

# RATHBONE MULTI-ASSET PORTFOLIO

Rathbone Total Return Portfolio
Rathbone Defensive Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Strategic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Strategic Income Portfolio
Rathbone Dynamic Growth Portfolio
Rathbone Enhanced Growth Portfolio

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## RATHBONE MULTI-ASSET PORTFOLIO

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater total return than the Bank of England's Base Rate + 2%, after fees, over any three-year period by investing with our Liquidity Equity Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more than onethird of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market index.

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over three years, or any other time period.

We aim to deliver this return with no more than one-third of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market index. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging. The use of derivatives for investment purposes may increase the volatility of the fund's Net Asset Value and may increase its risk profile.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained from by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

## INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class accumulation shares) gained 0.6%. For the same period the fund's benchmark, the Bank of England Base Rate + 2%, returned 3.3%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 47%, compared with a target of 33%.

## **PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY**

Given investors' concerns about the large government deficits being run in the US and UK, early in the period we decided it was prudent to spread our government bond exposure a bit further afield. We looked for nations that have a better handle on their finances. We sold our US Treasury 2.25% 2041, among other bonds. We switched them for some euro-denominated supranational bonds as well as the New Zealand Government 3% 2029. We felt the Kiwi bonds offered a good yield and that the country was making strong strides to reduce its public spending deficit. As yields continued to rise in the final months of the 2024, weadded back some of our UK Treasury 0.875% 2033 at higher yields.

In early 2025 we bought back into government bonds both here and abroad when their yields were higher (so when their prices fell). These included the UK Treasury 1.5% 2047 and 0.625% 2035 and the US Treasury 4.125% 2027. When yields had fallen back somewhat towards the end of the period, we sold some of these bonds again, including the UK Treasury 1.125% 2039 and the US Treasury 1.875% 2032 and 4.125% 2027.

With the gold price flying high, we sold a large amount of our investment in the iShares Physical Gold ETF. The yellow stuff has hit record after record over the past 18 months. Gold is a black box. It has no yield, so is completely at the whim of supply and demand. This demand spans everything from bolstered middle classes in populous nations like India that culturally like gold, to industrial demand for the best noncorrosive conductor on earth and central banks buying up bullion. And there are of course also investors like us who buy it as a diversifier, helping to provide protection against sudden economic shocks. Gold has long been a safe haven for people when financial markets get

rocked, so it's useful to have a small allocation in a portfolio. However, when weighed against its price, we thought it was best to take the cash. Especially as holding it means you go without the going interest rate, which is currently between 4% and 5%. We think it makes sense to hold safer government bonds and take the income

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond yields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies — along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal — could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

## INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

This messy mix of policies — where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail — leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds yet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

**David Coombs** Fund Manager Will McIntosh-Whyte Fund Manager

## **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

## **R-CLASS INCOME SHARES**#

| 31   | .03.25     | 30.09.24         | 20.00.22                    |                             |
|--|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| pence per  | r share    | pence per share  | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
| Change in net assets per share                     |            |                  |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | n/a        | 132.89p          | 131.47p                     | 142.40p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | n/a<br>n/a | 6.72p<br>(0.66p) | 6.50p<br>(2.10p)            | (6.65p)<br>(2.14p)          |
| Return after operating charges*                    | n/a        | 6.06p            | 4.40p                       | (8.79p)                     |
| Distributions on income shares                     | n/a        | (0.81p)          | (2.98p)                     | (2.14p)                     |
| Redemption price                                   | n/a        | (138.14p)        | _                           | _                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | n/a        | _                | 132.89p                     | 131.47p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | n/a        | 0.03p            | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges     | n/a | 4.56%   | 3.35%      | (6.17%)    |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|------------|------------|
| OTHER INFORMATION        |     |         |            |            |
| Closing net asset value  | n/a | _       | £1,387,584 | £1,166,475 |
| Closing number of shares | n/a | _       | 1,044,126  | 887,287    |
| Operating charges**      | n/a | _       | 1.56%      | 1.58%      |
| Direct transaction costs | n/a | 0.02%   | 0.02%      | 0.02%      |
| PRICES***                |     |         |            |            |
| Highest share price      | n/a | 141.09p | 140.49p    | 146.46p    |
| Lowest share price       | n/a | 131.11p | 131.02p    | 133.01p    |

<sup>\*</sup> R-class income was merged into S-class income on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## R-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES#

|   | 31.03.25        | 30.09.24        | 30.09.23        | 30.09.22        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | pence per share | pence per share | pence per share | pence per share |
| Change in net assets per share                |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Opening net asset value per share             | n/a             | 165.48p         | 160.13p         | 170.79p         |
| Return before operating charges*              | n/a             | 8.34p           | 7.93p           | (8.03p)         |
| Operating charges                             | n/a             | (0.82p)         | (2.58p)         | (2.63p)         |
| Return after operating charges*               | n/a             | 7.52p           | 5.35p           | (10.66p)        |
| Distributions on accumulation shares          | n/a             | (1.01p)         | (3.66p)         | (2.58p)         |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | n/a             | 1.01p           | 3.66p           | 2.58p           |
| Redemption price                              | n/a             | (173.00p)       | _               | -               |
| Closing net asset value per share             | n/a             | _               | 165.48p         | 160.13p         |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:          | n/a             | 0.04p           | 0.03p           | 0.03p           |
|   |                 |                 |                 |                 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

## **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges     | n/a | 4.54%   | 3.34%      | (6.24%)    |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|------------|------------|
| OTHER INFORMATION        |     |         |            |            |
| Closing net asset value  | n/a | _       | £4,339,711 | £2,452,248 |
| Closing number of shares | n/a | _       | 2,622,515  | 1,531,379  |
| Operating charges**      | n/a | _       | 1.56%      | 1.58%      |
| Direct transaction costs | n/a | 0.02%   | 0.02%      | 0.02%      |
| PRICES***                |     |         |            |            |
| Highest share price      | n/a | 175.68p | 171.92p    | 175.66p    |
| Lowest share price       | n/a | 163.26p | 159.57p    | 161.27p    |
|                          |     |         |            |            |

<sup>#</sup> R-class accumulation was merged into S-class accumulation on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 134.85p                     | 125.38p                     | 123.04p                     | 132.12p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 1.41p<br>(0.36p)            | 13.61p<br>(0.72p)           | 5.84p<br>(0.70p)            | (6.36p)<br>(0.72p)          |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 1.05p                       | 12.89p                      | 5.14p                       | (7.08p)                     |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.69p)                     | (3.42p)                     | (2.80p)                     | (2.00p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 134.21p                     | 134.85p                     | 125.38p                     | 123.04p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.78% | 10.28% | 4.18% | (5.36%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
|                      |       |        |       | (,      |

## OTHER INFORMATION

| OTHER INFORMATION        |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value  | £98,422,876 | £99,738,664 | £76,671,768 | £80,860,289 |
| Closing number of shares | 73,337,386  | 73,964,281  | 61,150,261  | 65,717,710  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.55%       | 0.55%       | 0.56%       | 0.58%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02%       | 0.02%       | 0.02%       | 0.02%       |
|                          |             |             |             |             |
| PRICES***                |             |             |             |             |
| Highest share price      | 138.31p     | 136.09p     | 131.85p     | 136.15p     |
| Lowest share price       | 133.75p     | 123.78p     | 122.67p     | 124.49p     |
|                          |             |             |             |             |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 164.74p                     | 149.32p                     | 143.34p                     | 151.55p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | 1.72p<br>(0.44p)            | 16.28p<br>(0.86p)           | 6.80p<br>(0.82p)            | (7.38p)<br>(0.83p)          |
| Return after operating charges*  | 1.28p                       | 15.42p                      | 5.98p                       | (8.21p)                     |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (2.07p)<br>2.07p            | (4.12p)<br>4.12p            | (3.29p)<br>3.29p            | (2.30p)<br>2.30p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 166.02p                     | 164.74p                     | 149.32p                     | 143.34p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.04p                       | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

## **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.78% | 10.33% | 4.17% | (5.42%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|

## OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges**<br>Direct transaction costs | £616,000,042<br>371,036,681<br>0.55%<br>0.02% | £602,721,333<br>365,871,334<br>0.55%<br>0.02% | £449,100,798<br>300,768,047<br>0.56%<br>0.02% | £305,807,894<br>213,338,270<br>0.58%<br>0.02% |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| PRICES***  |   |   |   |   |
| Highest share price  | 170.03p                                       | 165.21p                                       | 154.32p                                       | 156.17p                                       |
| Lowest share price   | 163.41p                                       | 147.41p                                       | 142.89p                                       | 144.36p                                       |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## W-CLASS INCOME SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 101.38p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 1.02p<br>(0.14p)            | 3.03p<br>(0.16p)            |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.88p                       | 2.87p                       |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.27p)                     | (1.49p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 100.99p                     | 101.38p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.02p                       | 0.02p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

## **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.87%  | 2.87% |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Return arter charges | 0.0770 | 2.0/% |

## OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £4,269,107 | £5,308,667 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 4,227,318  | 5,236,590  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.29%      | 0.30%      |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02%      | 0.02%      |
|                          |            |            |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 104.06p | 102.30p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 100.58p | 99.04p  |

W-class income launched on 15 March 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

#### W-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|   | 31.03.25        | 30.09.24        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | pence per share | pence per share |
| Change in net assets per share                |                 |                 |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 102.88p         | 100.00p         |
| Return before operating charges*              | 1.06p           | 3.04p           |
| Operating charges                             | (0.15p)         | (0.16p)         |
| Return after operating charges*               | 0.91p           | 2.88p           |
| Distributions on accumulation shares          | (1.30p)         | (1.49p)         |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.30p           | 1.49p           |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 103.79p         | 102.88p         |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:          | 0.02p           | 0.02p           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

## **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.88% | 2.88% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
|                      |       |       |

## OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £1,296,843 | £1,482,811 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 1,249,517  | 1,441,248  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.29%      | 0.30%      |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.02%      | 0.02%      |
|                          |            |            |

## PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 106.26p | 103.16p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 102.07p | 99.15p  |

<sup>†</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free)

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

#### RATHBONE TOTAL RETURN PORTFOLIO

## **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                               | 2025  | 2024  | 2023   | 2022  | 2021   |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| R-class shares                | N/A   | N/A   | -2.87% | 4.83% | 11.49% |
| S-class shares                | 2.71% | 7.12% | -2.08% | 5.67% | 12.32% |
| W-class shares                | 2.93% | N/A   | N/A    | N/A   | N/A    |
| Bank of England Base Rate +2% | 7.11% | 7.07% | 4.33%  | 2.19% | 2.10%  |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

## **PERFORMANCE OVER 3 YEARS**

|  | 2025   | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio S Acc*   | 7.73%  | 10.84% | 16.22% | 16.69% | 15.14% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio S Inc##  | 7.73%  | 10.85% | 16.23% | 16.69% | 15.12% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio W Acc*   | -      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio W Inc**  | _      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| Bank of England Base Rate +2%  | 19.64% | 14.16% | 8.86%  | 7.21%  | 7.72%  |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio<br>S Acc Volatility as % of FTSE Developed (£)<br>[Target 33.33%] <sup>†</sup> | 47.48% | 47.37% | 38.76% | 34.54% | 32.52% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio<br>S Inc Volatility as % of FTSE Developed (£)<br>[Target 33.33%] <sup>†</sup> | 47.48% | 47.29% | 38.69% | 34.54% | 32.52% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio W Acc Volatility as % of FTSE Developed (£) [Target 33.33%] $^{\dagger}$       | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Total Return Portfolio<br>W Inc Volatility as % of FTSE Developed (£)<br>[Target 33.33%] <sup>†</sup> | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |

Volatility as a percentage of FTSE Developed (£) is calculated using monthly data. † or up to 15% above or below this level.

Source: FE fundinfo.

<sup>#</sup> Launch date: 01/10/2012 ## Launch date: 01/10/2012 \* Launch date: 15/03/2024 \*\* Launch date: 15/03/2024

| Holding              |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom (30.0 | 09.24: 28.42%)                                    |            |                                      |
| 81,356               | Ashtead*  | 3,372,206  | 0.47                                 |
| 150,509              | Assa Abloy 'B'*                                   | 3,474,344  | 0.48                                 |
| 38,252               | AstraZeneca*                                      | 4,304,115  | 0.60                                 |
| £2,800,000           | BP Capital Markets 4.25% VRN Perp                 | 2,712,237  | 0.38                                 |
| £1,900,000           | British Telecom 5.75% 07/12/28                    | 1,954,938  | 0.27                                 |
| £1,500,000           | Centrica 4.375% 13/03/29                          | 1,460,774  | 0.20                                 |
| £1,600,000           | Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 08/06/26                   | 1,604,013  | 0.22                                 |
| 109,961              | Compass*  | 2,807,304  | 0.39                                 |
| £1,500,000           | Direct Line Insurance 4% 05/06/32                 | 1,320,407  | 0.18                                 |
| £1,00,00,000         | EIB 5.5% 15/04/25                                 | 10,002,540 | 1.39                                 |
| 4,290,608            | GCP Infrastructure*                               | 3,059,203  | 0.43                                 |
| 357,718              | HG Capital Trust <sup>††</sup>                    | 1,806,476  | 0.25                                 |
| 4,204,111            | HICL Infrastructure*                              | 4,717,013  | 0.66                                 |
| £2,000,000           | HSBC 2.256% VRN 13/11/26                          | 1,964,896  | 0.27                                 |
| £2,300,000           | Investec 1.875% VRN 16/07/28                      | 2,121,595  | 0.30                                 |
| 1,583,937            | Legal and General*                                | 3,842,631  | 0.53                                 |
| £2,000,000           | Legal and General 5.375% VRN 27/10/45             | 2,003,880  | 0.28                                 |
| £2,180,000           | Legal and General 5.25% VRN 21/03/47              | 1,684,306  | 0.23                                 |
| 31,986               | London Stock Exchange*                            | 3,663,996  | 0.51                                 |
| 1,874,941            | M&G*  | 3,721,758  | 0.52                                 |
| 406,984              | National Grid*                                    | 4,106,469  | 0.57                                 |
| £3,100,000           | National Grid Gas 1.125% 14/01/33                 | 2,223,603  | 0.31                                 |
| £3,300,000           | NatWest 5.125% VRN Perp                           | 3,172,320  | 0.44                                 |
| £2,947,000           | Pension Insurance Corporation 6.875% 15/11/34     | 2,911,909  | 0.40                                 |
| 108,288              | RELX*   | 4,193,994  | 0.58                                 |
| 936,746              | Rentokil Initial*                                 | 3,255,192  | 0.45                                 |
| £2,200,000           | Rolls-Royce 3.375% 18/06/26                       | 2,158,280  | 0.30                                 |
| £1,500,000           | Royal Bank of Scotland 3.622% VRN 14/08/30        | 1,494,870  | 0.21                                 |
| £1,271,000           | Sainsburys Bank 10.5% VRN 12/03/33                | 1,442,585  | 0.20                                 |
| £2,600,000           | Santander UK 2.421% VRN 17/01/29                  | 2,401,510  | 0.33                                 |
| £1,875,000           | Schroders 6.346% VRN 18/07/34                     | 1,887,472  | 0.26                                 |
| 160,778              | Shell*  | 4,539,567  | 0.63                                 |
| £2,250,000           | Skipton Building Society 2% VRN 02/10/26          | 2,213,786  | 0.31                                 |
| 132,436              | Smith & Nephew*                                   | 1,436,268  | 0.20                                 |
| 247,668              | SSE*  | 3,946,590  | 0.55                                 |
| £1,500,000           | Tesco Corporate Treasury Services 1.875% 02/11/28 | 1,344,353  | 0.19                                 |
| £3,000,000           | Thames Water Kemble Finance 4.625% 19/05/26#      | 60,000     | 0.01                                 |
| £43,000,000          | UK Treasury 0.625% 31/07/35                       | 28,883,100 | 4.01                                 |

| Holding                       |   | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| £69,561,757                   | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/07/33               | 52,105,234  | 7.24                                 |
| £23,357,762                   | UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/47                 | 12,054,474  | 1.67                                 |
| £20,120,628                   | UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/53                 | 9,136,576   | 1.27                                 |
| 67,603                        | Unilever*                                 | 3,116,498   | 0.43                                 |
| £1,700,000                    | Virgin Money UK 3.375% VRN 24/04/26       | 1,697,569   | 0.24                                 |
| Total United Kingdom          |   | 211,380,851 | 29.36                                |
| <b>Australia</b> (30.09.24: 3 | .73%)                                     |             |                                      |
| AUD3,000,000                  | Australia Government Bond 1.75% 21/11/32  | 1,216,942   | 0.17                                 |
| £2,000,000                    | Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 4/09/26 | 1,954,462   | 0.27                                 |
| AUD44,000,000                 | Government of Australia 1% 21/11/31       | 17,454,651  | 2.42                                 |
| £2,950,000                    | Macquarie 2.125% 01/10/31                 | 2,435,831   | 0.34                                 |
| £2,000,000                    | National Australia Bank 3% 04/09/26       | 1,951,147   | 0.27                                 |
| £800,000                      | QBE Insurance 2.5% VRN 13/09/38           | 720,325     | 0.10                                 |
| Total Australia               |   | 25,733,358  | 3.57                                 |
| Canada (30.09.24: 0.7         | 76%)                                      |             |                                      |
| 46,475                        | Shopify*                                  | 3,434,631   | 0.48                                 |
| £2,500,000                    | Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.875% 05/04/27     | 2,398,307   | 0.33                                 |
| Total Canada                  |   | 5,832,938   | 0.81                                 |
| Channel Islands (30.0         | 9.24: 0.87%)                              |             |                                      |
| 65,164                        | Aptiv*                                    | 3,004,385   | 0.42                                 |
| 3,417,834                     | International Public Partnership*         | 3,814,303   | 0.53                                 |
| Total Channel Islands         |   | 6,818,688   | 0.95                                 |
| France (30.09.24: 0.9         | 2%)                                       |             |                                      |
| £27,00,000                    | BNP Paribas 1.25% 13/07/31                | 2,096,539   | 0.29                                 |
| £22,00,000                    | Credit Agricole 1.874% VRN 09/12/31       | 2,069,329   | 0.29                                 |
| 11,527                        | L'Oréal*                                  | 3,307,367   | 0.46                                 |
| 6,906                         | LVMH*                                     | 3,302,393   | 0.46                                 |
| Total France                  |   | 10,775,628  | 1.50                                 |
| <b>Germany</b> (30.09.24: 2   | 19%)                                      |             |                                      |
| £800,000                      | Deutsche Bank 7.375% VRN Perp             | 677,042     | 0.09                                 |
| 80,775                        | KION*                                     | 2,595,793   | 0.36                                 |
| €8,000,000                    | Republic of Germany 0.25% 15/02/27        | 6,481,382   | 0.90                                 |
| 24,967                        | Siemens*                                  | 4,430,641   | 0.62                                 |
|                               |   | 14,184,858  | 1.97                                 |

| centure* ide* DR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF**  ny*  76%) | 3,692,580<br>3,609,009<br>6,445,946<br>13,747,535<br>4,460,914  | 0.51<br>0.50<br>0.90<br><b>1.91</b>  |
|---|---|--|
| nde* DR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF**  ny*                | 3,609,009<br>6,445,946<br>13,747,535  | 0.50<br>0.90<br><b>1.91</b>  |
| DR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF**                          | 6,445,946<br><b>13,747,535</b>  | 0.90<br><b>1.91</b>  |
| ny*   | 13,747,535  | 1.91   |
| •   |   |  |
| •   | 4,460,914   | 0.62   |
| •   | 4,460,914   | 0.62   |
| 76%)  |   | 0.02   |
| , 0,0,  |   |  |
| gentum Netherlands 5.75% VRN 15/08/50                             | 1,702,092   | 0.24   |
| ML*   | 3,917,209   | 0.54   |
|   | 5,619,301   | 0.78   |
| .00%)   |   |  |
| vernment of New Zealand 3% 20/04/29                               | 9,635,807   | 1.34   |
| w Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34                          | 6,885,692   | 0.95   |
|   | 16,521,499  | 2.29   |
| 6)  |   |  |
| rtugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro O 1.65% 16/07/32                     | 13,876,919  | 1.93   |
| %)  |   |  |
| S*  | 4,528,616   | 0.63   |
|   |   |  |
| nco Santander 1.75% 17/02/27                                      | 1,881,974   | 0.26   |
| 0.00%)  |   |  |
| 3 2.625% 04/09/34   | 6,873,957   | 0.96   |
| 3 2.75% 16/01/34  | 6,992,731   | 0.97   |
|   | 13,866,688  | 1.93   |
| 23.21%)   |   |  |
| bott Laboratories*  | 4,295,054   | 0.60   |
| obe*  | 3,069,062   | 0.43   |
| phabet 'C'*   | 4,482,985   | 0.62   |
| nazon.com*  | 4,473,731   | 0.62   |
| nerican Tower*  | 3,936,900   | 0.55   |
| nphenol 'A'*  | 3,752,871   | 0.52   |
| sys*  | 2,722,249   | 0.38   |
| ple*  | 2,744,815   | 0.38   |
|   | gentum Netherlands 5.75% VRN 15/08/50 ML*  .00%) vernment of New Zealand 3% 20/04/29 w Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34  6) rtugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro O 1.65% 16/07/32  8%) SS*  nco Santander 1.75% 17/02/27  0.00%) 8 2.625% 04/09/34 8 2.75% 16/01/34  23.21%) bott Laboratories* obe* ohabet 'C'* nazon.com* nerican Tower* nphenol 'A'* sys* ple* | ML* 3,917,209  5,619,301  .00%) vernment of New Zealand 3% 20/04/29 9,635,807 w Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34 6,885,692  16,521,499  6) rtugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro O 1.65% 16/07/32 13,876,919  8%) 85* 4,528,616 |

| Holding                      |                              | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 50,132                       | Boston Scientific*           | 3,917,345   | 0.54                                 |
| 21,732                       | Brown & Brown*               | 2,094,488   | 0.29                                 |
| 18,957                       | Cadence Design Systems*      | 3,734,562   | 0.52                                 |
| 26,639                       | Chevron Corporation*         | 3,454,660   | 0.48                                 |
| 19,519                       | Chicago Mercantile Exchange* | 4,009,807   | 0.56                                 |
| 79.166                       | Coca-Cola*                   | 4,392,693   | 0.61                                 |
| 5,239                        | Costco*                      | 3,837,753   | 0.53                                 |
| 59,781                       | Dexcom*                      | 3,160,531   | 0.44                                 |
| 5,048                        | Equinix REIT*                | 3,186,057   | 0.44                                 |
| 40,992                       | Estée Lauder 'A'*            | 2,096,364   | 0.29                                 |
| 25,147                       | Ferguson*                    | 3,120,897   | 0.43                                 |
| 12,074                       | Home Depot*                  | 3,427,772   | 0.48                                 |
| 40,369                       | KKR & Co*                    | 3,615,774   | 0.50                                 |
| 10,823                       | Lockheed Martin*             | 3,743,337   | 0.52                                 |
| 10,247                       | Mastercard*                  | 4,349,348   | 0.60                                 |
| 17,497                       | Microsoft*                   | 5,081,348   | 0.71                                 |
| 43,693                       | Morgan Stanley*              | 3,950,057   | 0.55                                 |
| 37,499                       | Nvidia*                      | 3,159,707   | 0.44                                 |
| 2,876                        | O'Reilly Auto Parts*         | 3,190,015   | 0.44                                 |
| 12,689                       | Public Storage*              | 2,943,415   | 0.41                                 |
| 15,132                       | Salesforce.com*              | 3,144,572   | 0.44                                 |
| 8,313                        | Thermo Fisher Scientific*    | 3,205,279   | 0.44                                 |
| 119,732                      | US Bancorp*                  | 3,915,466   | 0.54                                 |
| 16,858                       | Visa 'A'*                    | 4,575,790   | 0.64                                 |
| 21,172                       | Waste Management*            | 3,796,279   | 0.53                                 |
| 48,173                       | WEC Energy*                  | 4,067,320   | 0.56                                 |
| Total United States          |                              | 122,648,303 | 17.03                                |
| <b>Global</b> (30.09.24: 5.5 | 5%)                          |             |                                      |
| 602,800                      | AIA*                         | 3,514,485   | 0.49                                 |
| £2,120,000                   | Hiscox 6.125% VRN 24/11/45   | 2,126,795   | 0.31                                 |
| 341,927                      | iShares Physical Gold ETF**  | 16,053,284  | 2.23                                 |
| £645,000                     | PGH Capital 6.625% 18/12/25  | 649,945     | 0.09                                 |
| 15,467                       | Roche*                       | 3,933,146   | 0.54                                 |
| 84,388                       | TotalEnergies*               | 4,213,333   | 0.58                                 |
| Total Global                 |                              | 30,490,988  | 4.24                                 |

