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# Performance Highlights

Ordinary share price total return<sup>A</sup>

+0.3%

2021 +20.9%

Earnings per Ordinary share (revenue)

4.84p

2021 2.66p

Net asset value total return<sup>A</sup>

+6.8%

2021 +17.4%

Dividends per Ordinary share

3.50p

2021 3.50p

Benchmark total return

+11.5%

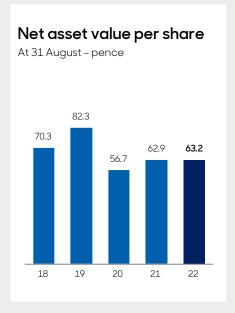
2021 +17.5%

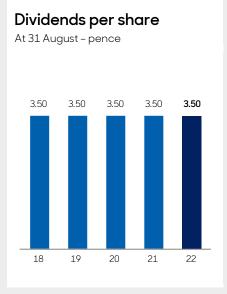
Discount to net asset value per Ordinary share AB

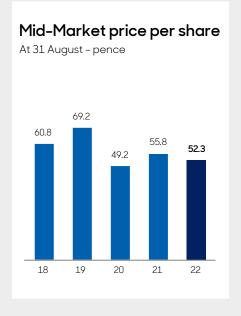
17.3%

2021<sup>B</sup> 11.4%

Source: abrdn, Morningstar, Russell Mellon, Lipper & JPMorgan







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Considered to be an Alternative Performance Measure. Further details can be found on pages 111 and 112.

B At 31 August

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# Financial Calendar, Dividends and Highlights

Annual General Meeting (Jersey)	14 December 2022
Payment dates of interim dividends	27 January 2023 26 May 2023 28 July 2023 27 October 2023
Half year end	28 February 2023
Expected announcement of results for six months ending 28 February 2023	April 2023
Financial year end	31 August 2023
Expected announcement of results for year ending 31 August 2023	November 2023

#### Dividends

	Rate	xd date	Record date	Payment date
1st interim 2022	0.875p	6 January 2022	7 January 2022	28 January 2022
2nd interim 2022	0.875p	5 May 2022	6 May 2022	26 May 2022
3rd interim 2022	0.875p	7 July 2022	8 July 2022	29 July 2022
4th interim 2022	0.875p	6 October 2022	7 October 2022	28 October 2022
Total dividends 2022	3.500p			

	Rate	xd date	Record date	Payment date
1st interim 2021	0.875p	7 January 2021	8 January 2021	29 January 2021
2nd interim 2021	0.875p	13 May 2021	14 May 2021	28 May 2021
3rd interim 2021	0.875p	8 July 2021	9 July 2021	30 July 2021
4th interim 2021	0.875p	7 October 2021	8 October 2021	29 October 2021
Total dividends 2021	3.500p			

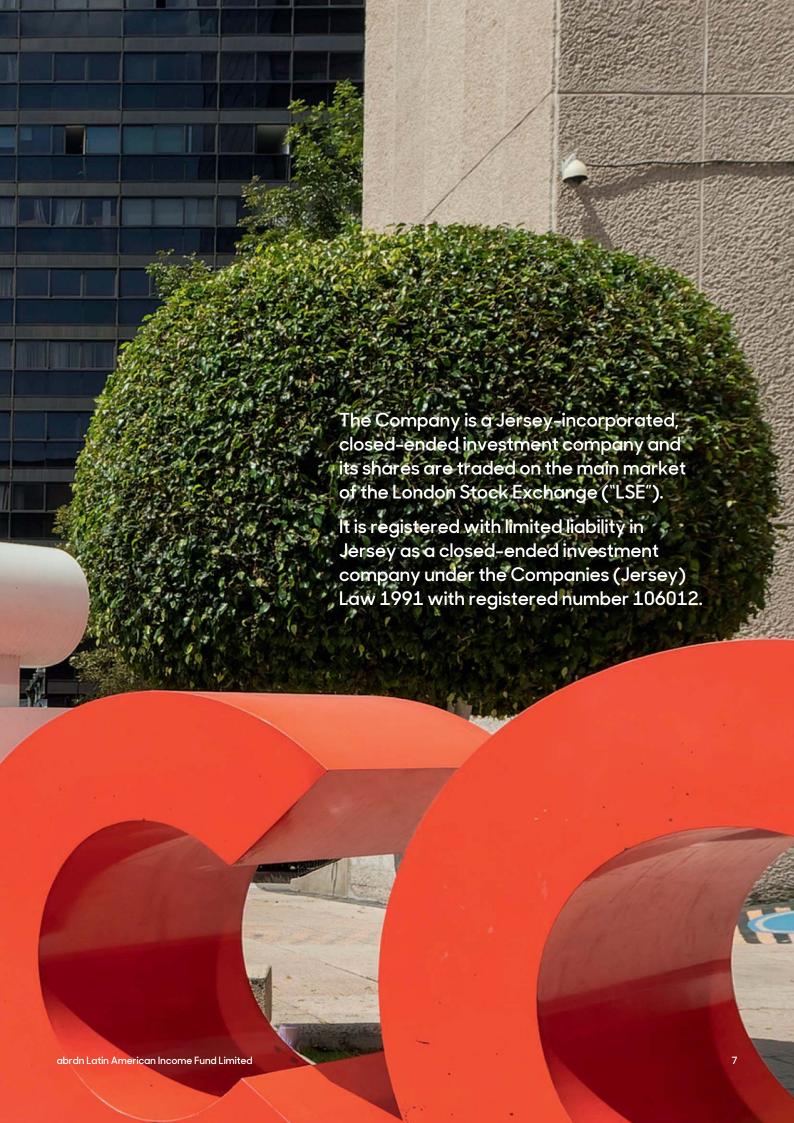
	31 August 2022	31 August 2021	% change
Total assets (see definition on page 110) (£'000)	41,572	41,419	0.4
Total equity shareholders' funds (net assets) (£'000)	36,072	35,919	0.4
Market capitalisation (£'000)	29,842	31,841	-6.3
Ordinary share price (mid market)	52.25p	55.75p	-6.3
Net asset value per Ordinary share	63.16p	62.89p	0.4
Discount to net asset value per Ordinary share <sup>AB</sup>	17.27%	11.35%	
Net gearing (see definition on page 109) <sup>AB</sup>	14.98%	14.37%	
Dividends and earnings  Total return per Ordinary share	3.77p	9.74p	
Earnings per Ordinary share (revenue)	4.84p	2.66p	82.0
Dividends per Ordinary share	3.50p	3.50p	
Dividend cover <sup>AB</sup>	1.38 times	0.76 times	
Revenue reserves <sup>B</sup> (£'000)	2,248	1,482	
Operating costs			
Ongoing charges ratio <sup>AC</sup>	2.00%	2.00%	

A Considered to be an Alternative Performance Measure. Further details can be found on pages 111 and 112.

B Excludes payment of fourth interim dividend of 0.875p (2021 – 0.875p) per Ordinary share equating to \$500,000 (2021 – \$500,000) as this was made after the year end.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Details of a cap on the ongoing charges ratio can be found in notes 6 and 17 to the financial statements on pages 82 and 98 respectively.





#### Chairman's Statement

#### Overview

The last twelve months have been volatile for investors. Not only have Latin American economies had to deal with the more inflationary post-Covid environment, as fuel and energy prices rose, but they have also had to contend with the pressure of an uncertain political landscape.

For the Company this has led to contrasting fortunes for its two asset classes over the period. Equities underperformed, predominantly due to a shift in market focus from growth to value stocks. At the same time, the fixed income sleeve was more successful, as the bond investments targeted by your Manager benefited from the rising yield curve. With inflationary pressures leading to higher yields, but the same environment punishing long-term quality growth stocks, overall the Company's net asset value ("NAV") rose 6.8% in total return terms over the year ended 31 August 2022, compared with an increase of 11.5% for the benchmark. The share price was broadly flat over the period, ending the year at 52.25p.

Despite this recent volatility in markets, your Manager is confident in the region's long-term growth potential and has also taken steps to ensure the Company is sufficiently defensive in the current macro environment. You can find out more detail on this later in this statement and in the Investment Manager's Review on pages 11 to 14, along with a more detailed explanation of performance.

Looking over the full year to 31 August 2022, there were three main themes at play:

- 1) monetary policy and interest rate increases;
- 2) domestic politics and a very busy election calendar; and
- 3) global events, most notably the shockwaves felt worldwide from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Focusing on monetary policy first, central banks in Latin America moved swiftly to tackle the spiralling post-pandemic inflation we have witnessed. The Banco Central do Brasil, which has recently gained full independence, was first to act and has now taken the base rate from a low of 2% to 13.75%. Chile has raised rates to 11.25%, while Colombia increased them to 11%. Others are still likely to climb higher. In August, the Bank of Mexico raised the base rate to 8.5%, its highest in 16 years.

Looking at the region as a whole, it is clear central banks have been well ahead of the rate-rising cycles of other emerging and developed markets with India's rising to 5.4% and the US Federal Reserve increasing rates six times in 2022 (up to 4% in November), whilst the European Union only started with a rise to 1.25% in September, with a further increase to 2% on 27 October 2022.

In terms of the impact of these central bank policies on markets, the rate rises were particularly painful for the Company's equity holdings and have penalised some of the more expensive growth-style stocks favoured by your Manager. On the plus side, the rate rises were fairly positive for fixed income – in Brazil, for example, the large rises benefited domestic bond returns in the medium term.

Political risk has been another important factor, with several high-profile elections over the year. Colombia elected its first-ever left-wing president Gustavo Petro, who stood on a platform of land reform, universal healthcare and promises to continue his country's commitment to the peace process; and Chile, meanwhile, voted in the relatively inexperienced 36-year-old Gabriel Boric (another left-winger) as president. After our year end, Chile went to the polls again, for a constitutional referendum which was roundly rejected by voters, seeing it as too radical (the current constitution dates back to the days of General Pinochet).

In Peru, asset classes saw significant improvement over the year. The country had already witnessed a massive sell-off in equities and bonds in 2021, following the election of left-winger Pedro Castillo, prior to the start of this reporting period. For investors, political risk now appears to have somewhat diminished. One area to note though in Peru, is its approval of early withdrawals from pension funds, to support the country's recovery from the pandemic and the impact of surging global prices. While these actions can help in stabilising the economy, they also fuel higher inflation and withdrawal of pension savings in previous years from Peru and Chile resulted in sovereign downgrades.

Naturally, elections in Latin America's largest economy, Brazil, have been a global talking point, as the incumbent Jair Bolsonaro, seeking a second term in office, ran against former president Lula. Even though the election fell outside the year covered by this report, the atmosphere of uncertainty posed by Brazil's vote – including doubts cast by Bolsonaro of the legitimacy of the election process – have been a headwind for Brazil's asset classes. In the run up to the election, we also saw some fiscal loosening. This was a concern for investors because it runs the risk of losing the fiscal anchor (a ceiling on spending, deficit, or debt) that has played an important role in improving Brazil's balances. Brazil is running a primary fiscal surplus for the first time in a long while.

Finally, wider global events have of course had a major impact on the region's fortunes. Extreme weather events and, most notably, war in Ukraine have resulted in higher commodity prices and put pressure on the global supply chain. Economies in Latin America are highly sensitive to commodity prices. Brazil is a large exporter of soybean and iron ore, while Chile and Peru are notable exporters of copper. Oil is a key concern, with Peru and Chile large importers and countries such as Mexico being large exporters. While some businesses have seen a positive impact from higher energy prices, in the long run, higher food and fuel prices add to the inflationary environment that has led central banks to start raising policy rates.

At the portfolio level, there were mixed fortunes over the period. In terms of equities, interest rate rises and the higher cost of capital have penalised some of the quality growth stocks favoured by your Manager. The Company's fixed income performance, on the other hand, has been much better, with the decision not to take exposure to Chile, one of the worst performers, and a substantial overweight to Uruguay which has fared well. In terms of positioning over the period, with the changing macro picture, your Manager has focussed on ensuring the portfolio is resilient to the global environment and adopted a slightly more defensive stance. From an equities perspective, this meant exiting some smaller growth stocks and those exposed to reducing consumer demand in the face of inflationary pressures and either reinvesting in companies where the Manager has higher conviction, or moving into areas like telecoms which your Manager believes will be more resilient. Meanwhile, anticipating a moderation in inflation as central banks in the region near the end of the hiking cycle, your Manager is moving towards fixed income assets with a longer duration.

For more on portfolio activity and wider performance, read the Investment Manager review on pages 11 to 14.

#### Results and Dividends

The earnings per share for the year ended 31 August 2022 were 4.84p (2021: 2.66p), reflecting an 82% increase over 2021 with a recovery in dividend pay-outs post-pandemic and importantly strengthened foreign exchange rates versus sterling. The Company was able to return to paying a fully covered dividend this year and has continued to pay four interim dividends of 0.875p per share (2021: 0.875p) in respect of the financial year, maintaining the total level of dividends for the year at 3.5p per share (2021: 3.5p). As stated in previous reports, the Board is aware of the importance of income to the Company's shareholders, particularly during times of prolonged market stress, and has maintained the dividend throughout with that in mind, using the revenue reserve built previously in order to maintain the level of dividend in difficult times. Following the payment of dividends during the financial year, the Company has carried forward a healthy £2.25 million in its revenue reserve (2021: £1.48m), representing 0.9 times the current level of dividend after accounting for the payment of the fourth interim dividend.

The Board is pleased that the Manager continues to support the Company to ensure that its ongoing charges ratio ("OCR") does not exceed 2.0% when calculated annually as at 31 August. To the extent that the OCR exceeds 2.0%, the Manager continues to rebate part of its fees in order to reduce the ratio down to 2.0%. Subsequent to the year end, a sum of £132,000 (2021: £127,000) had been repaid by the Manager to the Company in order to maintain the OCR at 2.0%.

#### **Portfolio**

During the year, the allocation between equities and bonds has remained relatively stable. At the financial year end, the portfolio comprised 61.9% in equities and 38.1% in bonds (2021: 64.5% equities, 35.5% bonds). The Board and Manager will continue to keep this portfolio split under review to seek to exploit market opportunities.

#### **Share Capital**

There has been no change to the Company's share capital structure during the financial year. The Company has not bought back any shares, or issued any shares, in light of the volatile markets witnessed. However, the Company will make selective use of buybacks, subject to prevailing market conditions and having regard to the size of the Company, where it would be in the best interests of shareholders to do so. At the time of writing, the Company's Ordinary share price discount to NAV is 11.2%.

### Chairman's Statement

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#### Gearing

The Company has a £6 million two year unsecured revolving multi-currency loan facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch, which expires on 14 August 2023. At the year-end £5,500,000 was drawn down (2021 – £5,500,000). The Board continues to monitor the level of gearing under recommendation from the Manager and in light of market conditions.

#### **Board Changes**

As announced in the Company's Half-Yearly Report, the Directors were delighted to welcome Michael Gray to the Board on 18 February 2022, following the retirement of Richard Prosser. Michael brings a wealth of experience as a non-executive director of closed-end funds and a knowledge of investment management that complements the balance of skills and experience on the Board as a whole.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

This year's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") will be held on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of abrdn Capital International Limited, 1st Floor, Sir Walter Raleigh House, 48–50 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3QB. I hope that shareholders will be able to attend the AGM, following a two year hiatus owing to the global pandemic, and I look forward to meeting shareholders on the day.

As usual, the Board encourages all shareholders to exercise their votes in respect of the meeting in advance to ensure that votes are registered and counted at the meeting.

The Board welcomes questions from our shareholders and I would ask that shareholders submit questions to the Board prior to the AGM, and in any event before Friday, 9 December 2022. The Board or the Investment Manager will respond to all questions received. You may submit questions to the Board by email to

latin.american@abrdn.com.

#### Outlook

My predecessor as Chairman, Richard Prosser, commented last year that the outlook for Latin America was brighter, although the Board remained mindful of remaining risks. This remains true. And while some of these risks have diminished – economies have continued to reopen post pandemic – others have also emerged.

For now, GDP forecasts for the region, which were downgraded in the second quarter, appear to be improving. Brazil's economic ministry has raised

expectations for its 2022 growth figure to 2.7%. Central banks have been quick to react to rising inflation and have made adjustments to weather the environment of rising prices. In Brazil, inflation has already been falling since July (as measured by the IPCA benchmark inflation index). If, as is hoped, the period of interest rate hikes is coming to an end, it could be expected that inflation rates elsewhere in the region reach their peak as early as next year.

Furthermore, with the most recent run of elections now out of the way, I believe we are now moving from what has been an extremely volatile period over the last 18 months to potentially a calmer environment, one that should give investors greater visibility – and make for more stable market conditions.

Looking to the longer term, Latin America continues to be an appealing investment destination. The region is full of great promise and is home to assets that are attractively valued compared with other emerging markets and developed economies. Your Board remains convinced by your Manager's focus on the wealth of opportunities that are backed by major structural drivers, such as the emerging power of middle-class consumers, increased digitalisation and the growth of green technologies.

The Manager's recent focus has been to tilt the portfolio to a more defensive positioning but the commitment to quality remains undiminished. The portfolio still retains its diverse pool of income-supporting bonds, combined with quality stocks trading at attractive valuations. With improving results at an individual company level, we expect to benefit from exposure to underpenetrated sectors such as financial services, domestic consumption, healthcare, infrastructure, renewables and digitalisation trends. Your Manager remains focussed on companies that are well-run, with solid financials, clear competitive advantages and that are committed to good environmental, social and governance ("ESG") practices. The focus on quality is essential to delivering sustainable long-term returns for all shareholders.



Howard Myles Chairman 10 November 2022

# Investment Manager's Review

#### **Performance Commentary**

Latin American markets rallied over the review period, which was marked by intensifying price pressures as the region, and the world, began its post-pandemic recovery. Amid economies reopening and consumers worldwide unleashing their pent-up demand for goods, services and travel, rising inflation became a key driver of market events. Steepening inflation, evident since 2021, was exacerbated in February 2022 by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The ensuing sanctions on Russia's export of oil and commodities led to the prices of these resources skyrocketing. By March, a month into the invasion, oil prices had soared to their highest levels since 2008. This turned out to be a boon for resource rich countries in Latin America, in particular Brazil and Chile, which boasted double-digit equity returns for the period. At the end of the Company's financial year, Latin American stocks had outperformed all other equity markets outside of the Middle East oil-rich region, thanks to the stellar performances of the region's energy and commodity companies.

Having said that, while Latin America's miners and energy producers benefited, spiralling fuel prices hit the everyday consumer hard, driving food and travel costs too high, too quickly. The reaction from central banks, was to limit liquidity in the market by raising interest rates. "Interest rate hiking" almost became a catchphrase globally for the second half of the Company's financial year, but we must acknowledge that Latin American central banks were ahead of their peers in this respect, having begun their monetary policy tightening towards the end of 2021. This meant that while most equity markets in recent months were rocked by the US Federal Reserve's (the "Fed") aggressive rate increases (4% at the time of writing), Latin American stocks were far more resilient, having already priced in monetary tightening since late 2021 and even earlier for Brazilian equities. At the time of writing, interest rates in Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico stand at 13.75%, 11.25%, 11% and 9.25% respectively, compared to other emerging markets like India (5.9%), Indonesia (4.75%) or Poland (6.75%), for example. In the case of Brazil, whose central bank was earliest to act, the strategy has visibly borne fruit. Despite the continued interest rate hikes the Brazilian government bond market outperformed major emerging markets.

On the downside, however, the evolving domestic political landscape has been somewhat of a drawback for investors. Major political events in Chile, Colombia, Peru and Argentina led to investors taking a more cautious approach towards these regional markets. There has been a palpable change in the political tide, as dominant right-wing parties were voted out in favour of leftist, socially-oriented leadership in Chile and Colombia. This led to capital flight, putting pressure on the currencies and the bond markets. Meanwhile, Brazil's presidential elections have been intense and have left investors uncertain. While the polls seemed to favour former, leftistpresident Luis Inacio Lula da Silva over the incumbent right-winger, President Jair Bolsonaro, the latter had a surprisingly strong result after the first round of voting on 2 October 2022. Lula won 48% of the votes against Bolsonaro's 43% but fell short of the clear majority of over 50% of valid votes required to prevent a run-off. He eventually secured his lead on 30 October, with 50.9% of the votes against Bolsonaro's 49.1% and the transition process for the new president-elect has begun. Overall, despite these bouts of uncertainty and sporadic market weaknesses, Latin American stocks generally had a robust year and emerged top of their asset class.

Against this backdrop, the Company's portfolio underperformed its benchmark over the year, with the net asset value increase of 6.8% lagging the composite benchmark's 11.5% rise. This relatively weaker overall performance was primarily due to the weaker performance of the equity sleeve of the portfolio, which returned 3.34% versus the index's 10.79% gain. This underperformance was attributable to the equity market shift away from growth stocks, that had proved relatively robust during the pandemic, towards value. The tighter monetary climate drove investors to rebalance their portfolios, preferring to invest instead in utilities and commodity stocks instead of growth-oriented stocks, such as technology and ecommerce. Unfortunately, this market rotation undermined the Company's strategic longer-term focus on quality growth stocks.

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In contrast, our fixed income exposure in the portfolio did better. Our large overweight exposure to Uruguay had a major positive contribution to relative performance, as did the lack of any exposure to Chile which, together with Colombia, significantly underperformed other regional markets. Uruguay's good performance was attributable to a strong soybean harvest, which is a key export for the country. Additionally, rising food prices helped the Uruquayan peso outperform its neighbours over the period due to its position as a major exporter of beef. Meanwhile, Chile, one of the world's top copper producers, struggled over the year due to lower copper prices. A severely weakened Chilean peso alongside a stronger US dollar also negatively affected the country's performance, despite a US\$25 billion intervention by its central bank that had aimed to quell exchange-rate volatility. Colombia also had a difficult year, as the country's July inflation number was 10.2% year on year, which was its highest reading in over a decade. The Colombian peso was also weighed down by the interest-rate hikes from the Fed and the strong US dollar, along with a growing import bill and profit remittances from commodity companies operating in the country but actually based outside.

Looking more closely at the performance of your Company's underlying stock holdings, the exposure to companies linked to dynamic growth themes which we had considered in our process, such as ecommerce, digitalisation and renewables were punished by the steepening of yield curves across the globe. As such, the portfolio's exposure to XP Investimentos, which is the largest brokerage firm in Brazil, detracted, as did its exposures to renewable energy producer Raizen, and software services provider Totvs. Additionally, Sequoia, which largely benefited from the increased demand in ecommerce-related logistics, massively corrected on the back of concerns over slowing global growth and its impact on this ecommerce demand. Sequoia's share price was also hurt as its margins were shrinking due to higher-than-expected operational costs, in particular, from the cost of diesel. Over the year, we exited XP and Sequoia, but we have kept your Company's exposure to Raizen and Totvs, which are well thought of stocks, that we think will benefit returns in the longer term.

In terms of the portfolio's performance by sector, the lower exposure to the energy sector detracted the most. While your Company's exposure to Brazilian state-owned petroleum producer **Petrobras** added to overall returns as prices soared, the underweight exposure compared to the benchmark once again hurt relative returns. Petrobras rallied amid the surge in crude oil prices, and investors were doubly enthusiastic when the company announced

record dividends. Investors were also optimistic about the talk of possible privatisation of the company following a new business plan that stressed capital discipline and a commitment to dividends. Although we gradually increased our exposure to this stock over the second half of the year, our underweight exposure negatively impacted the portfolio's relative performance. More positively, the exposure to **Geopark**, which is not in the benchmark, helped. The Colombian oil and gas explorer did well over the period and lifted performance. The company also cheered investors by increasing its quarterly dividends for the third time in a year.

Elsewhere, the exposure to materials stocks was mixed. Brazilian miner Vale was the top contributor, as the company's shares recovered from the weakness in iron ore prices seen at the start of the year and rose in tandem with other commodity producers in the region. Our lack of exposure to Mexican building materials company Cemex was also a positive with the company lagging the benchmark over the period. Having said that, not holding Chilean miner and fertiliser producer SQM proved costly, as investors remained bullish on the prospects for lithium prices due to rising demand levels. Ultimately, as bottomup stock pickers, our investment decisions are driven by company fundamentals rather than short-term market trends, and with that in mind, we will continue with our due diligence and keep a close eye on the company's progress.

What did help were our decisions on holdings in the consumer sector. Your Company benefited from not holding cosmetics group Natura & Co. and from the underweight to Magazine Luiza as we exited the stock during the year. The exposure to footwear retailer **Arezzo** also proved beneficial.

#### **Portfolio Activity**

The key portfolio changes on the equity side centred around the holdings in Brazil, and our attempt to reposition the portfolio against the downside risks of shrinking domestic consumer demand due to the inflationary pressures mentioned above. To this end, we sold several consumer discretionary holdings, such as fast food franchise BK Brasil, clothing department store Lojas Renner, retail chain Magazine Luiza and ecommerce retailer Mobly. We also exited Chilean shopping malls' operator Parque Arauco on the back of the more challenging outlook for discretionary spending. Instead, we took advantage of attractive valuations to take a position in **Assai**, a leading cash and carry Brazilian retailer that we think is well-positioned to capture consumers' changing habits.

Additionally, we also sought to reduce exposure to growth stocks that were punished by the market rotation brought about by steeper borrowing prices. We therefore exited growth names such as education software firm Arco and online services platform GetNinjas in favour of better opportunities elsewhere, as well as selling Sequoia and XP, as mentioned earlier.

While there has been a traditional focus on high-quality growth stocks as we sought to tap into the demographics of the region with its large and growing middle class base, we have simultaneously kept a watchful eye on highquality value stocks. For example, **Telefonica Brasil**, which we introduced during the year, is the leading telecommunications company in Brazil. We had been cautious about the sector due to its capital intensity and a stringent regulatory environment, but we continued to do our due diligence and decided to introduce the holding as we believe that the Brazilian telecommunications will benefit from an improving competitive and regulatory environment. Earlier in the year, we had introduced three other value stocks, including junior exploration and production company 3R Petroleum, Peru's leading banking franchise Credicorp, and vertically integrated pulp and paper producer Klabin. We funded these new acquisitions through the sale of our sub-scale positions in renewable energy holdings, Omega and Weg.

Meanwhile, on the fixed income side, in the first half of the year, we had taken a more defensive approach in the face of rising inflation, reducing our duration exposure in Brazil, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Towards the end of the Company's financial year, we cautiously started adding back longer-duration bonds to the portfolio as the monetary policy tightening cycles matured and we observed what we considered to be the peak of the inflationary pressures.

#### **ESG Engagement**

During the year we continued our engagement with companies on various ESG matters, with a focus as always on collaboratively improving long-term quality for investors.

For example, in line with promoting good governance, we continued our efforts with **Assai** to help strengthen the group's corporate governance credentials. Elsewhere, we communicated with the Board of **Vale** with feedback regarding its board refreshment program, in view of the 2023 board election. We also met with the management of **Raizen** and **Klabin's** board members to discuss various governance topics, and we collaborated with the Brazilian stock-exchange, **B3**, to discuss issues around diversity at the board level. We are in the process of formulating suggestions to contribute to the public hearing on ESG enhancements, and diversity and integration requirements for listed companies.

