

### LF Gresham House Equity Funds

LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund

**INTERIM UNAUDITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022



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#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### **Authorised Status**

LF Gresham House Equity Funds ('the Company') is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC001084 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') with effect from 18 April 2017. The Company has an unlimited duration.

The Company is a UK UCITS and the base currency of the Company and each sub-fund is pounds sterling.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. Shareholders are not liable to make any further payment to the Company after they have paid the price on purchase of the shares.

#### ACD's Statement

#### **Economic Uncertainty**

The outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2019 caused significant disruption to business and economic activity, which was reflected in the fluctuations seen in the global stock markets for an extended period. However, after various national governments provided financial support and stimulus to their economies, combined with the development of effective vaccines to immunise populations, society and businesses are learning to operate in the post COVID-19 world which led to a recovery in asset prices.

In the first quarter of 2022, the geopolitical situation came into sharp focus, culminating in February 2022 with Russia's incursion into Ukraine. The consequences of this combined with other factors has led to significant disruption to the global supply chains and soaring commodity prices, leading to a significant increase in inflation in many countries. To curb the increase in global inflation, many nations' central banks have been increasing interest rates, a process which it is expected to continue until inflation is brought under control. What is not clear at this time is whether the combination of high inflation and increasing interest rates will culminate in a global recession. With this level of uncertainty, it is reasonably foreseeable that markets will continue to see periods of instability and consequently volatility in asset pricing.

#### Important Information

The following changes became effective from 21 February 2022:

- The 'C' Euro Accumulation share class was launched in the LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund.
- The 'C' Euro Accumulation share class was launched in the LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund.
- The 'F' Sterling Accumulation and the 'F' Sterling Income share classes closed to new investors in the LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund.

#### **Cross Holdings**

No sub-funds had holdings in any other sub-fund of the Company at the end of the period.

#### **ACD'S REPORT** continued

#### Securities Financing Transactions

The Company has the ability to utilise Securities Financing Transactions (being transactions such as lending or borrowing of securities, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions, or margin lending transactions). No such transactions have been undertaken in the period covered by this report.

#### **DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

#### N. BOYLING

#### LINK FUND SOLUTIONS LIMITED

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### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND ACD'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### Important Information

Please refer to the Important Information section on page 3.

#### Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund ('the Fund') is to achieve income with the potential for capital growth, over any five year period, after all costs and charges have been taken.

Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period.

The investment policy of the Fund is to invest directly at least 60% of the scheme property by value in the shares of small and medium sized companies that:

- (i) are incorporated, or domiciled in the UK;
- (ii) are listed or traded in the UK; and
- (iii) have a market capitalisation no greater than the smallest market constituent of the FTSE 100 Index.

The Fund may also invest directly and/or indirectly, up to 30% of the scheme property by value in the shares of large sized (have a market capitalisation greater than the smallest market constituent of the FTSE 100 Index) UK companies, investment and non-investment grade (including non-rated) sterling denominated debt securities (such as corporate bonds, government and public securities), money market instruments, deposits and cash.

The Fund may also invest directly and/or indirectly up to 10% of the scheme property by value in the shares of non-UK companies and unlisted companies.

As part of the equities exposure the Fund may also invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Investments in collective investment schemes is limited to 10% of the scheme property by value.

The Fund can invest across different industry sectors without limitation.

The Fund may gain exposure to these assets directly by investing in securities issued by companies and governments, and indirectly by investing in other transferable securities and collective investment schemes (open and closed ended). Indirect investments may include instruments managed or advised by the ACD or the Investment Manager or their associates.

The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes.

The investment amounts referenced above will not apply under extraordinary market conditions. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include economic, political unrest or instability, world events leading to market instability, closure of a relevant market(s), or any events which give rise to high downside risk. During such periods, the Fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in cash and cash equivalents.

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

#### Benchmark

The Fund's comparator benchmark is the IA UK Equity Income sector.

The Fund's performance may be compared against the IA UK Equity Income sector. The ACD believes that this is an appropriate comparator benchmark for the Fund given the investment objective and policy of the Fund. Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to help investors to compare funds with broadly similar characteristics. The comparator benchmark has been selected as the ACD considers it assists investors in evaluating the Fund's performance against the performance of other funds invested in similar assets. The Fund is not constrained by the comparator benchmark and may take positions that differ significantly from the comparator benchmark.

#### LINK FUND SOLUTIONS LIMITED

ACD of LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund 31 August 2022

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND **ACD'S REPORT** continued

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### Investment Strategy

The Fund was launched on 30 June 2017 with a policy of investing primarily in small and mid-cap companies, as well as holding large cap companies, and an objective of delivering a return of income with a potential for capital growth. These companies are predominantly UK listed equities. In annual terms the Fund currently is targeting a high single digit total return.

The Fund's investment strategy seeks to leverage the Manager's core expertise in investing in small and midsized UK businesses within its key sectors (consumer, technology, media and telecom, business services and healthcare & education), avoiding excessive cyclical exposure. The Fund focuses areas of structural growth and sustainable income, seeking to find profitable, cash generative companies that offer attractive dividends and scope to grow, and employing a disciplined investment process to appraise potential investments. The Fund also looks to benefit from the wider Gresham House platform of research and investment professionals, and network of entrepreneurs, business leaders and industry specialists.

Fund composition aims to reflect the Manager's high conviction style, comprising a relatively concentrated portfolio of stocks with the potential to sustainably grow profits, cash flow and dividends over the longer term.

#### Movements in Net Asset Value

During the period the gross NAV of the Fund increased from £205.2m1 to £280.2m1, of which 88.6% was invested in UK equities - 78.4% in small and mid-cap and 10.2% in large cap. Despite a negative revaluation of the portfolio of £23.8m, the NAV increased due to net inflows from shareholders amounting to £98.8m. The Fund delivered a negative return of 8.2% over the period ('C' Sterling Accumulation share class), underperforming the IA UK Equity Income Sector, which returned a negative 5.8%.

#### Investment Activity

H1 2022 saw significant market volatility, driven by a perfect storm of macro factors in a post-COVID-19 world including inflationary pressures, interest rate rises and the cost-of-living squeeze. Russia's invasion of Ukraine at the end of February resulted in a sharp correction across global equity markets, being particularly pronounced in UK and European Equities. Commodity prices soared across key Russian and Ukrainian exports such as oil, natural gas and wheat, driving a rush to safe haven assets and adding significant inflationary pressure. CPI rose by 9.4% in the 12 months to June 2022, with the bank rate rising to 1.25% in response as predictions of a protracted recession in the UK and elsewhere reinforced the concerns around macroeconomic headwinds.

During 2022 we have focused on undertaking an in-depth, bottom-up risk review of the portfolio in the context of the economic headwinds in the market. This has driven some changes to portfolio weightings but largely has confirmed our view that the Fund is well positioned with a portfolio of relatively resilient businesses exposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on 12pm Valuation Point.