(continued)

| Holding                 |   | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Structured Products (   | 30.09.24: 11.89%)                             |             |                                      |
| £5,000,000              | 3 year Autocallable P-note 07/02/28 (JPM)     | 4,744,000   | 0.66                                 |
| £5,000,000              | 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)     | 5,000,000   | 0.69                                 |
| £13,300,000             | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29          | 13,319,950  | 1.85                                 |
| 6,900,000               | Credit Agricole CIB Finance 2% 24/05/25       | 5,254,317   | 0.73                                 |
| £17,500,000             | Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26      | 14,153,206  | 1.97                                 |
| 23,725                  | First Republic Bank                           | _           | 0.00                                 |
| £17,000                 | JP Morgan ELN 2025                            | 12,988,092  | 1.80                                 |
| 14,375,000              | Merrill 0% 23/01/26                           | 15,956,250  | 2.22                                 |
| 21,794,000              | Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 | 22,897,419  | 3.18                                 |
| £4,000,000              | Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR             | 4,173,200   | 0.58                                 |
| Total Structured Prod   | ucts  | 98,486,434  | 13.68                                |
| Forward Foreign Exch    | ange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.60%)              |             |                                      |
|                         | Buy £17,795,154, Sell AUD17,681,517           | 113,637     | 0.01                                 |
|                         | Buy £54,944,871, Sell €54,586,018             | 358,853     | 0.05                                 |
|                         | Buy £11,696,272, Sell €11,641,459             | (54,813)    | (0.01)                               |
|                         | Buy £15,764,771, Sell NZD15,695,488           | 69,283      | 0.01                                 |
|                         | Buy £22,404,940, Sell \$22,458,811            | 53,871      | 0.01                                 |
|                         | Buy £131,514,487, Sell \$131,817,355          | (302,868)   | (0.04)                               |
| Total Forward Foreign   | Exchange Contracts                            | 237,963     | 0.03                                 |
| Total value of investm  | ents (30.09.24: 85.40%)                       | 601,093,455 | 83.49                                |
| Net other assets (30.0  | 99.24: 14.60%)                                | 118,895,413 | 16.51                                |
| Total value of the fund | as at 31 March 2025                           | 719,988,868 | 100.00                               |

All investments are fixed income unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Countries eliminated since the beginning of the period:

0.42% Luxembourg 0.94% Romania

<sup>\*</sup> Equity shares

<sup>\*\*</sup> CIS securities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> Closed-end funds

<sup>#</sup> Suspended securities

## SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

|                               | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 242,099,096 | 33.63                                |
| Equity Securities             | 237,770,732 | 33.02                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 22,499,230  | 3.13                                 |
| Structured Products           | 98,486,434  | 13.68                                |
| Forward Contracts             | 237,963     | 0.03                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 601,093,455 | 83.49                                |

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|   | 31.03.25    | 31.03.25    | 31.03.24    | 31.03.24    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | £           | £           | £           | £           |
| Income                                  |             |             |             |             |
| Net capital (losses)/gains              |             | (2,021,885) |             | 39,097,648  |
| Revenue                                 | 10,803,607  |             | 8,632,368   |             |
| Expenses                                | (1,856,171) |             | (1,541,851) |             |
| Net revenue before taxation             | 8,947,436   |             | 7,090,517   |             |
| Taxation                                | (1,505,327) |             | (1,206,682) |             |
| Net revenue after taxation              |             | 7,442,109   |             | 5,883,835   |
| Total return before distributions       |             | 5,420,224   |             | 44,981,483  |
| Distributions                           |             | (8,909,463) |             | (7,089,948) |
| Change in net assets attributable to    |             |             |             |             |
| shareholders from investment activities |             | (3,489,239) |             | 37,891,535  |

## RATHBONE TOTAL RETURN PORTFOLIO

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|  | 31.03.25     | 31.03.25    | 31.03.24     | 31.03.24    |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|  | £            | £           | £            | £           |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | i            | 709,251,475 |              | 531,499,861 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 39,319,430   |             | 81,322,461   |             |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (32,750,085) |             | (22,781,179) |             |
| In-specie transfer   | _            |             | 25,776,262   |             |
|  |              | 6,569,345   |              | 84,317,544  |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              |             |              |             |
| (see Statement of total return above)  |              | (3,489,239) |              | 37,891,535  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |              | 7,657,287   |              | 6,288,989   |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 719,988,868 |              | 659,997,929 |
|  |              |             |              |             |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                    |               |               |               |               |
| Fixed assets:<br>Investments              |               | 601,451,136   |               | 606,009,610   |
| Current assets:                           |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors                                   | 4,738,054     |               | 5,387,735     |               |
| Cash and bank balances                    | 125,533,592   |               | 100,422,155   |               |
| Total current assets                      |               | 130,271,646   |               | 105,809,890   |
| Total assets                              |               | 731,722,782   |               | 711,819,500   |
| <b>Liabilities</b> Investment liabilities |               | (357,681)     |               | (285,268)     |
| Creditors:                                |               |               |               |               |
| Distribution payable on income shares     | (643,089)     |               | (670,131)     |               |
| Other creditors                           | (10,733,144)  |               | (1,612,626)   |               |
| Total liabilities                         |               | (11,733,914)  |               | (2,568,025)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders   |               | 719,988,868   |               | 709,251,475   |

RATHBONE TOTAL RETURN PORTFOLIO

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements

#### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £188,124,886 (31 March 2024; £91.860.395) and £192.684.664 (31 March 2024; £61.376.168) respectively.

#### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-Funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### First Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 December 2024

| R-class income*                 | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                         | n/a    | _            | n/a                  | 0.81                 |
| Group 2                         | n/a    | n/a          | n/a                  | 0.81                 |
| R-class accumulation**          | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | n/a    | _            | n/a                  | 1.01                 |
| Group 2                         | n/a    | n/a          | n/a                  | 1.01                 |
| S-class income shares           | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
| Group 1                         | 0.85   | _            | 0.85                 | 0.77                 |
| Group 2                         | 0.59   | 0.26         | 0.85                 | 0.77                 |
| S-class accumulation shares     | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | 1.03   | _            | 1.03                 | 0.92                 |
| Group 2                         | 0.56   | 0.47         | 1.03                 | 0.92                 |
| W-class income*** shares        | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
| Group 1                         | 0.63   | _            | 0.63                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                         | 0.26   | 0.37         | 0.63                 | n/a                  |
| W-class accumulation**** shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | 0.65   | _            | 0.65                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                         | 0.49   | 0.16         | 0.65                 | n/a                  |

<sup>\*</sup> R-class income was merged into S-class income on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> R-class accumulation was merged into S-class accumulation on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

## DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

## DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)

## Second Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2025 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class income              |        |              | Payable               | Paid                    |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25              | 31.05.24                |
| Group 1                     | 0.84   | _            | 0.84                  | 0.81                    |
| Group 2                     | 0.40   | 0.44         | 0.84                  | 0.81                    |
| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Allocated<br>30.05.25 | Accumulated<br>31.05.24 |
| Group 1                     | 1.04   | _            | 1.04                  | 0.98                    |
| Group 2                     | 0.53   | 0.51         | 1.04                  | 0.98                    |
| W-class income              |        |              | Payable               | Paid                    |
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25              | 31.05.24                |
| Group 1                     | 0.64   | _            | 0.64                  | 0.11                    |
| Group 2                     | 0.31   | 0.33         | 0.64                  | 0.11                    |
| W-class accumulation        |        |              | Allocated             | Accumulated             |
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25              | 31.05.24                |
| Group 1                     | 0.65   |              | 0.65                  | 0.11                    |

## Equalisation

Group 2

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater total return than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation + 2%, after fees, over any rolling five-year period by investing with our Liquidity, Equity-type risk and Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more than half of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market Index

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the CPI + 2% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to grow your investment above inflation. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

## INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and hedging. The fund does not use derivatives for investment purposes. In the event the fund intends to use derivatives for investment purposes shareholders will be given 60 days notice.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

## INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class accumulation shares) gained 0.3%. For the same period, the fund's UK CPI + 2% benchmark returned 2.3%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 57%, compared with a target of 50%.

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

With bonds very volatile during the period, we did a lot of buying and selling of government bonds, both here and abroad. This included selling the US Treasury 1.875% 2032 and 4.125% 2027, and the UK Treasury 1.125% 2039 and 3.75% 2052, among other bonds. At other times we bought the UK Treasury 0.875% 2033, 0.625% 2035, 1.5% 2047 and 1.125% 2039. Another purchase was the US Treasury 4.125% 2027.

With the gold price flying high, we sold all our investment in the iShares Physical Gold ETF. The yellow stuff has hit record after record over the past 18 months. Gold is a black box. It has no yield, so is completely at the whim of supply and demand. This demand spans everything from bolstered middle classes in populous nations like India that culturally like gold, to industrial demand for the best noncorrosive conductor on earth and central banks buying up bullion. And there are of course also investors like us who buy it as a diversifier, helping to provide protection against sudden economic shocks. Gold has long been a safe haven for people when financial markets get rocked, so it's useful to have a small allocation in a portfolio. However, when weighed against its price, we thought it was best to take the cash. Especially as holding it means you go without the going interest rate, which is currently between 4% and 5%. We think it makes sense to hold safer government bonds and take the income.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond yields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies — along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal — could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

This messy mix of policies — where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail — leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds yet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

David Coombs Lead Fund Manager Will McIntosh-Whyte Fund Manager

## **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

## S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 111.48p                     | 102.97p                     | 99.94p                      | 110.01p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 0.89p<br>(0.30p)            | 11.79p<br>(0.59p)           | 5.72p<br>(0.56p)            | (7.80p)<br>(0.58p)          |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.59p                       | 11.20p                      | 5.16p                       | (8.38p)                     |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.20p)                     | (2.69p)                     | (2.13p)                     | (1.69p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 110.87p                     | 111.48p                     | 102.97p                     | 99.94p                      |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.03p                       | 0.04p                       | 0.07p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.53% | 10.88% | 5.16% | (7.62%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|

## OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £208,506,095 | £194,038,365 | £110,001,937 | £70,077,374 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 188,064,036  | 174,058,064  | 106,825,423  | 70,120,465  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.53%        | 0.54%        | 0.55%        | 0.59%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03%        | 0.04%        | 0.06%        | 0.03%       |
|                          |              |              |              |             |
| PRICES***                |              |              |              |             |
| Highest share price      | 115.07p      | 112.44p      | 108.06p      | 114.11p     |
| Lowest share price       | 110.46p      | 101.21p      | 99.50p       | 101.20p     |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 120.27p                     | 108.42p                     | 103.15p                     | 111.74p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | 0.95p<br>(0.32p)            | 12.47p<br>(0.62p)           | 5.85p<br>(0.58p)            | (7.96p)<br>(0.63p)          |
| Return after operating charges*  | 0.63p                       | 11.85p                      | 5.27p                       | (8.59p)                     |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (1.30p)<br>1.30p            | (2.86p)<br>2.86p            | (2.21p)<br>2.21p            | (1.69p)<br>1.69p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 120.90p                     | 120.27p                     | 108.42p                     | 103.15p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.03p                       | 0.05p                       | 0.07p                       | 0.04p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

## **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.52% | 10.93% | 5.11% | (7.69%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|

#### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges**<br>Direct transaction costs |         |         | £759,704,573<br>700,692,298<br>0.55%<br>0.06% | £204,845,796<br>198,597,834<br>0.59%<br>0.03% |
|--|---------|---------|---|---|
| PRICES***  |         |         |   |   |
| Highest share price  | 124.77p | 120.58p | 111.93p                                       | 115.89p                                       |
| Lowest share price   | 119.14p | 106.57p | 102.63p                                       | 103.89p                                       |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

## **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

## RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free) Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

### RATHBONE DEFENSIVE GROWTH PORTFOLIO

## **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                             | 2025  | 2024  | 2023   | 2022  | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|
| S-class shares              | 2.22% | 8.27% | -3.42% | 5.39% | _    |
| UK Consumer Price Index +2% | 4.85% | 5.51% | 12.66% | 8.28% | _    |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

There is no 5 year performance table for this fund as it was only launched on 19 June 2020.

| Holding              |  | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom (30.0 | 09.24: 26.76%)                                 |            |                                      |
| 202,931              | Ashtead  | 8,411,490  | 0.59                                 |
| 84,047               | AstraZeneca                                    | 9,456,968  | 0.66                                 |
| £2,790,000           | Babcock International 1.875% 05/10/26*         | 2,663,960  | 0.19                                 |
| £2,400,000           | Barclays 3.75% VRN 22/11/30*                   | 2,367,977  | 0.17                                 |
| £2,283,000           | Barclays 8.407% VRN 14/11/32*                  | 2,422,506  | 0.17                                 |
| £5,600,000           | BP Capital Markets 4.25% VRN Perp*             | 5,424,474  | 0.38                                 |
| £2,400,000           | Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 08/06/26*               | 2,406,019  | 0.17                                 |
| 246,204              | Compass  | 6,285,588  | 0.44                                 |
| £7,000,000           | EIB 5.5% 15/04/25*                             | 7,001,778  | 0.49                                 |
| 7,267,634            | HICL Infrastructure                            | 8,154,285  | 0.57                                 |
| £3,700,000           | HSBC 2.256% VRN 13/11/26*                      | 3,635,058  | 0.25                                 |
| 3,771,904            | Legal and General                              | 9,150,639  | 0.64                                 |
| £5,500,000           | Lloyds Bank 1.985% VRN 15/12/31*               | 5,213,877  | 0.36                                 |
| 99,421               | London Stock Exchange                          | 11,388,676 | 0.80                                 |
| 4,811,495            | M&G  | 9,550,818  | 0.67                                 |
| 1,038,581            | National Grid                                  | 10,479,282 | 0.74                                 |
| £1,901,000           | Nationwide Building Society 5.625% 28/01/26*   | 1,919,645  | 0.13                                 |
| £5,403,000           | Pension Insurance Corporation 6.875% 15/11/34* | 5,338,665  | 0.37                                 |
| £840,000             | PGH Capital 6.625% 18/12/25*                   | 846,439    | 0.06                                 |
| £1,500,000           | Punch Finance 6.125% 30/06/26*                 | 1,490,625  | 0.10                                 |
| 266,304              | RELX   | 10,313,954 | 0.73                                 |
| 2,301,962            | Rentokil Initial                               | 7,999,318  | 0.56                                 |
| £2,594,000           | RL Finance 10.125% VRN Perp*                   | 2,928,068  | 0.20                                 |
| £1,200,000           | Rolls-Royce 3.375% 18/06/26*                   | 1,177,244  | 0.08                                 |
| £1,000,000           | Rothesay Life 8% 30/10/25*                     | 1,014,126  | 0.07                                 |
| £3,000,000           | Royal Bank of Scotland 3.125% VRN 28/03/27*    | 2,941,060  | 0.21                                 |
| £3,500,000           | Royal Bank of Scotland 3.622% VRN 14/08/30*    | 3,488,030  | 0.24                                 |
| £1,017,000           | Sainsburys Bank 10.5% VRN 12/03/33*            | 1,154,295  | 0.08                                 |
| £4,000,000           | Santander UK 2.421% VRN 17/01/29*              | 3,694,631  | 0.26                                 |
| £3,624,000           | Schroders 6.346% VRN 18/07/34*                 | 3,648,106  | 0.26                                 |
| 406,319              | Shell  | 11,472,417 | 0.81                                 |
| 395,892              | Smith & Nephew                                 | 4,293,449  | 0.30                                 |
| 600,490              | SSE  | 9,568,808  | 0.67                                 |
| £1,100,000           | Thames Water Kemble Finance 4.625% 19/05/26*   | 22,000     | 0.00                                 |
| £70,000,000          | UK Treasury 0.625% 31/07/35*                   | 47,019,000 | 3.29                                 |
| £116,740,648         | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/07/33*                   | 87,444,582 | 6.13                                 |
| £45,382,440          | UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/26*                     | 43,907,964 | 3.08                                 |

| Holding                    |   | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| £53,930,535                | UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/47*                  | 27,832,471  | 1.96                                 |
| £36,613,086                | UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/53*                  | 16,625,636  | 1.16                                 |
| 154,956                    | Unilever                                    | 7,143,472   | 0.50                                 |
| Total United Kingdom       |   | 407,297,400 | 28.54                                |
| Australia (30.09.24: 2     | .06%)                                       |             |                                      |
| £2,500,000                 | Commonwealth Bank of Australia 3% 04/09/26* | 2,443,078   | 0.17                                 |
| AUD26,800,000              | Government of Australia 1% 02/11/31*        | 10,631,469  | 0.75                                 |
| AUD30,000,000              | Government of Australia 1.75% 21/11/32*     | 12,169,421  | 0.85                                 |
| £2,000,000                 | National Australia Bank 3% 04/09/26*        | 1,951,147   | 0.14                                 |
| Total Australia            |   | 27,195,115  | 1.91                                 |
| Canada (30.09.24: 1.2      | 8%)   |             |                                      |
| 139,387                    | Canadian Pacific Kansas City                | 7,585,158   | 0.53                                 |
| 112,073                    | Shopify                                     | 8,282,505   | 0.58                                 |
| Total Canada               |   | 15,867,663  | 1.11                                 |
| Channel Islands (30.09     | 9.2024: 0.98%)                              |             |                                      |
| 172,868                    | Aptiv                                       | 7,970,075   | 0.56                                 |
| 6,854,309                  | International Public Partnership            | 7,649,409   | 0.54                                 |
| Total Channel Islands      |   | 15,619,484  | 1.10                                 |
| <b>Denmark</b> (30.09.2024 | ÷ 0.67%)                                    |             |                                      |
| 194,121                    | Novozymes                                   | 8,729,630   | 0.61                                 |
| France (30.09.24: 2.08     | 8%)   |             |                                      |
| £2,000,000                 | BNP Paribas SA 3.375% 23/01/26*             | 1,977,240   | 0.14                                 |
| 28,093                     | L'Oréal                                     | 8,060,541   | 0.56                                 |
| 16,347                     | LVMH  | 7,817,001   | 0.55                                 |
| 51,192                     | Thales                                      | 10,521,856  | 0.74                                 |
| 228,584                    | TotalEnergies                               | 11,412,768  | 0.80                                 |
| Total France               |   | 39,789,406  | 2.79                                 |
| Germany (30.09.24: 2       | .21%)                                       |             |                                      |
| €3,400,000                 | Deutsche Bank AG 7.375% VRN Perp*           | 2,877,428   | 0.20                                 |
| 187,179                    | KION  | 6,015,203   | 0.42                                 |
| €15,400,000                | Republic of Germany 0.25% 15/02/27*         | 12,476,660  | 0.88                                 |
| 57,087                     | Siemens                                     | 10,130,652  | 0.71                                 |
| Total Germany              |   | 31,499,943  | 2.21                                 |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

| Holding                      |  | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hong Kong (30.09.24          | : 0.70%)   |            |                                      |
| 1,552,000                    | AIA  | 9,048,574  | 0.63                                 |
| Ireland (30.09.24: 5.7       | 79%)   |            |                                      |
| 37,990                       | Accenture  | 9,189,121  | 0.64                                 |
| \$3,900,000                  | Beazley Insurance DAC 5.5% 10/09/29*               | 2,983,331  | 0.21                                 |
| 24,763                       | New Linde  | 8,932,522  | 0.62                                 |
| 435,928                      | SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF*          | 19,497,287 | 1.37                                 |
| Total Ireland                | ·  | 40,602,261 | 2.84                                 |
| Japan (30.09.24: 0.77        | 7%)  |            |                                      |
| 609,100                      | Sony   | 11,865,251 | 0.83                                 |
| Luxembourg (30.09.2          | 24: 0.53%)   |            |                                      |
| 162,724                      | •  | 6,701,420  | 0.47                                 |
| Netherlands (30.09.2         | 4.0 61%)   |            |                                      |
| 17,940                       | 4. 0.0176)<br>ASML                                 | 9,098,231  | 0.64                                 |
| 17,540                       | ASINIE   | 5,050,251  | 0.04                                 |
| New Zealand (30.09.2         | 2024: 0.00%)                                       |            |                                      |
| NZD31,300,000                | New Zealand Government Bond 3% 20/04/29*           | 13,286,378 | 0.93                                 |
| NZD32,000,000                | New Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34*        | 13,771,384 | 0.97                                 |
| Total New Zealand            |  | 27,057,762 | 1.90                                 |
| Portugal (30.09.24: 1        | .85%)  |            |                                      |
| €45,200,000                  | Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro O 1.65% 16/07/32*   | 34,846,485 | 2.44                                 |
| Romania (30.09.24: 0         | .69%)  |            |                                      |
| €5,700,000                   | Romanian Government International 1.75% 13/07/30*  | 3,956,405  | 0.28                                 |
| €3,500,000                   | Romanian Government International 3.624% 26/05/30* | 2,728,253  | 0.19                                 |
| €3,500,000                   | Romanian Government International 5.375% 22/03/31* | 2,897,613  | 0.20                                 |
| Total Romania                |  | 9,582,271  | 0.67                                 |
| <b>Singapore</b> (30.09.24:  | 0.70%)   |            |                                      |
| 444,400                      | DBS  | 11,903,455 | 0.83                                 |
| <b>Spain</b> (30.09.24: 0.20 | 1%)  |            |                                      |
| £3,000,000                   | Banco Santander 1.75% 17/02/27*                    | 2,822,960  | 0.20                                 |
|                              |  |            |                                      |