In the area of sustainability, we engaged with **Arezzo** in order to get a detailed view on some aspects of the company's operations, as well as to suggest some improvements in disclosure and practices, particularly regarding raw material sourcing, carbon footprint and chemical safety. Lastly, we engaged with **3R's** new chairman to discuss board functioning, strategy and risk management, including the company's offshore operations.

#### Outlook

With the region's clamorous election season gradually drawing to a close, we expect foreign capital to return to Latin America as investors start to regain confidence in the respective new administrations. Brazil remains a country to watch, at least until the end of the year, with the transition of the president-elect ongoing.

As a result, we are cautiously optimistic about the near-term outlook for your Company's equity and bond investments in Latin America. Amid changing governments and political alliances, we have observed that fiscal policies in the region have been disciplined, and we believe this will continue. On that front, if inflation continues to stabilise, and we are seeing signs of that now, we expect that by early next year, Latin American central banks should gradually begin loosening interest rates. This will be a challenge for the region, as it will be for central banks around the world – to manage the fine line between keeping inflation in check whilst, at the same time, not holding back economic growth.

# Investment Manager's Review

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We also expect the demand for energy and commodities to remain strong, especially if the Russia-Ukraine conflict remains unresolved. However, we are cognisant of the headwinds, such as slowing demand from China, which has already weighed on GDP growth forecasts for the region, as well as supply chain bottlenecks due to geopolitical uncertainties.

At the individual stock level, while we have begun investing in holdings that we had traditionally avoided due to the stringent regulatory environment or due to the cyclical nature of these businesses, we have done this now after rigorous due diligence, and with confidence that these new additions to the portfolio will serve to enhance the value of your Company. We will also continue to position the Company's portfolio around the dynamic structural growth themes in the region, which we feel will allow it to deliver sustainable returns for shareholders in the longer term. With this is mind, we remain committed to seeking out fundamentally strong, quality companies that can stand the test of time and periods of upheaval, and will ultimately benefit shareholders for several years to come.



**Brunella Isper and Viktor Szabó**Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited
10 November 2022

# Overview of Strategy

#### Investment Objective and Business Model

The Company aims to provide private and institutional investors with exposure to the above average long-term capital growth prospects of Latin America combined with an attractive yield.

The business of the Company is that of an investment company and the Directors do not envisage any change in this activity in the foreseeable future.

#### **Investment Policy and Approach**

The Company invests in:

- · companies listed on stock exchanges in the Latin American region;
- Latin American securities (such as American Depository Receipts and Global Depositary Receipts) listed on international stock exchanges;
- companies listed on international exchanges that derive significant revenues or profits from the Latin American region; and
- · debt issued by governments and companies in the Latin American region.

The Company has a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of equities, equity-related and fixed income investments, with at least 25% of its gross assets invested in equity and equity-related investments and at least 25% of its gross assets invested in fixed income investments. The Company's investment policy is flexible, enabling it to invest in all types of securities, including (but not limited to) equities, preference shares, debt, convertible securities, warrants, depositary receipts and other equity-related securities.

Whilst the Board has provided the Investment Manager with broad investment guidelines in order to ensure a spread of risk, the Company's portfolio is not managed by reference to any benchmark and, therefore, the composition of its portfolio is not restricted by minimum or maximum country, market capitalisation or sector weightings. The Manager follows a bottom-up investment process based on its conviction in individual stocks. Topdown factors are secondary in portfolio construction, with diversification rather than formal controls guiding geographical and sector weights.

The Company may invest, where appropriate, in openended collective investment schemes and closed-ended funds that invest in the Latin American region.

Derivative investments may be used for efficient portfolio management and hedging and may also be used in order

to achieve the investment objective and to enhance portfolio performance. The Company may purchase and sell derivative investments such as exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on currencies, securities, fixed income, currency and interest rate indices and other financial instruments, purchase and sell financial futures contracts and options thereon and enter into various interest rate and currency transactions such as swaps, caps, floors or collars or credit transactions and credit derivative instruments. The Company may also purchase derivative instruments that combine features of these instruments. The Manager employs a risk management process to oversee and manage the Company's exposure to derivatives. The Manager may use one or more separate counterparties to undertake derivative transactions on behalf of the Company, and may be required to pledge collateral in order to secure the Company's obligations under such contracts. The Manager will assess on a continuing basis the creditworthiness of counterparties as part of its risk management process.

The Company may underwrite or sub-underwrite any issue or offer for sale of investments.

The Board considers that returns to Ordinary Shareholders can be enhanced by the judicious use of borrowing. The Board is responsible for the level of gearing in the Company and reviews the position on a regular basis. Pursuant to the level of gearing set by the Board, the Company may borrow up to an amount equal to 20% of its net assets calculated at the time of drawing. The Company will not have any fixed, long-term borrowings.

The Company may also use derivative instruments for gearing purposes, in which case the investment restrictions will be calculated on the basis that the Company has acquired the securities to which the derivatives are providing exposure.

The Company will normally be fully invested. However, during periods in which economic conditions or other factors warrant, the Company may reduce its exposure to securities and increase its position in cash and money market instruments.

The Company invests and manages its assets, including its exposure to derivatives, with the objective of spreading risk in line with the Company's investment policy.

The Company may only make material changes to its investment policy with the approval of Ordinary Shareholders (in the form of an ordinary resolution).

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#### **Investment Restrictions**

The minimum and maximum percentage limits set out under "Investment Policy and Approach" and "Investment Restrictions" will only be applied at the time of the relevant acquisition, trade or borrowing. No more than 15% of the Company's gross assets will be invested in any one company.

The Company will not invest more than 10%, in aggregate, of the value of its gross assets in other investment companies admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority, provided that this restriction does not apply to investments in any such investment companies which themselves have stated investment policies to invest no more than 15% of their gross assets in other listed investment companies admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Company may invest up to 25% of its gross assets in non-investment grade government debt issues (being debt issues rated BB+/Ba1 or lower).

The Company's aggregate gross exposure to derivative instruments will not exceed 50% of its gross assets.

The Company will not acquire securities that are unlisted or unquoted at the time of investment (with the exception of securities which are about to be listed or traded on a stock exchange). However, the Company may continue to hold securities that cease to be listed or quoted if the Investment Manager considers this to be appropriate.

No underwriting or sub-underwriting commitment will be entered into if the aggregate of such investments would exceed 10% of the Company's net assets and no such individual investment would exceed 5% of the Company's net assets.

The Board has adopted a policy that the value of the Company's borrowings or derivatives (but excluding collateral held in respect of any such derivatives) will not exceed 30% of the Company's net assets.

#### **Duration**

The Company does not have a fixed life or continuation vote.

#### **Benchmark**

The Company measures its performance against a composite benchmark index weighted as to 60% MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Index and 40% JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (Latin America Carve Out) (both in sterling terms) (the "Benchmark"). The Company does not seek to replicate the Benchmark index in constructing

its portfolio and the portfolio is not managed by reference to any index. It is likely, therefore, that there will be periods when the Company's performance will be uncorrelated to any index or benchmark.

#### Promoting the Company's Success

In accordance with corporate governance best practice, the Board is required to describe to the Company's shareholders how the Directors have discharged their duties and responsibilities over the course of the financial year following the guidelines set out in the UK under section 172 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 (the "s172 Statement"). This Statement, from "Promoting the Success of the Company" to "Long Term Investment" on page 18, provides an explanation of how the Directors have promoted the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole, taking into account the likely long term consequences of decisions, the need to foster relationships with all stakeholders and the impact of the Company's operations on the environment.

The purpose of the Company is to provide private and institutional investors with exposure to the above average long-term capital growth prospects of Latin America combined with an attractive yield. The Company's Investment Objective is disclosed on page 15. The activities of the Company are overseen by the Board of Directors of the Company.

The Board's philosophy is that the Company should operate in a transparent culture where all parties are treated with respect and provided with the opportunity to offer practical challenge and participate in positive debate which is focused on the aim of achieving the expectations of shareholders and other stakeholders alike. The Board reviews the culture and manner in which the Manager operates at its regular meetings and receives regular reporting and feedback from the other key service providers.

Investment trusts, such as the Company, are long-term investment vehicles, with a recommended holding period of five or more years. Typically, investment trusts are externally managed, have no employees, and are overseen by an independent non-executive board of directors. Your Company's Board of Directors sets the investment mandate, monitors the performance of all service providers (including the Manager) and is responsible for reviewing strategy on a regular basis. All this is done with the aim of preserving and enhancing shareholder value over the longer term.

#### Shareholder Engagement

The following table describes some of the ways we engage with our shareholders

AGM	The AGM ordinarily provides an opportunity for the Directors to engage with shareholders, answer their questions and meet them informally. The next AGM will take place on 14 December 2022 in Jersey. The Board encourages shareholders to attend or to lodge their vote by proxy on all the resolutions put forward and to email any questions in advance to Latin.American@abrdn.com.
Annual Report	We publish a full annual report each year that contains a strategic report, governance section, financial statements and additional information. The report is available online and in paper format.
Company Announcements	We issue announcements for all substantive news relating to the Company. You can find these announcements on the website.
Results Announcements	We release a full set of financial results at the half year and full year stage. Updated net asset value figures are announced on a daily basis.
Monthly Factsheets	The Manager publishes monthly factsheets on the Company's website including commentary on portfolio and market performance.
Website	Our website contains a range of information on the Company and includes a full monthly portfolio listing of our investments as well as podcasts by the Investment Manager. Details of financial results, the investment process and Investment Manager together with Company announcements and contact details can be found here: latamincome.co.uk
Investor Relations	The Company subscribes to the Manager's Investor Relations programme (further details are on page 105).

#### Other Service Providers

The other key stakeholder group is that of the Company's third party service providers. The Board is responsible for selecting the most appropriate outsourced service providers and monitoring the relationships with these suppliers regularly in order to ensure a constructive working relationship. Our service providers look to the Company to provide them with a clear understanding of the Company's needs in order that those requirements can be delivered efficiently and fairly. The Board, via the Management Engagement Committee, ensures that the arrangements with service providers are reviewed at least annually in detail. The aim is to ensure that contractual arrangements remain in line with best practice, services being offered meet the requirements and needs of the Company and performance is in line with the expectations of the Board, Manager, Investment Manager and other relevant stakeholders. Reviews include those of the Company's custodian, registrar, broker and auditor.

#### **Principal Decisions**

Pursuant to the Board's aim of promoting the long term success of the Company, the following principal decisions have been taken during the year:

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Continuing Appointment of the Manager It is the Board's duty to shareholders to ensure that the Investment Manager delivers on the investment objective. The Investment Manager has continued to manage the investment portfolio throughout the year under the supervision of the Board. The Investment Manager's Review on pages 11 to 14 details the key investment decisions taken during the year. The Board continues to support the Company's mandate and has reviewed and challenged the decisions made by the Manager during the year. The Management Engagement Committee, on behalf of the Board, has undertaken its annual review of the Manager's performance, and the terms of the Management Agreement, and believes that its continued appointment is in the best interests of shareholders.

**Board Appointment** The Board continued to progress its succession plans during the year, resulting in the appointment of Michael Gray as an independent Non-Executive Director with effect from 18 February 2022. Further details are provided in the Chairman's Statement. The Board believes that the appointment of Michael Gray benefits shareholders by ensuring an orderly refreshment of the Board, which serves to provide continuity and maintain the Board's independent oversight of the Manager.

**Dividend** The Board has maintained the level of the Company's dividend, supplemented at times by revenue reserves, despite the lingering impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the difficult economic backdrop. The Board regularly reviews revenue forecasts, together with the Manager, and places great emphasis on exercising prudence, particularly in these uncertain times, to ensure that the robustness of the Company's balance sheet is maintained, and continues to keep its distribution policy under review.

**ESG** The Board is responsible for overseeing the work of the Manager and this is not limited solely to the investment performance of the portfolio companies. The Board also has regard for environmental (including climate change), social and governance matters that subsist within the portfolio companies. The Board has met with the Manager to gain an improved understanding of its approach to ESG engagement with investee companies, including review of their reporting, and how it meets its reporting requirements on ESG; the Board is supportive of the Manager's pro-active approach and the Manager will continue to evolve the quality and content of its reporting to the Board. The Manager produces a half yearly report which looks at ESG characteristics of the equity holdings within the portfolio, including carbon emissions. Discussions have taken place on how to improve communication in this area to shareholders and the wider public, given its increasing importance, particularly with respect to climate change. More information on the Manager's approach to ESG can be found on pages 36 to 41.

#### Long Term Investment

The Investment Manager's investment process seeks to outperform over the longer term. The Board has in place the necessary procedures and processes to continue to promote the long term success of the Company. The Board will continue to monitor, evaluate and seek to improve these processes as the Company continues to grow over time, seeking to ensure that the investment proposition is delivered to shareholders and other stakeholders in line with their expectations.

#### Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs")

The Board uses a number of financial performance measures to assess the Company's success in achieving its objective and determine the progress of the Company in pursuing its investment policy. The main KPIs identified by the Board in relation to the Company which are considered at each Board meeting are as follows:

KPI	Description
Net Asset Value ("NAV") Total Return Performance versus Benchmark Index Total Return	The Board considers the Company's NAV total return figures versus the Benchmark to be the best indicator of performance over time and is therefore the main indicator of performance used by the Board. The figures for this year, three years, five years and since launch are set out on page 24.
Share Price Discount/Premium to NAV per Ordinary Share	The discount/premium relative to the NAV per share represented by the share price is closely monitored by the Board. The objective is to minimise fluctuations in the discount relative to similar investment companies investing in the region by the use of share buy backs subject to market conditions. A graph showing the share price discount/premium relative to the NAV is shown on page 25.
Ordinary Share Price Total Return Performance	The Board also monitors the price at which the Company's shares trade relative to the Benchmark on a total return basis over time. A graph showing the total NAV return and the share price performance against the comparative index is shown on page 25.
Dividends per Ordinary Share	The Board's aim is to provide shareholders with an attractive yield. Dividends paid in 2021 and 2022 are set out on page 5.

Further commentary on the Company's performance is contained in the Chairman's Statement and Investment Manager's Review and further explanation of the terms is provided in the Glossary on pages 108 to 110.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

There are a number of risks which, if realised, could have a material adverse effect on the Company and its financial condition, performance and prospects. The Board has carried out a robust assessment of the risks and uncertainties facing the Company at the current time together with a description of the mitigating actions taken by the Board. This process is supported by use of a risk matrix and heat map which describes the principal risks set out in the table on pages 20 to 21. The Board also has a process for identifying newly emerging risks, including geopolitical developments.

The principal risks associated with an investment in the Company's shares are published monthly on the Company's factsheet and they can be found in the Pre-Investment Disclosure Document published by the Manager, both of which are on the Company's website.

The principal uncertainty for the Company during the financial year was the continuing impact of the global pandemic and geopolitical developments following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. These events have caused significant economic disruption and contributed to global stock market volatility; their longer-term effects on the Latin American region are as yet unknown and the likelihood of a global recession in 2023 has increased. The Manager has sought assurances from, and reported to the Audit Committee on, the Company's key service providers, as well as its own operations, business continuity and contingency arrangements. Other than these global developments, the Audit Committee does not consider the principal risks and uncertainties of the Company to have changed materially during the year ended 31 August 2022.

The Board also regularly considers the increasing risk of ESG-related matters, particularly regarding the impact of climate change on financial performance of companies and the monitoring of developments in ESG reporting requirements, including how the Manager seeks to address them.

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#### Mitigating Action

Investment Management – Investment risk arises from the Company's exposure to both macro and portfolio specific factors. The financial and economic risks associated with the Company include foreign exchange risk, market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. Other macro risks include geo-political developments, pandemic and climate change, for example. Inappropriate investment decisions may result in the Company's underperformance against the benchmark index and peer group as well as a widening of the Company's discount.



The Board considers the increasing complexity of the macro environment (including recent geo-political developments) to increase the likelihood of this risk.

Share Price and Discount - The principal risks described in this table, including lack of demand for Ordinary Shares, can affect the movement of the Company's share price and in some cases have the potential to increase the discount in the market value of the Company compared with the NAV.



The price of the Company's shares and its discount to NAV are not wholly within the Board's control, as both are subject to market volatility. The Board keeps the level of discount at which the Company's Ordinary shares trade under review. The Board has limited influence through its ability to authorise the buyback of existing shares, when deemed to be in the best interest of shareholders. The share price, NAV and discount are monitored daily by the Manager and are regularly reviewed by the Board.

Investment Strategy and Objectives – the setting of an unattractive strategic proposition for the Company and the failure to adapt to changes in investor demand may lead to the Company becoming unattractive to investors.



The Board considers the Company's strategy regularly and its attractiveness to shareholders. The Board regularly reviews the income generated by the underlying portfolio and has the ability to supplement the dividend with revenue reserves previously generated by the Company. The Board is updated at each Board meeting on the make up of, and any movements in, the Shareholder register as well as the recent and planned promotional and investor relations activity.

Operational – the Company does not have its own employees so is dependent on third parties for the provision of all systems and services (in particular, those of the Manager). Those third parties are responsible for operating in compliance with relevant laws and regulations. There is a risk that any control failures, cyber crime or deficiencies in these systems and services could result in a loss or damage to the Company.



The Board receives reports from the Manager on internal controls and risk management at each Board meeting and receives assurances from its significant service providers with regard to their compliance monitoring and control and risk management systems. The Board considers the increasing complexity of the risk environment (including the potential of increasingly sophisticated cyber crime events) to increase the likelihood of this risk. Further details of the internal controls which are in place are set out in the Directors' Report on page 51.

Gearing - the ability of the Company to meet its financial obligations, or increasing the level of gearing, could result in the Company becoming over-geared and therefore unable to take advantage of potential opportunities. Being geared in negative markets may lead to a loss of value. There is also a risk of a borrowing facility not being renewed.



The Board sets a gearing limit to ensure that covenant restrictions in the Company's loan facility are not breached and the Board receives regular updates on the actual gearing levels the Company has reached from the Investment Manager together with the assets and liabilities of the Company and reviews these at each Board meeting. The Board considers renewal of borrowing sufficiently in advance of the renewal date to explore various lending options. The Board considers the likelihood of this risk to increase as the Company's loan reaches maturity as well as with rising inflation rates.

An explanation of other risks relating to the Company's investment activities, specifically market risk including interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and other price risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and a note of how these risks are managed, is contained in note 15 to the financial statements on pages 88 to 97.

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#### **Viability Statement**

The Company does not have a formal fixed period strategic plan but the Board formally considers risks and strategy at least annually. The Board considers the Company, with no fixed life, to be a long term investment vehicle, but for the purposes of this viability statement has decided that a period of three years is an appropriate period over which to report. The Board considers that this period reflects an appropriate balance between looking out over a long term horizon and the inherent uncertainties of looking out further than three years.

In assessing the viability of the Company over the review period the Directors have carried out a robust assessment of the principal risks detailed in the Strategic Report focussing upon the following factors:

- The ongoing relevance of the Company's investment objective in the current environment;
- The demand for the Company's shares evidenced by the historical level of premium and or discount;
- · The level of income generated by the Company;
- · The liquidity of the Company's portfolio; and,
- The flexibility of the Company's multi-currency loan facility which matures in August 2023 including the financial covenants of the loans. The Directors will aim to agree a new facility upon the expiry of the current one in 2023 and in the event that satisfactory renewal terms are not available at that time the facility will be repaid from portfolio sales.

Accordingly, taking into account the Company's current position, the fact that abrdn has agreed to reduce the fees payable to the Manager to the extent necessary to ensure that the Ongoing Charges Ratio does not exceed 2.0%, the fact that the Company's investments are mostly liquid and the potential impact of its principal risks and uncertainties, the Board has a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of three years from the date of this Report. In making this assessment, the Board has considered that matters such as the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, significant economic or stock market volatility, significant discount to NAV, a substantial reduction in the liquidity of the portfolio, or changes in investor sentiment could have an impact on its assessment of the Company's prospects and viability in the future.

#### **Promoting the Company**

The Board recognises the importance of promoting the Company to prospective investors both for improving liquidity and enhancing the value and rating of the Company's shares. The Board believes an effective way to achieve this is through subscription to and participation in the promotional programme run by abrdn on behalf of a number of investment companies under its management. The Company's financial contribution to the programme is matched by abrdn. abrdn's promotional team reports quarterly to the Board giving analysis of the promotional activities as well as updates on the shareholder register and any changes in the make-up of that register.

The purpose of the programme is both to communicate effectively with existing shareholders and to gain new shareholders with the aim of improving liquidity and enhancing the value and rating of the Company's shares. Communicating the long-term attractions of your Company is key and therefore the Company also supports the abrdn investor relations programme which involves regional roadshows, promotional and public relations campaigns.

#### **Board Diversity**

The Board recognises the importance of having a range of skilled, experienced individuals with the right knowledge represented on the Board in order to allow the Board to fulfil its obligations. The Board also recognises the benefits and is supportive of the principle of diversity in its recruitment of new Board members. The Board will not display any bias for age, gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic or national origins, or disability in considering the appointment of its Directors. However, the Board will continue to ensure that all appointments are made on the basis of merit against the specification prepared for each appointment and, therefore, the Company does not consider it appropriate to set diversity targets. At 31 August 2022, there were two male and two female Directors on the Board.

#### Environmental, Social and Human Rights Issues

The Company has no employees as it is managed by abrdn Capital International Limited ("aCIL") and ordinarily all activities are contracted out to third party service providers. There are therefore no disclosures to be made in respect of employees. The Company's socially responsible investment policy is outlined on page 15.

The Board has appointed Hazel Adam as the director responsible for ESG matters and she helps promote close monitoring and further development in this area for the Company.

Due to the nature of the Company's business, being a company that does not offer goods and services to customers, the Board considers that it is not within the scope of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 because it has no turnover. The Company is therefore not required to make a slavery and human trafficking statement. In any event, the Board considers the Company's supply chains, dealing predominantly with professional advisers and service providers in the financial services industry, to be low risk in relation to this matter. Through the Manager and its engagement with investee companies, the Company has oversight over supply chains within the portfolio. The Board encourages the Manager to engage with investee companies on all ESG matters, which could include modern slavery and human rights issues in investment portfolio companies. More information can be found on the Investment Manager's approach to ESG engagement on pages 36 to 41 of this report.

The Company's Manager has confirmed that it complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

#### Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting ("SECR")

All of the Company's activities are outsourced to third parties. The Company therefore has no greenhouse gas emissions to report from the operations of its business, nor does it have responsibility for any other emissions producing sources under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Reports) Regulations 2013. For the same reason as set out above, the Company considers itself to be a low energy user under the SECR and therefore is not required to disclose energy and carbon information.

#### **Future**

Many of the non-performance related trends likely to affect the Company in the future are common across all closed-ended investment companies, such as the attractiveness of investment companies as investment vehicles and the impact of regulatory changes. These factors need to be viewed alongside the outlook for the Company, both generally and specifically, in relation to the portfolio. The Board's views on the general outlook for the Company can be found in the Chairman's Statement on page 10, whilst the Investment Manager's views on the outlook for the portfolio are included on pages 13 to 14.

# For and on behalf of the Board Howard Myles,

Chairman 10 November 2022

# Results

# Performance (total return)

	1 year % return	3 year % return	5 year % return	Since launch <sup>A</sup> % return
Ordinary share price <sup>B</sup>	+0.28%	-8.40%	-10.46%	+0.20%
Net asset value <sup>B</sup>	+6.82%	-9.11%	-9.63%	+15.03%
Benchmark	+11.50%	+1.04%	+5.67%	+30.95%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Launch date 16 August 2010.

#### Ten Year Financial Record

Year to 31 August	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total revenue (£'000)	3,914	3,600	3,170	3,544	3,772	3,095	3,230	1,896	2,101	3,372
Per Ordinary share (p)										
Net revenue return	4.43	4.11	3.85	4.60	4.77	3.78	4.27	2.21	2.66	4.84
Total return/(loss)	(6.06)	8.65	(33.22)	24.04	18.00	(16.84)	15.20	(22.26)	9.74	3.77
Net dividends payable	4.25	4.25	4.25	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Net asset value per Ordinary share (p)										
Basic & diluted	88.04	92.60	55.17	75.54	90.40	70.34	82.34	56.65	62.89	63.16
Equity shareholders' funds (£'000)	58,610	60,729	35,872	48,463	56,170	42,325	47,755	32,355	35,919	36,072

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm B}$  Considered to be an Alternative Performance Measure. Further details can be found on page 112.

 $<sup>{\</sup>sf Total}\, {\sf return}\, {\sf represents}\, {\sf the}\, {\sf capital}\, {\sf return}\, {\sf plus}\, {\sf dividends}\, {\sf reinvested}.$ 

# Performance

Total Return of NAV and Share Price vs Composite MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Index / JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (Latin America carve out) (sterling adjusted)

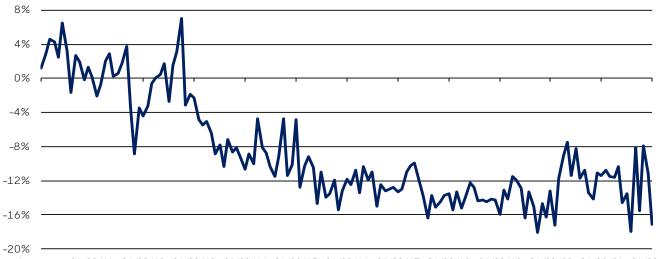
Launch (16 August 2010) to 31 August 2022 (rebased to 100 at 16 August 2010)



Source: abrdn, Morningstar, Lipper & JP Morgan

#### Ordinary Share Price Discount/Premium to NAV

Launch (16 August 2010) to 31 August 2022



Inception 31/08/11 31/08/12 31/08/13 31/08/14 31/08/15 31/08/16 31/08/17 31/08/18 31/08/19 31/08/20 31/08/21 31/08/22 Source: abrdn & Morningstar





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# Ten Largest Investments

#### As at 31 August 2022



#### **Petrobras**

Brazilian state owned oil & gas company primarily engaged in exploration and production, refining, energy generation, trading and distribution of oil products.



#### Banco Bradesco

A leading privately-owned Brazilian bank with a well-recognised brand, robust loan portfolio and experienced management team.



#### Wal-Mart De Mexico

The largest food and general retailer in Mexico with an established presence across a number of smaller Central American markets



#### Vale

Vale is a leading producer of iron ore and pellets. Vale also produces nickel, copper and coal. It operates large logistics systems, including railroads and maritime terminals which are integrated with its' mining operations.



#### Grupo Financiero Banorte

Mexico's leading privately-owned bank with a well-recognised nationwide brand, sizeable pension business and proven track record in conservative lending.



#### Telefonica Brasil

Leading mobile and fibre provider in Brazil with growing exposure into digital services.



#### Arezzo Industria e Comercio

Arezzo is Brazil's largest women's footwear retailer and has been expanding into apparel more recently.