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to structural growth trends and with robust financials and low financial leverage. Whilst mindful of the shifting economic paradigm and the risks that all companies face, we are confident in how robust the business fundamentals are in the majority of our portfolio companies, as well as the margin of safety on valuation relative to our view of long-term fundamental value.

Despite the uncertain environment, we continue to believe that the longer-term opportunity within UK equities, underpinned by the persistent discounted valuations applied both to the UK but more accentuated within the smaller companies segment, remains material. We remain selective and disciplined in our approach, seeking high-quality companies with attractive long-term sustainable income streams and capital growth characteristics at sensible valuations.

During the period investment activity was steady as inflows were predominantly deployed into follow-on investments into portfolio companies alongside one new investment, totaling £102.1m across both; the number of portfolio companies remained 47.

#### **NEW INVESTMENTS**

In line with this the Fund deployed £101.3m into 39 existing portfolio companies as follow-on investments during the period. Follow-on investment was predominantly driven by strong cash inflows, alongside further investment into companies, often at attractive share prices where the Manager's diligence and bottom-up risk-assessment built conviction in the companies' resilience, and potential to perform strongly despite the macro-economic backdrop. Examples included Inspired plc, a UK corporate energy services and procurement specialist, XPS Pensions Group, a UK based pensions specialist providing consulting, administration, and investment services, Moneysupermarket, a UK market-leading price comparison website and Sabre Insurance Group, a specialist UK motor insurance business.

One new investment was made during the first half of 2022, into EKF Diagnostics, a developer and manufacturer of medical diagnostic products. EKF offers a combination of attractive income and long-term capital growth. As part of the process the Manager drove conviction in the strength of the investment case, leveraging proprietary sector insights and network relationships.

A key differentiating feature of the Fund's investment process is its ability to leverage the wider platform and private equity resource of Gresham House and network to evaluate new opportunities, which the Manager continued to do during the period.

In contrast to this period last year, deal activity has been relatively muted, with a number of IPOs either being delayed or cancelled, however we did participate in a number of fundraises across the existing portfolio holdings. These included Duke Royalty Ltd, a royalty financing business, Gresham House Energy Storage Fund, and FRP Advisory, a restructuring advisory and professional services firm. The Fund also added to its position in R&Q Insurance Holdings, as part of its placing to raise \$125m, which was launched following the rejection at the special general meeting of a takeover offer from Brickell PC Insurance Holdings LLC.

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#### **DIVESTMENTS**

The Manager realised a full exit from M&A as the takeover of Clipper Logistics by US based GXO Logistics completed, generating a positive return of 189.7%, as well as subsequently exiting GXO Logistics shares received as part-contribution. The Fund also fully exited Volution Group, a provider of residential and commercial ventilation solutions, following the portfolio risk review and taking into account the strong performance of the shares which had resulted in significant yield compression, crystallising a return of 58.7%.

Also following the detailed portfolio risk review process undertaken during the period, the Manager made partial realisations in Speedy Hire and Strix Group, with the former having since been fully exited, following a change in the Manager's view of the ongoing prospects of the stock relative to an increased risk profile.

#### Investment Performance

The Fund achieved a negative return of 8.2%² (based on 'C' Sterling Accumulation share class), ranking 61 out of 83 in the IA UK Equity Income Sector. A driver of the Fund's relative underperformance vs the sector was the Manager's avoidance of certain sectors (in line with the investment process) that performed well, such as oil & gas. The Manager believes that the focus on quality fundamentals-based businesses in structurally attractive markets with robust earnings streams and application of proprietary network and investment process are key drivers of long-term performance. The Manager is committed to targeting strong long-term risk-adjusted returns through employing disciplined risk mitigation processes, leveraging proprietary networks, and focusing on quality businesses with sustainable income and structural capital growth dynamics across the market cap spectrum. The Fund ended the period as the top performing UK Equity Income Fund since its launch whilst ranking second lowest level of volatility amongst its sector peer group².

Key contributors to absolute performance during the period were EMIS Group, resulting from a takeover approach from UnitedHealth, a US Healthcare company; Brewin Dolphin, on the announced acquisition by Royal Bank of Canada; and Telecom Plus, with FY22 profits higher than expectations and profit upgrades in outer years. Detractors were B&M, after the announced departure of Founder-CEO Simon Aurora and reduced margin guidance for FY23; Halfords, as supply chain risks weighed on market sentiment driving a de-rating; and R&Q Insurance Holdings, following the rejected takeover by Brickell PC Insurance Holdings LLC and a subsequent \$125m fundraising.

#### Outlook

The Manager's core planning assumption is that continued political and economic uncertainty will drive market volatility throughout the remainder of the year and well into next. Markets have not had to deal with rising interest rates and elevated inflation for a considerable period of time and the medium-to-long term ramifications of this for share prices is uncertain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: FE Analytics.

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The Manager does not seek to make major macroeconomic predictions or to tilt portfolio construction materially in any direction to mitigate or benefit from macro trends. Rather the core focus remains building a portfolio bottom up by investing in high-quality, resilient companies exposed to structural growth, key competitive advantages or self-help opportunities and maintain valuation discipline such that they could drive attractive investment returns over the medium-to-long term regardless of the economic environment.

The Manager continues to believe that stock-level volatility across the market, while creating some challenges, will provide an attractive environment for investors to back quality companies with attractive long-term structural capital growth at reasonable valuations across the market cap spectrum. The economic environment and market discontinuity will provide agile smaller businesses with strong management teams the opportunity to take market share and build strong, enduring franchises.

The elevated levels of corporate activity within the UK equity space continue to play out. The investment process and private equity lens across public markets position enables identification of investment opportunities with potential strategic value that could be attractive acquisitions for both, corporate and financial buyers.

The Manager continues to believe that over the long term the fundamentals-focused investment style has the potential to outperform. The Fund will maintain its focus on building a high-conviction portfolio of less cyclical, high-quality businesses with stable and growing earnings streams, and good cash flows. We believe these businesses can deliver strong returns through the market cycle regardless of the performance of the wider economy.

#### GRESHAM HOUSE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Investment Manager 24 August 2022

# Risk and Reward Profile Typically Lower Rewards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Lower Risk Higher Risk

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains.

The Fund has been classed as 5 because its volatility has been measured as above average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

Counterparty Risk: The failure of a firm involved in a transaction with the Fund or providing services to the Fund may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Change in Interest Rate Risk: A rise in interest rates generally causes bond prices to fall.

Credit Risk: The value of a bond may be affected by its credit rating, the lower the rating the higher the risk of the issuer not paying interest or repaying the loan.

Liquidity Risk: Smaller companies' securities are often traded less frequently than those of larger companies which means they may be more difficult to buy and sell. Their prices may also be subject to short term swings (both up and down) in their value.

