

August 2025

**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

## Fund Launch Date

30/04/03

## B GBP NAV per share

£6.429

## Cash

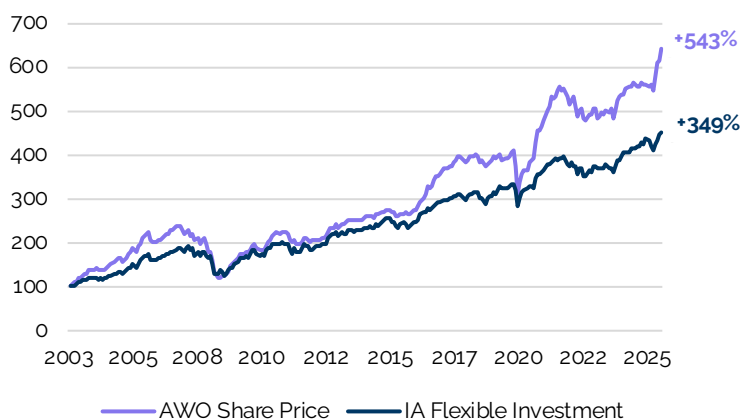
2.2%

## Net Performance (GBP)

	Month	1Y	5Y	10Y
B GBP Share Class	-2.0%	7.4%	57.1%	131.4%
IA Flexible Investment	0.4%	8.4%	36.4%	89.9%

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## Performance Since Fund Launch (GBP)



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## PORTFOLIO

## Top Ten Holdings

Holding	% <sup>1</sup>
Abrdn European Logistics	7.1
PRS REIT	6.9
VH Global Energy Infrastructure	6.3
Chrysalis Investments	5.9
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	5.2
GCP Infrastructure	5.2
SDCL Efficiency Income	4.8
Gresham House Energy Storage	4.3
Sherborne Investors C	3.8
Baker Steel Resources Trust	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.1</b>
No. of Holdings	37

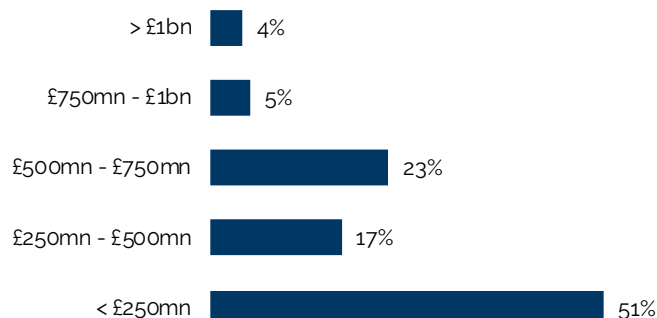
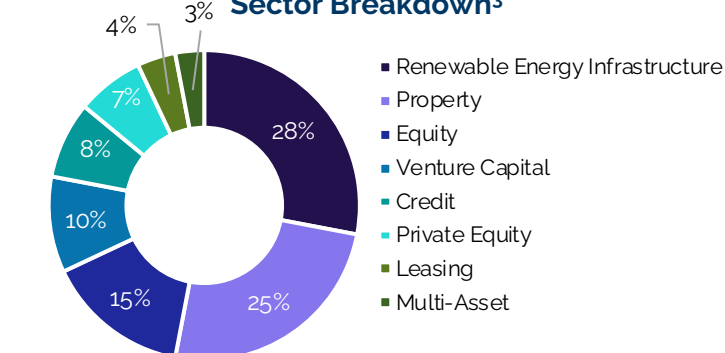
Contributors/Detractors (GBP)<sup>2</sup>

Largest Contributors	1M Contrib. bps	% <sup>1</sup>
Georgia Capital	20	3.3
VH Global Energy Infrastructure	16	6.3
River UK Micro Cap	13	1.9
RTW Biotech Opportunities	9	2.1
Better Capital 2009	4	0.1
Largest Detractors	1M Contrib. bps	% <sup>1</sup>
Gresham House Energy Storage	-61	4.3
Aquila European Renewables	-30	3.0
PRS REIT	-28	6.9
GCP Infrastructure	-24	5.2
Chrysalis Investments	-23	5.9

<sup>1</sup>Shown as % of Net Asset Value

<sup>2</sup>Contributors and detractors from Factset

## PORTFOLIO (continued)

Market Cap Breakdown<sup>3</sup>Sector Breakdown<sup>3</sup><sup>3</sup>Shown as % of Portfolio