#### Raia Drogasil

Raia Drogasil is the largest operator of pharmaceutical stores in Brazil, offering over the counter medicines, skin care, personal care, and cosmetics products across a large network of physical stores and online.



#### **Arca Continental**

Latin America's second largest Coke bottler with the majority of its volumes sold in Mexico but also in the US and some countries in South America including Peru and Argentina.



#### **TOTVS**

Leading enterprise resource planning software business in Brazil with strong growth prospects given its focus on the underpenetrated SME segment.

# Investment Portfolio - Equities

# As at 31 August 2022

Company	Sector	Country	Valuation 2022 £'000	Total assets % <sup>A</sup>	Valuation 2021 £'000
Petrobras <sup>B</sup>	Energy	Brazil	2,050	4.9	1,027
Banco Bradesco <sup>C</sup>	Financials	Brazil	1,855	4.5	1,451
Wal-Mart De Mexico	Consumer Staples	Mexico	1,513	3.6	1,403
Vale <sup>C</sup>	Materials	Brazil	1,403	3.4	1,385
Grupo Financiero Banorte	Financials	Mexico	1,363	3.3	1,214
Telefonica Brasil <sup>B</sup>	Telecommunications	Brazil	1,135	2.7	-
Arezzo Industria e Comercio <sup>B</sup>	Consumer Discretionary	Brazil	1,078	2.6	405
Raia Drogasil <sup>B</sup>	Consumer Staples	Brazil	1,018	2.5	815
Arca Continental	Consumer Staples	Mexico	930	2.2	503
TOTVSB	Information Technology	Brazil	904	2.2	914
Top ten equity investments			13,249	31.9	
Itausa Investimentos Itau <sup>B</sup>	Financials	Brazil	879	2.1	686
Grupo Mexico SAB de CV	Materials	Mexico	804	1.9	1,025
Grupo Aeroportuario Centro Norte	Industrials	Mexico	757	1.8	662
Corporacion Inmobilaria Vesta SAB de CV	Real Estate	Mexico	753	1.8	502
Banco Santander-Chile ADR	Financials	Chile	733	1.8	258
Multiplan Empreendimentos NPB <sup>B</sup>	Real Estate	Brazil	727	1.7	399
Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	Consumer Discretionary	Mexico	692	1.7	1,283
Hapvida Participacoes e Investimentos <sup>B</sup>	Health Care	Brazil	656	1.6	-
Sendas Distribution <sup>B</sup>	Consumer Discretionary	Brazil	633	1.5	-
Rumo <sup>B</sup>	Industrials	Brazil	558	1.4	991
Top twenty equity investments			20,441	49.2	

# Investment Portfolio - Equities

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As at 31 August 2022

			Valuation 2022	Total assets	Valuation 2021
Company	Sector	Country	£′000	<b>%</b> <sup>A</sup>	£'000
Klabin <sup>B</sup>	Materials	Brazil	498	1.2	-
B3 Brasil Bolsa Balco <sup>B</sup>	Financials	Brazil	414	1.0	1,390
Geopark	Energy	Colombia	391	1.0	544
Falabella <sup>B</sup>	Consumer Discretionary	Chile	385	0.9	673
Bradespar <sup>B</sup>	Materials	Brazil	371	0.9	1,419
Regional SAB de CV	Financials	Mexico	362	0.9	278
Raizen <sup>B</sup>	Energy	Brazil	356	0.9	524
Localiza Rent A Car <sup>B</sup>	Industrials	Brazil	347	0.8	270
Credicorp	Financials	Peru	342	0.7	-
3R Petroleum <sup>B</sup>	Energy	Brazil	305	0.7	-
Top thirty equity investments			24,212	58.2	
Wilson, Sons <sup>B</sup>	Industrials	Brazil	269	0.7	272
Globant	Information Technology	Argentina	268	0.6	908
Mercado Libre	Consumer Discretionary	Brazil	230	0.6	762
Itau Unibanco Holdings <sup>B</sup>	Financials	Brazil	207	0.5	230
Fossal	Materials	Peru	1	-	_
Total equity investments			25,187	60.6	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> See definition on page 110.

Portfolio investments reflect consolidated investee holdings of the Company and its Subsidiary. Values for 2022 and 2021 may not be directly comparable due to purchases and sales made during the year.

B Held in Subsidiary

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm C}$  Holding includes investment in ADR (held by the Company) and equity (held by the Subsidiary).

# Investment Portfolio - Bonds

# As at 31 August 2022

Issue	Sector	Country	Valuation 2022 £'000	Total assets % <sup>A</sup>	Valuation 2021 £'000
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/25 <sup>B</sup>	Government Bonds	Brazil	2,482	6.0	2,240
Colombia (Rep of) 9.85% 28/06/27	Government Bonds	Colombia	1,472	3.5	2,187
Uruguay (Rep of) 4.375% 15/12/28	Government Bonds	Uruguay	1,278	3.1	1,624
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 10% 20/11/36	Government Bonds	Mexico	1,141	2.7	1,113
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 10% 18/11/38	Government Bonds	Mexico	1,113	2.7	1,082
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/23 <sup>B</sup>	Government Bonds	Brazil	953	2.3	695
Uruguay (Rep of) 4.25% 05/04/27	Government Bonds	Uruguay	947	2.3	754
Secretaria Tesouro 10% 01/01/31 <sup>B</sup>	Government Bonds	Brazil	879	2.1	616
Petroleos Mexicanos 7.47% 12/11/26	Government Bonds	Mexico	866	2.1	744
Titulos de Tesoreria 7% 26/03/31	Government Bonds	Colombia	605	1.4	-
Top ten bond investments			11,736	28.2	
Peru (Rep of) 6.85% 12/02/42	Government Bonds	Peru	579	1.4	301
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 10% 05/12/24	Government Bonds	Mexico	495	1.2	581
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/29 <sup>B</sup>	Government Bonds	Brazil	439	1.1	408
Peru (Rep of) 6.15% 12/08/32	Government Bonds	Peru	388	0.9	-
Colombia (Rep of) 7% 30/06/32	Government Bonds	Colombia	385	0.9	513
Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 01/01/27 <sup>B</sup>	Government Bonds	Brazil	381	0.9	694
Mex Bonos Desarr Fix Rt 7.75% 29/05/31	Government Bonds	Mexico	374	0.9	363
Uruguay (Rep of) 8.25% 21/05/31	Government Bonds	Uruguay	299	0.7	-
Mexico (United Mexican States) 7.75% 13/11/42	Government Bonds	Mexico	203	0.5	-
Peru (Rep of) 6.95% 12/08/31	Government Bonds	Peru	145	0.4	306
Top twenty bond investments			15,424	37.1	

# Investment Portfolio - Bonds

#### Continued

#### As at 31 August 2022

Issue	Sector	Country	Valuation 2022 £'000	Total assets % <sup>A</sup>	Valuation 2021 £'000
Peru (Rep of) 6.95% 12/08/31	Government Bonds	Peru	65	0.1	238
Total value of bond investments			15,489	37.2	
Total value of equity investments			25,187	60.6	
Total value of portfolio investments			40,676	97.8	
Other net assets held in subsidiary			660	1.6	
Total investments		·	41,336	99.4	
Net current assets <sup>C</sup>		•	236	0.6	
Total assets <sup>A</sup>			41,572	100.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> See definition on page 110.

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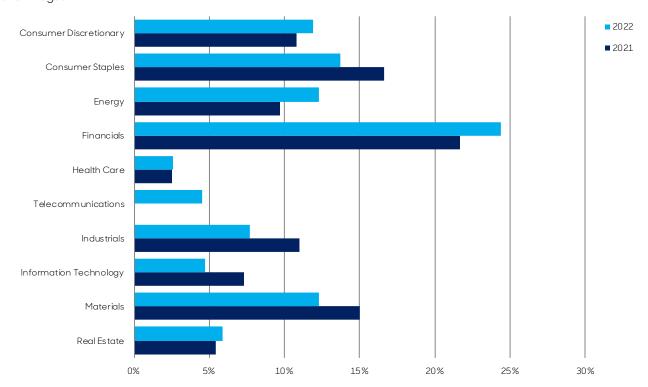
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Held in Subsidiary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup> Excluding bank loans of £5,500,000.

# Geographical/Sector Analysis

# Portfolio Sector Breakdown - Equities only

As at 31 August

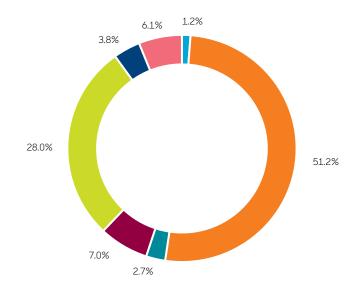


# Geographical/Sector Analysis

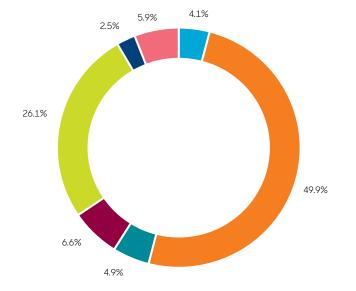
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#### Portfolio Geographic Breakdown - Equities and Bonds

As at 31 August



# Country allocation - 2022 Argentina Brazil Chile Colombia Mexico Peru Uruguay

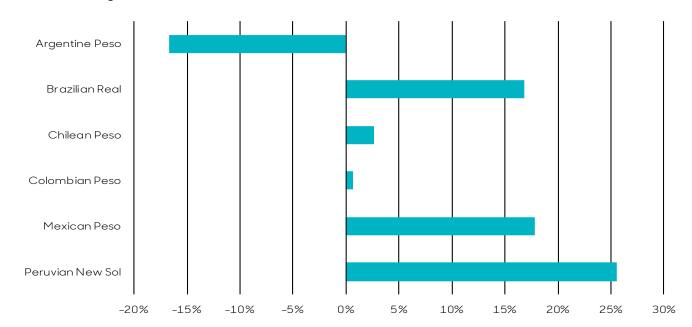




## Currency/Market Performance

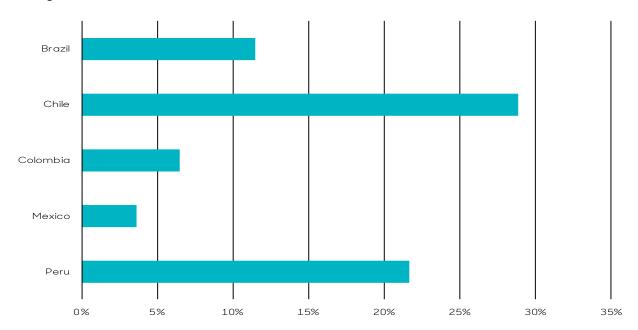
#### Latin American currency percentage returns in Sterling terms

Year ended 31 August 2022



### MSCI Country Index total percentage returns in Sterling terms

Year ended 31 August 2022



# The Investment Manager's Approach to ESG Engagement

#### Summary

Below we set out some key information about the way ESG considerations have been embedded in the portfolio.

#### abrdn

40+

Dedicated ESG experts across our business



Α+

Rating across 6 categories in the latest Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) assessment



1393

Company engagements covering ESG topics



#### **Equities Investment Team**

**A+/A** 

PRI Rating for Integration/Active Ownership in Listed Equities



100%

of researched companies include integration of ESG company analysis



#### **Fund**

18.7%

Lower carbon intensity relative to the Benchmark



57

Number of meetings where the Company voted



35.1%

of meetings with at least one vote against management



**1** st



**BBB** 

Fund MSCI ESG Rating



#### Quartile

Peer Group MSCI Rating

Please note that Morningstar does not provide a sustainability rating for this fund. Engagement: time period referenced is preceding six months to 30 June 2022 Voting: time period referenced is the preceding six months to 30 June 2022

#### Introduction

Whilst environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors are not the over-riding criteria in relation to the investment decisions taken by the Investment Manager for the Company, significant attention is given to ESG and climate related factors throughout the Manager's investment process. The Manager gives particular weight to ESG factors when they are material to the investment case being made for an investee company. The following pages highlight the way that ESG and climate change are considered by the Manager. These processes are reviewed regularly and liable to change and the latest information, including the Company's latest Sustainable Investment Report as at 30 June 2022, is available on the Company's website, **latamincome.co.uk.** 

#### Researching Companies: Deeper Company Insights for Better Investor Outcomes

The Investment Manager conducts extensive and high-quality fundamental and first-hand research to fully understand the investment case for every company in its global universe. A key part of the Investment Manager's research involves focusing its extensive resources on analysis of ESG issues. As set out in more detail in the table below, the Investment Manager's portfolio managers, ESG equity analysts and central ESG Investment Team collaborate to generate a deep understanding of the ESG risks and opportunities associated with each company. Stewardship and active engagement with every company are also fundamental to the investment process, helping to produce positive outcomes that lead to better risk-adjusted returns.

#### abrdn's Global ESG Infrastructure

The Investment Manager has around 140 equity professionals globally. Each systematically analyses ESG risks and opportunities as part of the research output for each company. The central team and over 50 on-desk ESG equity analysts support the investment managers' first-hand company analysis, producing research into specific themes (e.g. labour relations or climate change), sectors (e.g. forestry) and ESG topics to understand and highlight best practice. Examples of thematic and sector research, including podcasts, can be found on the Manager's website at: abrdn.com/europe/sustainable-investing

Portfolio Managers	All of the Investment Manager's equity portfolio managers seek to engage actively with companies to gain insight into their specific risks and provide a positive ongoing influence on their corporate strategy for governance, environmental and social impact.
ESG Equity Analysts	The Investment Manager has over 50 dedicated and highly experienced ESG equity analysts located across the UK, US, Asia and Australia, including one in Latin America. Working as part of individual investment teams, rather than as a separate department, these specialists are integral to pre-investment due diligence and post-investment ongoing company engagement. They are also responsible for taking thematic research produced by the central ESG Investment Team (see below), interpreting and translating it into actionable insights and engagement programmes for its regional investment strategies.
ESG Investment Team	This central team of more than 20 experienced specialists based in Edinburgh and London provides ESG consultancy and insight for all asset classes. Taking a global approach both identifies regions, industries and sectors that are most vulnerable to ESG risks and identifies those that can take advantage of the opportunities presented. Working with portfolio managers, the team is key to the Investment Manager's active stewardship approach of using shareholder voting and corporate engagement to drive positive change.

# The Investment Manager's Approach to ESG Engagement

#### Continued

#### Climate Change

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century and has significant implications for investors. The energy transition is underway in many parts of the world, and policy changes, falling costs of renewable energy, and a change in public perception are happening at rapid pace, although a great deal needs to be done to avert the worst effects of climate change.

Assessing the risks and opportunities of climate change is a core part of the investment process. In particular, the Investment Manager considers:

#### · Transition risks and opportunities

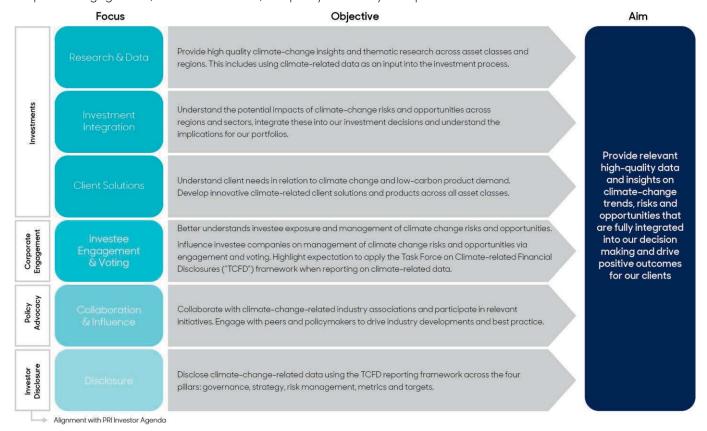
Governments could take robust climate change mitigation actions to reduce emissions and transition to a low-carbon economy. This is reflected in targets, policies and regulation and can have a considerable impact on high carbonemitting companies.

#### · Physical risks and opportunities

Insufficient climate change mitigation action will lead to more severe and frequent physical damage. This results in financial implications, including damage to crops and infrastructure, and the need for physical adaptation such as flood defences.

The Investment Manager has aligned its approach with that advocated by the investor agenda of the Principles for Responsible Investment ("PRI") – a United Nations-supported initiative to promote responsible investment as a way of enhancing returns and better managing risk.

PRI provides an intellectual framework to steer the massive transition of financial capital towards low-carbon opportunities. It also encourages fund managers to demonstrate climate action across four areas: investments; corporate engagement; investor disclosure; and policy advocacy as explained below.



#### Memberships and commitments

The Investment Manager is a signatory to the Net Zero Asset Manager Initiative, which informs the way in which the Investment Manager conducts research, selects and manages investments. The Net Zero Asset Managers initiative is an international group of asset managers committed to supporting the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or sooner, in line with global efforts to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and to supporting investing aligned with net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. For more information please see here: **netzeroassetmanagers.org.** To support this commitment, the Investment Manager has set a target of reducing the carbon intensity of assets it manages by 50% by 2030 vs a 2019 baseline.

In order to achieve this, the Investment Manager will pursue three pillars of action:

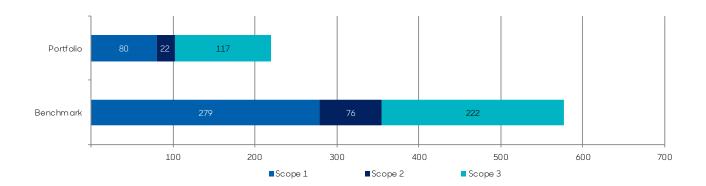
- 1. **Decarbonisation**: The Investment Manager will track and reduce the carbon intensity of its portfolios. That means continuing to incorporate carbon analysis into the investment process and supporting credible transition leaders and climate solutions.
- 2. **Providing net zero solutions**: The Investment Manager will increase the proportion of assets flowing into net zero directed investing solutions. Around 30% of AUM is to be managed in line with net zero 2050. The Investment Manager will aim to increase this by continuing to develop net zero solutions across all asset classes, actively engaging with clients as well as transitioning its fund range to support net zero goals.
- 3. Active ownership: The Investment Manager will continue to vote and engage with its investee companies to drive change and transition real assets. The Investment Manager will engage with the highest financed emitters across equity and credit holdings seeking transparency on progress against clear transition milestones assessed against relevant standards such as the Climate Action 100+ net zero benchmark. The Investment Manager will divest from companies where, after two years, it considers insufficient progress has been made against the transition milestones set, unless it's not in line with the client mandate.

#### Carbon footprint

The Company's carbon footprint, as at 30 June 2022, was around 71.3% lower than that of the benchmark. The main contributors towards the carbon footprint are Grupo Mexico SAB de CV, Geopark Ltd and Vale SA.

#### **Fund Carbon Footprint**

Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tCO2e/USDm)



# The Investment Manager's Approach to ESG Engagement

#### Continued

#### Portfolio Carbon Intensity versus Benchmark

How carbon intensive are the companies in my portfolio compared to benchmark?

(In tonnes of CO2e/	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity Scope	•		
million USD revenue)	1+2	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
Portfolio	102	80	22	117
Benchmark	355	279	76	222
Relative Carbon Intesity (%)	28.7	28.7	28.8	52.9

Source: Trucost

Scope (1-3) emissions definitions - 1: Direct emissions 2: Indirect emissions 3: Upstream Value Chain emissions

Trucost data is partly based on estimated figures.

Coverage % based on number of holdings

#### From Laggards to Best in Class: Rating Company ESG Credentials

A systematic and globally-applied approach to evaluating stocks allows the Investment Manager to compare companies consistently with regard to their ESG credentials - both regionally and against their peer group.

The Investment Manager captures the findings from its research and company engagement meetings in formal research notes.

Some of the key questions include:

- · Which ESG issues are relevant for this company, how material are they, and how are they being addressed?
- $\cdot \ \ \text{What is the assessment of the quality of this company's governance, ownership structure and management?}$
- · Are incentives and key performance indicators aligned with the company's strategy and the interests of shareholders?

Having considered the regional universe and peer group in which the company operates, the Investment Manager's equity team then allocates it an ESG rating between one and five (see below). This is applied across every stock that the Investment Manager covers globally.

The Investment Manager also uses a combination of external and proprietary in-house quantitative scoring techniques to complement and cross-check analyst-driven ESG assessments. ESG analysis is peer-reviewed within the equities team, and ESG factors impacting both sectors and stocks are discussed as part of the formal sector reviews. To be considered 'best in class', the management of ESG factors must be a material part of the company's core business strategy. It must provide excellent disclosure of data on key risks. It must also have clear policies and strong governance structures, among other criteria.

1. Best in class	2. Leader	3. Average	4. Below average	5. Laggard
ESG considerations are material part of the company's core business strategy Excellent disclosure Makes opportunities	ESG considerations not market leading Disclosure is good, but not best in class Governance is generally very good	ESG risks are considered as a part of principal business Disclosure in line with regulatory requirements Governance is generally	Evidence of some financially material controversies Poor governance or limited oversight of key ESG issues	Many financially material controversies Severe governance concerns Poor treatment of minority shareholders
from strong ESG risk management		good but some minor concerns	Some issues in treating minority shareholders poorly	

As reported in the Company's latest Sustainable Investment Report (as at 30 June 2022), the portfolio holds 20% of companies rated as Best-in-class & Leaders; examples of holdings which the Investment Manager views as leaders are Raia Drogsail and Rumo. These companies display strong evidence to the market on their integration of ESG factors into operations. The largest classification of holdings are Improvers, comprising 23% of the portfolio. There has been positive momentum in these holdings across the first half of 2022. An example of this is Vale, a Brazilian base metals mining company. Vale have introduced wide ranging governance improvements which improve the strength and breadth of independent challenge. The Investment Manager continues to engage with holdings classified as Below Average, which comprised around 8% of the portfolio as at 30 June 2022.

For the purpose of this reporting, it should be noted that this is a split equity and debt balance fund and only equities are currently rated (comprising around 60% of the fund) so the scores look artificially low. The Investment Manager has a separate scoring methodology for sovereign emerging market bond issuers. However, it is not applied for this fund given the very limited investment universe (during the period, the Company invested in only five sovereign issues) and the relatively high score that these countries have, with some of them being environmental policy leaders in emerging markets. The Investment Manager engages with sovereign issuers to help improve fiscal transparency in the region.

#### Working with Companies: Staying Engaged, Driving Change

Once the Investment Manager invests in a company, it is committed to helping that company maintain or raise its ESG standards further, using the Investment Manager's position as a shareholder to press for action as needed. The Investment Manager actively engages with the companies in which it invests to maintain ESG focus and encourage improvement.

The Investment Manager sees this programme of regular engagement as a necessary fulfilment of its duty as a responsible steward of clients' assets. It is also an opportunity to share examples of best practice seen in other companies and to use its influence to effect positive change. The Investment Manager's engagement is not limited to the company's management team. It can include many other stakeholders such as non-government agencies, industry and regulatory bodies, as well as activists and the company's clients. What gets measured gets managed, so the Investment Manager strongly encourages companies to set clear targets or key performance indicators on all material ESG risks.

The investment process consists of four interconnected and equally important stages.

Monitor	Contact	Engage	Act
Ongoing due diligence  · Business performance	Frequent dialogue  • Senior executives	Exercise rights · Attend AGM/EGMs	Consider all options Increase or decrease
<ul><li>Company financials</li><li>Corporate governance</li><li>Company's key risks and opportunities</li></ul>	<ul><li>Board members</li><li>Heads of departments and specialists</li><li>Site visits</li></ul>	<ul><li>Always vote</li><li>Explain voting decisions</li><li>Maximise influence to drive positive outcomes</li></ul>	<ul><li>shareholding</li><li>Collaborate with other investors</li><li>Take legal action if necessary</li></ul>

#### Investment Case Studies

#### Rumo

Rumo is the leading independent railway operator in Brazil offering logistic services for rail transport, port elevation and product storage and operating in the Midwest, South and Southeast regions of the country where four key ports are located, more notably Santos port in the state of Sao Paulo. Rumo transports a diverse range of products including grains, sugar, fertilisers, fuel and industrialised products among others although the bulk of its volumes are dedicated to agricultural commodities and it serves the country's three main export routes for such goods.

Brazil has the largest arable land globally, making it a key producer of agricultural commodities with produced and exported volumes set to continue growing over the next decade. Rumo's goal is to stand out as a consolidator in Brazil's grain transportation segment as the most competitive and sustainable solution to clients and to meet the growing demand for logistic services in the coming years. As such they have been making significant investments since 2015 to expand and improve its infrastructure with the aim of making operations more efficient from a financial and sustainable standpoint by reducing the carbon intensity of its operations, with efforts to reduce diesel consumption, replacing locomotives and railcars with lower fuel consumption and air emissions. For example, the company recently implemented a new 120car train model in the Northern network and added technology to its tracks, which improved efficiency by almost 50% compared to the previously used 80 car trains. In 2021 the company set a goal to more than double its total rail transport capacity in the coming years.

Rail transportation is five times less carbon intensive than road haulage, which remains the primary mode of transport in Brazil. Transportation by rail emits the least particulate matter, CO2 and NOx. Yet in Brazil it only represents ~20% of total cargo carried so growth potential via increasing this penetration is significant.

The company has an internal target to reduce specific emissions by 21% by 2030 (with base year 2020) and they also set a commitment to achieve traceability of 100% of its agricultural commodities by 2025 in efforts to continuously improve the transparency of operations and mitigation of impacts linked to climate change.

Given the materiality of agricultural commodities within transported volumes and operations in a biodiverse environment, we have engaged with the company on the need to have oversight of its supply-chain and rail-freight operations. The company has recently disclosed the target of achieving 100% traceability of transported agricultural commodities by 2025, and we will continue to monitor this progress, while pushing for an improvement in communication, with more clarity on such



#### Colombia Green Bonds

#### What is a green bond?

A green bond is a financial instrument that is issued by governments and companies to fund projects that deliver a positive environmental impact. These programmes range from sustainable water management and pollution prevention to clean transportation and climate change adaptation.

#### Why do we like the investment?

Green bonds are an attractive investment, given the market's increased focus on environmental, social and governance issues and the transition to a net-zero carbon global economy. They also allow for impact investment in an area that has typically been dominated by private markets. Colombia has been a pioneer in this space, as the country seeks to achieve the goals it set in 2020 in its Nationally Determined Contributions to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. One of these targets is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030, while another is to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Green bonds offer a path for Colombia to meet these goals and diversify its economy, as the oil and coal sectors currently make up a large share of the country's export earnings.

In September 2021, Colombia became the first Latin American country to issue green bonds in local currency, for an amount of 750 billion Colombian pesos (US\$200 million) at a maturity of ten years (in October, a further 650 billion pesos was issued of the same bond and, with further re-taps of this bond in June and August, the total outstanding size is now 2.14 trillion pesos). These green bonds also debuted the use of the 'twin bond' model among emerging market issuers, as each green bond is 'twinned' with a traditional bond with the same maturity date at which it can be exchanged. This boosts liquidity for the green bond. In April 2022, Colombia became the first country in the western hemisphere to implement a national green taxonomy, which is a cataloguing tool that enables borrowers and lenders to identify economic activities that can help a country meet its environmental goals. This green taxonomy will allow for the issuance of more green bonds and for the funnelling of capital towards Colombia's environmental targets. Therefore, Colombia has laid the groundwork for its green bonds to play an important role in its economic future, especially

considering the election of President Gustavo Petro in June 2022. Petro made environmental protection one of his priorities on the campaign trail and has proposed an end to new oil exploration. The move away from oil and coal and towards environmental protections under the new administration could encourage green bond investment in the short term.

