APS FUNDS SICAV P.L.C. Annual Report

### **& FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024**



# Invest in APS Funds



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### Description \_\_\_\_\_

APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. (the "Company") is a company organised as a multi-fund investment company with variable share capital pursuant to the Companies Act [Cap. 386 of the Laws of Malta] registered on the 24 January 2008. The Company consists of five Sub-Funds: the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund. The Company is licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a UCITS Collective Investment Scheme under the Investment Services Act [Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta]. The APS Income Fund is listed on the Malta Stock Exchange. The Company has no employees. A Compliance Officer approved by the Authority and engaged by APS Bank p.l.c. is seconded on a full-time basis to the Company, against reimbursement.

### Investment Manager's Report

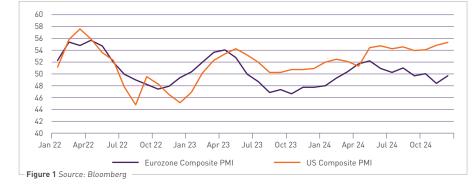
### The International Economy and Financial Market

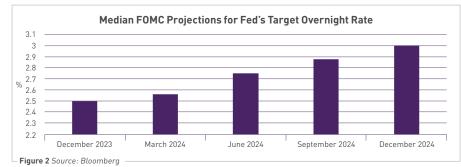
The year 2024 proved to be a positive one for most financial assets, as the global economy demonstrated resilience in the face of political turmoil, geopolitical risks, persistent inflation, and shifts in monetary policy.

In the United States (US), economic performance remained robust despite the Federal Reserve's (Fed) cumulative policy rate hikes of 525 basis over the previous two years. Quarter-on-quarter annualised real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth averaged 2.57% during the first nine months of the calendar year as corporate profitability remained high and private consumption was buoyed by a healthy, albeit cooling, labour market.

This contrasted with the weakening of economic momentum in the euro area as deep structural issues, weak demand for exports, high energy costs, and political turmoil in France and Germany weighed on both activity and sentiment. This divergence is clearly illustrated in Figure 1, where the US Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) shows a clear decoupling from the euro area composite PMI during 2024. Meanwhile, China's economy continued to struggle, as negative wealth effects from falling property prices persisted, dampening consumer confidence and spending. On the political front, one of the most significant events was the US Presidential Election, in which Donald Trump secured a second term in office, and the Republican Party gained control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. This gives President Trump considerable power to advance his policy agenda, including tax cuts, deregulation, trade tariffs, and anti-immigration measures. In response, governments worldwide have ramped up preparations to address the potential impact of these policies. Additionally, the US is expected to play a pivotal role in shaping global geopolitics in the years ahead, particularly as the ongoing conflict in Ukraine remains unresolved and the relationship between China and the US remains strained.

During the year we also witnessed shifts in monetary policy, with the Fed reducing its policy rate by 100 basis points and the European Central Bank (ECB) cutting its rate on main refinancing operations by 135 basis points of particular significance for financial markets was the fact that at the start of the year, market expectations pointed to faster and deeper rate cuts, especially in the US. However, these expectations did not materialise, as economic resilience and inflation persistence took precedence. In a related development, the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) gradually raised its longer-term expectations for short-term policy rates, as illustrated in Figure 2 below. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) ended its era of negative policy rates, marking its first rate hike since 2017.





As market participants pared back expectations for Fed rate cuts, yields on US sovereign debt rose. The benchmark 10vear vield increased by 69 basis points and stood at 4.57% by the end of the period under review. At the same time, the spread between the 2-year and 10-year yields widened by 71 basis points as the yield curve dis-inverted and steepened. During the same period, the sell-off in Germany sovereign debt was lesspronounced, driven by a weaker economic outlook. Yields on 10-year German sovereign debt rose by just 34 basis points over the year. Notably, sovereign yields in both the United Kingdom and in France increased by a larger extent. driven by concerns over the health of the public finances in these countries. Yields on Japanese government bonds also increased as the BoJ began normalising interest rates and abandoned its yield curve control policy. Changes in selected 10-year sovereign yields are shown in Table 1 below.

Generic 10-Year Yields as at the end of								
Country	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	Change					
Germany	2.02%	2.37%	0.35%					
Japan	0.61%	1.10%	0.49%					
UK	3.54%	4.57%	1.03%					
US	3.88%	4.57%	0.69%					

Table 1 Source: Bloomberg

Corporate credit had a strong run during the year, as spreads tightened relentlessly, driven by growth expectations, rate cut prospects, and reduced volatility. As a result, corporate credit outperformed government bonds, with spread compression and relatively higher income more than offsetting the rise in benchmark yields. Table 2 shows that, within this asset class, riskier credit generally delivered better returns when compared to investment grade corporate bonds.

Performance of Credit Indices During 2024								
Index	Change in OAS	Total Return						
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Corporate Total Return Index (Hedged to Euro)	-27 basis points	1.94%						
Bloomberg Global High Yield Corporate Total Return Index (Hedged to Euro)	-57 basis points	7.26%						

Table 2 Source: Bloomberg

Global equity markets had a strong performance in 2024, with large technology stocks in the US leading the charge. The S&P 500, the main gauge for large-cap US stocks, rallied 23.3%, while the technologyheavy Nasdag climbed 28.6%. In Europe, the EURO STOXX 50 Index advanced by 8.3% and the FTSE 100 Index posted a return of 5.7%. The TOPIX in Japan delivered a solid return of 17.7%, as investor confidence grew amid improving economic conditions. Meanwhile, concerns over an economic slowdown in China, combined with escalating global geopolitical tensions, weighed on investor sentiment, leading to weaker relative performance in emerging market equities. This is reflected in the

MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index, which posted a return of 7.5% when measured in US dollar.

During the year, the MSCI World SRI Net Return Index gained 21.6% (measured in euro), underperforming its unconstrained counterpart, the MSCI World Net Total Return Index, by just over five percentage points. This underperformance can primarily be attributed to the relatively lower allocation to US technology stocks in the socially responsible investment benchmark.

Table 3 displays the performance of selected equity market indices during the period under review.

31/12/2024

Price Change

In the currency market, economic growth differentials and growing expectations for fewer rate cuts by the Fed drove the US dollar higher during the year. A shown in Table 4. the euro depreciated by 6.6% against the US dollar. Similarly, the euro weakened against the British pound, as the ECB adopted a more dovish policy stance compared to the Bank of England. In contrast, the euro appreciated against both the Australian dollar and the Japanese yen. The Australian dollar was pressured lower by weak economic activity in China, which led to lower prices for commodities exported by Australia. Meanwhile, the Japanese yen lost 4.4% against the euro, after exhibiting exceptional volatility in the interim months.

