# AVI Global Special Situations Fund



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May 2025

### **Investment Objective:**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate long-term returns through investment in a portfolio of global companies whose share prices stand at a significant discount to estimated underlying net asset value.

# **HEADLINES**

#### Introduction

In May, the fund returned +3.3%

Read more below

#### Gerresheimer

Shortly after month end we published a public letter to the Supervisory Board

Read more below

### **Chrysalis Investments**

We provide an update on our investment in Chrysalis

Read more below

# THE FUND

Fund Launch Date

17/04/24

A GBP NAV per share

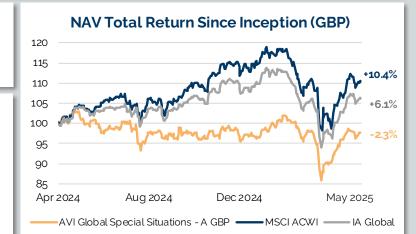
£97.75

Cash

4.5%

## **Net Performance (GBP)**

	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI¹
A GBP Share Class	3.3%	-2.5%	0.7%	-2.3%
MSCI ACWI	4.7%	-4.3%	-2.2%	10.4%
IA Global	5.1%	-3.1%	-1.7%	6.1%



Past performance does not predict future returns. All performance is shown in GBP, net of fees and including net dividends as at 31/05/2025. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. Source: Morningstar. Benchmark: MSCI® All Country World Net Total Return Index. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI® All Country World Net Total Return Index for performance comparison purposes. The portfolio is unconstrained by the benchmark and holdings may deviate significantly from those in the benchmark index. The fund was attributed the IA Global sector by The IA. The IA Global sector consists of The IA member UK based funds which invest at least 80% of their assets globally in equities. The use of the IA Global sector is purely indicative and should not be used as a benchmark. For further information on the The IA and its sectors, visit <a href="www.theia.org">www.theia.org</a>. ¹Share Class Launch Date 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

# **PORTFOLIO**

## Top Ten Holdings<sup>2</sup>

	%
News Corp A	7.2
D'leteren	6.9
Vivendi	6.3
Gerresheimer	5.9
Chrysalis Investments	5.1
Exor	5.0
Entain	3.9
Dai Nippon Printing	3.9
Aker	3.7
Christian Dior	3.3
TOTAL	51.2
No of Holdings	32

## Contributors & Detractors (GBP)3

Largest Contributors	Monthly Con bps	% Weight <sup>2</sup>
Entain	61	3.9
DTS	47	2.8
Vivendi	43	6.3
Mitsubishi Logistics	33	2.3
Gerresheimer	32	5.9

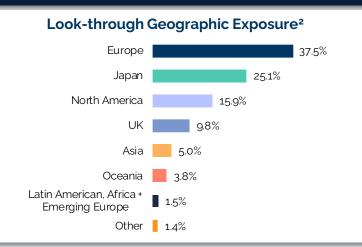
Largest Detractors	Monthly Con bps	% Weight <sup>2</sup>
Rohto Pharmaceutical	-65	3.3
Keisei Electric	-19	2.1
Jardine Matheson	-14	2.9
Christian Dior	-6	3.3
Kyoto Financial Group	-4	1.0

<sup>2</sup>Shown as % of Net Asset Value

<sup>3</sup>Contributors and detractors from Facstet

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# PORTFOLIO (continued)





# PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

	Share Class	NAV per share	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI¹
GBP	A GBP	£97.75	3.3%	-2.5%	0.7%	-2.3%
	MSCI ACWI	-	4.7%	-4.3%	-2.2%	10.4%
EUR	B EUR	€99.53	4.4%	-4.3%	-1.0%	-0.5%
EUR	MSCI ACWI	-	5.9%	-6.1%	-3.9%	12.0%
GBP	B GBP	£98.08	3.3%	-2.5%	0.8%	-1.9%
GBP	MSCI ACWI	-	4.7%	-4.3%	-2.2%	10.4%
USD	B USD	\$106.00	4.3%	4.5%	8.5%	6.0%
OSD	MSCI ACWI	-	5.7%	2.5%	5.3%	19.5%
GBP	B1 GBP <sup>4</sup>	£98.01	3.3%	-2.4%	0.9%	-2.0%
	MSCI ACWI	-	4.7%	-4.3%	-2.2%	10.4%

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# MANAGER'S COMMENT

# Introduction:

In May, the fund returned +3.3% vs. +4.7% for the benchmark, the MSCI AC World Index (£).

Entain was the fund's largest contributor, adding +61bps to returns, with the shares have now having risen >50% from the April lows. DTS also contributed strongly (+47bps) as the market welcomed a strong set of results and improved shareholder returns, as did Vivendi (+43bps) following another solid set of results from UMG, pushing the NAV up +9% over the month. Vivendi continues to trade at a close to 50% discount and the position has been increased in the portfolio in recent months.

Rohto Pharmaceutical was the funds largest detractor, shaving -65bps from performance. During the month the shares fell -15%, as the company announced full year results which failed to meet the company's original annual guidance. Pleasingly, in line with our suggestions, Rohto announced its first mid-term plan, which indicated management now views the core skincare and eye-

drops businesses as long-term growth drivers. AVI launched a public campaign, www.awakeningrohto.com, last month.

