

September 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 September, the fund returned -0.4%. As we look ahead, we remain cautiously optimistic. Valuations – as indicated by the portfolio weighted average discount of 39% – remain highly compelling.

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D'leteren

D'leteren was the most significant detractor over the month as the company reported half year results.

[Read more below](#)

Gerresheimer

We provide an update on the investment in Gerresheimer.

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THE FUND

Fund Launch Date

17/04/24

A GBP NAV per share

£103.08

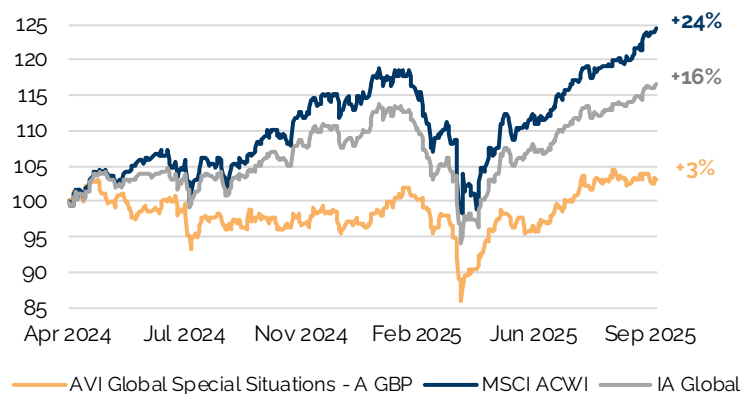
Cash

3.6%

Net Performance (GBP)

	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI ¹
A GBP Share Class	-0.4%	4.7%	6.2%	3.1%
MSCI ACWI	4.0%	9.5%	10.2%	24.3%
IA Global	2.4%	7.3%	7.9%	16.5%

NAV Total Return Since Inception (GBP)



Past performance does not predict future returns. All performance is shown in GBP, net of fees and including net dividends as at 30/09/2025. 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 www.theia.org. ¹Share Class Launch Date 17th April 2024.

PORTFOLIO

Top Ten Holdings

	% ²
Vivendi	7.1
D'leteren	7.0
News Corp A	6.8
Exor	4.9
Chrysalis Investments	4.2
Christian Dior	4.2
Gerresheimer	4.0
Jardine Matheson	3.5
Mitsubishi Logistics	3.5
Dai Nippon Printing	3.5
TOTAL	48.7
No of Holdings	38

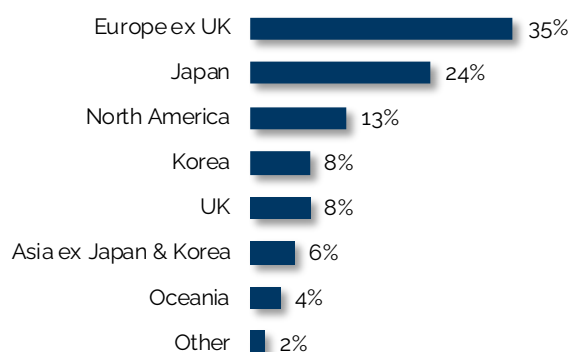
Contributors & Detractors (GBP)³

Largest Contributors	1M Contrib. bps	% ²
News Corp A	34	6.8
Wacom	26	2.2
Aker	25	3.1
Samsung C&T	21	2.5
Frasers Group	19	2.0

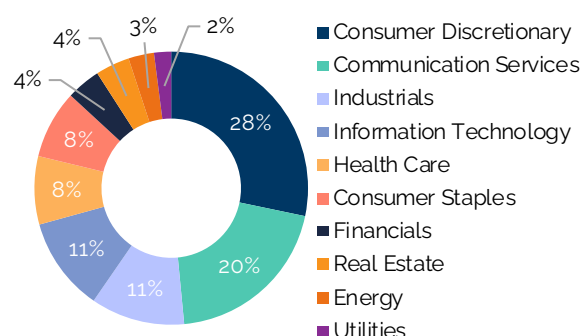
Largest Detractors	1M Contrib. bps	% ²
D'leteren	-98	7.0
Gerresheimer	-76	4.0
Tokyo Gas	-16	2.5
Exor	-11	4.9
Vivendi	-6	7.1

²Shown as % of Net Asset Value. ³Contributors and detractors from Factset

PORTFOLIO (continued)

Look-through Geographic Exposure⁴

Figures may not total to 100 due to rounding.

Look-through Sector Exposure⁴Figures may not total to 100 due to rounding. ⁴Shown as % of Portfolio

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

%	Share Class	NAV per share	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI ¹
GBP	A GBP	£103.08	-0.4	4.7	6.2	3.1
	MSCI ACWI	-	4.0	9.5	10.2	24.3
EUR	B EUR	€101.31	-1.1	2.9	0.8	1.3
	MSCI ACWI	-	3.2	7.5	4.4	21.7
GBP	B GBP	£103.50	-0.3	4.8	6.4	3.5
	MSCI ACWI	-	4.0	9.5	10.2	24.3
USD	B USD	\$111.67	-0.7	3.0	14.3	11.7
	MSCI ACWI	-	3.6	7.6	18.4	34.4
GBP	B1 GBP ⁵	£103.56	-0.3	4.9	6.6	3.6
	MSCI ACWI	-	4.0	9.5	10.2	24.3

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MANAGER'S COMMENT

Introduction

In September, the fund returned -0.4% vs. +4.0% for the benchmark, the MSCI AC World Index (£). Valuations remain compelling with a portfolio weighted average discount of 39%.

