

**ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC**  
(FORMERLY TC SHARE CENTRE ICVC)

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report and Audited Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31 December 2020

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## ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC

### MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS' DETAILS

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\* Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA").

\*\* The Depositary is authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudential et de Résolution and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers but in respect of its services as Depositary in the United Kingdom is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

Please note that telephone calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes and to confirm investors' instructions.

**REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (“ACD”)**

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited (“ETFS”), the Authorised Corporate Director (“ACD”) of The ES Share Centre ICVC (“the Company”), is pleased to present the annual report and audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

We hope that you find this report informative. If you require further information concerning your investment, please call our Registrar on 0330 024 0785.

**Constitution and Authorised Status**

The ES Share Centre ICVC is an open-ended investment Company (“OEIC”) with variable share capital (“ICVC”). The Company is authorised in the United Kingdom by the FCA under product reference number 476001. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000608. The effective date of the Authorisation Order made by the FCA was 14 January 2008. From 13 January 2020 the head office of the company is 4th Floor, Pountney Hill House, 6 Laurence Pountney Hill, London, EC4R 0BL. Up to 12 January 2020 was at Bow House, 1a Bow Lane, London, EC4M 9EE.

The minimum Share capital of the Company shall be £100 and the maximum share capital shall be £1,000,000,000. The base currency for the Company is pounds sterling. The Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company is a “UCITS Scheme”, as defined in the FCA Rules, and organised as an umbrella company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations.

The sub-funds of the company are valued on a mid-market basis, with daily single prices appearing on the ACD's website ([www.equitytrustees.com](http://www.equitytrustees.com)). The sub-funds valuation point is 12pm.

In line with the Protected Cell Company Regime, the assets of a sub-fund of the Company belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other sub-fund of the Company, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

While the provisions of the OEIC Regulations provide for segregated liability between sub-funds, the concept of segregated liability is relatively new. Accordingly, where claims are brought by local creditors in foreign courts or under foreign law contracts, it is not yet known how those foreign courts will react to regulations 11A and 11B of the OEIC Regulations.

With effect from 6 March 2020, TC Share Centre ICVC changed its name to ES Share Centre ICVC. The Company's prospectus and the sub-funds' Investment Objective and Policies changed.

The individual sub-funds' name changed as per below table:

| <b>Formerly</b>                                | <b>Current</b>                                     |
|--|--|
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Cautious Fund    | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Income Fund          |
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Balanced Fund    | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund |
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Adventurous Fund | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth Fund          |

The sub-funds in which shares are currently available are as follows:

- ES Share Centre Multi Manager Income Fund
- ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund
- ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth Fund

Subject to the OEIC Regulations and the provisions set out in the instrument constituting the Scheme, the ACD may establish additional sub-funds from time to time.

The Company will not have any direct interest in any immovable property or tangible movable property.

The maximum level of management fees that may be charged to the Company, including any management fees levied on any Collective Investment Schemes in which the Company invests, will not exceed 10% per year.

## REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (continued)

## UCITS V

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited is committed to ensuring that its remuneration policies and practices are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management. Its remuneration policy is designed to ensure that excessive risk taking is not encouraged by or within the Group including in respect of the risk profile of the Funds it operates, to manage the potential for conflicts of interest in relation to remuneration (having regard, inter alia, to its formal conflicts of interest policy) and to enable them to achieve and maintain a sound capital base.

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited delegates portfolio management for its funds to various investment management firms. The investment managers' fees and expenses for providing investment management services are paid by the ACD out of its own remuneration under the ACD agreement. The investment management firms generally also make information on remuneration publicly available in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Pillar 3 of the Capital Requirements Directive.

The remuneration strategy across ETFs is governed by the board of its holding company Equity Trustees (UK & Europe) Limited. As a result of the company's size and structure, the board of ETFs has chosen not to establish a Remuneration Committee. The board has established a Remuneration Policy designed to ensure the UCITS Remuneration Code in the UK Financial Authority handbook is met proportionately for all UCITS Remuneration Code Staff.

ETFs considers its activities as non complex due to the fact that regulation limits the activities of the UCITS and the scope of investment in such a way so as to seek that investor risk is mitigated. The activities of ETFs and the delegated Investment Manager are strictly controlled within certain pre-defined parameters as set out in the prospectus of each UCITS.

In its role as a UCITS Manager, ETFs deems itself as lower risk due to the nature of the activities it conducts. ETFs does not pay any form of variable remuneration currently based on the Investment Performance of its UCITS. Therefore ETFs have provided a basic overview of how staff whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

| June-2020*   | Number of Beneficiaries | Total remuneration paid | Fixed remuneration | Variable remuneration paid | Carried interest paid by the UCITS |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total remuneration paid by the UCITS Manager during the financial year   | 12                      | £734,635                | £734,635           | £0                         | £0                                 |
| Remuneration paid to employees of the UCITS Manager who have a material impact on the risk profile of the UCITS                | 6                       | £408,152                | £408,152           | £0                         | £0                                 |
| Senior Management  | 3                       | £344,502                | £344,502           | £0                         | £0                                 |
| Control Functions  | 4                       | £383,502                | £383,502           | £0                         | £0                                 |
| Employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and risk takers | 0                       | £0                      | £0                 | £0                         | £0                                 |

\*Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited annual accounts at 30 June 2020

REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (continued)

**Certification of the annual report and audited Financial Statements by the Authorised Corporate Director, Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited.**

In accordance with the requirements of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001(SI2001/1228) and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL" or "COLL Sourcebook"), we hereby certify the annual report and audited Financial Statements on behalf of the ACD, Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited.

**COVID-19**

Since the start of 2020 global financial markets have experienced significant volatility resulting from COVID-19. The outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in travel and border restrictions, quarantines, supply chain disruptions, lower consumer demands as well as general market uncertainty. The effects of COVID-19 have had an adverse and long-lasting impact on global economies as well as financial markets, all of which may impact the performance of ES Share Centre ICVC.

The ACD has considered the impact of COVID-19 on the financial resources and operations of the Company, the Investment Manager and key service providers. The ACD is of the opinion that, given COVID-19, adequate financial resources and business continuity plans are in place to continue as a going concern.

**Going Concern**

The Directors are of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts, accordingly the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of these Financial Statements. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these Financial Statements and applicable accounting standards have been followed.



**James Gardner**

Director for and on behalf of Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited  
Authorised Corporate Director of ES Share Centre ICVC  
24 March 2021

**STATEMENT OF THE ACD'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of The ES Share Centre ICVC ("the Company") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes' Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare Financial Statements for each annual accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA SORP") in May 2014; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's sub-funds as at the end of that year and the net revenue or expense and the net capital gains or losses on the scheme property of the Company's sub-funds for that year.

In preparing the Financial Statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the applicable IA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Annual Report and the audited financial statements were approved by the board of directors of the ACD on the Company and authorised for issue on 24 March 2021.

**STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC ("the Company") For the year ended 31 December 2020.**

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the property of the Company (other than tangible moveable property) which is entrusted to it and for the collection of income that arises from that property.

It is the duty of the Depositary to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the Sourcebook"), the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), the company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus of the Company, in relation to the pricing of, and dealings in, shares in the Company; the application of income of the Company; and the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the Authorised Corporate Director:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with Sourcebook and, where applicable, OEIC Regulations, the Instrument Of Incorporation and Prospectus of the Company, and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

**Société Generale S.A. London Branch**

31 December 2020



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of the ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC (the 'Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company and its sub funds as at 31 December 2020 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the company and its sub funds for the year ended 31 December 2020; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds", the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise for each sub-fund:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders;
- the balance sheet;
- the accounting policies, risk management policies and individual notes 1 to 16; and
- the distribution tables.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 as amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the authorised corporate director's (ACD's) use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

## REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of depositary and ACD

As explained more fully in the depositary's responsibilities statement and the ACD's responsibilities statement, the depositary is responsible for the safeguarding the property of the company and the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and relevant tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists such as valuations and IT specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the valuation and existence of investments. In response we have: involved our financial instruments specialists to assess the applied valuation methodologies; agreed investment holdings to independent confirmations; and agreed investment valuations to reliable independent sources.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

**REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and the FCA.

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook**

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the company and its sub-fund have been kept and the financial statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information disclosed in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020 for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor  
Glasgow, United Kingdom

24 March 2021

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1A. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” and the Statement of Recommended Practice (“SORP”) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014.

As described in the Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the ACD on page 6, the ACD continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements of the Funds.

#### (b) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses have been calculated as the proceeds from disposal less book cost. Where realised gains or losses have arisen in previous years, a corresponding reversal of such previously recognised loss or gain is recognised in unrealised gains or losses.

Unrealised gain/losses are calculated with reference to the original recorded value of the asset or liability, and only the element of gain/loss within the accounting period is recorded in the Financial Statements. All unrealised and realised gains are capital in nature and do not form part of the Fund’s distributable income.

#### (c) Recognition of revenue

Distributions from Collective Investment Schemes are recognised when the schemes are quoted ex-distribution. Equalisation returned with the distribution is deducted from the cost of the investment and does not form part of the distributable revenue.

Dividends on quoted equities and preference shares are recognised when the securities are quoted ex dividend and are recognised net of attributable tax credits.

Interest on bank and other cash deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

All revenue includes withholding taxes but excludes irrecoverable tax credits.

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting year, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available.

#### (d) Treatment of stock and special dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent being offered and this forms part of the distributable revenue.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of the distributable revenue. The tax treatment follows the treatment of the principal amount.

#### (e) Treatment of expenses

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis but the Fund may incur additional allowable expenses which are charged as and when they are incurred.

Expenses of the Multi Manager Growth Fund are charged against revenue except for costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments which are allocated to the capital of the Fund.

Expenses of the Manager Income Fund and Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund are charged against capital including the costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments.

#### (f) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple Share Classes

Any revenue or expenses not directly attributable to a particular Share Class will normally be allocated prorata to the net assets of the relevant Share Classes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**1A. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES** (continued)

**(g) Taxation**

Tax is provided for using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Corporation tax is provided for on the income liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

Where tax has been deducted from revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable, by way of double tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

**(h) Distribution policy**

The net revenue after taxation, as disclosed in the Financial Statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Shareholders as dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

In addition, the portfolio transaction charges will be charged wholly to the capital of the Fund. Accordingly, the imposition of such charges may constrain the capital growth of the Fund.

The ACD has elected to pay all revenue less expenses charged to revenue and taxation as a final distribution at the end of the annual accounting period.

**(i) Basis of valuation of investments**

Listed investments are valued at close of business bid prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed interest securities, on the last business day of the accounting period.

Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is the bid value of each security.

Collective Investment Schemes are valued at quoted bid prices.

All investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date, and any trades that occur between valuation point and close of business are included in the Financial Statements.

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

**(j) Exchange rates**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling (“the functional currency”) at a rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting period are translated into Sterling at the closing mid market exchange rates ruling on that date.

**(k) Dilution Adjustment**

The ACD may require a dilution adjustment on the sale and redemption of Shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for sales) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution adjustment may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on ‘large deals’; in any case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

**(l) Equalisation**

Equalisation applies only to Shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 Shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the Shares.

After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the Shares for Capital Gains tax purposes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**1B. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

In pursuing the investment objectives a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations.

The main risks from the Company's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed below:

**(a) Foreign currency risk**

A significant portion of the Company's assets or the equities in which the Company invests may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Company or Class. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any dividends from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are valued and priced.

It is not the intention of the Company to enter into any contracts to manage Currency Risk. All foreign currencies are exchanged into/out of Sterling without delay.

**(b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities**

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investments will fluctuate due to changes in the interest rate.

The manager manages this risk by maintaining a balanced portfolio with due consideration to interest rates.

The Company did not have any long term financial liabilities at the balance sheet date.

**(c) Credit risk**

The Company may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit credit risk.

**(d) Liquidity risk**

This is the risk that there is insufficient liquidity which would restrict a sub-fund's investment opportunities or ability to pay liabilities at short notice. This risk is managed by ensuring that overdrafts are monitored and maintained within investment limits and exposure to unquoted or illiquid securities is limited.

**(e) Market price risk**

Market price risk represents the potential loss the sub-fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The sub-fund's investment portfolio is exposed to price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and avoidance of excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit stock specific risk. Subject to compliance with the investment objective, spreading exposure across a broad range of stocks can mitigate market risk.

**(f) Counterparty risk**

Transactions in securities entered into by the Company give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfill their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. The Investment Manager minimises this risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counterparties.

Counterparty risk is also managed by limiting the exposure to individual counterparties through adherence to the investment spread restrictions included within the Company's prospectus and COLL.

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**1B RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES** (continued)

**(g) Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Company cannot eliminate operational risks but, through the continual review and assessment of its control environment, by monitoring and responding to potential risks, they can be managed.

High level controls include effective segregation of duties, trade confirmation checking and reconciliation procedures, incident reporting and oversight of delegated functions.

**(h) Leverage**

In accordance with the IA SORP issued in May 2014, as ACD we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives (calculated as the sum of the net asset value and the incremental exposure through the derivatives and in accordance with the IA SORP commitment approach (CESR/10-788)) divided by the net asset value.

The Fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the Financial Statements Note 13(d).

**(i) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities**

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Investment Objective

The ES Share Centre Multi Manager Income Fund ("the Fund") aims to provide investors with a combination of income, which is equal to or more than 2% above the official Bank of England base rate after the deduction of all fees over a rolling 12 month period, (the "Benchmark") and capital growth.

