

Investment Objective: To outperform SONIA\* plus 2% over the longer term, principally through exploiting the pricing of closed-end funds.

# **HEADLINES**

### Introduction

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### THE FUND (Figures to 31 January 2025)



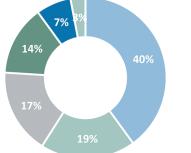


All performance shown in GBP Total Return

\*SONIA +2% Sterling Overnight Interbank Average administered by the Bank of England

### PORTFOLIO (Holdings to 31 January 2025)

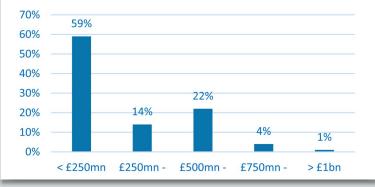
### Sector Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



- Equity (company shares)
- Property
- Alternatives
- Private Equity
- Mining
- Leasing

Holding	
PRS Reit Plc	5.3
Vinacapital Vietnam Opportunity	5.0
Baker Steel Resources Trust	5.0
Chrysalis Investments Ltd	4.6
Oakley Capital Investments	4.6
Aquila European Renewables	4.0
Georgia Capital Plc	3.6
River UK Micro Cap Limited	3.6
Tufton Assets Ltd	3.5
Phoenix Spree Deutschland Ltd	3.4
Total	42.6
No. of Holdings	50

## Market Cap Breakdown (% of Portfolio)



## MANAGERS COMMENT

### MIGO's NAV fell by 0.1% in January

January was a dull month for the Trust with the NAV down 0.1%. Although the performance of the Trust over the month was essentially flat, we believe that we have a good portfolio of trusts with catalysts which should drive returns going forward.

### **Ground Rents Income**

Ground Rents Income ("GRIO") was our best performer after the board announced it had rejected a takeover offer from a property company, Victoria Property. Victoria originally put forward a bid of 34p which was a 48.5% premium to the then share price and the shares rallied in response. Later in the month they increased this bid to 37p, with a further increase to 40p at the time of writing. GRIO has struggled for several years as ground rents became a political issue under the Conservative government, with Michael Gove (then Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) at times threatening to confiscate assets as part of a reform of the sector.

The new Labour government is unlikely to take such drastic actions, but ground rent reform is not high on their agenda. Due to issues with cladding on properties in the wake of the Grenfell tragedy, and uncertainty around who was responsible for remedial costs, the trust received a qualified audit and suspended its dividend.

Despite the company's travails and the bids being at substantial premia to the share price, the Board has rejected them on the basis of them "severely undervaluing the company". We note GRIO successfully sold its largest

asset in December 2024 which helped pay down their gearing. As a result of the bids, reduction in gearing, and reassurance around reforms, we have been adding to the position given what seems like an increasingly asymmetric return profile from here.

### VH Global Sustainable

VH Global Sustainable ("ENRG") detracted 0.7% from the fund's returns during January. The trust has a portfolio of sustainable energy assets such as hydropower in Brazil and battery storage in Australia. While the company's 50% discount is largely due to external headwinds, we believe the managers have also made some strategic errors.

Increasing bond yields have put pressure on alternative trusts such as ENRG where investors have returned to more traditional sources of income, such as gilts. The trust is also sub-sized for many managers with the market capitalisation standing at a little over £200m and a concentrated share register means liquidity is poor. A new investment in Spanish solar late last year, made despite the trust trading on a sizeable discount at that point, has left the managers with little firepower for buybacks. More recently, Trump's tariffs have cast a shadow over the US Terminal Storage Assets which aim to reduce sulphur content in Mexico's supply chain. Despite these challenges, we see an opportunity in ENRG, noting it is due to hold a continuation vote in early-2026.

## STATISTICS

### Contributors / Detractors (in GBP)

Largest Contributors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
Ground Rents Income Fund PLC	49	1.8
Geiger Counter Limited	41	2.9
Amedeo Air Four Plus Limited	30	1.9
International Biotechnology Trust	18	3.0
PRS REIT Plc	14	5.3

Largest Detractors	Monthly Contribution bps	% Weight
VH Global Energy Infrastructure	-57	2.7
Life Science Reit Plc	-29	2.5
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure	-24	3.3
Augmentum Fintech PLC	-23	2.4
Chrysalis Investments Limited	-20	4.6

Fund Facts	
Launch Date	06 April 2004
Net Assets	£73.3m
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors Limited
MIGO Shares in issue	20,056,377
Shareholder Services	Link Asset Services
Management Fee	0.65%
Website	www.migoplc.co.uk
Ticker Code	MIGO.LN
ISIN	GB0034365949

	1m	ЗУ	5у	10y
Share Price TR	0.6	-3.2	27.1	126.1
Net Asset Value TR	-0.1	1.0	31.0	106.5
Numis All-Share Index	5.3	23.0	35.2	84.5
SONIA	0.6	19.2	24.3	40.5
CY Net Returns (%)	CYTD	2024	2023	2022
CY Net Returns (%) Price	<b>CYTD</b> 0.6	<b>2024</b> 5.7	<b>2023</b> 2.6	<b>2022</b> -10.9
Price	0.6	5.7	2.6	-10.9
Price Net Asset Value	0.6 -0.1	5.7 6.4	2.6 2.9	-10.9 -12.7

Capital Structure	
Ordinary Shares	20,056,377
Credit facility**	£10m
Gross Assets/Gearing	
Gross Assets	£83.3m
Gearing (net)	5.3%

\*\* The amount drawn as at 31 August 2024 is £10m. Cost of borrowing is SONIA +1.45% on any drawn balance and 0.72% on any undrawn balance.

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