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| Supranational (30.09)       | 24: 0.00%)                               |            |                                      |
| €17,000,000                 | European Investment Bank 2.75% 16/01/34* | 13,985,463 | 0.98                                 |
| <b>Sweden</b> (30.09.24: 0. | 75%)                                     |            |                                      |
| 450,702                     | Assa Abloy 'B'                           | 10,403,987 | 0.73                                 |
|                             |  |            |                                      |
| Switzerland (30.09.24       | 4: 1.80%)                                |            |                                      |
| 36,024                      | Roche                                    | 9,160,641  | 0.64                                 |
| £1,000,000                  | UBS 1.125% 15/12/25*                     | 973,380    | 0.07                                 |
| Total Switzerland           |  | 10,134,021 | 0.71                                 |
| United States (30.09.       | 24: 29.27%)                              |            |                                      |
| 103,789                     | Abbott Laboratories                      | 10,666,365 | 0.75                                 |
| 28,068                      | Adobe                                    | 8,337,441  | 0.58                                 |
| 83,379                      | Alphabet 'C'                             | 10,082,997 | 0.71                                 |
| 65,822                      | Amazon.com                               | 9,701,829  | 0.68                                 |
| 56,143                      | American Tower                           | 9,469,170  | 0.66                                 |
| 177,150                     | Amphenol 'A'                             | 9,001,951  | 0.63                                 |
| 33,515                      | Ansys                                    | 8,211,337  | 0.58                                 |
| 43,421                      | Apple                                    | 7,469,455  | 0.52                                 |
| 140,965                     | Boston Scientific                        | 11,015,092 | 0.77                                 |
| 61,334                      | Brown & Brown                            | 5,911,253  | 0.41                                 |
| 45,163                      | Cadence Design Systems                   | 8,897,190  | 0.62                                 |
| 32,743                      | Caterpillar                              | 8,368,459  | 0.59                                 |
| 66,081                      | Chevron Corporation                      | 8,569,668  | 0.60                                 |
| 46,834                      | Chicago Mercantile Exchange              | 9,621,153  | 0.67                                 |
| 190,442                     | Coca-Cola                                | 10,567,078 | 0.74                                 |
| 12,549                      | Costco                                   | 9,192,586  | 0.64                                 |
| 23,255                      | Deere and Company                        | 8,461,343  | 0.59                                 |
| 156,173                     | Dexcom                                   | 8,256,630  | 0.58                                 |
| 41,688                      | Ecolab                                   | 8,184,510  | 0.57                                 |
| 14,874                      | Equinix REIT                             | 9,387,761  | 0.66                                 |
| 109,493                     | Estée Lauder 'A'                         | 5,599,561  | 0.39                                 |
| 68,828                      | Ferguson                                 | 8,541,977  | 0.60                                 |
| 30,344                      | Home Depot                               | 8,614,569  | 0.60                                 |
| 94,104                      | KKR & Co                                 | 8,428,715  | 0.59                                 |
| 26,319                      | Lockheed Martin                          | 9,102,918  | 0.64                                 |
| 23,931                      | Mastercard                               | 10,157,535 | 0.71                                 |
| 41.220                      | Microsoft                                | 11,970,805 | 0.84                                 |

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| Total United States         342,123,622           Structured Products (30.09.24: 11.70%)           14,500,000         3 year Autocallable P-note 07/02/28 (JPM)         13,757,600           12,000,000         6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)         12,000,000           £26,000,000         Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29         26,039,000           \$4,700,000         Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25         3,579,028           33,000,000         Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26         26,688,902           28,568         First Republic Bank         —           32,100         JP Morgan ELN 2025         24,524,574           25,500,000         Merrill 0% 23/01/26         28,305,000           13,300,000         Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs         12,331,760           36,007,000         Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025         37,830,016           12,000,000         Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR         12,519,600           Total Structured Products           Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249         138,841           Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129         919,217           Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719         64,907           Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363         113,452  | 53,333                | Waste Management                              | 9,562,959   | 0.67                                 |
| Structured Products (30.09.24: 11.70%)         14,500,000       3 year Autocallable P-note 07/02/28 (JPM)       13,757,600         12,000,000       6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)       12,000,000         £26,000,000       Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29       26,039,000         \$4,700,000       Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25       3,579,028         33,000,000       Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26       26,688,902         28,568       First Republic Bank       —         32,100       JP Morgan ELN 2025       24,524,574         25,500,000       Merrill 0% 23/01/26       28,305,000         13,300,000       Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs       12,331,760         36,007,000       Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025       37,830,016         12,000,000       Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR       12,519,600         Total Structured Products       197,575,480         Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)         Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249       138,841         Buy £27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719       64,907         Buy £37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768       (175,827)         Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363       113,452         Buy £25,1629,737, Sell \$252,209,223   | 117,963               | WEC Energy                                    | 9,959,797   | 0.70                                 |
| 14,500,000 3 year Autocallable P-note 07/02/28 (JPM) 13,757,600 12,000,000 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM) 12,000,000 £26,000,000 Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29 26,039,000 \$4,700,000 Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25 3,579,028 33,000,000 Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26 26,688,902 28,568 First Republic Bank − 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | otal United States    |   | 342,123,622 | 23.97                                |
| 12,000,000 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM) 12,000,000 £26,000,000 Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29 26,039,000 \$4,700,000 Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25 3,579,028 33,000,000 Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26 26,688,902 28,568 First Republic Bank — 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600 Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  | tructured Products (3 | 30.09.24: 11.70%)                             |             |                                      |
| £26,000,000 Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29 26,039,000 \$4,700,000 Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25 3,579,028 33,000,000 Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26 26,688,902 28,568 First Republic Bank − 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | 14,500,000            | 3 year Autocallable P-note 07/02/28 (JPM)     | 13,757,600  | 0.96                                 |
| \$4,700,000 Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25 3,579,028 33,000,000 Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26 26,688,902 28,568 First Republic Bank - 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | 12,000,000            | 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)     | 12,000,000  | 0.84                                 |
| 33,000,000 Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26 26,688,902 28,568 First Republic Bank — 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | £26,000,000           | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29          | 26,039,000  | 1.83                                 |
| 28,568 First Republic Bank — 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  | \$4,700,000           | Credit Agricole CIB Finance 0% VRN 24/05/25   | 3,579,028   | 0.25                                 |
| 32,100 JP Morgan ELN 2025 24,524,574 25,500,000 Merrill 0% 23/01/26 28,305,000 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 12,331,760 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600 Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)  Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | 33,000,000            | Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26      | 26,688,902  | 1.87                                 |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$  | 28,568                | First Republic Bank                           | _           | 0.00                                 |
| 13,300,000 Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £37,518,768 Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | 32,100                | JP Morgan ELN 2025                            | 24,524,574  | 1.72                                 |
| 36,007,000 Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 37,830,016 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)  Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841  Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217  Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907  Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827)  Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452  Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   | 25,500,000            | Merrill 0% 23/01/26                           | 28,305,000  | 1.98                                 |
| 12,000,000 Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR 12,519,600  Total Structured Products 197,575,480  Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)  Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  | 13,300,000            | Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs              | 12,331,760  | 0.86                                 |
| Total Structured Products       197,575,480         Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)         Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249       138,841         Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129       919,217         Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719       64,907         Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768       (175,827)         Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363       113,452         Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223       (579,486)   | 36,007,000            | Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 | 37,830,016  | 2.65                                 |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)  Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249  Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129  Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719  Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768  Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363  Buy £25,814,814, Sell \$252,209,223  (579,486)  | 12,000,000            | Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR             | 12,519,600  | 0.88                                 |
| Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249 138,841 Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  | otal Structured Produ | ucts  | 197,575,480 | 13.84                                |
| Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129 919,217 Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  | orward Foreign Excha  | ange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)              |             |                                      |
| Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719 64,907 Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  |                       | Buy £21,742,090, Sell AUD21,603,249           | 138,841     | 0.01                                 |
| Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768 (175,827) Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452 Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  |                       | Buy £140,743,346, Sell €139,824,129           | 919,217     | 0.06                                 |
| Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363 113,452<br>Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)   |                       | Buy \$27,059,626, Sell £26,994,719            | 64,907      | 0.00                                 |
| Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223 (579,486)  |                       | Buy €37,342,942, Sell £37,518,768             | (175,827)   | (0.01)                               |
| •   |                       | Buy £25,814,814, Sell NZD25,701,363           | 113,452     | 0.01                                 |
| Total Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts 481,104  |                       | Buy £251,629,737, Sell \$252,209,223          | (579,486)   | (0.04)                               |
|   | otal Forward Foreign  | Exchange Contracts                            | 481,104     | 0.03                                 |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

| Holding                                       | Value<br>£    | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Total value of investments (30.09.24: 92.01%) | 1,284,230,988 | 89.98                                |
| Net other assets (30.09.24: 7.99%)            | 142,985,602   | 10.02                                |
| Total value of the fund as at 31 March 2025   | 1,427,216,590 | 100.00                               |

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

- \* Debt securities
- Open-ended Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

# SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

|                               | Value<br>£    | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 420,406,331   | 29.46                                |
| Equity Securities             | 646,270,786   | 45.28                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 19,497,287    | 1.37                                 |
| Structured Products           | 197,575,480   | 13.84                                |
| Forward Contracts             | 481,104       | 0.03                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 1,284,230,988 | 89.98                                |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.24<br>£ | 31.03.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income                                  |               |               |               |               |
| Net capital (losses)/gains              |               | (5,155,490)   |               | 81,857,259    |
| Revenue                                 | 18,483,468    |               | 15,248,713    |               |
| Expenses                                | (3,696,895)   |               | (2,769,204)   |               |
| Net revenue before taxation             | 14,786,573    |               | 12,479,509    |               |
| Taxation                                | (2,306,819)   |               | (2,116,999)   |               |
| Net revenue after taxation              |               | 12,479,754    |               | 10,362,510    |
| Total return before distributions       |               | 7,324,264     |               | 92,219,769    |
| Distributions                           |               | (15,367,295)  |               | (12,552,015)  |
| Change in net assets attributable to    |               |               |               |               |
| shareholders from investment activities |               | (8,043,031)   |               | 79,667,754    |

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

| 31.03.25     | 31.03.25                             | 31.03.24  | 31.03.24   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| £            | £                                    | £   | £  |
| 1            | ,408,320,366                         |   | 869,706,510  |
| 68,704,533   |                                      | 281,570,040   |  |
| (54,919,228) |                                      | (9,886,941)   |  |
|              | 13,785,305                           |   | 271,683,099  |
|              |                                      |   |  |
|              | (8,043,031)                          |   | 79,667,754   |
|              | 13,153,950                           |   | 11,643,636   |
| 1            | ,427,216,590                         | 1   | 1,232,700,999  |
|              | f<br>1<br>68,704,533<br>(54,919,228) | f f<br>1,408,320,366<br>68,704,533<br>(54,919,228)<br>13,785,305<br>(8,043,031) | f       f       f         1,408,320,366       281,570,040         68,704,533       (9,886,941)         13,785,305       (8,043,031)         13,153,950       4 |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024.

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                  |               |               |               |               |
| Fixed assets:                           |               |               |               |               |
| Investments                             | 1,            | 284,986,301   | :             | 1,296,203,769 |
| Current assets:                         |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors                                 | 7,865,152     |               | 6,636,094     |               |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 160,152,702   |               | 108,813,441   |               |
| Total current assets                    |               | 168,017,854   |               | 115,449,535   |
| Total assets                            | 1,            | 453,004,155   |               | 1,411,653,304 |
| Liabilities Investment liabilities      |               | (755,313)     |               | (349,913)     |
| Creditors:                              |               | (100,000,     |               | (0.0,000,     |
| Distribution payable on income shares   | (1,203,610)   |               | (1,166,189)   |               |
| Other creditors                         | (23,828,642)  |               | (1,816,836)   |               |
| Total liabilities                       |               | (25,787,565)  |               | (3,332,938)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 1,            | 427,216,590   | :             | 1,408,320,366 |

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## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £376,172,649 (31 March 2024: £309,184,684) and £387,202,066 (31 March 2024: £42,759,151) respectively.

### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-Funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)

### First Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 December 2024

| S-class income<br>shares | Income       | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25 | Paid<br>29.02.24 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Group 1<br>Group 2       | 0.56<br>0.30 | _<br>0.26    | 0.56<br>0.56     | 0.61<br>0.61     |
| Group 2                  | 0.50         | 0.26         | 0.50             | 0.61             |

| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 29.02.24 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                     | 0.60   | _            | 0.60                 | 0.64                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.32   | 0.28         | 0.60                 | 0.64                 |

### Second Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2025 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class income shares | Income | Equalisation | Payable<br>30.05.25 | Paid<br>31.05.24 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Group 1               | 0.64   | _            | 0.64                | 0.65             |
| Group 2               | 0.35   | 0.29         | 0.64                | 0.65             |

| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Allocated<br>30.05.25 | Accumulated 31.05.24 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                     | 0.70   | _            | 0.70                  | 0.69                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.35   | 0.35         | 0.70                  | 0.69                 |

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater total return than the CPI measure of inflation + 3%, after fees, over any rolling five-year period by investing with our Liquidity Equity Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more than two-thirds of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market index.

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the CPI + 3% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to grow your investment above inflation. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging. The use of derivatives for investment purposes may increase the volatility of the fund's Net Asset Value and may increase its risk profile.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained from by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class accumulation shares) was flat. For the same period, the fund's CPI + 3% benchmark returned 2.8%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 74%, higher than its target of 67%

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

With bonds very volatile during the period, we did a lot of buying and selling of government bonds. both here and abroad. This included selling the US Treasury 1.875% 2032 and 4.125% 2027, and the UK Treasury 3.75% 2052, among other bonds. At other times we bought the UK Treasury 0.875% 2033, 1.5% 2047 and 1.5% 2053. We also bought the US Treasury 4.125% 2027 and euro-denominated European Investment Bank 2.75% 2034.

With the gold price flying high, we sold all our investment in the iShares Physical Gold ETF. The yellow stuff has hit record after record over the past 18 months. Gold is a black box. It has no yield, so is completely at the whim of supply and demand. This demand spans everything from bolstered middle classes in populous nations like India that culturally like gold, to industrial demand for the best noncorrosive conductor on earth and central banks buying up bullion. And there are of course also investors like us who buy it as a diversifier, helping to provide protection against sudden economic shocks. Gold has long been a safe haven for people when financial markets get rocked, so it's useful to have a small allocation in a portfolio. However, when weighed against its price, we thought it was best to take the cash. Especially as holding it means you go without the going interest rate, which is currently between 4% and 5%. We think it makes sense to hold safer government bonds and take the income.

We sold US investment platform Charles Schwab as the business faced a number of challenges, including a change in management team, a retreat from its banking services that would impact its longer-term profitability, and ongoing pressure on its trading commissions.

### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond vields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies – along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal – could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

This messy mix of policies – where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail – leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds vet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

David Coombs Lead Fund Manager Will McIntosh-Whyte Fund Manager

# **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

### **R-CLASS INCOME SHARES**#

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                | n/a                         | 182.55p                     | 175.44p                     | 201.06p                     |
| Return before operating charges*                 | n/a                         | 12.05p                      | 13.48p                      | (19.55p)                    |
| Operating charges                                | n/a                         | (0.91p)                     | (2.88p)                     | (3.04p)                     |
| Return after operating charges*                  | n/a                         | 11.14p                      | 10.60p                      | (22.59p)                    |
| Distributions on income shares                   | n/a                         | (0.87p)                     | (3.49p)                     | (3.03p)                     |
| Redemption price#                                | n/a                         | (192.82p)                   | _                           | _                           |
| Closing net asset value per share                | n/a                         | _                           | 182.55p                     | 175.44p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs <sup>1</sup> of: | n/a                         | 0.06p                       | 0.05p                       | 0.08p                       |
|  |                             |                             |                             |                             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges     | n/a | 6.10%   | 6.04%    | (11.24%) |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|----------|----------|
| OTHER INFORMATION        |     |         |          |          |
| Closing net asset value  | n/a | _       | £568,309 | £565,685 |
| Closing number of shares | n/a | _       | 311,321  | 322,444  |
| Operating charges**      | n/a | _       | 1.56%    | 1.58%    |
| Direct transaction costs | n/a | 0.03%   | 0.03%    | 0.04%    |
| PRICES***                |     |         |          |          |
| Highest share price      | n/a | 196.42p | 195.13p  | 211.02p  |
| Lowest share price       | n/a | 177.55p | 174.54p  | 177.69p  |

<sup>#</sup> R-class income was merged into S-class income on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### R-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES#

| 31.03.25        | 30.09.24                                      | 30.09.23  | 30.09.22<br>pence per share   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| pence per snare | perice per sitare                             | perice per sitare   | pence per snare   |
|                 |   |   |   |
| n/a             | 219.11p                                       | 206.67p   | 233.12p   |
| n/a             | 14.45p  | 15.85p  | (22.92p)  |
| _               | (1.09p)                                       | (3.41p)   | (3.53p)   |
| n/a             | 13.36p  | 12.44p  | (26.45p)  |
| n/a             | (1.05p)                                       | (4.13p)   | (3.51p)   |
| n/a             | 1.05p   | 4.13p   | 3.51p   |
| n/a             | (232.47p)                                     | -   | _   |
| n/a             | _   | 219.11p   | 206.67p   |
| n/a             | 0.07p   | 0.06p   | 0.09p   |
|                 | n/a n/a - n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a | pence per share         pence per share           n/a         219.11p           n/a         14.45p           -         (1.09p)           n/a         13.36p           n/a         (1.05p)           n/a         1.05p           n/a         (232.47p)           n/a         - | pence per share         pence per share         pence per share           n/a         219.11p         206.67p           n/a         14.45p         15.85p           -         (1.09p)         (3.41p)           n/a         13.36p         12.44p           n/a         (1.05p)         (4.13p)           n/a         1.05p         4.13p           n/a         (232.47p)         -           n/a         -         219.11p |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges     | n/a | 6.10%   | 6.02%       | (11.35%)    |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|-------------|-------------|
| OTHER INFORMATION        |     |         |             |             |
| Closing net asset value  | n/a | _       | £13,284,200 | £12,492,322 |
| Closing number of shares | n/a | _       | 6,062,696   | 6,044,677   |
| Operating charges**      | n/a | _       | 1.56%       | 1.58%       |
| Direct transaction costs | n/a | 0.03%   | 0.03%       | 0.04%       |
| PRICES***                |     |         |             |             |
|                          |     |         |             |             |
| Highest share price      | n/a | 235.77p | 230.75p     | 244.57p     |
| Lowest share price       | n/a | 213.09p | 205.57p     | 208.40p     |

<sup>#</sup> R-class accumulation was merged into S-class accumulation on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 178.87p                     | 161.50p                     | 153.82p                     | 174.52p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 1.23p<br>(0.48p)            | 21.83p<br>(0.93p)           | 11.65p<br>(0.89p)           | (17.12p)<br>(0.94p)         |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.75p                       | 20.90p                      | 10.76p                      | (18.06p)                    |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.63p)                     | (3.53p)                     | (3.08p)                     | (2.64p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 177.99p                     | 178.87p                     | 161.50p                     | 153.82p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.05p                       | 0.05p                       | 0.05p                       | 0.07p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.42%  | 12.94%  | 7.00% | (10.35%) |
|----------------------|--------|---------|-------|----------|
| Return arter charges | 0.4270 | 12.9470 | 7.00% | (10.55%) |

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £427,065,368 | £405,187,109 | £233,247,852 | £207,950,312 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Closing number of shares | 239,934,326  | 226,531,203  | 144,426,578  | 135,195,023  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.54%        | 0.55%        | 0.56%        | 0.58%        |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03%        | 0.03%        | 0.03%        | 0.04%        |
|                          |              |              |              |              |
| PRICES***                |              |              |              |              |
| Highest share price      | 186.41p      | 180.38p      | 171.62p      | 183.45p      |
| Lowest share price       | 176.84p      | 157.19p      | 153.09p      | 155.80p      |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|   | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 214.13p                     | 189.54p                     | 177.16p                     | 197.84p                     |
| Return before operating charges*              | 1.48p                       | 25.69p                      | 13.41p                      | (19.61p)                    |
| Operating charges                             | (0.57p)                     | (1.10p)                     | (1.03p)                     | (1.07p)                     |
| Return after operating charges*               | 0.91p                       | 24.59p                      | 12.38p                      | (20.68p)                    |
| Distributions on accumulation shares          | (1.96p)                     | (4.18p)                     | (3.56p)                     | (3.00p)                     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.96p                       | 4.18p                       | 3.56p                       | 3.00p                       |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 215.04p                     | 214.13p                     | 189.54p                     | 177.16p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:          | 0.06p                       | 0.06p                       | 0.05p                       | 0.08p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.42% | 12.97% | 6.99% | (10.45%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value<br>Closing number of shares<br>Operating charges**<br>Direct transaction costs |         |         |         | £1,400,121,499<br>790,309,970<br>0.58%<br>0.04% |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---|
| PRICES***  |         |         |         |   |
| Highest share price  | 224.13p | 214.92p | 198.44p | 207.96p   |
| Lowest share price   | 211.69p | 184.45p | 176.30p | 178.64p   |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### W-CLASS INCOME SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 101.10p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 0.66p<br>(0.14p)            | 2.41p<br>(0.15p)            |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.52p                       | 2.26p                       |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (0.92p)                     | (1.16p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 100.70p                     | 101.10p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.51% | 2.26% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £9,010,963 | £18,916,536 |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 8,948,131  | 18,711,629  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.28%      | 0.29%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03%      | 0.03%       |
|                          |            |             |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 105.43p | 101.94p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 99.96p  | 97.54p  |

W-class income launched on 15 March 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### W-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 102.27p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | 0.67p<br>(0.14p)            | 2.42p<br>(0.15p)            |
| Return after operating charges*  | 0.53p                       | 2.27p                       |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (0.93p)<br>0.93p            | (1.17p)<br>1.17p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 102.80p                     | 102.27p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.03p                       | 0.03p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.52% | 2.27% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
|----------------------|-------|-------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £7,338,520 | £7,075,799 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 7,138,557  | 6,918,840  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.29%      | 0.29%      |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03%      | 0.03%      |
|                          |            |            |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 107.11p | 102.63p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 101.12p | 98.20p  |

<sup>†</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free)

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

### RATHBONE STRATEGIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO

## **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                             | 2025  | 2024   | 2023   | 2022  | 2021   |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| R-class shares              | N/A   | N/A    | -4.99% | 5.28% | 21.04% |
| S-class shares              | 1.27% | 10.87% | -4.07% | 6.34% | 22.25% |
| W- Class shares             | 1.49% | N/A    | N/A    | N/A   | N/A    |
| UK Consumer Price Index +3% | 5.87% | 6.88%  | 13.76% | 9.34% | 3.46%  |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

## **PERFORMANCE OVER 5 YEARS**

|  | 2025   | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth Portfolio S Acc#   | 40.03% | 30.96% | 25.01% | 34.41% | 45.89% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth<br>Portfolio S Inc##   | 40.04% | 30.97% | 25.03% | 34.44% | 45.89% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth Portfolio W Acc^   | _      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth Portfolio W Inc^^  | _      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| UK Consumer Price Index +3%  | 45.18% | 43.62% | 41.35% | 31.48% | 26.70% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth<br>Portfolio S Acc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]* | 69.26% | 69.02% | 65.13% | 62.48% | 60.11% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth<br>Portfolio S Inc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]* | 69.18% | 69.02% | 65.06% | 62.48% | 60.11% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth<br>Portfolio W Acc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]* | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Growth<br>Portfolio W Inc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]* | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |

UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag.