#### Investment Policy

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its value in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (CIS'), that includes Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs), Unit Trusts, Investment Trusts and Exchange Traded Products (ETPs).

The CIS' will invest at least 80% in listed equities and/or income securities (more widely referred to as sovereign, corporate or consumer debt). The listed equities will be in companies which are domiciled, incorporated, or have significant operations in a Developed Market or have (or had at the time of investment) shares listed in a Developed Market. The income securities will be those issued by companies and governments domiciled in Developed Markets.

Investment in collective investment schemes (which includes exchange traded funds) may include those operated and/or managed by the ACD or the Investment Manager.

It is always intended that at all times the Fund's total exposure to listed equities will be between 20% and 60%, of its value, and its exposure to income securities will be no less than 30% of its value.

Subject to the Fund's investment objective the additional asset classes in which the Fund may indirectly invest are; money market investments and commodities. The Fund is actively managed meaning the Investment Manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the Fund's objective.

The Investment Manager will select investments for the Fund through its Investment Appraisal process. The Investment Appraisal process evaluates the CIS' managers investment style and how investments are made over the economic cycle (the natural fluctuation of the economy between periods of expansion and contraction). The Investment Manager looks to invest for the medium to long-term (typically longer than 3 years) and will look for investments that they consider to be undervalued and therefore have a greater potential for generating income or growth.

#### Investment Review

This performance review covers the period from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2020. During the period, the Fund outperformed its comparator benchmark by 3.67% returning 7.18% on a Total Return (TR) basis, compared to the IA Mixed Investment 20%-60% Shares sector which returned 3.51% on a TR basis, (source: Financial Express). This takes the fund's five-year annualised return to 4.98% against the sector, which returned 5.37% both on total return bid to bid basis. In terms of income yield, the ES Share Centre Multi Manager Income Fund delivered a return of 2.27% for the period.

The portfolio started the year with 33.72% exposure to the UK market and ended the period lower at 26.05%. Japanese exposure increased from 2.96% to 4.80%. The North American exposure was reduced over the period from 22.49% to 13.27%. The fixed income exposure at the underlying fund level in the portfolio started the year at 33.42% and decreased to 30.07% by year end. Precious metal exposure at the underlying fund level started the year at 9.31% and was reduced to 4.05% over the period. While several of the regions and assets above rose over the course of the year, the end of year numbers are reflective of rebalance activities that were being undertaken at the end of the period. Data provided by Financial Express.

While we could not have predicted the level of devastation the coronavirus is having on economies, our view coming into 2020 was that of caution around valuations and monetary policies. Those views had an impact on how we were positioned the fund in 2019, increasing exposure to real assets, a focus on improving liquidity and attempting to neutralise interest rate risk. Albeit, valuations in some parts of the market, in our view, remain highly valued. Navigating the challenges presented by the coronavirus and the responses to it by central banks and governments has been testing. We are encouraged by the rollout of vaccines but remain somewhat cautious with regards valuations and economic growth expectations.

The funds allocation to bonds has an overall duration of around 4.5 years. The allocation has a mix of fixed and floating rate bonds within their respective funds, which the managers find suitable while the market looks for direction from inflationary and deflationary pressures. For equities and real assets, exposure was also maintained throughout the period with no significant movements.

Activity was low on the portfolios over the first half of 2020. Wisdom Tree Physical Gold ETC were sold. New positions in HANETF Royal Mint Gold ETC and MAN GLG UK Income were taken.

Activity significantly picked up in the second half of the year with a significant number of trades taking place in December. This was due to the rebalancing of the portfolio back to neutral after the gains made throughout the course of the year. The position in GAM Star MBS Total Return fund was removed during the period.

The fund currently has a position in the LF Equity Income Fund (formerly LF Woodford Equity Income Fund), which is currently being wound up and cash returned to investors, which is being reinvested across the fund.



### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Market Overview

Central banks continued to pursue easy monetary policy in 2020, driven by the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Significantly, we have seen Governments ramp up fiscal spending, something that has been absent since the Great Financial Crisis of any notable magnitude. These activities supported market liquidity through the period and asset prices.

Our models that analyse regional fundamentals, technical and macro data trends, progressively demonstrated a deterioration across these areas through 2019 and the first half of 2020.

As the year progressed the models highlighted the UK, Europe and Japanese fundamentals exhibiting good valuation characteristics with challenging economic factors, while the US continues to look expensive. On the flip side the US economy looks healthier than the other three key developed markets.

In developing markets: India's flirtation with stagflation passed and China moved firmly into a reflationary phase of the cycle.

Given our late-cycle view, we moved to a more balanced portfolio in 2019 with an increased exposure to real assets and a reduction in financial assets, which supported returns well in through 2020. This has resulted in little activity on the fund through the majority of 2020. Most of the portfolio activity was undertaken in December as the fund was rebalanced back to a neutral positioning.

Towards year end the market was tentatively highlighting a rotation in favour of value over growth assets.

#### Outlook

We continue to expect higher levels of volatility ahead coupled with lower equity returns, because of stretched valuations in parts of the market and the compound effect of already testing economic strains acutely accentuated and added to by a second wave of pandemic lockdowns. The above issues we believe will continue to impact trade discussions, maintain loose monetary and fiscal conditions, hinder global growth, impact profit growth, agitate political and social unrest and continue to see already huge debt burdens at the corporate and sovereign level rise.

While assertive actions by governments and central banks in March and the roll out of vaccines have provided a significant boost to most assets, we remain cautious on the points observed above. We, therefore, continue to maintain a neutral position overall in the portfolio.

Given the political will, motivated by the need to improve economic prosperity caused by the damaging structural impact of the pandemic, we believe fiscal expenditure will become a greater economic driver ahead, something which, has been absent in any significance, in the period between 2008 and 2020. We anticipate fiscal expenditure to be funded by the printing of money taking the world deeper into financial experimentation that we commenced in the Great Financial Crisis.

While deflation factors remain persistent, and we are not ruling out a deflationary bust ahead, it is clear that central banks and politicians will make sure that inflation rates remain consistently above government bond yields for years. This is likely to be the only way to reduce the crushing levels of debt. This of course will create winners and losers in terms of asset prices and while we have our views on how this may come about, for now a neutral allocation, we believe is prudent until the evidence is more compelling.

Our outlook sees us continue to favour equities over bonds but are selective with which regions and sectors we are exposed to. With regard bonds our preference remains to target a below average duration compared to all-bond index duration, with a preference for investment grade assets over high yield with a mix of fixed and floating rate exposures. We continue to prefer a mix of real and financial assets.

Within corporate credit, we prefer shorter-dated bonds from high quality issuers, especially in defensive and noncyclical sectors, which is in keeping with our quality and liquidity ideas. The high yield underweight reflects the glut of low-quality leveraged loan issuance we are growing concerned about.

While we continue to have a benchmark exposure to US, we remain selective on which sectors we are exposed. We believe in general for US stocks to rally considerably higher from here, profit levels must soar, or valuation multiples must expand. The cap-weighted indices remain extremely expensive, and their valuations discount a significant earnings recovery, very low interest rates and little to no event risk.

We are increasingly finding opportunities in real assets, which tend to perform well in late-cycle environments. Real assets provide an effective hedge against rising inflation, support portfolio diversification and currently generate higher cash returns over investment grade income. We have therefore been building a modest allocation to what we feel are attractively valued opportunities. Cash flows from real assets tend to have some recession proofing and with bond yields suppressed by monetary expansion income distributions are attractive.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Income Shares

|                                       | 31.12.20<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.19<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.18<br>(pence per share) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Change in net assets per share</b> |                               |                               |                               |
| Opening net asset value per share     | 123.35                        | 116.09                        | 126.20                        |
| Return before operating charges*      | 10.71                         | 12.72                         | (5.18)                        |
| Operating charges                     | (2.09)                        | (2.06)                        | (2.09)                        |
| Return after operating charges*       | 8.62                          | 10.66                         | (7.27)                        |
| Distributions on income shares        | (2.64)                        | (3.40)                        | (2.84)                        |
| Closing net asset value per share     | <b>129.33</b>                 | <b>123.35</b>                 | <b>116.09</b>                 |
| *after direct transaction costs of:   | -                             | -                             | -                             |

#### Performance

|                      |       |       |         |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Return after charges | 7.19% | 9.19% | (5.76)% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|

#### Other information

|                                  |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000s) | 30,841 | 30,053 | 27,958 |
| Closing number of shares ('000s) | 23,846 | 24,364 | 24,084 |
| Operating charges                | 1.67%  | 1.67%  | 1.72%  |
| Direct transaction costs         | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 0.00%  |

#### Prices

|                             |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 131.60 | 125.78 | 126.38 |
| Lowest share price (pence)  | 103.41 | 116.20 | 116.09 |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Comparative Table (continued)

|  | 31.12.20<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.19<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.18<br>(pence per share) |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Accumulation Shares</b>                   |                               |                               |                               |
| <b>Change in net assets per share</b>        |                               |                               |                               |
| Opening net asset value per share            | 131.89                        | 120.69                        | 128.19                        |
| Return before operating charges*             | 11.48                         | 13.36                         | (5.38)                        |
| Operating charges                            | (2.26)                        | (2.16)                        | (2.12)                        |
| Return after operating charges*              | 9.22                          | 11.20                         | (7.50)                        |
| Distributions on accumulation shares         | (2.83)                        | (3.56)                        | (2.85)                        |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | 2.83                          | 3.56                          | 2.85                          |
| Closing net asset value per share            | <b>141.11</b>                 | <b>131.89</b>                 | <b>120.69</b>                 |
| *after direct transaction costs of:          | -                             | -                             | -                             |
| <b>Performance</b>                           |                               |                               |                               |
| Return after charges                         | 6.99%                         | 9.28%                         | (5.85)%                       |
| <b>Other information</b>                     |                               |                               |                               |
| Closing net asset value (£'000s)             | 500                           | 394                           | 327                           |
| Closing number of shares ('000s)             | 355                           | 299                           | 271                           |
| Operating charges                            | 1.67%                         | 1.67%                         | 1.72%                         |
| Direct transaction costs                     | 0.00%                         | 0.00%                         | 0.00%                         |
| <b>Prices</b>                                |                               |                               |                               |
| Highest share price (pence)                  | 142.08                        | 132.57                        | 128.77                        |
| Lowest share price (pence)                   | 110.43                        | 120.80                        | 120.04                        |

**COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE (continued)**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)**

The OCF figure is the ratio of the relevant annualised total disclosable costs of accumulation shares from the most recent reporting period to the average net asset value for the shares over the same period. This is calculated in accordance with CESR/10-674.

The OCF for the Company as at 31 December 2020 was 1.67% (31 December 2019: 1.67%).

**OCF Cap**

The OCF of the Fund is capped at 2.00%. Any amount in excess of the OCF cap will be borne by the ACD, details of which can be found in the Prospectus which is available on request.

**Risk and Reward profile**

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past.

This Fund invests into other funds which themselves invest in assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Fund.

For funds investing globally, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment.

Bonds may be affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the bond issuer. If interest rates rise, the fixed income earned from bonds becomes less attractive to investors, so that demand for bonds may fall and their capital value may decrease. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts.

For further risk information please refer to the prospectus.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The top ten purchases and sales during the year were as follows:

| <b>Purchases</b>  | <b>Costs £</b>    | <b>Sales</b>  | <b>Proceeds £</b> |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Man GLG Income Fund Professional Income                   | 2,728,954         | ETFS Physical Gold                                  | 1,777,535         |
| The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                          | 1,812,027         | Legg Mason IF Japan Equity X Accumulation           | 1,575,604         |
| Rathbone Ethical Bond Institutional Income                | 1,357,567         | GAM Star MBS Total Return Institutional Income      | 1,330,091         |
| JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                   | 920,978           | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation           | 1,231,355         |
| GAM Star Credit Opportunities S Income                    | 833,169           | The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                    | 1,157,034         |
| CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income         | 764,430           | LF Miton UK Multi Cap Income B Institutional Income | 1,146,629         |
| Threadneedle US Equity Income L Income                    | 616,972           | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income             | 833,169           |
| Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation | 448,013           | GAM Star Credit Opportunities S Income              | 831,122           |
| LF Miton UK Multi Cap Income B Institutional Income       | 387,971           | PIMCO GIS Income R Hedged Income                    | 746,689           |
| Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                            | 373,346           | CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income   | 465,565           |
| <b>Total purchases during the year were</b>               | <b>10,657,906</b> | <b>Total sales during the year were</b>             | <b>11,094,793</b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 31 December 2020

| Holdings or Normal Value | Investments   | Market Value<br>£ | % of Total<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | <b>COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 93.53% (94.03%)</b>      |                   |                          |
| 913,668                  | BlackRock Continental European D Income                   | 1,607,141         | 5.13                     |
| 486,275                  | CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income         | 1,760,217         | 5.62                     |
| 213,084                  | Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                            | 1,864,485         | 5.95                     |
| 1,040,515                | First State Global Listed Infrastructure B Income         | 2,120,882         | 6.77                     |
| 172,581                  | GAM Star Credit Opportunities S Income                    | 2,085,385         | 6.65                     |
| 1,548,562                | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                   | 2,548,933         | 8.13                     |
| 967,662                  | JPMorgan Global Core Real Asset Limited                   | 956,050           | 3.05                     |
| 823,847                  | LF Miton UK Multi Cap Income B Institutional Income       | 1,652,060         | 5.27                     |
| 2,548,220                | LF Woodford Equity Income C Income                        | 108,299           | 0.35                     |
| 2,359,903                | Man GLG Income Fund Professional Income                   | 2,574,655         | 8.22                     |
| 25,335                   | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation                 | 502,444           | 1.60                     |
| 1,440,749                | MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond L Income                    | 1,514,371         | 4.83                     |
| 306,927                  | PIMCO GIS Income R Hedged Income                          | 3,244,220         | 10.35                    |
| 2,550,295                | Rathbone Ethical Bond Institutional Income                | 2,727,540         | 8.70                     |
| 986,396                  | Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation | 2,465,300         | 7.87                     |
| 583,352                  | Threadneedle US Equity Income L Income                    | 1,580,593         | 5.04                     |
|                          |   | <b>29,312,576</b> | <b>93.53</b>             |
|                          | <b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS 2.54% (5.34%)</b>                |                   |                          |
| 57,470                   | The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                          | 795,241           | 2.54                     |
|                          |   | <b>795,241</b>    | <b>2.54</b>              |
|                          | <b>Portfolio of Investments</b>                           | <b>30,107,817</b> | <b>96.07</b>             |
|                          | Net Other Assets  | 1,232,948         | 3.93                     |
|                          | <b>Net Assets</b>   | <b>31,340,765</b> | <b>100.00</b>            |

Note: Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2019.