#### What is our key area of engagement?

We encourage sovereign issuers to establish labelled bond programmes and often provide input into the framework. We think that green bonds can improve sovereigns' environmental performance and transparency, as the process requires commitment to ring-fence bond sale proceeds for eligible projects, embrace environmental assessments across various parts of the public administration and provide regular reports on the use of proceeds. Green bonds also guide investor capital allocation towards sustainable goals.

#### What is the result?

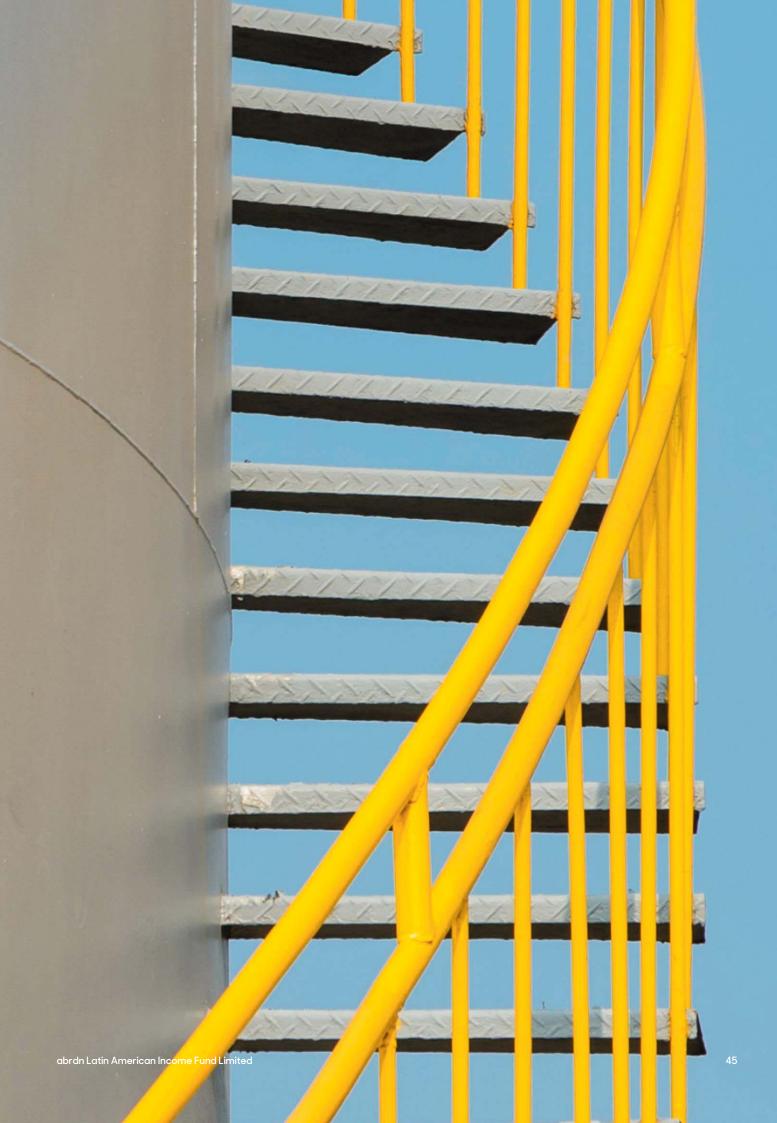
The Colombian green bonds issued in the fourth quarter of 2021 have delivered positive results to date. The two auctions averaged bid-to-cover ratios of 3.0, while the government's expectation of raising 500 billion Colombian pesos from its debut issue was surpassed due to investor demand as the orderbook reached 2.3 trillion Colombian pesos. The green bonds also attracted an even split between foreign (60%) and domestic (40%) investment. Colombia's green bond success was recognised by Environmental Finance, which awarded it the Sovereign Green Bond of the Year award for 2022.



## Governance

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance and applies the principles identified in the AIC Code of Corporate Governance which is consistent with the UK Corporate Governance Code.

The Directors are all independent non-executive directors and oversee the management of the Company, representing the interests of shareholders.



#### **Board of Directors**



**Howard Myles**Independent Non-Executive Director and Chairman

#### **Experience:**

Howard Myles was appointed to the Board on 1 October 2020. He was a partner with Ernst & Young from 2001 to 2007 responsible for the Investment Funds Corporate Advisory team having previously been with UBS Warburg. Starting his career as an equity salesman, he then joined Touche Ross & Co in 1975 where he qualified as a chartered accountant. In 1978 he joined W Greenwell & Co. in the corporate broking team and in 1987 moved to SG Warburg Securities where he was involved in a wide range of commercial and industrial transactions in addition to leading Warburg's corporate finance function for investment funds. Howard is Chairman of Chelverton UK Dividend Trust plc and Baker Steel Resources Trust Limited.

#### Length of Service:

2 years, appointed on 1 October 2020

#### Last re-elected to the Board:

20 December 2021

#### Committee membership:

Management Engagement Committee (Chairman), Nomination Committee (Chairman) and Audit Committee

#### Contribution:

The Board reviewed the contribution of Howard Myles in light of his proposed re-election at the forthcoming AGM and has concluded that he chairs the Company well, fostering a collegiate spirit between Directors while ensuring that meetings remain focussed on the key areas of stakeholder relevance.



Hazel Adam Independent Non-Executive Director

#### **Experience:**

Hazel Adam, appointed to the Board on 27 April 2018, has over 20 years' experience in the fund management and investment banking industries. After leaving Standard Life Investments in 2005, she joined Goldman Sachs International, as an executive director on the Emerging Market equities desk. She subsequently worked at HSBC Holdings plc, as a director on the Emerging Market equities desk.

#### Length of Service:

4 years, appointed on 27 April 2018

#### Last re-elected to the Board:

20 December 2021

#### Committee membership:

Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

#### Contribution:

The Board has reviewed Hazel Adam's contribution in light of her proposed re-election at the forthcoming AGM and has concluded that she continues to provide insight and challenge to the investment process and brings a wealth of experience of the Latin American region to Board discussions. She holds a CFA level 4 Certificate in ESG Investing.



Heather MacCallum
Independent Non-Executive Director
and Audit Committee Chair

#### Experience:

Heather MacCallum, appointed to the Board on 24 April 2019, is a chartered accountant and was a partner of KPMG, Channel Islands, from 2001 until retiring from the partnership in 2016. She was a member of KPMG's financial services practice in the Channel Islands for 20 years. She holds a portfolio of non-executive directorships including Blackstone Loan Financing Limited and Invesco Bond Income Plus Limited, both of which are listed on the London Stock Exchange. She is also the non-executive chair of Jersey Water.

#### Length of Service:

3 years, appointed on 24 April 2019

#### Last re-elected to the Board:

20 December 2021

#### Committee membership:

Audit Committee (Chair), Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

#### Contribution:

The Board has reviewed the contribution of Heather MacCallum in light of her proposed re-election at the forthcoming AGM and has concluded that she continues to chair the Audit Committee expertly as well as bringing to the Board her extensive knowledge of investment companies.



Michael Gray
Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Experience:

Michael Gray has over 30 years' management experience in banking both with ultra-high net worth clients and corporate banking. More recently, he has utilised his corporate experience across several industries, now acting as an adviser to a number of companies with global interests. He is currently Non-Executive Director of EPE Special Opportunities Limited, Foresight Enterprise VCT plc, GCP Infrastructure Investments Limited (where he is Chairman of the Investment Committee), JTC plc and TEAM plc.

#### Length of Service:

8 months, appointed on 18 February 2022

#### Last elected to the Board:

n/a

#### Committee membership:

Audit Committee, Management Engagement Committee and Nomination Committee

#### Contribution:

The Board has reviewed the contribution of Michael Gray in light of his proposed election at the forthcoming AGM and has concluded that he brings a wealth of experience to the Board including significant knowledge of investment management, financing and accounting matters.

## Directors' Report

The Directors present their Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

#### **Status**

The Company is registered with limited liability in Jersey as a closed-ended investment company under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 with registered number 106012. In addition, the Company is constituted and regulated as a collective investment fund under the Collective Investments Funds (Jersey) Law 1988. The Company has no employees and makes no political or charitable donations. The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, abrdn Latin American Income Fund LLC, registered in Delaware. The subsidiary is used to hold certain investments as part of the efficient management of the group.

The Company intends to continue to manage its affairs so as to be a qualifying investment for inclusion in the stocks and shares component of an Individual Savings Account and it is the Directors' intention that the Company should continue to be a qualifying investment.

#### Results and Dividends

Details of the Company's results and dividends are shown on pages 2 and 4 of this Annual Report. The Company's dividend policy is to pay interim dividends on a quarterly basis and for the year to 31 August 2022 dividends have been paid in January, May, August and October 2022.

#### **Management Arrangements**

The Company has an agreement (the "Management Agreement") with aCIL for the provision of management, company secretarial and promotional services, details of which are shown in notes 5, 6 and 17 to the financial statements.

Under the Management Agreement, the Manager is entitled to both a management fee and a company secretarial and administration fee. The Manager has agreed to ensure that the Company's ongoing charges ratio ("OCR") will not exceed 2.0% when calculated annually as at 31 August. Until further notice, to the extent that the OCR ever exceeds 2.0% the Manager will rebate part of its fees in order to bring that ratio down to 2.0%. In relation to the year ended 31 August 2022 an OCR rebate of £132,000 (2021: £127,000) was payable by the Manager in order to ensure that the OCR did not exceed 2.0%.

The Directors review the terms of the Management Agreement on a regular basis and have confirmed that, due to the investment skills, experience and commitment of the Management team, in their opinion the continuing appointment of aCIL on the terms agreed, is in the interests of Shareholders as a whole.

#### **Share Capital**

As at 31 August 2022 there were 57,113,324 Ordinary shares in issue and 6,107,500 Ordinary shares held in treasury. There were no changes to the Company's shares in issue during the year.

Ordinary shareholders are entitled to vote on all resolutions which are proposed at general meetings of the Company. The Ordinary shares carry a right to receive dividends. On a winding up, after meeting the liabilities of the Company, the surplus assets will be paid to Ordinary shareholders in proportion to their shareholdings.

#### Risk Management

Details of the principal risks and uncertainties and KPIs are disclosed on pages 19 to 21. Details of the financial risk management policies and objectives relative to the use of financial instruments by the Company are set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

#### **Directors**

Hazel Adam, Michael Gray, Heather MacCallum, Howard Myles and Richard Prosser were the only Directors in office during the financial year. As part of an agreed succession plan, Richard Prosser retired as a director of the Company in February 2022 and Michael Gray was appointed on 18 February 2022.

The Directors' beneficial holdings are disclosed in the Directors' Remuneration Report. No Director has a service contract with the Company. The Directors' interests in contractual arrangements with the Company are as shown in note 6 to the financial statements. All of the Directors are retiring and seeking re-election at the AGM on 14 December 2022, with the exception of Michael Gray who will be seeking election by shareholders for the first time.

#### Corporate Governance

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance. The Board is accountable to the Company's Shareholders for good governance.

The Company is a member of the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC"). The Board has considered the principles and provisions of the AIC Code of Corporate Governance as published in February 2019 ("AIC Code"). The AIC Code addresses the principles and provisions set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code ("UK Code"), as well as setting out provisions on issues which are of specific relevance to the Company.

The AIC Code is available on the AIC's website: **theaic.co.uk**.

The Board considers that reporting against the provisions of the AIC Code which has been endorsed by the FRC provides more relevant information to shareholders.

The Board confirms that, during the year, the Company complied with the principles and provisions of the AIC, and the relevant provisions of the UK Code, except as set out below:

The UK Corporate Governance Code includes provisions relating to:

- · interaction with the workforce (provisions 2, 5 and 6);
- the role and responsibility of the chief executive (provisions 9 and 14);
- appointment of a senior independent director (provision 12);
- · previous experience of the chairman of a remuneration committee (provision 32); and
- executive directors' remuneration (provisions 33 and 36 to 40).

The Board considers that these provisions are not relevant to the position of the Company, being an externally-managed investment company, with four Directors. In particular, all of the Company's day-to-day management and administrative functions are outsourced to third parties. As a result, the Company has no executive directors, employees or internal operations. The Company has therefore not reported further in respect of these provisions. The full text of the Company's Corporate Governance Statement can be found on the Company's website, **latamincome.co.uk**.

The Directors attended scheduled Board and Committee meetings during the year ended 31 August 2022 as follows (with their eligibility to attend the relevant meeting in brackets):

	Board	Audit Committee	MEC	Nomination Committee
Richard Prosser <sup>1</sup>	2(2)	1(1)	1(1)	1(1)
Hazel Adam	5(5)	2(2)	1(1)	1(1)
Michael Gray <sup>1</sup>	3(3)	2(2)	1(1)	1(1)
Howard Myles	5(5)	2(2)	1(1)	1(1)
Heather MacCallum	5(5)	2(2)	1(1)	1(1)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Richard Prosser retired and Michael Gray was appointed on 18 February 2022.

In addition to scheduled meetings, additional meetings of the Board and its Committees were held on an ad hoc basis throughout the year to deal with business outside of normal reporting cycles.

#### Policy on Tenure

In normal circumstances, it is the Board's expectation that Directors will not serve beyond the AGM following the ninth anniversary of their appointment. However, the Board takes the view that independence of individual Directors is not necessarily compromised by length of tenure on the Board and that continuity and experience can add significantly to the Board's strength. The Board believes that recommendation for re-election should be on an individual basis following a rigorous review which assesses the contribution made by the Director concerned, but also considering the need for managed succession and diversity.

It is also the Board's policy that the Chair of the Board will not serve as a Director beyond the AGM following the ninth anniversary of their appointment to the Board. However, this may be extended in exceptional circumstances or to facilitate effective succession planning and the development of a diverse Board. In such a situation the reasons for the extension will be fully explained to shareholders.

The Board has a schedule of matters reserved to it for decision and the requirement for Board approval on these matters is communicated directly to the senior staff at abrdn. Such matters include strategy, gearing, treasury and dividend policy. Full and timely information is provided to the Board to enable the Directors to function effectively and to discharge their responsibilities. The Board also reviews the financial statements, performance and revenue budgets.

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There is an agreed procedure for Directors to take independent professional advice if necessary and at the Company's expense. This is in addition to the access which every Director has to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, which is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with.

#### **Board Committees**

As the Company has no employees and the Board is comprised wholly of non-executive Directors and given the size and nature of the Company, the Board has not established a separate remuneration committee. Directors' remuneration is determined by the Board as a whole. The remuneration of the Directors has been set in order to attract individuals of a calibre appropriate to the future development of the Company. The Company's policy on Directors' remuneration, together with details of the remuneration of each Director, is detailed in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 59 to 61.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Report of the Audit Committee is on pages 56 to 58.

## Management Engagement Committee

The Board has appointed a Management Engagement Committee which comprises the entire Board. The Company Chairman is also Chairman of the committee. It has defined terms of reference which are reviewed on an annual basis. Copies of the terms of reference are published on the Company's website: latamincome.co.uk.

The function of this committee is to review performance of the Company's service providers and to ensure that the Manager and the Investment Manager comply with the terms of the Management Agreement and that the provisions of the agreement follow industry practice, and remain competitive and in the best interest of Shareholders as a whole. The committee remains satisfied that the continuing appointment of the Investment Manager and Manager on the terms agreed is in the interests of Shareholders as a whole. The key factors considered in reaching this decision were the investment skills, experience and commitment and performance record of abrdn. The Management Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving not less than twelve months' notice in writing. The committee has also considered the performance of the Company's other service providers and remains satisfied that they support the Company effectively on reasonable commercial terms.

#### **Nomination Committee**

The Board has established a Nomination Committee, comprising all of the Directors, with Howard Myles as Chairman. Appointments to the Board of Directors are considered by the Nomination Committee. The committee has defined terms of reference which are reviewed on an annual basis. Copies of the terms of reference are published on the Company's website: latamincome.co.uk.

The committee reviews the effectiveness of the Board, succession planning, Board appointments, inductions and training, and determines the Directors' remuneration policy and level of remuneration.

During the year, the committee also undertook an annual appraisal of the performance of the Chairman, the individual Directors, the Board as a whole and the Board's committees. The process involved the completion of questionnaires by each Director. The results of the process were discussed by the Nomination Committee following its completion. The outcome of the appraisal process was considered to be satisfactory with all Directors having contributed effectively at the meetings that they had attended during the year. The Chairman's and Directors' other commitments were also reviewed and it was concluded that each Director is capable of devoting sufficient time to the Company.

The Company is not required to do an external evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as it is not a constituent of the FTSE 350. No external evaluation was conducted during the year as the Board concluded that it would not add value at this time. This approach will be kept under review.

At the AGM on 14 December 2022, Hazel Adam, Heather MacCallum and Howard Myles will offer themselves for reelection as Directors of the Company. Michael Gray will offer himself for election by shareholders for the first time.

The Board has considered the contribution of each Director, as set out on pages 46 and 47, and considers that there is a balance of skills and experience within the Board to lead the Company and that all Directors contribute effectively. The Chairman's performance appraisal is led by the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Accordingly, the Board has reviewed, and unanimously supports, the proposed re-election of Hazel Adams, Heather MacCallum and Howard Myles and the election of Michael Gray.

The Board's policy on diversity is disclosed in the Strategic Report on page 22.

#### The Role of the Chairman

The Chairman is responsible for providing effective leadership to the Board, by setting the tone of the Company, demonstrating objective judgement and promoting a culture of openness and debate. The Chairman facilitates the effective contribution, and encourages active engagement, by each Director. In conjunction with the Company Secretary, the Chairman ensures that Directors receive accurate, timely and clear information to assist them with effective decision-making. The Chairman leads the evaluation of the Board and individual Directors, and acts upon the results of the evaluation process by recognising strengths and addressing any weaknesses. The Chairman also engages with major shareholders and ensures that all Directors understand shareholder views.

#### Going Concern

In accordance with the FRC's guidance the Board has undertaken a rigorous review of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's assets including those of its wholly owned subsidiary, abrah Latin American Income Fund LLC, consist of a diverse portfolio of listed equities, equity-related investments and fixed income investments exposed to the Latin American market which in most circumstances are realisable within a very short timescale.

The Company has considerable financial resources and, as a consequence, the Board believes that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite uncertainties in the economic outlook.

The Board is mindful of the principal risks and uncertainties disclosed on pages 20 to 21, including gearing, the ongoing impact of Covid-19 as well as geopolitical developments and their impact on the economic outlook for the Latin American region. It has reviewed forecasts detailing revenue and liabilities and believes that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least twelve months from the date of this Annual Report. Accordingly, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company as at the date of the approval of this Report.

#### Internal Controls and Risk Management

The design, implementation and maintenance of controls and procedures to safeguard the assets of the Company and to manage its affairs properly extends to operational and compliance controls and risk management. The Board has prepared its own risk register which identifies potential risks both major and minor relating to: strategy;

investment management; Shareholders; marketing; gearing; regulatory and financial obligations; third party service providers and the Board. The Board considers the potential cause and possible impact of these risks as well as reviewing the controls in place to mitigate these potential risks. A risk is rated by having a likelihood and an impact rating and the residual risk is plotted on a "heat map" and is reviewed regularly.

The Board is ultimately responsible for the Company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. The Board confirms that there is an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the principal risks faced by the Company. This process has been in place for the period under review and up to the date of approval of this Annual Report and financial statements, and is regularly reviewed by the Board and accords with the FRC's guidance on internal controls. The Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal control. In particular, it has reviewed and updated the process for identifying and evaluating the principal risks affecting the Company and policies by which these risks are managed. The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company are detailed in the Strategic Report.

The key components designed to provide effective internal control are outlined below:

- the Manager prepares monthly forecasts and management accounts which allow the Board to assess the Company's activities and review its performance;
- the Board and the Manager have agreed clearly defined investment criteria, specified levels of authority and exposure limits; reports on these issues, including performance statistics and investment valuations, are regularly submitted to the Board and there are meetings with the Manager as appropriate;
- as a matter of course the Manager's compliance department continually reviews its operations;
- written agreements are in place which specifically define the roles and responsibilities of the Manager and other third-party service providers and the Audit Committee reviews, where relevant, periodic ISAE3402 Reports, a global assurance standard for reporting on internal controls for service organisations; the Board is made aware by the Manager of relevant exceptions in ISAE3402 reporting from key third party service providers as part of the Manager's third party service provider oversight regime;

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- at its November 2022 meeting, the Audit Committee members carried out an annual assessment of internal controls for the year ended 31 August 2022 by considering documentation from abrdn, including the internal audit and compliance functions and taking account of events since 31 August 2022. The results of the assessment were then reported to the Directors at the Board meeting which followed; and,
- the Board has considered the need for an internal audit function but, because of the compliance and internal control systems in place at the Manager, has decided to place reliance on the Manager's systems and internal audit procedures.

Internal control systems are designed to meet the Company's particular needs and the risks to which it is exposed. Accordingly, the internal control systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and by their nature can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against misstatement and loss.

#### Management of Conflicts of Interest

The Board has a procedure in place to deal with a situation where a Director has a conflict of interest. As part of this process, the Directors prepare a list of other positions held and all other conflict situations that may need to be authorised either in relation to the Director themselves or their connected persons. The Board considers each Director's situation and decides whether to approve any conflict, taking into consideration what is in the best interests of the Company and whether the Director's ability to act in accordance with their wider duties is affected. Each Director is required to notify the Company Secretary of any potential, or actual, conflict situations that will need authorising by the Board. Authorisations given by the Board are reviewed at each Board meeting.

No Director has a service contract with the Company although each Director is issued with a letter of appointment when appointed to the Board. The Directors' interests in contractual arrangements with the Company are as shown in note 6 to the financial statements. No Director had any interest in contracts with the Company during the period or subsequently.

The Board has adopted appropriate procedures designed to prevent bribery. The Company receives periodic reports from its service providers on the anti-bribery policies of these third parties. It also receives regular compliance reports from the Manager.

In the UK the Criminal Finances Act 2017 introduced a new corporate criminal offence of "failing to take reasonable steps to prevent the facilitation of tax evasion". The Board has confirmed that it is the Company's policy to conduct all of its business in an honest and ethical manner. The Board takes a zero-tolerance approach to facilitation of tax evasion, whether under UK law or under the law of any foreign country.

#### Substantial Interests

The Company has been advised that the following Shareholders owned 3% or more of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company at 31 August 2022:

Shareholder	Number Of shares held	% held
City of London Investment Management Company	11,371,659	19.9
abrdn Retail Plans	7,959,233	13.9
Hargreaves Lansdown	5,825,379	10.2
1607 Capital Partners	5,779,779	10.1
Philip J Milton	4,664,858	8.2
Interactive Investor	4,076,698	7.1
AJ Bell	2,467,390	4.3

On 30 September 2022, 1607 Capital Partners notified the Company that it had sold shares in the Company and now holds 9.4% of the issued Ordinary share capital. On 28 September 2022 and 13 October 2022, City of London Investment Management Company notified the Company that it had bought Ordinary shares in the Company resulting in a holding of 20.8% and then 21.85% respectively.

There have been no other significant changes notified to the Company in respect of the above holdings between 31 August 2022 and 10 November 2022.

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

On 14 July 2014, the Jersey Financial Services Commission granted the Company a certificate of exemption from the application of the Alternative Investment Funds (Jersey) Regulations 2012 to any marketing it may carry out within any EU member state. aCIL, as the Company's non-EEA alternative investment fund manager, also notified the FCA in accordance with the requirements of the UK National Private Placement Regime for inclusion of the Company on the UK register as a non-EEA alternative investment fund being marketed in the UK.

In addition, in accordance with Article 23 of the AIFMD and Rule 3.2.2 of the FCA FUND Sourcebook, aCIL is required to make available certain disclosures for potential investors in the Company and these are available on the Company's website: **latamincome.co.uk.** 

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held at 10:00am on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at the Company's registered office, Sir Walter Raleigh House, 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3QB. Resolutions including the following business will be proposed:

#### Dividend Policy

As a result of the timing of the payment of the Company's quarterly dividends, the Company's Shareholders are unable to approve a final dividend each year. In line with good corporate governance, the Board therefore proposes to put the Company's dividend policy to Shareholders for approval at the AGM and on an annual basis thereafter.

The Company's dividend policy is that interim dividends on the Ordinary Shares are payable quarterly in relation to periods ending November, February, May and August. It is intended that, over the long term, the Company will pay quarterly dividends consistent with the expected annual underlying portfolio yield. Resolution 3 will seek shareholder approval for the dividend policy.

#### Appointment of Independent Auditor

The Directors will put a resolution before the AGM to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers CILLP ("PwC") as independent auditor for the ensuing year, and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

#### Authority to Purchase the Company's Shares

In the past the Company has quoted that the aim of its discount management policy has been to try to maintain the price at which the Ordinary shares trade relative to the Company's NAV at a discount of no more that 5%. The Company's discount to NAV was –17.3% at 31 August 2022. As set out in the Chairman's Statement on page 9, in light of ongoing market volatility, the size of the company, the adverse effect on market liquidity if the number of shares in issue reduced and the lack of meaningful impact on the discount, the Board decided not to buy back any shares during the financial year. No shares have been bought back since the financial year end.

Purchases of Ordinary shares will only be made through the market for cash at prices below the prevailing exclusive of income NAV per Ordinary share (as last calculated), subject to prevailing market conditions and having regard to the size of the Company, where the Directors believe it is in the best interest of shareholders to do so.

Resolution 10, a special resolution, will be proposed to renew the Directors' authority to make market purchases of the Ordinary shares in accordance with the provisions of the FCA's Listing Rules. The Company will seek authority to purchase up to a maximum of 8,561,287 Ordinary shares (representing 14.99% of the current issued Ordinary share capital excluding treasury shares as at the date of publication of this Annual Report). The authority being sought shall expire at the conclusion of the AGM in 2023 unless such authority is renewed prior to that time. Any Ordinary shares purchased in this way will either be cancelled and the number of Ordinary shares will be reduced accordingly, or the Ordinary shares will be held in treasury, in accordance with the authority previously conferred by Shareholders.

The Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 allows companies to either cancel shares or hold them in treasury following a buy-back. These powers give Directors additional flexibility and the Board considers that it is in the interest of the Company that such powers be available, including the power to hold treasury shares. Any future sales of Ordinary shares from treasury will only be undertaken at a premium to the prevailing NAV per Ordinary share for the benefit of all Shareholders. The Directors monitor the level of shares held in treasury and whilst there are no upper limits on the number of shares that can be held in treasury consideration will be given to cancelling treasury shares if the number becomes excessively high compared to the issued share capital.