Dow Jones Industrial Average	37,689.54	42,544.22	12.88%
S&P 500 Index	4,769.83	5,881.63	23.31%
NASDAQ Composite	15,011.35	19,310.79	28.64%
EURO STOXX 50 Index	4,521.44	4,895.98	8.28%
FTSE 100 Index	7,733.24	8,173.02	5.69%
Tokyo Stock Price Index (TOPIX)	2,366.39	2,784.92	17.69%
MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return Index (USD)	533.83	573.89	7.50%
MSCI World Net Total Return Index (EUR)	458.21	580.07	26.60%
MSCI World SRI Net Return Index (EUR)	4,583.98	5,571.97	21.55%

31/12/2023

Currency	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	Price Change
EUR per 1 AUD	0.6172	0.5977	-3.16%
EUR per 1 GBP	1.1535	1.2085	4.77%
EUR per 100 JPY	0.6424	0.6143	-4.37%
EUR per 1 USD	0.9059	0.9659	6.62%

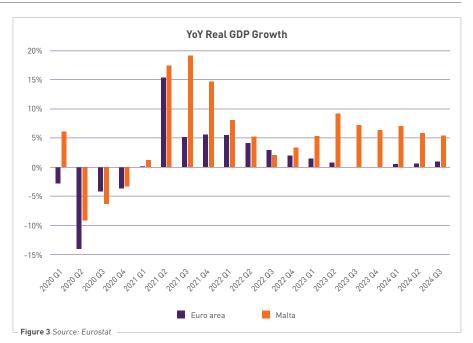
Table 4 Source: Bloomberg

#### The Maltese Economy and **Financial Market**

Table 3 Source: Bloomberg

Index

During the course of 2024, the Maltese economy continued to expand at a strong pace, albeit having moderated when compared to the previous year. Quarterly year-on-year GDP growth averaged 6.07% during the first nine months, driven by strong consumption expenditure and export demand. In its Autumn 2024 Economic Forecast for Malta, the European Commission projected the economy would grow by 5% in real terms for the year. Looking ahead, growth is expected to ease to 4.3% in both 2025 and 2026. As shown in Figure 3, Malta's economic performance continued to outpace the broader euro area.



### Investment Manager's Report

Figure 4 shows that the tourism sector reached new heights in 2024, with a record 3.1 million inbound tourists by October, representing a 19.4% increase when compared to the same period in 2023. Despite a continued decline in the average length of stay, total expenditure surged by 22.3%, reaching €2.9 billion. However, the average spend by tourist saw a modest increase of just 2.4%.

In the property market, the total number of final deeds of sale for residential properties by the end of November increased by 3% compared to the same period in 2023, with an average value per deed of €191,074, reflecting a 9% increase from the previous year. Meanwhile, the number of promise of sale agreements registered a 3.4% increase over the same period. However, the issuance of building permits continued to decline, with a total of 1,333 permits issued during the first three quarters of the year, resulting in the approval of 6,458 dwellings. This represents

a 5.3% decrease compared to the previous year, with the largest decline observed in the approval of new apartments, which fell by 6.8%. Despite this, property prices as measured by the NSO's Residential Property Price Index, increased by 5.2% since the start of the year.

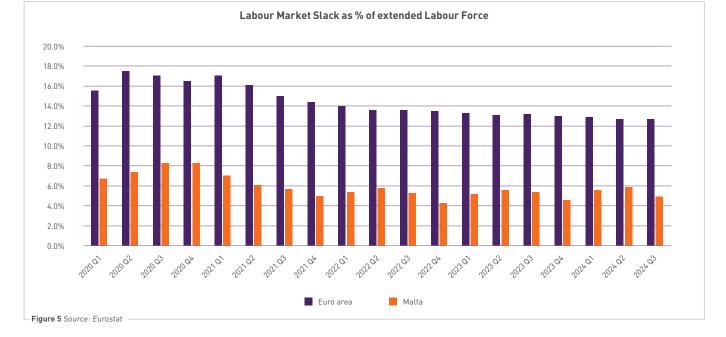
In November 2024, annual inflation, as measured by the harmonised indices of consumer prices, stood at 2.1%. The twelvemonth moving average rate decreased from 5.6% in December 2023 to 2.6% in November 2024. Despite the overall decline, food inflation remained relatively higher, although it saw a significant drop during the year. Maltese consumers and businesses have been largely shielded from energy price inflation, thanks to subsidies on energy costs that have been in place since 2021.

In the employment market, the total number of employed individuals increased by 16,160 in the

first nine months of the year. This growth was enabled by elevated immigration flows, which helped address labour and skills shortages in the domestic market. The unemployment rate remained low, decreasing marginally from 3.2% at the beginning of the year to 3.0% in November 2024. The European Commission forecasts that while employment growth will slow, it will remain strong, with projected increases of 3.1% in 2025 and 2.8% in 2026. As shown in Figure 5, Malta's employment market remains exceptionally tight both in absolute terms and relative to the broader euro area.

As of November 2024, total government debt amounted to  $\in 10.36$  billion, reflecting an 8.2% increase when compared to twelve months earlier. The Central Bank of Malta expects the debt-to-GDP ratio to reach 52.3% in 2024, with a further increase of one percentage point in 2025. Meanwhile, projections suggest a reduction in the public deficit as a percentage of GDP, from 4.1% in 2024 to 3.6% in 2025.





The Malta sovereign yield curve steepened during the year as yields on shorter dated tenors decreased while those on tenors between ten and twenty years moved higher, as shown in Table 5. Nevertheless, the MSE Malta Government Stocks Total Return Index still delivered a return of 3.50% during the review period.

Yields on Maltese Sovereign Debt as at the end of								
Tenor	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	Change					
2 Years	2.91%	2.45%	-0.46%					
3 Years	2.93%	2.54%	-0.39%					
4 Years	2.94%	2.66%	-0.28%					
5 Years	2.96%	2.79%	-0.17%					
7 Years	3.03%	2.99%	-0.04%					
10 Years	3.14%	3.29%	0.15%					
15 Years	3.45%	3.68%	0.23%					
20 Years	3.65%	3.74%	0.09%					

Table 5 Source: Bloomberg and ReAPS Asset Management

Meanwhile, Table 6 shows the yield differential between the yield on the 10-year Maltese sovereign debt and that of a select group of euro area countries. Maltese sovereign debt became relatively more expensive vis-à-vis French, German and Irish debt as the yield spread decreased during the year. Conversely, the spread against Italian and Spanish sovereign debt widened.

Additional Yield from Owning 10-Year Malta Sovereign Debt as at end								
Country	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	Change					
France	0.58%	0.09%	-0.49%					
Germany	1.12%	0.92%	-0.20%					
Ireland	0.76%	0.65%	-0.11%					
Italy	-0.56%	-0.23%	0.33%					
Spain	0.15%	0.23%	0.08%					

 Table 6 Source: Bloomberg and ReAPS Asset Management

The Malta Stock Exchange Corporate Bonds Total Return Index, which captures both price and interest return advanced by 1.9% during the year. In contrast, the Malta Stock Exchange Equity Total Return Index declined by 0.4%. Despite the overall negative performance of the equity index, the banking sector performed exceptionally well, helping to cushion the index's decline. The most actively traded stock, both in terms of transaction volumes and value, was Bank of Valletta. Figure 6 below illustrates the performance of the aforementioned indices.

Throughout the year, the sovereign remained the largest and most active issuer in the local primary market, raising nearly  $\in$ 1.2 billion across three issuance cycles. In the corporate bond market, thirteen new bond issues raised  $\in$ 412 million in new capital, with the largest issuance coming from Bank of Valletta. At the same time, just under  $\in$ 199 million in debt was rolled over, bought back or

redeemed. In the equity market, no new initial public offerings were conducted. However, Malita Investments' rights issue generated €30.05 million in proceeds.