All holdings are Collective Investment Schemes unless otherwise stated.

There were no cross holdings between sub-fund in the ES Share Centre ICVC as at 31 December 2020.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|   |       | 31.12.20         |                         | 31.12.19         |                         |
|---|-------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Notes | £                | £                       | £                | £                       |
| <b>Income:</b>  |       |                  |                         |                  |                         |
| Net capital gains   | 2     |                  | 1,704,179               |                  | 2,059,735               |
| Revenue   | 3     | 656,887          |                         | 873,227          |                         |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  | 4     | <u>(283,027)</u> |                         | <u>(278,434)</u> |                         |
| Net revenue before taxation   |       | 373,860          |                         | 594,793          |                         |
| Taxation  | 5     | <u>(7,782)</u>   |                         | <u>(33,554)</u>  |                         |
| Net revenue after Taxation  |       |                  | <u>366,078</u>          |                  | <u>561,239</u>          |
| Total return before distributions   |       |                  | 2,070,257               |                  | 2,620,974               |
| Distributions   | 6     |                  | <u>(649,301)</u>        |                  | <u>(839,680)</u>        |
| <b>Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities</b> |       |                  | <u><b>1,420,956</b></u> |                  | <u><b>1,781,294</b></u> |

### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|  |  | 31.12.20           |                          | 31.12.19           |                          |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  |  | £                  | £                        | £                  | £                        |
| <b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <b>30,447,071</b>        |                    | <b>28,285,088</b>        |
| Amounts receivable on issue of Shares  |  | 2,121,842          |                          | 2,315,506          |                          |
| Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Shares                                 |  | <u>(2,659,221)</u> |                          | <u>(1,945,727)</u> |                          |
|  |  |                    | (537,379)                |                    | 369,789                  |
| Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities |  |                    | 1,420,956                |                    | 1,781,294                |
| Undistributed income   |  |                    | 4                        |                    | 7                        |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |  |                    | 10,113                   |                    | 10,903                   |
| <b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <u><b>31,340,765</b></u> |                    | <u><b>30,447,071</b></u> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

|  | Note | 31.12.20         |                                 | 31.12.19        |                                 |
|--|------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
|  |      | £                | £                               | £               | £                               |
| <b>Assets</b>                                  |      |                  |                                 |                 |                                 |
| Fixed assets:                                  |      |                  |                                 |                 |                                 |
| Investments                                    |      |                  | 30,107,817                      |                 | 30,253,853                      |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                         |      |                  |                                 |                 |                                 |
| Debtors  | 7    | 40,690           |                                 | 37,208          |                                 |
| Cash and bank balances                         | 8    | <u>1,635,239</u> |                                 | <u>658,609</u>  |                                 |
| Total current assets                           |      |                  | 1,675,929                       |                 | 695,817                         |
| <b>Total assets</b>                            |      |                  | <u><b>31,783,746</b></u>        |                 | <u><b>30,949,670</b></u>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                  |                                 |                 |                                 |
| Creditors:                                     |      |                  |                                 |                 |                                 |
| Distribution payable on income shares          |      | (325,935)        |                                 | (416,028)       |                                 |
| Other creditors                                | 9    | <u>117,046</u>   |                                 | <u>(86,571)</u> |                                 |
| Total creditors                                |      |                  | 442,981                         |                 | (502,599)                       |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                       |      |                  | <u><b>442,981</b></u>           |                 | <u><b>(502,599)</b></u>         |
| <b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b> |      |                  | <u><u><b>31,340,765</b></u></u> |                 | <u><u><b>30,447,071</b></u></u> |



## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 11 to 15.

#### 2. NET CAPITAL GAINS

|   | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19         |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | £                | £                |
| The net capital gains during the year comprise: |                  |                  |
| Non-derivative securities                       | 1,705,325        | 2,060,497        |
| Realised losses on currency                     | (690)            | -                |
| Transaction costs & handling charges            | (456)            | (762)            |
| <b>Net capital gains</b>                        | <b>1,704,179</b> | <b>2,059,735</b> |

#### 3. REVENUE

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| Dividend distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 362,981        | 381,307        |
| Overseas distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 293,906        | 362,981        |
| UK Dividends  | -              | 40,378         |
|   | <b>656,887</b> | <b>873,227</b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 4. EXPENSES

|   | 31.12.20              | 31.12.19              |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | £                     | £                     |
| <b>Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them</b>               |                       |                       |
| ACD's fees  | 215,883               | 160,931               |
| Administration fees   | 1,325                 | 65,999                |
| Registrar fees  | 12,006                | 12,101                |
|   | <u>229,242</u>        | <u>239,031</u>        |
| <b>Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them</b> |                       |                       |
| Depositary's fees   | 21,000                | 20,885                |
| Safe custody fees   | 12,425                | 8,297                 |
|   | <u>33,425</u>         | <u>29,182</u>         |
| <b>Other expenses</b>   |                       |                       |
| Audit fees  | 10,200                | 7,114                 |
| FCA fees  | (77)                  | 449                   |
| KIID Productions & distribution fees  | 1,353                 | 2,658                 |
| Other - misc expenses   | 267                   | -                     |
|   | <u>10,390</u>         | <u>10,221</u>         |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <u><b>283,027</b></u> | <u><b>278,434</b></u> |

#### 5. TAXATION

##### (a) The tax charge comprises

|  | 31.12.20            | 31.12.19             |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
|  | £                   | £                    |
| Current tax:                                 |                     |                      |
| Corporation Tax                              | 13,143              | 32,120               |
| Corporation Tax prior periods                | (5,361)             | 1,424                |
| <b>Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))</b> | <u>7,782</u>        | <u>33,554</u>        |
| <b>Total taxation</b>                        | <u><b>7,782</b></u> | <u><b>33,554</b></u> |

##### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charge for the year differs from the 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEIC). The differences are explained below:

|   | 31.12.20            | 31.12.19             |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
|   | £                   | £                    |
| Net revenue before taxation   | 373,860             | 594,793              |
| Net revenue for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax | 74,772              | 118,958              |
| <b>Effects of:</b>  |                     |                      |
| Revenue not subject to corporation tax                                      | (61,629)            | (84,337)             |
| Movement in excess management expenses                                      | -                   | (2,491)              |
| Adjustments in respect of prior periods                                     | (5,361)             | 1,424                |
| <b>Total tax charge (note 5 (a))</b>  | <u><b>7,782</b></u> | <u><b>33,554</b></u> |

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#### c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current year.

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £nil in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

## 6. FINANCE COSTS

### Distributions

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |                |                |
| Interim   | 309,284        | 416,028        |
| Final   | 325,920        | 416,024        |
| <b>Accumulation</b>                             |                |                |
| Interim   | 4,895          | 5,529          |
| Final   | 5,232          | 5,374          |
| Total Distribution                              | 645,331        | 842,955        |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 17,307         | 16,051         |
| Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares     | (13,337)       | (19,326)       |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b>            | <b>649,301</b> | <b>839,680</b> |

### Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions

|   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Net revenue after taxation                | 366,078        | 561,239        |
| ACD's periodic charge taken to capital    | 283,027        | 278,434        |
| Less undistributed income carried forward | 4              | 7              |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b>      | <b>649,301</b> | <b>839,680</b> |

## 7. DEBTORS

|  | 31.12.20      | 31.12.19      |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £             |
| Accrued revenue                        | 39,049        | 32,959        |
| Amounts receivable for issue of shares | 1,641         | 4,249         |
| <b>Total debtors</b>                   | <b>40,690</b> | <b>37,208</b> |

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#### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

|                                     | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                                     | £                | £              |
| Cash and bank balances              | 1,635,239        | 658,609        |
| <b>Total cash and bank balances</b> | <b>1,635,239</b> | <b>658,609</b> |

#### 9. OTHER CREDITORS

|  | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19      |
|--|----------------|---------------|
|  | £              | £             |
| Accrued ACD's periodic charge              | 18,975         | 18,974        |
| Accrued Depositary's Fees                  | 1,779          | 3,509         |
| Accrued Expenses                           | 16,628         | 14,760        |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of Shares | 66,578         | 11,835        |
| Corporation tax payable                    | 13,143         | 37,493        |
| <b>Total creditors</b>                     | <b>117,046</b> | <b>86,571</b> |

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The ACD fixed fee (£10,000 per annum and currently included within the ACD's periodic charge), ACD fixed admin fee and the Registrar's periodic fees are payable to the ACD. A further ACD variable fee is payable to the Investment Adviser. Details are disclosed in note 4. Details of the shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets.

As at 31 December 2020 directors of the ACD and directors of other group companies of the ACD held Nil in the Multi Manager Income Fund (2019: Nil) with a total value of £Nil (2019: £Nil). At the year end, Minster Nominees Limited held 99% of the outstanding shares.

#### 11. SHARE CLASSES

The Fund currently has two share classes, the annual management charge for these are as follows:

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Accumulation Shares | 0.75% |
| Income Shares       | 0.75% |

The reconciliation of the opening and closing members of Shares of each classes is show below :

|                     | 31.12.19   | Issued    | Cancelled   | Converted | 31.12.20   |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Income Shares       | 24,364,259 | 1,696,283 | (2,214,514) | -         | 23,846,028 |
| Accumulation Shares | 298,822    | 80,123    | (24,435)    | -         | 354,510    |

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 34.

#### 12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: £nil).

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**13. RISK DISCLOSURES**

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in Note 1B on pages 14 and 15.

**(a) Foreign currency risk**

|                         | <b>Non Monetary<br/>Exposure</b> | <b>Monetary<br/>Exposure</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Currency</b>         | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>          |
| <b>2020</b>             |                                  |                              |                   |
| Sterling                | 30,107,817                       | 1,232,948                    | 31,340,765        |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b> | <b>30,107,817</b>                | <b>1,232,948</b>             | <b>31,340,765</b> |

|                                 | <b>Non Monetary<br/>Exposure</b> | <b>Monetary<br/>Exposure</b> | <b>Total</b>      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Currency</b>                 | <b>£</b>                         | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>          |
| <b>2019</b>                     |                                  |                              |                   |
| US Dollar                       | 1,625,836                        | -                            | 1,625,836         |
| Total foreign currency exposure | 1,625,836                        | -                            | 1,625,836         |
| Sterling                        | 28,628,017                       | 193,218                      | 28,821,235        |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>         | <b>30,253,853</b>                | <b>193,218</b>               | <b>30,447,071</b> |

If Sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened/increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the table below. If Sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened/decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

|      | <b>Increase</b> | <b>Decrease</b> |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|
|      | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>        |
| 2020 | -               | -               |
| 2019 | 162,584         | 162,584         |

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#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The only interest bearing financial assets of the Fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

| Currency      | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|---------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets</b> |   |   |                   |
| <b>2020</b>   |   |   |                   |
| Sterling      | 1,635,239                                 | 30,148,506  | 31,783,745        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,635,239</b>                          | <b>30,148,506</b>                                 | <b>31,783,745</b> |

| Currency           | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|--------------------|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities</b> |  |  |                |
| <b>2020</b>        |  |  |                |
| Sterling           | -  | 442,981  | 442,981        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>442,981</b>   | <b>442,981</b> |

| Currency      | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|---------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets</b> |   |   |                   |
| <b>2019</b>   |   |   |                   |
| US dollar     | 658,609                                   | 28,665,225  | 29,323,834        |
| Sterling      | -   | 1,625,836   | 1,625,836         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>658,609</b>                            | <b>30,291,061</b>                                 | <b>30,949,670</b> |

| Currency           | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|--------------------|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities</b> |  |  |                |
| <b>2019</b>        |  |  |                |
| Sterling           | -  | 502,599  | 502,599        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>502,599</b>   | <b>502,599</b> |

The Fund does not have any significant direct interest rate risk and as such no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

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#### (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 1B (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the year). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

|      | Increase  | Decrease  |
|------|-----------|-----------|
|      | £         | £         |
| 2020 | 3,010,781 | 3,010,781 |
| 2019 | 3,025,385 | 3,025,385 |

#### (d) Leverage

The Fund did not employ any significant leverage as at 31 December 2020, other than that available to the Fund as a result of its ability to borrow up to 10% of its value on a permanent basis.