In a month of modest pickings, News Corp, Wacom and Aker were the top contributors adding between 25bps and 34bps each. Both D'Ieteren and Gerresheimer detracted meaningfully, shaving off -98bps and -76bps respectively.

D'Ieteren

D'Ieteren was the most significant detractor over the month as the company reported a weaker, but hardly disastrous set of results, with key asset Belron (70% of NAV) missing consensus expectations for EBIT by c. 5% on account of lower margins following higher labour costs and elevated marketing spend. As things stand, in order to reach full year guidance, Belron requires

a rather momentous step up in margin (~360bps) in the second half of the year and investors are sceptical as to whether this will occur.

The shares sold off -14% in response – indeed September registers as the stock's largest relative monthly underperformance of the MSCI Europe in more than a decade. In our view, this speaks to the current market environment which is characterised by volatility, short termism and an unwillingness of to look any further than the next quarter. We modestly added to the position.

To remind readers, Belron – which you might not have heard of – is the global leader in Vehicle Glass Repair, Replacement, and Recalibration ("VGRR") under brands such as Auto Glass and Safelite – that you will have heard of. The business is a beneficiary of trends toward increased windshield complexity and the advent of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems ("ADAS") cameras for

MANAGER'S COMMENT (continued)

which require recalibration. This has massively increased the technical specification of windshield repair, with a strong price/mix effect resulting in considerable value growth in recent years. The step up in technology and the capital equipment required for recalibration – the bar for which is rising with Belron launching static mobile calibration in 2025 – has further entrenched Belron's dominance, which also benefits from strong relationships with insurance partners who shepherd c.70% of jobs to them as a "friendly middleman".

Over the last 12-18 months, the US business – which accounts for 55% of revenue and has been a key source of growth – has suffered from a weaker demand environment in the insured market which Belron focus upon. AllState – the US auto insurer – report that from 2022 to Q3 2024 insurance prices increased ~40%. To put that in context, they increased ~19% from 2014 to 2017, and just ~5% from 2018. This has led to altered customer behaviour and so-called "claims avoidance", whereby many customers have chosen to seek repair in the cash market – to which Belron under index – leading to declining volumes.

Encouragingly – and in our view overlooked by investors who have principally focused on Belron's margin – there are tentative signs that the US environment is improving, with a sequential improvement, even with an additional weather-related headwind. Management sound cautiously optimistic on the performance over the summer, and other companies operating in US auto-related services have signalled a turning of the tide.

As we move into 2026, we see the pathway for higher topline growth and a return to the more normal growth algorithm of mid-to-high-single digit growth. We are optimistic, the continued tailwinds from positive mix effect and operational leverage will drive margins higher (with a target of 25% by 2028) – even if investors fret about this in the near term.

As this occurs – and as leverage continues to come down – we believe this puts Belron in prime position for a potential IPO, most

likely in 2027. As we have argued for some time, we believe this to be the key catalyst for narrowing D'Ieteren's discount, which stands shy of 50%.

This discount can be sliced and diced in different ways, but whichever way one cuts it, the stock is cheap: at the current price, shares trade at a 28% discount to the Belron 2024 transaction value whilst, writing everything else to zero; alternatively, if you believe the other assets are worth NAV, then one is currently paying an implied high single digit PE multiple for Belron.

The combination of this cheap valuation, and the attractive nature of the underlying assets, bodes well for prospective returns. To date D'Ieteren has been a successful investment, generating an IRR of +20% since entering the portfolio in 2022, but we are optimistic that there is more to come.

Gerresheimer

During the month BaFin, the Germany regulator, announced an investigation into the company. The probe relates to the treatment of certain Bill & Hold contacts and whether revenue was correctly recognised in 2024, or whether in fact it should have been recognised in 2025. Whilst this appears to be a discrete issue, affecting c.2% of revenues, investors have not unreasonably run for the hills, with little or no tolerance for a management team and Supervisory Board that have shown themselves to be at best incompetent.

In our view, this only reinforces the need for wholesale change, with the reputation of the company having been severely damaged. We continue to actively engage with the Board, management and other shareholders in order to arrest the decline and unlock considerable value – which we believe to be immense with shares trading at 6.6x NTM EV/EBITDA / 9.0x PE and an EV to Net Plant Property & Equipment multiple of just 1.9x.

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 [here](#)

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 objective.

FUND DETAILS

AVI Global Special Situations Fund

Fund Launch Date	17 th April 2024
Base Currency	USD
Net Assets Value	USD45.5m / GBP33.8m
IA Sector	Global
Fund Structure	UCITS
Fund Domicile	Ireland
Investment Manager	Asset Value Investors
Manager	Gateway Fund Services
Administrator/Transfer Agent	Société Générale
Dealing	Daily
Subscription Deadline	1 Business Day prior by 12PM
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Share Classes

Share Class	OCF ⁶ (%)	ISIN	Ticker
A (GBP)	1	IE000JIDJD84	AVIGLSA ID
B (EUR)	0.8	IE0005EAPTK6	AVIGLSB ID
B (GBP)	0.8	IE0008Q72UI9	AVIGLBG ID
B (USD)	0.8	IE000DG5O9L7	AVIGLBU ID
B1 (GBP) ⁵	0.65	IE000U617EI1	AVIGLB1 ID

Benchmark: MSCI® All Country World Net Total Return Index

⁵Performance fee share class - 0.40% management fee + 10% outperformance of benchmark.

⁶Ongoing Charges Figure

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