annual growth. Hence, why many market participants continue to expect the USA's economic growth, which is further buoyed by continued technological improvements in the form of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and labour force growth through immigration, to continue to outperform the Eurozone's and other developed economies. These macro-economic developments across two of the most influential geographies on a global scale may have a profound impact on their capital markets' performance in the coming months.

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## Report of the Directors (continued)

### For the period ended 30 September 2024

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#### Business review and future developments (continued)

Looking at capital markets' performance over the period under review, we can note that equity markets delivered stable returns, with the EuroStoxx 600 Index gaining 4.29% in EUR terms, driven by strong corporate earnings, and the S&P500 Index (in the USA) gaining 6.94% in EUR terms driven by continued bullish momentum in the major technology companies.

Nonetheless, despite these overall gains, it was still a relatively volatile period for equity markets, especially in early August when the Japanese Yen strengthened significantly against all other major currencies in a very short time, sparking turmoil across financial markets as many traders unwound their carry trades (borrowing in the low-yielding Yen and deploying the proceeds in higher-yielding currencies). Overall, during the period under review, the Nikkei 225, one of the major Japanese equity indices, lost 2.56% in EUR terms. On the other hand, the Chinese equity market was the best performing major equity market during these six months with the FTSE China A50 Index rallying 15.97% in EUR terms buoyed by the aggressive stimulus package announced by the People's Bank of China (PBoC) in its endeavours to support the country's economic recovery and capital markets.

In this context, the Equity Growth Fund delivered a respectable 4.72% gain during the period under review. The resulting growth in this Sub-Fund's net assets under management was further amplified by net inflows of €4.28 million received by the said Sub-Fund during the same period under review. As a result, as at end of September 2024, this Sub-Fund's assets under management rose to €49.2 million

Fixed income markets also registered gains over the period under review, rallying over most of the third quarter of the year before softening in September, since as explained before, macro-economic data releases reaffirmed the disinflation trend both in the USA and in Europe. As a result, both the EUR and USD government yield curves shifted lower. Global Corporate Bond markets also performed positively with their yields falling simultaneously with government bond yields and their spreads (the yield differential between corporate and government bonds) remaining at relatively tight levels. The local Malta Government Stocks (MGS) also performed strongly, with their spreads against the German Bunds (the yield differential between the local MGS and the German government bonds) tightening more than their other European peers (the government bonds of countries of a similar credit rating as Malta) as the Maltese economy continued to exhibit significant growth, much more than other European countries, and increase the country's creditworthiness.

Against this backdrop, the Company's three fixed income funds, namely the International Bond Fund, the Malta Bond Fund and the Malta Government Bond Fund delivered satisfactory results, registering gains of 3.22%, 2.81% and 2.76% respectively. In terms of fund flows, the International Bond Fund and the Malta Bond Fund registered net inflows of €9.32 million and €9.17 million respectively, over the period under review, while the Malta Government Bond Fund experienced net outflows of €0.67 million.

Over the past six months, the local equity market also enjoyed positive returns with the Malta Stock Exchange Index returning 2.85%, buoyed by the banking and tourism equity sectors. As a result, the Maltese Assets Fund gained 3.03% during the same period under review. Net inflows in this Sub-Fund further bolstered its assets under management, which increased from €54.47 million as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to €57.29 million as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Overall, the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Company increased from €336,030,103 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to €369,597,103 as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, an overall increase of €33,567,000 or 9.99% from the previous fiscal year-end, six month prior.

# **HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.**

## **Report of the Directors (continued)**

### **For the period ended 30 September 2024**

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#### **Business review and future developments (continued)**

Looking forward, the stable outlook for the global economy over the next couple of quarters supported by a concerted easing of monetary policies across major developed markets leaves us cautiously optimistic on the outlook for worldwide capital markets. In fact, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects global real GDP growth to stand at 3.2% for 2024. The probability of a recession still cannot however be completely ruled out, with an array of risks surrounding the much-anticipated soft-landing scenario (the successful reigning-in of the high inflationary scenario we witnessed over the last couple of years without dragging the whole world into a recession), such as heightened geopolitical tensions, the threat of an inflationary reacceleration and tighter fiscal policy across the world. Hence, successfully navigating capital markets during such a challenging period warrants constant monitoring, and if possible, correct anticipation of serious developments, a major successful trait that HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Ltd, “the Manager” of these Sub-Funds has admirably and continuously demonstrated over these past decades.

Moreover, in the forthcoming months, the Directors, together with the Manager will continue to review the strategic objectives of the Company on a very frequent basis, particularly with regards to the Company’s endeavours to increase the marketability of the Sub-Funds in what remains, as explained, an extremely challenging market environment.

A review of the business of the Company during the current year and an indication of its likely future developments are given in the Manager’s report on pages 3 to 12.

#### **Standard licence conditions and regulatory sanctions**

During the period under review, there were no breaches of the standard licence conditions that were subject to administrative penalty or regulatory sanctions.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Company is exposed to financial risks which include market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company regularly evaluates and analyses its strategic, operative and financial risks within the framework of its risk management policy and takes actions to mitigate these risks.

The individual financial risk management objectives, policies and exposures of the Sub-Funds are further described in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

#### **Material Events after the reporting period**

The Directors confirm that there are no material events to be reported following the reporting period.

#### **Results and dividends**

The Company registered a net increase in net assets attributable to unit holders of €10,806,967 as can be found in the statement of comprehensive income on page 28.

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## Report of the Directors (continued)

For the period ended 30 September 2024

### Results and dividends (continued)

For the 6-month period ended 30 September 2024, the Company declared the following dividends on its income share classes:

	Ex-dividend date	Currency	Rate per share	Dividend paid	Dividend payable
Malta Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	2.604	40,701	-
	30-June-24	EUR	2.491	39,577	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.766	-	46,573
International Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	2.026	6,752	
	31-Mar-24	GBP	1.731	1,366	
	30-June-24	EUR	2.006	7,925	
	30-June-24	GBP	1.699	1,353	
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.217	-	9,862
	30-Sept-24	GBP	1.843	-	1,497
Malta Government Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	1.523	26,818	-
	30-June-24	EUR	1.462	25,526	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	1.490		25,755
Maltese Assets Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	3.073	1,187	
	30-June-24	EUR	3.685	1,871	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.837	-	1,442

### Directors

The Directors who served in office during the current financial year are listed on page 1.


Approved by the Board on 27 November 2024.



Steven Tedesco  
Chairman



Lisa Vella  
Director



Richard Bernard  
Director

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Ir-Rapport tad-Diretturi

Ghall-perjodu ta' sitt xhur li ntemm fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024

Id-Diretturi qeghdin jipprezentaw ir-rapport *interim* taghhom u r-rendikont finanzjarju ta' HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c. ('il-Kumpannija') ghall-perjodu ta' sitt xhur li ntemm fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024.

### Attivitajiet prinċipali

Il-Kumpannija hija skema ta' investment kollettiv stabbilita bħala kumpannija pubblika ta' investment b'aktar minn sottofond wiehed b'kapital varjabbli (SICAV), reġistrata skont il-liġijiet ta' Malta u liċenzjata mill-Awtorità għas-Servizzi Finanzjarji ta' Malta (MFSA) skont it-termini tar-regolamenti tal-Att dwar is-Servizzi ta' Investment (Kapitlu 370, Liġijiet ta' Malta). Il-Kumpannija tikkwalifika bħala Maltese UCITS (Undertaking for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities) skont it-termini tar-regolamenti tal-Att dwar is-Servizzi ta' Investment (Marketing of UCITS, S.L. 370.18, Liġijiet ta' Malta).

L-għan tal-Kumpannija huwa li tipprovdi lill-investituri għażla ta' fondi sottostanti li għandhom objettivi ta' investment differenti u li jinvestu f'varjetà ta' assi. L-objettivi ta' kull sottofond huma spjegati f'izjed dettall fir-Rapport tal-Maniġer (HSBC Global Asset Management Malta Limited).

### Analizi tan-negozju u żviluppi prospettivi għall-futur

Ix-xejra diżinflazzjonarja li rajna fl-ekonomiji ta' swieq żviluppati li bdiet f'nofs/tard l-2022 baqgħet tippersisti anke matul l-aħħar sitt xhur li qed nagħmlu reviżjoni taghhom, sakemm eventwalment stabbilizzat kemmxejn ruhha. Din, flimkien mal-inċertezza ġeopolitika li hakmet id-dinja kollha, kienet bla dubju l-akbar influwenza fuq is-swieq kapitali matul dan il-perjodu, dan peress li l-inflazzjoni hi l-fattur prinċipali li jiddetermina t-trajettorja tar-rati tal-imghax tal-banek ċentrali madwar id-dinja. Fil-fatt, ir-rata annwali tal-inflazzjoni fl-Istati Uniti tal-Amerika ikkalmat minn 3.5% f'Marzu tal-2024 għal 2.4% f'Settembru tal-2024, filwaqt li fiż-Żona Ewro, din naqset minn 2.4% għal 1.7% matul l-istess perjodu. Dan kollu wassal biex iż-żewġ banek ċentrali prinċipali fuq iż-żewġ naħat tal-Atlantiku jagħżlu li jhaddnu politika monetarja anqas restrittiva biex isostnu aktar is-suq tax-xogħol u t-tkabbir ekonomiku.

Il-Bank Ċentrali Ewropew (l-ECB) reħa l-politika monetarja tiegħu qabel il-Federal Reserve ("il-Fed"), fejn naqqas ir-rata bażi tiegħu darbtejn matul dan il-perjodu li qed issir reviżjoni tiegħu. Fiż-żewġ każijiet, it-tnaqqis kien ta' 0.25%, biex b'kollox naqqas ir-rati tal-imghax tiegħu minn 4.0% għal 3.5%. Il-Federal Reserve beda jnaqqas ir-rata bażi tiegħu, il-Fed Funds, fit-18 ta' Settembru 2024, billi naqqasha 0.50 għal 5.0%.

Filwaqt li f'dawn l-aħħar snin il-politika monetarja u l-andament ekonomiku fl-Istati Uniti u fiż-Żona Ewro qorbu lejn xulxin, f'dawn l-aħħar xhur il-prospetti ekonomiċi għal dawn ir-regjuni ħadu xejra differenti, hekk kif il-prospetti tat-tkabbir ekonomiku fl-Ewropa, iffaċċjat minn sfidi strutturali kbar fil-Ġermanja u f'pajjiżi ewlenin oħra, ġew riveduti 'l isfel. Dawn l-isfidi jinkludu sfidi demografiċi, nuqqasijiet teknoloġiċi, u inċertezzi ġeopolitiċi kbar. Barra dan, l-isfond makroekonomiku tal-Unjoni Ewropea jkompli jiddgħajjef meta wiehed jikkunsidra l-htieġa urgenti li l-istati membri jkomplu jaddottaw dixxiplina fiskali stretta. Għalhekk, fi tmiem il-perjodu li qed issir reviżjoni tiegħu, l-aspettattiva tal-Bank Ċentrali Ewropew hi li l-prodott gross domestiku fiż-Żona Ewro jikber biss b'1.4% fl-2025, imbagħad mistenni jitjieb ftit għal 1.6% fl-2026.

Min-naha l-oħra, l-Istati Uniti qiegħda thaddan politika fiskali xi ftit jew wisq laxka, politika li qiegħda tkun ta' għajnu kontinwa biex tkompli tiżdied l-attività kummerċjali. Din, flimkien mat-tnaqqis previst fil-politika monetarja, tindika li t-tkabbir tal-ekonomija Amerikana se jkompli jaċċellera, probabbli aktar 'l fuq mit-tkabbir annwali b'saħħtu ta' 2.8% li ġie rreġistrat matul it-tielet kwart tas-sena. Huwa minhabba f'hekk li hafna mill-partecipanti fis-suq jibqgħu tal-fehma li t-tkabbir ekonomiku tal-Istati Uniti, sostnut ukoll mill-avvanz teknoloġiku kontinwu fl-Intelliġenza Artifiċjali (AI) u mit-tkabbir fis-settur tax-xogħol xprunat mill-immigrazzjoni, se jibqa' jiżboq lil dak taż-Żona Ewro u ekonomiji żviluppati oħra. Dawn l-iżviluppi makroekonomiċi kontrastanti fi tnejn mill-aktar ekonomiji influwenti fid-dinja jista' jkollhom impatt qawwi fuq il-prestazzjoni tas-swieq kapitali taghhom fix-xhur li gejjin.



# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Ir-Rapport tad-Diretturi (ikompli)

Ghall-perjodu ta' sitt xhur li ntemm fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024

Meta nagħtu harsa lejn kif marru s-swieq kapitali matul il-perjodu taht revizjoni, ninnutaw li s-swieq tal-ishma dinjija rreġistraw qligħ stabbli, bl-Indiċi EuroStoxx 600 fl-Ewropa jiżdied b'4.29% f'termini tal-Ewro, xprunat mill-qligħ qawwi tal-korporazzjonijiet, filwaqt li l-Indiċi S&P500 fl-Istati Uniti rreġistra gwadann ta' 6.94% f'termini tal-Ewro, xprunat minn sentiment b'saħħtu ma jaqta' xejn fil-kumpanniji ewlenin tat-teknoloġija.

Madankollu, minkejja dan il-qligħ ġenerali, xorta wahda nistgħu ngħidu li dawn is-sitt xhur kienu relattivament volatili għas-swieq tal-ishma, speċjalment lejn il-bidu t'Awwissu, fejn rajna l-Yen Ġappuniż jissahhah b'mod sinifikanti kontra l-muniti ewlenin l-oħra kollha f'medda ta' żmien qasir hafna. It-tishih tal-Yen qanqal taqlib kbir fis-swieq finanzjarji hekk kif dan ġie għel lil hafna negozjanti fis-swieq biex jillikwidaw l'hekk imsejha *carry trades* li kellhom fuq il-kotba tagħhom (meta negozjatur fis-suq jesegwixxi *carry trade*, ikun issellef f'munita b'imghax baxx bħalma hi l-Yen biex imbagħad jinvesti l-flus mislufa f'muniti jew assi b'rendiment oghla). Għalhekk matul dan il-perjodu li qiegħda ssir revizjoni tiegħu, in-Nikkei 225, li huwa wiehed mill-indiċi tas-suq tal-ishma Ġappuniżi ewlenin, tilef 2.56% f'termini tal-Ewro. Min-naħa l-oħra, matul dawn is-sitt xhur, is-suq tal-ishma Ċiniż kien wiehed mis-swieq li l-aktar li rendu, bl-Indiċi FTSE China A50 jiżdied b'15.97% f'termini tal-Ewro, imbuttat 'il fuq mill-pakkett ta' stimolu aggressiv imħabbar mill-Bank Popolari ta' Ċina (PBoC) biex jgħin lis-swieq kapitali u lill-ekonomija tal-pajjiż jirkupraw.

F'dan il-kuntest, matul dan il-perjodu li qed issir revizjoni tiegħu, l-Equity Growth Fund irreġistra qligħ rispettabbli ta' 4.72%. Dan, flimkien mas-sottoskrizzjonijiet netti ta' €4.28 miljuni li dan is-sottofond irċieva matul dan l-istess perjodu, komplew ikkabbru l-assi netti ta' dan is-sottofond. Dan wassal biex l-ammont totali tal-assi netti jitilgħu għal €49.2 miljun sal-aħħar ta' Settembru 2024.

Anki s-swieq tat-titoli tas-self tal-Gvernijiet irreġistraw qligħ matul il-perjodu li qed nagħmlu revizjoni tiegħu, imbuttati 'l fuq mix-xejra diżinflazzjonarja fl-Istati Uniti kif ukoll fl-Ewropa li semmejna aktar 'il fuq. B'riżultat ta' dan, il-kurvaturi tar-rendiment tat-titoli tas-self tal-Gvern, l'hekk msejha *yield curves*, kemm tal-Ewro kif ukoll tad-Dollari Amerikan, tbaxxew 'l isfel. Is-swieq internazzjonali tat-titoli tas-self maħruġa mill-kumpanniji wkoll irriflettew dan l-andament positiv, bid-differenza fir-rendiment tagħhom u tat-titoli ta' self tal-Gvernijiet, l'hekk msejha *spread*, tibqa' f'livelli relattivament stretti. Il-prestazzjoni ta-suq tat-titoli tas-self maħruġa mill-Gvern Malti (l-MGS) kienet b'saħħitha wkoll, bid-differenza fir-rendiment tagħhom meta mqabbla mal-Bunds Germaniżi, titbaxxa hafna aktar minn dik ta' titoli ta' self ta' gvernijiet ta' pajjiżi bi *credit rating* simili għal ta' Malta. Dan minhabba li l-ekonomija Maltija kompliet turi tkabbir sinifikanti, hafna aktar minn pajjiżi oħra Ewropej, u b'hekk kompliet issahhah il-kredibilità fininzjarja tal-pajjiż.

Fuq dan l-isfond, it-tliet fondi tal-Kumpannija li jinvestu speċifikament fis-swieq tat-titoli ta-self, jiġifieri l-International Bond Fund, il-Malta Bond Fund u l-Malta Government Bond Fund irreġistraw riżultati sodisfaċenti matul il-perjodu li qed nagħmlu revizjoni tiegħu, hekk kif it-tliet fondi rreġistraw qligħ ta' 3.22%, 2.81% u 2.76% rispettivament. F'termini ta' sottoskrizzjonijiet matul dan il-perjodu, l-International Bond Fund u l-Malta Bond Fund irreġistraw sottoskrizzjonijiet netti ta' €9.32 miljuni u €9.17 miljuni rispettivament, filwaqt li l-Malta Government Bond Fund irreġistra fidwa netta ta' €0.67 miljun.

F'dan ix-xenarju, il-Valur tal-Assi Netti (NAV) tal-Kumpannija żdied minn €336,030,103 kif reġistrat fil-31 ta' Marzu 2024 għal €369,597,103 fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024, żieda totali ta' €33,567,000 jew 9.99% meta mqabbel mal-perjodu finanzjarju ta' qabel.

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## Ir-Rapport tad-Diretturi (ikompli)

Ghall-perjodu ta' sitt xhur li ntemm fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024

Meta nharsu 'l quddiem, l-aspettattivi li l-ekonomija globali, sostnuta minn tnaqqis kollettiv fil-politiki monetarji tal-banek ċentrali ewlenin, tibqa' stabbli, jhalluna ottimisti dwar il-prospetti għas-swieq kapitali madwar id-dinja. Fil-fatt, il-Fond Monetarju Internazzjonali (IMF) qed ibassar li t-tkabbir tal-Prodott Gross Domestiku globali għall-2024 mistenni jkun ta' 3.2%. Madankollu, ma nistghux neskludu għal kollox il-probabbiltà ta' riċessjoni, għax ix-xenarju tant antiċipat ta' *soft-landing* (jigifieri t-trażżin b'suċċess tal-inflazzjoni ferm għolja li rajna fl-aħħar snin minghajr ma d-dinja kollha tkaxkret f'riċessjoni) huwa mdawwar b'riskji kbar, bħal ma huma r-riskji ġeopolitiċi li sfortunatament qegħdin dejjem jizziedu, it-theddida li l-inflazzjoni globali terġa' tgħolli rasha, u l-politiki fiskali aktar restrittivi mhaddna madwar id-dinja. Għalhekk, li wiehed jinnaviga b'suċċess is-swieq kapitali matul perjodu bħal dan, perjodu li jista' jkun turbulenti sew, jirrekjedi li wiehed iżomm is-sitwazzjoni kontinwament taht għajnejh, u fejn possibbli, jantiċipa l-iżviluppi fis-swieq b'mod korrett; karatteristika li l-HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Ltd, "il-Maniġer" ta' dawn is-sottofondi, wera b'suċċess għal diversi drabi matul dawn l-aħħar deċennji.

Barra minn hekk, fix-xhur li ġejjin, id-Diretturi, flimkien mal-Maniġer se jkomplu jirrevedu l-għanijiet strateġiċi tal-Kumpannija fuq bażi frekwenti, partikolarment fejn jidhlu l-isforzi li l-Kumpannija qed tagħmel sabiex thajjar aktar investituri jinvestu fis-sottofondi tagħha f'suq li jibqa' dejjem joffri sfidi kbar.