Volatility as a percentage of FTSE Developed (£) is calculated using monthly data.

Source: FE fundinfo

<sup>\*</sup> or up to 10% above or below this level.

<sup>#</sup> Launch date: 01/10/2012 ## Launch date: 01/10/2012 ^ Launch date: 15/03/2024 ^^ Launch date: 15/03/2024

| Holding                       |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom (30.0          | 09.24: 19.10%)                               |             |                                      |
| 561,488                       | Ashtead                                      | 23,273,678  | 0.72                                 |
| 256,592                       | AstraZeneca                                  | 28,871,732  | 0.88                                 |
| 747,408                       | Compass                                      | 19,081,326  | 0.59                                 |
| £3,137,000                    | Coventry Building Society 8.75% VRN Perp**   | 3,245,528   | 0.10                                 |
| 1,640,000                     | HG Capital Trust**                           | 8,282,000   | 0.26                                 |
| 11,292,118                    | Legal and General                            | 27,394,678  | 0.84                                 |
| 251,805                       | London Stock Exchange                        | 28,844,263  | 0.89                                 |
| £14,700,000                   | NatWest 5.125% VRN Perp**                    | 14,131,242  | 0.44                                 |
| 580,000                       | Patisserie#                                  | _           | 0.00                                 |
| 716,737                       | RELX   | 27,759,224  | 0.86                                 |
| 7,067,561                     | Rentokil Initial                             | 24,559,774  | 0.76                                 |
| £8,645,000                    | RL Finance 10.125% VRN Perp**                | 9,758,346   | 0.30                                 |
| £5,000,000                    | Royal Bank of Scotland 3.622% VRN 14/08/30** | 4,982,900   | 0.15                                 |
| 1,069,653                     | Shell  | 30,201,652  | 0.93                                 |
| 2,103,276                     | Smith & Nephew                               | 22,810,028  | 0.70                                 |
| 1,724,775                     | SSE  | 27,484,290  | 0.85                                 |
| £212,392,701                  | UK Treasury 0.875% 31/07/33**                | 159,092,753 | 4.90                                 |
| £102,000,000                  | UK Treasury 1.125% 31/01/39**                | 63,648,000  | 1.96                                 |
| £117,416,401                  | UK Treasury 1.5% 22/07/47**                  | 60,596,256  | 1.87                                 |
| £104,380,010                  | UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/53**                  | 47,397,919  | 1.46                                 |
| £32,378,678                   | UK Treasury 1.75% 07/09/37**                 | 23,191,228  | 0.71                                 |
| 504,430                       | Unilever                                     | 23,254,223  | 0.72                                 |
| Total United Kingdom          |  | 677,861,040 | 20.89                                |
| <b>Australia</b> (30.09.24: 1 | 89%)   |             |                                      |
| AUD108,000,000                | Government of Australia 1% 21/11/31**        | 42,843,235  | 1.32                                 |
| AUD35,000,000                 | Government of Australia 1.75% 21/11/32**     | 14,197,658  | 0.44                                 |
| Total Australia               |  | 57,040,893  | 1.76                                 |
| Canada (30.09.24: 1.5         | 59%)   |             |                                      |
| 420,275                       | Canadian Pacific Kansas City                 | 22,870,514  | 0.71                                 |
| 353,292                       | Shopify                                      | 26,109,257  | 0.80                                 |
| Total Canada                  |  | 48,979,771  | 1.51                                 |
| Channel Islands (30.0         | 9.24: 0.71%)                                 |             |                                      |
| 526,318                       | Aptiv  | 24,265,880  | 0.75                                 |
| <b>Denmark</b> (30.09.24: 0   | 0.82%)                                       |             |                                      |
| 608,217                       | Novonesis                                    | 27,351,546  | 0.84                                 |
|                               |  |             |                                      |

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| Holding                      |   | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| France (30.09.24: 2.4        | 7%)   |             |                                      |
| 73,105                       | L'Oréal   | 20,975,539  | 0.65                                 |
| 46,303                       | LVMH  | 22,141,715  | 0.68                                 |
| 156,587                      | Thales  | 32,184,440  | 0.99                                 |
| 562,890                      | TotalEnergies                                     | 28,104,035  | 0.87                                 |
| Total France                 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·             | 103,405,729 | 3.19                                 |
| <b>Germany</b> (30.09.24: 3  | 2.71%)  |             |                                      |
| 335,930                      | Carl Zeiss Meditec                                | 17,078,785  | 0.53                                 |
| €9,000,000                   | Deutsche Bank AG 7.375% VRN Perp**                | 7,616,722   | 0.24                                 |
| 598,955                      | KION  | 19,248,076  | 0.59                                 |
| €18,000,000                  | Republic of Germany 0.25% 15/02/27**              | 14,583,109  | 0.45                                 |
| 161,573                      | Siemens   | 28,672,725  | 0.88                                 |
| Total Germany                |   | 87,199,417  | 2.69                                 |
| Hong Kong (30.09.24          | ·: 0.89%)   |             |                                      |
| 4,875,400                    | AIA   | 28,424,883  | 0.88                                 |
| Ireland (30.09.24: 5.4       | 44%)  |             |                                      |
| 115,126                      | Accenture   | 27,846,979  | 0.86                                 |
| 72,651                       | New Linde   | 26,206,706  | 0.81                                 |
| 1,430,913                    | SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF+         | 63,998,921  | 1.97                                 |
| Total Ireland                |   | 118,052,606 | 3.64                                 |
| Japan (30.09.24: 1.2         | 5%)   |             |                                      |
| 96,800                       | Kurita Water Industries                           | 2,301,410   | 0.07                                 |
| 1,767,200                    | Sony  | 34,425,007  | 1.06                                 |
| Total Japan                  |   | 36,726,417  | 1.13                                 |
| Luxembourg (30.09.2          | 24: 0.62%)  |             |                                      |
| 428,548                      | Eurofins Scientific                               | 17,648,782  | 0.54                                 |
| Netherlands (30.09.2         | 4: 0.82%)   |             |                                      |
| 53,463                       | ASML  | 27,113,641  | 0.83                                 |
| New Zealand (30.09.          | 24: 0.00%)  |             |                                      |
| NZD72,000,000                | New Zealand Government Bond 3% 20/04/29**         | 30,562,914  | 0.94                                 |
| NZD72,000,000                | New Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34**      | 30,985,613  | 0.96                                 |
| Total New Zealand            |   | 61,548,527  | 1.90                                 |
| <b>Portugal</b> (30.09.24: 1 | 45%)  |             |                                      |
| €83,000,000                  | Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro O 1.65% 16/07/32** | 63,988,014  | 1.97                                 |

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| Holding                     |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-----------------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Romania (30.09.24: 1        | 04%)  |            |                                      |
| €13,000,000                 | Romanian Government International 1.75% 13/07/30**  | 9,023,381  | 0.28                                 |
| €11,450,000                 | Romanian Government International 3.624% 26/05/30** | 8,925,284  | 0.27                                 |
| €15,000,000                 | Romanian Government International 5.375% 22/03/31** | 12,418,342 | 0.38                                 |
| Total Romania               |   | 30,367,007 | 0.93                                 |
| Supranational (30.09.       | 24: 0.00%)  |            |                                      |
| €40,000,000                 | European Investment Bank 2.75% 16/01/34**           | 32,906,971 | 1.01                                 |
| <b>Sweden</b> (30.09.24: 0. | 87%)  |            |                                      |
| 1,203,995                   | Assa Abloy 'B'                                      | 27,792,972 | 0.86                                 |
| Switzerland (30.09.24       | 1: 2.06%)   |            |                                      |
| 110,546                     | Roche   | 28,111,043 | 0.86                                 |
| 170,604                     | SIG Combibloc                                       | 2,436,579  | 0.08                                 |
| Total Switzerland           |   | 30,547,622 | 0.94                                 |
| Taiwan (30.09.24: 0.8       | 11%)  |            |                                      |
| 197,496                     | Taiwan Semiconductor                                | 25,390,266 | 0.78                                 |
| United States (30.09.       | 24: 36.95%)   |            |                                      |
| 294,737                     | Abbott Laboratories                                 | 30,290,035 | 0.93                                 |
| 78,717                      | Adobe   | 23,382,441 | 0.72                                 |
| 254,640                     | Alphabet 'C'  | 30,793,537 | 0.95                                 |
| 190,608                     | Amazon.com  | 28,094,652 | 0.87                                 |
| 175,367                     | American Tower                                      | 29,577,684 | 0.91                                 |
| 523,421                     | Amphenol 'A'  | 26,597,857 | 0.82                                 |
| 101,229                     | Ansys   | 24,801,595 | 0.76                                 |
| 138,355                     | Apple   | 23,800,383 | 0.73                                 |
| 402,278                     | Boston Scientific                                   | 31,434,251 | 0.97                                 |
| 175,747                     | Brown & Brown                                       | 16,938,158 | 0.52                                 |
| 139,602                     | Cadence Design Systems                              | 27,501,837 | 0.85                                 |
| 94,496                      | Caterpillar   | 24,151,296 | 0.74                                 |
| 211,353                     | Chevron Corporation                                 | 27,409,164 | 0.84                                 |
| 147,081                     | Chicago Mercantile Exchange                         | 30,214,990 | 0.93                                 |
| 543,567                     | Coca-Cola   | 30,160,967 | 0.93                                 |
| 37,476                      | Costco  | 27,452,495 | 0.85                                 |
| 71,247                      | Deere and Company                                   | 25,923,255 | 0.80                                 |
| 410,642                     | Dexcom  | 21,710,021 | 0.67                                 |
|                             | Ecolab  | 23,837,130 | 0.73                                 |
| 121,415                     | ECOIAD  | 23,037,130 | 0.73                                 |

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| Holding                      |   | Value<br>£    | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 119,643                      | Electronic Arts                               | 13,394,084    | 0.41                                 |
| 44,852                       | Equinix REIT                                  | 28,308,449    | 0.87                                 |
| 351,452                      | Estée Lauder 'A'                              | 17,973,540    | 0.55                                 |
| 198,889                      | Ferguson                                      | 24,683,346    | 0.76                                 |
| 90,401                       | Home Depot                                    | 25,664,569    | 0.79                                 |
| 82,047                       | IDEXX Laboratories                            | 26,673,936    | 0.82                                 |
| 280,997                      | KKR & Co                                      | 25,168,362    | 0.78                                 |
| 77,061                       | Lockheed Martin                               | 26,652,986    | 0.82                                 |
| 72,316                       | Mastercard                                    | 30,694,591    | 0.95                                 |
| 123,530                      | Microsoft                                     | 35,874,662    | 1.11                                 |
| 321,567                      | Morgan Stanley                                | 29,071,202    | 0.91                                 |
| 20,322                       | Motorola Solutions                            | 6,892,083     | 0.22                                 |
| 286,295                      | Nvidia  | 24,123,528    | 0.74                                 |
| 21,452                       | O'Reilly Auto Parts                           | 23,794,228    | 0.73                                 |
| 117,512                      | Salesforce.com                                | 24,420,100    | 0.75                                 |
| 764,294                      | Schlumberger                                  | 24,745,184    | 0.76                                 |
| 108,247                      | Take-Two Interactive                          | 17,379,063    | 0.54                                 |
| 68,352                       | Thermo Fisher Scientific                      | 26,354,773    | 0.81                                 |
| 79,408                       | Ulta Beauty                                   | 22,544,920    | 0.69                                 |
| 873,722                      | US Bancorp                                    | 28,572,385    | 0.88                                 |
| 122,597                      | Visa 'A'                                      | 33,276,668    | 1.03                                 |
| 152,300                      | Waste Management                              | 27,308,396    | 0.84                                 |
| 357,347                      | WEC Energy                                    | 30,171,355    | 0.93                                 |
| Total United States          |   | 1,084,423,779 | 33.41                                |
| Structured Products (        | 30.09.24: 11.05%)                             |               |                                      |
| 32,000,000                   | 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)     | 32,000,000    | 0.98                                 |
| £60,000,000                  | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29          | 59,676,000    | 1.84                                 |
| 54,000,000                   | Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26      | 43,672,748    | 1.35                                 |
| 160,112                      | First Republic Bank                           | -             | 0.00                                 |
| 59,000                       | JP Morgan ELN 2025                            | 45,076,320    | 1.39                                 |
| 52,000,000                   | Merrill 0% 23/01/26                           | 57,720,000    | 1.78                                 |
| 40,000,000                   | Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs              | 37,088,000    | 1.14                                 |
| 67,298,000                   | Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025 | 70,705,263    | 2.18                                 |
| 45,200,000                   | Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR             | 47,157,160    | 1.45                                 |
| <b>Total Structured Prod</b> | ucts  | 393,095,491   | 12.11                                |
|                              |   |               |                                      |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

|  | Value         | Percentage<br>of total net |
|--|---------------|----------------------------|
| Holding  | £             | assets                     |
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.74%) |               |                            |
| Buy £54,374,657, Sell AUD111,834,532                 | 347,226       | 0.01                       |
| Buy £360,408,690, Sell €426,028,094                  | 2,353,886     | 0.07                       |
| Buy \$102,354,594, Sell £79,113,316                  | 190,222       | 0.01                       |
| Buy €136,608,022, Sell £115,352,633                  | (540,584)     | (0.02)                     |
| Buy £58,721,679, Sell NZD132,990,804                 | 258,071       | 0.01                       |
| Buy £734,644,539, Sell \$950,366,296                 | (1,691,835)   | (0.05)                     |
| Total Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts             | 916,986       | 0.03                       |
| Total value of investments (30.09.24: 94.30%)        | 3,005,048,240 | 92.59                      |
| Net other assets (30.09.24: 5.70%)                   | 240,540,665   | 7.41                       |
| Total value of the fund as at 31 March 2025          | 3,245,588,905 | 100.00                     |

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Country eliminated since the beginning of the period:

Cayman Islands 1.01%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt securities

Open-ended Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Closed-end funds

<sup>\*</sup> Suspended securities

# SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

|                               | Value<br>£    | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 654,095,415   | 20.15                                |
| Equity Securities             | 1,892,941,427 | 58.33                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 63,998,921    | 1.97                                 |
| Structured Products           | 393,095,491   | 12.11                                |
| Forward Contracts             | 916,986       | 0.03                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 3,005,048,240 | 92.59                                |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|  | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.24<br>£ | 31.03.24<br>£ |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Income                                   |               |               |               |               |
| Net capital (losses)/gains               |               | (9,113,739)   |               | 272,761,139   |
| Revenue                                  | 35,764,548    |               | 31,359,448    |               |
| Expenses                                 | (8,427,757)   |               | (6,797,443)   |               |
| Net revenue before taxation              | 27,336,791    |               | 24,562,005    |               |
| Taxation                                 | (4,167,141)   |               | (3,787,233)   |               |
| Net revenue after taxation               |               | 23,169,650    |               | 20,774,772    |
| Total return before distributions        |               | 14,055,911    |               | 293,535,911   |
| Distributions                            |               | (29,740,210)  |               | (26,121,466)  |
| Change in net assets attributable to     |               |               |               |               |
| shareholders from investment activities  | (15,684,299)  |               |               | 267,414,445   |
| Shareholders from myestillent activities | (13,004,233)  |               |               |               |

### RATHBONE STRATEGIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|  | 31.03.25      | 31.03.25     | 31.03.24     | 31.03.24      |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
|  | £             | £            | £            | £             |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholder                               | rs 3          | ,244,931,754 | 2            | 2,303,697,515 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 104,371,662   |              | 327,960,085  |               |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (113,779,087) |              | (22,389,059) |               |
| In-specie transfer   | _             |              | 146,295,349  |               |
|  |               | (9,407,425)  |              | 451,866,375   |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |               |              |              |               |
| (see Statement of total return above)  |               | (15,684,299) |              | 267,414,445   |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |               | 25,748,875   |              | 24,163,628    |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              | 3             | ,245,588,905 | 3            | 3,047,141,963 |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                  |               |               |               |               |
| Fixed assets:                           |               |               |               |               |
| Investments                             | 3             | 3,007,280,659 |               | 3,060,973,694 |
| Current assets:                         |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors                                 | 21,868,122    |               | 13,687,088    |               |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 258,237,799   |               | 177,884,265   |               |
| Total current assets                    |               | 280,105,921   |               | 191,571,353   |
| Total assets                            | 3             | 3,287,386,580 |               | 3,252,545,047 |
| Liabilities Investment liabilities      |               | (2,232,419)   |               | (873,008)     |
|   |               | (2,232,419)   |               | (6/3,006)     |
| Creditors:                              | (2.002.202)   |               | (2.020.055)   |               |
| Distribution payable on income shares   | (2,082,393)   |               | (2,039,855)   |               |
| Other creditors                         | (37,482,863)  |               | (4,700,430)   |               |
| Total liabilities                       |               | (41,797,675)  |               | (7,613,293)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 3             | 3,245,588,905 | <u> </u>      | 3,244,931,754 |

RATHBONE STRATEGIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £707,372,304 (31 March 2024: £607,928,903) and £762,842,033 (31 March 2024: £215,237,061) respectively.

### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-Funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

# **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### First Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 December 2024

| R-class income*<br>shares       | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                         | n/a    | _            | n/a                  | 0.87                 |
| Group 2                         | n/a    | n/a          | n/a                  | 0.87                 |
| R-class accumulation**          | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | n/a    | _            | n/a                  | 1.05                 |
| Group 2                         | n/a    | n/a          | n/a                  | 1.05                 |
| S-class income shares           | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
| Group 1                         | 0.78   | _            | 0.78                 | 0.77                 |
| Group 2                         | 0.43   | 0.35         | 0.78                 | 0.77                 |
| S-class accumulation shares     | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | 0.93   | _            | 0.93                 | 0.91                 |
| Group 2                         | 0.51   | 0.42         | 0.93                 | 0.91                 |
| W-class income*** shares        | Income | Equalisation | Paid<br>28.02.25     | Paid<br>28.02.24     |
| Group 1                         | 0.44   | _            | 0.44                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                         | 0.26   | 0.18         | 0.44                 | n/a                  |
| W-class accumulation**** shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                         | 0.44   | _            | 0.44                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                         | 0.27   | 0.17         | 0.44                 | n/a                  |

<sup>\*</sup> R-class income was merged into S-class income on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> R-class accumulation was merged into S-class accumulation on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

### **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Second Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2025 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class income |        |              | Payable  | Paid     |
|----------------|--------|--------------|----------|----------|
| shares         | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25 | 31.05.24 |
| Group 1        | 0.85   | _            | 0.85     | 0.90     |
| Group 2        | 0.44   | 0.41         | 0.85     | 0.90     |

| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Allocated<br>30.05.25 | Accumulated 31.05.24 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                     | 1.03   | _            | 1.03                  | 1.07                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.49   | 0.54         | 1.03                  | 1.07                 |

| W-class income***<br>shares | Income | Equalisation | Payable<br>30.05.25 | Paid<br>31.05.24 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Group 1                     | 0.48   | _            | 0.48                | 0.11             |
| Group 2                     | 0.34   | 0.14         | 0.48                | 0.11             |

| W-class accumulation**** shares | Income | Equalisation | Allocated<br>30.05.25 | Accumulated 31.05.24 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                         | 0.49   | _            | 0.49                  | 0.11                 |
| Group 2                         | 0.25   | 0.24         | 0.49                  | 0.11                 |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

#### INVESTMENT OR IECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver an income of 3% or more each year. We also aim to deliver a greater total return than the CPI measure of inflation + 3%, after fees, over any rolling five-year period by investing with our Liquidity Equity Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more than two-thirds of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market index.

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the CPI + 3% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to grow your investment above inflation. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging. The use of derivatives for investment purposes may increase the volatility of the fund's Net Asset Value and may increase its risk profile.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained from by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class income shares) fell 0.9%. For the same period, the fund's CPI + 3% benchmark returned 2.8%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 60%, compared with a target of 67%.

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Given investors' concerns about the large government deficits being run in the US and UK, we decided it was prudent to spread our government bond exposure a bit further afield. We looked for nations that have a better handle on their finances. We sold some of our US and UK government bonds, including the US Treasury 4.5% 2036 and UK Treasury 4.25% 2032, switching them for some euro-denominated supranational bonds as well as the New Zealand Government 4.25% 2034. We felt the Kiwi bonds offered a good yield and that the country was making strong strides to reduce its public spending deficit.

With bonds very volatile during the period, we bought a lot of government bonds as yields rose (and their prices fell). These included the UK Treasury 3.25% 2033 and 4.25% 2034, and the US Treasury 4.125% 2027 and sterling-denominated European Investment Bank 6% 2028.

We used the SPDR S&P 500 ETF to get quick, tactical and extremely liquid market-level exposure to US stocks. We sold this ETF to buy direct stocks when opportunities arose.