In the secondary market, the total value of all trades reached €356 million, marking a 23% increase compared to the previous year, though still well below pre-pandemic levels. The total value of equity trades declined marginally by 4% over the year to €55.65 million, while corporate bond and Malta Government Stocks transacted values increased by 20.9% and 36.3% respectively, reaching €120.4 million and €180.4 million. Figure 7 provides a historical snapshot of trading activity on the Regulated Main market of the Malta Stock Exchange.



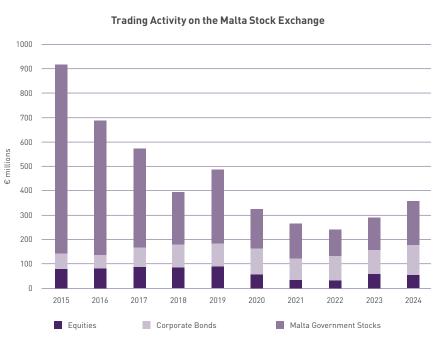


Figure 7 Source: Malta Stock Exchange

### Investment Manager's Report

#### **Portfolio Activity Review**

#### **APS Income Fund**

#### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to endeavour to maximise the total level of return to investors, minimising the volatility of the portfolio whilst having regard to attaining a desirable level of liquidity through investment. The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in Malta Government Bonds and corporate bonds listed on the Malta Stock Exchange, predominantly in euro and which may be at a fixed or floating rate, rated or unrated. The Sub-Fund may also hold selected equities, deposits, and cash.

#### Sub-Fund Performance

#### Class A – Accumulator Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Income Fund Accumulator Shares increased by 2.75% from €174.3754 to €179.1742.

#### Class B – Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Income Fund Distributor Shares decreased by 0.41% from €109.3922 to €108.9384. The Share Class distributed two dividends of €1.53995 and €1.84509 per share during the year.

#### Sub-Fund Overview

The net asset value of the Sub-Fund decreased from €62.78 million to €58.52 million during the twelve-month period under review.

During the year, the Investment Manager held the view that parts of the local publicly traded credit market remained expensive, with investors not being adequately compensated for the underlying risk. For this reason, holdings in selected corporate bonds were reduced during the period under review. At the same time, the Sub-Fund maintained a significant allocation to international credit where both credit spreads and yields were deemed to be more attractive.

Meanwhile, the local equity market continued to under-price shares in several companies. The Investment Manager sought to rotate exposure within this asset class in favour of companies that were deemed to be both undervalued and which had adopted a more 'shareholder friendly' approach. At the same time, holdings in local equities that were deemed to be fully-valued were reduced, with part of the proceeds reinvested in international equities that were expected to deliver a combination of both income and steady growth over the medium term.

The Investment Manager has continued to manage the interest rate risk in the Sub-Fund via investment in Malta Government Stocks and high-quality sovereign bonds traded in the international market. Liquidity needs over the course of the year were generally met via sale of short-dated government bonds and proceeds from maturing investments.

At the end of the year under review, Sub-Fund's asset allocation was as follows:

- Local Government Bonds 24.79% (2023: 23.42%)
- Local Corporate Bonds 37.33% (2023: 38.75%)
- Local Equities 22.51% (2023: 24.87%)
- International Corporate Bonds 7.91% (2023: 9.98%)
- International Government Bonds 3.12% (2023: 2.08%)
- International Equities 1.63% (2023: 0.00%)
- Cash 2.71% (2023: 0.9%)

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

#### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth, together with income, mainly through investment in debt instruments issued worldwide by companies and governments.

#### Sub-Fund Performance

#### Class A – Accumulator Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Diversified Bond Fund Class A Shares increased by 3.92% from  $\pounds 1.0005$  to  $\pounds 1.0397$ .

#### Class B – Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Diversified Bond Fund Class B Shares increased by 0.47% from €0.8330 to €0.8369. The Share Class distributed two

dividends of €0.0137 and €0.01446 per share during the year.

#### Class C – Accumulator Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Diversified Bond Fund Class C Shares increased by 3.92% from  $\bigcirc 0.9778$  to  $\bigcirc 1.0161$ .

#### Class D – Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Diversified Bond Fund Class D Shares increased by 0.48% from €0.8328 to €0.8368. The Share Class distributed two dividends of €0.01369 and €0.01446 per share during the year.

#### Class G – Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Diversified Bond Fund Class G Shares increased by 1.37% from £0.8622 to £0.874. The Share Class distributed two dividends amounting £0.01411 and £0.01474 per share during the year.

#### Sub-Fund Overview

The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund increased from €47.51 million to €47.66 million during the year under review.

At the start of the year, the Investment Manager believed that the market's expectations for rate cuts by the Fed were overly aggressive. The US economy remained healthy, with the jobs market showing signs of normalisation. Given the absence of slack in the economy and with financial conditions remaining supportive. inflation was not expected to fall quickly to target. For this reason, the Investment Manager maintained moderate levels of interest rate risk in the Sub-Fund, favouring duration risk away from the US and in favour of other developed markets where central banks were deemed to have more leeway to ease monetary policy, such as Canada, New Zealand and the euro area.

The Investment Manager maintained a constructive view on credit, supported by favourable economic fundamentals. While the allocation to credit remained highly selective due to tight spreads and relatively flat credit curves, periods of market weakness, particularly in the second half of the year, were seen as opportunities to incrementally allocate more capital to credit. During the review period, the Sub-Fund held substantial exposure to the US dollar as the Investment Manager anticipated that the interest rate differential against the euro would pose a headwind to the European common currency. Additionally, the Sub-Fund held risk in select emerging market currencies to capitalise on attractive real yields, as well as in the Japanese yen which was expected to perform well against the base currency of the Sub-Fund as the BoJ started to normalise its monetary policy.

At the end of 2024, the Sub-Fund's assets were allocated as follows –

- Government and Supranational Bonds 35.88% (2023: 45.58%)
- Corporate Bonds 60.67% (2023: 52.98%)
- Cash and Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts – 3.45% (2023: 1.44%)

#### APS Ethical Cautious Fund (formerly 'APS Ethical Fund')

#### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to maximise total return, minimising the volatility of the portfolio whilst having regard to attaining a desirable level of liquidity, following ethical principles according to the Ethical Policy. The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve this objective by investing primarily in international government and corporate bonds. The Sub-Fund may also invest in equity securities, deposits, cash, and other collective schemes.

#### Ethical Process

The Sub-Fund differs from a traditional fund in the process by which investments are selected. Specifically, the investment process applies rigorous ethical screening, according to the Ethical Policy, over and above the traditional investment selection process. The Investment Manager adopts a two-tiered approach to ethical screening. The Investment Manager first excludes companies operating in certain industries. This is followed by positive screening, where the Investment Manager selects those companies which have high Environmental. Social and Governance (ESG) scores. Ethical screening is also applied to government and supranational issuers. During the year, the Ethical Policy and methodology were updated with changes made to the negative and positive impact filtering criteria applied to company selection.

Additionally, the independent ESG data provider used by the Investment Manager to evaluate companies was changed.

#### Sub-Fund Performance

#### Class A - Accumulator Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Class A Shares increased by 2.53% from €1.4258 to €1.4619.

#### Class B - Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Class B Shares decreased by 0.19% from €1.0471 to €1.0451. The Share Class distributed two dividends of €0.01298 and €0.01546 per share over the same period of time.