L-analiżi tan-negozju tal-Kumpannija matul il-perjodu li qed issir ir-reviżjoni tiegħu u l-indikazzjonijiet tal-iżviluppi prospettivi għall-futur qed jingħataw fir-rapport tal-Maniġer minn paġna 3 sa paġna 12.

L-analiżi tan-negozju tal-Kumpannija matul il-perjodu li qed issir ir-reviżjoni tiegħu u l-indikazzjonijiet tal-iżviluppi prospettivi għall-futur qed jingħataw fir-rapport tal-Maniġer minn paġna 3 sa 12.

### Kundizzjonijiet tal-liċenzja standard u sanzjonijiet regolatorji

Matul il-perjodu li qed issir ir-reviżjoni tiegħu ma kien hemm ebda ksur tal-Kundizzjonijiet tal-Liċenzja Standard li kien sugġett għal xi penali amministrattiva jew sanzjonijiet regolatorji.

### Riskji prinċipali u inċertezzi

Il-Kumpannija hija esposta għal riskji finanzjarji li jinkludu riskju fis-suq, riskju ta' kreditu u riskju ta' likwidità. Il-Kumpannija tevalwa u tanalizza b'mod regolari r-riskji strateġiċi, operattivi u finanzjarji tagħha fi hdan il-qafas tal-politika tal-ġestjoni tar-riskji tagħha, u tiegħu l-azzjonijiet necessarji biex ittaffi dawn ir-riskji.

L-obiettivi individwali tal-ġestjoni tar-riskju finanzjarju, regoli operattivi u l-espożizzjoni tas-sottofondi huma deskritti f'aktar dettall fin-Noti tar-Rendikont Finanzjarju.

### Avvenimenti wara l-perjodu tar-rappurtar u żviluppi futuri

Id-Diretturi jikkonfermaw li ma kienx hemm avvenimenti materjali x'jigu rrapportati wara l-perjodu ta' rrapurtar.

### Riżultati u dividendi

Il-Kumpannija rreġistrat zieda netta fl-assi attribwiti tad-detenturi tal-units li jammontaw għal €10,806,967 kif jidher fir-rendikont tad-dhul komprensiv f'paġna 28.

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## Ir-Rapport tad-Diretturi (ikompli)

Ghall-perjodu ta' sitt xhur li ntemm fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024

### Riżultati u dividendi (ikompli)

Għas-sitt xhur li ntemmu fit-30 ta' Settembru 2024, il-Kumpannija ddikjarat dawn id-dividendi għall-ishma tagħha li jqassmu d-dhul:

	Data Ex-dividend	Monita	Rata għal kull sehem	Dividendi imhallas	Dividendi dovut
Malta Bond Fund	31-Marzu-24	EUR	2.604	40,701	
	30-Gunju-24	EUR	2.491	39,577	-
	30-Settembru-24	EUR	2.766	-	46,573
International Bond Fund	31-Marzu-24	EUR	2.026	6,752	-
	31-Marzu-24	GBP	1.731	1,366	-
	30-Gunju-24	EUR	2.006	7,925	-
	30-Gunju-24	GBP	1.699	1,353	-
	30-Settembru-24	EUR	2.217	-	9,862
	30-Settembru-24	GBP	1.843	-	1,497
Malta Government Bond Fund	31-Marzu-24	EUR	1.523	26,818	-
	30-Gunju-24	EUR	1.462	25,526	-
	30-Settembru-24	EUR	1.490	-	25,755
Maltese Assets Fund	31-Marzu-24	EUR	3.073	1,187	-
	30-Gunju-24	EUR	3.685	1,871	-
	30-Settembru-24	EUR	2.837	-	1,442

### Diretturi

Id-Diretturi li servew matul il-perjodu li qed jiġi rivedut jidhru f'pagna 1.

Approvat mill-Bord nhar is-27 ta' Novembru 2024.

  
Steven Tedesco  
Chairman

  
Lisa Vella  
Direttur

  
Richard Bernard  
Direttur

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.


## Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2024

		Combined	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund	Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	Note	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR
<b>Assets</b>							
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	347,419,310	127,257,517	63,871,698	45,636,732	56,786,557	53,866,806
Investments		342,836,123	124,791,958	62,702,932	45,453,962	56,286,726	53,600,545
Accrued interest		4,583,187	2,465,559	1,168,766	182,770	499,831	266,261
Interest income receivable – other financial assets		31,053	8,358	2,349	-	11,736	8,610
Settlement receivable		3,279	-	-	3,279	-	-
Dividends receivable		57,868	-	-	19,064	-	38,804
Cash and cash equivalents	4, 6	22,910,680	11,628,771	2,593,510	3,629,044	1,555,524	3,503,831
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>370,422,190</b>	<b>138,894,646</b>	<b>66,467,557</b>	<b>49,288,119</b>	<b>58,353,817</b>	<b>57,418,051</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Settlements payable		39,440	25,724	-	-	-	13,716
Payables and accrued expenses		785,647	397,174	65,769	64,580	145,835	112,289
<b>Total liabilities excluding net assets attributable to unit holders</b>		<b>825,087</b>	<b>422,898</b>	<b>65,769</b>	<b>64,580</b>	<b>145,835</b>	<b>126,005</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unit holders</b>		<b>369,597,103</b>	<b>138,471,748</b>	<b>66,401,788</b>	<b>49,223,539</b>	<b>58,207,982</b>	<b>57,292,046</b>

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

The financial statements set out on pages 26 to 106 were approved by the Board on 27 November 2024

  
Steven Tedesco  
Chairman

  
Lisa Vella  
Director

  
Richard Bernard  
Director

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 March 2024

		Combined	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund	Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	Note	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR
<b>Assets</b>							
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	9	324,959,982	123,605,950	53,303,406	39,233,746	56,128,270	52,688,610
Trade and other receivables		40,524	8,438	18,240	-	5,236	8,610
Settlement receivable		214,037	199,416	-	-	-	14,621
Dividends receivable		361,447	-	-	71,257	-	290,190
Cash and cash equivalents	4, 6	11,207,390	2,428,804	2,218,067	3,660,289	1,324,888	1,575,342
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>336,783,380</b>	<b>126,242,608</b>	<b>55,539,713</b>	<b>42,965,292</b>	<b>57,458,394</b>	<b>54,577,373</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Settlements payable		-	-	-	-	-	-
Payables and accrued expenses		753,277	379,930	68,601	51,759	161,646	91,341
<b>Total liabilities excluding net assets attributable to unit holders</b>		<b>753,277</b>	<b>379,930</b>	<b>68,601</b>	<b>51,759</b>	<b>161,646</b>	<b>91,341</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to unit holders</b>		<b>336,030,103</b>	<b>125,862,678</b>	<b>55,471,112</b>	<b>42,913,533</b>	<b>57,296,748</b>	<b>54,486,032</b>

# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended 30 September 2024

		Combined	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund	Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	Note	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR	2024 EUR
<b>Income</b>							
Dividend income		2,061,828	-	-	582,065	-	1,479,763
Interest income on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		5,369,481	2,726,481	1,174,245	115,078	1,012,264	341,413
Net realised (losses)/ gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		171,467	(192,571)	169,797	812,312	(874,607)	256,536
Net unrealised gains/(losses) on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		6,578,466	2,098,893	829,690	1,153,162	1,857,146	639,575
Net foreign currency (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(52,796)	(8,460)	(17,389)	(17,032)	146	(10,061)
Other income		62,925	45,654	9,297	29	267	7,678
<b>Net investment income/(loss)</b>		<b>14,191,371</b>	<b>4,669,997</b>	<b>2,165,640</b>	<b>2,645,614</b>	<b>1,995,216</b>	<b>2,714,904</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Management fees	8.1	1,439,468	518,421	171,759	227,774	225,088	296,426
Administration fees	8.2	98,324	36,939	16,851	12,739	16,042	15,753
Custodian/depositary fees	8.4	142,483	54,918	20,274	16,856	22,275	28,160
Audit fees		25,770	8,540	4,419	5,177	1,847	5,787
Investment account fees	8.5	201,624	59,869	23,600	29,500	53,500	35,155
Directors' fees	11(d)	20,202	6,976	3,014	3,115	3,397	3,700
Transaction fees		6,570	1,547	1,285	682	1,156	1,900
Other operating expenses		124,950	43,766	20,687	18,712	18,424	23,361
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>2,059,391</b>	<b>730,976</b>	<b>261,889</b>	<b>314,555</b>	<b>341,729</b>	<b>410,242</b>
<b>Operating profit/(loss) before finance costs</b>		<b>12,131,980</b>	<b>3,939,021</b>	<b>1,903,751</b>	<b>2,331,059</b>	<b>1,653,487</b>	<b>2,304,662</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>							
Distributions to unitholders	10	161,381	86,150	20,637	-	51,281	3,313
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>161,381</b>	<b>86,150</b>	<b>20,637</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,281</b>	<b>3,313</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>		<b>11,970,599</b>	<b>3,852,871</b>	<b>1,883,114</b>	<b>2,331,059</b>	<b>1,602,206</b>	<b>2,301,349</b>
Withholding tax		(1,163,632)	(268,273)	-	(176,128)	(87,838)	(631,393)
<b>Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>10,806,967</b>	<b>3,584,598</b>	<b>1,883,114</b>	<b>2,154,931</b>	<b>1,514,368</b>	<b>1,669,956</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended 30 September 2023

		Combined	Malta Bond Fund	International Bond Fund	Equity Growth Fund	Malta Government Bond Fund	Maltese Assets Fund
	Note	2023 EUR	2023 EUR	2023 EUR	2023 EUR	2023 EUR	2023 EUR
<b>Income</b>							
Dividend income		1,455,342	-	-	396,524	-	1,058,818
Interest income on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		4,282,549	2,333,903	705,537	73,806	935,587	233,716
Net realised (losses)/ gains on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(2,171,452)	(566,291)	(832,443)	324,104	(765,200)	(331,622)
Net unrealised losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		2,828,430	(184,831)	1,034,505	1,023,501	(855,587)	1,810,842
Net foreign currency gains on cash and cash equivalents		(26,444)	(12,073)	(42,779)	25,427	330	2,651
Other income		5,524	4,221	-	91	-	1,212
<b>Net investment income</b>		<b>6,373,949</b>	<b>1,574,929</b>	<b>864,820</b>	<b>1,843,453</b>	<b>(684,870)</b>	<b>2,775,617</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Management fees	8.1	1,284,673	460,659	142,115	177,100	231,566	273,233
Administration fees	8.2	88,294	33,184	14,097	10,008	16,684	14,321
Custodian/depositary fees	8.4	121,645	45,370	13,954	14,001	23,403	24,917
Audit fees		22,014	8,170	3,426	3,033	2,917	4,468
Investment account fees	8.5	194,717	58,599	23,706	23,018	55,654	33,740
Directors' fees	11(d)	13,678	5,780	2,360	1,731	1,508	2,299
Transaction fees		24,950	4,773	657	6,535	7,291	5,694
Other operating expenses		92,484	39,022	18,008	7,362	12,869	15,223
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>1,842,455</b>	<b>655,557</b>	<b>218,323</b>	<b>242,788</b>	<b>351,892</b>	<b>373,895</b>
<b>Operating (loss)/profit before finance costs</b>		<b>4,531,494</b>	<b>919,372</b>	<b>646,497</b>	<b>1,600,665</b>	<b>(1,036,762)</b>	<b>2,401,722</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>							
Distributions to unitholders	10	134,641	76,054	10,794	-	45,220	2,573
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>134,641</b>	<b>76,054</b>	<b>10,794</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,220</b>	<b>2,573</b>
<b>(Loss)/profit before tax</b>		<b>4,396,853</b>	<b>843,318</b>	<b>635,703</b>	<b>1,600,665</b>	<b>(1,081,982)</b>	<b>2,399,149</b>
Withholding tax		(750,477)	(250,717)	-	(82,130)	(82,450)	(335,180)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>3,646,376</b>	<b>592,601</b>	<b>635,703</b>	<b>1,518,535</b>	<b>(1,164,432)</b>	<b>2,063,969</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Combined

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	<b>Total EUR</b>
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	312,806,161 =====
<b>Unit transactions</b>	
Amount received on creations	6,335,054
Amount paid on redemptions	(11,313,735) -----
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	(4,978,681) -----
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	3,646,376 ----- 3,646,376 -----
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2023</b>	311,473,856 =====
Net assets as at 1 April 2024	<b>336,030,103</b> =====
<b>Unit transactions</b>	
Amounts received on creations	30,760,479
Amount paid on redemptions	(8,000,446) -----
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>22,760,033</b> -----
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	10,806,967 ----- <b>10,806,967</b> -----
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>369,597,103</b> =====

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# HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c.

## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Malta Bond Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	Total	Accumulator	Income
	EUR	Share Class	Share Class
	EUR	EUR	EUR
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	119,442,072	113,043,888	6,398,184
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	500,696	496,481	4,215
Amount paid on redemptions	(4,665,985)	(4,420,483)	(245,502)
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	(4,165,289)	(3,924,002)	(241,287)
Net equalisation	-	(23,572)	23,572
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to unitholders	592,601	633,049	(40,448)
	592,601	609,477	(16,876)
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2023</b>	115,869,384	109,729,363	6,140,021
Net assets as at 1 April 2024	<b>125,862,678</b>	<b>119,773,025</b>	<b>6,089,653</b>
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	12,479,416	11,929,367	550,049
Amount paid on redemptions	(3,454,944)	(3,428,025)	(26,919)
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>9,024,472</b>	<b>8,501,342</b>	<b>523,130</b>
Net equalisation	-	50,298	(50,298)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	3,584,598	3,497,032	87,566
	<b>3,584,598</b>	<b>3,547,300</b>	<b>37,268</b>
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>138,471,748</b>	<b>131,821,697</b>	<b>6,650,051</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – International Bond Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	Total EUR	Accumulator Share Class EUR	Income Share Class EUR
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	<b>49,874,172</b>	<b>48,736,390</b>	<b>1,137,782</b>
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	871,023	870,442	581
Amounts paid on redemptions	(1,321,119)	(1,279,706)	(41,413)
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(450,096)</b>	<b>(409,264)</b>	<b>(40,832)</b>
Net equalisation	-	(2,433)	2,433
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	635,703	632,112	3,591
	635,703	629,679	6,024
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>50,059,779</b>	<b>48,956,805</b>	<b>1,102,974</b>
Net assets as at 1 April 2024	<b>55,471,112</b>	<b>54,371,293</b>	<b>1,099,819</b>
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	10,000,091	9,665,791	334,300
Amounts paid on redemptions	(952,529)	(997,884)	45,355
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>9,047,562</b>	<b>8,667,907</b>	<b>379,655</b>
Net equalisation	-	71,867	(71,867)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	1,883,114	1,863,224	19,890
	<b>1,883,114</b>	<b>1,935,091</b>	<b>(51,977)</b>
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>66,401,788</b>	<b>64,974,291</b>	<b>1,427,497</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Equity Growth Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	<b>Total EUR</b>	<b>Class A EUR</b>	<b>Class B EUR</b>
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	32,700,462	8,827,859	23,872,603
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<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	3,379,724	23,523	3,356,201
Amount paid on redemptions	(310,413)	(158,836)	(151,577)
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<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>3,069,311</b>	<b>(135,313)</b>	<b>3,204,624</b>
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Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	1,518,535	392,535	1,126,000
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	1,518,535	392,535	1,126,000
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<b>Net assets as at September 2023</b>	<b>37,288,308</b>	<b>9,085,081</b>	<b>28,203,227</b>
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Net assets as at 1 April 2024	<b>42,913,553</b>	<b>9,565,147</b>	<b>33,348,386</b>
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<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Creation of shares	4,741,533	35,932	4,705,601
Redemption of shares	(586,458)	(308,741)	(277,717)
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<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>4,155,075</b>	<b>(272,809)</b>	<b>4,427,884</b>
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Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	2,154,931	439,659	1,715,272
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	<b>2,154,931</b>	<b>439,659</b>	<b>1,715,272</b>
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<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>49,223,539</b>	<b>9,731,997</b>	<b>39,491,542</b>
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## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Malta Government Bond Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	Total EUR	Accumulator Share Class EUR	Income Share Class EUR
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	61,366,077	55,725,113	5,640,964
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	125,088	82,601	42,487
Amount paid on redemptions	(3,890,336)	(3,509,401)	(380,935)
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(3,765,248)</b>	<b>(3,426,800)</b>	<b>(338,448)</b>
Net equalisation	-	(16,832)	16,832
Net decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders	(1,164,432)	(1,016,196)	(148,236)
	(1,164,432)	(1,033,028)	(131,404)
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>56,436,397</b>	<b>51,265,285</b>	<b>5,171,112</b>
Net assets as at 1 April 2024	<b>57,296,748</b>	<b>52,182,177</b>	<b>5,114,571</b>
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	1,313,172	1,309,592	3,580
Amount paid on redemptions	(1,916,306)	(1,814,104)	(102,202)
<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	<b>(603,134)</b>	<b>(504,512)</b>	<b>(98,622)</b>
Net equalisation	-	(4,858)	4,858
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	1,514,368	1,428,552	85,816
	<b>1,514,368</b>	<b>1,423,694</b>	<b>90,674</b>
<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>58,207,982</b>	<b>53,101,359</b>	<b>5,106,623</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Changes in Net Assets – Maltese Assets Fund

For the period ended 30 September 2024

	Total	Accumulator	Income
	EUR	Share Class	Share Class
	EUR	EUR	EUR
Net assets as at 1 April 2023	49,423,378	49,203,795	219,583
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<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	1,458,523	1,458,307	216
Amount paid on redemptions	(1,125,882)	(1,125,759)	(123)
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<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	332,641	332,548	93
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Net equalisation	-	2,489	(2,489)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	2,063,969	2,057,333	6,636
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	2,063,969	2,059,822	4,147
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<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2023</b>	51,819,988	51,596,165	223,823
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Net assets as at 1 April 2024	54,486,032	54,309,629	176,403
	=====	=====	=====
<b>Unit transactions</b>			
Amount received on creations	2,226,267	2,170,675	55,592
Amount paid on redemptions	(1,090,209)	(1,100,603)	10,394
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<b>Total transactions with holders of redeemable units</b>	1,136,058	1,070,072	65,986
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Net equalisation	-	10,393	(10,393)
Net increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	1,669,956	1,666,824	3,132
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	1,669,956	1,677,217	(7,261)
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<b>Net assets as at 30 September 2024</b>	57,292,046	57,056,918	235,128
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## Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows

For the period ended 30 September 2024

		Combined 2024 EUR	Malta Bond Fund 2024 EUR	International Bond Fund 2024 EUR	Equity Growth Fund 2024 EUR	Malta Government Bond Fund 2024 EUR	Maltese Assets Fund 2024 EUR
	Note						
<b>Cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>							
Interest and other income received		7,028,256	2,499,824	799,299	632,123	1,058,507	2,038,503
Payments to service providers		(2,027,021)	(713,732)	(264,721)	(301,734)	(357,540)	(389,294)
Tax paid.		(1,163,632)	(268,273)	-	(176,128)	(87,838)	(631,393)
Net payments on disposal or acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(14,680,169)	(1,247,714)	(9,168,671)	(4,323,549)	271,776	(212,011)
<b>Net cash flows (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>		<b>(10,842,566)</b>	<b>270,105</b>	<b>(8,634,093)</b>	<b>(4,169,288)</b>	<b>884,905</b>	<b>805,805</b>
<b>Cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>							
Proceeds from creation of units		30,760,479	12,479,416	10,000,091	4,741,533	1,313,172	2,226,267
Amounts paid on redemption of units		(8,000,446)	(3,454,944)	(952,529)	(586,458)	(1,916,306)	(1,090,209)
Distribution of dividend	10	(161,381)	(86,150)	(20,637)	-	(51,281)	(3,313)
<b>Net cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>		<b>22,598,652</b>	<b>8,938,322</b>	<b>9,026,925</b>	<b>4,155,075</b>	<b>(654,415)</b>	<b>1,132,745</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>11,756,086</b>	<b>9,208,427</b>	<b>392,832</b>	<b>(14,213)</b>	<b>230,490</b>	<b>1,938,550</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6	11,207,390	2,428,804	2,218,067	3,660,289	1,324,888	1,575,342
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(52,796)	(8,460)	(17,389)	(17,032)	146	(10,061)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22,910,680</b>	<b>11,628,771</b>	<b>2,593,510</b>	<b>3,629,044</b>	<b>1,555,524</b>	<b>3,503,831</b>

