

November 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 November 2025, the fund returned -1.1%.

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## Vivendi

Vivendi shares fell -20% after the Cour de Cassation ruled in favour of Bolloré's appeals.

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## Youngone Group

We discuss relatively new positions in Youngone Corporation & Youngone Holdings.

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## THE FUND

## Fund Launch Date

17/04/24

## A GBP NAV per share

£100.74

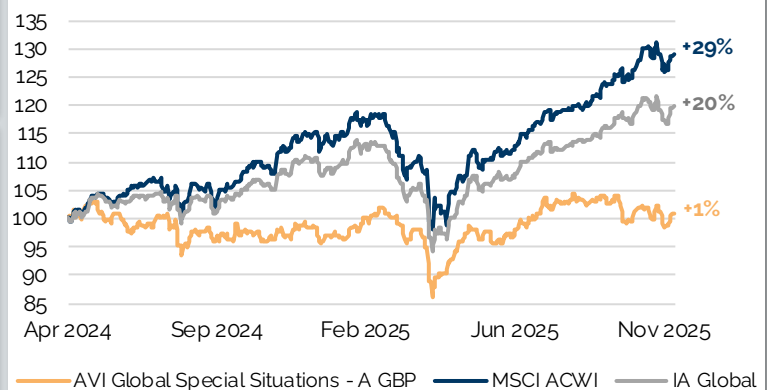
## Cash

1.8%

## Net Performance (GBP)

Total Returns (%)	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI <sup>1</sup>
A GBP Share Class	-1.1	-2.6	3.8	0.7
MSCI ACWI	-0.9	8.0	14.4	29.1
IA Global	-1.0	5.5	11.2	20.0

## 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 30/11/2025. 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](http://www.theia.org). <sup>1</sup>Share Class Launch Date 17th April 2024.

## PORTFOLIO

## Top Ten Holdings

	% <sup>2</sup>
Vivendi	6.4
News Corp A	6.0
D'Ieteren	6.0
Mitsubishi Logistics	5.4
Jardine Matheson	4.7
Exor	4.7
Christian Dior	4.1
Dai Nippon Printing	3.1
Raito Kogyo	3.1
Chrysalis Investments	3.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.6</b>
No of Holdings	38

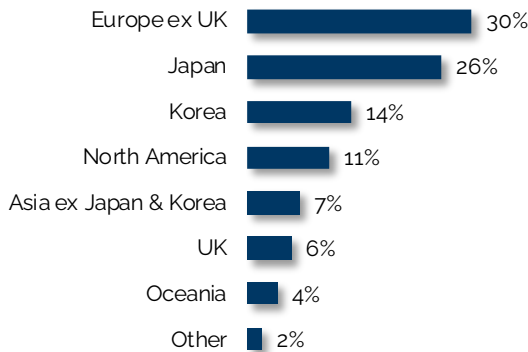
Contributors & Detractors (GBP)<sup>3</sup>

Largest Contributors	1M Contrib. bps	% <sup>2</sup>
Jardine Matheson	45	4.7
Tokyo Gas	38	3.0
Youngone Corp	30	1.0
Gabia	29	2.4
Christian Dior	15	4.1

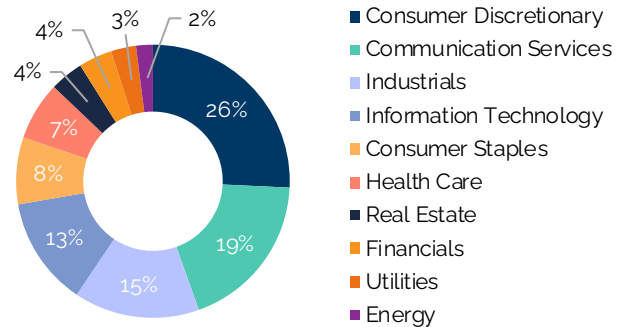
Largest Detractors	1M Contrib. bps	% <sup>2</sup>
Vivendi	-147	6.4
D'Ieteren	-40	6.0
News Corp A	-26	6.0
Chrysalis Investments	-23	3.1
HD Hyundai	-21	2.0

<sup>2</sup>Shown as % of Net Asset Value. <sup>3</sup>Contributors and detractors from Factset

## PORTFOLIO (continued)

Look-through Geographic Exposure<sup>4</sup>

Figures may not total to 100 due to rounding.