#### Class C - Accumulator Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Class C Shares increased by 2.46% from  $\pounds$ 1.4168 to  $\pounds$ 1.4517.

#### Class D - Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Class D Shares decreased by 0.23% from €1.0429 to €1.0405. The Share Class distributed two dividends of €0.01284 and €0.01530 per share over the same period of time.

#### Class P - Accumulator Share Class

This is a new Share Class launched by the Sub-Fund on 3 December 2024 at the initial offer price of  $\in$ 1.00. During the period from 3 December 2024 to 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Class P Shares decreased by 1.12% from  $\in$ 1.00 to  $\in$ 0.9888.

#### Sub-Fund Overview

On 3 September 2024, the Sub-Fund changed its name from APS Ethical Fund to APS Ethical Cautious Fund.

The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund increased from  $\notin$  36.13 million to  $\notin$  37.49 million during the twelve-month period under review.

During the year, the Investment Manager took a cautious approach to interest rate risk

driven by the belief that market expectations for interest rate cuts especially in the US were overly aggressive. The Investment Manager's rationale stemmed from the fact that US Economic data remained strong coupled with loose financial conditions which would be more inflationary than the market expected.

Supportive economic conditions, warranted a more aggressive stance for both Equities and Credit, in 2024. Average equity exposure increased from 23.17% as of December 2023 to 30.46% at the end of 2024. European equities were favoured to US equities due to valuation differentials and the Investment Manager's view on relative risk.

The Investment Manager held a positive view on credit, bolstered by favourable economic conditions. Although the approach to credit allocation was highly selective due to narrow spreads and relatively flat credit curves, moments of market weakness, particularly in the second half of the year, were viewed as opportunities to increase credit exposure.

During the review period, the Sub-Fund held substantial exposure to the US dollar as the Investment Manager anticipated that the interest rate differential against the euro would pose a headwind to the European common currency.

At the end of 2024, the Sub-Fund's assets were allocated as follows –

- Government and Supranational Bonds 30.29% (2023: 42.81%)
- Corporate Bonds 33.77% (2023: 31.78%)
- Equities and Equity CIS- 30.46% (2023: 23.20%)
- Cash and Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts – 5.48% (2023: 2.21%)

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

#### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth and income generation, following ethical principles according to the Ethical Policy. The Sub-Fund's strategy is to adapt to varying market conditions to optimise returns while managing risk through a diversified asset allocation approach. The Sub-Fund seeks to achieve this objective by investing in government, corporate bonds & equities.

### Investment Manager's Report

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#### Sub-Fund Performance

#### Class A - Accumulator Share Class

The Share Class was launched on 20 November 2024 at the initial offer price of €1.00. During the period from 20 November to 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Class A Shares decreased by 2.29% from €1.00 to €0.9771.

#### Class B - Distributor Share Class

The Share Class was launched on 20 November 2024 at the initial offer price of €1.00. During the period from 20 November to 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Class B Shares decreased by 2.29% from €1.00 to €0.9771.

#### Class P - Accumulator Share Class

The Share Class was launched on 20 November 2024 at the initial offer price of €1.00. During the period from 3 December to 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Class P Shares decreased by 2.46% from €1.00 to €0.9754.

#### Sub-Fund Overview

As of 31 December 2024, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund was at  ${\rm {\textcircled{-}}6.05}$  million

The APS Ethical Balanced Fund is a new sub-fund which was first offered to investors on 14 October 2024, with the offering period closing on 19 November 2024. The strategy is to adopt a diversified approach to asset allocation and security selection whilst adhering to the Ethical Policy. In December, the Investment Manager continued to roll

out capital into both Equity and Fixed Income opportunities, reflecting a cautiously optimistic view on markets.

At the end of 2024, the Sub-Fund's assets were allocated as follows –

- Government and supranational Bonds – 19.92%
- Corporate Bonds &
- Corporate CIS 22.28% • Equities and Equity CIS – 53.01%
- Cash and Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts – 4.79%

#### APS Ethical Adventurous Fund (formerly 'APS Global Equity Fund')

#### Investment Objective

The new investment objective of the Sub-Fund became effective from 17 September 2024. The change was approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22 July 2024.

The new investment objective of the Sub-Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth and income generation following the principles of the Ethical Policy. The Sub-Fund's strategy is to adapt to varying market conditions to optimize returns while managing risk through a diversified asset allocation approach.

#### **Ethical Process**

The Sub-Fund differs from a traditional fund in the process by which investments are selected. Specifically, the investment process applies rigorous ethical screening, according to the Ethical Policy, over and above the traditional investment selection process. The Investment Manager adopts a two-tiered approach to ethical screening. The Investment Manager first excludes companies operating in certain industries. This is followed by positive screening, where the Investment Manager selects those companies which have high Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) scores. Ethical screening is also applied to government and supranational issuers.

#### Sub-Fund Performance

#### **Class A - Accumulator Share Class**

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Class A Shares increased by 12.88% from €1.1747 to €1.326.

#### Class B - Distributor Share Class

During the year ended 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Class B Shares increased by 10.81% from €1.1179 to €1.2387. The Share Class distributed two dividends of €0.00772 and €0.01535 per share over the same period of time.

#### Class P - Accumulator Share Class

This is a new Share Class launched by the Sub-Fund on 3 December 2024 at the initial offer price of  $\in$ 1.00. During the period from 3 December 2024 to 31 December 2024, the price of the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Class P Shares decreased by 2.14% from  $\in$ 1.00 to  $\in$ 0.9786.

Any performance made prior to the change in the investment objective of the Sub-Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply.

#### Sub-Fund Overview

The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund increased from &14.17 million to &17.65 million during the twelve-month period under review.

Significant changes occurred to the Sub-Fund in 2024 with both the name and the strategic asset allocation limits. The Sub-Fund also started to adopt an Ethical approach to investing according to the respective Ethical Policy. The name was changed from APS Global Equity Fund to APS Ethical Adventurous Fund. Asset allocation limits were applied to introduce an element of Fixed Income exposure. The adoption of the Ethical Policy and new allocation limits necessitated significant changes to a number of exposures. These changes occurred in September/October 2024.

Global equity markets had a strong year in 2024, with the most US markets experiencing double digit gains and a more muted positive performance in Europe and the United Kingdom. However, concerns over a potential economic slowdown in China, coupled with escalating geopolitical tensions in Ukraine, weighed on investor sentiment which led to a weaker performance in emerging market equities than developed markets. The AI boom continued to dominate headlines. Mega-cap tech stocks led gains, though valuations remained a topic of debate.

During the year, the Investment Manager maintained a positive view on Global Equities, favouring large cap developed market equities over Emerging market exposures. With respect to Corporate Bonds, the Investment Manager sought to take exposure to European Contingent Convertible bonds which provided attractive yields and favourable riskreward dynamics.

At the end of 2024, the Sub-Fund's assets were allocated as follows -

- Equities and Equity CIS 89.43% (2023: 91.57%)
- Corporate Bonds 4.98% (2023: 0.00%)
- Government Bonds 0.00% (2023: 1.80%)
- Cash and Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts - 5.59% (2023: 6.63%)

The Sub-Funds' performance figures listed above have been rounded to two decimal places whilst the Sub-Fund prices are listed to four decimal places, as stipulated in the Prospectus. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Some of the opinions expressed herein are of a forward-looking nature and should not be interpreted as investment advice. The Investment Manager has obtained the information contained in this document from sources believed to be reliable but has not independently verified the information contained herein and therefore its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. The Investment Manager makes no guarantees, representations or warranties and accepts no responsibility or liability as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document. The Investment Manager has no obligation to update, modify or amend this report or to otherwise notify a reader thereof in the event that any matter stated therein, or any opinion, projection, forecast or estimate set for the herein changes or subsequently becomes inaccurate.