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## Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows

For the period ended 30 September 2023

		Combined 2023 EUR	Malta Bond Fund 2023 EUR	International Bond Fund 2023 EUR	Equity Growth Fund 2023 EUR	Malta Government Bond Fund 2023 EUR	Maltese Assets Fund 2023 EUR
	Note						
<b>Cash flows generated (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>							
Interest and other income received		5,391,752	2,358,414	392,907	295,975	919,829	1,352,627
Payments to service providers		(1,811,528)	(636,415)	(214,188)	(233,139)	(356,030)	(371,756)
Tax paid		(750,477)	(250,717)	-	(82,130)	(82,450)	(335,180)
Net (payments on disposal)/receipts on acquisition of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(15,666,412)	(513,542)	(7,713,446)	(6,298,825)	2,415,532	(3,556,131)
<b>Net cash flows generated (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>		<b>(12,908,665)</b>	<b>957,740</b>	<b>(7,534,737)</b>	<b>(6,318,119)</b>	<b>2,896,881</b>	<b>(2,910,440)</b>
<b>Cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>							
Proceeds from creation of units		6,335,054	500,696	871,023	3,379,724	125,088	1,458,523
Amounts paid on redemption of units		(11,313,735)	(4,665,985)	(1,321,119)	(310,413)	(3,890,336)	(1,125,882)
Distribution of dividend	10	(134,641)	(76,054)	(10,794)	-	(45,220)	(2,573)
<b>Net cash flows (used in)/generated from financing activities</b>		<b>(5,113,322)</b>	<b>(4,241,343)</b>	<b>(460,890)</b>	<b>3,069,311</b>	<b>(3,810,468)</b>	<b>330,068</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(18,021,987)</b>	<b>(3,283,603)</b>	<b>(7,995,617)</b>	<b>(3,248,808)</b>	<b>(913,587)</b>	<b>(2,580,372)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	6	24,187,836	4,502,059	9,423,564	5,397,269	1,150,752	3,354,192
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(26,444)	(12,073)	(42,779)	25,427	330	2,651
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,139,405</b>	<b>1,206,383</b>	<b>1,385,168</b>	<b>2,173,888</b>	<b>597,495</b>	<b>776,471</b>

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### 1 Reporting entity

HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c. ('the Company') was incorporated as a multi-fund limited liability Company with variable share capital (SICAV) in Malta on 24 January 1997 under registration number SV 2. The Company's registered address is 171, Old Bakery Street, Valletta, VLT 1455, Malta. The Company is licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority and qualifies as a 'Maltese UCITS' in terms of the Investment Services Act (Marketing of UCITS) Regulations.

As at 30 September 2024, the Company comprised of five sub-funds, namely Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund, Equity Growth Fund, Malta Government Bond Fund and Maltese Assets Fund.

The Company maintains a separate account for each Fund, to which the proceeds are credited, and against which expenses are charged. Upon redemption, unitholders are entitled only to their proportion of the net assets held in the account relating to the Fund in which their participating units are designated. Separate statements of financial position, statements of changes in net assets attributable to unitholders, statements of comprehensive income and statements of cash flow have accordingly been prepared for each Fund. All references to net assets throughout this document refer to net assets attributable to unitholders of the respective Fund.

The statement of financial position presents assets and liabilities in increasing order of liquidity. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in accordance with the Investment Manager's recommendations. All other assets and liabilities are expected to be realised within one year.

### 2 Basis of preparation

#### 2.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU. All references in these financial statements to IAS, IFRS or SIC/IFRIC interpretations refer to those adopted by the EU.

They have also been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Maltese Companies Act, 1995 (Chapter 386, Laws of Malta).

#### 2.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except that financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), are measured at fair value.

#### 2.3 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the functional currency of the individual funds.

The combined financial statements have also been presented in Euro.



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### 2 Basis of preparation (continued)

#### 2.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the Directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect both the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

In the opinion of the Directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1 (revised).

### 3 Material accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### 3.1 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the reporting date to the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as net foreign currency gain/loss, except for those arising on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are recognised as a component of net realised/unrealised gain/loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities

##### 3.2.1 Recognition and initial measurement

The Company initially recognises financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL on the trade date, which is the date on which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the date on which they are originated.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.2 Classification and subsequent measurement

On initial recognition, the Company classifies financial assets as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. For financial assets measured at amortised cost, changes in the carrying amount as a result of foreign exchange gains or losses, impairment gains or losses and interest income are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets measured at FVTPL are subsequently measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses including foreign exchange gains and losses, recognised in profit or loss. Dividend income is presented within the line item '*Dividend income*'. Where applicable, interest income is disclosed within the line item '*Interest income on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*'.

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

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

All other financial assets of the Fund are measured at FVTPL.

##### 3.2.2.1 Financial assets - Business model assessment

In making an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held, the Company considers all of the relevant information about how the business is managed, including:

- the documented investment strategy and the execution of this strategy in practice. This includes whether the investment strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how the investment manager is compensated: e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.2 Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

##### 3.2.2.1 Financial assets - Business model assessment (continued)

The Company has determined that it has two business models.

- Held-to-collect business model: this includes cash and cash equivalents, settlement receivable, dividends receivable and accrued interest. These financial assets are held to collect contractual cash flows.
- Other business model: this includes debt securities, equity investments, investments in unlisted open-ended investment funds, unlisted private equities, and rights. These financial assets are managed and their performance is evaluated, on a fair value basis, with frequent sales taking place.

##### 3.2.2.2 Financial assets - Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interests (SPPI)

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin as well as profit margin that is consistent with the basic lending arrangements.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are SPPI, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension features;
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features); and
- features that modify consideration of the time value of money (e.g. periodical reset of interest rates).

For a reconciliation of line items in the statement of financial position to the categories of financial instruments, as defined by IFRS 9, see Note 9.

##### 3.2.2.3 Financial assets - Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Company were to change its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets would be reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.2 Classification and subsequent measurement (continued)

##### 3.2.2.4 Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities, other than those at *fair value through profit or loss*, are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Financial liabilities arising from the puttable feature of units issued by the Company are carried at the amount representing the unit holder's right to a residual interest in the Company's net assets.

When applying the effective interest method, the annual amortisation of any discount or premium is aggregated with other investment income payable over the term of the instrument, if any, so that the revenue recognised in each period represents a constant yield on the investment.

Financial liabilities that were not at *fair value through profit or loss* included settlements payable, redemptions payable, accruals and other payables.

##### 3.2.3 Impairment

The Company recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Loss (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial assets for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the asset) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the credit rating of the counterparty is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Company considers this to be Baa3 or higher per Moody's or BBB- or higher per S&P.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.3 *Impairment (continued)*

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

##### 3.2.3.1 *Measurement of ECLs*

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

##### 3.2.3.2 *Credit-impaired financial assets*

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due; or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

##### 3.2.3.3 *Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the statement of financial position*

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

##### 3.2.3.4 *Write-off*

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof.

##### 3.2.4 *Fair value measurement principles*

'Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Company has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.4 Fair value measurement principles (continued)

When available, the Company measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Company uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price – i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Company determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price.

Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or liability measured at fair value has a bid price and ask price, IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* requires valuation to be based on a price within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value and allows the use of mid-market pricing or other pricing conventions that are used by market participants as a practical expedient for fair value measurement within a bid-ask spread. If an asset or liability is not available for further subscriptions, all of its underlying securities are measured at the bid price (the price at which these securities can eventually be liquidated).

Unquoted investments are initially measured at cost, and restated to fair value as determined by the Directors, acting on the advice of the Manager or such other person commissioned and appointed from time to time for that purpose by the Directors. The fair value is estimated using valuation techniques, including the use of recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, discounted cash flow techniques, option pricing models or any other valuation techniques that provide a reliable estimate of prices obtained in actual market transactions.

The fair value of derivatives that are not exchange-traded is estimated at the amount that the Company would receive, or pay, to terminate the contract at the financial reporting date, taking into account current market conditions, volatility, appropriate yield curve and the current creditworthiness of the counterparties. The fair value of a forward contract is determined as the net present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at appropriate market rates on the valuation dates.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.5 *Collective Investment Schemes*

The Scheme's investments in other funds are subject to terms and conditions of the respective Investment Fund's offering documentation. The investments in open-ended Investment Funds are valued based on the latest available redemption price of such units for each Investment Fund, as determined by the Investment Funds' administrators. The Scheme's Trustee reviews the details of the reported information obtained from the Investment Funds and considers:

- The liquidity of the Investment Fund or its underlying investments;
- The value date of the net asset value provided;
- Any restrictions on redemptions; and
- The basis of accounting and, in instances where the basis of accounting is other than fair value, fair valuation information provided by the Investment Fund's advisors.

If necessary, the Scheme makes adjustments to the net asset value of various Investment Funds to obtain the best estimate of fair value. Net fair value changes on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the statement of changes in net assets available to participants for benefits include the change in fair value of each of the Investment Funds.

Investments in closed-ended Investment Funds are valued by reference to the unitholders' capital attributable to the relevant sub-fund as determined by the Investment Fund's administrator. The unitholders in these closed-ended funds are not entitled to have any of their holding redeemed prior to the termination period. As a result, the carrying values of the Investment Funds may not be indicative of the values ultimately realised on redemption. In addition, the Scheme may be materially affected by the actions of other investors who have invested in the Investment Funds in which the Scheme is invested.

All of the Investment Funds in the investment portfolio are managed by investment providers who are compensated by the respective Investment Fund's for their services. Such compensation generally consists of an asset-based fee and a performance-based incentive fee. Such compensation is reflected in the valuation of the Scheme's investment in each of the Investment Funds.

##### 3.2.6 *Derecognition*

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flow from the financial asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and does not retain control of the financial asset. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Company is recognised as a separate asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

Upon derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised), and the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.6 Derecognition (continued)

The Company enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. If all or substantially all risks and rewards are retained, then the transferred assets or a portion of them are not derecognised. Transfers of assets with retention of all or substantially all risks and rewards include, for example, securities lending and repurchase transactions.

The Company uses the weighted average method to determine realised gains and losses on derecognition.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### 3.3 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises current deposits with banks with original maturities of less than three months. Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, 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.

Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows.

#### 3.4 Interest Income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss as it accrues using the effective interest method.

#### 3.5 Dividend income

Dividend income relating to exchange-traded funds and equities is recognised in profit or loss on the ex-dividend date.

#### 3.6 Expenses

All expenses, including management fees and custodian fees, are recognised in profit or loss on an accruals basis.

#### 3.7 Redeemable units

The Company classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

The Company issues redeemable units which are redeemable at the holder's option. Such units are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable units can be put back to the Funds at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Funds' net asset value attributable to the share class.

The redeemable units are carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the reporting date if the holder exercises the right to put the unit back to the Funds.



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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.7 Redeemable units (continued)

Redeemable units are issued and redeemed at the holder's option at prices based on the Funds' net asset value per unit at the time of issue or redemption. The Funds' net asset value per unit is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to the holders of each redeemable unit with the total number of outstanding redeemable units. In accordance with the provisions of the Funds' regulations, investment positions are valued based on the last traded mid-market price for the purpose of determining the net asset value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions.

#### 3.8 Offsetting financial instruments

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

#### 3.9 Dividend distributions

Dividends payable on income shares are recognised in profit or loss as finance costs.

The amount available for distribution by the relevant Funds includes:

- a) the net increase in unitholders' funds excluding gains/losses on financial instruments and dividends payable; and
- b) the net income equalisation on units that are issued and redeemed during the period.

Such amounts available for distribution are transferred to the Distribution Account. Any undistributed income will be reflected in the net asset value per unit of the Funds.

#### 3.10 Equalisation

The purchase price of any units in the Funds generally contains an element representing the accrued income earned by the units since the start of the current dividend period.

This means that when investors buy units, part of the consideration represents payment of net income. The corresponding portion of the purchase price (the equalisation payment) will be notionally credited by the relative Fund to an equalisation account.

#### 3.11 New Standards and amendments to existing standards

##### 3.11.1 Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 April 2023

###### *Amendments to IAS 8 – Disclosure of Accounting Estimates*

The amendments are intended to help entities distinguish between accounting policies and accounting estimates.

The changes to IAS 8 focus entirely on accounting estimates and clarify the following:

- The definition of a change in accounting estimates is replaced with a definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty".

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.11 New Standards and amendments to existing standards (continued)

##### 3.11.1 Standards and amendments to existing standards effective 1 April 2023 (continued)

###### *Amendments to IAS 8 – Disclosure of Accounting Estimates (continued)*

- Entities develop accounting estimates if accounting policies require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty.
- The Board clarifies that a change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not the correction of an error. In addition, the effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors.
- A change in an accounting estimate may affect only the current period's profit or loss, or the profit or loss of both the current period and future periods. The effect of the change relating to the current period is recognised as income or expense in the current period. The effect, if any, on future periods is recognised as income or expense in those future periods.

###### *Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statements – Disclosure of Accounting Policies*

The amendments are intended to help preparers in deciding which accounting policies to disclose in their financial statements.

The amendments amend IAS 1 in the following ways:

- An entity is now required to disclose its material accounting policy information instead of its significant accounting policies;
- several paragraphs are added to explain how an entity can identify material accounting policy information and to give examples of when accounting policy information is likely to be material;
- the amendments clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of its nature, even if the related amounts are immaterial;
- the amendments clarify that accounting policy information is material if users of an entity's financial statements would need it to understand other material information in the financial statements; and
- the amendments clarify that if an entity discloses immaterial accounting policy information, such information shall not obscure material accounting policy information.

In addition, IFRS Practice Statement 2 has been amended by adding guidance and examples to explain and demonstrate the application of the 'four-step materiality process' to accounting policy information in order to support the amendments to IAS 1.

None of these standards, amendments and interpretations are expected to have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Company in the period of their initial application

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### 3 Material accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.12 New Standards and amendments to existing standards (continued)

##### 3.12.2 *New International Financial Reporting Standards in issue but not yet effective*

###### *Amendments to IAS 21 – the Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates: Lack of Exchangeability*

The amendments specify when a currency is exchangeable into another currency and when it is not and how an entity determines the exchange rate to apply when a currency is not exchangeable. The amendments also introduce new disclosure requirements when a currency is not exchangeable.

###### *Amendments to IAS 1 – Classification of liabilities as current and non-current (effective for financial years on or after 1 January 2024)*

The amendments to IAS 1 published on January 2020 affect only the presentation of liabilities as current and non-current in the statement of financial position – not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability income or expenses, or the information that entities disclose about those items. They:

- Clarify that the classifications of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period and align the wording in all affected paragraphs to refer to the “right” to defer settlement by at least twelve months and make explicit that only rights in place “at the end of the reporting period” should affect the classification of a liability;
- Clarify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability; and
- Make clear that settlement refer to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services.

The amendments are applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted. The IASB has aligned the effective date with the 2022 amendments to IAS 1. If an entity applies the 2020 amendments for an earlier period, it is also required to apply the 2022 amendments early.

The Directors anticipate that the adoption of other International Financial Reporting Standards that were in issue at the date of authorisation of these financial statements, but not yet effective, will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Company in the period of initial application.

### 4 Bank balances and bank facilities

#### 4.1 Malta Bond Fund

Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 comprise call deposits with credit institutions, which did not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

The Fund has a stand-by overdraft facility of a maximum of EUR9,700,000 with interest chargeable at a base rate floored at zero plus 2% per annum. The base rate will be reviewed and, if it was changed, will reset each calendar quarter in advance. The base rate shall be the rate for overnight deposits with the Central Bank of the currency concerned namely: European Central Bank deposit facility rate with respect to EUR currency, Bank of England bank rate with respect of GBP currency and Federal Reserve federal funds rate with respect to USD currency. If the base rate is negative it shall be deemed to be zero.

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### 4 Bank balances and bank facilities (continued)

#### 4.1 Malta Bond Fund (continued)

The Fund also has a stand-by settlement line of a maximum of EUR9,700,000 with interest applied on any outstanding balance not repaid by the settlement date in accordance with the provisions regarding unauthorised overdrafts under the general terms and conditions for banking services of the depositary.

During the period, the Fund did not avail itself of these facilities. These facilities were secured by the cash and investments held by the Fund with the Depositary/Custodian.

#### 4.2 International Bond Fund

Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 comprise call deposits with credit institutions, which did not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

For the comparative year, call deposits with credit institutions, the amount of which exceed 10% of net assets of the Fund and were held with the following institution.

As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, the Fund does not hold call deposits with credit institutions exceeding 10% of net assets.

The Fund has a stand-by overdraft facility of a maximum of EUR1,500,000 with interest chargeable at a base rate floored at zero plus 2% per annum. The base rate will be reviewed and, if it was changed, will reset each calendar quarter in advance. The base rate shall be the rate for overnight deposits with the Central Bank of the currency concerned namely: European Central Bank deposit facility rate with respect to EUR currency, Bank of England bank rate with respect of GBP currency and Federal Reserve federal funds rate with respect to USD currency. If the base rate is negative it shall be deemed to be zero.

The Fund also has a stand-by settlement line of a maximum of EUR1,500,000 with interest applied on any outstanding balance not repaid by the settlement date in accordance with the provisions regarding unauthorised overdrafts under the general terms and conditions for banking services of the depositary.

During the period, the Fund did not avail itself of these facilities. These facilities were secured by the cash and investments held by the Fund with the Depositary/Custodian.

#### 4.3 Equity Growth Fund

Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 comprise call deposits with credit institutions, which did not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

For the comparative year, call deposits with credit institutions, the amount of which exceed 10% of net assets of the Fund and were held with the following institution.

As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, the Fund does not hold call deposits with credit institutions exceeding 10% of net assets.

The Fund has a stand-by overdraft facility of a maximum of EUR700,000 with interest chargeable at a base rate floored at zero plus 2% per annum. The base rate will be reviewed and, if it was changed, will reset each calendar quarter in advance. The base rate shall be the rate for overnight deposits with the Central Bank of

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### **4 Bank balances and bank facilities (continued)**

#### **4.3 Equity Growth Fund (continued)**

the currency concerned namely: European Central Bank deposit facility rate with respect to EUR currency, Bank of England bank rate with respect of GBP currency and Federal Reserve federal funds rate with respect to USD currency. If the base rate is negative it shall be deemed to be zero.

The Fund also has a stand-by settlement line of a maximum of EUR700,000 with interest applied on any outstanding balance not repaid by the settlement date in accordance with the provisions regarding unauthorised overdrafts under the general terms and conditions for banking services of the depositary.

During the period, the Fund did not avail itself of these facilities. These facilities were secured by the cash and investments held by the Fund with the Depositary/Custodian.

#### **4.4 Malta Government Bond Fund**

Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 comprise call deposits with credit institutions, which did not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

The Fund has a stand-by overdraft facility of a maximum of EUR2,500,000 with interest chargeable at a base rate floored at zero plus 2% per annum. The base rate will be reviewed and, if it was changed, will reset each calendar quarter in advance. The base rate shall be the rate for overnight deposits with the Central Bank of the currency concerned namely: European Central Bank deposit facility rate with respect to EUR currency, Bank of England bank rate with respect of GBP currency and Federal Reserve federal funds rate with respect to USD currency. If the base rate is negative it shall be deemed to be zero.

The Fund also has a stand-by settlement line of a maximum of EUR2,500,000 with interest applied on any outstanding balance not repaid by the settlement date in accordance with the provisions regarding unauthorised overdrafts under the general terms and conditions for banking services of the depositary.