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#### Directors' Authority to Allot Relevant Securities

There are no provisions under Jersey law which confer rights of pre-emption upon the issue or sale of any class of shares in the Company. However, as the Ordinary shares are traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange and have a premium listing, the Company is required to offer pre-emption rights to its Shareholders and the Articles of Association reflect this. Ordinary shares will only be issued at a premium to the prevailing NAV per Ordinary share and, therefore, any issue will not be dilutive to existing Ordinary Shareholders.

Unless previously disapplied by special resolution, in accordance with the FCA's Listing Rules, the Company is required to first offer any new shares or securities (or rights to subscribe for, or to convert or exchange into, shares) proposed to be issued for cash to Shareholders in proportion to their holdings in the Company. In order to provide for such share issues, your Board is therefore also proposing that an annual disapplication of the preemption rights is given to the Directors so that they may issue shares as and when appropriate. Accordingly, resolution 11, a special resolution, proposes a disapplication of the preemption rights in respect of 10% of the shares in issue, set to expire on the earlier of eighteen months from the date of the resolution or at the conclusion of the AGM to be held in 2023.

#### Recommendation

Your Board considers all resolutions to be in the best interests of the Company and its members as a whole. Accordingly, your Board recommends that Ordinary Shareholders should vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

#### Directors' & Officers Liability Insurance

Directors' & Officers' liability insurance cover has been maintained throughout the period at the expense of the Company.

#### **Relations with Shareholders**

The Directors place a great deal of importance on communication with Shareholders and welcome feedback from all Shareholders. The Chairman meets periodically with the largest Shareholders to discuss the Company. The Annual Report and financial statements are widely distributed to other parties who have an interest in the Company's performance. Shareholders and investors may obtain up to date information on the Company through the Manager's freephone information service and the Company's website: latamincome.co.uk.

The Board's policy is to communicate directly with Shareholders and their representative bodies without the involvement of the management group (either the Company Secretary or the Manager) in situations where direct communication is required.

The Notice of the AGM, included within the Annual Report and financial statements, is ordinarily sent out at least 20 working days in advance of the meeting. All Shareholders have the opportunity to put questions to the Board or Manager, either formally at the Company's AGM or informally following the meeting. The Company Secretary is available to answer general Shareholder queries at any time throughout the year. The Directors are keen to encourage dialogue with Shareholders and the Chairman welcomes direct contact from Shareholders. You may submit questions to the Board by email to latin.american@abrdn.com.

#### Responsible Investment

The Board is aware of its duty to act in the best interests of the Company. The Board acknowledges that there are risks associated with investment in companies which fail to conduct business in a socially responsible manner. The Manager considers social, environmental and ethical factors which may affect the performance or value of the Company's investments. The Directors, through the Company's Manager, encourage companies in which investments are made to adhere to best practice in the area of Corporate Governance. They believe that this can best be achieved by entering into a dialogue with company management to encourage them, where necessary, to improve their policies in this area. The Company's ultimate objective, however, is to deliver superior investment returns for its shareholders. Accordingly, whilst the Manager will seek to favour investment in companies which pursue best practice in ESG matters, this is always considered in the context of return on the investment portfolio.

## UK Stewardship Code and Proxy Voting as an Institutional Shareholder

Responsibility for actively monitoring the activities of portfolio companies has been delegated by the Board to the Manager which has sub-delegated that authority to the Investment Manager.

The full text of the Company's response to the Stewardship Code may be found on the Company's website: **latamincome.co.uk.** 

#### **ESG Policy**

As an investment company, the Company has no direct social, environmental or community responsibilities. However, the Board acknowledges that there are risks associated with investment in companies which fail to conduct business in a socially responsible manner and the Board, therefore, challenges the Investment Manager as to whether decisions take appropriate account of the social, environment and ethical factors, which may affect the performance or value of the Company's investments, including climate change. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to ESG engagement can be found on pages 36 to 41 of this report.

For and on behalf of the Board abrdn Capital International Limited,

Secretary 10 November 2022

1st Floor, Sir Walter Raleigh House 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier Jersey JE2 3QB

### Report of Audit Committee

I am pleased to present the report of the Audit Committee for the year ended 31 August 2022.

#### Committee Composition

The Audit Committee operates within clearly defined terms of reference and, at the financial year end, comprises four independent Directors: Heather MacCallum (Chair), Hazel Adam, Howard Myles and Michael Gray.

All Members have recent and relevant experience, with Heather MacCallum and Howard Myles being chartered accountants and members of professional institutes. The Audit Committee, as a whole, has competence relevant to the investment company sector.

The Audit Committee and Board considers that Howard Myles was independent on appointment, and continues to be independent of the Manager. Given the size of the Board, and the continued independence of Howard Myles, the Board believes that it is appropriate for all the independent Directors, including the Company Chairman, to constitute the Audit Committee.

#### **Functions of the Committee**

The principal function of the Committee is to assist the Board in relation to the reporting of financial information, the review of financial controls and the management of risk.

The Committee has defined terms of reference which are reviewed and re-assessed for their adequacy on an annual basis. Copies of the terms of reference are published on the Company's website: latamincome.co.uk.

The Committee's main audit review functions are:

- to review and monitor the internal control systems and risk management systems (including review of non financial risks) upon which the Company is reliant;
- to consider annually whether there is a need for the Company to have its own internal audit function;
- to monitor the integrity of the interim and annual financial statements of the Company by reviewing, and challenging where necessary, the actions and judgements of the Manager, which acts as Administrator, and Company Secretary;
- to review, and report to the Board on, the significant financial reporting issues and judgements made in connection with the preparation of the Company's financial statements, half yearly reports, announcements and related formal statements;

- to review the content of the Annual Report and financial statements and advise the Board on whether, taken as a whole, it is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for Shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy;
- to meet with the external auditor to review its proposed audit programme of work and subsequently review the findings and effectiveness of the audit programme. The Committee uses this as an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of the audit process;
- to develop and implement policy on the engagement of the external auditor to supply non-audit services. During the period under review, no fees were paid to the auditor in respect of non-audit services (2021: £nil). All non-audit services must be approved in advance by the Audit Committee and will be reviewed in the light of statutory requirements and the need to maintain the auditor's independence;
- to review an annual statement from the Manager detailing the arrangements in place within the Manager whereby staff may, in confidence, escalate concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters;
- to make recommendations in relation to the appointment of the external auditor and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor;
- to monitor and review annually the external auditor's independence, objectivity, effectiveness, resources and qualification; and,
- to investigate, if an auditor resigns, the reasons giving rise to such resignation and consider whether any action is required.

#### Activities During the Year

The Audit Committee met twice during the year when it considered the Annual Report and the Half Yearly Report in detail. Representatives of the Manager's internal audit, risk and compliance departments reported to the Committee at these meetings on matters such as internal control systems, risk and the conduct of the business in the context of its regulatory environment. The Committee also met in private with the auditor without any management representatives in attendance.

#### Review of Internal Control Systems and Risk

The Committee considers the internal control systems and a matrix of risks at each of its meetings. There is more detail on the process of these reviews in the Directors' Report.

#### Financial Statements and Significant Issues

During its review of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022, the Audit Committee considered the following significant issues, in particular those communicated by the auditor during their reporting:

#### Possible Mispricing of Investments

How the issue was addressed - The pricing of investments is undertaken in accordance with the accounting policies on fair value measurement as disclosed in note 2 (e) to the financial statements. The fair value is derived from unadjusted quoted bid prices in active markets, with the exception of inflation-linked bonds whose quoted bid prices are adjusted for indexation. The audit includes independent confirmation of the pricing of all investments. The portfolio is reviewed and verified by the Manager on a regular basis and management accounts, including a full portfolio listing, are prepared each month and circulated to the Board.

#### Recognition of Dividend and Interest Income

How the issue was addressed - The recognition of investment income is undertaken in accordance with accounting policy note 2(b) to the financial statements on page 78. Dividends and interest arising from bonds are allocated to the revenue account. Special dividends are allocated to the capital or revenue accounts according to the nature of the payment and the intention of the underlying company. The Manager provides monthly internal control reports to the Board.

## Review of the Annual Report and Financial Statements

How the issue was addressed - The Board is responsible for the preparation of the Company's Annual Report and financial statements. The process is extensive, requiring input from a number of different third party service providers. The Committee reports to the Board on whether, taken as a whole, the Annual Report and financial statements is fair, balanced and understandable.

The Committee has considered the following matters:

- the existence of a comprehensive control framework surrounding the production of the Annual Report and
- · financial statements which includes a number of different checking processes;
- the existence of extensive levels of reviews as part of the production process involving BNP Paribas (the Custodian), the Manager, the Company Secretary and the auditor together as well as the Committee's own expertise;
- the controls in place within the various third party service providers to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the financial records and the security of the Company's assets;
- the externally reviewed internal control reports of the Manager, Depositary and related service providers which are available for review by the Committee.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions which requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. The Audit Committee has discussed the accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions and the conclusion of the discussions is set out in note 2 to the financial statements on page 76.

The Committee has reviewed the Annual Report and the work undertaken by the third party service providers and is satisfied that, taken as a whole, the Annual Report and financial statements is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for Shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy. In reaching this conclusion, the Committee has assumed that the reader of the Annual Report would have a reasonable level of knowledge of the investment company industry in general and of investment companies in particular. The Committee has reported its findings to the Board which in turn has made its own statement in this regard in the Directors' Responsibility Statement on page 62.

#### Appointment of the Auditor

PwC was appointed as the Company's auditor during the year to 31 August 2020, following a public tender. PwC undertook the Company's audit during the financial year to 31 August 2020 and was formally re-appointed by shareholders at the last AGM on 20 December 2021.

### Report of Audit Committee

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The Committee considers PwC to be independent of the Company and, in accordance with professional guidelines, the audit partner will be rotated after 5 years. This is the third year of the current audit partner.

#### **Review of Auditor**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the effectiveness of the auditor including:

- independence the auditor discusses with the Audit Committee, at least annually, the steps it takes to ensure its independence and objectivity and makes the Committee aware of any potential issues, explaining all relevant safeguards. The audit fees paid to PwC are disclosed in note 6 and no non-audit fees were paid to PwC during the financial year;
- quality of audit work including the ability to resolve issues in a timely manner (identified issues are satisfactorily and promptly resolved), its communications/ presentation of outputs (the explanation of the audit plan, any deviations from it and the subsequent audit findings are comprehensive and comprehensible), and working relationship with management (the auditor has a constructive working relationship with the Manager); and,
- quality of people and service including continuity and succession plans (the audit team is made up of sufficient, suitably experienced staff with provision made for retention of knowledge of the investment company sector on rotation of the partner).

Following review, the Audit Committee supports the recommendation to the Board that the re-appointment of PwC be put to Shareholders for approval at the AGM.

#### **Accountability and Audit**

The respective responsibilities of the Directors and the auditor in connection with the financial statements are set out on pages 62 and 66.

Each Director confirms that, so far as he or she is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and he or she has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information. Additionally, there are no important events since the period end other than as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the level of non-audit services provided (if any) by the independent auditor during the year, together with the independent auditor's procedures in connection with the provision of such services, and remain satisfied that the auditor's objectivity and independence is being safeguarded.

Heather MacCallum, Audit Committee Chair 10 November 2022

### **Directors' Remuneration Report**

The Board has prepared this report on a voluntary basis in accordance with the UK regulations governing the disclosure and approval of Directors' remuneration.

The Company's auditor has not audited any of the disclosures provided in this Directors' Remuneration Report.

This Remuneration Report comprises three parts:

- a Remuneration Policy, which was approved by a binding Shareholder vote at the AGM held in December 2020. The Remuneration Policy is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee on an annual basis and applies for a three year period. Should the Remuneration Policy be varied during this interval, then Shareholder approval for the new Remuneration Policy will be sought;
- an Implementation Report, which provides information on how the policy has been applied during the year and which will be subject to an advisory vote on the level of remuneration paid during the year as set out in the Implementation Report; and, an Annual Statement.
- There have been no changes to the Directors' Remuneration Policy during the period of this Report nor are there any proposals for the year ending 31 August 2023.

#### Remuneration Policy

The Directors' Remuneration Policy takes into consideration the principles of UK corporate governance and the AIC's recommendations regarding the application of those principles to investment companies.

No shareholder views have been sought in setting the remuneration policy and no communication was received from shareholders during the year regarding Directors' remuneration.

As the Company has no employees and the Board is comprised wholly of non-executive Directors, and given the size and nature of the Company, the Board has not established a separate remuneration committee. The Remuneration Policy, and Directors' remuneration, is reviewed by the Nomination Committee and determined by the Board as a whole.

The Directors fees comply with the Company's Articles of Association which limit the agaregate annual fees payable to the Board of Directors to £250,000 (Article 85). The level may be increased by shareholder resolution from time to time. Subject to this overall limit, the Board's policy is that the remuneration of Non-Executive Directors should reflect the nature of their duties, responsibilities and the value of their time spent; and it should be fair and comparable to that of other investment companies that are similar in size, have a similar capital structure and have a similar investment objective. The remuneration of the Directors has been set in order to attract individuals of a calibre appropriate to the future development of the Company. Fees are reviewed annually against the Company's peer group and if considered appropriate, increased accordingly. In the past year aggregate fees of £103,000 were paid to the Directors.

	2022 £	2021 £
Chairman	32,000	32,000
Chair of Audit Committee	27,000	27,000
Director	22,000	22,000

#### **Appointment**

- The Company only intends to appoint Non-Executive Directors.
- · All the Directors are non-executive appointed under the terms of Letters of Appointment.
- Directors must retire and be subject to election at the first AGM after their appointment, and subject to reelection at least every three years thereafter. However, in accordance with corporate governance best practice, the Board has agreed that all Directors will retire from the Board annually and voluntarily offer themselves for re-election by Shareholders.
- New appointments to the Board will be placed on the fee applicable to all Directors at the time of appointment (currently £22,000).
- · No incentive or introductory fees will be paid to encourage a directorship.
- The Directors are not eligible for bonuses, pension benefits, share options, long-term incentive schemes or other benefits.
- The Company indemnifies its Directors for all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities which may be incurred in the discharge of duties, as a Director of the Company.

## Directors' Remuneration Report

#### Continued

#### Performance, Service Contracts, Compensation and Loss of Office

- The Directors' remuneration is not subject to any performance related fee.
- · No Director has a service contract with the Company.
- No Director has an interest in contracts with the Company during the period or subsequently.
- The terms of appointment provide that a Director may be removed subject to three months' notice.
- · Compensation will not be due upon leaving office.
- · No Director is entitled to any other monetary payment or any assets of the Company.

Directors' & Officers' liability insurance cover is maintained by the Company on behalf of the Directors. The Company's Articles indemnify each Secretary, agent and servant of the Company out of the assets of the Company in relation to charges, losses, liabilities, damages and expenses incurred in the course of the discharge of their duties provided that such indemnity is not available in circumstances where there is fraud, wilful misconduct or negligence. Directors (and every present or former officer of the Company) are indemnified out of the assets of the Company in so far as Jersey law allows.

## Implementation Report Directors' Fees

The Board carried out a review of the level of Directors' fees payable to other companies managed by the Manager and within the broader emerging markets investment company peer group during the year. It was concluded that the fee levels of the Directors would be increased with effect from 1 January 2023 - £35,000 for the Chairman (2021: £32,000), £30,000 (2021: £27,000) for the Audit Committee Chair and £25,000 (2021: £22,000) for other Directors. This increase is considered appropriate in comparison with the peer group and in view of inflation rates. There are no further fees, salaries, taxable benefits or any other items to disclose as the Company has no employees, Chief Executive or Executive Directors.

#### Company Performance

The Board has reviewed the Company's performance throughout the year under review. The following graph illustrates the total Shareholder share price return for a holding in the Ordinary shares as compared to the composite benchmark index weighted as to 60% MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 index and 40% JP Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified (Latin America carve out) (both in sterling terms) (figures rebased to 100 at 31 August 2012). Given the Company's investment objective this is the most appropriate index against which to measure the Company's performance.

Shareholders should note that the Company's portfolio is constructed without reference to any stock market index. It is likely, therefore, that there will be periods when the Company's performance will be quite unlike that of any index or benchmark and there can be no assurance that such divergence will be to the Company's advantage.



#### Statement of Voting at General Meeting

At the Company's last AGM, held on 20 December 2021, Shareholders approved the Directors' Remuneration Report (other than the Directors' Remuneration Policy).

The following proxy votes were received on the resolutions:

Resolution	For* (%)	Against (%)	Withheld
Receive and Adopt Directors' Remuneration Report	29.9m (99.5%)	158,311 (0.5%)	110,048
Approve Directors' Remuneration Policy**	29.9m (99.4%)	181,948 (0.6%)	103,423

<sup>\*</sup> Including discretionary votes.

A resolution to receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Directors' Remuneration Policy) will be proposed at the AGM.

#### Fees Payable

The total fees paid to Directors serving in the year are shown below.

Director	2022 £	2021 £
Howard Myles (Chairman and highest paid Director)*	28,967	20,167
Hazel Adam	22,004	22,000
Michael Gray**	11,725	n/a
Heather MacCallum	27,000	27,000
Richard Prosser ***	13,304	32,000
Total	103,000	101,167

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  Appointed to the Board on 1 October 2020 and as Chairman on 20 December 2021.

As the Company has no employees or executive directors, there are no other fees to disclose.

#### Directors' Interests in the Company

The Directors are not required to hold shares in the Company.

The Directors (including connected persons) at 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2021 had no interest in the Ordinary share capital of the Company other than those interests, all of which are beneficial interests, shown in the table below.

	31 August 2022 Ordinary shares	31 August 2021 Ordinary shares
Richard Prosser*	15,000	15,000
Hazel Adam	-	-
Michael Gray	-	-
Heather MacCallum	-	-
Howard Myles	-	-

 $<sup>^{*}</sup>$  Shares held at time of retirement on 18 February 2022.

There have been no changes notified in respect of the above between 31 August 2022 and 10 November 2022.

#### **Annual Statement**

On behalf of the Board I confirm that the above Report on Remuneration Policy and Remuneration Implementation summarises, as applicable, for the year ended 31 August 2022:

- · the major decisions on Directors' remuneration;
- any substantial changes relating to Directors' remuneration made during the year; and
- the context in which the changes occurred and in which decisions have been taken

#### For and on behalf of the Board Howard Myles,

Chairman
10 November 2022

1st Floor, Sir Walter Raleigh House 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier Jersey JE2 3QB

<sup>\*\*</sup> Last voted upon on 10 December 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Appointed to the Board on 18 February 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Retired as Chairman on 2 December and from the Board on 18 February 2022.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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

The Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period in accordance with any generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements of the Company are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors should:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgments and estimates that are reasonable;
- specify which generally accepted accounting principles have been adopted in their preparation;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business; and
- assess whether the Annual Report and financial statements, taken as a whole, is 'fair, balanced and understandable'

The Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain its transactions and are such as to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements prepared by the Company comply with the requirements of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for ensuring that the Company complies with the provisions of the Listing Rules and the Disclosure, Guidance & Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority which, with regard to corporate governance, require disclosure of how the Board has applied the principles, and complied with the provisions, of the UK Corporate Governance Code as applicable to the Company.

#### **Declaration**

The Directors listed on pages 46 and 47, being the persons responsible, hereby confirm to the best of their knowledge:

- that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company;
- that in the opinion of the Directors, the Annual Report and financial statements taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and it provides the information necessary to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy; and
- the Strategic Report, including the Chairman's Statement and the Investment Manager's Review, include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that the Company faces.

## For and on behalf of the Board Howard Myles,

Chairman 10 November 2022

1st Floor, Sir Walter Raleigh House 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier Jersey JE2 3QB

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in Jersey governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited (the "Company") as at 31 August 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991.

#### What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- · the statement of financial position as at 31 August 2022;
- $\cdot\;$  the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- · the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- $\cdot$  the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- · the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Basis for opinion

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

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

#### ndependence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements of the Company, as required by the Crown Dependencies' Audit Rules and Guidance. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Our audit approach

#### Overview

#### Audit scope

- The Company is an investment company, incorporated and based in Jersey, with ordinary shares listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- We conducted our audit of the financial statements using information provided by abrdn Capital International Limited ("the Manager").
- Our audit work was performed in Jersey. We tailored the scope of our risk-based audit taking into
  account the types of investments held by the Company, the accounting processes and controls,
  and the industry in which the Company operates.

#### Key audit matters

- Valuation and existence of investments.
- Income recognition.

#### Materiality

- Overall materiality: £360,000 (2021: £359,000) based on 1% of net assets.
- Performance materiality: £270,000.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited

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#### The scope of our audit

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where the directors made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

#### Key audit matters

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

This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

#### Key audit matter

#### Valuation and existence of investments

Refer to note 2 (Accounting policies) and note 10 (Investments held at fair value) to the financial statements.

We focused on the valuation and existence of the bond and equity investments because this represents the principal element of the net assets as disclosed in the statement of financial position.

The valuation of investments drives a number of key performance indicators, such as net asset value, which is of significant interest to investors.

The nature of the valuations of bond and equity investments in the portfolio is not complex as they are based on quoted prices from independent pricing sources. However, the magnitude of the amounts involved means that there is potential for material misstatement.

The valuation of investments includes an amount attributable to abrdn Latin American Income Fund LLC (the "Subsidiary") which is held at fair value. The Subsidiary holds investments in quoted bonds and equities, as well as receivables and cash. The directors consider the fair value of the Subsidiary to approximate its net asset value.

There is a risk that the investments recorded may not represent the holdings of the Company, this could have a significant impact on the financial statements.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

For investments held directly by the Company and held via the Subsidiary:

- We tested 100% of the valuation of the bond and equity portfolio by agreeing the prices used by management to independent third party sources.
- We agreed a sample of purchase and sale transactions during the year by value to trade tickets. A sample of purchases and sales were agreed to bank statements. We performed a recalculation of the unrealised loss recognised on the bond and equity portfolio held as at 31 August 2022, and recalculated a sample of realised gains and losses recognised from sales of bonds and equities during the year.
- We obtained an independent confirmation from the Company's custodian for 100% of bonds and equities held by the Company and the Subsidiary as at 31 August 2022.

We have confirmed the ownership of the Subsidiary to supporting documents as at 31 August 2022.

Management's assessment of the fair value of the Subsidiary was tested by:

- as noted above, confirming ownership of the equities, bonds and cash held by the Subsidiary with the third party custodian and bank;
- agreeing 100% of the valuation of equities and bonds held to independent third party sources.
- $\cdot\,\,$  testing the calculation of the net asset value of the Subsidiary.

No misstatements were identified by our testing which required reporting to those charged with governance.

#### Key audit matter

#### Income recognition

Refer to note 2 (Accounting policies) and note 4 (Income) to the financial statements.

Income is earned primarily through bond interest income and dividend income. The calculation and recognition of income receipts and accrued income is not considered to be complex.

We identified the accuracy, occurrence, and completeness of income from the investment portfolio as an area of focus, because the incomplete, overstated or inaccurate recognition of income could have a material impact on the Company's financial performance for the year.

#### How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed the accounting policy for income recognition for compliance with accounting standards and assessed whether income had been accounted for in accordance with the stated accounting policy.

We recalculated a sample of income recognised by the Company and the Subsidiary by obtaining the coupon interest rate or dividend per share from independent sources and multiplying by the investment holding. We traced a sample of income receipts to the bank statements.

To address the risk of incomplete income recognition, our sample included income received and accrued from positions held as at 31 August 2022, as well as positions that had been purchased and sold during the year.

No misstatements were identified by our testing which required reporting to those charged with governance.

#### How we tailored the audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Company operates.

#### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

Overall Company materiality	£360,000 (2021: £359,000)
How we determined it	1% of net assets
Rationale for benchmark applied	We believe that net assets is the most appropriate benchmark because this is the key metric of interest to investors. It is also a generally accepted measure used for companies in this industry

We use performance materiality to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds overall materiality. Specifically, we use performance materiality in determining the scope of our audit and the nature and extent of our testing of account balances, classes of transactions and disclosures, for example in determining sample sizes. Our performance materiality was 75% (2021: 75%) of overall materiality, amounting to £270,000 (2021: £269,250) for the Company financial statements.

In determining the performance materiality, we considered a number of factors – the history of misstatements, risk assessment and aggregation risk and the effectiveness of controls – and concluded that an amount in the upper end of our normal range was appropriate.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited

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We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above £18,000 (2021: £17,950) as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all the information included in the Annual Report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

#### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the requirements of Jersey law and for such internal control as the directors determine 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

Our audit testing might include testing complete populations of certain transactions and balances, possibly using data auditing techniques. However, it typically involves selecting a limited number of items for testing, rather than testing complete populations. We will often seek to target particular items for testing based on their size or risk characteristics. In other cases, we will use audit sampling to enable us to draw a conclusion about the population from which the sample is selected.

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

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

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

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

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

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#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the members as a body in accordance with Article 113A of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

#### Company Law exception reporting

Under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- $\cdot$  we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- · proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### Corporate governance statement

The Listing Rules require us to review the directors' statements in relation to going concern, longer-term viability and that part of the corporate governance statement relating to the Company's compliance with the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code specified for our review. Our additional responsibilities with respect to the corporate governance statement as other information are described in the Reporting on other information section of this report.

The Company has reported compliance against the 2019 AIC Code of Corporate Governance (the "Code") which has been endorsed by the UK Financial Reporting Council as being consistent with the UK Corporate Governance Code for the purposes of meeting the Company's obligations, as an investment company, under the Listing Rules of the FCA.

Based on the work undertaken as part of our audit, we have concluded that each of the following elements of the corporate governance statement, included within the Strategic Report, is materially consistent with the financial statements and our knowledge obtained during the audit, and we have nothing material to add or draw attention to in relation to:

- · The directors' confirmation that they have carried out a robust assessment of the emerging and principal risks;
- The disclosures in the Annual Report that describe those principal risks, what procedures are in place to identify emerging risks and an explanation of how these are being managed or mitigated;
- The directors' statement in the financial statements about whether they considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing them, and their identification of any material uncertainties to the Company's ability to continue to do so over a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements;
- The directors' explanation as to their assessment of the Company's prospects, the period this assessment covers and why the period is appropriate; and
- The directors' statement as to whether they have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period of its assessment, including any related disclosures drawing attention to any necessary qualifications or assumptions.

Our review of the directors' statement regarding the longer-term viability of the Company was substantially less in scope than an audit and only consisted of making inquiries and considering the directors' process supporting their statements; checking that the statements are in alignment with the relevant provisions of the Code; and considering whether the statement is consistent with the financial statements and our knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit.

In addition, based on the work undertaken as part of our audit, we have concluded that each of the following elements of the corporate governance statement is materially consistent with the financial statements and our knowledge obtained during the audit:

- The directors' statement that they consider the Annual Report, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable, and provides the information necessary for the members to assess the Company's position, performance, business model and strategy;
- The section of the Annual Report that describes the review of effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems; and
- · The section describing the work of the Audit Committee.