Sources – Bloomberg; Central Bank of Malta; European Commission; Eurostat; Malta Stock Exchange; National Statistics Office Malta; REAPS Asset Management; and Treasury Department of the Government of Malta.

### Report of the Directors

The Directors present their Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Principal Activities**

The Company is an open-ended collective investment scheme organised as a multifund public limited liability company with variable share capital registered under the laws of Malta and licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority in terms of the Investment Services Act (Chapter 370, Laws of Malta). The Company qualifies as a 'Maltese UCITS' in terms of the Investment Services Act (Marketing of UCITS) Regulations (S.L. 370.18, Laws of Malta). As at 31 December 2024, the Company has established five Sub-Funds namely:

- APS Income Fund
- APS Diversified Bond Fund
- APS Ethical Cautious Fund (formerly APS Ethical Fund)
- APS Ethical Balanced Fund
- APS Ethical Adventurous Fund (formerly APS Global Equity Fund)

The Investment Objective of each Sub-Fund is outlined in the respective Offering Supplement and further explained in the Investment Manager's Report on pages 8 to 15.

#### **Review of Business**

During 2024 changes were implemented as part of the Company's broader restructuring aimed at introducing Sub-Funds which adhere to an ethical mandate that also incorporates an environmental. social, and governance (ESG) criteria. As part of this restructuring, the Company now includes the following Sub-Funds which have distinct risk and return profiles while still adhering to the Ethical Policy as part of their Investment Objective - the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Ethical Balanced Fund and the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund. The Ethical Policy outlines the ethical principles to be applied by the Investment Manager when selecting assets for the Sub-Funds.

For a detailed overview of the changes to the APS Ethical Cautious Fund and APS Ethical Adventurous Fund, as well as the launch of the new APS Ethical Balanced Fund, please refer to the Investment Manager's Report on pages 8 to 15. No significant developments occurred during the year in relation to the *APS Income Fund* and the *APS Diversified Bond Fund*.

As at 31 December 2024, the net assets attributable to Shareholders stood at €167,363,220, representing an increase of 4.2% compared to €160,592,286 in 2023. This growth was driven by positive market trends across all funds, coupled with net client inflows in four out of the five funds. Further details on the performance of individual Sub-Funds are provided in the Investment Manager's Report on pages 8 to 15.

#### **Results and Dividends**

The results for the year 2024 can be found on the Statements of Comprehensive Income on page 28.

The dividends declared for the year ended 31 December 2024 with respect to the APS Income Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund and the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Distributor Share Classes can be found under note 10 on page 48 to 49. No dividends were declared for the year ended 31 December 2024 with respect to the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Distributor Share Class since it was launched on 20 November 2024.

#### **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The successful management of risk is essential to enable the Company to achieve its objectives. The ultimate responsibility for risk management rests with the Company's Directors, who evaluate the Company's risk appetite and formulate policies for identifying and managing such risks. The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company are included below.

The Company defines risk as the probability of a permanent loss of capital. The risk management effort targets the mitigation of the probability of a permanent loss of invested capital within its investment objective. At the same time, it is also understood that risk cannot be completely eliminated. Risk is considered acceptable by the Board of Directors if its sources are understood, and if the level of risk lies within the appetite and tolerance levels set by the Board of Directors after consulting with the Investment Manager. Risks are taken only after an understanding of the nature of the risk, and only if that risk carries an adequate compensation in the form of return.

#### **Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the processes, technology and infrastructure supporting the Company's activities, either internally or externally at the Company's service providers. While complete elimination of operational risks is unfeasible, continual assessment of the control environment and proactive monitoring and response mechanisms enable effective risk management. In addition, the Company performs regular reviews of the adequacy of the controls and processes in place at the service providers with respect to operational risk.

#### Settlement risk

The security settlement process involves a bilateral agreement whereby two counterparties trading with one another agree to pay for and transfer investment securities to each other. Settlement risk is defined as the risk that the Company could be in the process of paying the counterparty for securities purchased while the counterparty is declaring itself as bankrupt. The Company could also be in a position whereby it is expecting payment for securities sold whilst the counterparty declares bankruptcy. The Company entrust the Investment Manager to perform due diligence analysis on its counterparties, both new and existing, and to request collaterals when appropriate.

#### **Political risk**

Political risk, also known as geopolitical risk, may be defined as the risk that asset returns decrease due to changes in the political environment within a country that lead to heightened instability. Political instability may arise from a change in government, legislative bodies and other policy makers. To mitigate for this risk, in as far as possible, the Company limits its investment exposure to any one country.

#### Legal risk/Regulatory standing

This is the risk of losses due to noncompliance with legal requirements towards the Maltese regulator and other regulators in whose jurisdiction the Company may conduct its business. To mitigate the risk, the Company has established a full-time

Compliance function. Professional external advice and experience is sought for other matters, where appropriate.

#### **Reputational Risk**

Reputational risk is the risk of failure to meet stakeholder expectations as a result of any event, behaviour, action or inaction, either by the Company itself, its employees or those with whom the Company is associated, that may cause stakeholders to form a negative view of the Company. Furthermore, the Company is subject to numerous laws and regulations covering a wide range of matters. Failure to comply could have financial or reputational implications and could materially affect the Company's ability to operate. The Company has embedded operating policies and procedures to ensure compliance with existing legislation and to mitigate the effects of reputational damage.

#### **Regulatory risk**

The regulatory environment is another source of uncertainty. Regulatory risk is associated with the uncertainty of how a transaction will be regulated or with the potential for regulations to change in the future. A change in regulation and/or statutes may end up increasing the cost of operations for the Company, reduce investment returns or completely change the competitive landscape. The Company constantly monitors regulatory developments and seeks legal advice when necessary.

#### Taxation risk

Taxation risk arises due to the uncertainty associated with tax legislations. Changes in tax legislations may have adverse effects and unforeseen negative consequences for transactions and business relationships. Taxation risk also encompasses the risk that tax legislations become more burdensome on the Company. The Company constantly monitors tax legislation developments and seeks tax expert advice when necessary.

#### Leverage

The UCITS regulations permit the Company to borrow, for the account of a Sub-Fund, up to 10% of the value of assets of that Sub-Fund provided that such borrowing is on a temporary basis. The assets of such Sub-Fund may be charged as security for any such borrowings.

#### Financial Risk Management

Financial risk is the possibility that Shareholders could suffer financial loss when they invest their money in an asset. There are a number of financial risks that could potentially impact the activities of the Sub-Funds and include, but not solely, the following: market risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk. The Company's objective in managing such risks is the creation and protection of Shareholders' value. In order to manage and mitigate such risks, the Company employs a number of risk management tools in its dayto-day operation. Further detail can be found under note 14 on pages 51 to 62.

### Breaches of Licence Conditions and/or regulatory sanctions

During the year under review there were no breaches of Licence Conditions committed and/or regulatory sanctions imposed.