We added several new companies to our portfolio over the quarter. One was UK pharmaceutical AstraZeneca. The share price was beaten down by fears that its sales in China could slow, in part impacted by allegations of corruption in its Chinese division, but we think the impact of this is overdone. China accounts for about 13% of Astra's sales; its biggest market is actually the US, where it makes and researches drugs in 17 sites across several states. Astra is a truly global operator, with 28 manufacturing sites in 16 countries, so it should also be somewhat sheltered from Trump's tariffs. We think the drop in the business's value is overdone and it appeared better value than Novartis which we sold down to fund the new position.

We sold UK wealth manager Quilter because we were concerned about risks in its pension transfer business.

### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond yields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies — along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal — could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

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This messy mix of policies — where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail — leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds yet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

David Coombs Lead Fund Manager Will McIntosh-Whyte Fund Manager

# **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

### S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 114.94p                     | 105.21p                     | 102.25p                     | 115.60p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | (0.30p)<br>(0.32p)          | 14.47p<br>(0.63p)           | 7.62p<br>(0.63p)            | (8.90p)<br>(0.68p)          |
| Return after operating charges*                    | (0.62p)                     | 13.84p                      | 6.99p                       | (9.58p)                     |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.66p)                     | (4.11p)                     | (4.03p)                     | (3.77p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 112.66p                     | 114.94p                     | 105.21p                     | 102.25p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.04p                       | 0.08p                       | 0.03p                       | 0.04p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | (0.54%) | 13.15% | 6.84% | (8.29%) |
|----------------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £215,066,321 | £206,110,739 | £101,114,999 | £75,453,864 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 190,891,113  | 179,317,448  | 96,110,778   | 73,792,423  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.57%        | 0.58%        | 0.64%        | 0.67%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%        | 0.07%        | 0.03%        | 0.03%       |
|                          |              |              |              |             |
| PRICES***                |              |              |              |             |
| Highest share price      | 116.29p      | 116.50p      | 111.48p      | 119.27p     |
| Lowest share price       | 112.46p      | 103.46p      | 101.95p      | 103.69p     |

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|   | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 157.14p                     | 138.68p                     | 129.81p                     | 141.86p                     |
| Return before operating charges*              | (0.42p)                     | 19.30p                      | 9.68p                       | (11.20p)                    |
| Operating charges                             | (0.44p)                     | (0.84p)                     | (0.81p)                     | (0.85p)                     |
| Return after operating charges*               | (0.86p)                     | 18.46p                      | 8.87p                       | (12.05p)                    |
| Distributions on accumulation shares          | (2.58p)                     | (5.50p)                     | (5.18p)                     | (4.69p)                     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 2.58p                       | 5.50p                       | 5.18p                       | 4.69p                       |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 156.28p                     | 157.14p                     | 138.68p                     | 129.81p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs1 of:          | 0.06p                       | 0.10p                       | 0.04p                       | 0.05p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | (0.55%) | 13.31% | 6.83% | (8.49%) |
|----------------------|---------|--------|-------|---------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| £45,332,316 | £43,256,110         | £23,052,598                                     | £17,876,600  |
|-------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 29,006,665  | 27,526,389          | 16,623,440                                      | 13,771,326   |
| 0.57%       | 0.58%               | 0.64%   | 0.67%  |
| 0.04%       | 0.07%               | 0.03%   | 0.03%  |
|             |                     |   |  |
|             | 29,006,665<br>0.57% | <b>29,006,665</b> 27,526,389 <b>0.57%</b> 0.58% | <b>29,006,665</b> 27,526,389 16,623,440 <b>0.57%</b> 0.58% 0.64% |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 160.32p | 157.79p | 142.85p | 147.24p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 154.48p | 136.37p | 129.42p | 130.48p |

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### W-CLASS INCOME SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 103.46p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | (0.29p)<br>(0.16p)          | 5.75p<br>(0.18p)            |
| Return after operating charges*                    | (0.45p)                     | 5.57p                       |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (1.56p)                     | (2.11p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 101.45p                     | 103.46p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.04p                       | 0.07p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | (0.43%) | 5.57% |
|----------------------|---------|-------|
|                      |         |       |

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £2,061,942 | £2,372,995 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 2,032,545  | 2,293,626  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.32%      | 0.33%      |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%      | 0.07%      |
|                          |            |            |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 104.68p | 104.35p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 101.26p | 99.11p  |

W-class income launched on 15 March 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### W-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 105.61p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | (0.31p)<br>(0.16p)          | 5.79p<br>(0.18p)            |
| Return after operating charges*  | (0.47p)                     | 5.61p                       |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (1.74p)<br>1.74p            | (2.11p)<br>2.11p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 105.14p                     | 105.61p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.04p                       | 0.07p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | (0.45%)  | 5.61%  |
|----------------------|----------|--------|
| Neturn arter charges | (0.43/0) | J.U1/0 |

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £150,774 | £153,567 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Closing number of shares | 143,405  | 145,405  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.32%    | 0.33%    |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%    | 0.07%    |
|                          |          |          |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 107.83p | 106.03p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 103.87p | 99.27p  |

W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

# RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free) Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

#### RATHBONE STRATEGIC INCOME PORTEOLIO

### **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                             | 2025  | 2024  | 2023   | 2022  | 2021   |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| S-class shares              | 3.32% | 8.83% | -3.59% | 4.41% | 18.26% |
| W-class shares              | 3.56% | N/A   | N/A    | N/A   | N/A    |
| UK Consumer Price Index +3% | 5.87% | 6.55% | 13.76% | 9.34% | 3.46%  |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

## **PERFORMANCE OVER 5 YEARS**

|  | 2025   | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio S Acc#  | 33.87% | 20.06% | 16.03% | 20.62% | 32.49% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio S Inc**   | 33.87% | 20.09% | 16.03% | 20.63% | 32.53% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio W Acc*  | -      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio W Inc**   | -      | _      | _      | _      | _      |
| UK Consumer Price Index +3%  | 45.18% | 43.62% | 41.35% | 31.48% | 26.70% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio S Acc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]†             | 55.64% | 60.98% | 57.94% | 55.85% | 57.96% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio S Inc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%]†             | 55.64% | 60.98% | 57.94% | 55.85% | 57.96% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio W Acc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%] <sup>†</sup> | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Strategic Income<br>Portfolio W Inc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 66.67%] <sup>†</sup> | -      | -      | -      | -      | -      |

UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag.

Volatility as a percentage of FTSE Developed (£) is calculated using monthly data.

† or up to 15% above or below this level.

Source: FE fundinfo

# Launch date: 01/10/2015 ## Launch date: 01/10/2015 \* Launch date: 15/03/2024 \*\* Launch date: 15/03/2024

| Holding              |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom (30.0 | 09.24: 43.61%)                                  |            |                                      |
| 314,258              | AJ Bell   | 1,261,746  | 0.48                                 |
| 35,992               | Ashtead   | 1,491,868  | 0.57                                 |
| 21,331               | AstraZeneca                                     | 2,400,164  | 0.91                                 |
| 939,468              | Barclays  | 2,703,789  | 1.03                                 |
| £500,000             | Barclays 8.407% VRN 14/11/32**                  | 530,553    | 0.20                                 |
| 114,255              | Big Yellow Group REIT                           | 1,063,714  | 0.41                                 |
| £600,000             | British Telecom 5.75% 07/12/28**                | 617,349    | 0.24                                 |
| £500,000             | Clydesdale Bank 4.625% 08/06/26**               | 501,254    | 0.19                                 |
| £500,000             | Co-Operative 11% 20/12/25**                     | 520,000    | 0.20                                 |
| £488,000             | Coventry Building Society 8.75% VRN Perp**      | 504,883    | 0.19                                 |
| £7,500,000           | EIB 5.5% 15/04/25**                             | 7,501,905  | 2.86                                 |
| £5,250,000           | EIB 6% 07/12/28**                               | 5,538,424  | 2.11                                 |
| 180,723              | GSK   | 2,642,170  | 1.01                                 |
| 235,000              | HG Capital Trust <sup>††</sup>                  | 1,186,750  | 0.45                                 |
| 2,553,257            | HICL Infrastructure                             | 2,864,754  | 1.09                                 |
| 116,182              | Intermediate Capital                            | 2,270,196  | 0.86                                 |
| £673,000             | Jupiter Fund Management 8.875% VRN 27/07/30**   | 677,132    | 0.26                                 |
| £763,000             | Just Group 6.875% 30/03/35**                    | 750,324    | 0.29                                 |
| 1,409,305            | Legal and General                               | 3,418,974  | 1.30                                 |
| £700,000             | Lloyds Bank 7.875% VRN Perp**                   | 713,125    | 0.27                                 |
| 1,471,820            | M&G   | 2,921,563  | 1.11                                 |
| 302,109              | National Grid                                   | 3,048,280  | 1.16                                 |
| £850,000             | NatWest 5.125% VRN Perp**                       | 817,113    | 0.31                                 |
| 24,102               | Next  | 2,670,502  | 1.02                                 |
| £805,000             | Pension Insurance Corporation 4.625% 07/05/31** | 734,263    | 0.28                                 |
| £740,000             | Pension Insurance Corporation 6.875% 15/11/34** | 731,189    | 0.28                                 |
| £600,000             | Punch Finance 6.125% 30/06/26**                 | 596,250    | 0.23                                 |
| 68,817               | RELX  | 2,665,282  | 1.01                                 |
| 65,318               | Rio Tinto                                       | 2,995,810  | 1.14                                 |
| £519,000             | RL Finance Bonds 10.125% VRN Perp**             | 585,839    | 0.22                                 |
| 1,100,000            | Rothesay Life PLC 6.875% VRN Perp**             | 1,086,595  | 0.41                                 |
| £618,000             | Schroders 6.346% VRN 18/07/34**                 | 622,111    | 0.24                                 |
| £490,000             | Scottish and Southern 8.375% 20/11/28**         | 544,079    | 0.21                                 |
| 108,915              | Shell   | 3,075,215  | 1.17                                 |
| 238,426              | Smith & Nephew                                  | 2,585,730  | 0.98                                 |
| 207,326              | SSE   | 3,303,740  | 1.26                                 |
| 958,296              | Tesco   | 3,184,418  | 1.21                                 |
| £320,000             | TP ICAP 5.25% 29/05/26**                        | 320,288    | 0.12                                 |
| 636,335              | TR Property Investment Trust                    | 1,870,825  | 0.71                                 |

| Holding                       |   | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|
|                               | III/ Transcury 2 250/ 21/01/22**                          | <u>-</u>    | 4.72                                 |
| £13,498,123                   | UK Treasury 3.25% 31/01/33**                              | 12,390,062  | 4.72<br>2.57                         |
| £8,624,840                    | UK Treasury 3.75% 22/07/52** UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/27** | 6,741,951   | 3.11                                 |
| £8,112,352                    | UK Treasury 4.25% 07/12/27                                | 8,163,054   | 1.22                                 |
| 3,288,397                     |   | 3,196,387   |                                      |
| £4,800,000                    | UK Treasury 4.5% 07/12/42**                               | 4,451,568   | 1.69                                 |
| £5,200,000                    | UK Treasury 4.75% 07/12/38**                              | 5,116,384   | 1.95                                 |
| £2,242,720                    | UK Treasury 6% 07/12/28**                                 | 2,391,300   | 0.91                                 |
| 71,087                        | Unilever  | 3,277,111   | 1.25                                 |
| Total United Kingdom          |   | 119,245,983 | 45.41                                |
| <b>Australia</b> (30.09.24: 1 | .92%)   |             |                                      |
| AUD9,000,000                  | Government of Australia 4.5% 21/04/33**                   | 4,420,636   | 1.68                                 |
| <b>Bermuda</b> (30.09.24: 0   | ).18%)  |             |                                      |
| £450,000                      | Hiscox 6.125% VRN 24/11/45**                              | 451,442     | 0.17                                 |
| Channel Islands (30.0)        | 0.74.7.970/\  |             |                                      |
| 23,880                        | Aptiv   | 1,100,987   | 0.42                                 |
| 885.321                       | GCP Asset Backed Income                                   | 584,312     | 0.42                                 |
| 1,972,254                     | GCP Infrastructure  | 1,406,217   | 0.54                                 |
| £400,000                      | HSBC Bank 5.844% VRN Perp**                               | 413,840     | 0.16                                 |
| 1,987,838                     | International Public Partnership                          | 2,218,427   | 0.10                                 |
| 2.285.438                     | The Renewables Infrastructure                             | 1,727,791   | 0.66                                 |
| 330,460                       | WPP   | 1,919,973   | 0.00                                 |
| Total Channel Islands         | WFF   | 9,371,547   | 3.57                                 |
| Total Chamier Islands         |   | 3,371,347   | 3.37                                 |
| China (30.09.24: 0.80         | %)  |             |                                      |
| 366,000                       | AIA   | 2,133,878   | 0.81                                 |
| <b>Denmark</b> (30.09.24: 0   | 59%)  |             |                                      |
| 27,483                        | Novozymes   | 1,235,912   | 0.47                                 |
|                               | Nevezymes   | 1,233,512   | 0.17                                 |
| Finland (30.09.24: 0.7        | 78%)  |             |                                      |
| 362,007                       | Sampo Oyj   | 2,682,368   | 1.02                                 |
| France (30.09.24: 1.0         | 4%)   |             |                                      |
| \$400,000                     | Orange SA 9% 01/03/31 Step**                              | 374,514     | 0.14                                 |
| 46,032                        | TotalEnergies   | 2,298,291   | 0.88                                 |
|                               |   | 2,672,805   | 1.02                                 |

| Holding                      |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Germany (30.09.24: 1         | 08%)  |            |                                      |
| \$1,000,000                  | Deutsche Bank 7.5% VRN Perp**                       | 772,192    | 0.30                                 |
| 400,000                      | Deutsche Bank AG 7.375% VRN Perp**                  | 338,521    | 0.30                                 |
| £1,500,000                   | KfW 5.5% 18/06/25**                                 | 1,502,655  | 0.13                                 |
| 33,705                       | KION  | 1,083,147  | 0.37                                 |
| 12,554                       | Siemens   | 2,227,831  | 0.41                                 |
| Total Germany                | Jienens   | 5,924,346  | 2.26                                 |
| Ireland (30.09.24: 5.1       | 6%)   |            |                                      |
| 7,770                        | Accenture   | 1,879,428  | 0.72                                 |
| \$700,000                    | Beazley Insurance DAC 5.5% 10/09/29**               | 535.470    | 0.20                                 |
| \$220,000                    | Beazley Insurance DAC 5.875% 04/11/26**             | 171,483    | 0.07                                 |
| 314,000                      | Invesco US High Yield Fallen Angels UCITS ETF†      | 5,160,960  | 1.97                                 |
| 23,850                       | iShares S&P SmallCap 600 UCITS ETF†                 | 1,556,451  | 0.59                                 |
| 3,726                        | New Linde   | 1,344,045  | 0.50                                 |
| Total Ireland                |   | 10,647,837 | 4.05                                 |
| Netherlands (30.09.2         | 4: 0.77%)   |            |                                      |
| £500,000                     | ABN AMRO 5.25% 26/05/26**                           | 501,379    | 0.19                                 |
| 2,923                        | ASML  | 1,482,393  | 0.56                                 |
| Total Netherlands            |   | 1,983,772  | 0.75                                 |
| <b>New Zealand</b> (30.09.2  | 4: 0.00%)   |            |                                      |
| 6,000,000                    | New Zealand Government Bond 4.25% 15/05/34**        | 2,582,134  | 0.98                                 |
| 5,300,000                    | New Zealand Government Bond 4.5% 15/05/30**         | 2,375,906  | 0.91                                 |
| Total New Zealand            |   | 4,958,040  | 1.89                                 |
| Romania (30.09.24: 0         | .94%)   |            |                                      |
| €1,500,000                   | Romanian Government International 3.624% 26/05/30** | 1,169,251  | 0.45                                 |
| €1,400,000                   | Romanian Government International 5.375% 22/03/31** | 1,159,045  | 0.44                                 |
| Total Romania                |   | 2,328,296  | 0.89                                 |
| <b>Singapore</b> (30.09.24:  | 0.75%)  |            |                                      |
| 95,260                       | DBS   | 2,551,582  | 0.97                                 |
| <b>Sweden</b> (30.09.24: 0.0 | 65%)  |            |                                      |
|                              |   |            | 0.71                                 |

| Holding                      |                               | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Switzerland (30.09.24        | 4: 2.11%)                     |            |                                      |
| 958                          | Partners Group AG             | 1,044,832  | 0.40                                 |
| 11,020                       | Roche                         | 2,802,306  | 1.07                                 |
| 82,858                       | SIG Combibloc                 | 1,183,384  | 0.45                                 |
| Total Switzerland            |                               | 5,030,522  | 1.92                                 |
| <b>Taiwan</b> (30.09.24: 0.5 | 54%)                          |            |                                      |
| 10,600                       | Taiwan Semiconductor          | 1,362,746  | 0.52                                 |
| United States (30.09.        | 24: 23.36%)                   |            |                                      |
| 24,268                       | Abbott Laboratories           | 2,494,015  | 0.95                                 |
| 14,794                       | Alphabet 'C'                  | 1,789,034  | 0.68                                 |
| 7,406                        | Amazon.com                    | 1,091,607  | 0.42                                 |
| 15,815                       | American Tower                | 2,667,384  | 1.01                                 |
| 8,939                        | Amgen                         | 2,157,064  | 0.82                                 |
| 24,648                       | Amphenol 'A'                  | 1,252,498  | 0.48                                 |
| 4,573                        | Ansys                         | 1,120,407  | 0.43                                 |
| 9,701                        | Brown & Brown                 | 934,964    | 0.36                                 |
| 6,797                        | Cadence Design Systems        | 1,339,021  | 0.51                                 |
| 14,464                       | Chevron Corporation           | 1,875,754  | 0.71                                 |
| 13,084                       | Chicago Mercantile Exchange   | 2,687,858  | 1.02                                 |
| 49,830                       | Coca-Cola                     | 2,764,923  | 1.05                                 |
| 16,533                       | Estée Lauder 'A'              | 845,511    | 0.32                                 |
| 8,827                        | Ferguson                      | 1,095,485  | 0.42                                 |
| 5,699                        | Home Depot                    | 1,617,929  | 0.62                                 |
| 8,156                        | KKR & Co                      | 730,517    | 0.28                                 |
| 6,205                        | Lockheed Martin               | 2,146,115  | 0.82                                 |
| 10,054                       | McDonalds                     | 2,431,888  | 0.93                                 |
| 27,315                       | Merck and Co.                 | 1,898,030  | 0.72                                 |
| 6,578                        | Microsoft                     | 1,910,334  | 0.73                                 |
| 32,864                       | Morgan Stanley                | 2,971,063  | 1.13                                 |
| 14,609                       | Nvidia                        | 1,230,970  | 0.47                                 |
| 10,513                       | Public Storage                | 2,438,658  | 0.93                                 |
| 53,671                       | Schlumberger                  | 1,737,680  | 0.66                                 |
| 2,853                        | Thermo Fisher Scientific      | 1,100,043  | 0.42                                 |
| 70,618                       | US Bancorp                    | 2,309,344  | 0.88                                 |
| \$6,496,500                  | US Treasury 4.125% 15/02/27** | 5,051,208  | 1.92                                 |
| \$6,235,100                  | US Treasury 5.25% 15/11/28**  | 5,045,904  | 1.92                                 |
| 78,841                       | Verizon Communications        | 2,770,659  | 1.05                                 |

(continued)

| Holding                 |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 9,258                   | Visa 'A'   | 2,512,911   | 0.96                                 |
| 9,890                   | Waste Management                                 | 1,773,342   | 0.67                                 |
| 36,158                  | WEC Energy                                       | 3,052,875   | 1.16                                 |
| Total United States     |  | 66,844,995  | 25.45                                |
| Structured Products (   | 30.09.24: 3.64%)                                 |             |                                      |
| 3,900                   | JP Morgan ELN 2025*                              | 2,979,621   | 1.14                                 |
| 2,605,000               | Structured Note on SGI VRR USD Index ELN 2025*   | 2,736,890   | 1.04                                 |
| 3,800,000               | Topix Tokyo Stock Exc P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs* | 3,921,220   | 1.49                                 |
| Total Structured Prod   | ucts   | 9,637,731   | 3.67                                 |
| Forward Foreign Exch    | ange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.34%)                 |             |                                      |
|                         | Buy £4,224,616, Sell AUD8,688,938                | 26,978      | 0.01                                 |
|                         | Buy £11,666,055, Sell €13,790,087                | 76,193      | 0.03                                 |
|                         | Buy £4,731,127, Sell NZD10,714,891               | 20,793      | 0.01                                 |
|                         | Buy £32,238,859, Sell \$41,705,510               | (74,244)    | (0.03)                               |
|                         | Buy €7,336,807, Sell £7,371,352                  | (34,545)    | (0.01)                               |
|                         | Buy \$3,437,908, Sell £3,429,661                 | 8,246       | 0.00                                 |
| Total Forward Foreign   | Exchange Contracts                               | 23,421      | 0.01                                 |
| Total value of investm  | ents (30.09.24: 93.51%)                          | 255,363,671 | 97.24                                |
| Net other assets (30.0  | 09.24: 6.49%)                                    | 7,247,682   | 2.76                                 |
| Total value of the fund | as at 31 March 2025                              | 262,611,353 | 100.00                               |

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Country eliminated since the beginning of the period:

Cayman Islands 0.53%

<sup>\*</sup> Structured products

<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt securities

<sup>†</sup> Open-ended Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> Closed-end funds

# **SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS**

|                               | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 93,208,962  | 35.51                                |
| Equity Securities             | 145,776,146 | 55.49                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 6,717,411   | 2.56                                 |
| Structured Products           | 9,637,731   | 3.67                                 |
| Forward Contracts             | 23,421      | 0.01                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 255,363,671 | 97.24                                |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

| 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£                       | 31.03.24<br>£   | 31.03.24<br>£          |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
|               |                                     |   |                        |
|               | (4,890,388)                         |   | 10,658,757             |
| 4,665,571     |                                     | 2,697,422   |                        |
| (713,687)     |                                     | (404,132)   |                        |
| 3,951,884     |                                     | 2,293,290   |                        |
| (511,759)     |                                     | (288,622)   |                        |
|               | 3,440,125                           |   | 2,004,668              |
|               | (1,450,263)                         |   | 12,663,425             |
|               | (3,880,405)                         |   | (2,156,416)            |
|               |                                     |   |                        |
|               | (5,330,668)                         |   | 10,507,009             |
|               | 4,665,571<br>(713,687)<br>3,951,884 | f (4,890,388) 4,665,571 (713,687) 3,951,884 (511,759) 3,440,125 (1,450,263) (3,880,405) | (4,890,388)  4,665,571 |

### RATHBONE STRATEGIC INCOME PORTFOLIO

# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|  | 31.03.25     | 31.03.25    | 31.03.24    | 31.03.24    |
|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | £            | £           | £           | £           |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders                              | <b>i</b>     | 251,893,411 |             | 124,167,597 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 26,792,486   |             | 40,173,070  |             |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (11,487,690) |             | (5,815,547) |             |
| In-specie transfer   | _            |             | 38,989,065  |             |
|  |              | 15,304,796  |             | 73,346,588  |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              |             |             |             |
| (see Statement of total return above)  |              | (5,330,668) |             | 10,507,009  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |              | 743,814     |             | 515,693     |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 262,611,353 |             | 208,536,887 |
|  |              |             |             |             |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024

### **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                    |               |               |               |               |
| Fixed assets:<br>Investments              |               | 255,472,460   |               | 235,618,383   |
| Current assets:                           |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors                                   | 3,360,224     |               | 3,295,859     |               |
| Cash and bank balances                    | 7,541,687     |               | 16,844,448    |               |
| Total current assets                      |               | 10,901,911    |               | 20,140,307    |
| Total assets                              |               | 266,374,371   |               | 255,758,690   |
| <b>Liabilities</b> Investment liabilities |               | (108,789)     |               | (69,018)      |
| Creditors:                                |               |               |               |               |
| Distribution payable on income shares     | (1,616,406)   |               | (2,449,118)   |               |
| Other creditors                           | (2,037,823)   |               | (1,347,143)   |               |
| Total liabilities                         |               | (3,763,018)   |               | (3,865,279)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders   |               | 262,611,353   |               | 251,893,411   |

RATHBONE STRATEGIC INCOME PORTFOLIO

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £54,335,460 (31 March 2024: £83,347,299) and £29,130,225 (31 March 2024: £14,801,885) respectively.

### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other Sub-Funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### First Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 October 2024

| S-class income         |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.12.24    | 29.12.23    |
| Group 1                | 0.26   | _            | 0.26        | 0.23        |
| Group 2                | 0.13   | 0.13         | 0.26        | 0.23        |
| S-class accumulation   |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.12.24    | 29.12.23    |
| Group 1                | 0.35   | _            | 0.35        | 0.30        |
| Group 2                | 0.12   | 0.23         | 0.35        | 0.30        |
| W-class income*        |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.12.24    | 29.12.23    |
| Group 1                | 0.23   | _            | 0.23        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.06   | 0.17         | 0.23        | n/a         |
| W-class accumulation** |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.12.24    | 29.12.23    |
| Group 1                | 0.24   | _            | 0.24        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.24   | _            | 0.24        | n/a         |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024., hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

### **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Second Interim

Group 1

Group 2

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 November 2024 and on or before 30 November 2024

| S-class income              |        |              | Paid                    | Paid                 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 31.01.25                | 31.01.24             |
| Group 1                     | 0.28   | _            | 0.28                    | 0.28                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.13   | 0.15         | 0.28                    | 0.28                 |
| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated<br>31.01.25 | Accumulated 31.01.24 |

|                 |        |              | ****     |          |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|----------|----------|
| W-class income* |        | - 1· ··      | Paid     | Paid     |
| shares          | Income | Equalisation | 31.01.25 | 31.01.24 |
| Group 1         | 0.27   | _            | 0.27     | n/a      |
| Group 2         | _      | 0.27         | 0.27     | n/a      |

0.42

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| W-class accumulation**<br>shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 31.01.25 | Accumulated 31.01.24 |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                          | 0.28   | _            | 0.28                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                          | 0.28   | _            | 0.28                 | n/a                  |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Third Interim

Group 1 - Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 December 2024 and on or before 31 December 2024

| S-class income         |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25    | 28.02.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28        | 0.28        |
| Group 2                | 0.13   | 0.15         | 0.28        | 0.28        |
| S-class accumulation   |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25    | 28.02.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.42   | _            | 0.42        | 0.43        |
| Group 2                | 0.19   | 0.23         | 0.42        | 0.43        |
| W-class income*        |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25    | 28.02.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.10   | 0.18         | 0.28        | n/a         |
| W-class accumulation** |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25    | 28.02.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.29   | _            | 0.29        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.29   | _            | 0.29        | n/a         |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Fourth Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2025 and on or before 31 January 2025

| S-class income         |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.03.25    | 28.03.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28        | 0.28        |
| Group 2                | 0.06   | 0.22         | 0.28        | 0.28        |
| S-class accumulation   |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.03.25    | 28.03.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.33   | _            | 0.33        | 0.34        |
| Group 2                | 0.11   | 0.22         | 0.33        | 0.34        |
| W-class income*        |        |              | Paid        | Paid        |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.03.25    | 28.03.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.22   | _            | 0.22        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.22   | _            | 0.22        | n/a         |
| W-class accumulation** |        |              | Accumulated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 31.03.25    | 28.03.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.22   | _            | 0.22        | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.22   | _            | 0.22        | n/a         |

W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Fifth Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 February 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 February 2025 and on or before 28 February 2025

| S-class income         |        |              | Payable   | Paid        |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.04.25  | 30.04.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28      | 0.28        |
| Group 2                | 0.11   | 0.17         | 0.28      | 0.28        |
| S-class accumulation   |        |              | Allocated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.04.25  | 30.04.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.43   | _            | 0.43      | 0.44        |
| Group 2                | 0.20   | 0.23         | 0.43      | 0.44        |
| W-class income*        |        |              | Payable   | Paid        |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.04.25  | 30.04.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28      | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28      | n/a         |
| W-class accumulation** |        |              | Allocated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.04.25  | 30.04.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.29   | _            | 0.29      | n/a         |
| Group 2                | 0.29   | _            | 0.29      | n/a         |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

## DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

### DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)

### Sixth Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 March 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 March 2025 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class income         |        |              | Payable   | Payable     |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25  | 31.05.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28      | 0.28        |
| Group 2                | _      | 0.28         | 0.28      | 0.28        |
| S-class accumulation   |        |              | Allocated | Allocated   |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25  | 31.05.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.63   | _            | 0.63      | 0.64        |
| Group 2                | 0.34   | 0.29         | 0.63      | 0.64        |
| W-class income*        |        |              | Payable   | Paid        |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25  | 31.05.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.28   | _            | 0.28      | 0.17        |
| Group 2                | 0.02   | 0.26         | 0.28      | 0.17        |
| W-class accumulation** |        |              | Allocated | Accumulated |
| shares                 | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25  | 31.05.24    |
| Group 1                | 0.42   | _            | 0.42      | 0.17        |
| Group 2                | 0.42   | _            | 0.42      | 0.17        |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater total return than the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation + 4%, after fees, over any rolling five-year period by investing with our Liquidity, Equity-type risk and Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more than five-sixths of the volatility of the FTSE Developed stock market Index

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the CPI + 4% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to grow your investment considerably above inflation. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

**INVESTMENT POLICY** 

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and hedging. The fund does not use derivatives for investment purposes. In the event the fund intends to use derivatives for investment purposes shareholders will be given 60 days notice.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class accumulation shares) was flat. For the same period, the fund's UK CPI + 4% benchmark returned 3.3%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 86%, compared with a target of 83%.

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

With bonds very volatile during the period, we did a lot of buying and selling of government bonds, both here and abroad. This included selling the US Treasury 3.5% 2033 and 4.125% 2027, and the UK Treasury 1.75% 2037, among other bonds. At other times we bought the US Treasury 4.125% 2027 and euro-denominated European Investment Bank 2.75% 2034.

Higher bond yields make structured product returns very attractive indeed. These are contracts with investment banks that deliver a set return as long as certain scenarios play out. This quarter we bought the JPMorgan Euro Stoxx 50/Nikkei 225 16% Flat Autocall 2031. This pays a 16% coupon each year and our money back as long as both European and Japanese stock markets retain at least 80% of their value before our investment matures in six years' time. If by the end of the investment either is more than 35% down from where we bought in, we lose our capital in line with the market.

We sold US investment platform Charles Schwab as the business faced a number of challenges, including a change in management team, a retreat from its banking services that would impact its longer-term profitability, and ongoing pressure on its trading commissions.

Another exit was fast-food giant McDonald's. We started to worry about the effect that the new GLP-1 drugs for weight-loss and diabetes could have on its business. The company's sales dropped by the most in years during the middle of last year and it was unclear to us how well it's holding up in what is a tough and increasingly crowded market.

The cash went into a few other ideas that we have been working on in the background for some time. The first is private equity, specialty insurance, infrastructure funding and capital markets mash-up KKR & Co, which we started buying in the fourth quarter. Private equity should benefit from a pro-business US administration and lower interest rates, should they arrive: they make it easier for high-cashflow businesses to pull off lucrative leveraged buyouts and increases the value of exits from successful start-ups.

Another purchase was UK pharmaceutical AstraZeneca. The share price was beaten down by fears that its sales in China could slow, in part impacted by allegations of corruption in its Chinese division, but we think the impact of this is overdone. China accounts for about 13% of Astra's sales; its biggest market is actually the US, where it makes and researches drugs in 17 sites across several states. Astra is a truly global operator, with 28 manufacturing sites in 16 countries, so it should also be somewhat sheltered from Trump's tariffs.

### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond yields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

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Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies — along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal — could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

This messy mix of policies — where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail — leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds yet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

David Coombs Lead Fund Manager Will McIntosh-Whyte Fund Manager

## **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

### S-CLASS INCOME SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 123.14p                     | 110.16p                     | 102.15p                     | 118.31p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 1.07p<br>(0.33p)            | 15.89p<br>(0.65p)           | 10.53p<br>(0.61p)           | (13.70p)<br>(0.66p)         |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.74p                       | 15.24p                      | 9.92p                       | (14.36p)                    |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (0.96p)                     | (2.26p)                     | (1.91p)                     | (1.80p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 122.92p                     | 123.14p                     | 110.16p                     | 102.15p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.05p                       | 0.08p                       | 0.07p                       | 0.06p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

Lowest share price

| Return after charges  | 0.60%  | 13.83%  | 9.71%    | (12.14%)  |
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### OTHER INFORMATION

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value  | £93,456,778 | £85,145,801 | £46,579,156 | £31,618,893 |
| Closing number of shares | 76,029,338  | 69,144,015  | 42,282,408  | 30,954,087  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.55%       | 0.55%       | 0.57%       | 0.61%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%       | 0.06%       | 0.07%       | 0.05%       |
|                          |             |             |             |             |
| PRICES***                |             |             |             |             |
| Highest share price      | 130.36p     | 124.40p     | 116.06p     | 124.78p     |

121.95p

106.43p

101.99p

103.51p

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

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## NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

### S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 130.26p                     | 114.41p                     | 104.30p                     | 118.86p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | 1.13p<br>(0.35p)            | 16.53p<br>(0.68p)           | 10.74p<br>(0.63p)           | (13.90p)<br>(0.66p)         |
| Return after operating charges*  | 0.78p                       | 15.85p                      | 10.11p                      | (14.56p)                    |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (1.02p)<br>1.02p            | (2.36p)<br>2.36p            | (1.97p)<br>1.97p            | (1.81p)<br>1.81p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 131.04p                     | 130.26p                     | 114.41p                     | 104.30p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.05p                       | 0.08p                       | 0.08p                       | 0.06p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.60% | 13.85% | 9.69% | (12.25%) |
|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £718,628,981 | £644,991,629 | £299,822,505 | £104,439,539 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Closing number of shares | 548,411,659  | 495,144,136  | 262,058,149  | 100,138,457  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.55%        | 0.55%        | 0.57%        | 0.61%        |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%        | 0.06%        | 0.07%        | 0.05%        |
| PRICES***                |              |              |              |              |
| Highest share price      | 138.37p      | 130.79p      | 119.55p      | 125.31p      |
| Lowest share price       | 128.96p      | 110.48p      | 104.11p      | 105.18p      |

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## **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES** (continued)

### W-CLASS INCOME SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                     |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share                  | 100.69p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges | 0.85p<br>(0.15p)            | 1.95p<br>(0.16p)            |
| Return after operating charges*                    | 0.70p                       | 1.79p                       |
| Distributions on income shares                     | (0.79p)                     | (1.10p)                     |
| Closing net asset value per share                  | 100.60p                     | 100.69p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:               | 0.04p                       | 0.06p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.70% | 1.79% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Return after charges | 0.70% | 1./9% |

### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £13,684,994 | £16,173,604 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 13,602,946  | 16,062,799  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.29%       | 0.30%       |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%       | 0.06%       |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 106.66p | 101.55p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 99.73p  | 96.62p  |

W-class income launched on 15 March 2024.

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# NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

### W-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES<sup>†</sup>

|  | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share   |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share  | 101.80p                     | 100.00p                     |
| Return before operating charges* Operating charges                                 | 0.86p<br>(0.15p)            | 1.96p<br>(0.16p)            |
| Return after operating charges*  | 0.71p                       | 1.80p                       |
| Distributions on accumulation shares Retained distributions on accumulation shares | (0.79p)<br>0.79p            | (1.11p)<br>1.11p            |
| Closing net asset value per share  | 102.51p                     | 101.80p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:   | 0.04p                       | 0.06p                       |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges | 0.70% | 1.80% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|

#### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value  | £8,874,098 | £9,360,840 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 8,657,107  | 9,195,386  |
| Operating charges**      | 0.30%      | 0.30%      |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.04%      | 0.06%      |

### PRICES\*\*\*

| Highest share price | 108.21p | 102.20p |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Lowest share price  | 100.80p | 97.24p  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024.

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### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward (Not risk-free)

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

#### RATHBONE DYNAMIC GROWTH PORTFOLIO

### **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                             | 2025  | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| S-class shares              | 0.69% | 13.86% | -4.39% | 6.00%  | _    |
| W-class shares              | 0.90% | N/A    | N/A    | N/A    | N/A  |
| UK Consumer Price Index +4% | 6.90% | 7.59%  | 14.87% | 10.41% | _    |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back vour original investment.

There is no 5 year performance table for this fund as it was only launched on 19 June 2020.

| Holding                     |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| United Kingdom (30.0        | 09.24: 12.36%)                             |             |                                      |
| 172,395                     | Ashtead                                    | 7,145,773   | 0.86                                 |
| 78,828                      | AstraZeneca                                | 8,869,726   | 1.06                                 |
| 225,913                     | Compass                                    | 5,767,559   | 0.69                                 |
| £875,000                    | Coventry Building Society 8.75% VRN Perp** | 905,271     | 0.11                                 |
| 217,153                     | Halma                                      | 5,604,719   | 0.67                                 |
| 271,613                     | HG Capital Trust**                         | 1,371,646   | 0.16                                 |
| 3,213,316                   | Legal and General                          | 7,795,504   | 0.94                                 |
| 75,725                      | London Stock Exchange                      | 8,674,299   | 1.04                                 |
| £2,500,000                  | M&G 5.625% VRN 20/10/51**                  | 2,386,522   | 0.29                                 |
| £2,300,000                  | NatWest 5.125% VRN Perp**                  | 2,211,011   | 0.26                                 |
| 74,873                      | Next                                       | 8,295,928   | 0.99                                 |
| £900,000                    | Punch Finance 6.125% 30/06/26**            | 894,375     | 0.11                                 |
| 208,904                     | RELX                                       | 8,090,852   | 0.97                                 |
| 2,262,155                   | Rentokil Initial                           | 7,860,989   | 0.94                                 |
| 488,172                     | Rightmove                                  | 3,346,907   | 0.40                                 |
| 320,156                     | Shell                                      | 9,039,605   | 1.08                                 |
| 692,535                     | Smith & Nephew                             | 7,510,542   | 0.90                                 |
| £40,380,888                 | UK Treasury 1.5% 31/07/53**                | 18,336,557  | 2.20                                 |
| 152,788                     | Unilever                                   | 7,043,527   | 0.85                                 |
| Total United Kingdom        |  | 121,151,312 | 14.52                                |
| Canada (30.09.24: 1.9       | 94%)                                       |             |                                      |
| 123,243                     | Canadian Pacific Kansas City               | 6,706,634   | 0.80                                 |
| 102,889                     | Shopify                                    | 7,603,782   | 0.91                                 |
| Total Canada                |  | 14,310,416  | 1.71                                 |
| Channel Islands (30.0       | 9.24: 0.88%)                               |             |                                      |
| 157,326                     | Aptiv                                      | 7,253,512   | 0.87                                 |
| <b>Denmark</b> (30.09.24: 0 | 0.97%)                                     |             |                                      |
| 79,797                      | Novo Nordisk                               | 4,199,384   | 0.50                                 |
| 186,879                     | Novozymes                                  | 8,403,957   | 1.01                                 |
| Total Denmark               |  | 12,603,341  | 1.51                                 |

| Holding                          |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| France (30.09.24: 3.6            | 66%)  |            |                                      |
| 20,068                           | L'Oréal   | 5,757,980  | 0.69                                 |
| 13,556                           | LVMH  | 6,482,368  | 0.77                                 |
| 47,905                           | Thales  | 9,846,255  | 1.18                                 |
| 190,149                          | TotalEnergies   | 9,493,781  | 1.14                                 |
| Total France                     |   | 31,580,384 | 3.78                                 |
| Germany (30.09.24: 2             | 2.83%)  |            |                                      |
| 114,109                          | Carl Zeiss Meditec                                    | 5,801,337  | 0.70                                 |
| \$3,000,000                      | Deutsche Bank 7.5% VRN Perp**                         | 2,316,575  | 0.28                                 |
| €1,800,000                       | Deutsche Bank AG 7.375% VRN Perp**                    | 1,523,344  | 0.18                                 |
| 186,591                          | KION  | 5,996,306  | 0.72                                 |
| 47,710                           | Siemens   | 8,466,611  | 1.01                                 |
| Total Germany                    |   | 24,104,173 | 2.89                                 |
| Hong Kong (30.09.24              | ·: 2.14%)   |            |                                      |
| 1,516,200                        | AIA   | 8,839,851  | 1.06                                 |
| India (30.09.24: 0.68<br>134,929 | %)<br>HDFC Bank                                       | 6,944,283  | 0.83                                 |
| Ireland (30.09.24: 5.5           | 51%)  |            |                                      |
| 34,922                           | Accenture   | 8,447,025  | 1.01                                 |
| 20,185                           | New Linde   | 7,281,143  | 0.87                                 |
| 403,613                          | SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF <sup>+</sup> | 18,051,969 | 2.17                                 |
| Total Ireland                    |   | 33,780,137 | 4.05                                 |
| Japan (30.09.24: 1.6             | 5%)   |            |                                      |
| 71,900                           | Kurita Water Industries                               | 1,709,415  | 0.20                                 |
| 544,000                          | Sony  | 10,597,105 | 1.27                                 |
| Total Japan                      |   | 12,306,520 | 1.47                                 |
| Luxembourg (30.09.2              | 24: 0.71%)  |            |                                      |
| €3,000,000                       | CPI Property 6% 27/01/32**                            | 2,492,626  | 0.29                                 |
| 133,231                          | Eurofins Scientific                                   | 5,486,818  | 0.67                                 |
| Total Luxembourg                 |   | 7,979,444  | 0.96                                 |
| Netherlands (30.09.2             | 4: 0.92%)   |            |                                      |
| 14,263                           | ASM International                                     | 4,955,987  | 0.60                                 |
| 17,203                           |   |            |                                      |
| 16,004                           | ASML  | 8,116,393  | 0.97                                 |

|   | Value<br>£   | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| .48%)   |  |                                      |
| Romanian Government International 1.75% 13/07/30**  | 2,012,908  | 0.24                                 |
| Romanian Government International 3.624% 26/05/30** | 1,792,852  | 0.22                                 |
| Romanian Government International 5.375% 22/03/31** | 1,200,439  | 0.14                                 |
|   | 5,006,199  | 0.60                                 |
| 24: 0.00%)  |  |                                      |
| European Investment Bank 2.75% 16/01/34**           | 7,404,068  | 0.89                                 |
| 04%)  |  |                                      |
| Assa Abloy 'B'                                      | 8,189,173  | 0.98                                 |
|   |  |                                      |
| 1: 2.44%)   |  |                                      |
|   |  | 0.97                                 |
| SIG Combibloc                                       | 3,709,840  | 0.44                                 |
|   | 11,779,565   | 1.41                                 |
| 2%)   |  |                                      |
| Taiwan Semiconductor                                | 7,567,481  | 0.91                                 |
| 24. 43 03%  |  |                                      |
|   | 9 228 720  | 1.11                                 |
|   |  | 0.91                                 |
|   |  | 0.69                                 |
| 9 7   |  | 1.10                                 |
|   |  | 1.07                                 |
|   |  | 1.06                                 |
|   |  | 0.97                                 |
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| 5   |  | 1.05                                 |
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| Deere and Company                                   | 7,799,135  | 0.93                                 |
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| Holding               |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 37,362                | Ecolab   | 7,335,196   | 0.88                                 |
| 60,419                | Edwards Lifesciences                                 | 3,391,796   | 0.41                                 |
| 37,513                | Electronic Arts                                      | 4,199,596   | 0.50                                 |
| 12,618                | Equinix REIT   | 7,963,881   | 0.95                                 |
| 100,668               | Estée Lauder 'A'                                     | 5,148,243   | 0.62                                 |
| 56,433                | Ferguson   | 7,003,682   | 0.84                                 |
| 26,975                | Home Depot   | 7,658,120   | 0.92                                 |
| 22,501                | IDEXX Laboratories                                   | 7,315,200   | 0.88                                 |
| 84,669                | KKR & Co   | 7,583,640   | 0.91                                 |
| 24,104                | Lockheed Martin                                      | 8,336,819   | 1.00                                 |
| 19,038                | Mastercard   | 8,080,696   | 0.97                                 |
| 35,859                | Microsoft  | 10,413,904  | 1.25                                 |
| 86,376                | Morgan Stanley                                       | 7,808,805   | 0.94                                 |
| 7,747                 | Motorola Solutions                                   | 2,627,348   | 0.31                                 |
| 82,231                | Nvidia   | 6,928,874   | 0.83                                 |
| 6,809                 | O'Reilly Auto Parts                                  | 7,552,438   | 0.90                                 |
| 34,912                | Salesforce.com                                       | 7,255,042   | 0.87                                 |
| 224,824               | Schlumberger   | 7,279,020   | 0.87                                 |
| 28,763                | Take-Two Interactive                                 | 4,617,902   | 0.55                                 |
| 19,915                | Thermo Fisher Scientific                             | 7,678,712   | 0.92                                 |
| 26,108                | Ulta Beauty  | 7,412,386   | 0.89                                 |
| 257,019               | US Bancorp   | 8,405,014   | 1.01                                 |
| 33,812                | Visa 'A'   | 9,177,636   | 1.10                                 |
| 44,369                | Waste Management                                     | 7,955,655   | 0.95                                 |
| 100,194               | WEC Energy   | 8,459,533   | 1.01                                 |
| 55,718                | Zoetis   | 7,105,313   | 0.85                                 |
| Total United States   |  | 335,810,189 | 40.23                                |
| Structured Products ( | 30.09.24: 8.75%)                                     |             |                                      |
| 12,500,000            | 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)*           | 12,500,000  | 1.50                                 |
| \$9,500,000           | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 02/03/26*                | 7,411,582   | 0.89                                 |
| £14,500,000           | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29*                | 14,568,150  | 1.74                                 |
| 8,900,000             | Ensemble Investment Corporation 29/06/26*            | 7,197,916   | 0.86                                 |
| 21,421                | First Republic Bank*                                 | _           | 0.00                                 |
| 10,500,000            | Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs*                    | 9,735,600   | 1.17                                 |
| £2,968,000            | RBC Capital Markets 1303 New Issue FTSE Accelerator* | 3,451,784   | 0.41                                 |
| 7,663,000             | SGI VRR USD Index ELN 28/08/25*                      | 8,050,974   | 0.96                                 |
| 12,600,000            | Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR*                   | 13,145,580  | 1.58                                 |
| Total Structured Prod | ucts   | 76,061,586  | 9.11                                 |
|                       |  |             |                                      |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

| Holding  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%) |             |                                      |
| Buy £86,642,429, Sell €86,076,554                    | 565,875     | 0.07                                 |
| Buy \$43,304,791, Sell £43,200,917                   | 103,874     | 0.01                                 |
| Buy €45,608,067, Sell £45,822,809                    | (214,742)   | (0.03)                               |
| Buy £148,440,788, Sell \$148,782,636                 | (341,848)   | (0.04)                               |
| Total Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts             | 113,159     | 0.01                                 |
| Total value of investments (30.09.24: 92.32%)        | 745,857,173 | 89.36                                |
| Net other assets (30.09.24: 7.68%)                   | 88,787,678  | 10.64                                |
| Total value of the fund as at 31 March 2025          | 834,644,851 | 100.00                               |