We have nothing to report in respect of our responsibility to report when the directors' statement relating to the Company's compliance with the Code does not properly disclose a departure from a relevant provision of the Code specified under the Listing Rules for review by the auditors.

#### Michael Byrne

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers CILLP

Chartered Accountants and Recognized Auditor Jersey, Channel Islands 10 November 2022





# Statement of Comprehensive Income

		Year en	ded 31 Augus	st 2022	Year ended 31 August 2		t 2021
	Notes	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total
Income							
Income	4	3,372	-	3,372	2,101		2,101
Realised losses on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	10	-	(178)	(178)	-	(290)	(290)
Unrealised (losses)/gains on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	10	-	(497)	(497)	_	4,334	4,334
Realised currency losses		-	(78)	(78)	-	(67)	(67)
Unrealised currency gains/(losses)		-	153	153	-	(6)	(6)
Realised gains on forward foreign currency contracts		-	131	131	-	482	482
Unrealised gains/(losses) on forward foreign currency contracts		-	47	47	-	(7)	(7)
		3,372	(422)	2,950	2,101	4,446	6,547
Expenses							
Investment management fee	5	(135)	(202)	(337)	(154)	(232)	(386)
Other operating expenses	6	(368)	-	(368)	(340)	-	(340)
Profit/(loss) before finance costs and taxation		2,869	(624)	2,245	1,607	4,214	5,821
Finance costs		(43)	(65)	(108)	(34)	(51)	(85)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		2,826	(689)	2,137	1,573	4,163	5,736
Taxation	7	(60)	76	16	(53)	(119)	(172)
Profit/(loss) for the year		2,766	(613)	2,153	1,520	4,044	5,564

The profit/(loss) for the year is also the comprehensive income for the year.

The total column of this statement represents the Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with IFRS. The revenue and capital columns are supplementary to this and are prepared under guidance published by the Association of Investment Companies.

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

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

## Statement of Financial Position

	Notes	As at 31 August 2022 £'000	As at 31 August 2021 £'000
Non-current assets			
Investments held at fair value through profit or loss	10	41,336	41,240
Current assets			
Cash		117	333
Forward foreign currency contracts		123	33
Other receivables		243	178
		483	544
Current liabilities			
Bank loan	11	(5,500)	(5,500)
Forward foreign currency contracts		(76)	(40)
Other payables		(128)	(206)
		(5,704)	(5,746)
Net current liabilities		(5,221)	(5,202)
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liability	7	(43)	(119)
Net assets		36,072	35,919
Equity capital and reserves			
Equity capital	12	65,936	65,936
Capital reserve	13	(32,112)	(31,499)
Revenue reserve		2,248	1,482
Equity Shareholders' funds		36,072	35,919
Net asset value per Ordinary share (pence)	14	63.16	62.89

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 10 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

#### **Howard Myles**

Chairman

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

# Statement of Changes in Equity

## Year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Stated capital £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 September 2021		65,936	(31,499)	1,482	35,919
(Loss)/profit for the year		-	(613)	2,766	2,153
Dividends paid	8	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Balance at 31 August 2022		65,936	(32,112)	2,248	36,072

## Year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Stated capital £'000	Capital reserve £'000	Revenue reserve £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 September 2020		65,936	(35,543)	1,962	32,355
Profit for the year		-	4,044	1,520	5,564
Dividends paid	8	-	-	(2,000)	(2,000)
Balance at 31 August 2021		65,936	(31,499)	1,482	35,919

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

# Statement of Cash Flows

	Year ended 31 August 2022 £'000	Year ended 31 August 2021 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities		
Dividend income	607	529
Fixed interest income	720	696
Income from Subsidiary	1,545	785
Interest income	2	_
Investment management fee paid	(403)	(406)
Other paid expenses	(447)	(233)
Cash generated from operations	2,024	1,371
Interest paid	(103)	(86)
Withholding taxes paid	(58)	(53)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,863	1,232
Purchases of investments Proceeds from sales of investments	(6,467) 8,118	(6,549) 9,403
Proceeds from sales of investments	8,118	9,403
Payments to Subsidiary	(1,975)	(2,463)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities	(324)	391
Cash flows from financing activities		
Equity dividends paid	(2,000)	(2,000)
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(2,000)	(2,000)
Net decrease in cash	(461)	(377)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movements in cash		
Net decrease in cash as above	(461)	(377)
Foreign exchange	245	404
Cash at start of year	333	306

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

#### For the year ended 31 August 2022

#### 1. Principal activity

The Company is a closed-end investment company incorporated in Jersey, and its shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange and are listed in the premium segment of the Financial Conduct Authority's Official List. The Company's principal activity is investing in Latin American securities.

The principal activity of its Delaware incorporated wholly owned subsidiary, abrdn Latin American Income Fund LLC, is similar in all relevant respects to that of its parent.

#### 2. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation. The accounting policies which follow set out those policies which apply in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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

In accordance with the FRC's guidance the Board has undertaken a rigorous review of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's assets including those of its wholly owned subsidiary, abrdn Latin American Income Fund LLC, consist of a diverse portfolio of listed equities, equity-related investments and fixed income investments exposed to the Latin American market which in most circumstances are realisable within a very short timescale.

The Company has considerable financial resources and, as a consequence, the Board believes that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite uncertainties in the economic outlook.

The Board is mindful of the principal risks and uncertainties disclosed on pages 19 to 21, including the ongoing impact of Covid-19 as well as geopolitical developments and their impact on the economic outlook for the Latin American region. It has reviewed forecasts detailing revenue and liabilities and believes that the Company has adequate financial resources to continue its operational existence for the foreseeable future and at least twelve months from the date of this Annual Report. Accordingly, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company as at the date of the approval of this Report.

The Company's financial statements are presented in sterling, which is also the functional currency as it is the currency in which shares are issued and expenses are generally paid. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds ( $\pounds$ '000) except when otherwise indicated.

Where presentational guidance set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP"): 'Financial Statements of Investment Trust Companies and Venture Capital Trusts' issued by the Association of Investment Companies ("AIC"), is consistent with the requirements of IFRS, the Directors have sought to prepare the financial statements on a basis compliant with the recommendations of the SORP issued in April 2021.

Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions which requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. Management have identified two such judgements in preparing the financial statements.

Accounting judgement - Application of IFRS 10: Assessment of investment entity. One of the key areas for consideration has been the application of IFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements' including the Amendments, 'Investment entities (Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27) (Investment Entity Amendments)'. The standard requires entities that meet the definition of an investment entity to fair value certain subsidiaries through profit or loss in accordance with IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments', rather than consolidate their results. However, entities which are not themselves investment entities and provide investment related services to the Company will continue to be consolidated.

An investment entity meets the definition of an investment entity if it satisfies the following three criteria:

- (i) an entity obtains funds from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment services; the Company provides investment services and has several investors who pool funds to gain access to these services and investment opportunities which they might not be able to as individuals.
- (ii) an entity commits to its investors that its business purpose is the investment in its subsidiary solely for capital appreciation, investment income, or both; the Company's investment objective is to provide Ordinary Shareholders with a total return, with an above average yield, primarily through investing in Latin American securities.
- (iii) an entity measures and evaluates the performance of substantially all of its investments on a fair value basis; the Company has elected to measure and evaluate the performance of all of its investments on a fair value basis. The fair value basis is used to present the Company's performance in its communication with the market and the primary measurement attribute to evaluate performance of all of its investments and to make investment decisions.

**Accounting judgement - Fair value of the Subsidiary**. The Directors conclude that the net asset value of the wholly owned Subsidiary is considered to be its fair value for financial reporting purposes based on the Subsidiary's portfolio of investments being liquid and there being no significant restrictions on the transfer of funds to the parent company.

**New and amended standards and interpretations**. The Company applied, for the first time, certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. The nature and impact is described below:

- IFRS 4, 7, 9 and 16 Amendments Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Phase 2)

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following Standards and Interpretations were assessed to be relevant and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022:

- IAS 41, IFRS 1, 9, and 16 Amendments (Annual Improvements 2018-2020)
- IFRS 3 Amendments (Conceptual Framework)
- IFRS 4 Amendments (Deferral of effective date of IFRS 9)

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following Standards and Interpretations were assessed to be relevant and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023:

- IAS 1 Amendments (Disclosure of Accounting Policies)
- IAS 8 Amendments (Definition of Accounting Estimates)
- IAS 12 Amendments (Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction)

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following Standards and Interpretations were assessed to be relevant and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024:

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

The Company intends to adopt the Standards and Interpretations in the reporting period when they become effective and the Board does not anticipate that the adoption of these Standards and Interpretations in future periods will materially impact the Company's financial results in the period of initial application although there may be revised presentations to the Financial Statements and additional disclosures.

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(b) Income. Dividend income from equity investments is recognised on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income from equity investments where no ex-dividend date is quoted are recognised when the Company's right to receive payment is established. Where the Company has elected to receive dividends in the form of additional shares rather than in cash, the amount of the cash dividend foregone is recognised as income. Special dividends are recognised as capital or revenue according to their circumstances.

The Company owns 100% of the share capital of its Subsidiary and has the ability to control the Subsidiary's operations. There are no significant restrictions on the transfer of funds to or from the Subsidiary and accordingly income is recognised by the Company in the same period as received by the Subsidiary.

The fixed returns on debt instruments are recognised using the time apportioned accruals basis.

- (c) Expenses and interest payable. All expenses, with the exception of interest, which is recognised using the effective interest method, are recognised on an accruals basis. Expenses are charged to the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income except as follows:
  - costs incidental to the issue of new shares as defined in the Prospectus are charged to capital;
  - expenses resulting from the acquisition or disposal of an investment are charged to the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income; and
  - expenses are charged to the capital column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income where a connection with the maintenance or enhancement of the value of the investments can be demonstrated. The Company charges 60% of investment management fees and finance costs to capital, in accordance with the Board's estimate of expected long-term return in the form of capital gains and income respectively from the investment portfolio of the Company.
- (d) Taxation. Profits arising in the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022 will be subject to Jersey income tax at the rate of 0% (2021 0%).

Investment income and capital gains are subject to withholding tax deducted at the source of the income. The Company presents the withholding tax separately from the gross investment income in the Statement of Comprehensive Income under taxation.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences at the Statement of Financial Position date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the Statement of Financial Position date. This is subject to deferred tax assets only being recognised if it is considered more likely than not that there will be suitable profits from which the future reversal of the temporary differences can be deducted. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the rates applicable to the legal jurisdictions in which they arise, using enacted tax rates that are expected to apply at the date the deferred tax position is unwound.

(e) Investments held at fair value through profit or loss. The Company has adopted the classification and measurement provisions of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'.

The Company classifies its investments based on their contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company's business model for managing the assets. The business model, which is the determining feature for debt instruments, is such that the portfolio of investments is managed, and performance is evaluated, on a fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") basis. The Manager is also compensated based on the fair value of the Company's assets. Equity instruments are classified as FVTPL because cash flows resulting from such instruments do not represent payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding, and therefore they fail the contractual cash flows test. Consequently, all investments are measured at FVTPL.

Changes in the value of investments held at fair value through profit or loss and gains and losses on disposal are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as "Gains/(losses) on investments held at fair value through profit or loss". Also included within this caption are transaction costs in relation to the purchase or sale of investments, including the difference between the purchase price of an investment and its bid price at the date of purchase.

Fair value measurement. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value is derived from unadjusted quoted bid prices in active markets, with the exception of inflation-linked bonds whose quoted bid prices are adjusted for indexation arising from the movement of the consumer prices index for the relevant country of issue of the bond. The fair value of forward currency contracts is calculated by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles. An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

- (f) Cash and cash equivalents. Cash comprises cash at banks and short-term deposits.
- (g) Other receivables. Other receivables are held to collect contractual cash flows and give rise to cash flows representing solely payments of principal and interest. As such they are measured at amortised cost. Other receivables do not carry any interest and they have been assessed for any expected credit losses over their lifetime due to their short-term nature.
- (h) Other payables. Other payables are non interest bearing and are stated at amortised cost.
- (i) Nature and purpose of reserves

**Capital reserve**. This reserve reflects any gains or losses on investments realised in the period along with any movement in the fair value of investments held that have been recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. These include gains and losses from foreign currency exchange differences.

Additionally, expenses, including finance costs, are charged to this reserve in accordance with note 2(c) above.

When the Company purchases its Ordinary shares to be held in treasury and for cancellation, the amount of the consideration paid, which includes directly attributable costs, is net of any tax effect, and is recognised as a deduction from the capital reserve. Should these shares be sold subsequently, the amount received is recognised as an increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is transferred to or from the capital reserve.

**Revenue reserve.** This reserve reflects all income and costs which are recognised in the revenue column of the Statement of Comprehensive Income less dividends which have been paid.

- (j) Foreign currency. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. The Company's performance is evaluated and its liquidity is managed in sterling. Therefore sterling is considered as the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions. Transactions during the year involving foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the transaction date. Gains or losses arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of a transaction are included as a currency gain or loss in revenue or capital in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, depending on whether the gain or loss is of a revenue or capital nature.
- (k) Bank loans. The Company has adopted the classification and measurement provisions of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'.

  Borrowings are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. No impact on the classification or measurement of borrowings has arisen due to the adoption of IFRS 9.

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Borrowings are stated at the amount of the net proceeds immediately after draw down plus cumulative finance costs less cumulative payments. The finance cost of borrowings is allocated over the term of the debt at a constant rate on the carrying amount and charged 40% to revenue and 60% to capital to reflect the Company's investment policy and prospective revenue and capital growth.

(I) Derivative financial instruments. The Company may use forward foreign exchange contracts to manage currency risk arising from investment activity.

Derivatives are measured at fair value calculated by reference to forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles.

Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as revenue or capital depending on their nature.

(m) Dividends payable. Interim dividends payable are recognised in the financial statements in the period in which they are paid.

#### 3. Segmental reporting

The Company is engaged in a single segment of business. For management purposes, the Company is organised into one main operating segment, which invests in equity securities, debt instruments and related derivatives. All of the Company's activities are viewed on a portfolio wide basis and are interrelated, with each activity dependent on the others. Accordingly, all significant operating decisions are based on the Company as one segment.

The following table analyses the Company's income, including income derived from the Subsidiary's investments, by geographical location. The basis for attributing the income is the place of incorporation of the instrument's investment, however, where the Company invests in American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") designated securities the underlying geographic location is considered to be the basis.

	2022 £'000	2021 £′000
Brazil	1,976	1,045
Chile	69	62
Columbia	177	180
Mexico	756	498
Peru	80	131
Uruguay	312	185
United Kingdom	2	-
	3,372	2,101

The Company's income (including that generated by its Subsidiary's investments) comprises 59% (2021 – 45%) from equities and 41% (2021 – 55%) from fixed income securities.

#### 4. Income

2022 £′000	2021
a 000	£′000
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637	532
902	762
1,831	807
3,370	2,101
2	_
3,372	2,101
	902 1,831 3,370

The Company owns 100% of the share capital of its Subsidiary and has the ability to control the Subsidiary's operations. There are no significant restrictions on the transfer of funds to or from the Subsidiary and accordingly income is recognised by the Company in the same period as received by the Subsidiary. During the year net revenue of £1,831,000 (2021 – £807,000) was generated by the Subsidiary.

#### 5. Investment management fee

The Company had an agreement with a CIL for the provision of management services during the year. Portfolio management services have been delegated by a CIL to AAML during the year.

The management fee is based on an annual rate of 1% of the NAV of the Company, valued monthly. The agreement is terminable on one year's notice. The balance due to aCIL at the year end was £35,000 (2021 – £46,000). Investment management fees are charged 40% to revenue and 60% to capital.

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#### 6. Other operating expenses

	2022 £′000	2021 £′000
Directors' fees	103	101
Promotional activities	24	24
Secretarial and administration fee	_	
Auditor's remuneration:		
- fees payable for the audit of the annual accounts	37	36
Legal and advisory fees	35	14
Custodian and overseas agents' charges	37	47
Broker fees	30	30
Stock exchange fees	24	23
Registrar's fees	30	23
Printing	20	20
Other	28	22
	368	340

The Company has an agreement with abrdn Fund Managers Limited ("AFML") for the provision of promotional activities. The total fees incurred under the agreement during the year were £24,000 (2021 – £24,000), of which £10,000 (2021 – £4,000) was due to AFML at the year end.

The Company's management agreement with a CIL provides for the provision of company secretarial and administration services. This agreement has been sub-delegated to abrdn Fund Managers Limited. a CIL is entitled to an annual fee of £132,000 (2021 – £127,000) which increases annually in line with any increase in the UK Retail Price Index. A balance of £nil (2021 – £nil) was due to a CIL at the year end.

The Manager has agreed to ensure that the Company's ongoing charges ratio ("OCR") will not exceed 2.0% when calculated annually as at 31 August. As the OCR exceeded 2.0% for the year ended 31 August 2022, the Manager has agreed to rebate  $\pounds 132,000$  (2021 –  $\pounds 127,000$ ) of the secretarial and administration fee and  $\pounds 55,000$  (2021 –  $\pounds 24,000$ ) of the management fee in order to bring the OCR down to 2.0%.

No fees were paid to the auditor for services other than in respect of the audit of the Company's annual accounts.

### 7. Taxation

	2022			2021		
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Analysis of charge for the year						
Overseas tax suffered	60	-	60	53	-	53
Total current tax charge for the year	60	-	60	53	-	53
Deferred tax liability on Mexican capital gains	-	(76)	(76)	-	119	119
Total tax charge for the year	60	(76)	(16)	53	119	172

The Company has provided for a deferred tax liability on Mexican capital gains at 31 August 2022 of £43,000 (2021 – £119,000), the reduction in the liability resulting in an overall tax credit balance of £16,000.

Factors affecting the tax charge for the year. The tax charged for the year can be reconciled to the profit/(loss) per the Statement of Comprehensive Income as follows:

		2022			2021	
	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000	Revenue £'000	Capital £'000	Total £'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	2,826	(689)	2,137	1,573	4,163	5,736
Tax on profit/(loss) at the standard rate of nil% (2021 - nil%)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Effects of:			-			-
Losses on investments held at fair value through profit or loss not taxable	-	-	-	-	-	_
Currency gains not taxable	-	-	-	_	_	-
Movement in excess expenses	-	-	-	_	_	-
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	-	-	_	_	-
Movement in deferred tax liability on Mexican capital gains	-	(76)	(76)	-	119	119
Irrecoverable overseas withholding tax	60	-	60	53	-	53
Non-taxable dividend income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total tax charge	60	(76)	(16)	53	119	172

The standard rate of tax of the Company is 0% (2021 – 0%) and the amounts in the table are reconciling items between tax at the effective rate and the taxation charge in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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### 8. Dividends on equity shares

	2022	2021
	£′000	£′000
Distributions to equity holders in the year:		
Fourth interim dividend for 2021 - 0.875p (2020 - 0.875p) per Ordinary share	500	500
First interim dividend for 2022 - 0.875p (2021 - 0.875p) per Ordinary share	500	500
Second interim dividend for 2022 - 0.875p (2021 - 0.875p) per Ordinary share	500	500
Third interim dividend for 2022 - 0.875p (2021 - 0.875p) per Ordinary share	500	500
	2,000	2,000

The fourth interim dividend for the year of 0.875p per Ordinary share has not been included as a liability in these financial statements as it was announced and paid after 31 August 2022.

#### 9. Earnings per Ordinary share

Earnings or loss per Ordinary share is based on the profit for the year of £2,153,000 (2021 profit – £5,564,000) and on 57,113,324 (2021 – 57,113,324) Ordinary shares, being the weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The earnings per Ordinary share detailed above can be further analysed between revenue return and capital return as follows:

		2022			2021	
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
Profit/(loss) (£'000)	2,766	(613)	2,153	1,520	4,044	5,564
Weighted average number of Ordinary shares in issue ('000)			57,113			57,113
Return per Ordinary share (pence)	4.84	(1.07)	3.77	2.66	7.08	9.74

#### 10. Investments held at fair value

(a)

		Year ended . August 2022			Year ended . August 2021		
Fair value through profit or loss	Quoted bonds & Equities £'000	Investment in Subsidiary £'000	Total £'000	Quoted bonds & Equities £'000	Investment in Subsidiary £'000	Total £'000	
Opening book cost	22,285	14,904	37,189	25,366	13,226	38,592	
Opening investment holdings (losses)/gains	(150)	4,201	4,051	(4,092)	3,004	(1,088)	
Opening fair value	22,135	19,105	41,240	21,274	16,230	37,504	
Movements in the year:							
Purchases	6,600	-	6,600	6,611	-	6,611	
Sales proceeds	(8,090)	-	(8,090)	(9,404)	-	(9,404)	
Payments to/(receipts from) Subsidiary by Company	-	1,975	1,975	-	2,463	2,463	
Realised losses on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss	(178)	-	(178)	(290)	-	(290)	
(Decrease)/increase in investment holdings fair value gains/(losses)	79	(576)	(497)	3,944	390	4,334	
Net income generated in Subsidiary	-	1,831	1,831	_	807	807	
Cash transfer to/(from) Subsidiary to Parent (Income from Subsidiary)	-	(1,545)	(1,545)	-	(785)	(785)	
Closing fair value	20,546	20,790	41,336	22,135	19,105	41,240	
	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000	£′000	
Closing book cost	20,617	15,334	35,951	22,285	14,904	37,189	
Closing investment holdings (losses)/gains	(71)	3,625	3,554	(150)	3,394	3,244	
Net income generated in Subsidiary	-	1,831	1,831	_	807	807	
Closing fair value	20,546	20,790	41,336	22,135	19,105	41,240	

The Company received £8,090,000 (31 August 2021 – £9,404,000) from investments sold in the period. The book cost of these investments when they were purchased was £8,268,000 (31 August 2021 – £9,694,000). These investments have been revalued over time and until they were sold any unrealised gains/losses were included in the fair value of the investments.

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- (b) Investment in Subsidiary. The Company holds 100% of the share capital of its Subsidiary. The Company meets the definition of an investment entity, therefore it does not consolidate its Subsidiary but recognises it as an investment at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of the Subsidiary is based on its net assets which comprises investments held at fair value, cash, income receivable and other receivables/payables. The Company receives income from its Subsidiary and there are no significant restrictions on the transfer of funds to or from the Subsidiary. During the year the Company paid a net transfer to the Subsidiary of £1,975,000 (2021 £2,463,000).
- (c) Transaction costs. During the year, expenses were incurred in acquiring or disposing of investments classified as fair value through profit or loss. The total costs were as follows:

	Year ended 31 August 2022 £'000	Year ended 31 August 2021 £'000
Purchases	11	10
Sales	10	12
	21	22

The above transaction costs are calculated in line with the AIC SORP. The transaction costs in the Company's Key Information Document are calculated on a different basis and in line with the PRIIPs regulations.

#### 11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

**Bank loan**. On 13 August 2021 the Company entered a £6 million two year unsecured revolving multi-currency loan facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia, London Branch, expiring on 14 August 2023. This replaced the existing £6m loan facility agreement with Scotiabank Europe plc. At the year end £5,500,000 was drawn down (2021 – £5,500,000) under the facility, fixed to 8 September 2022 at an all-in rate of 2.561%.

At the date this Report was approved, £5,500,000 was drawn down under this facility and fixed to 7 December 2022 at an all-in rate of 3.5559%

Under the terms of the loan facility the Company's borrowings must not exceed 25% of adjusted NAV. Adjusted NAV is defined as total net assets less, inter alia, the aggregate of all excluded assets, excluded assets being, without double counting, the value of any unquoted assets, all investments issued by a single issuer in excess of 15% of total NAV, all Brazilian and Mexican bonds in excess of 30%, any MSCI Industry category in excess of 25%, and cash along with any shortfall in cash, equities and investment Grade bonds below 70%. All covenants have been complied with throughout the year and up to the date of this Annual Report.

The Directors are of the opinion that there is no significant difference between the carrying value and fair value of the bank loan due to its short term nature.

### 12. Equity capital

	2022		2021	
	Number £′000		Number	£′000
Issued and fully paid - Ordinary shares				
Balance brought and carried forward	57,113,324	65,936	57,113,324	65,936

	2022		202	1
	Number	£′000	Number	£′000
Issued and fully paid - Treasury shares				
Balance brought and carried forward	6,107,500	-	6,107,500	-
Stated capital	63,220,824	65.936	63,220,824	65.936

The Ordinary shares were issued for £1 each and have nil par value. For each ordinary share issued £1 is allocated to stated capital, with the balance taken to the capital reserve. The number of Ordinary shares authorised for issue is unlimited.

During the year there were no share buybacks or issues (2021 - same).

Shares held in treasury consisting of 6,107,500 (2021 – 6,107,500) Ordinary shares represent 9.66% (2021 – 9.66%) of the Company's total issued share capital at 31 August 2022.

The Ordinary shares are entitled to all of the capital growth in the Company's assets and to all the income from the Company that is resolved to be distributed.

## 13. Capital reserve

	2022 £′000	2021 £′000
At beginning of year	(31,499)	(35,543)
Net currency gains/(losses)	75	(73)
Forward foreign currency contracts gains	178	475
Movement in investment holdings fair value (losses)/gains	(497)	4,334
Loss on sales of investments	(178)	(290)
Capitalised expenses	(191)	(402)
At end of year	(32,112)	(31,499)

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#### 14 Net asset value per Ordinary share

Net asset value per Ordinary share is based on a net asset value of £36,072,000 (2021 – £35,919,000) and on 57,113,324 (2021 – 57,113,324) Ordinary shares, being the number of Ordinary shares issued and outstanding at the year end excluding shares held in treasury.

#### 15. Risk management policies and procedures

The Company, and through its Subsidiary, invests in equities and sovereign bonds for the long term so as to achieve its objective as stated on page 15. In pursuing its investment objective, the Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks that could result in a reduction in the Company's net assets and a reduction in the revenue available for distribution by way of dividends. The Company entered into forward foreign currency contracts for the purpose of hedging short term foreign currency cash flows consistent with its investment policy. As at 31 August 2022 there were 10 open positions in derivatives transactions (2021 – 19) details of which can be found on page 92. The Company has not entered into forward foreign currency contracts for the purpose of hedging fair values as at each reporting date.

The Directors conclude that it is appropriate to present the financial risk disclosures of the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiary in combination as this accurately reflects how the Company uses its Subsidiary to carry out its investment activities, including those relating to portfolio allocation and risk management.

These financial risks of the Company and its Subsidiary are market risk (comprising market price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk), liquidity risk and credit risk, and the Directors' approach to the management of these risks, are set out below. The Board of Directors is responsible for the Company's risk management. The overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

The Board determines the objectives, policies and processes for managing the risks that are set out below, under the relevant risk category and relies upon AFML's system of internal controls. The policies for the management of each risk are unchanged from the previous accounting period.

- (a) Market risk. The fair value of a financial instrument held by the Company and its Subsidiary may fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk comprises market price risk (see note 15(b)), currency risk (see note 15(c)) and interest rate risk (see note 15(d)). The Investment Manager assesses the exposure to market risk when making each investment decision, and monitors the overall level of market risk on the whole of the investment portfolio on an ongoing basis.
- **(b)** Market price risk. Market price risks (i.e. changes in market prices other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk) may affect the value of the quoted investments.