#### **Corporate Governance**

The Board of Directors has adopted a Corporate Governance Policy which contains the main aspects and commitments of the Company regarding corporate governance. The Policy adheres to the principles and provisions set out in the MFSA's Corporate Governance Manual for Directors of Collective Investment Schemes, with due consideration to the principle of proportionality. This Manual provides high-level principles to guide Directors of Collective Investment Schemes in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities and establishes standards of good corporate governance specific to Collective Investment Schemes.

#### **General Meetings**

The Company held its Annual General Meeting ("AGM") on 22 July 2024, during which all ordinary resolutions submitted for the Shareholders' consideration were approved.

Immediately following the AGM, an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") was convened, where an extraordinary resolution to revise the Investment Objective of the APS Global Equity Fund, now APS Ethical Adventurous Fund, was presented and approved. Details of the changes implemented following the EGM are outlined in the Review of Business section above.

The next AGM of the Company is scheduled to be held on 8 April 2025, where the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 will be presented for consideration.

#### Directors

The Directors of the Company who held office during the year under review are listed on page 6.

In accordance with article 26.2 of the Company's Articles of Association, all the Directors are due to retire at the Company's forthcoming AGM and being eligible, intend offering themselves for re-election.

#### Auditors

Deloitte Audit Limited have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Company's forthcoming AGM.

Approved by the Board on 5 March 2025.

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David Galea Souchet Chairman





Graziella Bray Director

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are required by the Companies Act [Cap. 386 of the Laws of Malta] to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of each financial period and of the profit or loss for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for:

- (i) ensuring that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European union;
- (ii) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
- (iii) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;
- (iv) ensuring that the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business as a going concern

The Directors are also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and the comply with Companies Act [CAP. 386 of the Laws of Malta]. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Deloitte**.

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of APS Funds SICAV p.I.c.

To the members of the APS Funds SICAV p.l.c

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. (the "Company"), and its sub-funds, set out on pages 24 to 63, which comprise each of the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in net assets attributable to Shareholders and statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and its sub-funds as at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional International Accountants including Independence Standards (IESBA Code) as applicable to audits of financial statements of public interest entities, together with the Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive (Maltese Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements of public interest entities in Malta. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code and the Maltese Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. In conducting our audit, we have remained independent of the Company and have not provided any of the non-audit services prohibited by article 18A(1) of the Accountancy Profession Act (Cap. 281).

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#### Key Audit Matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

#### Information Other than the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report Thereon

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Management and Administration information on page 6, the Description on page 7, the Investment Manager's report on page 8 to 15, the Report of the Directors on pages 16 to 17, the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 18, the Report of the Custodian on pages 22 to 23, the Portfolio Statements on pages 64 to 80, the Statement of Changes in the Composition of the Portfolio on page 81, Efficient Portfolio Management on pages 82 to 83, the Information about the scheme on pages 84 to 85, the Remuneration Disclosure on page 86, and the Sustainability and Taxonomy Regulation Disclosures on pages 87 to 105, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Except for our opinion on the Directors' Report in accordance with the Companies Act (Cap. 386), our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other

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information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

With respect to the Directors' Report, we also considered whether the Directors' Report includes the disclosure requirements of Article 177 of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

In accordance with the requirements of subarticle 179(3) of the Companies Act (Cap. 386) in relation to the Directors' Report on pages 16 to 17, in our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company, its Sub-Funds, and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

### Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities on page 18, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU and the requirements of the Companies Act (Cap.386), and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's and its Sub-Funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or any one or more of its Sub-Funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

This report, including the opinions set out herein, has been prepared for the Company's members as a body in accordance with articles 179,179A and 179B of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions in accordance with articles 179, 179A and 179B of the Companies Act (Cap. 386).

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In terms of article 179A(4) of the Companies Act (Cap. 386), the scope of our audit does not include assurance on the future viability of the Company or that of any of its Sub-Funds or on the efficiency or effectiveness with which the Directors have conducted or will conduct the affairs of the Company and its Sub-Funds. The financial position of the Company and/or its Sub-Funds may improve, deteriorate, or otherwise be subject to change as a consequence of decisions taken, or to be taken, by the management thereof, or may be impacted by events occurring after the date of this opinion, including, but not limited to, events of force majeure.

As such, our audit report on the Company's and its Sub-Funds' historical financial statements is not intended to facilitate or enable, nor is it suitable for, reliance by any person, in the creation of any projections or predictions, with respect to the future financial health and viability of the Company and/or any one or more of its Sub-Funds, and cannot therefore be utilised or relied upon for the purpose of decisions regarding investment in, or otherwise dealing with (including but not limited to the extension of credit), the Company and/or any one or more of its Sub-Funds. Any decision-making in this respect should be formulated on the basis of a separate analysis, specifically intended to evaluate the prospects of the Company and/ or any one or more of its Sub-Funds, and to identify any facts or circumstances that may be materially relevant thereto.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's and its Sub-Funds' internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's or any one or more of its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company and/or any one or more of its Sub-Funds to cease to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, in terms of generally accepted auditing

standards, the absence of any reference to a material uncertainty about the Company's and/or any one or more of its Sub-Funds' ability to continue as a going concern in our auditor's report should not be viewed as a guarantee as to the Company's and/or its Sub-Funds' ability to continue as a going concern.

• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

For the avoidance of doubt, any conclusions concerning the formulation of a view as to the manner in which financial risk is distributed between the various stakeholders cannot be reached on the basis of these financial statements alone and must necessarily be based on a broader analysis supported by additional information.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception under the Companies Act

Under the Companies Act (Cap. 386), we have responsibilities to report to you if in our opinion:

- Proper accounting records have not been kept;
- Proper returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- We have been unable to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purpose of our audit.

We have nothing to report to you in respect of these responsibilities.

#### Auditor tenure

We were first appointed to act as statutory auditor of the Company by the members of the Company on 13 October 2017 for the financial year ended 31 December 2017. The period of total uninterrupted engagement as statutory auditor of the firm is eight financial years.

#### Consistency of the audit report with the additional report to the Board of Directors

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the EU Audit Regulation No. 537/2014.

The audit report was drawn up on 5 March 2025 and signed by:

J. Ginsell

Julia Gingell as Director in the name and on behalf of **Deloitte Audit Limited** Registered auditor Central Business District, Birkirkara, Malta

### Report of the Custodian

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5 March 2025

#### Report of the Custodian to the Shareholders

We have enquired into the conduct of the Manager and **APS Funds SICAV p.l.c.** (the "Company"), for the period 1st January 2024 up until 31st December 2024 (the "Period") in our capacity as Custodian to the Company.

This report including the opinion, has been prepared for and solely for the Shareholders in the Company as a body, in accordance with the Malta Financial Services Authority (the "MFSA") Investment Services Act (Chapter 370 of the Laws of Malta), and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown.

#### **Responsibilities of the Custodian**

Our duties and responsibilities are outlined in Part BIV to the MFSA Investment Services Rules. One of these duties is to enquire into the conduct of the Company in each annual accounting period and report thereon to the Shareholders.

Our report shall state whether in our opinion the Company has been managed, in that period; (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Company by the Constitutional Documents and by the MFSA; and (ii) in accordance with its Constitutional Documents and its Licence Conditions. It is the overall responsibility of the Company to comply with these provisions. If the Company has not so complied, the Custodians should outline the steps taken to rectify the situation.