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

<sup>\*</sup> Structured products

<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt securities

Open-ended Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Closed-end funds

# **SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS**

|                               | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 43,476,548  | 5.21                                 |
| Equity Securities             | 606,782,265 | 72.70                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 19,423,615  | 2.33                                 |
| Structured Products           | 76,061,586  | 9.11                                 |
| Forward Contracts             | 113,159     | 0.01                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 745,857,173 | 89.36                                |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|   | 31.03.25    | 31.03.25    | 31.03.24    | 31.03.24    |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | £           | £           | £           | £           |
| Income                                  |             |             |             |             |
| Net capital (losses)/gains              |             | (1,475,969) |             | 54,605,800  |
| Revenue                                 | 7,426,826   |             | 4,786,657   |             |
| Expenses                                | (2,078,055) |             | (1,171,002) |             |
| Net revenue before taxation             | 5,348,771   |             | 3,615,655   |             |
| Taxation                                | (699,238)   |             | (512,149)   |             |
| Net revenue after taxation              |             | 4,649,533   |             | 3,103,506   |
| Total return before distributions       |             | 3,173,564   |             | 57,709,306  |
| Distributions                           |             | (6,246,007) |             | (3,945,879) |
| Change in net assets attributable to    |             |             |             |             |
| shareholders from investment activities |             | (3,072,443) |             | 53,763,427  |

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

|  | 31.03.25     | 31.03.25    | 31.03.24     | 31.03.24    |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|  | £            | £           | £            | £           |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholder                               | s            | 755,671,874 |              | 346,401,661 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares  | 109,101,187  |             | 154,901,979  |             |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares                                    | (32,615,182) |             | (12,148,498) |             |
| In-specie transfer   | _            |             | 83,992,528   |             |
|  |              | 76,486,005  |              | 226,746,009 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities |              |             |              |             |
| (see Statement of total return above)  |              | (3,072,443) |              | 53,763,427  |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares                                |              | 5,559,415   |              | 3,944,399   |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders                              |              | 834,644,851 |              | 630,855,496 |
|  |              |             |              |             |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | 31.03.25<br>£ | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assets                                  |               |               |               |               |
| Fixed assets:<br>Investments            |               | 746,413,763   |               | 697,633,522   |
| Current assets:                         |               |               |               |               |
| Debtors                                 | 6,668,303     |               | 3,486,496     |               |
| Cash and bank balances                  | 97,373,596    |               | 56,356,807    |               |
| Total current assets                    |               | 104,041,899   |               | 59,843,303    |
| Total assets                            |               | 850,455,662   |               | 757,476,825   |
| Liabilities Investment liabilities      |               | (FEC FOO)     |               |               |
| investifient habilities                 |               | (556,590)     |               | -             |
| Creditors:                              |               |               |               |               |
| Distribution payable on income shares   | (462,808)     |               | (468,010)     |               |
| Other creditors                         | (14,791,413)  |               | (1,336,941)   |               |
| Total liabilities                       |               | (15,810,811)  |               | (1,804,951)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders |               | 834,644,851   |               | 755,671,874   |

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## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

### PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £211,046,426 (31 March 2024: £267,132,666) and £163,520,041 (31 March 2024: £58,882,276) respectively.

### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other sub-funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### First Interim

Group 2

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 December 2024

| S-class income              |        |              | Paid                 | Paid                 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25             | 28.02.24             |
| Group 1                     | 0.43   | _            | 0.43                 | 0.46                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.26   | 0.17         | 0.43                 | 0.46                 |
| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Accumulated 28.02.25 | Accumulated 28.02.24 |
| Group 1                     | 0.45   | _            | 0.45                 | 0.48                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.24   | 0.21         | 0.45                 | 0.48                 |
| W-class income*             |        |              | Paid                 | Paid                 |
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25             | 28.02.24             |
| Group 1                     | 0.35   | _            | 0.35                 | n/a                  |
| Group 2                     | 0.22   | 0.13         | 0.35                 | n/a                  |
| W-class accumulation**      |        |              | Accumulated          | Accumulated          |
| shares                      | Income | Equalisation | 28.02.25             | 28.02.24             |
| Group 1                     | 0.35   | _            | 0.35                 | n/a                  |

0.17

0.18

0.35

n/a

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024, hence there are no comparatives.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

### Second Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2025

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 January 2025 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class income<br>shares | Income | Equalisation | Payable<br>30.05.25 | Paid<br>31.05.24 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                          |        | Equalisation |                     |                  |
| Group 1                  | 0.53   | _            | 0.53                | 0.56             |
| Group 2                  | 0.25   | 0.28         | 0.53                | 0.56             |
| S-class accumulation     |        |              | Allocated           | Accumulated      |
| shares                   | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25            | 31.05.24         |
| Group 1                  | 0.57   | _            | 0.57                | 0.58             |
| Group 2                  | 0.28   | 0.29         | 0.57                | 0.58             |
| W-class income*          |        |              | Payable             | Paid             |
| shares                   | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25            | 31.05.24         |
| Group 1                  | 0.44   | _            | 0.44                | 0.09             |
| Group 2                  | 0.22   | 0.22         | 0.44                | 0.09             |
| W-class accumulation**   |        |              | Allocated           | Accumulated      |
| shares                   | Income | Equalisation | 30.05.25            | 31.05.24         |
| Group 1                  | 0.44   | _            | 0.44                | 0.09             |
| Group 2                  | 0.21   | 0.23         | 0.44                | 0.09             |

<sup>\*</sup> W-class income launched on 15 March 2024

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

<sup>\*\*</sup> W-class accumulation launched on 15 March 2024.

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICY

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the fund is to deliver a greater total return than the CPI measure of inflation + 5%, after fees, over any rolling five-year period by investing with our Liquidity Equity Diversifiers (LED) framework. The fund aims to deliver this return with no more volatility than that of the FTSE Developed stock market index.

There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the CPI + 5% as a target for our fund's return because we aim to grow your investment significantly above inflation. We aim to limit the amount of volatility risk our fund can take because we want our investors to understand the risk they are taking in terms of the global stock market.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA Rules.

#### INVESTMENT POLICY

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest globally in government and corporate bonds with no restriction on their credit quality, equities, collective investment schemes and structured products.

Up to 10% of the fund can be invested directly in contingent convertible bonds.

Derivatives may be used by the fund for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging. The use of derivatives for investment purposes may increase the volatility of the fund's Net Asset Value and may increase its risk profile.

The fund manager defines restrictions on how much of the fund can be invested in different types of assets based on the LED Framework. The restrictions are set at the discretion of the fund manager and will change over time. The restrictions are reviewed annually and in response to market events. Further details in relation to the current restrictions may be obtained from by contacting Rathbone Asset Management.

The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### **FUND PERFORMANCE**

Over the six months to 31 March 2025, your fund (S-class accumulation shares) fell 0.1%. For the same period, the fund's CPI + 5% benchmark returned 3.8%. The portfolio's three-year volatility as a percentage of the FTSE Developed global stock market index was 104%, compared with a target of 100%.

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Higher bond yields make structured product returns very attractive indeed. These are contracts with investment banks that deliver a set return as long as certain scenarios play out. This quarter we bought the JPMorgan Euro Stoxx 50/Nikkei 225 16% Flat Autocall 2031. This pays a 16% coupon each year and our money back as long as both European and Japanese stock markets retain at least 80% of their value before our investment matures in six years' time. If by the end of the investment either is more than 35% down from where we bought in, we lose our capital in line with the market.

We sold US investment platform Charles Schwab as the business faced a number of challenges, including a change in management team, a retreat from its banking services that would impact its longer-term profitability, and ongoing pressure on its trading commissions.

Another exit was fast-food giant McDonald's. We started to worry about the effect that the new GLP-1 drugs for weight-loss and diabetes could have on its business. The company's sales dropped by the most in years during the middle of last year and it was unclear to us how well it's holding up in what is a tough and increasingly crowded market.

We also sold Chinese internet titan Tencent. This company straddles virtually everything digital and has a great business. However, the attentions of the US are upon China – especially its digital champions – and we feel that rising geopolitical tensions could be a headwind for the company.

The cash went into a few other ideas that we have been working on in the background for some time. The first is private equity, specialty insurance, infrastructure funding and capital markets mash-up KKR & Co, which we started buying in the fourth quarter. Private equity should benefit from a probusiness US administration and lower interest rates, should they arrive: they make it easier for high-cashflow businesses to pull off lucrative leveraged buyouts and increases the value of exits from successful start-ups.

Another new stock was American Tower. This company owns mobile network transmitters and leases them to telcos. The business is a little like a bond: it has relatively fixed returns (that are growing steadily) stretching far into the future. so lower interest rates make those returns more attractive. It also has quite a bit of debt to finance big upfront investments in land and equipment, so a reduction in financing costs can make a significant difference to its bottom line. Meanwhile, an increase in prevailing bond yields have the opposite effect: increasing financing costs and pushing down the value of future earnings, sending the share price lower. As yields rose in October, we took the chance to buy into the company. We expect yields to fall steadily from here, meanwhile the company offers some defensive profits that should help us if the US economy begins to fade.

We also bought UK pharmaceutical AstraZeneca, swapping it for sold Germany-based Merck. Astra's share price was beaten down by fears that its sales in China could slow, in part impacted by allegations of corruption in its Chinese division, but we think the impact of this is overdone. China accounts for about 13% of Astra's sales; its biggest market is actually the US, where it makes and researches drugs in 17 sites across several states. Astra is a truly global operator, with 28 manufacturing sites in 16 countries, so it should also be somewhat sheltered from Trump's tariffs.

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

Another quality UK-listed global business that we added this quarter was Unilever. This business owns household brands that sell for a premium the world over. Well diversified in products, with ice cream, shampoo, cleaning products and food, it's also well diversified across the Americas, Europe and emerging markets. The business is partway through a push to streamline its product range, focusing its efforts to increase its profitability.

Finally, we took profits from Canadian e-commerce platform Shopify after it had a strong run.

### MARKET OVERVIEW

The past six months were dominated by rising government bond yields and unsettled stock markets. Inflation, while much reduced from the post-pandemic surge, remained a nuisance. Bouncing around slightly above the 2% target in most countries, it prevented most central banks from continuing to reduce their interest rates.

Economic growth was strong in the US, yet bumped along in the UK and Europe. Donald Trump's electoral win in November triggered a surge in American stocks, bonds and the currency as investors bought into the prospect for lower taxes, lessened regulation and a pro-growth agenda. This moderated somewhat in the final days of the year, likely because of people cashing in profits after another year of 25% gains in US stocks, but also as inflation concerns rose to the fore once again and government bond yields rebounded sharply.

Since President Trump's return to the White House in January, America's more aggressive, transactional foreign policy has caused massive shifts in geopolitics. Certain immutable facts and alliances, built up over decades, have fractured almost overnight.

Trump's 'America First' platform of fewer foreign entanglements, higher tariffs, tax cuts, public spending cuts and lessened regulation was widely signposted ahead of time. Most investors expected these measures to boost American workers, juice consumption, encourage business investment and drive the dollar and US stocks higher. However, there was always the other side of the coin. That these policies — along with a clampdown on immigration, both illegal and legal — could refire inflation, clog up supply chains and generally make it harder or more expensive to do business.

This messy mix of policies — where it's difficult to know which countervailing forces will prevail — leaves a lot of tinder around for people to create whichever campfire tale they want to tell. Some people make the case that inflation is about to rip higher, leading the US Federal Reserve to abandon any further interest rate cuts it had hoped to make. Others say America is on the cusp of recession. Some argue both: that 'stagflation' (stagnant growth along with higher inflation and unemployment) is approaching. We think all three are unlikely.

Inflation has drifted around between 2.5% and 3.5% since it descended from its post-COVID peaks in mid-2023. We've long thought it would probably stick slightly above the 2% central bank target once it calmed down after the upheaval of the post-pandemic period rather than scoot below it. It dropped to 2.4% in March, so it seems well within benign levels to us. Of course, there's nothing like a national meltdown over the stratospheric rise in the price of eggs to make everyone in America think all prices are headed for the moon. This is standard fare for inflation: sudden spikes in low-value but everyday products tend to skew people's views of overall inflation. Food is the example par excellence.

### RATHBONE ENHANCED GROWTH PORTFOLIO

# INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

US GDP growth, while it's slowed recently from its red-hot run, is still running at the average of the 2010s, which is a healthy level. The economy would need to do the equivalent of a handbrake turn to start shrinking in the next 12 months. There are some signs that households are reining in their spending and cuts to government employees could be encouraging some of this. But there are plenty of opportunities for them to find other work, if rising private job openings are anything to go by. And while businesses are getting a little nervous about the erratic Trump administration, profits are still growing at a decent clip (7%), albeit not as much as analysts had hoped as the year dawned (12%).

Trump's blizzard of executive orders, attempts to cut back government staff and escalation of a trade war with virtually everyone has rattled allies. rivals and markets alike. It will take time for the effects to be felt in supply chains and economic data. Trump 2.0 could upend the US economy for sure. But we think it's not the most likely scenario and it would take much longer than markets are suggesting. Instead, we think it's more likely that the US economy continues to forge ahead, slower than in the recent past but at a reasonable clip. And if that accompanies a resurgent Europe after two decades of funk, that should support global demand for goods and services, which is what drives corporate profits in the long run. China's leaders also seem to have realised that they need to act decisively to help their nation break out of its property-bubble slump. If they continue to pour well-targeted support into their financial system, that adds yet another leg to underpin the world economy.

It's completely understandable to feel worried when markets start falling, especially when there's so much news and uncertainty flying around. But knee-jerk reactions can be harmful for long-term returns.

David Coombs Will McIntosh-Whyte Lead Fund Manager Fund Manager

### **NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES**

### R-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES#

| 31.03.25        | 30.09.24                                | 30.09.23  | 30.09.22<br>pence per share   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| pence per snare | pence per share                         | pence per snare   | pence per snare   |
| n/a             | 200.80p                                 | 181.24p   | 214.31p   |
| n/a             | 14.90p                                  | 22.69p  | (29.82p)  |
| n/a             | (1.00p)                                 | (3.13p)   | (3.25p)   |
| n/a             | 13.90p                                  | 19.56p  | (33.07p)  |
| n/a             | _                                       | (0.17p)   | _   |
| n/a             | _                                       | 0.17p   | _   |
| n/a             | (214.70p)                               | _   | _   |
| n/a             | _                                       | 200.80p   | 181.24p   |
| n/a             | 0.08p                                   | 0.07p   | 0.11p   |
|                 | n/a | pence per share         pence per share           n/a         200.80p           n/a         14.90p           n/a         (1.00p)           n/a         13.90p           n/a         -           n/a         -           n/a         (214.70p)           n/a         - | n/a         200.80p         181.24p           n/a         14.90p         22.69p           n/a         (1.00p)         (3.13p)           n/a         13.90p         19.56p           n/a         —         (0.17p)           n/a         —         0.17p           n/a         (214.70p)         —           n/a         —         200.80p |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### **PERFORMANCE**

| Return after charges     | n/a | 6.92%   | 10.79%  | (15.43%) |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|---------|----------|
| OTHER INFORMATION        |     |         |         |          |
| Closing net asset value  | n/a | _       | £29,389 | £23,623  |
| Closing number of shares | n/a | _       | 14,636  | 13,034   |
| Operating charges**      | n/a | _       | 1.59%   | 1.61%    |
| Direct transaction costs | n/a | 0.04%   | 0.03%   | 0.05%    |
| PRICES***                |     |         |         |          |
| Highest share price      | n/a | 217.73p | 212.84p | 228.87p  |
| Lowest share price       | n/a | 191.53p | 178.95p | 182.92p  |

<sup>#</sup> R-class accumulation was merged into S-class accumulation on 26 January 2024.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

# NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND COMPARATIVE TABLES (continued)

#### S-CLASS ACCUMULATION SHARES

|   | 31.03.25<br>pence per share | 30.09.24<br>pence per share | 30.09.23<br>pence per share | 30.09.22<br>pence per share |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Change in net assets per share                |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Opening net asset value per share             | 259.46p                     | 227.19p                     | 203.01p                     | 237.63p                     |
| Return before operating charges*              | 2.60p                       | 33.64p                      | 25.44p                      | (33.31p)                    |
| Operating charges                             | (0.72p)                     | (1.37p)                     | (1.26p)                     | (1.31p)                     |
| Return after operating charges*               | 1.88p                       | 32.27p                      | 24.18p                      | (34.62p)                    |
| Distributions on accumulation shares          | (1.05p)                     | (2.86p)                     | (2.44p)                     | (2.33p)                     |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 1.05p                       | 2.86p                       | 2.44p                       | 2.33p                       |
| Closing net asset value per share             | 261.34p                     | 259.46p                     | 227.19p                     | 203.01p                     |
| *after direct transaction costs¹ of:          | 0.11p                       | 0.10p                       | 0.08p                       | 0.12p                       |
|   |                             |                             |                             |                             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

Lowest share price

| Return after charges | 0.72%  | 14.20%  | 11.91%  | (14.57%)  |
|----------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Neturn diter charges | 0.72/0 | 17.20/0 | 11.51/0 | (17.37/0) |

#### OTHER INFORMATION

| Closing net asset value Closing number of shares Operating charges** Direct transaction costs | £421,176,304<br>161,161,140<br>0.55%<br>0.04% | £407,749,643<br>157,155,618<br>0.56%<br>0.04% | £293,506,041<br>129,191,516<br>0.59%<br>0.03% | £209,031,074<br>102,964,618<br>0.61%<br>0.05% |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| PRICES***   |   |   |   |   |
| Highest share price   | 280.56p                                       | 262.78p                                       | 240.42p                                       | 254.12p                                       |

257.06p

216.88p

202.45p

204.90p

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) which is calculated in line with the IA SORP and includes a synthetic element relating to the expenses paid by any open-ended investment funds which the fund holds.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per share shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per share being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

### **RISK AND REWARD PROFILE**

# RISK AND REWARD PROFILE AS PUBLISHED IN THE FUND'S MOST RECENT KEY INVESTOR INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Lower potential risk/reward

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

#### RATHBONE ENHANCED GROWTH PORTFOLIO

### **DISCRETE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE**

#### **QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 2025**

|                             | 2025   | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| R-class shares              | N/A    | N/A    | -5.99% | 5.52%  | 34.12% |
| S-class shares              | -0.86% | 15.92% | -5.03% | 6.58%  | 35.46% |
| UK Consumer Price Index +5% | 7.92%  | 8.63%  | 15.97% | 11.48% | 5.46%  |

Source performance data FE fundinfo, mid to mid, net income reinvested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

# **PERFORMANCE OVER 5 YEARS**

|  | 2025   | 2024   | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Enhanced Growth Portfolio S Acc#  | 57.56% | 46.03% | 34.47% | 48.70% | 71.13% |
| UK Consumer Price Index +5%  | 59.83% | 58.12% | 55.61% | 44.75% | 39.47% |
| Rathbone Multi-Asset Enhanced Growth<br>Portfolio S Acc Volatility as % of FTSE<br>Developed (£) [Target 100.00%]* | 97.73% | 96.47% | 90.65% | 86.41% | 84.39% |

UK Consumer Price Inflation figures quoted with a 1 month lag.

Source: FE fundinfo

Volatility as a percentage of FTSE Developed (£) is calculated using monthly data.

<sup>\*</sup> or up to 10% above or below this level.