The portfolio weighted average discount stands at 39% - or some c.900bps wider than when the fund was launched in April 2024. Such wide discounts are typically observed during times of intense market stress, such as the global financial crisis, Eurozone crisis and a handful of days during the COVID-2020 sell-off.

The combination of such wide discounts, the attractive nature of the underlying business we own and their growth prospects, as well as numerous potential corporate catalysts, bode well for future returns.

#### **Brief Market Commentary:**

Despite a complex and evolving macroeconomic backdrop, global equities generally posted solid gains in May, led by particular strength of US markets.

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# MANAGER'S COMMENT

partners, such as Europe and China. Whether these talks lead to meaningful deals, or not, remains to be said.

In a macro driven world, we remain focused on the bottom-up fundamentals, and have embraced the volatility to add to new and existing names.

#### Gerresheimer (5.9% weight):

Gerresheimer rebounded from a negative April, to contribute +32bps to the fund's performance. However, it was events after the period end that are worthwhile discussing.

In early June, Gerresheimer issued a profit warning leading to a -23% decline in the share price.

Following this we published an open letter to the Supervisory Board setting out the steps required to secure and unlock value.

The full letter can be found here: Gerresheimer - a shot of new medicine is required.

In the letter we argue that in order to secure and unlock value:

- 1) We believe new financial leadership is required to repair the relationship with the market and restore credibility.
- 2) We believe Gerresheimer should establish a capital allocation committee to oversee and review the company's capital allocation and capital structure.
- 3) We believe Gerresheimer should look to exit Moulded Glass with haste.

Much of this strength can be attributed to early signs of tariff de- So far, we have had encouraging feedback from a number of escalation between the USA and some of the major trading fellow shareholders and welcome any other interested investors getting in touch.

> We continue to actively engage with management and the board in the pursuit of realising Gerresheimer's considerable value.

#### Chrysalis Investments (5.1% weight):

During the month, Chrysalis (CHRY) announced an update on its Capital Allocation Policy (CAP), disclosing that AVI recently wrote to the Board requesting that a continuation vote be proposed at the 2026 AGM. The letter was co-signed by other shareholders with the signatories representing 27% of the shareholder register at the time. Other shareholders comprising a material portion of the register were supportive of the letter's contents but unable to sign it due to their internal policies.

In response, the company will now put forward a resolution at the 2026 AGM (expected to be held in March) asking shareholders to reaffirm the existing CAP. If, as we expect, this is not approved by shareholders, no new investments will be made ahead of the next formal continuation vote scheduled for the 2027 AGM (noting that the company has already now committed to making no new investments prior to the 2026 CAP vote).

AVI is the largest shareholder in CHRY with a 16.9% stake held across its funds. We continue to engage with the Board on the company's future strategy.



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# RISK & REWARD

#### **Fund Attributes**

- High-conviction concentrated portfolio
- Actively managed with emphasis on Sum of the Parts (SOTP) valuations and exploiting discounts
- Global portfolio diversified across a range of sectors and geographies

### **Fund Risk**

As a focused equity portfolio of between 35 and 45 investments, the fund can involve higher risk and higher volatility. The value of an investment can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency movement; you may not get back the amount originally invested. You should therefore regard your investment as long term. Details on the risk factors are included in the fund's prospectus, available on our website.

## **ESG**

### **ESG Integration**

ESG is integrated into each stage of our investment process. AVI has eschewed a box-ticking approach to ESG and developed a proprietary ESG monitoring system.

Engagement is central to our strategy. Our ESG monitoring system helps to highlight areas where we can actively engage with portfolio companies to build resilience to sustainability risks, promote responsible attitudes, and enhance sustainable corporate value.

·For more information, AVI's ESG Report can be accessed on its website <u>here</u>

Article 6

This Fund has an Article 6 classification within the meaning of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR). Engagement is central to delivering long term returns, and we integrate environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into our risk management on an ongoing basis. As part of our engagement process, we monitor the climate-related risks of our portfolio companies within a bespoke system developed for AVI. However, the Fund does not have a sustainability obiective.











# **FUND DETAILS**

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Fund Launch Date	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		
Base Currency	USD		
Net Assets Value	USD38.7m / GBP28.7m		
Cash	4.5%		
IA Sector	Global		
Fund Structure	UCITS		
Fund Domicile	Ireland		
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors		
Manager	Gateway Fund Services		
Administrator/Transfer Agent	Société Générale		
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Share Classe	es		
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B (EUR)	0.8	IE0005EAPTK6	AVIGLSB ID
B (GBP)	0.8	IE0008Q72UI9	AVIGLBG ID
B (USD)	0.8	IE000DG5O9L7	AVIGLBU ID
B1 (GBP) <sup>4</sup>	0.65	IE000U617El1	AVIGLB1 ID

Benchmark: MSCI® All Country World Net Total Return Index 4Performance fee share class - 0.40% management fee + 10% outperformance of benchmark

5Ongoing Charges Figure

### Investment Manager - Joe Bauernfreund



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