During the period, the Fund did not avail itself of these facilities. These facilities were secured by the cash and investments held by the Fund with the Depositary/Custodian.

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### 4 Bank balances and bank facilities (continued)

#### 4.5 Maltese Assets Fund

Bank balances as at 30 September 2024 comprise call deposits with credit institutions, which did not exceed 10% of the net assets of the Fund.

The Fund has a stand-by overdraft facility of a maximum of EUR2,200,000 with interest chargeable at a base rate floored at zero plus 2% per annum. The base rate will be reviewed and, if it was changed, will reset each calendar quarter in advance. The base rate shall be the rate for overnight deposits with the Central Bank of the currency concerned namely: European Central Bank deposit facility rate with respect to EUR currency, Bank of England bank rate with respect of GBP currency and Federal Reserve federal funds rate with respect to USD currency. If the base rate is negative it shall be deemed to be zero.

The Fund also has a stand-by settlement line of a maximum of EUR2,200,000 with interest applied on any outstanding balance not repaid by the settlement date in accordance with the provisions regarding unauthorised overdrafts under the general terms and conditions for banking services of the depositary.

During the period, the Fund did not avail itself of these facilities. These facilities were secured by the cash and investments held by the Fund with the Depositary/Custodian.

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### 5 Share capital

(a) The number of shares in issue to unitholders at the end of the period is analysed below:

<b>30 September 2024</b>	<b>Combined No.</b>	<b>Malta Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>International Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>Equity Growth Fund No.</b>	<b>Malta Government Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>Maltese Assets Fund No.</b>
Authorised	<b>100,000,000</b> =====					
Issued	<b>701,503</b> =====	<b>211,882</b> =====	<b>144,747</b> =====	<b>118,658</b> =====	<b>132,218</b> =====	<b>93,898</b> =====
<b>31 March 2024</b>	<b>Combined No.</b>	<b>Malta Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>International Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>Equity Growth Fund No.</b>	<b>Malta Government Bond Fund No.</b>	<b>Maltese Assets Fund No.</b>
Authorised	100,000,000 =====					
Issued	656,351 =====	197,767 =====	124,510 =====	108,342 =====	133,756 =====	91,976 =====

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### 5 Share capital (continued)

Analysed as follows:

	Combined 30 Sep 2024 No.	Malta Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	International Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Equity Growth Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Malta Government Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Maltese Assets Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.
<i>Accumulator Share Class</i>						
At beginning of the period	618,719	182,136	120,504	108,342	116,147	91,590
Creation of units	57,826	18,099	21,317	11,833	2,928	3,649
Redemption of units	(14,794)	(5,190)	(2,197)	(1,517)	(4,041)	(1,849)
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At end of the period	661,751	195,045	139,624	118,658	115,034	93,390
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	Combined 30 Sep 2024 No.	Malta Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	International Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Equity Growth Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Malta Government Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.	Maltese Assets Fund 30 Sep 2024 No.
<i>Income Share Class</i>						
At beginning of the period	37,632	15,631	4,006	-	17,609	386
Creation of units	2,751	1,404	1,213	-	12	122
Redemption of units	(631)	(198)	(96)	-	(337)	-
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At end of the period	39,752	16,837	5,123	-	17,284	508
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<b>Total units at end of period</b>	<b>701,503</b>	<b>211,882</b>	<b>144,747</b>	<b>118,658</b>	<b>132,318</b>	<b>93,898</b>
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### 5 Share capital (continued)

Analysed as follows:

	Combined 31 Mar 2024 No.	Malta Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 No.	International Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 No.	Equity Growth Fund 31 Mar 2024 No.	Malta Government Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 No.	Maltese Assets Fund 31 Mar 2024 No.
<i>Accumulator Share Class</i>						
At beginning of the year	604,663	179,092	115,164	93,595	127,516	89,296
Creation of units	52,835	15,666	11,235	16,942	2,136	6,856
Redemption of units	(38,779)	(12,622)	(5,895)	(2,195)	(13,505)	(4,562)
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At end of the year	618,719	182,136	120,504	108,342	116,147	91,590
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<i>Income Share Class</i>						
At beginning of the year	41,095	16,671	4,315	-	19,602	507
Creation of units	361	127	4	-	229	1
Redemption of units	(3,824)	(1,167)	(313)	-	(2,222)	(122)
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At end of the year	37,632	15,631	4,006	-	17,609	386
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Total units at end of year	656,351	197,767	124,510	108,342	133,756	91,976
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### 5 Share capital (continued)

In terms of the Maltese Companies Act, 1995, the authorised share capital of the Company has not been assigned any nominal value, and the paid-up share capital of the Company shall at all times be equal to the Net Asset Value of the Funds as determined in accordance with the Articles of Association.

(b) The net assets at the end of the period are analysed as follows:

	<b>Combined 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Malta Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>	<b>International Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Equity Growth Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Malta Government Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Maltese Assets Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR</b>
Accumulator shares	356,177,804	131,821,697	64,974,291	49,223,539	53,101,359	57,056,918
Income shares	13,419,299	6,650,051	1,427,497	-	5,106,623	235,128
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<b>Net assets</b>	<b>369,597,103</b>	<b>138,471,748</b>	<b>66,401,788</b>	<b>49,223,539</b>	<b>58,207,982</b>	<b>57,292,046</b>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	<b>Combined 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Malta Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>	<b>International Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Equity Growth Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Malta Government Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>	<b>Maltese Assets Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR</b>
Accumulator shares	323,549,657	119,773,025	54,371,293	42,913,533	52,182,177	54,309,629
Income shares	12,480,446	6,089,653	1,099,819	-	5,114,571	176,403
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<b>Net assets</b>	<b>336,030,103</b>	<b>125,862,678</b>	<b>55,471,112</b>	<b>42,913,533</b>	<b>57,296,748</b>	<b>54,486,032</b>
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### 5 Share capital (continued)

- (c) Accumulator Shares represent shares in respect of which the Company does not intend to distribute any dividends and hence, any profits will accumulate within the relevant class of Accumulator Shares. The Company will however distribute dividends in respect of its Income Shares in such amounts as may be determined by the Directors in accordance with the Prospectus.
- (d) The net assets of the Income Shares represent the sum of the Income Share Class and the balance on the Income Account set out in the statement of changes in net assets.
- (e) Units may be issued and redeemed at prices based on the Funds' Net Asset Value as determined in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Prospectus.
- (f) The net assets at the beginning of the period, together with amounts received on creation of units and amounts paid on redemption of units during the period, are disclosed in the statement of changes in net assets.
- (g) Each unitholder is entitled to one vote in respect of each unit held.
- (h) The units subscribed by the promoters of the Company at the time of establishment of the Company are, for administrative purposes, referred to as 'Founder Shares'. The Founder Shares constitute the minimum number of ordinary shares that a company is required to maintain in terms of the Act. These founder shares amount to EUR1,167 and are divided into 501 Shares which are fully paid up and subscribed as follows: HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited has subscribed to 500 Shares on its own account and HSBC Life Assurance (Malta) Limited has subscribed to 1 Share on its own account.

Another 5 shares with no nominal value are referred to as the 'Institutional Shares'. The Institutional Shares are fully paid up and subscribed by HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited. The holders of the Institutional Shares have the right to appoint one director of the Company by means of a written instrument. The holders of the Institutional Shares have such right until such time as HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited holds Institutional Shares and continues to act as Manager to any of the Funds of the Company. It also has the right to remove from office any Director appointed by it.

The founder and institutional shares do not form part of the net asset value of the Company and are thus 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 company.

- (i) As at 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, the Directors held no accumulator units in the Fund.

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### 6 Cash and cash equivalents

Balances of cash and cash equivalents as shown in the statement of cash flows, the statement of financial position and the portfolio of net assets are analysed below:

	Combined 30 Sep 2024 EUR	Malta Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR	International Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR	Equity Growth Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR	Malta Government Bond Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR	Maltese Assets Fund 30 Sep 2024 EUR
Bank balances	22,910,680	11,628,771	2,593,510	3,629,044	1,555,524	3,503,831
Cash and cash equivalents	22,910,680	11,628,771	2,593,510	3,629,044	1,555,524	3,503,831
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	Combined 31 Mar 2024 EUR	Malta Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR	International Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR	Equity Growth Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR	Malta Government Bond Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR	Maltese Assets Fund 31 Mar 2024 EUR
Bank balances	11,207,390	2,428,804	2,218,067	3,660,289	1,324,888	1,575,342
Cash and cash equivalents	11,207,390	2,428,804	2,218,067	3,660,289	1,324,888	1,575,342
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### 7 Taxation

#### *The Funds*

The Maltese tax regime for collective investment schemes is based on the classification of funds into 'prescribed' and 'non-prescribed' funds in terms of the conditions set out in the Collective Investment Schemes (Investment Income) Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

In general, a 'prescribed fund' is defined as a resident fund, which has declared that the value of its assets situated in Malta amount to at least 85% of the value of the total assets of the fund. A 'non-prescribed' fund is a fund which does not qualify as a 'prescribed-fund'.

The Malta Bond Fund, the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund which are classified as prescribed funds for Maltese income tax purposes, are subject to a final withholding tax of 15% on Maltese bank interest and 10% on other investment income (as defined in the Maltese Income Tax Act) received by the fund. The Funds are exempt from Maltese income tax on other income and gains except for income and gains derived from immovable property situated in Malta (if any).

On the basis that the International Bond Fund and the Equity Growth Fund are classified as non-prescribed funds for Maltese income tax purposes, these Funds should not be subject to any Maltese income tax on their income or gains other than on income derived from immovable property situated in Malta (if any).

Capital gains, dividends, interests and any other income from foreign securities held by the Funds may be subject to tax imposed by the country of origin concerned and such taxes cannot be recovered by the Funds or by the investors under Maltese domestic tax law.

#### *The investors*

Maltese tax legislation currently provides that capital gains realised by investors of the Malta Bond Fund, the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund are exempt from tax in Malta for as long as the Funds remain listed on the Malta Stock Exchange and remain classified as prescribed funds.

Capital gains realised on any redemption, liquidation or cancellation of units by Maltese resident investors of the International Bond Fund, the Equity Growth Fund may be subject to a 15% final withholding tax which would be deducted at source by the Funds. Alternatively, such Maltese resident investors may opt to receive any capital gains without deduction of tax in which case they would be obliged to declare the gains in their personal income tax return and would be subject to Maltese income tax at their normal rates of tax.

Any gains or profits derived on any transfer of units in the Funds by investors who are not resident in Malta should not be chargeable to Maltese income tax, subject to the satisfaction of certain statutory conditions.

#### *Tax treatment of dividend distributions*

The distribution by way of dividends of (a) profits which were subject to a final withholding tax at 10% or 15% at Fund level and (b) dividends received by the Funds out of the final tax account, the immovable property account, the Maltese taxed account or the foreign income account of other Maltese companies do not attract any further tax in the hands of the investors. The investor could be entitled to claim a credit of the Maltese tax incurred by the Funds, except where the dividend distribution was paid out of the final tax account.

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### 7 Taxation (continued)

#### *Tax treatment of dividend distributions (continued)*

The distribution of other profits (including foreign sourced profits) may attract a 15% withholding tax mainly in the case where the unitholder is a Maltese resident unitholder other than a company. The investor may claim a credit of such tax withheld. The distribution of such other profits to non-Maltese resident unitholders and Maltese resident companies is not subject to withholding tax.

### 8 Fees

#### 8.1 Management fees

Under the terms of an agreement dated 31 January 1997, as subsequently superseded by an agreement dated 2 May 2002, the Company appointed HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited, a subsidiary of HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c., as Manager. The latter agreement was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 21 July 2014 to set out the terms upon which the Manager accepts to act as Alternative Investment Fund Manager (“AIFM”) in respect of the Company and the Funds. This agreement was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 January 2021, following the Company’s conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

The Manager charged a management fee of 0.785% per annum from the Malta Bond Fund and the Malta Government Bond Fund, 0.570% per annum from the International Bond Fund, 1.000% per annum from the Equity Growth Fund, and 1.060% per annum from the Maltese Assets Fund, based on the Net Asset Value of each respective Fund on each Dealing Day, payable monthly in arrears.

During the period under review, the Manager received EUR 1,439,468 (30 September 2023: 1,284,673) as management fees. Management fees amounting to EUR 278,325 (31 March 2024: EUR253,113) were due to the Manager at 30 September 2024.

#### 8.2 Administration fees

On 28 September 2018, the Company and the Manager appointed HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC as Administrator and Registrar of the Company and its sub-funds to provide administration, registration and transfer agency services to the Company and to reflect the responsibility of the Manager under Alternative Investment Fund managers Directive (AIFMD) and Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations (AIFMR) in ensuring the proper valuation of the assets and the calculation of the Company’s net asset value. This agreement was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 January 2021, following the Company’s conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

During the period under review, the Administrator received EUR 98,324 (30 September 2023: EUR88,294) as administration fees. Administration fees amounting to EUR 17,177 (31 March 2024: EUR15,549) were due to the Administrator at 30 September 2024.

#### 8.3 Secretarial fees

Ganado Services Limited charges a fee of EUR2,000 (excluding VAT) per annum for 16 hours of work for acting as Company Secretary to the Company. Additional hours are charged on a time spent basis.

During the period under review, the Company Secretary received EUR 5,451 (30 September 2023: EUR9,443) as secretarial fees. Secretarial fees amounting to EUR 5,637 (31 March 2024: EUR8,013) were due to the Company secretary at 30 September 2024.

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### 8 Fees (continued)

#### 8.4 Depositary and custodianship fees

On 2 December 2016, the Company and the Manager entered into an agreement with Sparkasse Bank Malta p.l.c. under the terms of which the latter was appointed as the Depositary and Custodian of the Company with effect from 5 December 2016. This Agreement was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 December 2020 in view of the Company's conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

On 11 December 2020, upon the Company's and Manager's request, the Depositary agreed to appoint HSBC Continental Europe as Sub-Custodian to safe-keep financial instruments for markets covered by HSBC London and its sub-custody network.

During the period under review, the Depositary, Custodian and Sub-Custodian received EUR 142,483 (30 September 2023: EUR 121,645). Depositary, Custodian and Sub-Custodian fees amounting to EUR 12,136 (31 March 2024: EUR26,841) were due to the Depositary, Custodian and Sub-Custodian at 30 September 2024.

#### 8.5 Fees charged by the Service Provider

An agreement dated 31 July 2013 was entered into between the Company, the Manager and HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. In terms of this agreement HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. was appointed as a Service Provider in respect of the maintenance of the Investment Account System through which all persons purchase and hold units in the Company. This agreement was terminated on 20 July 2014 and superseded by a new agreement entered into on 21 July 2014.

During the period under review, HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. received an aggregate investment account fee of EUR 201,624 (30 September 2023: EUR194,717). Investment account fees amounting to EUR 38,406 (31 March 2024: EUR37,294) were due to HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. at 30 September 2024.

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024

#### *Malta Bond Fund*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Sovereign/Supranational bonds</i>			
2.75% Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 22/01/2033	EUR	256,029	0.19%
4.13% Chile Government Bond 05/07/2034	EUR	528,222	0.38%
4.05% Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesor 30/10/2037	EUR	532,741	0.38%
0.25% Malta Government Bond 18/11/2026	EUR	2, 866,251	2.07%
1.50% Malta Government Bond 15/06/2027	EUR	1,271,771	0.92%
1.50% Malta Government Bond 22/10/2045	EUR	207,945	0.15%
2.10% Malta Government Bond 24/08/2039	EUR	126,925	0.09%
2.30% Malta Government Bond 24/07/2029	EUR	3,444,574	2.49%
2.60% Malta Government Bond 27/09/2047	EUR	289,683	0.21%
3.95% Malta Government Bond 08/08/2028	EUR	844,151	0.61%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 30/03/2032	EUR	75,131	0.05%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 05/12/2033	EUR	324,361	0.23%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 25/08/2038	EUR	107,136	0.08%
4.30% Malta Government Bond 01/08/2033	EUR	768,355	0.56%
4.45% Malta Government Bond 03/09/2032	EUR	2,373,729	1.71%
4.50% Malta Government Bond 25/10/2028	EUR	7,803,620	5.64%
4.65% Malta Government Bond 22/07/2032	EUR	676,827	0.49%
4.80% Malta Government Bond 11/09/2028	EUR	846,793	0.61%
5.20% Malta Government Bond 16/09/2031	EUR	1,149,161	0.83%
5.25% Malta Government Bond 23/06/2030	EUR	5,849,014	4.22%
2.25% Mexico Government Bond 12/08/2036	EUR	551,387	0.40%
1.95% Peruvian Government International Bond 17/11/2036	EUR	407,034	0.29%
4.25% Poland Government Bond 14/02/2043	EUR	1,077,349	0.78%
2.75% Romanian Government Bond 14/04/2041	EUR	344,595	0.25%
2.00% Saudi Arabia Government International Bond 09/07/2039	EUR	1,181,510	0.85%
1.00% Slovakia Government Bond 13/10/2051	EUR	850,635	0.61%
2.00% Slovakia Government Bond 17/10/2047	EUR	1,505,402	1.09%
1.90% Spain Government Bond 31/10/2052	EUR	2,154,302	1.56%
<b>Total sovereign/supranational bonds</b>		<b>38,414,633</b>	<b>27.74%</b>



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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Malta Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds</i>			
5.10% 6pm Holdings p.l.c. 31/07/2025	EUR	991,097	0.72%
3.25% APS Bank p.l.c. 19/11/2030	EUR	3,606,335	2.60%
5.80% APS Bank p.l.c. 01/12/2033	EUR	731,276	0.53%
3.25% AX Investment p.l.c. 20/12/2029	EUR	813,921	0.59%
3.75% AX Investment p.l.c. 20/12/2029	EUR	291,979	0.21%
3.50% AX Real Estate p.l.c. 28/01/2032	EUR	1,799,084	1.30%
5.85% AX Group p.l.c. 11/07/2033	EUR	1,987,855	1.44%
3.50% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 08/08/2030	EUR	97,348	0.07%
3.50% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 08/08/2030	EUR	3,170,681	2.29%
3.75% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 15/06/2031	EUR	1,322,173	0.96%
10.00% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 06/12/2027	EUR	8,412,033	6.07%
4.97% Barclays p.l.c. VRN 31/05/2036	EUR	741,866	0.54%
5.26% Barclays p.l.c. 29/01/2034	EUR	1,712,870	1.24%
1.00% Bayer AG 12/01/2036	EUR	743,054	0.54%
1.63% Blackstone Property Partners Europe Holdings S.a.r.l. 20/04/2030	EUR	536,856	0.39%
3.90% Browns Pharmacy Holdings p.l.c. 28/05/2031	EUR	496,500	0.36%
5.85% Burmarrad Group Assets p.l.c. 14/05/2034	EUR	757,295	0.55%
4.25% ClearFlowPlus p.l.c. 25/08/2033	EUR	436,920	0.31%
4.25% Corinthia Finance p.l.c. 12/04/2026	EUR	1,758,029	1.27%
4.00% Eden Finance p.l.c. 28/04/2027	EUR	2,080,670	1.50%
4.50% Endo Finance p.l.c. 22/03/2029	EUR	1,260,225	0.91%
4.00% Exalco Finance p.l.c. 20/08/2028	EUR	1,484,852	1.07%
3.50% GO p.l.c. 25/06/2031	EUR	3,829,142	2.77%
6.25% GPH Malta Finance p.l.c. 10/03/2030	EUR	1,719,156	1.24%
4.50% Grand Harbour Marina p.l.c. 23/08/2027	EUR	516,923	0.37%
5.00% Hal Mann Vella Group p.l.c. 06/11/2024	EUR	297,303	0.21%
5.35% Hal Mann Vella Group p.l.c. 26/07/2034	EUR	646,480	0.47%
3.80% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 27/08/2029	EUR	2,656,152	1.92%
3.85% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 24/07/2028	EUR	1,280,251	0.92%
4.00% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 11/03/2027	EUR	1,133,551	0.82%
5.00% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 17/07/2029	EUR	3,244,737	2.34%
4.50% Hili Properties p.l.c. 16/10/2025	EUR	1,066,856	0.77%
4.00% International Hotel Investments p.l.c. 29/07/2026	EUR	2,522,930	1.82%
4.00% International Hotel Investments p.l.c. 20/12/2026	EUR	263,154	0.19%