Concentration Risk: The Fund may invest in stocks with a particular industry, sector or geographical focus. This means that the performance of a single industry, sector or geographical region within the Fund has a greater effect (loss or gain) on the value of the Fund.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

#### Comparative Tables

Information for 30 June 2022 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 June 2022. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an ex post basis over the 6 month period ending 30 June 2022, expressed as an annualised percentage of the average net asset value.

#### 'C' STERLING INCOME SHARES

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.06.22 pence per share	31.12.21 pence per share	31.12.20 pence per share	31.12.19 pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	137.77	113.51	124.21	99.03
Return before operating charges*	(10.38)	30.81	(5.97)	30.81
Operating charges	(0.54)	(1.11)	(0.95)	(0.98)
Return after operating charges	(10.92)	29.70	(6.92)	29.83
Distributions	(2.37)	(5.44)	(3.78)	(4.65)
Closing net asset value per share	124.48	137.77	113.51	124.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.12	0.63	0.41	0.25
PERFORMANCE				
Return after charges	(7.93)%	26.17%	(5.57)%	30.12%
OTHER INFORMATION				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,676	25,998	9,270	2,162
Closing number of shares	23,035,757	18,870,892	8,166,257	1,740,844
Operating charges	0.82%	0.85%	0.86%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.18%	0.47%	0.37%	0.22%
PRICES				
Highest share price	140.17	141.38	129.86	126.93
Lowest share price	118.92	114.70	89.70	100.39

Comparative Tables continued				
'C' STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES				
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.06.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19
	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	164.10	129.82	137.15	104.96
Return before operating charges*	(12.46)	35.57	(6.27)	33.24
Operating charges	(0.64)	(1.29)	(1.06)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges	(13.10)	34.28	(7.33)	32.19
Distributions	(2.83)	(6.31)	(4.23)	(5.02)
Retained distributions on				
accumulation shares	2.83	6.31	4.23	5.02
Closing net asset value per share	151.00	164.10	129.82	137.15
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.73	0.45	0.26
PERFORMANCE				
Return after charges	(7.98)%	26.41%	(5.34)%	30.67%
OTHER INFORMATION				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	59,919	45,004	21,738	4,524
	39,681,119	27,425,514	21,738 16,744,110	3,298,620
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30.06.22 pence per share	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19
pence per share		31.12.20	21 12 10
100.00	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
138.96	114.32	124.88	99.43
(10.47)	31.04	(5.97)	30.96
(0.44)	(0.92)	(0.79)	(0.82)
(10.91)	30.12	(6.76)	30.14
(2.39)	(5.48)	(3.80)	(4.69)
125.66	138.96	114.32	124.88
0.12	0.63	0.41	0.25
(7.85)%	26.35%	(5.41)%	30.31%
134,305	80,059	31,922	27,906
106,883,247	57,612,667	27,922,295	22,345,352
0.67%	0.70%	0.71%	0.74%
0.18%	0.47%	0.37%	0.22%
141.39	142.53	130.60	127.63
119.98	115.53	90.23	100.80
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Comparative Tables continued  'F' STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES				
F STERLING ACCOMULATION SHARES	30.06.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	165.62	130.84	138.01	105.45
Return before operating charges*	(12.56)	35.84	(6.29)	33.44
Operating charges	(0.53)	(1.06)	(0.88)	(0.88)
Return after operating charges	(13.09)	34.78	(7.17)	32.56
Distributions	(2.86)	(6.37)	(4.25)	(5.04)
Retained distributions on				
accumulation shares	2.86	6.37	4.25	5.04
Closing net asset value per share	152.53	165.62	130.84	138.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.73	0.46	0.27
PERFORMANCE				
Return after charges	(7.90)%	26.58%	(5.20)%	30.88%
OTHER INFORMATION				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	54,213	51,716	11,858	12,893
Closing number of shares	35,542,500	31,224,795	9,063,613	9,342,275
Operating charges	0.67%	0.69%	0.71%	0.74%
Direct transaction costs	0.18%	0.47%	0.37%	0.22%
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PRICES				
Highest share price	168.49	166.98	144.29	139.60
Highest share price				106.89

<sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

Comparative Tables continued	
'C' EURO ACCUMULATION SHARES	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.06.22¹ € per share
Opening net asset value per share	1.0000
Return before operating charges*	(0.0571)
Operating charges	(0.0029)
Return after operating charges	(0.0600)
Distributions	(0.0145)
Retained distributions on	
accumulation shares	0.0145
Closing net asset value per share	0.9400
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.0006
PERFORMANCE	
Return after charges	(6.00)%
OTHER INFORMATION	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_
Closing number of shares	250
Operating charges	0.82%2
Direct transaction costs	0.18%
PRICES	
Highest share price	1.0374
Lowest share price	0.9191

Distributions		
Share Class	First Interim 31.03.22 pence/cents per share	Second Interim 30.06.22 pence/cents per share
'C' Sterling Income	1.0649	1.3067
'C' Sterling Accumulation	1.2648	1.5686
'F' Sterling Income	1.0748	1.3188
'F' Sterling Accumulation	1.2792	1.5842
'C' Euro Accumulation	0.5000	0.9480

#### Fund Performance to 30 June 2022 (%)

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap				
Income Fund	(8.24)	(2.35)	29.37	51.81
IA UK Equity Income sector <sup>1</sup>	(5.76)	(0.52)	7.65	11.39

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar Direct.

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'C' Sterling Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT**

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22 %
	CORPORATE BONDS - 0.53% (31.12.21 - 0.72%)		
1,443,397	The Lakes Distillery 20% 20/6/2024 <sup>1</sup>	1,469	0.53
	UNITED KINGDOM – 83.48% (31.12.21 – 82.93%)		
	TECHNOLOGY - 4.28% (31.12.21 - 3.00%)		
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES – 4.28% (31.12.21 – 3.00%)		
539,005	EMIS <sup>2</sup>	10,047	3.62
2,393,304	Vianet	1,819	0.66
	TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	11,866	4.28
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 3.88% (31.12.21 - 3.45%)		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS – 3.88% (31.12.21 – 3.45%)		
550,878	Telecom Plus	10,764	3.88
	TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION	10,764	3.8
	HEALTH CARE – 5.13% (31.12.21 – 5.13%)		
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY – 5.13% (31.12.21 – 5.13%)		
156,187	Bioventix <sup>2</sup>	5,310	1.9
2,286,256	EKF Diagnostics	732	0.26
462,822	GlaxoSmithKline	8,171	2.95
	TOTAL HEALTH CARE	14,213	5.10