#### **Basis of Custodian Opinion**

The Custodian conducts such reviews as it, in its reasonable opinion, considers necessary in order to comply with its duties outlined in Part BIV of the MFSA's Investment Services Rules and to ensure that in all material respects, the Company has been managed (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on its investment and borrowing powers by the provisions of its constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations and (ii) otherwise in accordance with the Company's constitutional documentation and the appropriate regulations.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has been managed during the Period, in all material aspects:

- i. In accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Company by the Constitutional Documents and by the MFSA;
- ii. In accordance with the provisions of the Company's Constitutional Documents and the Regulations.

For and behalf of Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Ltd:

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Franciska Hehr Head of Business Operations

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### Statements of Financial Position \_\_\_\_\_

#### as at 31 December 2024

	APS Funds APS SICAV p.l.c. Income Combined Fund		Income Cautious Bond		APS Ethical Adventurous Fund		APS Ethical Balanced Fund*				
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Assets											
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (note 5a)	159,402,441	156,629,299	56,415,778	61,648,836	35,140,517	35,089,124	45,441,203	46,483,589	16,655,336	13,407,750	5,749,607
Due from broker	-	285,710	-	285,710	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued income	1,420,611	1,520,292	514,071	568,245	306,023	366,864	567,747	568,700	22,016	16,483	10,754
Other receivables and prepayments	27,290	28,094	6,037	11,281	7,935	5,635	10,131	9,519	1,716	1,659	1,471
Cash and cash equivalents (note 13)	7,857,179	2,655,311	1,774,529	535,609	2,359,317	777,572	2,029,968	547,772	1,356,691	793,158	335,474
Total assets	168,707,521	161,118,706	58,710,415	63,049,681	37,813,792	36,239,195	48,049,049	47,609,580	18,035,759	14,219,050	6,097,306
<b>Liabilities</b> Financial liabilities											
at fair value through profit or loss (note 5a)	839,467	-	-	-	203,062	-	284,639	-	324,144	-	27,622
Redemptions payable	-	7,610	-	7,610	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to broker	1,819	54,160	1,819	54,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses (note 6)	453,037	399,624	141,533	141,676	116,451	108,517	108,738	98,895	64,605	50,536	21,710
Other creditors (note 6)	49,978	65,026	49,978	65,026	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,344,301	526,420	193,330	268,472	319,513	108,517	393,377	98,895	388,749	50,536	49,332
	167,363,220	160,592,286	58,517,085	62,781,209	37,494,279	36,130,678	47,655,672	47,510,685	17,647,010	14,168,514	6,047,974
Represented by: Net assets attributable to shareholders	167,363,220	160,592,286	58,517,085	62,781,209	37,494,279	36,130,678	47,655,672	47,510,685	17,647,010	14,168,514	6,047,974

### Statements of Financial Position \_\_\_\_\_

#### as at 31 December 2024

Salient Statistics	APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. Combined	APS Income Fund	APS Ethical Cautious Fund	APS Diversified Bond Fund	APS Ethical Adventurous Fund	APS Ethical Balanced Fund*
Shares in issue as at 31 December 2024 (note 7)	combined	Tunu	i unu	i ullu	Tunu	i ullu
Founder Shares	1,200.0000			_		
Accumulator	84,072.9847	84,072.9847				
Distributor	398,880.3617	398,880.3617	_	-		_
Accumulator - Class A	8,248,166.4169	-	4,482,461.4303	305,208.1710	3,410,871.0809	49,625.7347
Distributor - Class B	55,320,681.6465	-		41,253,713.7043	7,397,003.3356	2,000,000.0000
Accumulator - Class C	12,525,807.8809	-	7,809,699.6009	4,716,108.2800	-	-
Distributor - Class D	21,832,502.4881	-	13,962,404.9584	7,870,097.5297	-	-
Distributor - Class G	1,356,974.3477	-	-	1,356,974.3477	-	-
Accumulator - Class P	8,393,202.5399	-	197,892.0200	-	4,048,122.4799	4,147,188.0400
		€	€	€	€	€
Net asset value as at 31 December 2024		58,517,085	37,494,279	47,655,672	17,647,010	6,047,974
Net asset value as at 31 December 2023		62,781,209	36,130,678	47,510,685	14,168,514	-
Net asset value as at 31 December 2022		69,557,830	34,248,384	43,276,863	11,135,645	-
Net asset value per Accumulator share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		179.1742	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		108.9384	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class A share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)			1.4619	1.0397	1.3260	0.9771
Net asset value per Distributor Class B share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		-	1.0451	0.8369	1.2387	0.9771
Net asset value per Accumulator Class C share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		-	1.4517	1.0161	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class D share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		-	1.0405	0.8368	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class G share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		-	-	1.0571	-	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class P share as at 31 December 2024 (note 8)		-	0.9888	-	0.9786	0.9754
Net asset value per Accumulator share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		174.3754	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		109.3922	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class A share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		-	1.4258	1.0005	1.1747	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class B share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		-	1.0471	0.8330	1.1179	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class C share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		-	1.4168	0.9778	-	-

### Statements of Financial Position \_\_\_

#### as at 31 December 2024

Salient Statistics (continued)	APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. Combined	APS Income Fund	APS Ethical Cautious Fund	APS Diversified Bond Fund	APS Ethical Adventurous Fund	APS Ethical Balanced Fund*
Net asset value per Distributor Class D share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		-	1.0429	0.8328	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class G share as at 31 December 2023 (note 8)		-	-	0.9950	-	-
Net asset value per Accumulator share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		172.1394	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		110.9545	-	-	-	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class A share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		-	1.3191	0.9459	0.9999	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class B share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		-	0.9924	0.8115	0.9690	-
Net asset value per Accumulator Class C share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		-	1.3117	0.9244	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class D share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		-	0.9890	0.8113	-	-
Net asset value per Distributor Class G share as at 31 December 2022 (note 8)		-	-	0.9352	-	-

\*The APS Ethical Balanced Fund was launched on 20 November 2024. Therefore, the above financial statements are presented for the period from 20 November 2024 to 31 December 2024.