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Malta Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds (continued)</i>			
5.75% International Hotel Investments p.l.c. 13/05/2025	EUR	2,313,690	1.67%
2.00% Logicor Financing S.a.r.l. 17/01/2034	EUR	1,283,406	0.93%
9.75% MDB Group Ltd. 10/02/2031	EUR	1,064,052	0.77%
4.00% MeDirect Bank Malta p.l.c. 05/11/2029	EUR	726,001	0.52%
5.00% MeDirect Bank Malta p.l.c. 13/10/2027	EUR	68,135	0.05%
5.25% Mediterranean Investments Holding p.l.c. 06/07/2027	EUR	99,667	0.07%
5.85% Mediterranean Investments Holding p.l.c. 31/07/2028	EUR	555,775	0.40%
4.50% Medserv p.l.c. 05/02/2026	EUR	1,835,786	1.33%
5.00% Medservregis p.l.c. 20/12/2029	EUR	7,511	0.01%
4.30% Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c. 25/04/2032	EUR	3,008,941	2.17%
4.00% Merkanti Holdings p.l.c. 12/08/2026	EUR	2,587,800	1.87%
2.75% Petroleos Mexicanos 21/04/2027	EUR	1,172,804	0.85%
5.75% Phoenicia Finance Company p.l.c. 30/12/2033	EUR	2,688,837	1.94%
3.75% Premier Capital p.l.c. 23/11/2026	EUR	2,451,094	1.77%
1.99% Prosus N.V. 13/07/2033	EUR	418,622	0.30%
4.35% SD Finance p.l.c. 25/04/2027	EUR	4,494,457	3.25%
4.00% Shoreline Mall p.l.c. 01/08/2026	EUR	1,381,555	1.00%
4.50% Shoreline Mall p.l.c. 01/08/2032	EUR	2,541,233	1.83%
3.50% Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. 13/09/2027	EUR	1,425,786	1.03%
4.00% Stivala Group Finance p.l.c. 18/10/2027	EUR	436,358	0.31%
3.75% Tumas Investments p.l.c. 10/07/2027	EUR	398,934	0.29%
3.75% Virtu Finance p.l.c. 30/11/2027	EUR	1,029,337	0.74%
		86,399,335	62.40%
5.00% Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 27/07/2027	USD	443,828	0.32%
6.38% Charter Communications Operating LLC 23/10/2035	USD	94,147	0.07%
5.38% EnfraGen Energia Sur SA 30/12/2030	USD	154,509	0.11%
6.38% KazMunayGas National Co. JSC 24/10/48	USD	595,843	0.43%
5.75% Medserv p.l.c. 05/02/2026	USD	800,528	0.58%
3.85% Viatris Inc. 22/06/2040	USD	354,694	0.25%
		2,443,549	1.76%
<b>Total corporate bonds</b>		<b>88,842,884</b>	<b>64.16%</b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Malta Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
Portfolio of investments		127,257,517	91.90%
Bank balances		11,628,771	8.40%
Other net current liabilities		(414,540)	(0.30%)
Net assets		<u>138,471,748</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *International Bond Fund*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Sovereign/Supranational bonds</i>			
FRN CCTS Italy EU 15/04/2029	EUR	1,021,625	1.54%
2.75% Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 22/01/2033	EUR	853,429	1.28%
2.20% Bundesschatzanweisungen 12/12/2024	EUR	1,625,451	2.45%
3.88% Chile Government International Bond 09/07/2031	EUR	519,702	0.78%
4.13% Chile Government Bond 05/07/2034	EUR	1,590,912	2.39%
6.38% Egypt Government International Bond 11/04/2031	EUR	434,647	0.65%
4.63% Finance Department Government of Sharjah 17/01/2031	EUR	506,289	0.76%
0.00% France Treasury Bill BTF 20/11/2024	EUR	1,592,654	2.40%
2.25% Mexico Government Bond 12/08/2036	EUR	866,466	1.30%
1.95% Peruvian Government International Bond 17/11/2036	EUR	569,849	0.86%
3.38% Romanian Government Bond 08/02/2038	EUR	403,493	0.61%
6.38% Romanian Government Bond 18/09/2033	EUR	537,861	0.81%
5.25% Romanian Government International Bond 30/05/2032	EUR	511,231	0.77%
5.38% Romanian Government International Bond 22/03/2031	EUR	528,932	0.80%
2.00% Saudi Arabia Government International Bond 09/07/2039	EUR	1,181,510	1.78%
2.05% Serbia International Bond 23/09/2036	EUR	747,693	1.13%
1.00% Slovakia Government Bond 13/10/2051	EUR	567,091	0.85%
2.00% Slovakia Government Bond 17/10/2047	EUR	1,505,402	2.27%
1.90% Spain Government Bond 31/10/2052	EUR	2,513,352	3.79%
0.00% Spain Letras del Tesoro 10/01/2025	EUR	1,586,211	2.39%
		19,663,800	29.61%
6.13% Brazilian Government International Bond 22/01/2032	USD	468,522	0.70%
4.95% Chile Government Bond 05/01/2036	USD	920,159	1.39%
8.00% Colombia Government International Bond 14/11/2035	USD	492,158	0.74%
6.00% Mexico Government International Bond 07/05/2036	USD	374,436	0.56%
5.75% Saudi Arabia Government International Bond 16/01/2054	USD	742,314	1.12%
0.00% United States Treasury Bill 29/10/2024	USD	714,174	1.08%
		3,711,763	5.59%
0.50% United Kingdom Gilt 22/10/2061	GBP	610,008	0.92%
<b>Total Sovereign/Supranational bonds</b>		<b>23,985,571</b>	<b>36.12%</b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *International Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds</i>			
FRN Volkswagen International Finance N.V. 16/11/2024	EUR	1,008,337	1.52%
5.63% Achmea BV VRN 02/11/2044	EUR	539,119	0.81%
4.63% AIB Group p.l.c. VRN 20/05/2035	EUR	1,041,559	1.57%
3.65% American Honda Finance Corp 23/04/2031	EUR	204,990	0.31%
3.25% APS Bank p.l.c. 19/11/2030	EUR	345,813	0.52%
4.80% Aroundtown SA 16/07/2029	EUR	102,330	0.15%
0.37% Athene Global Funding 10/09/2026	EUR	475,515	0.72%
4.30% AT & T Inc. 18/11/2034	EUR	664,886	1.00%
3.50% AX Real Estate p.l.c. 28/01/2032	EUR	481,347	0.72%
3.25% AXA S.A. VRN 28/05/2049	EUR	500,254	0.75%
1.00% Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria S.A. 16/01/2030	EUR	698,998	1.05%
4.75% Bank of Ireland Group p.l.c. 10/08/2034	EUR	1,552,703	2.34%
10.00% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 06/12/2027	EUR	3,304,727	4.98%
4.97% Barclays p.l.c. VRN 31/05/2036	EUR	529,905	0.80%
5.26% Barclays p.l.c. VRN 29/01/2034	EUR	1,712,870	2.58%
1.63% Blackstone Property Partners Europe Holdings S.a.r.l. 20/04/2030	EUR	916,234	1.38%
4.38% CaixaBank SA VRN 08/08/2036	EUR	203,604	0.31%
3.13% CETIN Group N.V. 14/04/2027	EUR	201,300	0.30%
2.00% CGNPC International Limited 11/09/2025	EUR	493,364	0.74%
0.63% Corporacion Andina de Fomento 20/11/2026	EUR	720,847	1.09%
5.88% Credit Agricole Assurances SA 25/10/2033	EUR	587,159	0.88%
4.75% Electricite de France S.A. 12/10/2034	EUR	1,136,330	1.71%
5.00% Electricite de France VRN Perp	EUR	521,876	0.79%
4.00% EnBW International Finance BV 22/07/2036	EUR	103,682	0.16%
4.50% Endo Finance p.l.c. 22/03/2029	EUR	606,775	0.91%
3.50% GO p.l.c. 25/06/2031	EUR	392,270	0.59%
6.25% GPH Malta Finance p.l.c. 10/03/2030	EUR	268,619	0.40%
3.80% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 27/08/2029	EUR	490,627	0.74%
3.85% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 24/07/2028	EUR	393,923	0.59%
5.00% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 17/07/2029	EUR	805,550	1.21%
4.38% JAB Holdings BV 25/04/2034	EUR	528,260	0.80%
2.00% Logicor Financing S.a.r.l. 17/01/2034	EUR	1,283,406	1.93%
9.75% MDB Group Ltd. 10/02/2031	EUR	773,856	1.17%
4.00% MeDirect Bank (Malta) p.l.c. 05/11/2029	EUR	98,641	0.15%

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *International Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds (continued)</i>			
4.50% Medserv p.l.c. 05/02/2026	EUR	50,342	0.08%
4.00% Merkanti Holdings p.l.c. 12/08/2026	EUR	1,297,005	1.95%
2.75% Petroleos Mexicanos 21/04/2027	EUR	281,473	0.42%
5.75% Phoenicia Finance Company p.l.c. 30/12/2033	EUR	403,325	0.61%
4.63% ProLogis International Funding II S.A. 21/02/2035	EUR	327,966	0.49%
1.99% Prosus N.V. 13/07/2033	EUR	586,071	0.88%
5.75% SoftBank Group Corp. 08/07/2032	EUR	515,400	0.78%
2.75% Telecom Italia 15/04/2025	EUR	756,165	1.14%
1.63% TotalEnergies Perp NC	EUR	472,018	0.71%
3.75% United Utilities Water Finance P 23/05/2034	EUR	509,713	0.77%
3.50% Volkswagen International Finance NV VRN Perp	EUR	688,876	1.04%
4.69% Warnermedia Holdings Inc. 17/05/2033	EUR	1,015,249	1.53%
3.90% Wells Fargo Co. VRN 22/07/2032	EUR	517,252	0.78%
		<u>31,110,531</u>	<u>46.85%</u>
FRN Citigroup Inc. 24/02/2028	USD	911,011	1.37%
FRN JPMorgan Chase & Co. 24/02/2028	USD	681,523	1.03%
3.40% Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. 06/12/2027	USD	442,954	0.67%
5.54% AT & T Inc. 20/02/2026	USD	675,765	1.02%
4.38% Barclays p.l.c. 12/01/2026	USD	316,012	0.48%
5.14% Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 28/04/2025	USD	917,999	1.38%
6.38% Charter Communications Operating LLC 23/10/2035	USD	94,148	0.14%
5.50% Enel Finance International NV 26/06/2034	USD	471,844	0.71%
5.60% General Motors Co. 15/10/2032	USD	712,742	1.07%
6.38% KazMunayGas National Co. JSC 24/10/48	USD	916,682	1.38%
5.12% Morgan Stanley 01/02/2029	USD	463,225	0.70%
2.30% PayPal Holdings Inc. 01/06/2030	USD	409,987	0.62%
4.13% Reliance Industries Ltd. 28/01/2025	USD	899,682	1.35%
5.75% Saudi Arabian Oil Co. 17/07/2054	USD	183,779	0.28%
3.85% Viatris Inc. 22/06/2040	USD	354,694	0.53%
		<u>8,452,047</u>	<u>12.73%</u>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *International Bond Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds (continued)</i>			
7.00% SW Finance I PLC 16/04/2040	GBP	323,549	0.49%
<b>Total corporate bonds</b>		<b>39,886,127</b>	<b>60.07%</b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>63,871,698</b>	<b>96.19%</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>2,593,510</b>	<b>3.91%</b>
<b>Other net current liabilities</b>		<b>(63,420)</b>	<b>(0.10%)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>66,401,788</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Equity Growth Fund*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<b>Corporate bond</b>			
10.00% Bank of Valletta p.l.c. 06/12/2027	EUR	2,042,923	4.15%
4.97% Barclays p.l.c. VRN 31/05/2036	EUR	317,943	0.65%
9.75% MDB Group Ltd. 10/02/2031	EUR	483,660	0.98%
		<b>2,844,526</b>	<b>5.78%</b>
6.38% Charter Communications Operating LLC 23/10/2035	USD	188,295	0.38%
1.82% Standard Chartered p.l.c. VRN 23/11/2025	USD	448,642	0.91%
		<b>636,937</b>	<b>1.29%</b>
<b>Total corporate bonds</b>		<b>3,481,463</b>	<b>7.07%</b>
<b>Equity investments</b>			
APS Bank p.l.c.	EUR	1,031,652	2.10%
Bank of Valletta p.l.c.	EUR	1,672,315	3.40%
BMIT Technologies p.l.c.	EUR	381,701	0.78%
Citadel Insurance Ltd. Private Equity	EUR	73,457	0.15%
The Convenience Shop Holding p.l.c.	EUR	234,765	0.48%
Go p.l.c.	EUR	933,637	1.90%
Hili Properties p.l.c.	EUR	74,250	0.15%
HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.	EUR	861,991	1.75%
International Hotel Investments p.l.c.	EUR	253,897	0.52%
Lombard Bank (Malta) p.l.c.	EUR	435,861	0.89%
M&Z p.l.c.	EUR	252,450	0.51%
Malita Investments p.l.c.	EUR	302,761	0.61%
Malta International Airport p.l.c.	EUR	1,101,866	2.24%
Malta Properties Company p.l.c.	EUR	140,333	0.28%
Maltapost p.l.c.	EUR	92,416	0.19%
Medserv p.l.c.	EUR	66,890	0.13%
Midi p.l.c.	EUR	235,702	0.48%
PG p.l.c.	EUR	1,524,948	3.10%
Plaza Centres p.l.c.	EUR	25,353	0.05%



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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Equity Growth Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Equity Investments (continued)</i>			
RS2 Software p.l.c.	EUR	182,521	0.37%
Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c.	EUR	370,048	0.75%
Trident Estates p.l.c.	EUR	26,220	0.05%
VBL p.l.c.	EUR	306,461	0.62%
<b>Total Equity investments</b>		<b>10,581,495</b>	<b>21.50%</b>
<i>Exchange traded funds</i>			
HSBC Asia Pacific Ex Japan Sustainable Equity UCITS ETF (Acc)	EUR	165,150	0.33%
HSBC MSCI CANADA UCITS ETF	EUR	1,112,700	2.26%
HSBC MSCI EUROPE ETF	EUR	1,779,800	3.62%
HSBC MSCI INDONESIA UCITS ETF	EUR	217,575	0.44%
HSBC MSCI World Value ESG UCITS ETF (Acc)	EUR	1,030,370	2.09%
iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF (Acc)	EUR	347,336	0.70%
iShares MSCI Korea UCITS USD ETF	EUR	146,613	0.30%
iShares STOXX Europe 600 T&L UCITS ETF	EUR	91,850	0.19%
iShares STOXX Europe 600 Telecom (DE) ETF	EUR	283,985	0.58%
iShares STOXX Europe 600 UCITS (DE) ETF	EUR	517,150	1.05%
Amundi IBEX 35 UCITS ETF	EUR	122,630	0.25%
SPDR MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	EUR	1,229,600	2.50%
		7,044,819	14.31%
iShares CORE FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	GBP	1,152,932	2.34%
HSBC MSCI CHINA UCITS ETF	USD	2,129,855	4.33%
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	USD	803,463	1.63%
HSBC S&P 500 UCITS ETF	USD	934,273	1.90%
iShares Dow Jones Industrial Average UCITS ETF	USD	799,018	1.62%
iShares Edge MSCI USA Quality Factor ETF (Acc)	USD	1,183,025	2.40%
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI UCITS ETF	USD	1,798,687	3.65%
iShares MSCI Australia UCITS ETF	USD	470,808	0.96%
iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF (DE)	USD	1,258,512	2.56%

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Equity Growth Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Exchange traded funds (continued)</i>			
iShares NASDAQ 100 UCITS ETF	USD	1,223,911	2.49%
iShares S&P 500 Energy Sector UCITS ETF (Acc)	USD	846,566	1.72%
iShares S&P 500 Financials Sector UCITS ETF (Acc)	USD	2,283,197	4.64%
iShares S&P 500 Communication Sector UCITS ETF (Acc)	USD	637,498	1.30%
iShares S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary Sector UCITS ETF	USD	732,897	1.49%
iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF (Acc)	USD	1,296,447	2.63%
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology Sector UCITS ETF	USD	3,326,536	6.76%
SPDR S&P U.S. Consumer Staples Select Sector UCITS ETF	USD	911,465	1.85%
SPDR S&P U.S. Industrials Select Sector UCITS ETF	USD	1,031,786	2.10%
		<u>21,667,944</u>	<u>44.03%</u>
<b>Total exchange traded funds</b>		<b><u>29,865,695</u></b>	<b><u>60.68%</u></b>
<i>Collective investment schemes</i>			
HSBC Global Investment Funds - Euroland Equity	EUR	<u>651,512</u>	<u>1.32%</u>
HSBC Global Infrastructure Equity ZC (Acc)	USD	<u>1,056,567</u>	<u>2.15%</u>
<b>Total collective investment schemes</b>		<b><u>1,708,079</u></b>	<b><u>3.47%</u></b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>45,636,732</b>	<b>92.72%</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>3,629,044</b>	<b>7.37%</b>
<b>Other net current liabilities</b>		<b>(42,237)</b>	<b>(0.09%)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>49,223,539</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Sovereign/Supranational bonds</i>			
2.75% Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 22/01/2033	EUR	170,686	0.29%
2.20% Bundesschatzanweisungen 12/12/2024	EUR	888,919	1.53%
3.88% Chile Government International Bond 09/07/2031	EUR	519,702	0.89%
4.13% Chile Government Bond 05/07/2034	EUR	1,584,667	2.72%
0.00% France Treasury Bill BTF 20/11/2024	EUR	995,409	1.71%
0.25% Malta Government Bond 18/11/2026	EUR	1,337,584	2.30%
1.00% Malta Government Bond 23/08/2035	EUR	1,359,715	2.34%
1.50% Malta Government Bond 22/10/2045	EUR	173,288	0.30%
1.80% Malta Government Bond 28/08/2051	EUR	162,081	0.28%
2.00% Malta Government Bond 10/07/2051	EUR	175,452	0.30%
2.30% Malta Government Bond 24/07/2029	EUR	6,010,954	10.33%
2.40% Malta Government Bond 13/08/2052	EUR	75,798	0.13%
2.40% Malta Government Bond 25/07/2041	EUR	129,648	0.22%
2.50% Malta Government Bond 17/11/2036	EUR	77,173	0.13%
2.60% Malta Government Bond 22/05/2028	EUR	101,016	0.17%
2.60% Malta Government Bond 27/09/2047	EUR	496,599	0.85%
2.90% Malta Government Bond 24/10/2032	EUR	20,176	0.03%
3.50% Malta Government Bond 07/07/2028	EUR	176,933	0.30%
3.50% Malta Government Bond 31/07/2034	EUR	159,733	0.27%
3.50% Malta Government Bond 31/07/2034	EUR	2,074,562	3.56%
3.55% Malta Government Bond 08/07/2026	EUR	102,740	0.18%
3.75% Malta Government Bond 17/08/2033	EUR	1,059,984	1.82%
3.95% Malta Government Bond 08/08/2028	EUR	2,110,378	3.62%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 05/12/2033	EUR	1,843,371	3.17%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 25/08/2038	EUR	845,198	1.45%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 26/11/2043	EUR	67,017	0.11%
4.10% Malta Government Bond 18/10/2034	EUR	207,338	0.36%
4.30% Malta Government Bond 01/08/2033	EUR	59,333	0.10%
4.30% Malta Government Bond 15/11/2038	EUR	1,227,683	2.11%
4.45% Malta Government Bond 03/09/2032	EUR	4,730,042	8.13%
4.50% Malta Government Bond 25/10/2028	EUR	8,732,934	15.01%
4.65% Malta Government Bond 22/07/2032	EUR	306,828	0.54%
4.80% Malta Government Bond 11/09/2028	EUR	1,132,346	1.94%
5.10% Malta Government Bond 01/10/2029	EUR	896,385	1.54%