Management of the risk. The Board monitors the risks inherent in the investment portfolio by ensuring full and timely access to relevant information from the Investment Manager. The Board meets regularly and at each meeting reviews investment performance. The Board and Manager monitor the Investment Manager's compliance with the Company's objectives, and is directly responsible for oversight of the investment strategy and asset allocation.

Concentration of exposure to market price risk. A geographical analysis of the Company's and Subsidiary's combined investment portfolio is shown on pages 29 to 34. This shows the amounts invested in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. Accordingly, there is a concentration of exposure to those countries, though it is recognised that an investment's country of domicile or of listing does not necessarily equate to its exposure to the economic conditions in that country.

Market price sensitivity. The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the return after taxation for the year and equity to an increase or decrease of 20% (2021 – 20%) in the fair value of the Company's and its Subsidiary's investments. This level of change is considered to be reasonably possible based on observation of past and current market conditions. The sensitivity analysis is based on the Company's and its Subsidiary's investments at each balance sheet date and the investment management fees for the year ended 31 August 2022, with all other variables held constant.

	2022 Increase in fair value £'000	2022 Decrease in fair value £'000	2021 Increase in fair value £'000	2021 Decrease in fair value £'000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – return after tax				
Revenue return	(33)	33	(33)	33
Capital return	8,110	(8,110)	8,197	(8,197)
Impact on total return after tax for the year and net assets	8,077	(8,077)	8,164	(8,164)

(c) Currency risk. Most of the Company's assets (including indirectly through its investment in its Subsidiary), liabilities and income are denominated in currencies other than sterling (the Company's functional currency, and the currency in which it reports its results). As a result, movements in exchange rates may affect the sterling value of those items.

**Management of the risk**. The Investment Manager manages the Company's exposure to foreign currencies and reports to the Board on a regular basis.

The Investment Manager also manages the risk to the Company and its Subsidiary of the foreign currency exposure by considering the effect on the Company's NAV and income of a movement in the exchange rates to which the Company's and Subsidiary's assets, liabilities, income and expenses are exposed.

Income denominated in foreign currencies is converted into sterling on receipt. The Company and its Subsidiary do not use financial instruments to mitigate currency exposure in the period between the time that income is accrued in the financial statements and its receipt.

Foreign currency exposure. The table below shows, by currency, the split of the Company and Subsidiary's non-sterling monetary assets and investments that are denominated in currencies other than sterling. The exposure is shown on an aggregated basis and excludes forward currency contracts which are used for the purpose of ensuring the Company's foreign currency exposure is appropriately hedged.

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2022	ARS £'000	BRL £'000	CLP £'000	COP £′000	MXN £'000	PEN £'000	UYU £′000	USD £'000
Debtors (due from brokers, dividends and other receivables)	-	402	-	84	169	24	35	31
Cash	-	221	-	-	-	-	-	6
Creditors (due to brokers, accruals and other creditors)	-	(3)	-	-	(65)	(18)	-	(53)
Total foreign currency exposure on net monetary items	-	620	-	84	104	6	35	(16)
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	498	19,745	776	2,463	9,919	1,518	2,524	3,234
Total net foreign currency exposure	498	20,365	776	2,547	10,023	1,524	2,559	3,218
2021	ARS £′000	BRL £′000	CLP £'000	COP £′000	MXN £′000	PEN £′000	UYU £′000	USD £'000
Debtors (due from brokers, dividends and other receivables)	_	96	-	39	87	13	25	15
Cash	-	29	2	-	17	13	-	13
Creditors (due to brokers, accruals and other creditors)	_	(2)	-	(22)	(6)	_	_	(10)
Total foreign currency exposure on net monetary items	-	123	2	17	98	26	25	18
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,670	20,568	2,018	2,699	9,227	890	2,407	1,634
Total net foreign currency exposure	1,670	20,691	2,020					

Foreign currency sensitivity. The sensitivity of the total return after tax for the year and the net assets in regard to the movements in the Company's and its Subsidiary's foreign currency financial assets and financial liabilities and the exchange rates for the £/Argentine Peso (ARS), £/Brazilian Real (BRL), £/Chilean Peso (CLP), £/Colombian Peso (COP), £/Mexican Peso (MXN), £/Peruvian Nuevo Sol (PEN), £/Uruguayan Peso (UYU) and £/US Dollar (USD) are set out below. This sensitivity excludes forward currency contracts entered into for hedging short term cash flows.

It assumes the following changes in exchange rates:

£/Argentine Peso (ARS) +/-124% (2021 +/-172%) (maximum downside risk 100%)

 $\$ /Brazilian Real(BRL) +/-20% (2021 +/-32%)

£/Chilean Peso (CLP) +/-19% (2021 +/-21%)

£/Columbian Peso (COP) +/-23% (2021 +/-30%)

£/Mexican Peso (MXN) +/-4% (2021 +/-11%)

£/Uruguayan Peso (UYU) +/-6% (2021 +/-40%)

£/US Dollar (USD) +/-4% (2021 +/-6%)

These percentages have been determined based on the average market volatility in exchange rates in the previous 3 years and using the Company's and its Subsidiary's foreign currency financial assets and financial liabilities held at each balance sheet date.

For 2022, if sterling had strengthened against the currencies shown, this would have had the following effect, with a weakening of sterling having an equal and opposite effect with the exception of the Argentine Peso which is capped at 100% on the downside amounting to £nil for revenue returns and £617,000 for capital returns but on the upside revenue returns would increase by £nil and capital returns by £617,000:

2022 Statement of Comprehensive Income – return after tax	ARS £′000	BRL £′000	CLP £′000	COP £'000	MXN £′000	PEN £′000	£′000	USD £′000
Revenue return	-	125	-	14	(4)	-	2	(1)
Capital return	(617)	(4,072)	(147)	(586)	(401)	(122)	(153)	(129)
Impact on total return after tax for the year and net assets	(617)	(3,947)	(147)	(572)	(405)	(122)	(151)	(130)

For 2021, if sterling had strengthened against the currencies shown, this would have had the following effect, with a weakening of sterling having an equal and opposite effect with the exception of the Argentine Peso which is capped at 100% on the downside amounting to £nil for revenue returns and £1,670,000 for capital returns but on the upside revenue returns would increase by £nil and capital returns by £2,873,000:

2021	ARS £'000	BRL £'000	CLP £′000	COP £′000	MXN £'000	PEN £′000	£′000	USD £′000
Statement of Comprehensive Income – return after tax								
Revenue return	-	(40)	_	(12)	(10)	(5)	(10)	(1)
Capital return	(1,670)	(6,621)	(424)	(815)	(1,026)	(284)	(973)	(99)
Impact on total return after tax for the year and net assets	(1,670)	(6,661)	(424)	(827)	(1,036)	(289)	(983)	(100)

**Foreign exchange contracts**. The Company has entered into derivative transactions, in the form of forward exchange contracts, to ensure that exposure to foreign denominated cash flows is appropriately hedged. The following forward contracts were outstanding at the Statement of Financial Position date:

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Local currency		Unrealised gain/(loss)				
Date of contract	Buy Currency	Sell Currency	Settlement date	Amount '000	Contracted rate	31 August 2022 £'000
7 July 2022	GBP	USD	18 October 2022	53	1.1647	(1)
7 July 2022	GBP	USD	18 October 2022	999	1.1647	(33)
7 July 2022	MXN	GBP	18 October 2022	1,164	23.6381	76
25 July 2022	GBP	USD	18 October 2022	542	1.1647	(21)
10 August 2022	BRL	USD	22 November 2022	162	0.1623	(3)
10 August 2022	PEN	GBP	22 November 2022	252	0.2213	20
10 August 2022	USD	COP	22 November 2022	810	1.1654	24
10 August 2022	USD	PEN	22 November 2022	858	1.1654	(18)
18 August 2022	USD	GBP	18 October 2022	66	1.1647	2
23 August 2022	MXN	GBP	18 October 2022	126	23.6381	1

Date of contract	Buy Currency	Sell Currency	Settlement date		currency Contracted rate	Unrealised gain/(loss) 31 August 2021 £'000
1 June 2021	GBP	USD	1 September 2021	146	1.3764	(4)
1 June 2021	USD	BRL	1 September 2021	148	1.3763	(2)
8 July 2021	GBP	USD	13 October 2021	1,088	1.3764	(2)
8 July 2021	GBP	USD	13 October 2021	53	1.3764	0
8 July 2021	MXN	GBP	13 October 2021	1,622	27.7401	12
12 July 2021	GBP	USD	13 October 2021	149	1.3764	(1)
27 July 2021	GBP	MXN	13 October 2021	148	27.7401	(1)
28 July 2021	USD	GBP	13 October 2021	68	1.3764	1
30 July 2021	GBP	MXN	13 October 2021	267	27.7401	(3)
30 July 2021	GBP	USD	13 October 2021	70	1.3764	(1)
12 August 2021	USD	GBP	13 October 2021	228	1.3764	2
16 August 2021	BRL	USD	24 November 2021	540	0.1401	14
17 August 2021	USD	COP	24 November 2021	808	1.3765	(22)
17 August 2021	USD	PEN	24 November 2021	740	1.3765	1
23 August 2021	USD	GBP	13 October 2021	86	1.3764	(1)
26 August 2021	BRL	USD	1 September 2021	152	0.1419	3
26 August 2021	GBP	USD	13 October 2021	151	1.3764	0
26 August 2021	USD	GBP	1 September 2021	151	1.3763	0
26 August 2021	USD	BRL	24 November 2021	149	1.3765	(3)

The fair value of forward exchange contracts is based on forward exchange rates at the Balance Sheet date.

A sensitivity analysis of foreign currency contracts is not presented as the Directors consider that these are not significant given the short duration of the contracts and expected volatility of the respective foreign exchange rates over the term of the contracts.

- (d) Interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that arises from fluctuating interest rates. Interest rate movements may affect:
  - the fair value of the investments in fixed interest rate securities;
  - the level of income receivable on cash deposits;
  - interest payable on the Company's variable interest rate borrowings.

The interest rate risk applicable to a bond is dependent on the sensitivity of its price to interest rate changes in the market. The sensitivity depends on the bond's time to maturity, and the coupon rate of the bond.

**Management of the risk.** The possible effects on fair value and cash flows that could arise as a result of changes in interest rates are taken into account when making investment decisions.

**Financial assets**. The Company and its Subsidiary hold fixed rate government bonds with prices determined by market perception as to the appropriate level of yields given the economic background. Key determinants of market quoted prices include economic growth prospects, inflation, the relevant government's fiscal position, short-term interest rates and international market comparisons. The Investment Manager considers all these factors when making investment decisions. Each quarter the Board reviews the decisions made by the Investment Manager and receives reports on each market in which the Company and its Subsidiary invest together with economic updates.

Returns from bonds are fixed at the time of purchase, as the fixed coupon payments are known, as are the final redemption proceeds. This means that if a bond is held until its redemption date, the total return achieved is unaltered from its purchase date. However, over the life of a bond the market price at any given time will depend on the market environment at that time. Therefore, a bond sold before its redemption date is likely to have a different price to its purchase price and a profit or loss may result.

Financial liabilities. The Company primarily finances its operations through use of equity and bank borrowings.

The Company has a revolving multi-currency facility, details of which are disclosed in note 11 on page 86.

The Board actively monitors its bank borrowings. A decision on whether to roll over its existing borrowings will be made prior to their maturity dates, taking into account the Company's policy of not having any fixed, long-term borrowings.

**Interest rate exposure**. The exposure at 31 August of financial assets and financial liabilities to interest rate risk is shown by reference to floating interest rates – when the interest rate is due to be re-set.

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	20	22	202	1	
	Within one year	Total	Within one year	Total	
	£′000	£'000	€′000	£′000	
Exposure to floating interest rates					
Cash	117	117	333	333	
Borrowings under loan facility	(5,500)	(5,500)	(5,500)	(5,500)	
Total net exposure to interest rates	(5,383)	(5,383)	(5,167)	(5,167)	

The Company does not have any fixed interest rate exposure to cash or bank borrowings at 31 August 2022 (2021 – nil). Interest receivable and finance costs are at the following rates:

- interest received on cash balances, or paid on bank overdrafts, is at a margin below SONIA or its foreign currency equivalent (2021 same).
- interest paid on borrowings under the loan facility was at a margin above LIBOR to 13 August 2022 and at a margin above SONIA from 13 August 2022 to the Company's year end. The weighted average interest rate of these at 31 August 2022 was 2.561% (2021-1.49053%).

**Interest rate sensitivity.** A sensitivity analysis demonstrates the sensitivity of the Company's results for the year to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant.

The sensitivity of the profit/(loss) for the year is the effect of the assumed change in interest rates on:

- the net interest income for the year, based on the floating rate financial assets held at the Statement of Financial Position date; and
- changes in fair value of investments for the year, based on revaluing fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at the Statement of Financial Position date.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points higher or lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company's net interest for the year ended 31 August 2022 would decrease/increase by £27,000 (2021 – £26,000). This is attributable to the Company's exposure to interest rates on its floating rate cash balances and bank loan.

If interest rates had been 200 basis points (2021 – 50 basis points) higher and all other variables were held constant, a change in fair value of the Company's fixed income financial assets at the year ended 31 August 2022 of £15,489,000 (2021 – £14,489,000) would result in a decrease of £570,000 (2021 – £380,000). If interest rates had been 200 basis points (2021 – 50 basis points) lower and all other variables were heldconstant, a change in fair value of the Company's fixed rate financial assets at the year ended 31 August 2022 would result in an increase of £570,000 (2021 – £396,000).

**(e) Liquidity risk.** This is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities.

**Management of the risk.** All of the Company's and its Subsidiary's portfolios are investments in quoted bonds and equities that are actively traded. The Company's level of borrowings is subject to regular review.

The Company's investment policy allows the Investment Manager to determine the maximum amount of the Company's resources that should be invested in any one company.

**Liquidity risk exposure**. The remaining contractual maturities of the financial liabilities at 31 August 2022, based on the earliest date on which payment can be required are as follows (borrowings under the loan facility are subject to a resetting of the interest rate upon maturity):

31 August 2022  Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Due within 3 months £′000	Due between 3 months and 1 year £'000	Due after 1 year £'000	Total £′000
Borrowings under the loan facility (including interest)	(5,510)	-	-	(5,510)
Amounts due on forward foreign currency contracts	(76)	-	-	(76)
Amounts due to brokers and accruals	(118)	-	-	(118)
	(5,704)	-	-	(5,704)

31 August 2021	Due within 3 months £′000	between 3 months and 1 year £'000	Due after 1 year £'000	Total £′000
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
Borrowings under the loan facility (including interest)	(5,504)	-	_	(5,504)
Amounts due on forward foreign currency contracts	(40)	-	-	(40)
Amounts due to brokers and accruals	(202)	-	-	(202)
	(5,746)	=	=	(5,746)

(f) Credit risk. The failure of the counterparty to a transaction to discharge its obligations under that transaction could result in the Company or its Subsidiary suffering a loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk on debt instruments. These classes of financial assets are not subject to IFRS 9's impairment requirements as they are measured at FVTPL. The carrying value of these assets, under IFRS 9 represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk on financial instruments not subject to the IFRS 9 impairment requirements on the respective reporting dates (see table on page 96 "Credit Risk Exposure").

The Company's only financial assets subject to the expected credit loss model within IFRS 9 are cash and short-term other receivables. At 31 August 2022 the total of cash and short-term other receivables was £360,000 (2021 – £511,000).

As cash and short-term other receivables are impacted by the IFRS 9 model, the Company has adopted an approach similar to the simplified approach.

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Management of the risk. Where the investment manager makes an investment in a bond, corporate or otherwise, where available, the credit rating of the issuer is taken into account so as to minimise the risk to the Company of default. Investment transactions are carried out with a number of brokers, whose credit-standing is reviewed regularly by AFML, and limits are set on the amount that may be due from any one broker; the risk of counterparty exposure due to failed trades causing a loss to the Company or its Subsidiary is mitigated by the review of failed trade reports on a daily basis. In addition, the administrator carries out both cash and stock reconciliations to the custodians' records on a daily basis to ensure discrepancies are detected on a timely basis.

Cash is held only with reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings. None of the Company's or its Subsidiary's financial assets have been pledged as collateral.

**Credit risk exposure**. In summary, compared to the amounts included in the Balance Sheet, the maximum exposure to credit risk at 31 August was as follows:

	20	2022		21
	Balance Sheet £'000	Maximum exposure £'000	Balance Sheet £'000	Maximum exposure £'000
Non-current assets				
Bonds at fair value through profit or loss <sup>A</sup>	15,489	15,489	14,489	14,489
Current assets				
Cash	117	117	333	333
Other receivables	243	243	178	178
Forward foreign currency contracts	123	123	33	33
	15,972	15,972	15,033	15,033

A Includes quoted bonds held by the Company and its Subsidiary on an aggregated basis. For more detail on these bonds refer to page 31.

None of the Company's and Subsidiary's financial assets are secured by collateral or other credit enhancements and none are past their due date or impaired.

**Credit ratings**. The table below provides a credit rating profile using Standard and Poor's credit ratings for the bond portfolio at 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2021:

	2022 £′000	2021 £′000
A-	-	544
BBB+	866	3,883
BBB	7,027	2,378
BB+	2,462	2,187
BB-	5,134	4,037
Non-rated	-	1,460
	15,489	14,489

At 31 August 2021 the Standard and Poor's credit ratings agency did not provide a rating for a Brazilian bond, a Colombian bond, a Peruvian bond and an Uruguayan bond held by the Company and were accordingly categorised as non-rated in the table above. It was however noted that Fitch's credit rating agency did provide a BB- rating for the Brazilian bond valued at £616,000, a BB+ rating for the Colombian bond valued at £513,000 and a BBB- rating for the Uruguayan bond valued at £30,000. Moody's credit ratings agency provided a Baa1 rating for the Peruvian bond valued at £301,000.

At 31 August 2022 the Company held cash of £117,000 (2021 – £333,000) with BNP Paribas SA, which has a credit rating of A-1 (2021 – A-1) with Standard and Poor's. No ECL adjustments have been made since the risk is considered negligible.

#### 16. Capital management policies and procedures

The Company's capital management objectives are:

- to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern; and
- to maximise the income and capital return to its Equity Shareholders through equity capital and debt.

The Company's capital at 31 August 2022 comprises its equity capital and reserves that are shown in the Balance Sheet at a total of £36,072,000 (2021 - £35,919,000). As at 31 August 2022 gross debt as a percentage of net assets stood at 15.3% (2021 - 15.3%).

The Board, with the assistance of abrdn, monitors and reviews the broad structure of the Company's capital on an ongoing basis. This review includes:

- the planned level of gearing, which takes account of abrdn's views on the market;
- the need to buy back Ordinary shares for cancellation or treasury, which takes account of the difference between the net asset value per share and the share price (i.e. the level of share price discount);
- the need for new issues of Ordinary shares, including issues from treasury; and
- the extent to which distributions from reserves may be made.

The Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital are unchanged from the preceding accounting period.

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#### 17. Related party transactions

Directors' interests. Fees payable during the year to the Directors are disclosed within the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 61 and in note 6 on page 82.

Transactions with the Manager. Under the terms of the management agreement with the Company, a CIL is entitled to receive both a management fee and a company secretarial and administration fee. Details of the management fee arrangements are presented in note 5 on page 81. The company secretarial and administration fee is based on an annual amount of £132,000 (2021 – £127,000), increasing annually in line with any increases in the UK Retail Prices Index, payable quarterly in arrears. During the year no fee (2021 – £nil) was payable after the deduction of a rebate £132,000 (2021 – £127,000) to bring the OCR down to 2.0%, with £nil (2021 – £nil) outstanding at the period end.

The Manager has agreed to ensure that the Company's OCR will not exceed 2.0% when calculated annually as at 31 August. Until further notice, to the extent that the OCR ever exceeds 2.0% the Manager will rebate part of its fees in order to bring that ratio down to 2.0%

Subsidiary. The Company owns 100% of the share capital of the Subsidiary. Details of the movements in the investment are presented in note 10 on page 85.

#### 18. Controlling party

The Company has no immediate or ultimate controlling party.

#### 19. Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 13 requires an entity to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

The Company has classified fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Financial assets and financial liabilities are either carried in the balance sheet at their fair value (investments and forward currency contracts) or the balance sheet amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value (due from brokers, dividends and interest receivable, due to brokers, accruals, cash at bank and amounts due under the loan facility).

The financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the Balance Sheet grouped into the fair value hierarchy at 31 August 2022 are as follows:

	Note	Level 1 £′000	Level 2 £'000	Total £′000
Financial assets/(liabilities) at fair value through profit or loss				
Quoted equities	a)	10,191	-	10,191
Quoted bonds	b)	-	10,355	10,355
Investment in Subsidiary	c)	-	20,790	20,790
		10,191	31,145	41,336
Forward foreign currency contracts gains	d)	-	123	123
Forward foreign currency contracts (losses)	d)	-	(76)	(76)
Net fair value		10,191	31,192	41,383

As at 31 August 2021	Note	Level 1 £'000	Level 2 £'000	Total £'000
Financial assets/(liabilities) at fair value through profit or loss				
Quoted equities	a)	12,301	-	12,301
Quoted bonds	b)	-	9,835	9,835
Investment in Subsidiary	c)	-	19,104	19,104
		12,301	28,939	41,240
Forward foreign currency contracts gains	d)	-	33	33
Forward foreign currency contracts (losses)	d)	-	(40)	(40)
Net fair value		12,301	28,932	41,233

There were no assets for which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value during the years ended 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2021 there were no transfers between any levels.

- **a) Quoted equities.** The fair value of the Company's investments in quoted equities has been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices at the reporting date. Quoted equities included in Fair Value Level 1 are actively traded on recognised stock exchanges.
- b) Quoted bonds. The fair value of Level 2 quoted bonds has been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices within markets not considered to be active. Index linked bonds are adjusted for indexation arising from the movement of the consumer prices index within the country of their incorporation.

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- c) Investment in Subsidiary. The Company's investment in its Subsidiary is categorised in Fair Value Level 2 as its fair value has been calculated with reference to its unadjusted net asset value. The net asset value is primarily driven by the value of underlying investments, which are all valued using unadjusted quoted prices, and other net assets held at amortised cost, including cash. There are no significant inputs used for the valuation that are not observable to the Directors.
- **d)** Forward foreign currency contracts. The fair value of forward currency contracts is calculated by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles.

#### 20. Analysis of changes in financial liabilities during the year

The following tables show the movements of financial liabilities in the Statement of Financial Position during the years ended 31 August 2022 and 31 August 2021:

	At		Other	At	
	1 September 2021	Cash flows	movements <sup>A</sup>	31 August 2022	
	€000	€000	€000	0003	
Financing activities					
Bank loan	(5,500)	-	-	(5,500)	
Total	(5,500)	-	-	(5,500)	

	At		Other	At	
	1 September 2020	Cash flows	movements <sup>A</sup>	31 August 2021	
Financing activities	000	0003	€000	0003	
rinancing activities					
Bank loan	(5,500)	-	-	(5,500)	
Total	(5,500)	-	_	(5,500)	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{A}}$  The other movements column represents the cost of repurchasing own shares as disclosed in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

#### 21. Subsequent events

With the exception of the dividend paid on 28 October 2022, there have been no events subsequent to the year end, which the Directors consider would have a material impact on the financial statements.





# Information about the Investment Manager

The Company is managed by abrdn Capital International Limited ("aCIL") which is registered with the Jersey Financial Services Commission ("JFSC") for the conduct of fund services business. The investment management of the Company has been delegated to Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited ("AAML"). aCIL and AAML are both wholly owned subsidiaries of abrdn plc ("abrdn").

abrdn assets under management and administration were £508 billion as at 30 June 2022, managed for a range of clients including 23 UK-listed closed end investment companies.

#### The Investment Team Senior Managers



**Devan Kaloo**Global Head of Equities - Equities, EMEA

MA (Hons) in Management and International Relations from The University of St Andrews. Joined abrdn from Martin Currie in 2000 on the Asian portfolio team.



Brett Diment Head of Global Emerging Market Debt - Fixed Income, EMEA

BSc from the London School of Economics. Joined abrdn in 2005 having previously worked for Deutsche Bank. He joined Deutsche in 1991 as a graduate and started researching emerging markets in 1995.



# **Viktor Szabó**Senior Investment Manager – Fixed Income, EMEA

MSc from the Corvinus University of Budapest. Joined abrdn in 2009 having previously worked for Credit Suisse and the National Bank of Hungary.



# **Brunella Isper**Investment Manager - Equities, GEM

Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) from Fundação Getúlio Vargas - EAESP, Brazil. Joined abrdn in 2010 from Bresser Asset Management where she worked as an Equity Research Analyst.



#### Mubashira Bukhari Khwaja

Investment Manager - Equities

MSc in Wealth Management from Singapore Management University and MSc in Economics from Lahore University of Management Sciences. Joined abrdn in 2007 from KASB Bank where she was a manager in the service quality division.

#### The Investment Process

Although the Investment Manager is an active long-only manager, its investment philosophy and approach has absolute return characteristics. Its investment process is robust and characterised by its discipline, consistency and independence. The Investment Manager is not benchmark-driven and, accordingly, its fund managers do not invest in stocks that fail to meet its investment criteria.

Portfolios are managed on a team basis, with individual fund managers doing their own research and analysis. Each asset class has a model portfolio that contains the team's best ideas for that asset class and forms the basis for constructing individual portfolios focused on that asset class.

The Investment Manager selects securities for the Company's portfolio employing the investment strategies established by the Global Emerging Market Equity and Global Emerging Market Debt teams. These teams, which comprise the investment team with responsibility for managing the Company's portfolio, have similar investment philosophies which focus on careful security selections, based on propriety research and the application of a disciplined investment process.

The Investment Manager regularly monitors and makes allocation decisions to determine the Company's portfolio weightings of, in particular, equity and equity-related investments and fixed income investments. Allocations between equity and equity-related investments and fixed income investments will vary according to the relative value and opportunities identified.

As markets change over time, the Company's flexibility allows the Investment Manager to modify the Company's asset allocation in response to changing economic cycles. Whilst the Company's investment policy commits it to invest in the Latin American region, investment opportunities in the region are such that the geographic exposure of the Company's portfolio may be concentrated on a relatively small number of countries and/or securities from time to time.

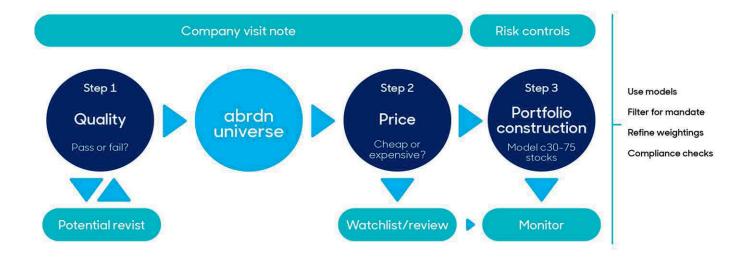
# Information about the Investment Manager

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#### Socially Responsible Investing

The Directors, through the Investment Manager, encourage companies in which investments are made to adhere to best practice in the area of Corporate Governance and Socially Responsible Investing. They believe that this can best be achieved by entering into a dialogue with company management to encourage them, where necessary, to improve their policies in both areas.