## 14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on pages 18 and 19.

|   | 31.12.20 |                   | 31.12.19 |                   |
|---|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
|   | £        | £                 | £        | £                 |
| <b>Analysis of total purchase costs:</b>  |          |                   |          |                   |
| Purchase in year before transaction costs |          |                   |          |                   |
| Collective Investment Schemes             |          | 10,657,904        |          | 11,689,299        |
|   |          | <u>10,657,904</u> |          | <u>11,689,299</u> |
| Commissions                               |          |                   |          |                   |
| Collective Investment Schemes             | 2        |                   | -        |                   |
| Equities                                  | -        |                   | -        |                   |
| Taxes                                     | -        |                   | -        |                   |
| Collective Investment Schemes             | -        |                   | -        |                   |
| Equities                                  | -        |                   | -        |                   |
| <b>Total Purchase costs</b>               | <u>2</u> |                   | <u>-</u> |                   |
| <b>Gross Purchase total</b>               |          | <u>10,657,906</u> |          | <u>11,689,299</u> |

The portfolio dealing spread as at 31 December 2020 was 0.05% (31 December 2019: 0.00%).

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#### Analysis of total sale costs:

Gross sales in year before transaction costs

|   |                          |                          |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Collective Investment Schemes               | 11,094,793               | 10,855,630               |
| Equities                                    | -                        | 576,950                  |
|   | <u>11,094,793</u>        | <u>11,432,580</u>        |
| Commissions                                 |                          |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes               | -                        | -                        |
| Equities                                    | -                        | -                        |
| Taxes                                       |                          |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes               | -                        | -                        |
| Equities                                    | -                        | (3)                      |
| <b>Total sale costs</b>                     | -                        | <b>(3)</b>               |
| <b>Total sales net of transaction costs</b> | <u><b>11,094,793</b></u> | <u><b>11,432,577</b></u> |

|   | 31.12.20 |          | 31.12.19 |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of principal amounts</b>       |          | <b>%</b> |          | <b>%</b> |
| Purchases - Commissions   |          |          |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        |          | -        |          |
| Equities  | -        |          | -        |          |
| Purchases - Taxes   |          |          |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        |          | -        |          |
| Equities  | -        |          | -        |          |
| Sales - Commissions   |          |          |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        |          | -        |          |
| Equities  | -        |          | -        |          |
| Sales - Taxes   |          |          |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        |          | -        |          |
| Equities  | -        |          | -        |          |
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset value</b> |          |          |          |          |
| Commissions   | -        |          | -        |          |
| Taxes   | -        |          | -        |          |

#### 15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 December 2020, the Net Asset Value per share has increased using share prices at the year end compared to 22 March 2021.

Accumulation Shares have increased from 141.11 to 141.32.

Income Shares have increased from 129.33 to 129.53.



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#### 16. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

|  | 31.12.20          |                  | 31.12.19          |                  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | Assets<br>£       | Liabilities<br>£ | Assets<br>£       | Liabilities<br>£ |
| <b>Valuation technique</b>   |                   |                  |                   |                  |
| Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities   | 795,241           | -                | -                 | -                |
| Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly | 29,312,576        | -                | 30,253,853        | -                |
| Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability  | -                 | -                | -                 | -                |
|  | <b>30,107,817</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>30,253,853</b> | <b>-</b>         |

**ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER INCOME FUND****DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

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**Interim dividend distribution**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

| <b>Income Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.20</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.19</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1              | 1.2725             | -                   | 1.2725               | 1.6955               |
| Group 2              | 0.5061             | 0.7664              | 1.2725               | 1.6955               |

| <b>Accumulation Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.20</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.19</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                    | 1.3588             | -                   | 1.3588               | 1.7627               |
| Group 2                    | 0.5853             | 0.7735              | 1.3588               | 1.7627               |

**Final dividend distribution**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

| <b>Income Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Payable 01.03.21</b> | <b>Paid 01.03.20</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1              | 1.3667             | -                   | 1.3667                  | 1.7075               |
| Group 2              | 0.6144             | 0.7523              | 1.3667                  | 1.7075               |

| <b>Accumulation Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Payable 01.03.21</b> | <b>Paid 01.03.20</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                    | 1.4757             | -                   | 1.4757                  | 1.7982               |
| Group 2                    | 0.5844             | 0.8913              | 1.4757                  | 1.7982               |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Investment Objective

The ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth and Income Fund ("the Fund") aims to provide investors with a combination of income, which is equal to or more than 1% above the official Bank of England base rate after the deduction of all fees over a rolling 12 month period, (the "Benchmark") and capital growth.

#### Investment Policy

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its value in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (CIS'), that includes Open Ended Investment companies (OEICs), Unit Trusts, Investment Trusts and Exchange Traded Products (ETPs).

The CIS' will invest at least 80% in listed equities and/or income securities (more widely referred to as sovereign, corporate or consumer debt). The listed equities will be in companies which are domiciled, incorporated, or have significant operations in a Developed Market or have (or had at the time of investment) shares listed in a Developed Market. The income securities will be those issued by companies and governments domiciled in Developed Markets. There may also be some exposure to Emerging Markets.

Investment in collective investment schemes (which includes exchange traded funds) may include those operated and/or managed by the ACD or the Investment Manager.

It is always intended that the Fund's total exposure to listed equities will be between 40% and 85%, of its value.

The additional asset classes in which the Fund may indirectly invest are; money market investments and commodities. The Fund is actively managed meaning the Investment Manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the Fund's objective of delivering a balanced outcome for investors in the form of an income return and capital appreciation.

The Investment Manager will select investments for the Fund through its Investment Appraisal process. The Investment Appraisal process evaluates the CIS' managers investment style and how investments are made over the economic cycle (the natural fluctuation of the economy between periods of expansion and contraction). The Investment Manager looks to invest for the medium to long-term (typically longer than 3 years) and will look for investments that they consider to be undervalued and therefore have a greater potential for generating income or growth.

#### Investment Review

This performance review covers the period from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2020. During the period, the Fund outperformed its comparator benchmark by 3.29% returning 8.61% on a Total Return (TR) basis, compared to the IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares sector which returned 5.32% on a TR basis, (source: Financial Express). This takes the fund's five-year annualised return to 6.99% against the sector, which returned 7.28% both on total return bid to bid basis. In terms of income yield, the ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund delivered a return of 1.75% for the period.

The portfolio started the year with 30.68% exposure to the UK market and ended the period lower at 19.84%. Japanese exposure increased from 4.51% to 5.84%. The North American exposure was reduced over the period from 26.42% to 14.09%. The fixed income exposure at the underlying fund level in the portfolio started the year at 17.60% and decreased to 11.30% by year end. Precious metal exposure at the underlying fund level started the year at 9.47% and was reduced to 8.46% over the period. While several of the regions and assets above rose over the course of the year, the end of year numbers are reflective of rebalance activities that were being undertaken at the end of the period. Data provided by Financial Express.

While we could not have predicted the level of devastation the coronavirus is having on economies, our view coming into 2020 was that of caution around valuations and monetary policies. Those views had an impact on how we positioned the fund in 2019, increasing exposure to real assets, a focus on improving liquidity and attempting to neutralise interest rate risk. Albeit, valuations in some parts of the market, in our view, remain highly valued. Navigating the challenges presented by the coronavirus and the responses to it by central banks and governments has been testing. We are encouraged by the rollout of vaccines but remain somewhat cautious with regards valuations and economic growth expectations.

The funds allocation to bonds has an overall duration of around 3.3 years. The allocation has a mix of fixed and floating rate bonds within their respective funds, which the managers find suitable while the market looks for direction from inflationary and deflationary pressures. For equities and real assets, exposure was also maintained throughout the period with no significant movements.

Activity was low on the portfolios over the first half of 2020. Wisdom Tree Physical Gold ETC and FundSmith Equity were sold. New positions in HANETF Royal Mint Gold ETC and Montanaro UK Income were taken.

Activity significantly picked up in the second half of the year with a significant number of trades taking place in December. This was due to the rebalancing of the portfolio back to neutral after the gains made throughout the course of the year. The position in Premier Miton UK Multi Cap Income fund was removed during the period and Merian UK Specialist Equity added.

The fund currently has a position in the LF Equity Income Fund (formerly LF Woodford Equity Income Fund), which is currently being wound up and cash returned to investors, which is being reinvested across the fund.

### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Market Overview

Central banks continued to pursue easy monetary policy in 2020, driven by the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Significantly, we have seen Governments ramp up fiscal spending, something that has been absent since the Great Financial Crisis of any notable magnitude. These activities supported market liquidity through the period and asset prices.

Our models that analyse regional fundamentals, technical and macro data trends, progressively demonstrated a deterioration across these areas through 2019 and the first half of 2020.

As the year progressed the models highlighted the UK, Europe and Japanese fundamentals exhibiting good valuation characteristics with challenging economic factors, while the US continues to look expensive. On the flip side the US economy looks healthier than the other three key developed markets.

In developing markets ; India's flirtation with stagflation passed and China moved firmly into a reflationary phase of the cycle.

Given our late-cycle view, we moved to a more balanced portfolio in 2019 with an increased exposure to real assets and a reduction in financial assets, which supported returns well into 2020. This has resulted in little activity on the fund through the majority of 2020. Most of the portfolio activity was undertaken in December as the fund was rebalanced back to a neutral positioning.

Towards year end the market was tentatively highlighting a rotation in favour of value over growth assets.

#### Outlook

We continue to expect higher levels of volatility ahead coupled with lower equity returns, because of stretched valuations in parts of the market and the compound effect of already testing economic strains acutely accentuated and added to by a second wave of pandemic lockdowns. The above issues we believe will continue to impact trade discussions, maintain loose monetary and fiscal conditions, hinder global growth, impact profit growth, agitate political and social unrest and continue to see already huge debt burdens at the corporate and sovereign level rise.

While assertive actions by governments and central banks in March and the roll out of vaccines have provided a significant boost to most assets, we remain cautious on the points observed above. We, therefore, continue to maintain a neutral position overall in the portfolio.

Given the political will, motivated by the need to improve economic prosperity caused by the damaging structural impact of the pandemic, we believe fiscal expenditure will become a greater economic driver ahead, something which, has been absent in any significance, in the period between 2008 and 2020. We anticipate fiscal expenditure to be funded by the printing of money taking the world deeper into financial experimentation that we commenced in the Great Financial Crisis.

While deflation factors remain persistent, and we are not ruling out a deflationary bust ahead, it is clear that central banks and politicians will make sure that inflation rates remain consistently above government bond yields for years. This is likely to be the only way to reduce the crushing levels of debt. This of course will create winners and losers in terms of asset prices and while we have our views on how this may come about, for now a neutral allocation, we believe is prudent until the evidence is more compelling.

Our outlook sees us continue to favour equities over bonds but are selective with which regions and sectors we are exposed to. With regard bonds our preference remains to target a below average duration compared to all-bond index duration, with a preference for investment grade assets over high yield with a mix of fixed and floating rate exposures. We continue to prefer a mix of real and financial assets.

Within corporate credit, we prefer shorter-dated bonds from high quality issuers, especially in defensive and noncyclical sectors, which is in keeping with our quality and liquidity ideas. The high yield underweight reflects the glut of low-quality leveraged loan issuance we are growing concerned about.

While we continue to have a benchmark exposure to US, we remain selective on which sectors we are exposed. We believe in general for US stocks to rally considerably higher from here, profit levels must soar, or valuation multiples must expand. The cap-weighted indices remain extremely expensive, and their valuations discount a significant earnings recovery, very low interest rates and little to no event risk.

We are increasingly finding opportunities in real assets, which tend to perform well in late-cycle environments. Real assets provide an effective hedge against rising inflation, support portfolio diversification and currently generate higher cash returns over investment grade income. We have therefore been building a modest allocation to what we feel are attractively valued opportunities. Cash flows from real assets tend to have some recession proofing and with bond yields suppressed by monetary expansion income distributions are attractive.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Income Shares

|                                       | 31.12.20<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.19<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.18<br>(pence per share) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Change in net assets per share</b> |                               |                               |                               |
| Opening net asset value per share     | 149.71                        | 136.63                        | 149.15                        |
| Return before operating charges*      | 15.28                         | 18.67                         | (7.66)                        |
| Operating charges                     | (2.34)                        | (2.28)                        | (2.35)                        |
| Return after operating charges*       | 12.94                         | 16.39                         | (10.01)                       |
| Distributions on income shares        | (2.20)                        | (3.31)                        | (2.51)                        |
| Closing net asset value per share     | <b>160.45</b>                 | <b>149.71</b>                 | <b>136.63</b>                 |

\*after direct transaction costs of:    -    -    -

#### Performance

Return after charges    8.65%    12.00%    (6.71)%

#### Other information

|                                  |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000s) | 77,959 | 68,097 | 56,326 |
| Closing number of shares ('000s) | 48,589 | 45,485 | 41,224 |
| Operating charges                | 1.52%  | 1.53%  | 1.65%  |
| Direct transaction costs         | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 0.00%  |

#### Prices

|                             |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 162.11 | 153.08 | 152.30 |
| Lowest share price (pence)  | 122.50 | 136.66 | 136.56 |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Accumulation Shares

|  | 31.12.20<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.19<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.18<br>(pence per share) |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Change in net assets per share</b>        |                               |                               |                               |
| Opening net asset value per share            | 157.49                        | 140.48                        | 150.71                        |
| Return before operating charges*             | 16.06                         | 19.38                         | (7.85)                        |
| Operating charges                            | (2.47)                        | (2.37)                        | (2.38)                        |
| Return after operating charges*              | 13.59                         | 17.01                         | (10.23)                       |
| Distributions on accumulation shares         | (2.32)                        | (3.42)                        | (2.55)                        |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | 2.32                          | 3.42                          | 2.55                          |
| Closing net asset value per share            | <b>171.08</b>                 | <b>157.49</b>                 | <b>140.48</b>                 |

\*after direct transaction costs of:

- - -

#### Performance

|                      |       |        |         |
|----------------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Return after charges | 8.63% | 12.11% | (6.79)% |
|----------------------|-------|--------|---------|

#### Other information

|                                  |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000s) | 1,103 | 804   | 568   |
| Closing number of shares ('000s) | 645   | 511   | 404   |
| Operating charges                | 1.52% | 1.53% | 1.65% |
| Direct transaction costs         | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

#### Prices

|                             |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 171.71 | 159.12 | 154.78 |
| Lowest share price (pence)  | 128.67 | 140.51 | 139.24 |

#### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

The OCF figure is the ratio of the relevant annualised total disclosable costs of shares from the most recent reporting period to the average net asset value for the shares over the same period. This is calculated in accordance with CESR/10-674.