Look-through Sector Exposure<sup>4</sup>Figures may not total to 100 due to rounding. <sup>4</sup>Shown as % of Portfolio

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

%	Share Class	NAV per share	Month	3 Month	YTD	SI <sup>1</sup>
GBP	A GBP	£100.74	-1.1	-2.6	3.8	0.7
	MSCI ACWI	-	-0.9	8.0	14.4	29.1
EUR	B EUR	€98.69	-0.8	-3.6	-1.8	-1.3
	MSCI ACWI	-	-0.6	6.8	8.0	26.0
GBP	B GBP	£101.18	-1.1	-2.6	4.0	1.2
	MSCI ACWI	-	-0.9	8.0	14.4	29.1
USD	B USD	\$106.24	-1.4	-5.5	8.8	6.2
	MSCI ACWI	-	0.0	5.9	21.1	37.4
GBP	B1 GBP <sup>5</sup>	£101.26	-1.1	-2.6	4.2	1.3
	MSCI ACWI	-	-0.9	8.0	14.4	29.1

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## MANAGER'S COMMENT

In November 2025, the fund returned -1.1% vs -0.9% for the benchmark, the MSCI AC World Index (£).

Jardine Matheson was the top contributor adding +45bps to returns. Other strong contributors were Tokyo Gas (+38bps) and Youngone Corp (+30bps). We expand upon Youngone Corp – and its parent Youngone Holdings – below.

Vivendi was the standout detractor shaving off -147bps. Chrysalis, D'Ieteren and News Corp also detracted.

**Vivendi**

Shares in Vivendi fell -20% over the month, as weak NAV performance (-6%) was compounded by a significant widening of the discount from 38% to 46% (a return of -14%).

In the [July 2025 newsletter](#) we provided an update on the investment in Vivendi. At the time we explained how – subject to

a court appeal process – the AMF had declared that Vincent Bollore was obligated to make a mandatory offer for Vivendi. This followed a ruling by a Parisian court that he was deemed to be in de-facto control of Vivendi at the time of the December 2024 split-up transaction.

During the month the Cour de Cassation ruled in favour of Bollore's appeal, arguing against the notion of de-facto control and asking the lower court judges to re-examine the case. In turn the AMF has suspended its ruling of a mandatory takeover offer on Vivendi whilst this process continues. We now face a wrought and long-winded legal process with an uncertain outcome and potential further appeals to appeals.

Net-net, however, the odds of a near-term mandatory takeover offer are meaningfully lower than a few weeks ago, and this has been reflected in a widening of Vivendi's discount, which now stands close to 50%.

## MANAGER'S COMMENT (continued)

We believe this to be astounding value – wider than Vivendi's historic discount when it was a more complex beast, and out of whack with other European holding company discounts today – but wholly concede that there are limited catalysts for this to narrow in the near-term.

Indeed, this serves as a great and painful reminder of the often-ethereal nature of events/catalysts – which have a habit of not occurring or taking longer to occur than many expect. In such scenarios, the NAV side of the equation is imperative to one's return.

And in this vein we believe there is a lot to be excited about. UMG shares have underperformed significantly, having fallen -21% since late July (whilst the MSCI ACWI is up +10%). We believe a large portion of this weakness is attributable to more technical factors. More specifically there has been a multi-pronged overhang deterring new buyers in the form of: 1) an overhang from Bollore who was perceived to be a potential seller of UMG stock in the event of a mandatory takeover offer; 2) pressure from event driven investors who were long Vivendi and short UMG; 3) a continued overhang on account of the delayed US listing.

This has pushed UMG to a record low valuation – with the shares trading at <18x 2026 PE excluding the stake in Spotify. This de-rating stands in stark contrast to the fundamentals, which are improving. Streaming growth has been impressive in 2025 *without any meaningful contribution from DSP price raises*. As we look into 2026, with the benefit of streaming 2.0 deals and faster growth, there is a strong case that the market will start to reward this with a higher multiple, reflective of the company's unique asset base and its potential to sustain growth over the long-term underpinned by the re-monetisation of music.

All told, Vivendi remains one of the highest potential upside positions in the portfolio, with strong NAV growth prospects and a very wide discount. We added to the position over the month.