#### ACD'S REPORT continued

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22
	FINANCIALS - 31.09% (31.12.21 - 26.98%)		
	FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES – 0.86% (31.12.21 – 0.80%)		
3,230,166	Orchard Funding <sup>2</sup>	1,744	0.63
78,900	Assetco	639	0.23
-,		2,383	0.86
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES – 19.25% (31.12.21 – 18.50%)		
693,451	3i	7,677	2.77
3,310,629	Argentex <sup>2</sup>	2,516	0.91
1,749,451	Brewin Dolphin	8,940	3.23
785,231	Mattioli Woods <sup>2</sup>	5,497	1.98
4,676,616	Peel Hunt	5,284	1.91
37,500	Schroders	1,001	0.36
210,362	Schroders non-voting	4,691	1.69
818,944	Tatton Asset Management <sup>2</sup>	3,030	1.09
4,627,841	TP ICAP	5,188	1.87
7,359,703	XPS Pensions	9,531	3.44
		53,355	19.25
	CLOSED END INVESTMENTS - 5.18% (31.12.21 - 3.27%)		
5,588,702	Gresham House Energy Storage <sup>3,4</sup>	8,662	3.13
5,182,572	Hipgnosis Songs <sup>3</sup>	5,690	2.05
		14,352	5.18
	LIFE INSURANCE – 2.69% (31.12.21 – 2.38%)		
1,261,243	Phoenix	7,446	2.69
	NON-LIFE INSURANCE – 3.11% (31.12.21 – 2.03%)		
4,200,425	Sabre Insurance	8,632	3.11
	TOTAL FINANCIALS	86,168	31.09

#### **ACD'S REPORT** continued

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22
Tiolding	REAL ESTATE – 4.79% (31.12.21 – 5.49%)	2 000	70
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	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES		
	DEVELOPMENT - 3.32% (31.12.21 - 4.19%)		
2,155,190	Belvoir Lettings <sup>2</sup>	4,849	1.75
1,513,000	Property Franchise	4,342	1.57
		9,191	3.32
	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS – 1.47%		
	(31.12.21 – 1.30%)		
384,338	Safestore	4,074	1.47
	TOTAL REAL ESTATE	13,265	4.79
	CONDUMED DIOODETIONADY 40 000/		
	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 13.22% (31.12.21 – 16.72%)		
	(31.12.21 - 10.1270)		
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION		
	- 2.50% (31.12.21 <i>-</i> 2.24%)		
3,151,131	Watkin Jones <sup>2</sup>	6,917	2.50
	MEDIA - 5.00% (31.12.21 - 4.44%)		
1,578,129	Bloomsbury Publishing	5,965	2.15
4,534,465	Moneysupermarket.com	7,885	2.85
		13,850	5.00
	RETAILERS – 3.80% (31.12.21 – 7.66%)		
1,189,939	B&M European Value Retail	4,364	1.58
5,035,803 1,916,720	Currys Halfords	3,427 2,727	1.24 0.98
1,910,720	Tallorus	10,518	3.80
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE - 1.92% (31.12.21 - 2.38%)		
1,904,053	Domino's Pizza	5,316	1.92
	TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	36,601	13.22

#### **ACD'S REPORT** continued

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22 %
	CONSUMER STAPLES - 2.31% (31.12.21 - 2.43%)		
	FOOD PRODUCERS – 2.31% (31.12.21 – 2.43%)		
5,686,865	Premier Foods	6,403	2.31
	TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES	6,403	2.31
	INDUSTRIALS - 18.78% (31.12.21 - 19.73%)		
	CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS – 3.04%		
3,315,975	(31.12.21 – 4.05%) Balfour Beatty	8,429	3.04
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES – 15.74% (31.12.21 – 14.83%)		
1,811,097	Alpha Financial Markets Consulting <sup>2</sup>	6,882	2.48
757,328	Begbies Traynor <sup>2</sup>	1,053	0.38
5,505,287	DWF	4,845	1.75
6,000,848	FRP Advisory	9,181	3.31
61,943,273	Inspired <sup>2</sup>	8,548	3.09
1,725,939	Ricardo	6,213	2.24
736,099	Smart Metering Systems <sup>2</sup>	6,029	2.18
1,999,522	Speedy Hire	867	0.31
		43,618	15.74
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION - 0.00%		
	(31.12.21 – 0.85%)		
	TOTAL INDUSTRIALS	52,047	18.78
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	231,327	83.48
	BERMUDA - 2.01% (31.12.21 - 2.21%)		
5,234,327	R&Q Investment <sup>2</sup>	5,574	2.01
101,637	R&Q Investment rights 9/7/2022	2	
	TOTAL BERMUDA	5,576	2.01

#### **ACD'S REPORT** continued

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

as at 30 June 2022

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22 %
20,570,221	GUERNSEY - 2.56% (31.12.21 - 2.47%) Duke Royalty	7,097	2.56
550,000	ISLE OF MAN - 0.33% (31.12.21 - 0.93%) Strix <sup>2</sup>	919	0.33
	Portfolio of investments Net other assets Net assets	246,388 30,725 277,113	88.91 11.09 100.00

The investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated market unless stated otherwise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unlisted security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Closed end fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Related party holding.

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

#### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

Total purchases for the half year £'000	102,094	Total sales for the half year £'000	10,223
Major purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
Inspired	5,696	Speedy Hire	4,804
XPS Pensions	4,668	Volution	2,259
Moneysupermarket.com	4,641	Clipper Logistics	1,898
Peel Hunt	4,512	Strix	1,066
Sabre Insurance	4,017	GXO Logistics	196
R&Q Investment	3,853		
Hipgnosis Songs	3,666		
Watkin Jones	3,493		
Gresham House Energy Storage	3,465		
Phoenix	3,455		

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 10 largest purchases and all of the sales during the half year.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

	£'000	30.06.22 £'000	£'000	30.06.21 £'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(23,709)		13,679
Revenue	4,707		1,871	
Expenses	(910)		(327)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,797		1,544	
Taxation	(23)		(9)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,774		1,535
Total return before distributions		(19,935)		15,214
Distributions		(4,684)		(1,862)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		(24,619)		13,352

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

	£,000	30.06.22 £'000	€'000	30.06.21 £'000
Opening net assets attributable				_
to shareholders		202,777		74,788
Amounts receivable on				
issue of shares	122,088		17,624	
Amounts payable on				
redemption of shares	(25,309)		(9,929)	
		96,779		7,695
Change in net assets				
attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		(24,619)		13,352
Retained distributions on				
Accumulation shares		2,176		755
Closing net assets attributable				
to shareholders		277,113		96,590

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 June 2021 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 January 2022.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued BALANCE SHEET

	30.06.22 £'000	31.12.21 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	246,388	181,007
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Current assets		
Debtors	2,968	1,792
Cash and bank balances	36,682	21,826
Total assets	286,038	204,625
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(1,711)	(866)
Other creditors	(7,214)	(982)
Total liabilities	(8,925)	(1,848)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	277,113	202,777

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK MULTI CAP INCOME FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, as amended.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The ACD has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements, covering the subsequent 12 months, and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections, key service provider's operational resilience, and the impact of COVID-19. The ACD also considered the Fund's continued ability to meet ongoing costs, and is satisfied it has the resources to meet these costs and to continue in business.