## MANAGER'S COMMENT

August was a weak month for AWO, with its NAV down -2.0%. Several holdings that have in recent months been solid contributors gave back some of their gains. In most cases, there were no fundamental reasons for the share price declines. Although painful in the short term, we welcome such downside volatility given the opportunities it provides to add to positions at more attractive prospective return levels. For context, broad equity market returns were positive (MSCI AC World up +0.4%; MSCI AC World Small Cap +2.6%) while debt markets were soft (US high yield and investment grade indices both down -1.0%, and US loans down -1.7% ; European high yield/investment grade/loans +0.3%/-0.2%/+0.3%). Note all figures are total return, quoted in GBP, and that Sterling increased +2.1% against the US Dollar over the month.

While Georgia Capital continued its strong run, meaningful contributors were few and far between. Aquila Renewables (AERI), which we wrote on last month, continued its move down following the disappointing collapse of its sale negotiations with a preferred bidder for a substantial portion of its assets.

The largest detractor was Gresham House Energy Storage (GRID), which we have written about in previous newsletters. Its share price decline of -13% came despite three positive announcements over the month, culminating in a comprehensive debt refinancing package which should be the precursor to the restoration of dividends. This followed the announcement of long-term pricing agreements that put a floor under the minimum prices GRID will receive for energy supply, thus improving the availability and terms of debt. Given this and the relatively low trading volumes, it seems the share price fall can be attributed to retail investors taking profits after a strong run for the shares. The backdrop for the UK Battery Storage sector is supportive with private transactions taking place at valuations validating GRID's carrying values, and we see substantial further upside for GRID from further augmentations across its portfolio to increase asset duration. We added further to what has been, despite August's performance, a successful investment to date.

Chrysalis Investments (CHRY) gave back some of its gains with its share price drifting down by -4%. At the time of writing, Klarna seems set to IPO having announced a pricing range, although we are cognisant that heightened market volatility can erupt at any moment to endanger the listing. Klarna accounts for 15% of CHRY's reported NAV, carried at a valuation of approximately \$16bn. The IPO pricing range suggests a lower valuation of

between \$13bn and \$14bn, suggesting to us that Klarna's management are very keen for the IPO not to be pulled for a second time. We do not know at this stage how much, if any, of CHRY's estimated 1.1% stake in Klarna will be sold at the IPO price but note that the multiples at which Buy-Now-Pay-Later peer Affirm (AFRM US) trades could support a valuation for Klarna materially in excess of its carrying value.

PRS REIT (PRSR) saw its shares drift down a further -5% as the UK 10y yield and swap rates moved higher. To the extent bidders for the company are reliant on debt financing to complete any transaction, these moves are negative in terms of price expectations for any sale. We expect an update from the company by the end of September but note that any cessation of negotiations with the reported bidder would have required a regulatory announcement to be made to that effect. We will report further on this investment as developments arise.

RM Infrastructure Income slid -5% on no news. The company's wind-up has been progressing well, although the portfolio has – and will become even more so – concentrated to a greater extent in specific positions as repayments come through, increasing idiosyncratic risk. Projected returns under our scenario analysis are attractive and we added to our holding at these lower prices.



## STATISTICS

## Performance Summary (GBP)

Total Returns (%)	1M	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
B GBP Share Class	-2.0	7.4	18.7	57.1	131.4
IA Flexible Investment	0.4	8.4	21.7	36.4	89.9

CY Net Returns (%)	CYTD	2024	2023	2022	2021
B GBP Share Class	7.0	7.6	6.3	-10.5	20.8
IA Flexible Investment	6.1	9.2	7.3	-9.1	11.4

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## Fund Details

Fund Facts	
Launch Date	30-Apr-03
Base Currency	GBP
Net Assets	£37,146,215
Fund Structure	OEIC
Fund Domicile	United Kingdom
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors Limited
Shareholder Services	Waystone Management (UK) Ltd
Fund Structure	UK OEIC
Annual Management Fee	0.75%
OCF <sup>4</sup>	0.86%
Ticker Code	CFACCAA.LN
ISIN	GB0031831133

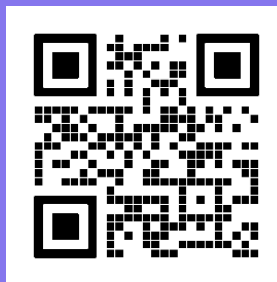
<sup>4</sup>Ongoing Charges Figure

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The share price can be found on Bloomberg.com.  
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