#### Youngone Group

In previous newsletters, we have talked at length about the developing opportunity set in Korea, which now accounts for 15% of NAV. Whilst there is a thematic overlay to our investments in Korea, each individual position stands on its own two feet, with "typical" AVI traits. In this month's newsletter, we intend to bring this out.

The Youngone Group are two of AGSS' South Korean positions, initiated in June 2025, with a joint position size of c. 2.2%. For liquidity purposes, we split the position across Youngone Holdings (1.2% of NAV) and Youngone Corp (1.0% of NAV).

We believe the group exhibits many of the qualities that we look for in our portfolio companies. Youngone Holdings' NAV is predominantly comprised of its 53% stake in Youngone Corp, which accounts for c. 102% of market cap, as well as positions in Youngone Outdoor, which owns the rights to the North Face brand in South Korea, a 4% stake in Japan-listed Goldwin, and a small net cash position.

In turn, Youngone Corp's operations are also heavily undervalued, as explained below, and the company boasts a net cash position worth 34% of market cap. Both companies trade at wide discounts to their sum of the parts (Youngone Holdings -46% and Youngone Corporation -64%).

For this month's newsletter, we wanted to discuss our investment in Youngone Corporation ("Youngone") and its OEM operations.

Youngone is a leading global manufacturer of premium technical outerwear, acting as the strategic OEM partner to over 40 global apparel brands, such as The North Face, Arc'teryx, Lululemon, and Patagonia.

Founded in 1974 by Ki-hak Sung as an export and sales company for apparel in Korea, Youngone has evolved into a sophisticated manufacturer of high-performance outerwear through five decades of accumulated expertise and manufacturing scale. High-value performance apparel, which represents c. 85% of Youngone's OEM sales, is a structurally less competitive and less commoditised segment than general apparel OEM, given the complexity of producing advanced garments at global scale and the long development cycles required (3–4-month lead times). Youngone's major customers view the company as an extension of their own supply chain rather than an outsourced, replaceable vendor.

Youngone was the first garment manufacturer to enter Bangladesh in 1980, today controlling over c. 1,000 acres of manufacturing space. The company employ both skilled local workers, who have had internal training for 30+ years at Youngone, and a locally experienced management team. This well-established, large manufacturing base is a strong barrier to entry for competitors and provides a cost-competitive foothold for Youngone's manufacturing operations.

This combination of cost advantages and high client switching costs has compounded Youngone's consolidated earnings at a CAGR of +12% since 2008 and delivered strong returns on capital over the same period.

Despite the quality of Youngone's OEM operations, the company continues to trade at an undemanding valuation that fails to reflect the quality of its underlying business, trading at just 1.0x P/B and 5.6x EV/fwd. EBIT. For comparison, close listed peers Eclat Textile and Makalot Industrial, trade at an average 5.0x PB and 14.8x EBIT. Youngone has traded at an average discount of -65% to these peers since 2017.

We believe this perpetual discount is the result of the company's lack of a capital allocation framework, holding a net cash position worth 34% of market cap, poor quality IR materials with zero English disclosure, limited investor access to the company, and zero international broker coverage.

Crucially, all of these issues are governance-and communication-related and could be directly resolved with better capital discipline and shareholder alignment. As with many first-generation, founder-led Korean companies, Youngone has deprioritised capital returns and transparency, in favour of preserving control and minimising tax friction ahead of succession. But with corporate governance reform a core focus of the new DPK government, the cost of inaction will rise as peer behaviour starts to evolve. For Youngone, even modest improvements on any of these fronts could result in a material re-rating, given the scale of the valuation gap and large net cash pile.

While we wait for these structural changes to play out, the investment case remains underpinned by the durable, high-return OEM business, which should continue to compound earnings at a high-single-digit to low-teens rate, on rising volumes from key clients, such as Arc'teryx.

To date, Youngone Holding and Corp have delivered returns of +23% and +47% and we remain optimistic about prospective returns.

## RISK &amp; 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 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Base Currency	USD
Net Assets Value	USD40.5m / GBP30.5m
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 <sup>6</sup> (%)	ISIN	Ticker
A (GBP)	1.0	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) <sup>5</sup>	0.65	IE000U617EI1	AVIGLB1 ID

Benchmark: MSCI® All Country World Net Total Return Index

<sup>5</sup>Performance fee share class - 0.40% management fee + 10% outperformance of benchmark.

<sup>6</sup>Ongoing Charges Figure

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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