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### Important Information

Please refer to the Important Information section on page 3.

#### Investment Objective and Policy

The LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund ('the Fund') aims to provide capital growth over the long term (in excess of 5 years).

The Fund will directly invest at least 70% of its assets in shares of smaller-sized UK companies. These are listed companies with a market capitalisation within the lowest 10% of the listed UK equities markets that are either domiciled, incorporated or have a significant portion of their business (which will be considered by reference to revenue, profits and/or assets depending on the nature of the business) in the UK.

The Fund may also invest in shares of medium and large sized UK companies, unlisted companies, collective investment schemes (which may include other funds managed by the ACD, funds to which the Investment Manager provides investment management services and associates of the ACD and Investment Manager), warrants, money market instruments, deposits, cash, or near cash.

Derivatives and forward transactions may be used for Efficient Portfolio Management purposes.

The investment policy referenced above will not apply under extraordinary market conditions, in which circumstances the Fund may invest in asset classes other than those in which it normally invests in order to mitigate its exposure to market risk. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include economic, political unrest or instability, world events leading to market instability, closure of a relevant market(s), or any events which give rise to high downside risk. During such periods, the Fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in cash, deposits, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments, or have substantial holdings in cash and cash equivalents.

#### Benchmark

The Fund's comparator benchmark is the IA UK Smaller Companies sector.

The Fund's performance may be compared against the IA UK Smaller Companies sector. The ACD believes that this is an appropriate comparator benchmark for the Fund given the investment objective and policy of the Fund. Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to help investors to compare funds with broadly similar characteristics. The comparator benchmark has been selected as the ACD considers it assists investors in evaluating the Fund's performance against the performance of other funds invested in similar assets. The Fund is not constrained by the comparator benchmark and may take positions that differ significantly from the comparator benchmark.

#### LINK FUND SOLUTIONS LIMITED

ACD of LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund 31 August 2022

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Fund was launched on 1 February 2019 with a policy of investing primarily in UK listed small companies, with a focus on capital appreciation over the medium to long term. The Fund is targeting consistent annual returns from a mix of quality, growth and recovery investment opportunities based on a fundamentals-based approach combined with valuation discipline.

The Fund's investment strategy seeks to leverage the Manager's core expertise, network and experience in investing in small and mid-sized UK businesses across all sectors whilst avoiding extractive Industries. The Fund aims to benefit from the wider Gresham House platform of research and investment professionals, as well as its private equity and strategic public equity heritage and network of entrepreneurs, business leaders and industry specialists.

Fund composition aims to reflect the Manager's high conviction style, comprising a relatively concentrated portfolio of undervalued stocks with the potential to grow cash flows over the longer term.

#### Movements in Net Asset Value

As at 30 June 2022 the gross NAV of the Fund was £45.3m¹, of which 90.3% was invested in UK equities. This compared to a NAV of £38.9m¹ at the beginning of the period. The increase in NAV was due to net inflows from shareholders amounting to £13.7m, despite a negative revaluation of the portfolio of £7.3m. The Fund generated a capital return of negative 15.7% over the period (based on 'C' Sterling Accumulation share class) compared to the IA UK Smaller Companies sector which returned a negative 24.6%.

#### Investment Activity

H1 2022 saw significant market volatility, driven by a perfect storm of macro factors in a post-COVID-19 world including inflationary pressures, interest rate rises and the cost-of-living squeeze. Russia's invasion of Ukraine at the end of February resulted in a sharp correction across global equity markets, being particularly pronounced in UK and European Equities. Commodity prices soared across key Russian and Ukrainian exports such as oil, natural gas and wheat, driving a rush to safe haven assets and adding significant inflationary pressure. CPI rose by 9.4% in the 12 months to June 2022, with the bank rate rising to 1.25% in response as predictions of a protracted recession in the UK and elsewhere reinforced the concerns around macroeconomic headwinds.

During 2022 we have focused on undertaking an in-depth, bottom-up risk review of the portfolio in the context of the economic headwinds in the market. This has driven some changes to portfolio weightings but largely has confirmed our view that the Fund is well positioned with a portfolio of relatively resilient businesses exposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on 12pm Valuation Point.

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to structural growth trends and with robust financials and low financial leverage. Whilst mindful of the shifting economic paradigm and the risks that all companies face, we are confident in how robust the business fundamentals are in the majority of our portfolio companies, as well as the margin of safety on valuation relative to our view of long-term fundamental value.

Despite the uncertain environment, we continue to believe that the longer-term opportunity within small cap UK equities, underpinned by the persistent discounted valuations applied both to the UK but more accentuated within the smaller companies segment, remains material. We remain selective and disciplined in our approach, seeking high-quality companies with attractive long-term sustainable capital growth characteristics at sensible valuations.

Investment activity was material during the period with the team deploying a total of £22.2m; the number of portfolio companies decreased from 47 to 40 as of 30 June 2022. This activity represented a focus on increasing existing positions and two new investments, supplemented with several exits as the investment landscape changed through the first half.

Most of the Fund's holdings are in companies where the Manager has extensive knowledge and experience built up over many years.

Divestment was active during the first half with a number of positions fully exited. In aggregate £7.5m was received from the proceeds of divestments realising an aggregate negative return of 15.3%.

The Fund benefitted from the ongoing elevated level of corporate activity that proceeded to play out during the period. Completed takeovers included Clinigen (+19%) and Clipper Logistics (+30.9%). There was also an approach for EMIS by UnitedHealth a US Healthcare company, as well as a bid for Euromoney by private equity firms Astorg and Epris.

Full exits not relating to takeover activity included Volution Group (+4.2%), Reach (-11.5%), Accrol (-44.3%), DFS (-18.5%), Young & Co's (-7.0%), IG Design Group (-72.9%), Serco (+7.7%) and Close Brothers (-17.6%). The majority of the above full divestments were related to a change in the Manager's view of the ongoing prospects of the company following a detailed portfolio risk review undertaken during the period.

Other divestments were part of a process of profit taking in strong performers, often those companies with resilient business models that had traded well and where the shares had outperformed but where the Manager felt that valuations had become stretched or where there were better opportunities to redeploy the capital. For example, the Fund took profits in Kape Technologies, a global cybersecurity software business that had grown materially through acquisitions and where the share price had outperformed.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT continued

#### **NEW INVESTMENTS**

So far during 2022 the Manager has focused attention on an in-depth, bottom-up risk review of the portfolio in the context of the economic headwinds in the market. As a result of the review process, deployment of funds has been primarily into current holdings within the portfolio where the Manager has confidence in the company's resilience and potential to perform strongly despite the macro backdrop. The heightened market volatility has created opportunities to buy into attractive long-term growth stories at compelling valuations through market purchases after widespread selling pressure.