The OCF for the Company as at 31 December 2020 was 1.52% (31 December 2019: 1.53%).

#### OCF Cap

The OCF of the Fund is capped at 2.50%. Any amount in excess of the OCF cap will be borne by the ACD, details of which can be found in the Prospectus which is available on request.

**COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE (continued)**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**Risk and Reward profile**

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward, but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past.

This Fund invests into other funds which themselves invest in assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Fund.

For funds investing globally, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment.

Bonds may be affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the bond issuer. If interest rates rise, the fixed income earned from bonds becomes less attractive to investors, so that demand for bonds may fall and their

capital value may decrease. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts.

For further risk information please refer to the prospectus.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The top ten purchases and sales during the year were as follows:

| <b>Purchases</b>  | <b>Costs £</b>    | <b>Sales</b>  | <b>Proceeds £</b> |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Montanaro UK Income Fund                                  | 6,023,442         | LF Miton UK Multi Cap Income B Institutional Income       | 4,420,077         |
| The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                          | 3,419,775         | Polar Capital Global Convertible Hedged I Accumulation    | 4,137,620         |
| JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                   | 3,079,049         | The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                          | 3,419,775         |
| Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation | 2,976,622         | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                   | 3,391,284         |
| Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund R GBP Accumulation       | 2,367,547         | ETFS Physical Gold  | 3,353,648         |
| CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income         | 1,788,228         | PIMCO GIS Income R Hedged Income                          | 2,266,660         |
| Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                            | 1,772,971         | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation                 | 2,112,422         |
| First State Global Listed Infrastructure B Income         | 1,546,707         | Fundsmith Equity I Accumulation                           | 1,852,400         |
| Polar Capital Global Insurance I Income                   | 693,353           | Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation | 1,616,945         |
| Man GLG Continental European Growth C Accumulation        | 679,242           | MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond L Income                    | 1,013,826         |
| <b>Total purchases during the year were</b>               | <b>25,048,754</b> | <b>Total sales during the year were</b>                   | <b>21,482,875</b> |



## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 31 December 2020

| Holdings or Normal Value | Investments   | Market Value<br>£ | % of Total<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | <b>COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 88.26% (92.39%)</b>      |                   |                          |
| 1,371,489                | CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income         | 4,964,515         | 6.28                     |
| 589,029                  | Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                            | 5,154,004         | 6.52                     |
| 3,241,862                | First Sentier Global Listed Infrastructure B Income       | 6,607,887         | 8.37                     |
| 1,500,000                | FP CRUX UK Special Situations S Accumulation              | 1,705,650         | 2.16                     |
| 188,144                  | GAM Star Credit Opportunities S Income                    | 2,273,435         | 2.88                     |
| 2,435,528                | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                   | 4,008,879         | 5.07                     |
| 2,368,195                | JPMorgan Global Core Real Asset Limited                   | 2,339,777         | 2.96                     |
| 599,842                  | Legg Mason IF Japan Equity X Accumulation                 | 3,984,753         | 5.04                     |
| 5,346,848                | LF Woodford Equity Income C Income                        | 227,241           | 0.29                     |
| 673,927                  | Man GLG Continental European Growth C Accumulation        | 5,315,937         | 6.72                     |
| 156,650                  | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation                 | 3,106,669         | 3.93                     |
| 166,081                  | Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund R GBP Accumulation       | 2,382,743         | 3.01                     |
| 2,259,843                | MI TwentyFour - Monument Bond L Income                    | 2,375,321         | 3.00                     |
| 4,821,860                | Montanaro UK Income Fund                                  | 5,766,945         | 7.29                     |
| 412,850                  | PIMCO GIS Income R Hedged Income                          | 4,363,824         | 5.52                     |
| 944,296                  | Polar Capital Global Insurance I Income                   | 5,116,387         | 6.47                     |
| 3,445,309                | Schroder Asian Income Z Income                            | 2,815,506         | 3.56                     |
| 2,908,389                | Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation | 7,268,936         | 9.19                     |
|                          |   | <b>69,778,409</b> | <b>88.26</b>             |
|                          | <b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS 4.69% (4.47%)</b>                |                   |                          |
| 267,850                  | The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                          | 3,706,374         | 4.69                     |
|                          |   | <b>3,706,374</b>  | <b>4.69</b>              |
|                          | <b>Portfolio of Investments</b>                           | <b>73,484,783</b> | <b>92.95</b>             |
|                          | Net Other Assets  | 5,577,325         | 7.05                     |
|                          | <b>Net Assets</b>   | <b>79,062,108</b> | <b>100.00</b>            |

Note: Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2019.

All holdings are Collective Investment Schemes unless otherwise stated.

There were no cross holdings between sub-fund in the ES Share Centre ICVC as at 31 December 2020.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|   |       | 31.12.20         |                         | 31.12.19         |                         |
|---|-------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Notes | £                | £                       | £                | £                       |
| <b>Income:</b>  |       |                  |                         |                  |                         |
| Net capital gains   | 2     |                  | 6,124,615               |                  | 6,182,506               |
| Revenue   | 3     | 1,056,077        |                         | 1,455,788        |                         |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  | 4     | <u>(565,197)</u> |                         | <u>(523,765)</u> |                         |
| Net revenue before taxation   |       | 490,880          |                         | 932,023          |                         |
| Taxation  | 5     | <u>-</u>         |                         | <u>1,536</u>     |                         |
| Net revenue after Taxation  |       |                  | <u>490,880</u>          |                  | <u>933,559</u>          |
| <b>Total return before distributions</b>  |       |                  | <b>6,615,495</b>        |                  | <b>7,116,065</b>        |
| Distributions   | 6     |                  | <u>(1,056,104)</u>      |                  | <u>(1,457,344)</u>      |
| <b>Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities</b> |       |                  | <b><u>5,559,391</u></b> |                  | <b><u>5,658,721</u></b> |

### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|  |  | 31.12.20           |                          | 31.12.19           |                          |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  |  | £                  | £                        | £                  | £                        |
| <b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <b>68,901,127</b>        |                    | <b>56,893,128</b>        |
| Amounts receivable on issue of Shares  |  | 8,687,314          |                          | 9,155,165          |                          |
| Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Shares                                 |  | <u>(4,100,343)</u> |                          | <u>(2,823,384)</u> |                          |
|  |  |                    | 4,586,971                |                    | 6,331,781                |
| Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities |  |                    | 5,559,391                |                    | 5,658,721                |
| Undistributed income   |  |                    | 28                       |                    | 20                       |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |  |                    | <u>14,591</u>            |                    | <u>17,477</u>            |
| <b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <b><u>79,062,108</u></b> |                    | <b><u>68,901,127</u></b> |

**ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31 December 2020

|  |      | 31.12.20         |                                 | 31.12.19         |                                 |
|--|------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Note | £                | £                               | £                | £                               |
| <b>Assets</b>                                  |      |                  |                                 |                  |                                 |
| Fixed assets:                                  |      |                  |                                 |                  |                                 |
| Investments                                    |      |                  | 73,484,783                      |                  | 66,735,840                      |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                         |      |                  |                                 |                  |                                 |
| Debtors  | 7    | 80,902           |                                 | 121,954          |                                 |
| Cash and bank balances                         | 8    | <u>6,271,349</u> |                                 | <u>2,874,700</u> |                                 |
| Total current assets                           |      |                  | 6,352,251                       |                  | 2,996,654                       |
| <b>Total assets</b>                            |      |                  | <u><b>79,837,034</b></u>        |                  | <u><b>69,732,494</b></u>        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                  |                                 |                  |                                 |
| Creditors:                                     |      |                  |                                 |                  |                                 |
| Distribution payable on income shares          |      | (515,261)        |                                 | (768,770)        |                                 |
| Other creditors                                | 9    | <u>(259,665)</u> |                                 | <u>(62,597)</u>  |                                 |
| <b>Total creditors</b>                         |      |                  | <b>(774,926)</b>                |                  | <b>(831,367)</b>                |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                       |      |                  | <u><b>(774,926)</b></u>         |                  | <u><b>(831,367)</b></u>         |
| <b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b> |      |                  | <u><u><b>79,062,108</b></u></u> |                  | <u><u><b>68,901,127</b></u></u> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 11 to 15.

#### 2. NET CAPITAL GAINS

|   | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19         |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | £                | £                |
| The net capital gains during the year comprise: |                  |                  |
| Non-derivative securities                       | 6,125,640        | 6,183,568        |
| Transaction costs & handling charges            | (1,025)          | (1,062)          |
| <b>Net capital gains</b>                        | <b>6,124,615</b> | <b>6,182,506</b> |

#### 3. REVENUE

|   | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19         |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | £                | £                |
| Dividend distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 562,493          | 897,634          |
| Overseas distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 493,584          | 558,154          |
|   | <b>1,056,077</b> | <b>1,455,788</b> |

#### 4. EXPENSES

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| <b>Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them</b>               |                |                |
| ACD's fees  | 368,038        | 335,119        |
| Administration fees   | 116,000        | 116,001        |
| Registrar fees  | 28,702         | 25,974         |
|   | <b>512,740</b> | <b>477,094</b> |
| <b>Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them</b> |                |                |
| Depositary's fees   | 21,000         | 20,827         |
| Safe custody fees   | 19,053         | 15,788         |
|   | <b>40,053</b>  | <b>36,615</b>  |
| <b>Other expenses</b>   |                |                |
| Audit fees  | 10,200         | 7,114          |
| FCA fees  | (86)           | 449            |
| KIID Productions & distribution fees  | 2,290          | 2,493          |
|   | <b>10,644</b>  | <b>10,056</b>  |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <b>565,197</b> | <b>523,765</b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 5. TAXATION

##### (a) The tax charge comprises

|  | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19       |
|--|----------|----------------|
|  | £        | £              |
| <b>Current tax:</b>                          |          |                |
| Corporation tax prior period                 | -        | (1,536)        |
| <b>Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))</b> | -        | (1,536)        |
| <b>Total taxation</b>                        | -        | <b>(1,536)</b> |

##### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charge for the year differs from the 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEIC). The differences are explained below:

|   | 31.12.20  | 31.12.19       |
|---|-----------|----------------|
|   | £         | £              |
| Net revenue before taxation   | 490,880   | 932,023        |
| Net revenue for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax | 98,176    | 186,405        |
| <b>Effects of:</b>  |           |                |
| Adjustments in respect of prior periods                                     | -         | (1,536)        |
| Revenue not subject to corporation tax                                      | (139,638) | (179,527)      |
| Movement in excess management expenses                                      | 41,462    | (6,878)        |
| <b>Total tax charge (note 5 (a))</b>  | -         | <b>(1,536)</b> |

##### c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current year.

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £144,872 (2019: £103,241) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 6. FINANCE COSTS

##### Distributions

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

|   | 31.12.20                | 31.12.19                |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | £                       | £                       |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |                         |                         |
| Interim   | 549,291                 | 715,681                 |
| Final   | 515,250                 | 768,743                 |
| <b>Accumulation</b>                             |                         |                         |
| Interim   | 7,363                   | 8,512                   |
| Final   | 7,239                   | 8,965                   |
| Total Distribution                              | <u>1,079,143</u>        | <u>1,501,901</u>        |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 20,769                  | 17,545                  |
| Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares     | <u>(43,808)</u>         | <u>(62,102)</u>         |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b>            | <b><u>1,056,104</u></b> | <b><u>1,457,344</u></b> |

##### Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions

|                                      |                         |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net revenue after taxation           | 490,880                 | 933,559                 |
| Undistributed income carried forward | 28                      | 20                      |
| Charges deducted from capital        | 565,196                 | 523,765                 |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b> | <b><u>1,056,104</u></b> | <b><u>1,457,344</u></b> |

#### 7. DEBTORS

|  | 31.12.20             | 31.12.19              |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | £                    | £                     |
| Accrued revenue                        | 36,943               | 54,823                |
| Amounts receivable for issue of shares | 43,959               | 67,131                |
| <b>Total debtors</b>                   | <b><u>80,902</u></b> | <b><u>121,954</u></b> |

#### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

|                                     | 31.12.20                | 31.12.19                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     | £                       | £                       |
| Cash and bank balances              | 6,271,349               | 2,874,700               |
| <b>Total cash and bank balances</b> | <b><u>6,271,349</u></b> | <b><u>2,874,700</u></b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 9. OTHER CREDITORS

|  | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19      |
|--|----------------|---------------|
|  | £              | £             |
| Accrued ACD's periodic charge              | 44,127         | 39,857        |
| Accrued Depositary's Fees                  | 1,779          | 3,509         |
| Accrued Expenses                           | 21,643         | 19,231        |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of Shares | 192,116        | -             |
| <b>Total creditors</b>                     | <b>259,665</b> | <b>62,597</b> |

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The ACD fixed fee (£10,000 per annum and currently included within the ACD's periodic charge), ACD fixed admin fee and the Registrar's periodic fees are payable to the ACD. A further ACD variable fee is payable to the Investment Adviser, who is an associate of the ACD. Details are disclosed in note 4. Details of the shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets.