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

5.20% Malta Government Bond 16/09/2031	EUR	4,748,334	8.16%
5.25% Malta Government Bond 23/06/2030	EUR	8,268,695	14.21%
2.25% Mexico Government Bond 12/08/2036	EUR	236,309	0.41%
5.25% Romanian Government International Bond 30/05/2032	EUR	715,723	1.23%
5.38% Romanian Government International Bond 22/03/2031	EUR	528,932	0.91%
6.38% Romanian Government Bond 18/09/2033	EUR	322,717	0.55%
2.00% Saudi Arabia Government International Bond 09/07/2039	EUR	1,181,510	2.03%
		<u>56,013,892</u>	<u>96.23%</u>
5.00% UK Treasury 07/03/2025	GBP	<u>313,980</u>	<u>0.54%</u>
6.00% Mexico Government International Bond 07/05/2036	USD	<u>458,685</u>	<u>0.79%</u>
<b>Total Sovereign/Supranational bonds</b>		<b><u>56,786,557</u></b>	<b><u>97.56%</u></b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>56,786,557</b>	<b>97.56%</b>
<b>Bank Balances</b>		<b>1,555,524</b>	<b>2.67%</b>
<b>Other net current liabilities</b>		<b>(134,099)</b>	<b>(0.23%)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>58,207,982</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Maltese Assets Fund*

	Denominated in	Fair Value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Sovereign/Supranational bonds</i>			
2.75% Banque Ouest Africaine de Developpement 22/01/2033	EUR	341,372	0.60%
3.00% Malta Government Bond 11/06/2040	EUR	167,581	0.29%
4.00% Malta Government Bond 05/12/2033	EUR	543,318	0.95%
4.45% Malta Government Bond 03/09/2032	EUR	554,610	0.97%
4.30% Malta Government Bond 15/11/2038	EUR	558,038	0.97%
2.30% Malta Government Bond 24/07/2029	EUR	988	0.00%
4.10% Malta Government Bond 18/10/2034	EUR	453,551	0.79%
2.90% Malta Government Bond 24/10/2032	EUR	453,959	0.79%
3.75% Malta Government Bond 17/08/2033	EUR	529,992	0.93%
5.25% Romanian Government International Bond 30/05/2032	EUR	613,477	1.07%
		<u>4,216,886</u>	<u>7.36%</u>
5.75% Saudi Arabia Government International Bond 16/01/2054	USD	<u>463,946</u>	<u>0.81%</u>
<b>Total Sovereign/Supranational bonds</b>		<b><u>4,680,832</u></b>	<b><u>8.17%</u></b>
<i>Corporate bonds</i>			
5.10% 6pm Holdings p.l.c. 31/07/2025	EUR	383,325	0.67%
5.80% APS Bank p.l.c. 01/12/2033	EUR	166,099	0.29%
3.25% AX Investment p.l.c. 20/12/2029	EUR	108,543	0.19%
3.75% AX Investment p.l.c. 20/12/2029	EUR	95,231	0.17%
3.50% AX Real Estate p.l.c. 28/01/2032	EUR	625,752	1.09%
5.85% AX Group p.l.c. 11/07/2033	EUR	176,102	0.31%
3.90% Browns Pharmacy Holdings p.l.c. 28/05/2031	EUR	148,950	0.26%
5.85% Burmarrad Group Assets p.l.c. 14/05/2034	EUR	367,829	0.64%
4.25% ClearFlowPlus p.l.c. 25/08/2033	EUR	179,049	0.31%
4.25% Corinthia Finance p.l.c. 12/04/2026	EUR	184,194	0.32%
4.00% Eden Finance p.l.c. 28/04/2027	EUR	15,296	0.03%

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Maltese Assets Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Corporate bonds (continued)</i>			
4.50% Endo Finance p.l.c. 22/03/2029	EUR	700,125	1.22%
4.00% Exalco Finance p.l.c. 20/08/2028	EUR	197,777	0.35%
6.25% GPH Malta Finance p.l.c. 10/03/2030	EUR	537,236	0.94%
4.50% Grand Harbour Marina p.l.c. 23/08/2027	EUR	27,703	0.05%
5.00% Hal Mann Vella Group p.l.c. 06/11/2024	EUR	98,439	0.17%
5.35% Hal Mann Vella Group p.l.c. 26/07/2034	EUR	214,012	0.37%
3.80% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 27/08/2029	EUR	642,721	1.12%
3.85% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 24/07/2028	EUR	295,443	0.52%
5.00% Hili Finance Company p.l.c. 17/07/2029	EUR	402,775	0.70%
4.50% Hili Properties p.l.c. 16/10/2025	EUR	213,807	0.37%
9.75% MDB Group Ltd. 10/02/2031	EUR	677,124	1.18%
4.00% MeDirect Bank (Malta) p.l.c. 05/11/2029	EUR	29,593	0.05%
5.85% Mediterranean Investments Holding p.l.c. 31/07/2028	EUR	156,190	0.27%
4.50% Medserv p.l.c. 05/02/2026	EUR	829,341	1.45%
4.30% Mercury Projects Finance p.l.c. 25/04/2032	EUR	300,894	0.53%
4.00% Merkanti Holdings p.l.c. 12/08/2026	EUR	1,193,701	2.08%
5.75% Phoenicia Finance Company p.l.c. 30/12/2033	EUR	128,097	0.22%
3.75% Premier Capital p.l.c. 23/11/2026	EUR	271,865	0.48%
4.35% SD Finance p.l.c. 25/04/2027	EUR	111,463	0.19%
4.00% Shoreline Mall p.l.c. 01/08/2026	EUR	123,057	0.22%
4.50% Shoreline Mall p.l.c. 01/08/2032	EUR	684,178	1.20%
3.50% Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. 13/09/2027	EUR	36	0.00%
5.75% SoftBank Group Corp. 08/07/2032	EUR	309,239	0.54%
		10,595,186	18.50%
6.38% Charter Communications Operating LLC 23/10/2035	USD	47,073	0.08%
6.38% KazmunayGas National Co. JSC 24/10/48	USD	265,838	0.46%
5.75% Medserv p.l.c. 05/02/2026	USD	161,723	0.28%
1.88% Orbia Advance Corporate SAB de CV 11/05/2026	USD	256,901	0.45%
3.85% Viatris Inc. 22/06/2040	USD	141,908	0.25%
		873,443	1.52%
<b>Total Corporate bonds</b>		<b>11,468,629</b>	<b>20.02%</b>

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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Maltese Assets Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Equity investments</i>			
APS Bank p.l.c.	EUR	2,258,330	3.94%
Bank of Valletta p.l.c.	EUR	5,773,376	10.08%
BMIT Technologies p.l.c.	EUR	1,279,842	2.23%
Citadel Insurance Ltd. Private Equity	EUR	662,383	1.16%
The Convenience Shop Holding p.l.c.	EUR	701,798	1.22%
Go p.l.c.	EUR	2,493,670	4.35%
Hili Properties p.l.c.	EUR	173,250	0.30%
HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.	EUR	3,603,249	6.29%
International Hotel Investments p.l.c.	EUR	1,332,173	2.33%
Lombard Bank (Malta) p.l.c.	EUR	1,305,711	2.28%
M&Z p.l.c.	EUR	516,513	0.90%
Malita Investments p.l.c.	EUR	506,740	0.88%
Malta International Airport p.l.c.	EUR	3,602,058	6.29%
Malta Properties Company p.l.c.	EUR	525,534	0.92%
Maltapost p.l.c.	EUR	528,927	0.92%
Medserv p.l.c.	EUR	306,618	0.54%
Midi p.l.c.	EUR	986,648	1.72%
PG p.l.c.	EUR	3,375,250	5.89%
Plaza Centres p.l.c.	EUR	145,802	0.25%
RS2 Software p.l.c.	EUR	1,059,723	1.85%
Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c.	EUR	1,316,365	2.30%
Tigne Mall p.l.c.	EUR	320,320	0.56%
Trident Estates p.l.c.	EUR	77,396	0.14%
VBL p.l.c.	EUR	517,795	0.90%
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		33,369,471	58.24%
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FIMBank p.l.c.	USD	314,795	0.55%
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<b>Total equity investments</b>		<b>33,684,266</b>	<b>58.79%</b>
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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### *Maltese Assets Fund (continued)*

	Denominated in	Fair value EUR	Percentage of total net assets %
<i>Exchange traded funds</i>			
HSBC MSCI CHINA UCITS ETF	EUR	813,150	1.42%
IShares STOXX Europe 600 UCITS (DE) ETF	EUR	310,290	0.54%
		<u>1,123,440</u>	<u>1.96%</u>
HSBC MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	USD	365,116	0.64%
HSBC MSCI INDONESIA UCITS ETF	USD	218,134	0.38%
iShares Core S And P 500 UCITS ETF	USD	1,087,773	1.90%
iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF	USD	234,921	0.41%
iShares S&P 500 Information Technology ETF	USD	1,003,695	1.75%
		<u>2,909,639</u>	<u>5.08%</u>
<b>Total exchange traded funds</b>		<b><u>4,033,079</u></b>	<b><u>7.04%</u></b>
<b>Portfolio of investments</b>		<b>53,866,806</b>	<b>94.02%</b>
<b>Bank balances</b>		<b>3,503,831</b>	<b>6.12%</b>
<b>Other net current liabilities</b>		<b>(78,591)</b>	<b>(0.14%)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>57,292,046</u></b>	<b><u>100.00%</u></b>



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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### 9.1 Further disclosures on portfolio of investments

Summary of material changes in the composition of the portfolio of investments:

##### *Malta Bond Fund*

The composition of the portfolio of investments shown on pages 62 to 65 in comparison with the portfolio of investments as at 31 March 2024 is analysed below:

Percentage of net assets:

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	%	Fair Value	%	Fair Value
Sovereign/supranational bonds	27.74	38,414,633	33.82	42,564,217
Corporate bonds	64.16	88,842,884	64.39	81,041,733
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	91.90	127,257,517	98.21	123,605,950
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##### *International Bond Fund*

The composition of the portfolio of investments shown on pages 66 to 69 in comparison with the portfolio of investments as at 31 March 2024 is analysed below:

Percentage of net assets:

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	%	Fair Value	%	Fair Value
Sovereign/supranational bonds	36.12	23,985,571	30.06	16,675,247
Corporate bonds	60.07	39,886,127	66.03	36,628,159
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	96.19	63,871,698	96.09	53,303,406
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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 30 September 2024 (continued)

#### 9.1 Further disclosures on portfolio of investments (continued)

Summary of material changes in the composition of the portfolio of investments (continued):

##### *Equity Growth Fund*

The composition of the portfolio of investments shown on pages 70 to 72 in comparison with the portfolio of investments as at 31 March 2024 is analysed below:

Percentage of net assets:

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	%	Fair Value	%	Fair Value
Corporate bond	7.07	3,481,463	6.05	2,595,907
Equity investments	21.50	10,581,495	23.97	10,287,763
Exchange traded funds	60.68	29,865,695	59.99	25,739,556
Collective investment schemes	3.47	1,708,079	1.42	610,520
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	92.72	45,636,732	91.43	39,233,746
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##### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

The composition of the portfolio of investments shown on pages 73 to 74 in comparison with the portfolio of investments as at 31 March 2024 is analysed below:

Percentage of net assets:

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	%	Fair Value	%	Fair Value
Sovereign/supranational bonds	97.56	56,786,557	97.96	56,128,270
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	97.56	56,786,557	97.96	56,128,270
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### 9 Portfolio of net assets as at 31 March 2024 (continued)

#### 9.1 Further disclosures on portfolio of investments (continued)

Summary of material changes in the composition of the portfolio of investments (continued):

##### *Maltese Assets Fund*

The composition of the portfolio of investments shown on pages 75 to 78 in comparison with the portfolio of investments as at 31 March 2024 is analysed below:

Percentage of net assets:

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	%	Fair Value	%	Fair Value
Sovereign/Supranational bonds	8.17	4,680,832	9.73	5,305,427
Corporate bonds	20.02	11,468,629	15.77	8,593,376
Equity investments	58.79	33,684,266	64.28	35,027,335
Exchange traded funds	7.04	4,033,079	6.92	3,762,472
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	94.02	53,866,806	96.70	52,688,610
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### 10 Dividend distributions

During the period, the dividends declared and paid out of the Income Share Class of the Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund, Malta Government Bond Fund and Maltese Assets Fund were as follows:

	Ex-dividend date	Currency	Rate per share €	Dividend paid €	Dividend payable €
Malta Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	2.604	40,701	-
	30-June-24	EUR	2.491	39,577	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.766	-	46,573
International Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	2.026	6,752	-
	31-Mar-24	GBP	1.731	1,366	-
	30-June-24	EUR	2.006	7,925	-
	30-June-24	GBP	1.699	1,353	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.217	-	9,862
	30-Sept-24	GBP	1.843	-	1,497
Malta Government Bond Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	1.523	26,818	-
	30-June-24	EUR	1.462	25,526	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	1.490	-	25,755
Maltese Assets Fund	31-Mar-24	EUR	3.073	1,187	-
	30-June-24	EUR	3.685	1,871	-
	30-Sept-24	EUR	2.837	-	1,442
Malta Bond Fund	31-Mar-23	EUR	2.253	37,551	-
	30-Jun-23	EUR	2.278	37,510	-
	30-Sep-23	EUR	2.394	-	38,544
International Bond Fund	31-Mar-23	EUR	0.946	3,388	-
	31-Mar-23	GBP	0.830	694	-
	30-Jun-23	EUR	1.058	3,739	-
	30-Jun-23	GBP	0.907	712	-
	30-Sep-23	EUR	1.521	-	5,319
	30-Sep-23	GBP	1.319	-	1,024
Malta Government Bond Fund	31-Mar-23	EUR	0.984	19,286	-
	30-Jun-23	EUR	1.185	22,523	-
	30-Sep-23	EUR	1.229	-	22,697
Maltese Assets Fund	31-Mar-23	EUR	1.435	728	-
	30-Jun-23	EUR	2.958	1,502	-
	30-Sep-23	EUR	2.133	-	1,071

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### 10 Dividend distributions (continued)

Subsequent to period end, the Directors proposed to distribute a further final dividend amounting to EUR 46,573 (30 September 2023: EUR38,544) to the Income Share Class of the Malta Bond Fund, EUR 11,359 (30 September 2023: EUR6,343) to the Income Share Class of the International Bond Fund, EUR 25,755 (30 September 2023: EUR22,697) to the Income Share Class of Malta Government Bond Fund, and EUR 1,442 (30 September 2023: EUR1,071) to Income Share Class of Maltese Assets Fund. These amounts have been transferred to the Distribution Account in accordance with the Investments Services Rules.

Following deduction of dividend administration fee, the net dividend payable to the Income Share Class of the Malta Bond Fund, the International Bond Fund, the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund, amounted to EUR 44,728 (30 September 2023: EUR36,638), EUR 10,902 (30 September 2023: EUR5,900), EUR 24,180 (30 September 2023: EUR20,982), and EUR 1,344 (30 September 2023: EUR 964) respectively.

The dividend administration fee charged on the Malta Bond Fund, the International Bond Fund, the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund for the period ended 30 September 2024 amounted to EUR 0.0026% (30 September 2023: 0.0033%), EUR 0.0013% (30 September 2023: 0.0018%), 0.0055% (30 September 2023: 0.0062%) and EUR 0.0003% (30 September 2023: 0.0004%) of the closing Net Asset Value, respectively.

### 11 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions, as disclosed in Note 8.

#### (a) Management fee

During the period under review, the Manager received EUR 1,439,468 (30 September 2023: EUR1,284,673) as management fees. Management fees amounting to EUR 278,325 (31 March 2024: EUR253,113) were due to the Manager at 30 September 2024.

#### (b) Administration fees

During the period under review, the Administrator received EUR 98,324 (30 September 2023: EUR88,294) as administration fees. Administration fees amounting to EUR 17,177 (31 March 2023: EUR15,549) were due to the Administrator at 30 September 2024.

#### (c) Investment Account fee

During the period under review, HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. received an aggregate investment account fee of EUR 201,624 (30 September 2023: EUR194,717). Investment account fees amounting to EUR 38,406 (31 March 2024: EUR37,294) were due to the HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. at 30 September 2024.

As a service provider to the Funds, HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. also received an aggregate dividend administration fee for the period amounting to EUR 7,936 (30 September 2023: EUR8,477).

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### 11 Related party transactions (continued)

#### (d) Director's fees

No transactions were entered into with key management personnel other than the payment of the Directors emoluments of EUR 20,202 (30 September 2023: EUR 13,678). These amounts represent short-term employee benefits.

#### (e) Other related party fees

HSBC Bank p.l.c., as the sub-custodian of the Company, received an aggregate sub-custody fee for the period amounting to EUR 43,691 (30 September 2023: EUR 40,708)

#### (f) Unitholding of related parties

As at reporting date, parties related to the Manager held 45,042 units (30 September 2023: 44,717 units) in the Malta Bond Fund – Accumulator Shares, 61,246 units (30 September 2023: 61,574 units) in the International Bond Fund – Accumulator Shares, 60,983 units (30 September 2023: 54,147 units) in the Equity Growth Fund Class B, and 21,145 units (30 September 2023: 20,920 units) in the Maltese Assets Fund – Accumulator Shares.

As at 30 September 2024, all units in the Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund, Equity Growth Fund, Malta Government Bond Fund and Maltese Assets Fund were held under nominee by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.

HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited holds founder shares as disclosed in Note 5 to these financial statements.

#### (g) Investments in HSBC securities

Investments held by the Funds in securities, bonds, collective investment schemes and equities issued by HSBC group as at the reporting date amounted to EUR 15,742,905 (31 March 2024: EUR12,553,996).

#### (h) Share subscriptions and redemptions

During the period ended, parties related to the Manager subscribed EUR 462,000 (30 September 2023: EUR221,000) in the Malta Bond Fund, EUR 325,000 (30 September 2023: EUR417,000) in the International Bond Fund, EUR 1,512,000 (30 September 2023: EUR1,577,000) in the Equity Growth Fund and EUR 101,000 (30 September 2023: EUR436,000) in the Maltese Assets Fund.

During the period ended, parties related to the Manager redeemed a portion of holding/shares in the Malta Bond Fund amounting to EUR 647,000 (30 September 2023: EUR718,000), EUR 204,000 (30 September 2023: EUR Nil) in the International Bond Fund, EUR 194,000 (30 September 2023: EUR Nil) in the Equity Growth Fund and EUR 182,000 (September 2023: EUR Nil) in the Maltese Assets Fund.

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### 12 Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities

At 30 September 2024 and 31 March 2024, the carrying amount of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortised cost approximated their fair value due to the short-term maturities of these assets and liabilities.

The fair value of listed investments is based on quoted prices in an active market at the reporting date. Assumptions used in determining the fair value of unlisted investments categorised as Level 3 are disclosed in Note 13.10.

### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks

#### 13.1 Overview

The Funds are exposed to the following risks from financial instruments:

- market risk
- credit risk
- liquidity risk

The Fund is also exposed to operational risks such as custody risk. Custody risk is the risk of loss of securities held in custody occasioned by the insolvency or negligence of the custodian. Although an appropriate legal framework is in place that eliminates the risk of loss of value of the securities held by the custodian, in the event of its failure, the ability of the Fund to transfer securities might be temporarily impaired.

This note presents information about the Funds' exposure to each of the above risks, the Funds' objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Funds' management of capital.

#### 13.2 Risk management framework

The Funds' underlying investment portfolios comprise quoted and unquoted equity investments, quoted and unquoted debt investments, derivatives, and investments in other quoted funds that are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time.

Asset allocation is determined by the Funds' Investment Manager who manages the distribution of the assets in line with the investment strategy of the relative Funds at the prevailing market circumstances. The indirect worldwide economic risks arising from the Russian and Ukraine conflict have triggered large price fluctuations across all financial and commodity markets, hence all investments held by the Funds required close monitoring.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the financial reporting date and the risk management policies employed by the Funds are discussed below.