The Investment Manager's ultimate objective, however, is to deliver superior investment returns for their clients. Accordingly, whilst the Investment Manager will seek to favour companies which pursue best practice in these areas, this must not be to the detriment of the return on the investment portfolio



## Investor Information

#### **Direct**

Investors can buy and sell shares in the Company directly through a stockbroker or indirectly through a lawyer, accountant or other professional adviser. Alternatively shares can be bought directly through the abrdn Investment Plan for Children, abrdn Investment Trust Share Plan and Investment Trust ISA.

#### Suitable for Retail/NMPI Status

The Company's securities are intended for investors primarily in the UK (including retail investors), professional-advised private clients and institutional investors who want to benefit from the growth prospects of Latin American companies by investment in an investment company and who understand and are willing to accept the risks of exposure to equities, bonds and foreign currencies. Investors should consider consulting a financial adviser who specialises in advising on the acquisition of shares and other securities before acquiring shares. Investors should be capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such an investment and should have sufficient resources to bear any loss that may result.

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that the Ordinary shares can be recommended by a financial advisor to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream pooled investments (NMPIs) and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The Company's securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to NMPIs because the Company would qualify as an investment company if the Company were based in the UK.

#### abrdn Investment Plan for Children

abrdn runs an Investment Plan for Children (the "Children's Plan") which covers a number of investment companies under its management including the Company. Anyone can invest in the Children's Plan, including parents, grandparents and family friends (subject to the eligibility criteria as stated within the terms and conditions). All investments are free of dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bidoffer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £150 per trust, while regular savers may invest from £30 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) where applicable on entry. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in the Children's Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing abrdn in writing at any time. In common with other schemes of this type, all investments are held in nominee accounts. Investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership.

#### abrdn Investment Trust Share Plan

abrdn runs a Share Plan (the "Plan") through which shares in the Company can be purchased. There are no dealing charges on the initial purchase of shares, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Lump sum investments start at £250, while regular savers may invest from £100 per month. Investors simply pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) where applicable on entry. Selling costs are £10 + VAT. There is no restriction on how long an investor need invest in a Plan, and regular savers can stop or suspend participation by instructing abrdn in writing at any time. In common with other schemes of this type, all investments are held in nominee accounts. Investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership.

## Investor Information

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#### abrdn Investment Trust ISA

abrdn operates an Investment Trust ISA ("ISA") through which an investment may be made of up to £20,000 in the tax year 2022/2023.

There are no brokerage or initial charges for the ISA, although investors will suffer the bid-offer spread, which can, on some occasions, be a significant amount. Investors only pay Government Stamp Duty (currently 0.5%) on purchases where applicable. Selling costs are £15 + VAT. The annual ISA administration charge is £24 + VAT, calculated annually and applied on 31 March (or the last business day in March) and collected soon thereafter either by direct debit or, if there is no valid direct debit mandate in place, from the available cash in the Plan prior to the distribution or reinvestment of any income, or, where there is insufficient cash in the Plan, from the sale of investments held in the Plan. Investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership. Under current legislation, investments in ISAs can grow free of capital gains tax.

#### Nominee Accounts and Voting Rights

In common with other schemes of this type, all investments in the abrdn Investment Trust Share Plan, Investment Plan for Children and Investment Trust ISA are held in nominee accounts and investors have full voting and other rights of share ownership.

#### ISA Transfer

Investors can choose to transfer previous tax year investments to us which can be invested in Aberdeen Latin American Income Fund Limited while retaining their ISA wrapper. The minimum lump sum for an ISA transfer is £1,000 and is subject to a minimum per investment company of £250.

#### Note

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to the future. Stock market and currency movements may cause the value of Ordinary shares and the income from them to fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they originally invested.

As with all equity investments, the value of investment companies purchased will immediately be reduced by the difference between the buying and selling prices of the shares, the market maker's spread.

Investors should further bear in mind that the value of any tax relief will depend on the individual circumstances of the investor and that tax rates and reliefs, as well as the tax treatment of ISAs may be changed by future legislation.

#### **Shareholder Enquiries**

In the event of queries regarding their holdings of shares, lost certificates, dividend payments, registered details, etc shareholders holding their shares in the Company directly should contact the Company's Registrar, whose details are set out below.

Any general enquiries about the Company should be directed to the Company Secretary, abrdn Capital International Limited, Sir Walter Raleigh House, 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3QB or by email company.secretary@abrdn.com.

If you have any questions about an investment held through the abrdn Investment Trust Share Plan, Stocks and Shares ISA or Investment Plan for Children, please telephone the Manager's Customer Services Department on **0808 500 0040**. Alternatively, email inv.trusts@abrdn.com or write to abrdn Investment Trusts, PO Box 11020. Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2DB.

Details are also available on invtrusts.co.uk.

Terms and Conditions for abrdn managed savings products can also be found under the Literature section of our website at **invtrusts.co.uk**.

# Keeping You Informed

Further information about the Company may be found on its dedicated website: latamincome.co.uk.

This provides access to information on the Company's share price performance, capital structure, London Stock Exchange announcements, current and historic Annual and Half-Yearly Reports, and the latest monthly factsheet on the Company issued by the Manager.

#### LinkedIn:

linkedin.com/company/abrdn-trusts

Alternatively, please call **0808 500 0040** (Freephone), email inv.trusts@abrdn.com or write to the address for abrdn Investment Trusts stated above.

Details are also available at: invtrusts.co.uk.

## Registrars

For further information concerning any direct certificated shareholding, please contact the Company's registrars:

Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited 13 Castle Street St Helier Jersey JE1 1ES

Tel: +44 (0) 370 707 4040 Fax: +44 (0) 370 873 5851

Calls to '03' numbers cost no more than a national rate call to an '01' or '02' number and must count towards any inclusive minutes in the same way as '01' and '02' numbers. These rules apply to calls from any type of line including mobile, BT, other fixed line and payphone.

# Online Dealing Providers and Platforms

There are a number of online dealing platforms for private investors that offer share dealing, ISAs and other means to invest in the Company. Real-time execution-only stockbroking services allow investors to trade online, manage their portfolios and buy UK listed shares. These sites do not give advice. Some comparison websites also look at dealing rates and terms and providers can be found through internet search engines.

# Discretionary Private Client Stockbrokers

If you have a large sum to invest, you may wish to contact a discretionary private client stockbroker. They can manage your entire portfolio of shares and will advise you on your investments. To find a private client stockbroker visit the Personal Investment and Financial Advice Association at pimfa.co.uk.

#### **Financial Advisers**

To find an adviser who recommends on investment trusts, visit **unbiased.co.uk**.

# Regulation of Stockbrokers

Before approaching a stockbroker, always check that they are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority:

Telephone: 0800 111 6768 Email: register@fca.org.uk register.fca.org.uk

# Investor Warning: Be alert to Fraud and Boiler Room Scams

abrdn has been contacted by investors informing that they have received telephone calls and emails from people who have offered to buy their investment company shares, purporting to work for abrdn or for third party firms. abrdn has also been notified of emails claiming that certain investment companies under its management have issued claims in the courts against individuals. These may be scams which attempt to gain investors' personal information with which to commit identity fraud or could be 'boiler room' scams where a payment from them is required to release the supposed payment for their shares.

These callers/senders do not work for abrdn and any third party making such offers/claims has no link with the Manager.

abrdn does not 'cold-call' investors in this way. If you have any doubt over the veracity of a caller, do not offer any personal information, end the call and contact abrdn's investor services centre using the details on the 'Contact Us' page.

The Financial Conduct Authority provides advice with respect to share fraud and boiler room scams:

#### fca.org.uk/consumers/scams

The information above has been approved for the purposes of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended by the Financial Services Act) by Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

# Glossary of Terms

## AAML or the Investment Manager

Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of abrdn plc and acts as the Company's investment manager.

## abrdn plc

abrdn plc (previously known as Standard Life Aberdeen plc) was formed by the merger of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC and Standard Life plc on 14 August 2017.

# abrdn Fund Managers Limited

The Company's management agreement with aCIL provides for the provision of company secretarial and administration services. This agreement has been subdelegated to abrdn Fund Managers Limited (formerly named Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited).

# abrdn Group

The abrdn group of companies.

# abrdn Capital International Limited or aCIL

The Company is managed by abrdn Capital International Limited ("aCIL"), which is registered with the Jersey Financial Services Commission ("JFSC") for the conduct of fund services business and is a wholly owned subsidiary of abrdn plc.

#### **AIC**

The Association of Investment Companies – the AIC is the trade body for closed-ended investment companies (theaic.co.uk).

#### **AIFMD**

The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive – The AIFMD is European legislation which created a European-wide framework for regulating managers of 'alternative investment funds' ("AIFs"). It is designed to regulate any fund which is not a UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities) fund and which is managed/marketed in the EU. The Company has been designated as an AIF.

#### Alternative Performance Measures

Alternative performance measures are numerical measures of the Company's current, historical or future performance, financial position or cash flows, other than financial measures defined or specified in the applicable financial framework. The Company's applicable financial framework includes IFRSs and the AIC SORP. The Directors assess the Company's performance against a range of criteria which are viewed as particularly relevant for closed-end investment companies. These are disclosed in more detail on pages 111 and 112.

# Disclosure, Guidance and Transparency Rules or DTRs

The DTRs contain requirements for publishing and distributing annual financial reports, half-yearly financial reports and other regulatory statements, and are applicable to investment companies which are listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

#### **Dividend Cover**

Earnings per share divided by dividends per share expressed as a ratio.

#### **Dividend Yield**

The annual dividend expressed as a percentage of the share price.

## Due to / from brokers

Outstanding settlements with the brokers at the financial year-end.

# Financial Conduct Authority or FCA

The FCA issues the Listing Rules and is responsible for the regulation of AAML.

#### **KID**

Key Information Document. A KID is a stand-alone, standardised document prepared for each investment vehicle containing detailed information on that investment vehicle.

# **Net Asset Value or NAV**

The value of total assets less liabilities. Liabilities for this purpose includes current and long-term liabilities. The net assets divided by the number of shares in issue produces the NAV per share.

# **Net Gearing**

Net gearing is calculated by dividing total borrowings less cash or cash equivalents (adjusted for amounts due to / from brokers) by Shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

# Ongoing Charges Ratio or OCR

Ongoing Charges Ratio. The ratio of expenses as a percentage of the average daily Shareholders' funds calculated as per the Association of Investment Companies (AIC) industry standard method.

# **Ordinary Shares**

The Ordinary shares give Ordinary Shareholders the entitlement to all of the capital growth in the Company's assets and to all the income from the Company that is resolved to be distributed. The Ordinary shares are in registered form and traded on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market. Subject to the Articles of Association, which include the provisions of Chapter 5 of the United Kingdom Listing Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules relating to the requirement of persons to disclose their interests in shares, on a show of hands every registered holder of Ordinary shares (a Shareholder) who is present in person (or, being a corporation, by representative) shall have one vote. On a poll every Shareholder present in person (or, being a corporation, by representative) or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote in respect of each Ordinary share held by him or her. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members in respect of the shares.

## **PIDD**

Pre-Investment Disclosure Document. abrdn and the Company are required to make certain disclosures available to investors in accordance with the AIFMD. Those disclosures that are required to be made pre-investment are included within a pre-investment disclosure document, a copy of which can be found on the Company's website.

## **PRIIPS**

The Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products Regulation. A PRIIP is defined as an investment where, regardless of its legal form, the amount repayable to the retail investor is subject to fluctuations because of exposure to reference values or to the performance of one or more assets that are not directly purchased by the retail investor.

# **Price/Earnings Ratio**

The ratio is calculated by dividing the middle-market price per share by the earnings per share. The calculation assumes no change in earnings but in practice the multiple reflects the stock market's view of a company's prospects and profit growth potential.

# **Prior Charges**

The name given to all borrowings including debentures, loan and short-term loans and overdrafts that are to be used for investment purposes, reciprocal foreign currency loans, currency facilities to the extent that they are drawn down, index-linked securities, and all types of preference or preferred capital, irrespective of the time until repayment.

#### Share Price Discount or Premium

The discount is the amount by which the market price per share of an investment company is lower than the NAV per share. The discount is normally expressed as a percentage of the NAV share. The premium is the amount by which the market price per share of an investment company exceeds the NAV per share. The premium is normally expressed as a percentage of the NAV per share.

#### Subsidiary

The Company has a wholly owned subsidiary, abrdn Latin American Income Fund LLC, registered in Delaware (formerly named Aberdeen Latin American Income Fund LLC). The Subsidiary is used to hold certain investments as part of the efficient management of the group.

# Glossary of Terms

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#### **Total Assets**

Total assets less current liabilities (before deducting prior charges as defined above).

#### **Total Return**

Total Return involves reinvesting the net dividend in the month that the share price goes ex dividend. The NAV Total Return involves investing the same net dividend in the NAV of the Company on the date to which that dividend was earned, e.g. quarter end, half year or year end date.

# **Voting Rights**

In accordance with the Articles of Association, on a show of hands, every member (or duly appointed proxy) present at a general meeting of the Company has one vote; and, on a poll, every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for Ordinary share held.

# Alternative Performance Measures

Alternative performance measures are numerical measures of the Company's current, historical or future performance, financial position or cash flows, other than financial measures defined or specified in the applicable financial framework. The Company's applicable financial framework includes IFRS and the AIC SORP. The Directors assess the Company's performance against a range of criteria which are viewed as particularly relevant for closed-end investment companies.

# Discount to net asset value per Ordinary share

The discount is the amount by which the share price is lower than the net asset value per Ordinary share, expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per Ordinary share.

		31 August 2022	31 August 2021
NAV per Ordinary share (p)	а	63.16	62.89
Share price (p)	b	52.25	55.75
Discount	(a-b)/a	17.3%	11.4%

#### Dividend cover

Revenue return per Ordinary share divided by dividends per Ordinary share, expressed as a ratio.

		31 August 2022	31 August 2021
Revenue return per Ordinary share (p)	а	4.84	2.66
Dividends declared (p)	b	3.50	3.50
Dividend cover	a/b	1.38	0.76

# Net gearing

Net gearing measures the total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents divided by shareholders' funds, expressed as a percentage. Under AIC reporting guidance cash and cash equivalents includes net amounts due to and from brokers at the year end as well as cash at bank and in hand.

		21 A 2022	24.4 (2024
		31 August 2022	31 August 2021
Borrowings (£'000)	а	5,500	5,500
Cash (£'000)	р	117	333
Amounts due to brokers (£′000)	С	22	6
Amounts due from brokers (£'000)	d	-	10
Shareholders' funds (£'000)	е	36,072	35,919
Net gearing	(a-b+c-d)/e	15.0%	14.4%

# Alternative Performance Measures

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# Ongoing charges

The ongoing charges ratio has been calculated in accordance with guidance issued by the AIC as the total of investment management fees and administrative expenses and expressed as a percentage of the average published daily net asset values with debt at fair value published throughout the year.

	2022	2021
Investment management fees (£'000)	337	386
Administrative expenses (£'000)	368	340
Less: non-recurring charges (£'000)	(33)	(6)
Ongoing charges (£'000)	672	720
Average net assets (£'000)	33,593	35,952
Ongoing charges ratio	2.00%	2.00%

The ongoing charges ratio provided in the Company's Key Information Document is calculated in line with the PRIIPs regulations which amongst other things, includes the cost of borrowings and transaction costs.

#### Total return

NAV and share price total returns show how the NAV and share price has performed over a period of time in percentage terms, taking into account both capital returns and dividends paid to shareholders. Share price and NAV total returns are monitored against openended and closed-ended competitors, and the Benchmark Index, respectively.

Year ended 31 August 2022		NAV	Share Price
Opening at 1 September 2021	а	62.89p	55.75p
Closing at 31 August 2022	b	63.16p	52.25p
Price movements	c=(b/a)-1	0.4%	-6.3%
Dividend reinvestment <sup>A</sup>	d	6.4%	6.6%
Total return	c+d	+6.8%	+0.3%

			Share	
Year ended 30 August 2021		NAV	Price	
Opening at 1 September 2020	а	56.65p	49.15p	
Closing at 31 August 2021	b	62.89p	55.75p	
Price movements	c=(b/a)-1	+11.0%	+13.4%	
Dividend reinvestment <sup>A</sup>	d	6.4%	7.5%	
Total return	c+d	+17.4%	+20.9%	

A NAV total return involves investing the net dividend in the NAV of the Company with debt at fair value on the date on which that dividend goes ex-dividend. Share price total return involves reinvesting the net dividend in the share price of the Company on the date on which that dividend goes ex-dividend.

# Your Company's Share Capital History

## Issued Share Capital at 31 August 2022

57,113,324 Ordinary shares of no par value issued and allotted 6,107,500 Ordinary shares of no par value held in treasury

# Capital History

#### 16 August 2010

52,106,185 Ordinary shares placed at 100p per share, 5,210,618 Subscription shares issued at 10.5p per Subscription share (to AAML) and 5,210,618 Subscription shares issued free to share issue applicants on the basis of one Subscription share for every 10 Ordinary shares applied for.

#### 3 February 2012

15,597,185 C shares issued at 100p per C share under the terms of a Placing and Offer pursuant to a Prospectus published on 20 January 2012.

#### 11 April 2012

14,466,389 new Ordinary shares issued and listed following the conversion of the C shares on the basis of 0.9275 Ordinary shares for every one C share held.

#### Year ended 31 August 2014

990,000 Ordinary shares bought into treasury.

100 new Ordinary shares issued at 120p per share following the conversion of 100 Subscription shares in the period to 31 December 2013.

#### Year ended 31 August 2015

560,000 Ordinary shares bought into treasury.

150 new Ordinary shares issued at 120p per share following the conversion of 150 Subscription shares in the period to 31 December 2014.

## Year ended 31 August 2016

870,000 Ordinary shares bought into treasury.

On 31 December 2015, the final subscription date for the Subscription Shares, all 10,420,986 Subscription Shares outstanding expired worthless and were subsequently cancelled.

#### Year ended 31 August 2017

2,015,000 Ordinary shares purchased for treasury.

#### Year ended 31 August 2018

1,672,500 Ordinary shares purchased for treasury and 290,000 Ordinary shares purchased for cancellation.

#### Year ended 31 August 2019

2,175,000 Ordinary shares purchased for cancellation.

#### Year ended 31 August 2020

887,000 Ordinary shares purchased for cancellation.

#### Year ended 31 August 2021

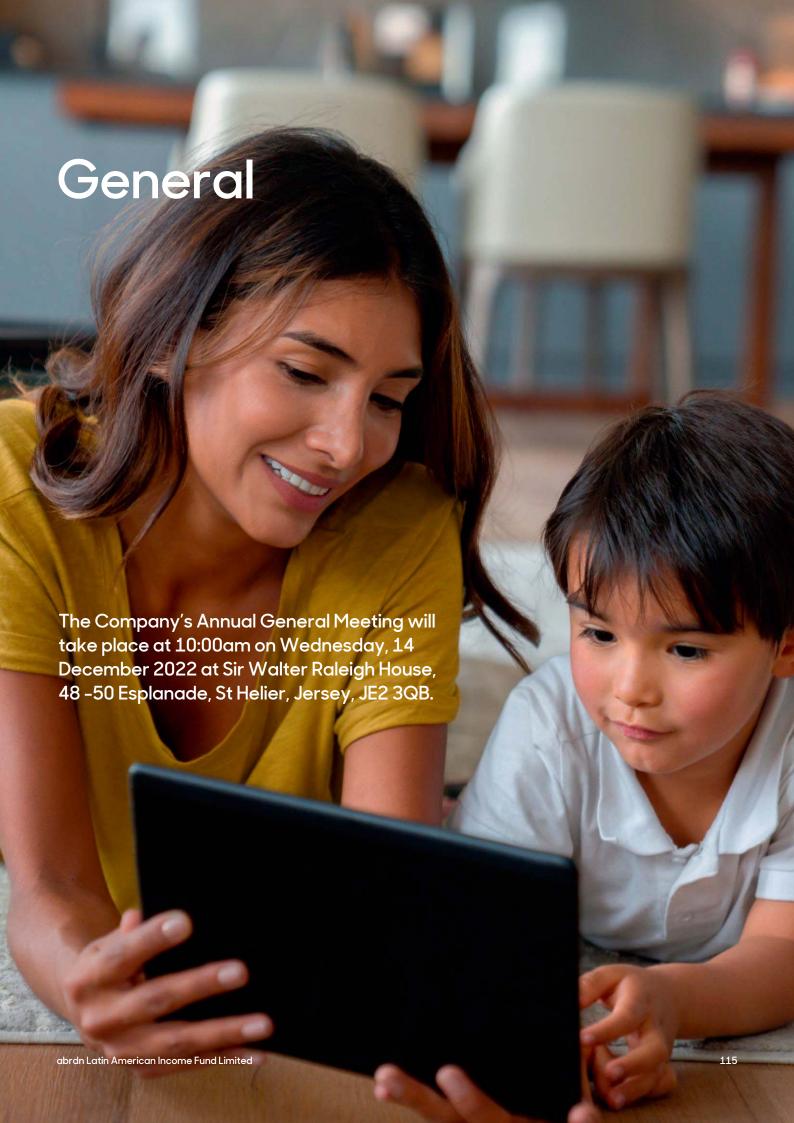
Nil Ordinary shares purchased for cancellation.

# Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive Disclosures (Unaudited)

abrdn and the Company are required to make certain disclosures available to investors in accordance with the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ("AIFMD"). Those disclosures that are required to be made preinvestment are included within a pre-investment disclosure document ("PIDD") which can be found on the Company's website **latamincome.co.uk**. There have been no material changes to the disclosures contained within the PIDD since last publication in 2022. The periodic disclosures as required under the AIFMD to investors are made below:

- · Information on the investment strategy, geographic and sector investment focus and principal stock exposures are included in the Strategic Report.
- · None of the Company's assets are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.
- The Strategic Report, note 15 to the Financial Statements and the PIDD together set out the risk profile and risk management systems in place. There have been no changes to the risk management systems in place in the period under review and no breaches of any of the risk limits set, with no breach expected.
- There are no new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the Company or any material changes to the liquidity management systems and procedures employed by aCIL.
- · In accordance with the requirements of the AIFMD, the Manager's remuneration policy is available from the Company Secretary, abrdn Capital International Limited on request (see contact details on page 121) and the remuneration disclosures in respect of the aCIL reporting period for the year ended 30 September 2021 and the period to 31 December 2021 are available on the Company's website.

The above information entitled 'Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive Disclosure (unaudited)' has been approved for the purposes of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended by the Financial Services Act 2012) by abrdn Fund Managers Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the eleventh Annual General Meeting of abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh House, 48 – 50 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3QB, at 10:00am on 14 December 2022 for the following purposes:

## **Ordinary Business**

As ordinary business to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

- 1. To receive the Directors' Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022, together with the auditor's report thereon.
- 2. To receive and adopt the Directors' Remuneration Report (other than the Directors' Remuneration Policy) for the year ended 31 August 2022.
- 3. To approve the Company's Dividend Policy to continue to pay four interim dividends per year.
- 4. To re-elect Howard Myles as a Director.
- 5. To re-elect Hazel Adam as a Director.
- 6. To elect Michael Gray as a Director.
- 7. To re-elect Heather MacCallum as a Director.
- 8. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers CILLP as independent auditor.
- 9. To authorise the Directors to agree the remuneration of the independent auditor.

## **Special Business**

As special business, to consider the following resolutions, each of which will be proposed as special resolutions:

- 10. THAT, the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with the Articles of Association to make market purchases on a stock exchange of, and to cancel or hold in treasury, Ordinary shares of no par value in the capital of the Company ("Ordinary shares"), provided that:
  - a) the maximum number of Ordinary shares hereby authorised to be purchased is 14.99% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution;
  - b) the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share shall not be more than the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary share taken from the Official List for the 5 business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary share is purchased; and (ii) the higher of the last independent trade and the current highest independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out;
  - c) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary share is 1 pence; and
  - d) the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company in 2023 or, if earlier, on the expiry of 18 months from the passing of this resolution, unless such authority is renewed prior to such time.

# Disapplication of Pre-emption

11. THAT, for the purposes of Article 7.2 of the Company's Articles of Association the Company may issue equity securities (as defined in that Article) up to a maximum amount of 5,711,332 Ordinary shares representing 10% of the total number of Ordinary shares in issue as at the date of this resolution, provided that such disapplication shall expire (unless and to the extent previously revoked, varied or renewed by the Company in general meeting (by special resolution)) at the earlier of the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2023 or eighteen months from the date of this resolution but so that this power shall enable the Company to make offers or agreements before such expiry which would or might require equity securities to be issued after such expiry and the Directors of the Company may issue equity securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if such expiry had not occurred.

# By order of the Board abrdn Capital International Limited

Company Secretary 10 November 2022

1st Floor, Sir Walter Raleigh House 48 – 50 Esplanade St Helier, Jersey JE2 3QB

# **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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#### **Notes**

- i. A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A form of proxy is enclosed.
- ii. Instruments of proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which they are signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority should be sent to The Registrars, abrdn Latin American Income Fund Limited, Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, The Pavillions, Bridgewater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY so as to arrive not less than forty-eight hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- iii. In accordance with Article 40 of the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999, to have the right to attend and vote at the meeting referred to above a member must first have his or her name entered in the Company's register of members by not later than forty eight hours before the time fixed for the meeting (or, in the event that the meeting be adjourned, on the register of members forty eight hours before the time of the adjourned meeting). Changes to entries on that register after that time (or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, on the register of members less than forty-eight hours before the time of any adjourned meeting) shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any member to attend and vote at the meeting referred to above.
- iv. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, the Company specifies that only those Ordinary Shareholders entered on the register of members of the Company as at 10:00am on Monday 12 December 2022 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, on the register of members 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting in respect of the number of ordinary shares registered in their name at that time. Changes to the entries on the register of members after 10:00am on Monday 12 December 2022 or, in the event that the meeting is adjourned, in the register of members 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting, notwithstanding any provisions in any enactment, the Articles of Association of the Company or other instrument to the contrary.
- v. No Director has a service contract with the Company.
- vi. The Register of Directors' interests is kept by the Company and available for inspection.
- vii. As at 10 November 2022 (being the last business day prior to the publication of this notice) the Company's issued share capital comprised 57,113,324 Ordinary shares of no par value (with a further 6,107,500 Ordinary shares held in treasury). Each Ordinary share carries the right to one vote at a general meeting of the Company. Therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 10 November 2022 was 63,220,824.
- viii. There are special arrangements for holders of Ordinary shares through the abrdn Share Plan and Investment Trust ISA. These are explained in the 'Letter of Direction' which such holders will have received with this report.

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