As at 31 December 2020 directors of the ACD and directors of other group companies of the ACD held Nil in the Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund (2019: Nil) with a total value of £Nil (2019: £Nil). At the year end, Minster Nominees Limited held 99% of the outstanding shares.

#### 11. SHARE CLASSES

The Fund currently has two share classes, the annual management charge for these are as follows:

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Accumulation Shares | 0.75% |
| Income Shares       | 0.75% |

The reconciliation of the opening and closing members of Shares of each classes is show below :

|                     | 31.12.19   | Issued    | Cancelled   | Converted | 31.12.20   |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Income Shares       | 45,484,876 | 5,637,705 | (2,533,081) | -         | 48,589,500 |
| Accumulation Shares | 510,610    | 385,243   | (251,311)   | -         | 644,542    |

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 52.

#### 12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: £nil).

#### 13. RISK DISCLOSURES

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in Note 1B on pages 14 and 15.

##### (a) Foreign currency risk

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are denominated in UK Sterling, therefore, there is no direct foreign currency risk. However, the investments in the underlying collective investment schemes may invest overseas and as such there is also an element of indirect currency risk. A change in FX rates would have no material impact on the Fund's assets and liabilities.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The only interest bearing financial assets of the Fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

| Currency               | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets<br/>2020</b> |   |   |                   |
| Sterling               | 6,271,350                                 | 73,565,684  | 79,837,034        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>6,271,350</b>                          | <b>73,565,684</b>                                 | <b>79,837,034</b> |

| Currency                    | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities<br/>2020</b> |  |  |                |
| Sterling                    | -  | 774,926  | 774,926        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>774,926</b>   | <b>774,926</b> |

| Currency               | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets<br/>2019</b> |   |   |                   |
| Sterling               | 2,874,700                                 | 66,857,794  | 69,732,494        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,874,700</b>                          | <b>66,857,794</b>                                 | <b>69,732,494</b> |

| Currency                    | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|-----------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities<br/>2019</b> |  |  |                |
| Sterling                    | -  | 831,367  | 831,367        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>831,367</b>   | <b>831,367</b> |

The Fund does not have any significant direct interest rate risk and as such no sensitivity analysis is presented.

#### (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see Note 1B (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the year). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

|      | Increase<br>£ | Decrease<br>£ |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2020 | 7,361,043     | 7,361,043     |
| 2019 | 6,673,584     | 6,673,584     |



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#### (d) Leverage

The Fund did not employ any significant leverage as at 31 December 2020, other than that available to the Fund as a result of its ability to borrow up to 10% of its value on a permanent basis.

#### 14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on pages 37 and 38.

|  | 31.12.20 |                          | 31.12.19   |                          |
|--|----------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|  | £        | £                        | £          | £                        |
| <b>Analysis of total purchase costs:</b>     |          |                          |            |                          |
| Purchase in year before transaction costs    |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                |          | 25,048,749               |            | 31,413,804               |
| Equities                                     |          | -                        |            | 662,634                  |
|  |          | <u>25,048,749</u>        |            | <u>32,076,438</u>        |
| Commissions                                  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| Taxes  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | 5        |                          | 4          |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| <b>Total Purchase costs</b>                  | <b>5</b> |                          | <b>4</b>   |                          |
| <b>Gross Purchase total</b>                  |          | <b><u>25,048,754</u></b> |            | <b><u>32,076,442</u></b> |
| <b>Analysis of total sale costs:</b>         |          |                          |            |                          |
| Gross sales in year before transaction costs |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                |          | 18,129,227               |            | 25,815,769               |
| Equities                                     |          | 3,353,648                |            | 1,049,759                |
|  |          | <u>21,482,875</u>        |            | <u>26,865,528</u>        |
| Commissions                                  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| Taxes  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | (2)        |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| <b>Total sale costs</b>                      | <b>-</b> |                          | <b>(2)</b> |                          |
| <b>Total sales net of transaction costs</b>  |          | <b><u>21,482,875</u></b> |            | <b><u>26,865,526</u></b> |

The portfolio dealing spread as at 31 December 2020 was 0.05% (31 December 2019: 0.00%).

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|   | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19 |
|---|----------|----------|
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of principal amounts</b>       | <b>%</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Purchases - Commissions   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Purchases - Taxes   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Sales - Commissions   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Sales - Taxes   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset value</b> |          |          |
| Commissions   | -        | -        |
| Taxes   | -        | -        |

### 15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 December 2020, the Net Asset Value per share has decreased using share prices at the year end compared to 22 March 2021.

Accumulation Shares have decreased from 171.08 to 167.93.

Income Shares have decreased from 160.45 to 157.51.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 16. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

|  | 31.12.20          |                  | 31.12.19          |                  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | Assets<br>£       | Liabilities<br>£ | Assets<br>£       | Liabilities<br>£ |
| <b>Valuation technique</b>   |                   |                  |                   |                  |
| Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities   | 3,706,374         | -                | 3,081,147         | -                |
| Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly | 69,778,409        | -                | 63,654,693        | -                |
| Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability  |                   | -                | -                 | -                |
|  | <b>73,484,783</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>66,735,840</b> | <b>-</b>         |

**ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH & INCOME FUND****DISTRIBUTION TABLE**

For the year ended 31 December 2020

**Interim dividend distribution**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

| <b>Income Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.20</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.19</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1              | 1.1434             | -                   | 1.1434               | 1.6196               |
| Group 2              | 0.3644             | 0.7790              | 1.1434               | 1.6196               |

| <b>Accumulation Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.20</b> | <b>Paid 01.09.19</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                    | 1.2008             | -                   | 1.2008               | 1.6649               |
| Group 2                    | 0.2763             | 0.9245              | 1.2008               | 1.6649               |

**Final dividend distribution**

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

| <b>Income Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Payable 01.03.21</b> | <b>Paid 01.03.20</b> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1              | 1.0604             | -                   | 1.0604                  | 1.6901               |
| Group 2              | 0.4237             | 0.6367              | 1.0604                  | 1.6901               |

| <b>Accumulation Shares</b> | <b>Net Revenue</b> | <b>Equalisation</b> | <b>Payable 01.03.21</b> | <b>Paid 01.03.20</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                    | 1.1231             | -                   | 1.1231                  | 1.7556               |
| Group 2                    | 0.3772             | 0.7459              | 1.1231                  | 1.7556               |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Investment Objective

The ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth Fund ("the Fund") aims to provide capital growth.

#### Investment Policy

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of its value in a portfolio of collective investment schemes (CIS'), that includes Open Ended Investment companies (OEICs), Unit Trusts, Investment Trusts and Exchange Traded Products (ETPs).

The CIS' will invest at least 80% in listed equities and/or income securities (more widely referred to as sovereign, corporate or consumer debt). The listed equities and/or income securities can be in any market and sector.

Investment in collective investment schemes (which includes exchange traded funds) may include those operated and/or managed by the ACD or the Investment Manager.

The additional asset classes in which the Fund may indirectly invest are; money market investments and commodities. The Fund is actively managed meaning the Investment Manager uses their expertise to pick investments to achieve the Fund's objective.

The Investment Manager will select investments for the Fund through its Investment Appraisal process. The Investment Appraisal process evaluates the CIS' managers investment style and how investments are made over the economic cycle (the natural fluctuation of the economy between periods of expansion and contraction). The Investment Manager looks to invest for the medium to long-term (typically longer than 3 years) and will look for investments that they consider to be undervalued and therefore have a greater potential for generating growth

#### Investment Review

This performance review covers the period from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2020. During the period, the Fund outperformed its comparator benchmark by 7.23% returning 13.93% on a Total Return (TR) basis, compared to the IA Flexible Investment sector which returned 6.70% on a TR basis, (source: Financial Express). This takes the fund's five-year annualised return to 9.45% against the sector, which returned 7.82% both on total return and bid to bid basis.

The portfolio started the year with 18.64% exposure to the UK market and ended the period lower at 17.34%. Japanese exposure decreased from 7.31% to 6.54%. The North American exposure rose over the period from 18.82% to 21.54%, due to market movement. The single fixed income fund position in the portfolio started the year at 4.82% and decreased to 3.88% by year end. Commodity exposure at the underlying fund level started the year at 10.82% and rose to 11.30% over the period. Data provided by Financial Express.

While we could not have predicted the level of devastation the coronavirus is having on economies, our view coming into 2020 was that of caution around valuations and monetary policies. Those views had an impact on how we were positioned the fund in 2019, increasing exposure to real assets, a focus on improving liquidity and attempting to neutralise interest rate risk. Albeit, valuations in some parts of the market, in our view, remain highly valued. Navigating the challenges presented by the coronavirus and the responses to it by central banks and governments has been testing. We are encouraged by the rollout of vaccines but remain somewhat cautious with regards valuations and economic growth expectations.

The fund has a small allocation to bonds, the overall duration remains low around 2.12 years compared to the benchmark of 6.13 years. The instrument has a mix of fixed and floating rate bonds, which the managers find suitable while the market looks for direction from inflationary and deflationary pressures. For equities and real assets, exposure was also maintained throughout the period with no significant movements.

Activity was low on the portfolios over the first half of 2020. Wisdom Tree Physical Gold ETC and Jupiter India were sold. New positions in HANETF Royal Mint Gold ETC and CFP SDL UK Buffettology were taken.

Activity significantly picked up in the second half of the year with a significant number of trades taking place in December. This was due to the rebalancing of the portfolio back to neutral after the gains made throughout the course of the year. New additions include BlackRock World Mining investment trust, Merian UK Specialist Equity and the removal of Premier Miton UK Multi Cap Income fund.

#### Market Overview

Central banks continued to pursue easy monetary policy in 2020, driven by the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. Significantly, we have seen Governments ramp up fiscal spending, something that has been absent since the Great Financial Crisis of any notable magnitude. These activities supported market liquidity through the period and asset prices.

Our models that analyse regional fundamentals, technical and macro data trends, progressively demonstrated a deterioration across these areas through 2019 and the first half of 2020.

As the year progressed the models highlighted the UK, Europe and Japanese fundamentals exhibiting good valuation characteristics with challenging economic factors, while the US continues to look expensive. On the flip side the US economy looks healthier than the other three key developed markets.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

In developing markets; India's flirtation with stagflation passed and China moved firmly into a reflationary phase of the cycle. Given our late-cycle view, we moved to a more balanced portfolio in 2019 with an increased exposure to real assets and a reduction in financial assets, which supported returns well into 2020. This has resulted in little activity on the fund through the majority of 2020. Most of the portfolio activity was undertaken in December as the fund was rebalanced back to a neutral positioning.

Towards year end the market was tentatively highlighting a rotation in favour of value over growth assets.

#### Outlook

We continue to expect higher levels of volatility ahead coupled with lower equity returns, because of stretched valuations in parts of the market and the compound effect of already testing economic strains acutely accentuated and added to by a second wave of pandemic lockdowns. The above issues we believe will continue to impact trade discussions, maintain loose monetary and fiscal conditions, hinder global growth, impact profit growth, agitate political and social unrest and continue to see already huge debt burdens at the corporate and sovereign level rise.

While assertive actions by governments and central banks in March and the roll out of vaccines have provided a significant boost to most assets, we remain cautious on the points observed above. We, therefore, continue to maintain a neutral position overall in the portfolio.

Given the political will, motivated by the need to improve economic prosperity caused by the damaging structural impact of the pandemic, we believe fiscal expenditure will become a greater economic driver ahead, something which, has been absent in any significance, in the period between 2008 and 2020. We anticipate fiscal expenditure to be funded by the printing of money taking the world deeper into financial experimentation that we commenced in the Great Financial Crisis.

While deflation factors remain persistent, and we are not ruling out a deflationary bust ahead, it is clear that central banks and politicians will make sure that inflation rates remain consistently above government bond yields for years. This is likely to be the only way to reduce the crushing levels of debt. This of course will create winners and losers in terms of asset prices and while we have our views on how this may come about, for now a neutral allocation, we believe is prudent until the evidence is more compelling.

Our outlook sees us continue to favour equities over bonds but are selective with which regions and sectors we are exposed to. With regard bonds our preference remains to target a below average duration compared to all-bond index duration, with a preference for investment grade assets over high yield with a mix of fixed and floating rate exposures. We continue to prefer a mix of real and financial assets.

Within corporate credit, we prefer shorter-dated bonds from high quality issuers, especially in defensive and noncyclical sectors, which is in keeping with our quality and liquidity ideas. The high yield underweight reflects the glut of low-quality leveraged loan issuance we are growing concerned about.

While we continue to have a benchmark exposure to US, we remain selective on which sectors we are exposed. We believe in general for US stocks to rally considerably higher from here, profit levels must soar, or valuation multiples must expand. The cap-weighted indices remain extremely expensive, and their valuations discount a significant earnings recovery, very low interest rates and little to no event risk.

We are increasingly finding opportunities in real assets, which tend to perform well in late-cycle environments. Real assets provide an effective hedge against rising inflation, support portfolio diversification and currently generate higher cash returns over investment grade income. We have therefore been building a modest allocation to what we feel are attractively valued opportunities. Cash flows from real assets tend to have some recession proofing and with bond yields suppressed by monetary expansion income distributions are attractive.