<sup>#</sup> Launch date: 01/10/2012

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

| Holding  |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets  |
|--|--|---|---|
| United Kingdom (30.0   | 09.24: 13.54%)   |   |   |
| 99,121   | Ashtead  | 4,108,566   | 0.98  |
| 41,164   | AstraZeneca  | 4,631,773   | 1.10  |
| 123,006  | Compass  | 3,140,343   | 0.75  |
| 149,619  | Halma  | 3,861,666   | 0.92  |
| 1,200,261  | HG Capital Trust <sup>††</sup>   | 6,061,318   | 1.44  |
| 1,732,863  | Legal and General  | 4,203,926   | 1.00  |
| 44,221   | London Stock Exchange  | 5,065,516   | 1.20  |
| 43,899   | Next   | 4,864,009   | 1.15  |
| 132,228  | RELX   | 5,121,191   | 1.22  |
| 1,283,548  | Rentokil Initial   | 4,460,329   | 1.06  |
| 447,650  | Rightmove  | 3,069,088   | 0.73  |
| 180,448  | Shell  | 5,094,949   | 1.21  |
| 351,628  | Smith & Nephew   | 3,813,406   | 0.90  |
| 83,538   | Unilever   | 3,851,102   | 0.91  |
| Total United Kingdom   | ı  | 61,347,182  | 14.57   |
|  |  |   |   |
| <b>Asia (Ex Japan)</b> (30.0   | 9.24: 1.24%)   |   |   |
| <b>Asia (Ex Japan)</b> (30.09  | 9.24: 1.24%)<br>AIA  | 5,077,579   | 1.21  |
| 870,900  | AIA  | 5,077,579   | 1.21  |
|  | AIA  | <b>5,077,579</b> 4,222,345  | <b>1.21</b>   |
| 870,900<br>Canada (30.09.24: 2   | AIA<br>29%)<br>Canadian Pacific Kansas City  | 4,222,345   |   |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591  | AIA<br>29%)  |   | 1.00  |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435   | AIA<br>29%)<br>Canadian Pacific Kansas City<br>Shopify   | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314  | 1.00<br>1.06  |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada   | AIA<br>29%)<br>Canadian Pacific Kansas City<br>Shopify   | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314  | 1.00<br>1.06  |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055   | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b>  | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b>   |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 2   | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%)  | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b>  | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b>   |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 50,601  | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%) Novo Nordisk                             | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b><br>2,662,920                                       | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b>   |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 2   | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%)  | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b>  | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b><br><b>0.97</b>  |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 50,601 103,926  | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%)  Novo Nordisk Novozymes                  | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b><br>2,662,920<br>4,673,557                          | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b><br><b>0.97</b><br>0.63<br>1.11                                |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 50,601 103,926  Total Denmark                                   | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%)  Novo Nordisk Novozymes                  | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b><br>2,662,920<br>4,673,557                          | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b><br><b>0.97</b><br>0.63<br>1.11                                |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 50,601 103,926  Total Denmark  France (30.09.24: 3.5            | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%) Novo Nordisk Novozymes                   | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br><b>8,688,659</b><br><b>4,105,879</b><br>2,662,920<br>4,673,557<br><b>7,336,477</b>      | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b><br><b>0.97</b><br>0.63<br>1.11<br><b>1.74</b>                 |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 3.5 50,601 103,926  Total Denmark  France (30.09.24: 3.5 11,137 | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%) Novo Nordisk Novozymes  4%) L'Oréal      | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br>8,688,659<br>4,105,879<br>2,662,920<br>4,673,557<br>7,336,477                           | 1.00<br>1.06<br>2.06<br>0.97<br>0.63<br>1.11<br>1.74                                      |
| 870,900  Canada (30.09.24: 2 77,591 60,435  Total Canada  Channel islands (30.0 89,055  Denmark (30.09.24: 3.5 103,926  Total Denmark  France (30.09.24: 3.5 11,137 8,613  | AIA  29%)  Canadian Pacific Kansas City Shopify  9.24: 0.00%) Aptiv  1.18%) Novo Nordisk Novozymes  4%) L'Oréal LVMH | 4,222,345<br>4,466,314<br>8,688,659<br>4,105,879<br>2,662,920<br>4,673,557<br>7,336,477<br>3,195,466<br>4,118,666 | 1.00<br>1.06<br><b>2.06</b><br><b>0.97</b><br>0.63<br>1.11<br><b>1.74</b><br>0.76<br>0.98 |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 (continued)

| Holding                    |   | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Germany (30.09.24: 3       | 3.24%)                                    |            |                                      |
| 66,455                     | Carl Zeiss Meditec                        | 3,378,593  | 0.80                                 |
| 2,800,000                  | Deutsche Bank 7.5% VRN Perp**             | 2,162,136  | 0.51                                 |
| 119,510                    | KION                                      | 3,840,585  | 0.91                                 |
| 28,723                     | Siemens                                   | 5,097,180  | 1.21                                 |
| Total Germany              |   | 14,478,494 | 3.43                                 |
| India (30.09.24: 0.98      | %)  |            |                                      |
| 92,664                     | HDFC Bank                                 | 4,769,064  | 1.13                                 |
| Ireland (30.09.24: 5.:     | 13%)                                      |            |                                      |
| 20,477                     | Accenture                                 | 4,953,031  | 1.18                                 |
| 23,328                     | CRH                                       | 1,564,842  | 0.37                                 |
| 12,407                     | New Linde                                 | 4,475,459  | 1.06                                 |
| 259,760                    | SPDR Russell 2000 US Small Cap UCITS ETF+ | 11,618,009 | 2.76                                 |
| Total Ireland              |   | 22,611,341 | 5.37                                 |
| Japan (30.09.24: 2.1       | 5%)                                       |            |                                      |
| 113,900                    | Kurita Water Industries                   | 2,707,960  | 0.64                                 |
| 304,000                    | Sony                                      | 5,921,912  | 1.41                                 |
| Total Japan                |   | 8,629,872  | 2.05                                 |
| Luxembourg (30.09.2        | 24: 0.81%)                                |            |                                      |
| 76,288                     | Eurofins Scientific                       | 3,141,749  | 0.74                                 |
| Netherlands (30.09.2       | 4: 1.11%)                                 |            |                                      |
| 7,779                      | ASM International                         | 2,702,981  | 0.64                                 |
| 9,708                      | ASML                                      | 4,923,391  | 1.17                                 |
| Total Netherlands          |   | 7,626,372  | 1.81                                 |
| <b>Sweden</b> (30.09.24: 1 | 08%)                                      |            |                                      |
| 201,102                    | Assa Abloy 'B'                            | 4,642,231  | 1.10                                 |
| Switzerland (30.09.2       | 4: 1.91%)                                 |            |                                      |
| 19,300                     | Roche                                     | 4,907,850  | 1.17                                 |
| 136,973                    | SIG Combibloc                             | 1,956,258  | 0.46                                 |
| Total Switzerland          |   | 6,864,108  | 1.63                                 |
| Taiwan (30.09.24: 1.2      | 24%)                                      |            |                                      |
| 36.241                     | Taiwan Semiconductor                      | 4,659,176  | 1.11                                 |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

(continued)

| Holding              |                             | Value<br>£ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| United States (30.09 | 24: 46 98%)                 |            |                                      |
| 54.360               | Abbott Laboratories         | 5,586,561  | 1.33                                 |
| 15,095               | Adobe                       | 4,483,885  | 1.06                                 |
| 38,761               | Advanced Drainage Systems   | 3,261,239  | 0.77                                 |
| 45,928               | Alphabet 'C'                | 5,554,059  | 1.32                                 |
| 39,757               | Amazon.com                  | 5,859,980  | 1.39                                 |
| 23,417               | American Tower              | 3,949,549  | 0.94                                 |
| 98,426               | Amphenol 'A'                | 5,001,558  | 1.19                                 |
| 19,659               | Ansys                       | 4,816,550  | 1.14                                 |
| 24,889               | Apple                       | 4,281,506  | 1.02                                 |
| 68,709               | Boston Scientific           | 5,368,964  | 1.28                                 |
| 40,369               | Brown & Brown               | 3,890,686  | 0.92                                 |
| 24,145               | Cadence Design Systems      | 4,756,607  | 1.13                                 |
| 17,287               | Caterpillar                 | 4,418,213  | 1.05                                 |
| 37,700               | Chevron Corporation         | 4,889,098  | 1.16                                 |
| 26,231               | Chicago Mercantile Exchange | 5,388,659  | 1.28                                 |
| 98,753               | Coca-Cola                   | 5,479,520  | 1.30                                 |
| 6,806                | Costco                      | 4,985,636  | 1.18                                 |
| 12,784               | Deere and Company           | 4,651,464  | 1.10                                 |
| 75,621               | Dexcom                      | 3,997,968  | 0.95                                 |
| 23,738               | Ecolab                      | 4,660,427  | 1.11                                 |
| 38,048               | Edwards Lifesciences        | 2,135,935  | 0.51                                 |
| 21,537               | Electronic Arts             | 2,411,076  | 0.57                                 |
| 7,771                | Equinix REIT                | 4,904,686  | 1.16                                 |
| 62,950               | Estée Lauder 'A'            | 3,219,314  | 0.76                                 |
| 31,199               | Ferguson                    | 3,871,987  | 0.92                                 |
| 16,547               | Home Depot                  | 4,697,643  | 1.12                                 |
| 13,507               | IDEXX Laboratories          | 4,391,201  | 1.04                                 |
| 52,497               | KKR & Co                    | 4,702,056  | 1.12                                 |
| 14,293               | Lockheed Martin             | 4,943,501  | 1.17                                 |
| 11,372               | Mastercard                  | 4,826,856  | 1.15                                 |
| 21,679               | Microsoft                   | 6,295,854  | 1.50                                 |
| 50,737               | Morgan Stanley              | 4,586,868  | 1.09                                 |
| 7,828                | Motorola Solutions          | 2,654,819  | 0.63                                 |
| 53,150               | Nvidia                      | 4,478,477  | 1.06                                 |
| 4,444                | O'Reilly Auto Parts         | 4,929,216  | 1.17                                 |
| 22,384               | Salesforce.com              | 4,651,606  | 1.10                                 |
| 134,996              | Schlumberger                | 4,370,701  | 1.04                                 |
| 16,674               | Take-Two Interactive        | 2,677,012  | 0.64                                 |
| 11,866               | Thermo Fisher Scientific    | 4,575,224  | 1.09                                 |

# PORTFOLIO AND NET OTHER ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

(continued)

| Holding                      |  | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 13,568                       | Ulta Beauty                                | 3,852,124   | 0.91                                 |
| 148,857                      | US Bancorp                                 | 4,867,909   | 1.16                                 |
| 20,334                       | Visa 'A'                                   | 5,519,285   | 1.31                                 |
| 29,133                       | Waste Management                           | 5,223,739   | 1.24                                 |
| 55,791                       | WEC Energy                                 | 4,710,520   | 1.12                                 |
| 36,110                       | Zoetis                                     | 4,604,847   | 1.09                                 |
| Total United States          |  | 203,384,585 | 48.29                                |
| Structured Products (        | 30.09.24: 6.66%)                           |             |                                      |
| £6,250,000                   | 6 year Autocallable P-note 03/04/31 (JPM)* | 6,250,000   | 1.48                                 |
| 6,000,000                    | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 02/03/26*      | 4,680,999   | 1.11                                 |
| £4,000,000                   | Citigroup Global Markets 0% 15/08/29*      | 4,018,800   | 0.96                                 |
| 30,798                       | First Republic Bank*                       | _           | 0.00                                 |
| 7,000,000                    | Quanto P-note 2030 Goldman Sachs*          | 6,490,400   | 1.54                                 |
| 7,700,000                    | Tokyo Topix Warrants 2029 CDEDAGR*         | 8,033,410   | 1.91                                 |
| <b>Total Structured Prod</b> | ucts                                       | 29,473,609  | 7.00                                 |
| Forward Foreign Exch         | ange Contracts (30.09.24: 0.61%)           |             |                                      |
|                              | Buy £42,089,921, Sell €49,753,209          | 274,896     | 0.07                                 |
|                              | Buy €41,965,209, Sell £35,435,675          | (166,065)   | (0.04)                               |
|                              | Buy £51,152,328, Sell \$66,172,748         | (117,800)   | (0.03)                               |
| Total Forward Foreign        | Exchange Contracts                         | (8,969)     | 0.00                                 |
| Total value of investm       | ents (30.09.24: 95.11%)                    | 414,962,318 | 98.52                                |
| Net other assets (30.0       | 09.24: 4.89%)                              | 6,213,986   | 1.48                                 |
| Total value of the fund      | as at 31 March 2025                        | 421,176,304 | 100.00                               |

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

Country eliminated since the beginning of the period:

Cayman Islands 1.41%

<sup>\*</sup> Structured products

<sup>\*\*</sup> Debt securities

Open-ended Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> Closed-end funds

# SUMMARY OF PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS

|                               | Value<br>£  | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Debt Securities               | 2,162,136   | 0.51                                 |
| Equity Securities             | 371,717,533 | 88.25                                |
| Collective Investment Schemes | 11,618,009  | 2.76                                 |
| Structured Products           | 29,473,609  | 7.00                                 |
| Forward Contracts             | (8,969)     | 0.00                                 |
| Total value of investments    | 414,962,318 | 98.52                                |

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

| 31.03.25    | 31.03.25                              | 31.03.24  | 31.03.24<br>£  |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|             |                                       |   |  |
|             | 1,193,012                             |   | 46,192,863   |
| 3,082,122   |                                       | 2,871,776   |  |
| (1,111,133) |                                       | (869,308)   |  |
| 1,970,989   |                                       | 2,002,468   |  |
| (289,481)   |                                       | (240,479)   |  |
|             | 1,681,508                             |   | 1,761,989  |
|             | 2,874,520                             |   | 47,954,852   |
|             | (1,676,306)                           |   | (1,758,414)  |
|             |                                       |   |  |
|             | 1,198,214                             |   | 46,196,438   |
|             | 3,082,122<br>(1,111,133)<br>1,970,989 | 1,193,012 3,082,122 (1,111,133) 1,970,989 (289,481) 1,681,508 2,874,520 (1,676,306) | 1,193,012 3,082,122 2,871,776 (1,111,133) (869,308) 1,970,989 2,002,468 (289,481) (240,479)  1,681,508 2,874,520 (1,676,306) |

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

| 31.03.25     | 31.03.25        | 31.03.24  | 31.03.24  |
|--------------|-----------------|---|---|
| £            | £               | £   | £   |
| l            | 407,749,643     |   | 293,535,430   |
| 30,019,432   |                 | 50,317,043  |   |
| (19,483,177) |                 | (17,149,762)  |   |
|              | 10,536,255      |   | 33,167,281  |
|              |                 |   |   |
|              | 1,198,214       |   | 46,196,438  |
|              | 1,692,192       |   | 1,830,488   |
|              | 421,176,304     |   | 374,729,637   |
|              | f<br>30,019,432 | £ £ 407,749,643 30,019,432 (19,483,177) 10,536,255  1,198,214 1,692,192 | f     f     f       407,749,643     50,317,043       30,019,432     50,317,043       (19,483,177)     (17,149,762)       10,536,255     1,198,214       1,692,192     1,692,192 |

The comparatives used within the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders are for the corresponding period of the previous year. Therefore the opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current year are at 30 September 2024 whilst the figure disclosed in the comparatives' closing Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders is at 31 March 2024.

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|  | 31.03.25<br>£           | 31.03.25<br>£ | 30.09.24<br>£           | 30.09.24<br>£ |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Assets   |                         |               |                         |               |
| Fixed assets:<br>Investments                         |                         | 415,246,183   |                         | 387,804,849   |
| Current assets:<br>Debtors<br>Cash and bank balances | 3,137,005<br>10,798,892 |               | 2,059,795<br>19,126,658 |               |
| Total current assets                                 |                         | 13,935,897    |                         | 21,186,453    |
| Total assets   |                         | 429,182,080   |                         | 408,991,302   |
| <b>Liabilities</b> Investment liabilities            |                         | (283,865)     |                         | _             |
| <b>Creditors:</b> Other creditors                    | (7,721,911)             |               | (1,241,659)             |               |
| Total liabilities                                    |                         | (8,005,776)   |                         | (1,241,659)   |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders              |                         | 421,176,304   |                         | 407,749,643   |

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# NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017).

All accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual report for the year ended 30 September 2024 and are detailed in full in those financial statements.

#### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS**

Total purchases and sales transactions for the half year ended 31 March 2025 were £80,619,825 (31 March 2024: £62,209,503) and £55,909,263 (31 March 2024: £20,852,021) respectively.

#### **CROSS HOLDINGS**

The Fund did not hold shares in any of the other sub-funds of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio at the period end.

# DISTRIBUTION TABLES FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

## **DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (PENCE PER SHARE)**

#### Interim

Group 1 – Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2 – Shares purchased on or after 1 October 2024 and on or before 31 March 2025

| S-class accumulation shares | Income | Equalisation | Allocated<br>30.05.25 | Accumulated 31.05.24 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Group 1                     | 1.05   | –            | 1.05                  | 1.28                 |
| Group 2                     | 0.66   | 0.39         | 1.05                  | 1.28                 |

### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the shares. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes.

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

This report is approved in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

JA Rogers T Carroll for Rathbones Asset Management Limited ACD of Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio 30 May 2025

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **AUTHORISED STATUS**

Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio (the Company) is an investment Company with variable capital (ICVC) incorporated in England and Wales under registered number 945533 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 23 February 2021.

Rathbone Multi-Asset Portfolio is structured as an umbrella scheme. Provision exists for an unlimited number of sub-funds, and at the date of this report six sub-funds, Rathbone Defensive Growth Portfolio, Rathbone Dynamic Growth Portfolio, Rathbone Strategic Growth Portfolio, Rathbone Strategic Growth Portfolio, Rathbone Strategic Income Portfolio and Rathbone Total Return Portfolio, are available for investment. The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

Each fund represents a segregated portfolio of assets and accordingly, the assets of each fund belong exclusively to that fund and shall not be used or made available to discharge the liabilities of any other fund.

#### **VALUATION OF THE SUB-FUNDS**

The sub-funds are valued on each business day at 12 noon for the purpose of determining prices at which shares in the sub-funds may be bought or sold. Valuations may be made at other times on business days with the Depositary's approval.

#### STEWARDSHIP CODE

Rathbones Asset Management Limited fully supports the UK Stewardship Code sponsored by the Financial Reporting Council. Our statement on complying with the Code can be found on our website: rathbonesam.com

#### **BUYING AND SELLING OF SHARES**

The ACD is available to receive requests for the buying and selling of shares on business days between 9.00am and 5.00pm and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the next valuation. Application forms for shares (obtainable from the ACD or the Administrator) should be completed and sent to the Administrator. In respect of telephoned orders, remittances should be sent on receipt of the contract note. Contract notes confirming transactions will be issued by the close of business on the next business day after the dealing date. Purchasers of shares are required to enter their registration details on the form supplied with their contract note. Once shares are paid for these details will be entered on the share register.

Shares can be sold by telephone or letter followed by despatch to the Administrator of the authorisation to sell duly completed by all shareholders

In the absence of clear written instructions signed by all the registered holders, a Form of Renunciation will be sent out together with the repurchase contract note. This will need to be signed by all registered holders, and returned to our Administrators before settlement can be made. Settlement will be made on whichever is the later of four business days after the dealing date or four days after the receipt of written confirmation.

Shareholders may sell shares on submitting the purchase contract note and a duly executed Deed of Transfer. The issue and redemption of shares will not take place if dealing in the shares is suspended by operation of law or any statute for the time being in place. Sales, in retail units, constituting a "large deal" of £50,000 or more may receive a lower price than the published price.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION** (continued)

The minimum initial investment for S-class shares is £1,000. Thereafter holders may invest additional amounts to the value of £500 or more from time to time as they wish. Any number of shares may be subscribed, sold or transferred so long as transaction complies with applicable minimums.

There is no preliminary charge for I-class or S-class or W-class shares.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the W-class property of the fund at the rate of 0.25%.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the S-class property of the fund at a rate of 0.50%.

For more information on our charges, please visit the fund-specific pages of our website: rathbonesam.com

### **STATEMENTS**

A distribution statement showing the rate per share and your shareholding will be sent quarterly on 28 February, 31 May, 31 August and 30 November.

The current value of your shares is shown on a valuation statement, which shows the number of shares bought over the previous six months, the total number of shares in your account and their current value.

Twice yearly on 30 June and 31 December, shareholders will receive a consolidated valuation statement showing, where applicable, their ICVC, Unit Trust and ISA holdings for each fund held.

#### **PRICES**

Prices are available on our website rathbonesam.com

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Copies of the Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document, Supplementary Information Document and the most recent Annual and Interim Reports may be obtained free of charge on application to the ACD or seen by visiting their registered office.

The Register of Shareholders can be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Registrar, SS&C Financial Services International Limited, SS&C House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS.

Further copies of this report are available upon request, free of charge, from Client Services Department, Rathbones Asset Management Limited, 30 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QN.

If you have any queries or complaints about the operation of the Company you should put them to the Compliance Officer, Rathbones Asset Management Limited, 30 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QN. Any complaint we receive will be handled in accordance with our internal complaint procedures. A copy of these are available from the Compliance Officer.

If you have occasion to complain, and in the unlikely event that you do not receive a satisfactory response, you may direct your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Further details about the Financial Ombudsman Service are available on their website at financial-ombudsman.org.uk

#### ISA ELIGIBILITY

The fund has been managed throughout the year to ensure that it is eligible to qualify and be included in an Individual Savings Account (ISA). The fund will at all times be invested in such a way that the shares will constitute "Qualifying Investments" for the purposes of the Individual Savings Account (ISA) Regulations 1998, as amended from time to time.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investments in an investment Company with variable capital should be regarded as a longer term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuations in exchange rates which can be favourable or unfavourable. Where the ACD's charge is fully or partly taken out of the fund's capital, distributable income will be increased at the expense of capital which will either be eroded or future growth restricted.

#### VALUE ASSESSMENT

Our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), has asked us to assess the value of our funds. Assessing value is much more than just looking at the fees you pay or the performance of your fund in isolation. Considering this, we have designed an assessment which looks at nine criteria.

We have also appointed an independent research firm, Square Mile Investment Consulting & Research, to provide an impartial report on the value our funds offer compared with the market.

It is the responsibility of our board of directors to consider the outcomes of these assessments, ensure they are clear and fair, and then communicate to you, our investors, if we have delivered value or, if not, where we need to improve.

You can view the value assessments for the Funds four months after their period end on our website rathbonesam.com

#### OTHER FUNDS

Rathbones Asset Management Limited is also the Manager of the following funds:

Rathbone Active Income and Growth Fund Rathbone Core Investment Fund for Charities Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund Rathbone Income Fund Rathbone Strategic Bond Fund Rathbone UK Opportunities Fund

and the Authorised Corporate Director of:

Rathbone Global Sustainability Fund Rathbone Global Sustainable Bond Fund Rathbone Greenbank Defensive Growth Portfolio Rathbone Greenbank Dynamic Growth Portfolio Rathbone Greenbank Strategic Growth Portfolio Rathbone Greenbank Total Return Portfolio Rathbone High Quality Bond Fund

#### **FURTHER DETAILS**

Should you require further details of this fund or any of the other funds managed by Rathbones Asset Management Limited, a Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document or an application form for the purchase of shares or units, please write to:

Client Services Department Rathbones Asset Management Limited 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 70N

All literature is available free of charge. Information is also available on our website: rathbonesam.com

## **GENERAL INFORMATION** (continued)

#### **DATA PROTECTION**

Where relevant, Rathbones' privacy notice for clients, together with our relevant terms of business, sets out how your personal data (as further detailed in the privacy notice) shall be processed by Rathbones. A copy of the privacy notice is available on request or on Rathbones' website.

From time to time Rathbones Asset Management Limited may wish to communicate with you with information on other products and services offered by the Rathbones Group. If you do not wish to receive these communications, please advise us in writing at the following address:

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