A number of top-ups were made at attractive entry points across many holdings, including: FRP Advisory, Halfords, XPS Pensions, Inspired, Smart Metering Systems, Sabre Insurance and Ten Entertainment (amongst several other follow-ons).

In contrast to this period last year, deal activity has been relatively muted, with a number of IPOs either being delayed or cancelled and limited fundraising activity across the portfolio, highlighting the relative balance sheet strength of the companies we tend to invest in. The Fund did however add to its position in R&Q Insurance Holdings as part of its placing to raise \$125m, which was launched following the rejection at the special general meeting of a takeover offer from Brickell PC Insurance Holdings LLC.

Two new investments were made during the first half of 2022, both of which are companies already well known to the Manager. These included Medica, an outsourced teleradiology service provider, and Brooks MacDonald, a UK national wealth manager and investment adviser.

#### Investment Performance

The Fund was placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 51 in the IA UK Smaller Companies Sector delivering a negative return of 15.7% at 30 June 2022 (based on the 'C' Sterling Accumulation share class) compared to the IA UK Smaller Companies sector which returned a negative 24.6%.

Key contributors to absolute performance during the period were EMIS Group, which was subject to a recommended bid from UnitedHealth, a US-based healthcare company; Euromoney, following a recommended offer from two private equity firms; and Telecom Plus, as full year profits finished slightly higher than expectations, with profit upgrades for outer years.

Detractors during the period were Devolver Digital, following a profit downgrade, Halfords, which indicated a weakening outlook and tempered guidance with full year results; and IG Design Group, on the back of a profit warning, driven by supply chain issues and driving a subsequent full-exit from the stock.

#### Outlook

The Manager's core planning assumption is that continued political and economic uncertainty will drive market volatility throughout the remainder of the year and well into next. Markets have not had to deal with rising interest rates and elevated inflation for a considerable period of time and the medium-to-long term ramifications of this for share prices is uncertain.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT continued

The Manager does not seek to make major macroeconomic predictions or to tilt portfolio construction materially in any direction to mitigate or benefit from macro trends. Rather the core focus remains building a portfolio bottom up by investing in high-quality, resilient companies exposed to structural growth, key competitive advantages or self-help opportunities and maintain valuation discipline such that they could drive attractive investment returns over the medium-to-long term regardless of the economic environment.

The Manager continues to believe that stock-level volatility across the market, while creating some challenges, will provide an attractive environment for investors to back quality companies with attractive long-term structural capital growth at reasonable valuations across the market cap spectrum. The economic environment and market discontinuity will provide agile smaller businesses with strong management teams the opportunity to take market share and build strong, enduring franchises.

The elevated levels of corporate activity within the UK equity space continue to play out. The investment process and private equity lens across public markets position enables identification of investment opportunities with potential strategic value that could be attractive acquisitions for both, corporate and financial buyers.

The Manager continues to believe that over the long term the fundamentals-focused investment style has the potential to outperform. The Fund will maintain its focus on building a high-conviction portfolio of less cyclical, high-quality businesses with stable and growing earnings streams, and good cash flows. We believe these businesses can deliver strong returns through the market cycle regardless of the performance of the wider economy.

#### GRESHAM HOUSE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Investment Manager 24 August 2022

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued FUND INFORMATION

# Risk and Reward Profile Typically Lower Rewards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Lower Risk Higher Risk

This indicator shows how much a fund may have risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns may have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. As the Fund has less than 5 years' price history, this calculation incorporates the volatility of an appropriate benchmark index. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains.

The Fund has been classed as 6 because its volatility has been measured as above average to high.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is risk free.

Counterparty Risk: The failure of a firm involved in a transaction with the Fund or providing services to the Fund may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Liquidity Risk: Smaller companies' securities are often traded less frequently than those of larger companies which means they may be more difficult to buy and sell. Their prices may also be subject to short term swings (both up and down) in their value.

Concentration Risk: The Fund may invest in shares with a particular industry, sector or geographical focus. This means that the performance of a single industry, sector or geographical region within the Fund has a greater effect (loss or gain) on the value of the Fund.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

#### **FUND INFORMATION** continued

#### Comparative Tables

Information for 30 June 2022 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 June 2022. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an expost basis over the 6 month period ending 30 June 2022, expressed as an annualised percentage of the average net asset value.

#### 'C' STERLING INCOME SHARES

	30.06.22	31.12.21	31.12.20	31.12.19 <sup>1</sup>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	172.20	137.78	124.60	100.00
Return before operating charges*	(26.19)	37.27	15.13	26.52
Operating charges	(0.78)	(1.68)	(1.95)	(1.92)
Return after operating charges	(26.97)	35.59	13.18	24.60
Distributions		(1.17)		
Closing net asset value per share	145.23	172.20	137.78	124.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	2.37	0.69	0.61
PERFORMANCE				
Return after charges	(15.66)%	25.83%	10.58%	24.60%
OTHER INFORMATION				
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	102	_	_
Closing number of shares	537	58,998	250	250
Operating charges	1.00%3	1.02% <sup>3</sup>	1.76%	1.96%2
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	1.44%	0.62%	0.62%2
PRICES				
Highest share price	175.14	181.66	139.57	126.22
		138.46	76.75	99.40
Lowest share price	140.66	130.40	70.75	99.40

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 1 February 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From 1 November 2021, the Investment Manager has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive an appropriate portion of their fee, with a view that the ongoing charges figure of 1.00% is not exceeded.

#### LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND **ACD'S REPORT** continued **FUND INFORMATION** continued

Comparative Tables continued				
'C' STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES				
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.06.22 pence per share	31.12.21 pence per share	31.12.20 pence per share	31.12.19 <sup>1</sup> pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	174.83	138.98	125.02	100.00
Return before operating charges*	(26.61)	38.01	15.92	26.95
Operating charges	(0.79)	(2.16)	(1.96)	(1.93)
Return after operating charges	(27.40)	35.85	13.96	25.02
Distributions	(27.10)	(1.20)		(0.34)
Retained distributions on		(1.20)		(0.01)
accumulation shares	_	1,20	_	0.34
Closing net asset value per share	147.43	174.83	138.98	125.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	2.39	0.70	0.61
	0.2.	2.00	00	0.0.
PERFORMANCE				
Return after charges	(15.67)%	25.80%	11.17%	25.02%
OTHER INFORMATION			1	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,761	19,565	4,624	4,147
Closing number of shares	14,082,023	11,191,088	3,326,745	3,316,995
Operating charges	1.00%3	1.30%³	1.76%	1.96%2
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	1.44%	0.62%	0.62%2
PRICES				
Highest share price	177.79	183.25	140.78	126.65
Lowest share price	142.79	139.69	77.06	99.41