The Share Centre

12 January 2021

Investment Adviser to the Fund

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Accumulation Shares

|  | 31.12.20<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.19<br>(pence per share) | 31.12.18<br>(pence per share) |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Change in net assets per share</b>        |                               |                               |                               |
| Opening net asset value per share            | 191.63                        | 168.99                        | 181.10                        |
| Return before operating charges*             | 30.28                         | 25.55                         | (9.16)                        |
| Operating charges                            | (3.01)                        | (2.91)                        | (2.95)                        |
| Return after operating charges*              | 27.27                         | 22.64                         | (12.11)                       |
| Distributions on accumulation shares         | (1.24)                        | (1.07)                        | -                             |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | 1.24                          | 1.07                          | -                             |
| Closing net asset value per share            | <b>218.90</b>                 | <b>191.63</b>                 | <b>168.99</b>                 |

\*after direct transaction costs of: - - -

#### Performance

|                      |        |       |         |
|----------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Return after charges | 14.23% | 1.55% | (6.69)% |
|----------------------|--------|-------|---------|

#### Other information

|                                  |        |        |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000s) | 35,949 | 28,676 | 23,950 |
| Closing number of shares ('000s) | 16,423 | 14,964 | 14,173 |
| Operating charges                | 1.48%  | 1.55%  | 1.68%  |
| Direct transaction costs         | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 0.00%  |

#### Prices

|                             |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Highest share price (pence) | 219.81 | 194.00 | 189.27 |
| Lowest share price (pence)  | 151.87 | 169.08 | 166.68 |

#### Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

The OCF figure is the ratio of the relevant annualised total disclosable costs of accumulation shares from the most recent reporting period to the average net asset value for the shares over the same period. This is calculated in accordance with CESR/10-674.

The OCF for the Fund as at 31 December 2020 was 1.48% (31 December 2019: 1.55%).

#### OCF Cap

The OCF of the Fund is capped at 3.00%. Any amount in excess of the OCF cap will be borne by the ACD, details of which can be found in the Prospectus which is available on request.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### Comparative Table, OCF and Risk and Reward Profile (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Risk and Reward profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward, but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past.

This Fund invests into other funds which themselves invest in assets such as bonds, company shares, cash and currencies. The objectives and risk profiles of these underlying funds may not be fully in line with those of this Fund.

For funds investing globally, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment.

Bonds may be affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and any decline in creditworthiness of the bond issuer. If interest rates rise, the fixed income earned from bonds becomes less attractive to investors, so that demand for bonds may fall and their capital value may decrease. Bonds that produce a higher level of income usually also carry greater risk as such bond issuers may have difficulty in paying their debts.

For further risk information please refer to the prospectus.



## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### Top Ten Purchases and Sales

For the year ended 31 December 2020

The top ten purchases and sales during the year were as follows:

| Purchases  | Costs £           | Sales  | Proceeds £       |
|--|-------------------|--|------------------|
| JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                        | 2,271,398         | LF Miton UK Multi Cap Income B Institutional Income            | 1,639,474        |
| CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income              | 1,771,532         | ETFS Physical Gold   | 1,204,441        |
| Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation      | 1,234,971         | Legg Mason IF Japan Equity X Accumulation                      | 1,030,775        |
| The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                               | 1,228,106         | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                        | 1,030,460        |
| Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund R Accumulation                | 1,049,656         | Jupiter India I Accumulation                                   | 1,019,806        |
| BlackRock World Mining Trust                                   | 909,387           | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation                      | 916,578          |
| iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD Accumulation  | 491,970           | Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation      | 665,209          |
| Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                                 | 395,059           | Legg Mason IF ClearBridge Global Infrastructure X Accumulation | 529,275          |
| Legg Mason IF ClearBridge Global Infrastructure X Accumulation | 269,359           | Man GLG Continental European Growth C Accumulation             | 461,196          |
| Man GLG Continental European Growth C Accumulation             | 264,079           | Polar Capital Global Insurance I Accumulation                  | 342,050          |
| <b>Total purchases during the year were</b>                    | <b>10,016,921</b> | <b>Total sales during the year were</b>                        | <b>9,086,746</b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 31 December 2020

| Holdings or<br>Normal<br>Value                       | Investments  | Market Value<br>£ | % of Total<br>Net Assets |
|--|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES 74.21% (78.72%)</b> |  |                   |                          |
| 207,853  | BlackRock World Mining Trust                                   | 1,080,836         | 3.01                     |
| 506,374  | CFP SDL UK Buffettology Fund Institutional Income              | 1,832,971         | 5.10                     |
| 203,090  | Finsbury Growth & Income Trust                                 | 1,777,038         | 4.94                     |
| 1,500,000  | FP CRUX UK Special Situations S Accumulation                   | 1,705,650         | 4.74                     |
| 1,392,636  | JPM Global Macro Opportunities C Income                        | 2,292,279         | 6.38                     |
| 996,690  | JPMorgan Global Core Real Asset Limited                        | 984,730           | 2.74                     |
| 1,609,899  | Legg Mason IF ClearBridge Global Infrastructure X Accumulation | 2,443,827         | 6.80                     |
| 261,002  | Legg Mason IF Japan Equity X Accumulation                      | 1,733,834         | 4.82                     |
| 275,603  | Man GLG Continental European Growth C Accumulation             | 2,173,960         | 6.05                     |
| 92,952   | Merian Gold & Silver Fund U3 Accumulation                      | 1,843,417         | 5.13                     |
| 73,258   | Merian UK Specialist Equity Fund R Accumulation                | 1,051,025         | 2.92                     |
| 17,718   | Pictet - Russian Equities I                                    | 1,251,746         | 3.48                     |
| 132,038  | PIMCO GIS Income R Hedged Income                               | 1,395,640         | 3.88                     |
| 293,190  | Polar Capital Global Insurance I Accumulation                  | 2,085,106         | 5.80                     |
| 1,209,206  | Smith & Williamson Artificial Intelligence Z Accumulation      | 3,022,167         | 8.42                     |
|  |  | <b>26,674,226</b> | <b>74.21</b>             |
| <b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS 18.27% (17.37%)</b>         |  |                   |                          |
| 1,405,545  | Chrysalis Investments  | 2,628,369         | 7.31                     |
| 448,234  | iShares S&P 500 Health Care Sector UCITS ETF USD Accumulation  | 2,762,242         | 7.68                     |
| 85,190   | The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC                               | 1,178,817         | 3.28                     |
|  |  | <b>6,569,428</b>  | <b>18.27</b>             |
|  | <b>Portfolio of Investments</b>                                | <b>33,243,653</b> | <b>92.48</b>             |
|  | Net Other Assets   | 2,705,080         | 7.52                     |
|  | <b>Net Assets</b>  | <b>35,948,733</b> | <b>100.00</b>            |

Note: Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2019.

All holdings are Collective Investment Schemes unless otherwise stated.

There were no cross holdings between sub-fund in the ES Share Centre ICVC as at 31 December 2020.

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|   |       | 31.12.20  |                         | 31.12.19     |                         |
|---|-------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|   | Notes | £         | £                       | £            | £                       |
| <b>Income:</b>  |       |           |                         |              |                         |
| Net capital gains   | 2     |           | 4,440,634               |              | 3,188,160               |
| Revenue   | 3     | 464,991   |                         | 402,646      |                         |
| <b>Expenses:</b>  |       |           |                         |              |                         |
| Interest payable and similar charges  | 4     | (264,549) |                         | (241,497)    |                         |
|   |       | <u>-</u>  |                         | <u>(186)</u> |                         |
| Net revenue before taxation   |       | 200,442   |                         | 160,963      |                         |
| Taxation  | 5     | <u>-</u>  |                         | <u>52</u>    |                         |
| Net revenue after Taxation  |       |           | <u>200,442</u>          |              | <u>161,015</u>          |
| Total return before distributions   |       |           | 4,641,076               |              | 3,349,175               |
| Distributions   | 6     |           | <u>(200,442)</u>        |              | <u>(161,016)</u>        |
| <b>Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities</b> |       |           | <u><b>4,440,634</b></u> |              | <u><b>3,188,159</b></u> |

### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|  |  | 31.12.20           |                          | 31.12.19           |                          |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  |  | £                  | £                        | £                  | £                        |
| <b>Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <b>28,675,926</b>        |                    | <b>23,950,126</b>        |
| Amounts receivable on issue of Shares  |  | 6,444,494          |                          | 4,830,544          |                          |
| Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Shares                                 |  | <u>(3,813,317)</u> |                          | <u>(3,454,146)</u> |                          |
|  |  |                    | 2,631,177                |                    | 1,376,398                |
| Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities |  |                    | 4,440,634                |                    | 3,188,159                |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares                                 |  |                    | <u>200,996</u>           |                    | <u>161,243</u>           |
| <b>Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders</b>                       |  |                    | <u><b>35,948,733</b></u> |                    | <u><b>28,675,926</b></u> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2020

|  |      | 31.12.20           |                          | 31.12.19         |                          |
|--|------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Note | £                  | £                        | £                | £                        |
| <b>Assets</b>                                  |      |                    |                          |                  |                          |
| Fixed assets:                                  |      |                    |                          |                  |                          |
| Investments                                    |      |                    | 33,243,653               |                  | 27,553,644               |
| <b>Current assets:</b>                         |      |                    |                          |                  |                          |
| Debtors  | 7    | 857,752            |                          | 55,325           |                          |
| Cash and bank balances                         | 8    | <u>2,948,899</u>   |                          | <u>1,100,568</u> |                          |
| Total current assets                           |      |                    | 3,806,651                |                  | 1,155,893                |
| <b>Total assets</b>                            |      |                    | <u><b>37,050,304</b></u> |                  | <u><b>28,709,537</b></u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                             |      |                    |                          |                  |                          |
| Creditors:                                     |      |                    |                          |                  |                          |
| Other creditors                                | 9    | <u>(1,101,571)</u> |                          | <u>(33,611)</u>  |                          |
| Total creditors                                |      |                    | (1,101,571)              |                  | (33,611)                 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                       |      |                    | <u>(1,101,571)</u>       |                  | <u>(33,611)</u>          |
| <b>Net assets attributable to Shareholders</b> |      |                    | <u><b>35,948,733</b></u> |                  | <u><b>28,675,926</b></u> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

The Fund's Financial Statements have been prepared on the basis detailed on pages 11 to 15.

#### 2. NET CAPITAL GAINS

|   | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19         |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | £                | £                |
| The net capital gains during the year comprise: |                  |                  |
| Non-derivative securities                       | 4,441,462        | 3,189,303        |
| Transaction costs & handling charges            | (828)            | (1,143)          |
| <b>Net capital gains</b>                        | <b>4,440,634</b> | <b>3,188,160</b> |

#### 3. REVENUE

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| Dividend distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 233,316        | 316,741        |
| Overseas distributions from Collective Investment Schemes | 231,675        | 85,903         |
| Income Rebates received                                   | -              | 2              |
|   | <b>464,991</b> | <b>402,646</b> |

#### 4. EXPENSES

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| <b>Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them</b>               |                |                |
| ACD's fees  | 163,347        | 147,367        |
| Administration fees   | 47,001         | 46,981         |
| Registrar fees  | 12,294         | 11,185         |
|   | <b>222,642</b> | <b>205,533</b> |
| <b>Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them</b> |                |                |
| Depositary's fees   | 21,001         | 20,827         |
| Safe custody fees   | 9,108          | 5,782          |
|   | <b>30,109</b>  | <b>26,609</b>  |
| <b>Other expenses</b>   |                |                |
| Audit fees  | 10,200         | 7,114          |
| FCA fees  | (85)           | 449            |
| KIID Productions & distribution fees  | 1,683          | 1,792          |
|   | <b>11,855</b>  | <b>9,355</b>   |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   | <b>264,549</b> | <b>241,497</b> |

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** (continued)

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**5. TAXATION**

**(a) The tax charge comprises**

|  | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19    |
|--|----------|-------------|
|  | £        | £           |
| Current tax:                                 |          |             |
| Overseas Tax                                 | -        | (52)        |
| <b>Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))</b> | -        | (52)        |
| <b>Total taxation</b>                        | -        | <b>(52)</b> |

**(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year**

The tax charge for the year differs from the 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEIC). The differences are explained below:

|   | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19    |
|---|----------|-------------|
|   | £        | £           |
| Net expense before taxation   | 200,442  | 160,963     |
| Net expense for the year multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax | 40,088   | 32,193      |
| <b>Effects of:</b>  |          |             |
| Movement in excess management expenses                                      | 42,051   | 31,156      |
| Adjustment in respect of prior periods                                      | -        | (52)        |
| Revenue not subject to corporation tax                                      | (82,139) | (63,349)    |
| <b>Total tax charge (note 5 (a))</b>  | -        | <b>(52)</b> |

**c) Provision for deferred tax**

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current year.