#### 13.3 Market Risk

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

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.3 Market Risk (continued)

Each Fund's relative strategy on the management of investment risk is driven by the Fund's investment objective, each of which is clearly outlined in the SICAV's prospectus. The Funds' market exposures within their relative Investment Restrictions is monitored on a daily basis by the Investment Manager. The Funds' overall market exposures are also monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board of Directors.

Details of the nature of the Funds' investment portfolio as at the financial reporting date are disclosed in Note 9 on pages 62 to 81.

#### 13.4 Currency Risk

The Funds may invest in financial instruments and enter into transactions denominated in currencies other than the respective functional currency. Consequently, the Funds are exposed to risks that the exchange rate of the functional currencies relative to other foreign currencies may change in a manner that has an adverse effect on the value of that portion of the Funds' assets denominated in currencies other than the functional currency.

The Funds' currency risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with policies and procedures in place.

As at the reporting date, the Funds had the following open currency exposures:

	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
Currency	% of Net Assets	% of Net Assets
<b><i>Malta Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollars	2.1%	1.9%
<b><i>International Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollars	18.4%	17.1%
Pounds Sterling	1.4%	0.1%
<b><i>Equity Growth Fund</i></b>		
US Dollars	48.6%	48.9%
Pounds Sterling	2.4%	2.5%
<b><i>Malta Government Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollars	0.8%	-
Pounds Sterling	0.6%	-
<b><i>Maltese Assets Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	8.8%	8.9%



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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.4 Currency Risk (continued)

##### Sensitivity Analysis

As at 30 September 2024, had the functional currency of each Fund strengthened by 10% in relation to the other currencies with all other variables held constant, net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units would have decreased by the amounts shown below:

	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	Euro	Euro
<b><i>Malta Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	293,000	233,000
<b><i>International Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	1,223,000	951,000
Pounds Sterling	96,000	6,000
<b><i>Equity Growth Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	2,392,000	2,101,000
Pounds Sterling	118,000	109,000
<b><i>Malta Government Bond Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	46,000	-
Pounds Sterling	32,000	-
<b><i>Maltese Assets Fund</i></b>		
US Dollar	505,000	483,000

A 10% weakening of the functional currency against these currencies with all other variables held constant would have resulted in an equal but opposite effect.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.5 Interest Rate Risk (continued)

Interest rate risk arises from the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of markets interest rates on the fair value of financial assets and liabilities and future cash flow. The Funds hold fixed interest securities that expose the Funds to fair value interest rate risk. The Funds also hold a limited amount of euro-denominated floating rate debt and cash and cash equivalents that expose the Fund to cash flow interest rate risk.

*Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund and Malta Government Bond Fund*

The majority of the Funds' financial assets are interest-bearing and as a result, the respective Funds are subject to a reasonable exposure to fair value interest rate risk arising from fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

*Maltese Assets Fund and Equity Growth Fund*

Although the majority of the Funds' portfolios are invested in equities, the Funds hold a reasonable exposure in interest-bearing assets, and as a result, the Funds are also subject to a fair value interest rate risk arising from fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates.

#### Exposure to interest rate risk

The carrying amount of interest bearing financial assets represents the maximum interest rate exposure. The maximum exposure to interest rate risk at the reporting date was as follows:

*Malta Bond Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Debt securities	91.90	127,257,517	98.21	123,605,950
Non-interest bearing assets	8.40	11,637,129	3.81	2,636,658
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	100.30	138,894,646	102.02	126,242,608
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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.5 Interest Rate Risk (continued)

##### Exposure to interest rate risk (continued)

###### *International Bond Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Debt securities	96.19	63,871,698	96.09	53,303,406
Non-interest bearing assets	3.91	2,595,859	4.03	2,236,307
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	100.10	66,467,557	100.12	55,539,713
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###### *Equity Growth Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Debt securities	7.07	3,481,463	6.05	2,595,907
Non-interest bearing assets	93.06	45,806,656	94.07	40,369,385
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	100.13	49,288,119	100.12	42,965,292
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###### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Debt securities	97.56	56,786,557	97.96	56,128,270
Non-interest bearing assets	2.69	1,567,260	2.32	1,330,124
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	100.25	58,353,817	100.28	57,458,394
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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.5 Interest Rate Risk (continued)

##### Exposure to interest rate risk (continued)

###### *Maltese Assets Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Debt securities	28.19	16,149,461	25.50	13,898,803
Non-interest bearing assets	72.03	41,268,590	74.67	40,678,570
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	100.22	57,418,051	100.17	54,577,373
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##### Sensitivity Analysis

The Funds' interest rate risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with policies and procedures in place. The Funds' overall interest rate risk is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board of Directors.

The table following sets out the impact on the relative net assets of each Fund as at 30 September 2024 in the event that worldwide yield curves experience a parallel 25 basis points / 50 basis points shift upwards or downwards.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.5 Interest Rate Risk (continued)

##### Sensitivity Analysis (continued)

Yield Curve Shift

	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	Euro	Euro
<i>Malta Bond Fund</i>		
+25bps	(1,739,000)	(1,502,000)
-25bps	1,739,000	1,502,000
+50bps	(3,478,000)	(3,004,000)
-50bps	3,478,000	3,004,000
<i>International Bond Fund</i>		
+25bps	(897,000)	(788,000)
-25bps	897,000	788,000
+50bps	(1,794,000)	(1,576,000)
-50bps	1,794,000	1,576,000
<i>Equity Growth Fund</i>		
+25bps	(2,000)	(2,000)
-25bps	2,000	2,000
+50bps	(4,000)	(4,000)
-50bps	4,000	4,000
<i>Malta Government Bond Fund</i>		
+25bps	(1,032,000)	(1,058,000)
-25bps	1,032,000	1,058,000
+50bps	(2,063,000)	(2,116,000)
-50bps	2,063,000	2,116,000
<i>Maltese Assets Fund</i>		
+25bps	(119,000)	(119,000)
-25bps	119,000	119,000
+50bps	(239,000)	(238,000)
-50bps	239,000	238,000

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.6 Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of the underlying assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk). These can arise from factors specific to an individual investment or its issuer (idiosyncratic risk), or from factors affecting total market sentiment (systemic risk).

Idiosyncratic price risk is managed through the construction of a diversified portfolio of instruments traded on various markets. Systemic risk cannot be eliminated by diversification and investors in the respective Funds are subject to the Funds' relative systemic market risk.

As the majority of the Funds' financial instruments are carried at fair value with fair value changes recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income, all changes in market conditions will directly affect the Funds' financial statements.

#### Exposure to other price risk

The carrying amount of the following financial assets and liabilities represents the maximum other price exposure. The maximum exposure to other price risk at the reporting date was as follows:

##### *Equity Growth Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Equity	21.50	10,581,495	23.97	10,287,763
Exchange Traded Funds	60.67	29,865,695	59.99	25,739,556
Collective Investment Schemes	3.53	1,708,079	1.42	610,520
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	85.70	42,155,269	85.38	36,637,839
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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.6 Other Price Risk (continued)

##### Exposure to other price risk (continued)

###### *Maltese Assets Fund*

	30 September 2024		31 March 2024	
	% of net assets	Euro	% of net assets	Euro
Equity	58.79	33,684,266	64.28	35,027,335
Exchange Traded Funds	7.04	4,033,079	6.92	3,762,472
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	65.83	37,717,345	71.20	38,789,807
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##### Sensitivity to other price risk

The sensitivity for equity, exchange traded funds, collective investment schemes and rights price risk illustrates how changes in the fair value of such investments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the investments' strategy, or factors affecting all similar underlying investments traded in the market.

A general increase in the prices of equities and exchange traded funds and rights of 10%, with all other variables held constant, would have increased the net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable units of the Equity Growth Fund by approximately EUR 4,216,000 (31 March 2024: EUR3,664,000), and of the Maltese Assets Fund by approximately EUR 3,772,000 (31 March 2024: EUR3,879,000). A 10% general decrease on prices of equities and exchange traded funds and rights, with all other variables held constant will result in an equal but opposite effect.

The Equity Growth Fund is also indirectly exposed to other price risk through the securities held by the respective underlying collective investment schemes which as at period end amounted to EUR 1,708,079 (31 March 2024: EUR610,520).

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 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 respective Fund.

#### Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the following financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure at the reporting date:

30 September 2024

	Notes	Combined Euro	Malta Bond Fund Euro	International Bond Fund Euro	Equity Growth Fund Euro	Malta Government Bond Fund Euro	Maltese Assets Fund Euro
Debt securities	9	267,546,696	127,257,517	63,871,698	3,481,463	56,786,557	16,149,461
Trade and other receivables		31,053	8,358	2,349	-	11,736	8,610
Dividends receivable		57,868	-	-	19,064	-	38,804
Settlement receivable		3,279	-	-	3,279	-	-
Bank balances	6	22,910,680	11,628,771	2,593,510	3,629,044	1,555,524	3,503,831
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		290,549,576	138,894,646	66,467,557	7,132,850	58,353,817	19,700,706
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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 Credit Risk (continued)

##### Exposure to credit risk (continued)

The carrying amount of the following financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure at the reporting date:

31 March 2024

	Notes	Combined Euro	Malta Bond Fund Euro	International Bond Fund Euro	Equity Growth Fund Euro	Malta Government Bond Fund Euro	Maltese Assets Fund Euro
Debt securities	9	249,532,336	123,605,950	53,303,406	2,595,907	56,128,270	13,898,803
Trade and other receivables		40,524	8,438	18,240	-	5,236	8,610
Dividends receivable		214,037	199,416	-	-	-	14,621
Settlement receivable		361,447	-	-	71,257	-	290,190
Bank balances	6	11,207,390	2,428,804	2,218,067	3,660,289	1,324,888	1,575,342
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		261,355,734	126,242,608	55,539,713	6,327,453	57,458,394	15,787,566
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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 Credit Risk (continued)

##### *Malta Bond Fund*

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth, primarily through investment in predominantly Maltese debt securities.

Local Malta Government Stocks as at 30 September 2024 constituted 20.96% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 27.74%) of the fund's total net assets. No Malta Government Stock is rated by either S&P, Moody's or Fitch. However, the Government of Malta carries an A- rating by S&P and an A2 rating by Moody's.

As at 30 September 2024, 58.20% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 58.49%) of the net assets was invested in the local corporate bond market. None of the local corporate bonds are rated by any of the major credit rating companies. However, the Investment Manager undertakes a rigorous risk assessment on each issuer to internally establish the risk reward profile of all major local corporate bonds.

Only up to 15% of the total assets of the fund may be invested in non-Maltese issuers. As at 30 September 2024, investment in these assets amounted to 12.70% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 11.97%) of the total assets.

The credit quality of the non-Maltese issuers' portfolio as a % of net assets as at 30 September 2024 is summarised below:

Credit Rating	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	% Exposure	% Exposure
A (credit rating of A ranges from A- to A+)	5.3	5.6
BBB (credit rating of BBB ranges from BBB- to BBB+)	6.5	5.9
BB (credit rating of BB ranges from BB - to BB +)	0.4	-
Unrated securities	0.5	0.5

##### *International Bond Fund*

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth, primarily through investment in international debt securities. Up to 30% of the Fund's total assets may consist of non-investment grade debt securities, rated between B and BB as determined by S&P or an equivalent rating as determined by an equivalent rating agency.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 Credit Risk (continued)

##### *International Bond Fund (continued)*

The credit quality of the non-Maltese issuers' portfolio as a % of net assets as at 30 September 2024 is summarised below:

Credit Rating	30 September 2024 % Exposure	31 March 2024 % Exposure
AAA (credit rating of AAA ranges from AAA- to AAA+)	2.4	-
AA (credit rating of AAA ranges from AA- to AA+)	5.5	2.2
A (credit rating of A ranges from A- to A+)	26.5	36.1
BBB (credit rating of BBB ranges from BBB- to BBB+)	40.1	41.4
BB (credit rating of BB ranges from BB- to BB+)	4.0	-
B (credit rating of B ranges from B- to B+)	0.7	1.4
Unrated securities	2.3	5.0

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

##### *Equity Growth Fund*

The investment objective of this Fund is to invest at least 70% of its assets in long-term investments consisting of international equities, local equities and collective investment schemes. The Fund may also invest in debt securities, money market instruments and deposits with credit institutions.

As at 30 September 2024, 5.13% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 4.71%) of the portfolio was invested in the local corporate bond market. Here again none of the local corporate bonds is actually rated by any of the major credit rating companies. However, the Investment Manager undertakes a rigorous risk assessment on each issuer to internally establish the risk reward profile of all major local corporate bonds.

The credit quality of the non-Maltese issuers' portfolio as a % of net assets as at 30 September 2024 is summarised below:

Credit Rating	30 September 2024 % Exposure	31 March 2024 % Exposure
A (credit rating of A ranges from A- to A+)	-	0.9
BBB (credit rating of BBB ranges from BBB- to BBB+)	1.9	0.4

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 Credit Risk (continued)

##### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long term capital growth, primarily through investment in diversified portfolio of interest earning securities.

Local Malta Government Stocks as at 30 September 2024 constituted 83.96% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 84.29%) of the fund's total net assets. No Malta Government Stock is rated by either S&P, Moody's or Fitch. However, the Government of Malta carries an A- rating by S&P and an A2 rating by Moody's.

Only up to 15% of the total assets of the fund may be invested in non-Maltese issuers. As at 30 September 2024, investment in these assets amounted to 13.57% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 13.67%) of the total assets.

The credit quality of the non-Maltese issuers' portfolio as a % of net assets as at 30 September 2024 is summarised below:

Credit Rating	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	% Exposure	% Exposure
AAA (credit rating of AAA ranges from AAA- to AAA+)	1.5	-
AA (Credit rating of AA ranges from AA- to AA+)	2.3	-
A (credit rating of A ranges from A- to A+)	5.6	8.7
BBB (credit rating of BBB ranges from BBB- to BBB+)	3.9	4.7
Unrated securities	0.3	0.3

##### *Maltese Assets Fund*

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth, through the investment in a diversified portfolio of equity holdings and of interest-earning holdings.

Local Malta Government Stocks as at 30 September 2024 constituted 5.69% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 6.12%) of the Fund's net assets. No Malta Government Stock is rated by either S&P, Moody's or Fitch. However, the Government of Malta carries an A- rating by S&P and an A2 rating by Moody's.

As at 30 September 2024, 18.24% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 13.25%) of the portfolio was invested in the local corporate bond market. Here again none of the local corporate bonds is actually rated by any of the major credit rating companies. However, the Investment Manager undertakes a rigorous risk assessment on each issuer to internally establish the risk reward profile of all major local corporate bonds.

Only up to 15% of the total assets of the fund may be invested in non-Maltese issuers. As at 30 September 2024, 4.25% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 6.14%) of total assets were invested in non-Maltese issued bonds.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.7 Credit Risk (continued)

##### *Maltese Assets Fund (continued)*

The credit quality of the non-Maltese issuers' portfolio as a % of net assets as at 30 September 2024 is summarised below:

Credit Rating	30 September 2024	31 March 2024
	% Exposure	% Exposure
AAA (credit rating of AAA ranges from AAA- to AAA+)	-	-
A (credit rating of A ranges from A- to A+)	0.8	2.7
BBB (credit rating of BBB ranges from BBB- to BBB+)	1.8	2.8
BB (credit rating off BB ranges from BB- to BB+)	1.0	-
Unrated securities	0.6	0.6

##### *13.7.1 Amounts arising from Expected Credit Loss*

Bank balances are held with unrated banks and are subject to impairment calculations measured on a 12-month expected loss basis, which reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Company considers that these exposures have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of, and trading history with the counterparties. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognized based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the respective sub-fund.

#### 13.8 Settlement Risk

Settlement risk is the risk of loss due to failure of a counterparty to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. Risk relating to unsettled transactions is considered small due to the short settlement period involved and the high credit quality of the brokers used. The Investment Manager monitors the financial positions of the brokers used to further mitigate this risk.

Substantially all of the assets of the Funds are held by Sparkasse Bank Malta p.l.c., as Depositary. Bankruptcy or insolvency of the Depositary may cause the Funds' rights with respect to securities held by the Depositary to be delayed or limited.

#### 13.9 Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.9 Liquidity Risk (continued)

##### *Malta Bond Fund*

The Fund's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of units and these are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

The major part of this Fund's underlying securities mainly comprises securities that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, making 79.16% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 86.23%) of net assets, which may not be readily realisable due to the limitations arising from the size and illiquidity of the Maltese capital market.

8.40% (31 March 2024: 1.93%) of net assets are held in bank deposits.

##### *International Bond Fund*

The Fund's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of units and these are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

The Fund's underlying securities that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange making 114.63% (31 March 2024: 10.10%) of net assets, may not be readily realisable due to the limitations arising from the size and illiquidity of the Maltese capital market.

The major part of this Fund's underlying securities, making 81.56% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 86.00%) of net assets, are considered to be readily realisable since they are listed on European Stock Exchanges.

3.91% (31 March 2024: 4.00%) of net assets are held in bank deposits.

##### *Equity Growth Fund*

The Fund's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of units and these are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

The major part of this Fund's underlying securities are considered to be readily realisable since they are listed on major European and US Stock Exchanges.

The fund has an investment comprising of an unlisted security, making 0.15% (31 March 2024: 0.13%) of net assets which is not considered to be readily realisable. The Fund's portfolio of underlying securities also comprises securities that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, making 26.48% (31 March 2024: 27.08%) of net assets which may not be readily realisable due to the limitations arising from the size and illiquidity of the Maltese capital market.

7.37% (31 March 2024: 8.53%) of net assets are held in bank deposits.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.9 Liquidity Risk (continued)

##### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

The Fund's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of units and these are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

The major part of this Fund's underlying securities mainly comprises securities that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, making 83.96% (including accrued interest) (31 March 2024: 84.29%) of net assets, which may not be readily realisable due to the limitations arising from the size and illiquidity of the Maltese capital market.

2.67% (31 March 2024: 2.31%) of net assets are held in bank deposits.

##### *Maltese Asset Fund*

The Fund's constitution provides for the daily creation and cancellation of units and these are therefore exposed to the liquidity risk of meeting unitholders' redemptions at any time.

The fund has an investment comprising of an unlisted security, making 1.16% (31 March 2024: 0.90%) of net assets which is not considered to be readily realisable. The Fund's portfolio of underlying securities also comprises securities that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, making 80.47% (31 March 2024: 82.76%) of net assets which may not be readily realisable due to the limitations arising from the size and illiquidity of the Maltese capital market.

6.12% (31 March 2024: 2.89%) of net assets are held in bank deposits.

##### *All funds*

The Funds' liquidity risk is managed on a regular basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with policies and procedures in place. The Funds' overall liquidity risks are monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board of Directors.

All Funds are allowed to borrow up to 10% of their respective Net Asset Value which may be used to finance settlement mismatches. Such borrowing would require the relevant Fund to enter into a credit facility agreement whereby the Fund would pledge its assets by way of financial collateral in favour of the creditor Bank providing such facility. As disclosed in Note 4, the Funds have stand by overdraft facilities and settlement lines with the Depositary.

The Maltese market typically has lower trading activity, compared to more developed capital markets. Funds mandated to invest in the Maltese market are thus exposed to greater levels of inherent market illiquidity. In order to mitigate liquidity risk stemming from redemptions, the Manager aims to maintain a minimum level of cash and/or cash equivalents. In regard to the funds that are mandated to invest in Malta, the allowance up to 15% of NAV to hold international securities may present an additional source of liquidity, as international securities are frequently more liquid than those on the local market.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.9 Liquidity Risk (continued)

*All funds (continued)*

The Prospectus and Articles of Association contain special provisions which provide the Company the power to suspend repurchase of shares and to repurchase only part of the shares for which repurchase requests have been received if the Company determines that the calculation of Net Asset Value is not practicable or reasonable, or that the repurchase of shares would involve the realisation of assets of the Fund which in the opinion of the Company could, if realised at that particular moment in time, adversely affect and prejudice the interest of the Investors. The Manager may limit the total number of units which may be repurchased on any Dealing Day to 5% of the outstanding units in any Fund. In this event, the Manager will reduce all valid repurchase requests pro rata to the said 5% of the units and shall repurchase the excess of the units on the next Dealing Day, subject to the Manager's same power of deferral until the original repurchase requests have been fully satisfied.