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 1 February 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.
<sup>3</sup> From 1 November 2021, the Investment Manager has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive an appropriate portion of their fee, with a view that the ongoing charges figure of 1.00% is not exceeded.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued		
'F' STERLING INCOME SHARES		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	30.06.22 pence per share	31.12.21 <sup>1</sup> pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	104.16	100.00
Return before operating charges*	(15.85)	5.83
Operating charges	(0.24)	(0.34)
Return after operating charges	(16.09)	5.49
Distributions		(1.33)
Closing net asset value per share	88.07	104.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.96
PERFORMANCE		
Return after charges	(15.45)%	5.49%
OTHER INFORMATION		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,284	2,266
Closing number of shares	7,135,808	2,175,729
Operating charges	0.50% <sup>3</sup>	0.51% <sup>2,3</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	2.25% <sup>2</sup>
PRICES		
Highest share price	105.95	110.28
Lowest share price	85.16	99.91

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 13 May 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From 1 November 2021, the Investment Manager has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive an appropriate portion of their fee, with a view that the ongoing charges figure of 0.50% is not exceeded.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued FUND INFORMATION continued

Comparative Tables continued		
'F' STERLING ACCUMULATION SHARES	30.06.22	31.12.21 <sup>1</sup>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	pence per share	pence per share
Opening net asset value per share	105.45	100.00
Return before operating charges*	(16.07)	5.78
Operating charges	(0.24)	(0.33)
Return after operating charges	(16.31)	5.45
Distributions		(1.30)
Retained distributions on		
accumulation shares	_	1.30
Closing net asset value per share	89.14	105.45
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.96
PERFORMANCE		
Return after charges	(15.47)%	5.45%
OTHER INFORMATION		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,903	16,622
Closing number of shares	20,083,609	15,763,176
Operating charges	0.50%3	0.50% <sup>2,3</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.26%	2.25% <sup>2</sup>
PRICES		
Highest share price	107.24	110.28
Lowest share price	86.20	99.89
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 13 May 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From 1 November 2021, the Investment Manager has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive an appropriate portion of their fee, with a view that the ongoing charges figure of 0.50% is not exceeded.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

### **FUND INFORMATION** continued

Comparative Tables continued  'C' EURO ACCUMULATION SHARES	
	31.06.221
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE	€ per share
Opening net asset value per share	1.0000
Return before operating charges*	(0.1076)
Operating charges	(0.0034)
Return after operating charges	(0.1110)
Distributions Retained distributions on	-
accumulation shares	
Closing net asset value per share	0.8890
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.0009
and direct transaction code of	0.0000
PERFORMANCE	
Return after charges	(11.10)%
OTHER INFORMATION	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	_
Closing number of shares	250
Operating charges	1.00% <sup>2,3</sup>
Direct transaction costs	0.26%
PRICES	
Highest share price	0.9944
Lowest share price	0.8903

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Share class launched on 21 February 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Investment Manager has agreed, on a discretionary basis, to waive an appropriate portion of their fee, with a view that the ongoing charges figure of 1.00% is not exceeded.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued FUND INFORMATION continued

#### Fund Performance to 30 June 2022 (%) 6 months 1 year 3 years Since launch<sup>1</sup> LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund (15.66)(13.46)40.71 48.70 IA UK Smaller Companies sector<sup>2</sup> (24.57)(22.68)9.15 16.54

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'C' Sterling Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

An investment in an open-ended investment company should be regarded as a medium to long term investment. Investors should be aware that the price of shares and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not receive back the full amount invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investments denominated in currencies other than the base currency are subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, which can be favourable or unfavourable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Launch date 1 February 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar Direct.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

# **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT**

		Value	30.06.22
Holding	Portfolio of Investments	£'000	%
	UNITED KINGDOM – 89.31% (31.12.21 – 84.44%)		
	TECHNOLOGY - 7.28% (31.12.21 - 6.17%)		
	SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES – 7.28% (31.12.21 – 6.17%)		
87,541	EMIS <sup>1</sup>	1,632	3.63
246,613	Kape Technologies <sup>1</sup>	814	1.81
971,480	Tribal <sup>1</sup>	826	1.84
	TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	3,272	7.28
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 4.06% (31.12.21 - 2.27%)		
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS – 4.06% (31.12.21 – 2.27%)		
93,345	Telecom Plus	1,824	4.06
	TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1,824	4.06
	HEALTH CARE – 3.48% (31.12.21 – 2.60%)		
1,064,907	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES – 3.48% (31.12.21 – 0.00%) Medica	1,565	3.48
	PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY – 0.00% (31.12.21 – 2.60%)		
	TOTAL HEALTH CARE	1,565	3.48
	FINANCIALS - 15.27% (31.12.21 - 11.92%)		
	BANKS - 0.00% (31.12.21 - 1.37%)		

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

# **ACD'S REPORT** continued

# **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22
	INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES		
	- 11.82% (31.12.21 – 8.53%)		
15,104	AssetCo <sup>1</sup>	122	0.27
50,000	Brooks MacDonald <sup>1</sup>	1,100	2.45
67,872 764,001	Liontrust Peel Hunt <sup>1</sup>	619 863	1.38
933,748		1,047	1.92 2.33
	XPS Pensions	1,561	3.47
1,200,021	ALOT GISIOTIS	5,312	11.82
1,227,036	OPEN END AND MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT VEHICLES – 0.44% (31.12.21 – 0.70%) TMT Acquisition	196	0.44
1,227,000	TWIT Acquisition		0.44
658,863	NON-LIFE INSURANCE – 3.01% (31.12.21 – 1.32%) Sabre Insurance	1,354	3.01
000,000	TOTAL FINANCIALS	6,862	15.27
	REAL ESTATE – 2.48% (31.12.21 – 2.11%)		
333,753	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT AND SERVICES DEVELOPMENT – 2.48% (31.12.21 – 2.11%) LSL Property Services TOTAL REAL ESTATE	1,118 1,118	2.48 2.48
	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 16.97% (31.12.21 – 21.93%)		
	HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION - 2.57% (31.12.21 - 5.95%)		
526,937	Watkin Jones <sup>1</sup>	1,157	2.57
685,918	LEISURE GOODS – 0.92% (31.12.21 – 1.91%) Devolver Digital <sup>1</sup>	412	0.92

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

### **ACD'S REPORT** continued

# **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

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Holding	Portfolio of Investments	£'000	%
00 500	MEDIA – 4.73% (31.12.21 – 4.62%)	1 0 1 0	0.77
92,588	Euromoney Institutional Investor  Next Fifteen Communications <sup>1</sup>	1,243	2.77
98,158	Next Filleen Communications	883	1.96
		2,126	4.73
	RETAILERS - 1.92% (31.12.21 - 3.07%)		
607,711	Halfords	865	1.92
,			
	TRAVEL AND LEISURE - 6.83% (31.12.21 - 6.38%)		
503,198	Loungers <sup>1</sup>	906	2.02
525,874	TEN Entertainment	1,068	2.38
573,534	The Gym	1,091	2.43
		3,065	6.83
	TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	7,625	16.97
	CONSUMER STAPLES – 4.39% (31.12.21 – 4.04%)		
	FOOD PRODUCERS - 4.39% (31.12.21 - 4.04%)		
497,188	Devro	911	2.03
941,719	Premier Foods	1,060	2.36
	TOTAL CONSUMER STAPLES	1,971	4.39
	INDUSTRIALS - 35.38% (31.12.21 - 33.40%)		
	CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS – 4.08% (31.12.21 – 6.48%)		
498,293	Balfour Beatty	1,267	2.82
237,979	Tyman	566	1.26
,	,	1,833	4.08
	GENERAL INDUSTRIALS - 1.71% (31.12.21 - 2.28%)		
1,239,272	Coats	770	1.71