At the year end, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £241,492 (2019: £199,429) in relation to surplus management expenses. It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### 6. FINANCE COSTS

##### Distributions

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

|   | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | £              | £              |
| Interim distribution                            | 162,598        | 50,417         |
| Final distribution                              | 38,398         | 110,826        |
| Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares | 1,847          | 2,162          |
| Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares     | (2,401)        | (2,389)        |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b>            | <b>200,442</b> | <b>161,016</b> |

##### Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions

|                                      |                |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net revenue after taxation           | 200,442        | 161,016        |
| <b>Net distribution for the year</b> | <b>200,442</b> | <b>161,016</b> |

#### 7. DEBTORS

|  | 31.12.20       | 31.12.19      |
|--|----------------|---------------|
|  | £              | £             |
| Accrued revenue                        | 12,843         | 20,003        |
| Amounts receivable for issue of shares | 307            | 35,322        |
| Stock Sales awaiting settlement        | 844,602        | -             |
| <b>Total debtors</b>                   | <b>857,752</b> | <b>55,325</b> |

#### 8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

|                                     | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19         |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | £                | £                |
| Cash and bank balances              | 2,948,899        | 1,100,568        |
| <b>Total cash and bank balances</b> | <b>2,948,899</b> | <b>1,100,568</b> |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### 9. OTHER CREDITORS

|  | 31.12.20         | 31.12.19      |
|--|------------------|---------------|
|  | £                | £             |
| Accrued ACD's periodic charge              | 19,690           | 16,305        |
| Accrued Depositary's Fees                  | 1,779            | 3,509         |
| Accrued Expenses                           | 15,174           | 13,797        |
| Amounts payable for cancellation of Shares | 15,273           | -             |
| Purchases awaiting settlement              | 1,049,655        | -             |
| <b>Total creditors</b>                     | <b>1,101,571</b> | <b>33,611</b> |

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The ACD fixed fee (£10,000 per annum and currently included within the ACD's periodic charge), ACD fixed admin fee and the Registrar's periodic fees are payable to the ACD. A further ACD variable fee is payable to the Investment Adviser. Details are disclosed in note 4. Details of the shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets.

As at 31 December 2020 directors of the ACD and directors of other group companies of the ACD held Nil in the Multi Manager Growth Fund (2019: Nil) with a total value of £Nil (2019: £Nil). At the year end, Minster Nominees Limited held 99% of the outstanding shares.

#### 11. SHARE CLASSES

The Fund currently has one share class, the annual management charge for these are as follows:

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Accumulation Shares | 0.75% |
|---------------------|-------|

The reconciliation of the opening and closing members of Shares of each classes is show below :

|                     | 31.12.19   | Issued    | Cancelled   | Converted | 31.12.20   |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Accumulation Shares | 14,963,891 | 3,458,255 | (1,999,459) | -         | 16,422,687 |

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 67 .

#### 12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: £nil).

#### 13. RISK DISCLOSURES

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in Note 1B on pages 14 and 15.

##### (a) Foreign currency risk

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are denominated in UK Sterling, therefore, there is no direct foreign currency risk. However, the investments in the underlying collective investment schemes may invest overseas and as such there is also an element of indirect currency risk. A change in FX rates would have no material impact on the Fund's assets and liabilities.



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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#### (b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The only interest bearing financial assets of the Fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

| Currency               | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets<br/>2020</b> |   |   |                   |
| Sterling               | 2,948,899                                 | 34,101,405  | 37,050,304        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>2,948,899</b>                          | <b>34,101,405</b>                                 | <b>37,050,304</b> |

| Currency                    | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|-----------------------------|--|--|------------------|
| <b>Liabilities<br/>2020</b> |  |  |                  |
| Sterling                    | -  | 1,101,571  | 1,101,571        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>1,101,571</b>                                       | <b>1,101,571</b> |

| Currency               | Floating rate<br>financial<br>assets<br>£ | Financial assets<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£        |
|------------------------|---|---|-------------------|
| <b>Assets<br/>2019</b> |   |   |                   |
| Sterling               | 1,100,568                                 | 27,608,969  | 28,709,537        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>1,100,568</b>                          | <b>27,608,969</b>                                 | <b>28,709,537</b> |

| Currency                    | Floating rate<br>financial<br>liabilities<br>£ | Financial liabilities<br>not carrying<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| <b>Liabilities<br/>2019</b> |  |  |               |
| Sterling                    | -  | 33,611   | 33,611        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>                                       | <b>33,611</b>  | <b>33,611</b> |

The Fund does not have any significant direct interest rate risk and as such no sensitivity risk analysis is presented.

#### (c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 1B (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the year). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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|      | Increase  | Decrease  |
|------|-----------|-----------|
|      | £         | £         |
| 2020 | 3,324,365 | 3,324,365 |
| 2019 | 2,755,364 | 2,755,364 |

#### (d) Leverage

The Fund did not employ any significant leverage as at 31 December 2020, other than that available to the Fund as a result of its ability to borrow up to 10% of its value on a permanent basis.

#### 14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on page 55.

|  | 31.12.20 |                          | 31.12.19   |                          |
|--|----------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
|  | £        | £                        | £          | £                        |
| <b>Analysis of total purchase costs:</b>     |          |                          |            |                          |
| Purchase in year before transaction costs    |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                |          | 9,107,531                |            | 13,829,738               |
| Equities                                     |          | 909,384                  |            | 900,775                  |
|  |          | <u>10,016,915</u>        |            | <u>14,730,513</u>        |
| Commissions                                  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | 3        |                          | -          |                          |
| Equities                                     | 3        |                          | -          |                          |
| Taxes  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | 3          |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| <b>Total Purchase costs</b>                  | <b>6</b> |                          | <b>3</b>   |                          |
| <b>Gross Purchase total</b>                  |          | <b><u>10,016,921</u></b> |            | <b><u>14,730,516</u></b> |
| <b>Analysis of total sale costs:</b>         |          |                          |            |                          |
| Gross sales in year before transaction costs |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                |          | 7,882,305                |            | 12,611,376               |
| Equities                                     |          | 1,204,441                |            | 571,082                  |
|  |          | <u>9,086,746</u>         |            | <u>13,182,458</u>        |
| Commissions                                  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | (1)        |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | -          |                          |
| Taxes  |          |                          |            |                          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                | -        |                          | (3)        |                          |
| Equities                                     | -        |                          | (1)        |                          |
| <b>Total sale costs</b>                      | <b>-</b> |                          | <b>(5)</b> |                          |
| <b>Total sales net of transaction costs</b>  |          | <b><u>9,086,746</u></b>  |            | <b><u>13,864,925</u></b> |

The portfolio dealing spreadsheet as at 31 December 2020 was 0.15% (31 December 2019: 0.11%).

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2020

|   | 31.12.20 | 31.12.19 |
|---|----------|----------|
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of principal amounts</b>       | <b>%</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Purchases - Commissions   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Purchases - Taxes   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Sales - Commissions   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| Sales - Taxes   |          |          |
| Collective Investment Schemes                                     | -        | -        |
| Equities  | -        | -        |
| <b>Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset value</b> |          |          |
| Commissions   | -        | -        |
| Taxes   | -        | -        |

### 15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 31 December 2020, the Net Asset Value per share has decreased using share prices at the year end compared to 22 March 2021.

Accumulation Shares have decreased from 218.90 to 217.58.

### 16. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the Fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

|  | 31.12.20          |                    | 31.12.19          |                    |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Valuation technique</b>   | <b>Assets</b>     | <b>Liabilities</b> | <b>Assets</b>     | <b>Liabilities</b> |
|  | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>           |
| Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities   | 7,650,264         | -                  | 4,980,001         | -                  |
| Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly | 25,593,389        | -                  | 22,573,643        | -                  |
| Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability  |                   | -                  | -                 | -                  |
|  | <b>33,243,653</b> | <b>-</b>           | <b>27,553,644</b> | <b>-</b>           |

## ES SHARE CENTRE MULTI MANAGER GROWTH FUND

### DISTRIBUTION TABLE

For the year ended 31 December 2020

#### Interim dividend distribution

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020.

| Accumulation Shares | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Paid 01.09.20 | Paid 01.09.19 |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Group 1             | 1.0090      | -            | 1.0090        | 0.3287        |
| Group 2             | 0.9540      | 0.0550       | 1.0090        | 0.3287        |

#### Final dividend distribution

Group 1 Shares purchased prior to 1 July 2020.

Group 2 Shares purchased between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

| Accumulation Shares | Net Revenue | Equalisation | Payable 01.03.21 | Paid 01.03.20 |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Group 1             | 0.2338      | -            | 0.2338           | 0.7406        |
| Group 2             | 0.1332      | 0.1006       | 0.2338           | 0.7406        |

## ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### The Company

The ES Share Centre ICVC is an Open-Ended Investment Company with Variable Capital ("ICVC"). The Company is authorised in the United Kingdom by the FCA under product reference number 476001. The Company is incorporated in England and Wales with registered to 14 of the number IC000608. The effective date of the Authorisation Order made by the FCA was 14 January 2008.

#### The Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD')

The ACD is Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited, a private company incorporated with limited liability in England under the Companies Act 1985. From 13 January 2020, its registered office and head office are situated at 4th Floor, Pountney Hill House, 6 Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BL.

The ACD is authorised and regulated to carry on regulated activities in the United Kingdom by virtue of its authorisation by the FCA.

#### The Depositary

The Depositary acts as the custodian for all assets relating to ES Share Centre ICVC. The Depositary at the Company period end was Societe Generale, 29 Boulevard Haussman, 75009 Paris, France (Registered Office) and Societe Generale, One Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 4SG (London Office).

The Depositary is authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudential et de Résolution and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, but in respect of its services as Depositary in the United Kingdom is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

#### The Investment Manager

The Investment Manager to the Company is The Share Centre Limited.

#### Prospectus

Copies of the Company's Prospectus are available free of charge from the ACD upon request

#### Share Type

Both the Multi Manager Income and Multi Manager Growth and Income Funds issue Income and Accumulation Shares, where as the Multi Manager Growth Fund has a single, Accumulation share class in issuance.

#### Pricing and Dealing

Mid prices are always quoted for shares in the sub-funds.

Shares in the Company are "single priced". This means that subject to the preliminary charge, redemption charge and any applicable dilution levy, the price of a Share for both buying and selling purposes will be the same and determined by reference to a particular Valuation Point.

In respect of large deals, which for the purpose is defined as a single purchase or redemption of shares equivalent to more than 2% of the Net Asset value of the sub-funds, the ACD may charge a dilution levy on the price of shares. In respect of a purchase, this is added to the cost and, in respect of a redemption, this is deducted from the proceeds. The amount is not retained by the ACD, but is paid into the sub-funds.

The minimum initial investment for Shares in each Company is £25. The minimum amount required for any subsequent investment is £10.

Shares may be bought and sold on any business day by contacting your stockbroker, or by application in writing to FNZ Transfer Agency Services Limited, Level 7, 2, Redman Place London, E20 1JQ. All transactions will be dealt on a forward pricing basis, i.e. at the next valuation point following receipt of a valid application.

Contract notes are issued for all purchases and sales of shares and will be dispatched within 24 hours of the next valuation point following receipt of application.

The shares of the Company are non-certificated.

#### Distribution Policy

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed to holders of income share classes and retained for holders of accumulation share classes. Distribution rates will be calculated on the annual and interim accounting dates of 31 December and 30 June and distributed as income on 1 March and 1 September.

**GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)**

**Dilution**

The actual cost to the Company of purchasing or selling its investments may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the unit price, e.g. due to dealing charges or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. In normal circumstances these costs are charged to the Company. Under certain circumstances (e.g. large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the interests of shareholders generally. In order to prevent this effect, called 'dilution', the ACD has the power to charge a dilution adjustment on the sale and/or redemption of units. The dilution adjustment will be applied at outset and will be paid into and will become part of the Company. The dilution adjustment for the Company will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Company, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes. The ACD reserves the right, however, to impose a dilution levy at its absolute discretion on any or all deals, should this prove necessary in the opinion of the ACD, to protect the interests of the Shareholders.

**Management Charges, Spreads and Yields**

The Annual Management Charge is 0.75% for each sub-fund.

Certain other expenses are met by the Company and the individual sub-funds, the nature of which are detailed in the Company's Prospectus.

**Reports**

Reports will be made available to all shareholders on an annual and half-yearly basis.

**Publication of Prices**

The price of shares in the sub-funds are quoted daily on the web pages of Financial Express at [www.fundlistings.com](http://www.fundlistings.com).

**Taxation**

Income earned by shareholders from the Company is liable to UK Income Tax at the rate applicable for the individual shareholders. Tax Certificates will be issued annually with the valuation in April and will carry a credit for Income Tax.

**Capital Gains Tax**

As an ICVC, the Company is exempt from UK Capital Gains tax. An individual's first £12,300 of net gains on disposals in the 2020/2021 tax year are exempt from tax. Gains in excess of £12,300 for 2020/2021 are subject to a rate of tax dependent on an individual's total annual taxable income.

**Value Assessment**

Effective from 30 September 2019 the FCA introduced Value Assessment requirements for Authorised Fund Managers to conduct a Value Assessment on each fund they managed. The assessment for our funds is available on our website [www.equitytrustees.com](http://www.equitytrustees.com)

**Important Information**

On 6 March 2020, TC Share Centre ICVC changed its name to ES Share Centre ICVC. The Company's prospectus and the sub-funds' Investment Objective and Policies were updated.

The individual sub-funds changed as per below table:

| Formerly                                       | Current  |
|--|--|
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Cautious Fund    | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Income Fund          |
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Balanced Fund    | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth & Income Fund |
| TC Share Centre Multi Manager Adventurous Fund | ES Share Centre Multi Manager Growth Fund          |

It is important to remember that the price of shares, and the income from them, can fall as well as rise and it is not guaranteed that investors will get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Changes in the rate of exchange of currencies, particularly where overseas securities are held, may also affect the value of your investment. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term. You should always regard an ICVC investment as long term.

## ES SHARE CENTRE ICVC

### GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator to future performance. Neither income nor capital is guaranteed. Dealing charges and the bid /offer spread on the underlying securities in ES Share Centre ICVC could have the effect that investors would not achieve the indicative returns stated. Changes in exchange rates may also cause the value of investments to go down as well as up.

Please note shareholders are not liable for debts of the Company.