On 23 March 2022, the Authority was informed that HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) ('Manager') Ltd was unable to proceed with the execution of the required trade as the Scheme's custodian, Sparkasse Bank Malta plc, informed it that the clearing house has suspended any kind of settlement in the Russian Bonds. The SICAV Board of Directors sought the guidance of the Scheme's Auditors to determine whether both securities should be written off or totally impaired in line with IFRS 13 requirements (Fair Value Measurement). Hence the Board resolved to write down the valuation of the Russian Bonds to zero with effect from 28 February 2023. From a liquidity perspective, the situation is being closely monitored by the Manager so that once the securities are no longer suspended from settlement, the Manager will endeavour to seek potential buyers and proceed with disposing the securities.

#### 13.10 Fair values of financial instruments

The Fund measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- in the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The fair value of an asset is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

IFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance under IFRS for all fair value measurements. It allows an entity to use mid-market pricing or other pricing conventions that are used by market participants as a practical expedient for fair value measurements within a bid-ask spread.



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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.10 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

The Fund measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1 - Quoted market prices (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable 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 identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The following table analyses financial instruments measured at fair value at the reporting date by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised. The amounts are based on the values recognised in the statement of financial position. All fair value measurements below are recurring.

#### *Malta Bond Fund*

	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
<b>30 September 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	38,414,633	-	-	38,414,633
Corporate Bonds	87,778,832	1,064,052	-	88,842,884
	<b>126,193,465</b>	<b>1,064,052</b>	-	<b>127,257,517</b>
<b>31 March 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	42,564,217	-	-	42,564,217
Corporate Bonds	81,041,733	-	-	81,041,733
	<b>123,605,950</b>	-	-	<b>123,605,950</b>

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.10 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

##### *International Bond Fund*

	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
<b>30 September 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	23,985,571	-	-	23,985,571
Corporate Bonds	39,112,271	773,856	-	39,886,127
	<b>63,097,842</b>	<b>773,856</b>	-	<b>63,871,698</b>
<b>31 March 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	16,675,247	-	-	16,675,247
Corporate Bonds	36,628,159	-	-	36,628,159
	<b>53,303,406</b>	-	-	<b>53,303,406</b>

##### *Equity Growth Fund*

	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
<b>30 September 2024</b>				
Corporate Bonds	2,997,803	483,660	-	3,481,463
Equity Investments	10,508,038	-	73,457	10,581,495
Exchange Traded Funds	29,865,695	-	-	29,865,695
Collective Investment Schemes	1,708,079	-	-	1,708,079
	<b>45,079,615</b>	<b>483,660</b>	<b>73,457</b>	<b>45,636,732</b>
<b>31 March 2024</b>				
Corporate Bonds	2,595,907	-	-	2,595,907
Equity Investments	10,233,425	-	54,338	10,287,763
Exchange Traded Funds	25,739,556	-	-	25,739,556
Collective Investment Schemes	610,520	-	-	610,520
	<b>39,179,408</b>	-	<b>54,338</b>	<b>39,233,746</b>

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.10 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

##### *Malta Government Bond Fund*

	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
<b>30 September 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	<b>56,786,557</b>	-	-	<b>56,786,557</b>
	<b>56,786,557</b>	-	-	<b>56,786,557</b>
<b>31 March 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	56,128,270	-	-	56,128,270
	56,128,270	-	-	56,128,270

##### *Maltese Assets Fund*

	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
<b>30 September 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	<b>4,680,832</b>	-	-	<b>4,680,832</b>
Corporate Bonds	<b>10,791,505</b>	<b>677,124</b>	-	<b>11,468,629</b>
Equity Investments	<b>33,021,883</b>	-	<b>662,383</b>	<b>33,684,266</b>
Exchange Traded Funds	<b>4,033,079</b>	-	-	<b>4,033,079</b>
	<b>52,527,299</b>	<b>677,124</b>	<b>662,383</b>	<b>53,866,806</b>
<b>31 March 2024</b>				
Sovereign/Supranational Bonds	5,305,427	-	-	5,305,427
Corporate Bonds	8,593,376	-	-	8,593,376
Equity Investments	34,537,353	-	489,982	35,027,335
Exchange Traded Funds	3,762,472	-	-	3,762,472
	52,198,628	-	489,982	52,688,610

During the period, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the Malta Bond Fund, International Bond Fund, Equity Growth Fund, and Maltese Assets Fund, with carrying amounts of EUR 1,064,052, EUR 773,856, EUR 483,660, and EUR 677,124 respectively, were classified as Level 2 inputs. This classification resulted from a change in the valuation method of the respective corporate bonds.

##### Financial assets classified at Level 3

During the period, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the Equity Growth Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund Portfolio, with a carrying amount of EUR73,457 (31 March 2024: EUR54,338) and EUR 662,383 (31 March 2024: EUR489,982) respectively, were classified as having Level 3 inputs. Due to lack of observable market inputs, the fair value of the assets was determined by using a high-level desktop analysis and is thus subject to the inherent limitations therein. The analysis is based on publicly available information, which in the main relates to the latest audited financial statements and the application of liquidity discount. The high-level, desktop-based pricing analysis is based on the concept of fair market value, that is on the basis of what a hypothetical prudent purchaser, who is a willing but not anxious buyer, would be prepared to pay to a seller, who is willing but not anxious to sell, in circumstances where both the buyer and seller have reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts.

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### 13 Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### 13.10 Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

##### Financial assets classified at Level 3 (continued)

The unrealised (losses)/gains on fair value movements of financial assets classified as level 3 during the period are as follows:

	30 September 2024 EUR	31 March 2024 EUR
Equity Growth Fund	19,119	(4,528)
Malta Asset Fund	172,401	(40,832)

Of the total gains or losses for the period included in profit or loss, EUR191,520 gain (31 March 2024: EUR45,360 loss) are attributable to level 3 securities held at the end of the reporting period. Fair value gains or losses on asset-backed securities are included in Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### 13.11 Capital Risk Management

The capital of the Sub-Funds is represented by the net assets attributable to shareholders as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. The amount of net assets attributable to shareholders can change significantly on a daily basis as the Sub-Funds are subject to subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the shareholders. The Sub-Funds' objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Sub-Funds' ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Sub-Funds.

### 14 Events subsequent to the reporting date

There were no material significant events affecting the Company subsequent to the reporting period.

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## General Information

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### 1 Authorisation

HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c. is an open-ended collective investment scheme organised as a multi-fund public limited liability company with variable share capital. The Company was registered on 24 January 1997 under the Companies Act, Chapter 386 of the Laws of Malta and is licensed and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a collective investment scheme in terms of the Investment Services Act, Chapter 370 of the Laws of Malta. The Company qualifies as a 'Maltese UCITS' in terms of the Investment Services Act (Marketing of UCITS) Regulations.

The class of shares constituting the Malta Bond Fund, the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange.

### 2 Management fees and other expenses

#### (a) Management fees

The Manager charged a management fee of 0.785% per annum from the Malta Bond Fund and the Malta Government Bond Fund, 0.570% per annum from the International Bond Fund, 1.000% per annum from the Equity Growth Fund, and 1.060% per annum from the Maltese Assets Fund, based on the Net Asset Value of each respective Fund on each Dealing Day, payable monthly in arrears.

#### *Annual management fees charged for the underlying investment funds*

The maximum proportion of management fees charged to the Fund is disclosed in note 8.1.

The requirements of article 55(3) of the UCITS Directive, requires the disclosure of the management fees charged to the other schemes that the Fund invests in. However, the underlying Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs") of the Equity Growth Fund, do not disclose the management fee separately, but is instead included as part of their total expense ratio ("TER"). The TER is a measure of the total cost of a fund to the investor, thus it includes other charges in addition to the management fee. It is calculated by dividing the total cost of the fund by the total assets of the fund and is denoted as a percentage.

The Equity Growth Fund did not invest in any fund which had a management fee and also in a number of ETFs with a corresponding TER as per below.

#### *Management fee*

Below is the management fee of the underlying collective investment scheme:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Management Fee</b>
HSBC GIF-EUROLAND EQ-ZC	0.00%
HSBC GBL INFR EQ ZC ACC	0.00%

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### 2 Management fees and other expenses (continued)

(a) Management fees (continued)

#### TER

Below is the TER of the underlying Exchange-Traded Funds:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Total Expense Ratio</b>
ISHARES MSCI BRAZ ETF	0.28%
Lyxor IBEX 35 DR UCIT ETF	0.30%
ISHARES - FTSE 100	0.07%
HSBC MSCI WORL ETF ACC	0.25%
ISHARES MSCI KOREA ETF	0.74%
ISHARES S&P 500 I ETF	0.15%
ISHARES S&P500 EG ACC ETF	0.15%
ISHARES S&P 500 H ETF	0.15%
HSBC MSCI CHINA UCITS ETF	0.28%
SPDR MSCI EMER ETF ACC	0.18%
HSBC MSCI INDO ETF INC	0.50%
ISHARES S AND P 500 ETF	0.15%
ISHARES CORE MSCI ETF	0.12%
ISHARES S&P ETF	0.15%
HSBC MSCI CANA ETF INC	0.35%
ISHARES MSCI AUST ETF	0.50%
ISHARES DOWJONES ETF	0.33%
ISHARES NASDAQ 10 ETF	0.33%
HSBC MSCI EUROPE ETF	0.10%
HSBC S&P 500 ETF USD	0.09%
HSBC MSCI EMM ETF	0.15%
ISHARES GOLD P ETF ACC	0.0055
ISHARES EDGE M ETF ACC	0.002
ISHARES S&P 500 C ETF	0.0015
HSBC ASIA PACI ETF ACC	0.0025
SPDR S&P U.S. CON ETF	0.0015

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### 2 Management fees and other expenses (continued)

#### (b) Administration fees

The Administrator Fees (charged by HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC) are as follows:

The fee for providing Administration Services is set at a maximum rate of 0.06% of Net Assets\* per annum.

Fees for the provision of Transfer Agency services are charged in accordance with the following schedule:

Measurement	Charge
Per Share Class	€1,200 per annum
Per Account opening	€150 per new investor
Per Investor account maintenance	€100 per annum
Per Investor Transaction (depending on the type of transaction processed by the Registrar and Transfer Agent)	€12 to €20 per transaction

#### (c) Registrar fees

No charges are levied by the Administrator for acting as Registrar to the Company.

#### (d) Secretarial fees

Ganado Services Limited charges a fee of EUR2,000 (excluding VAT) per annum for 16 hours of work for acting as Company Secretary to the Company. Additional hours are charged on a time spent basis.

#### (e) Depositary fees

In terms of the Depositary Agreement between the Company, the Manager and the Depositary, the Depositary receives a depositary services fee. The fee for depositary services is of 0.035% per annum of net assets\* depending on the amount of net assets.

The above depositary services fees are subject to a minimum fee of EUR5,000 per month in respect of each Sub-Fund, excluding out-of-pocket expenses;

\*Net Assets refer to the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the Company's Sub-Funds managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited. The aggregate fees shall be allocated pro-rata between all Sub-Funds being the proportion that such Sub-Fund's net asset value bears to the aggregate net asset value of all Sub-Funds for the relevant Dealing Day).

In terms of the Depositary Agreement between the Company, the Manager and the Depositary, the Company has agreed to pay all fees and expenses paid or reimbursed by the Depositary to any Sub-Custodian.

At the request of the Company and the Management Company, the Depositary has appointed HSBC Continental Europe as sub-custodian, pursuant to a custody agreement between HSBC Continental Europe and the Depositary.

#### (f) Fees charged by the Service Provider

The Service Provider charges the following investment account fees: 0.125% per annum on the value of shares held in the Investment Account of each shareholder, with a minimum of EUR11.65 for Malta Bond

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### 2 Management fees and other expenses (continued)

#### (f) Fees charged by the Service Provider (continued)

Fund and EUR23.29 for Malta Government Bond Fund, Maltese Assets Fund and International Bond Fund and a maximum of EUR116.47 per annum in respect of each Investment Account. For Equity Growth Fund, an investment account fee of 0.125% per annum is charged to the Fund on the Net Asset Value.

#### (g) Dividend Administration fee

The Service Provider charges €4.66 per investor eligible to receive the dividend on every dividend distribution. This fee is directly chargeable to that part of the relevant Fund's income attributable to the class of shares in respect of which the dividend has been paid. The fee is not chargeable if a dividend is not declared.

#### (h) Transaction fee

In the normal course and in relation to the Malta Government Bond Fund and the Maltese Assets Fund, the Service Provider charges €23.29 on all repurchase transactions (including an exchange of shares from one Fund to another) in excess of 3 per calendar year. The Service Provider reserves the right, at its discretion and on giving notice to a particular Investor, to increase the charge up to no more than €1,164.69 per transaction on any further transaction effected by the Investor in the same calendar year.

#### (i) Fee for exchange of shares within the same fund

In the case of investors who had opted for a Sterling Currency of Expression, the Service Provider charges a fee of €11.65 or GBP 9 per Investor on any exchange of shares between an accumulating and income distributing class within the same Fund.

#### (j) Other fees

The Company engaged Deloitte Advisory and Technology Limited to prepare its annual and interim financial statements. The Company pays Deloitte Advisory and Technology Limited the following fees relating to the preparation of financial statements (annual and interim):

- For the interim financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2024: EUR8,750
- For the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024: EUR10,200
- For the annual financial return for the year ended 31 March 2024: EUR1,620

The Funds are subject to reasonable expenses incurred by Deloitte Advisory and Technology Limited in the course of their duties.

#### (k) General

All fees may be increased with the agreement of the Company, and the members shall be notified accordingly. Further details on any aspect of the above or further details on other specific charges applicable to any of the Funds will be made available to you upon request and in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### (l) Management Agreement

HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited was originally appointed by the Company to provide investment management services and administrative services to the Company and its Funds by virtue of an agreement dated 31 January 1997. This agreement was amended and restated by an agreement dated 2 May 2002 (the 'Management Agreement').



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### 2 Management fees and other expenses (continued)

#### (l) Management Agreement (continued)

The agreement between the Company and HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited dated 2 May 2002 was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 January 2021, following the Company's conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

A copy of the Management Agreement is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company and the registered office of the Manager.

#### (m) Administration Agreement

The Company and the Manager appointed HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC as Administrator from 28 September 2018. The Company and the Manager have agreed to the delegation of certain administration functions of the Company and the Funds including acting as Registrar, to HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC.

The Agreement entered into between the Manager, the Company and HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC, was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 January 2021, following the Company's conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

A copy of the Administration Agreement is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company and the registered office of the Administrator.

#### (n) Service Provider Agreement

An agreement dated 31 July 2013 was entered into between the Company, the Manager and HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. In terms of this agreement HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. was appointed as a Service Provider in respect of the maintenance of the Investment Account System through which all persons purchase and hold units in the Company. This agreement was terminated on 20 July 2014.

A new agreement dated 21 July 2014 was entered into between the Company and HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. In terms of this agreement HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. was appointed as a Service Provider in respect of the maintenance of the Investment Account System through which all persons purchase and hold units in the Company.

A copy of the Service Provider Agreement is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company and that of the Service Provider.

During 2024, the Company entered into an agreement with the following service providers namely; ARQ, Lockton and PTL for payroll services, insurance of the Directors and provision of the AGM system respectively.

#### (o) Depositary Agreement

On 2 December 2016, the Company and the Manager entered into an agreement with Sparkasse Bank Malta p.l.c., under the terms of which the latter was, with effect from 5 December 2016, appointed as the depositary of the Company and its Sub-Funds in accordance with the requirements of the AIFMD. This Agreement was amended and restated with a new agreement dated 4 December 2020 in view of the Company's conversion into a UCITS retail collective investment scheme.

A copy of the Depositary Agreement is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company.

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### 3 Risk warning

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The value of investments and the currency in which these are denominated may fluctuate over time and investors may not always get back their initial investment. Get back their initial investment in collective investment schemes should be regarded as a medium to long term investment.

This Annual Report does not constitute an offer of units in the Funds. The opinions expressed are given in good faith and should not be construed as investment and/or tax advice.

### 4 Prospectus

The Prospectus dated 21 December 2021 reflected the appointment of main distributor and EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

This Prospectus was replaced by Prospectus issued on 23, December 2022 with updates relating to 'Consideration of Adverse Impacts' mainly by addressing that the Sub-Funds do not promote environmental or social characteristics and do not have sustainable investment as their objective and are thus classified as Article 6 Funds- and do not have any explicit ESG strategy or objectives.

Furthermore, the latest Prospectus removed references on the initial fees of 2% and 3% on both International Bond Fund and Equity Growth Fund, respectively.

Copies of the latest Prospectus are available free of charge from the Manager and all HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. branches. Persons wishing to invest in the Funds should do so on the basis of the full information contained in the Prospectus. A copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements can be obtained by calling 2380 2380 or by logging on <https://www.assetmanagement.hsbc.com.mt/en/individual-investor/funds>.

### 5 Remuneration Policy Disclosure Requirements

HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited's remuneration policy on fixed pay (base salary and fixed allowances) is determined by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.'s Collective Agreement Salary bank increases (split by rating and grade). The variable pay (discretionary performance bonus) is established via a structured process as part of the performance management system and depends on individual contribution together with Bank/Company performance. The bonus pot and policy is agreed by the Bank's local and Group Remuneration Committee (REMCO) and approved by HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c.'s Board of Directors.

Pay and performance are directly linked to the individual's achievement against set objectives which are both financial and behavioural in nature. Objectives are agreed by the employee and Management beforehand.

During 2024, HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited had an average staff complement of 11 employees. One of these employees occupies an Executive and Senior Management position as per HSBC Group definition of Senior Management. In 2024, the total fixed remuneration, including wages, salaries, allowances and share based payments, amounted to EUR 85,116 (2023: EUR 85,116). Variable remuneration, based on performance, was paid in cash. The total Directors' emoluments incurred by the Investment Manager during the year were EUR 101,388 (2023: EUR 92,679).

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### 5 Remuneration Policy Disclosure Requirements (continued)

There are a number of non-cash benefits provided to all HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. employees which also apply to HSBC Global Asset Management (Malta) Limited employees such as subsidised Bank products, fee free products, nursing services, subsidised medical health insurance, periodical medical check-ups and death in service benefit.

There were no outstanding amounts of deferred remuneration and none was awarded in 2024.

There were no new sign-on and severance payments made in 2024 and none were awarded during the year.

The Investment Manager's income is dependent upon funds under management, and therefore the profit available for distribution under the Policy is dependent upon the performance of the funds.

The remuneration disclosed above relates to the year ended 31 December 2024.

### 6 Other UCITS Requirements

- i. The underlying exposure obtained through financial derivative instruments:  
The Funds did not hold financial derivative instruments as at 30 September 2024.
- ii. The identity of the counterparties to these financial derivative transactions:  
The Funds did not hold financial derivative instruments as at 30 September 2024.
- iii. The type and amount of collateral received by the UCITS to reduce counterparty exposure:  
No collateral is required, as there are no open derivative positions as at 30 September 2024.
- iv. The exposure obtained through efficient portfolio management techniques:  
As at 30 September 2024, there was no exposure, since there were no open positions.
- v. The identity of the counterparties to these efficient portfolio management techniques:  
The Funds did not hold financial derivative instruments as at 30 September 2024.
- vi. The revenues arising from efficient portfolio management techniques for the entire reporting period together with the direct and indirect operation costs and fees incurred:  
The Funds did not hold any currency forwards used for hedging as at 30 September 2024.

### 7 Further Information

You can obtain further information on the HSBC Malta Funds SICAV p.l.c. by contacting any HSBC Bank Malta p.l.c. branch and seeking the assistance of qualified staff who are authorised to give investment advice on the Funds.

Alternatively, call customer service on 2380 2380.