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND

# **ACD'S REPORT** continued

# **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

Holding	Portfolio of Investments	Value £'000	30.06.22 %
	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING - 2.98% (31.12.21 - 2.10%)		
1,164,178	Flowtech Fluidpower <sup>1</sup>	1,339	2.98
	INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES – 26.61% (31.12.21 – 21.18%)		
350,857	Alpha Financial Markets Consulting <sup>1</sup>	1,333	2.97
1,211,554	FRP Advisory <sup>1</sup>	1,854	4.12
10,436,228	Inspired <sup>1</sup>	1,440	3.2
567,992	Mears	1,071	2.38
262,037	Redde Northgate	882	1.96
319,472	Restore <sup>1</sup>	1,374	3.06
317,993	Ricardo	1,145	2.54
1,140,050	RPS	1,174	2.61
188,329	Smart Metering Systems <sup>1</sup>	1,542	3.43
350,478	Speedy Hire	152	0.34
	. ,	11,967	26.61
	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION – 0.00%		
	(31.12.21 – 1.36%)	_	_
	TOTAL INDUSTRIALS	15,909	35.38
	TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	40,146	89.31
	BERMUDA – 1.96% (31.12.21 – 2.58%)		
825,189	R&Q Investment <sup>1</sup>	879	1.96
16,415	R&Q Investment rights	_	_
,	TOTAL BERMUDA	879	1.96
	Portfolio of investments	41,025	91.27
	Net other assets	3,924	8.73
	Net assets	44,949	100.00
	The investments are ordinary shares listed on a regulated mark	cet unless stated oth	nerwise.
	<sup>1</sup> Quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM).		

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND ACD'S REPORT continued

### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

Total purchases for the half year £'000	22,809	Total sales for the half year £'000	7,502
Major purchases	Cost £'000	Major sales	Proceeds £'000
Medica	1,690	Clinigen	1,952
FRP Advisory	1,129	Speedy Hire	842
Brooks MacDonald	1,115	Reach	643
Halfords	984	Volution	600
XPS Pensions	955	Clipper Ligistic	577
Clinigen	937	Accrol	470
Inspired	894	Close Brothers	421
Smart Metering Systems	820	Serco	417
Sabre Insurance	790	DFS Furniture	395
Flowtech Fluidpower	743	Young & Co's Brewery	315

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 10 largest purchases and sales during the half year.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

	£'000	30.06.22 £'000	£'000	30.06.21 £'000
Income:				_
Net capital (losses)/gains		(7,322)		1,019
Revenue	512		54	
Expenses	(154)		(42)	
Net revenue before taxation	358		12	
Taxation	-		_	
Net revenue after taxation		358		12
Total return before distributions		(6,964)		1,031
Distributions		_		_
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		(6,964)		1,031

### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

	£'000	30.06.22 £'000	£'000	30.06.21 £'000
Opening net assets attributable				
to shareholders		38,555		4,624
Amounts receivable on				
issue of shares	15,007		1,000	
Amounts payable on				
redemption of shares	(1,649)			
		13,358		1,000
Change in net assets				
attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		(6,964)		1,031
Closing net assets attributable				
to shareholders		44,949		6,655

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 June 2021 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 January 2022.

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued BALANCE SHEET

	30.06.22 £'000	31.12.21 £'000
ASSETS		
Fixed assets		
Investments	41,025	33,551
Current assets		
Debtors	330	104
Cash and bank balances	5,266	4,964
Total assets	46,621	38,619
LIABILITIES		
Creditors		
Distribution payable	-	(30)
Other creditors	(1,672)	(34)
Total liabilities	(1,672)	(64)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	44,949	38,555

# LF GRESHAM HOUSE UK SMALLER COMPANIES FUND INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, as amended.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The ACD has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements, covering the subsequent 12 months, and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections, key service provider's operational resilience, and the impact of COVID-19. The ACD also considered the Fund's continued ability to meet ongoing costs, and is satisfied it has the resources to meet these costs and to continue in business.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum share capital of the Company is £1 and the maximum share capital is £50,000,000,000.

### Structure of LF Gresham House Equity Funds

The Company is structured as an umbrella company, in that different sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA. On the introduction of any new sub-fund or class, a revised Prospectus will be prepared setting out the relevant details of each sub-fund or class.

The Company is a UK UCITS for the purposes of the Regulations.

The assets of each sub-fund will be treated as separate from those of every other sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that sub-fund. Investment of the assets of each of the sub-funds must comply with the COLL Sourcebook and the investment objective and policy of the relevant sub-fund. The sub-funds currently available are:

LF Gresham House UK Multi Cap Income Fund

LF Gresham House UK Smaller Companies Fund

In the future there may be other sub-funds of the Company.

#### Classes of Shares

The Company may issue income and accumulation shares in respect of each sub-fund.

Holders of income shares are entitled to be paid the distributable income attributed to such shares on any relevant interim and annual allocation dates.

Holders of accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributed to such shares, but that income is automatically transferred to (and retained as part of) the capital assets of the relevant sub-fund on the relevant interim and/or annual accounting dates. This is reflected in the price of an accumulation share.

#### Valuation Point

The current valuation point of each of the Company's sub-funds is 12.00 noon (London time) on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times under the terms contained within the Prospectus.

#### Buying and Selling Shares

The ACD will accept orders to deal in the shares on normal business days between 8.30am and 5.30pm (London time) and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the following valuation. Instructions to buy or sell shares may be either in writing to: PO Box 389, Darlington DL1 9UF or by telephone on 0345 922 0044.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION** continued

#### **Prices**

The prices of all shares are published on every dealing day on the website of the ACD: www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk. The prices of shares may also be obtained by calling 0345 922 0044 during the ACD's normal business hours.

#### Other Information

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Documents and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the ACD which is also the Head Office. Copies of these may be obtained upon application and, excepting the Instrument of Incorporation, can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Company should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

#### **Data Protection Act**

Shareholders' names will be added to a mailing list which may be used by the ACD, its associates or third parties to inform investors of other products by sending details of such products. Shareholders who do not want to receive such details should write to the ACD requesting their removal from any such mailing list.



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