These financial statements on pages 24 to 63, were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on the 5 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

David Galea Souchet Chairman

5 March 2025

Etienne Borg Cardona Director

**Graziella Bray** Director

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders \_\_\_\_\_

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	APS F SICAV Comb	p.l.c.	AP Inco Fur	me	AP Ethio Cauti Fur	cal ous	AP Divers Bor Fun	ified d	AP: Ethio Advento Fun	al urous	APS Ethical Balanced Fund*
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
As at 1 January	160,592,286	158,219,922	62,781,209	69,557,830	36,130,678	34,248,384	47,510,685	43,276,863	14,168,514	11,135,645	-
Issue of investors shares	19,932,439	9,093,560	1,055,674	1,690,348	4,097,090	1,915,864	2,064,960	3,458,007	6,518,125	2,029,341	6,196,590
Redemption of investor shares	(15,704,433)	(11,607,154)	(5,505,958)	(7,864,909)	(3,031,928)	(2,256,677)	(2,456,241)	(629,989)	(4,710,306)	(855,579)	-
Net equalisation	(20,977)	(34,589)	(26,301)	(33,730)	(1,393)	(3,783)	5,466	4,451	1,251	(1,527)	-
Net increase/ (decrease) in net assets during the year	2,563,905	4,920,547	212,461	(568,330)	299,832	2,226,890	530,802	1,401,353	1,669,426	1,860,634	(148,616)
As at 31 December	167,363,220	160,592,286	58,517,085	62,781,209	37,494,279	36,130,678	47,655,672	47,510,685	17,647,010	14,168,514	6,047,974

### Statements of Comprehensive Income \_\_\_\_\_

for the year ended 31 December 2024

	APS F SICAV Comb	p.l.c.	AP Inco Fun	me	APS Ethic Cautic Fun	al Sus	AP Divers Bor Fun	ified Id	APS Ethic Adventu Fun	al Irous	APS Ethical Balanced Fund*
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Income											
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (note 5a)	2,755,335	5,152,528	190,915	(564,380)	264,759	2,217,488	661,899	1,564,500	1,754,564	1,934,920	(116,802)
Interest income	4,240,189	4,031,914	1,629,563	1,752,143	793,455	751,528	1,799,785	1,520,586	14,441	7,657	2,945
Dividend income	1,689,132	1,253,165	919,513	605,263	346,060	307,580	-	-	420,603	340,322	2,956
Other income	13,973	-	13,973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	8,698,629	10,437,607	2,753,964	1,793,026	1,404,274	3,276,596	2,461,684	3,085,086	2,189,608	2,282,899	(110,901)
Expenses											
Management fee (note 9a)	1,301,189	1,253,077	456,561	485,877	354,824	345,518	313,595	293,998	168,409	127,684	7,800
Administration fee (note 9b)	130,675	122,430	39,599	40,641	26,600	25,816	33,975	30,152	26,600	25,821	3,901
Custodian fee (note 9c)	74,101	65,428	24,947	21,202	14,920	14,148	20,624	18,045	12,222	12,033	1,388
Transaction costs	98,415	100,518	21,367	23,980	22,250	27,453	27,392	41,372	17,490	7,713	9,916
Legal and											
professional fees	25,183	31,294	7,721	10,777	6,218	7,794	7,268	8,434	3,392	4,289	584
Directors' remuneration Audit fee (note 9d)	54,772	50,000	21,081	21,685	12,298	10,882	15,850	14,048	4,868	3,385	675
Publicity, printing and	27,500	22,540	5,500	5,635	5,500	5,635	5,500	5,635	5,500	5,635	5,500
publishing costs	68,504	67,358	23,349	21,836	16,329	30,098	16,948	12,341	11,710	3,083	168
Compliance fees	69,809	53,142	26,411	23,212	15,654	11,449	21,449	14,626	5,816	3,855	479
General administrative costs	188,594	208,055	65,253	82,440	44,649	48,331	43,122	49,141	28,844	28,143	6,726
	2,038,742	1,973,842	691,789	737,285	519,242	527,124	505,723	487,792	284,851	221,641	37,137
Net income/(loss)	6,659,887	8,463,765	2,062,175	1,055,741	885,032	2,749,472	1,955,961	2,597,294	1,904,757	2,061,258	(148,038)
Finance costs - distributions to shareholders (note 10)	(3,586,349)	(3,158,202)	(1,421,739)	(1,343,182)	(558,826)	(476,186)	(1,424,651)	(1,192,616)	(181,133)	(146,218)	
Tax expense on income (note 11)	(509,633)	(385,016)	(427,975)	(280,889)	(26,374)	(46,396)	(508)	(3,325)	(54,198)	(54,406)	(578)
Net increase/ (decrease) in net assets during the year	2,563,905	4,920,547	212,461	(568,330)	299,832	2,226,890	530,802	1,401,353	1,669,426	1,860,634	(148,616)

# Statements of Cash Flows \_\_\_\_

#### for the year ended 31 December 2024

	APS F SICAV Comb	p.l.c.	AP Incor Fun	me	AP Ethio Cauti Fur	cal ous	AP Divers Bor Fur	ified nd	AP Ethic Advente Fun	cal urous	APS Ethical Balanced Fund*
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cash flows generated from/(used in) operating activities											
Interest received	4,345,875	3,873,334	1,683,737	1,823,460	859,928	638,187	1,800,738	1,406,663	7,577	5,024	(6,105)
Dividend income received	1,683,127	1,250,525	919,513	605,263	340,428	308,793	-	-	421,934	336,469	1,252
Due from broker	285,710	(279,460)	285,710	(285,710)	-	-	-	6,250	-	-	-
Due to broker	(52,341)	54,160	(52,341)	54,160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating expenses paid	(1,970,552)	(1,928,987)	(672,715)	(756,529)	(513,608)	[496,294]	(496,492)	(475,154)	(270,839)	(201,010)	(16,898)
Tax paid	(524,681)	(382,553)	(443,023)	(278,426)	(26,374)	(46,396)	(508)	(3,325)	(54,198)	(54,406)	(578)
Net movement in financial investments	821,660	249,565	5,423,973	5,825,725	416,428	[566,610]	1,988,924	[3,873,294]	(1,168,878)	(1,136,256)	(5,838,787)
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	4,588,798	2,836,584	7,144,854	6,987,943	1,076,802	(162,320)	3,292,662	(2,938,860)	(1,064,404)	(1,050,179)	(5,861,116)
Cash flows generated from/(used in) financing activities											
Amounts received on creation shares	19,932,439	9,093,560	1,055,674	1,690,348	4,097,090	1,915,864	2,064,960	3,458,007	6,518,125	2,029,341	6,196,590
Amounts paid on redemption of shares	(15,733,020)	(11,634,133)	(5,539,869)	(7,891,029)	(3,033,321)	(2,260,460)	(2,450,775)	(625,538)	(4,709,055)	(857,106)	-
Distribution paid	(3,586,349)	(3,158,202)	(1,421,739)	(1,343,182)	(558,826)	(476,186)	(1,424,651)	(1,192,616)	(181,133)	(146,218)	-
Net cash generated from/lused in) financing activities	613,070	(5,698,775)	(5,905,934)	(7,543,863)	504,943	(820,782)	(1,810,466)	1,639,853	1,627,937	1,026,017	6,196,590
Movements in cash and cash equivalents	5,201,868	(2,862,191)	1,238,920	(555,920)	1,581,745	(983,102)	1,482,196	(1,299,007)	563,533	(24,162)	335,474
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year/period	2,655,311	5,517,502	535,609	1,091,529	777,572	1,760,674	547,772	1,846,779	793,158	817,320	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year/period (note 13)	7,857,179	2,655,311	1,774,529	535,609	2,359,317	777,572	2,029,968	547,772	1,356,691	793,158	335,474

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **1. CORPORATE INFORMATION**

APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. "the Company" is an open-ended investment company and was incorporated as a public company with limited liability in Malta on 24 January 2008 with registration number SV 78. The registered address of the Company is APS Centre, Tower Street, Birkirkara, BKR4012, Malta. The Company consists of five Sub-Funds, the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund (formerly known as "APS Ethical Fund"), the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund (formerly known as "APS Global Equity Fund") and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund ("the Sub-Funds") licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a Collective Investment Scheme under the Investment Services Act [Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta]. The APS Income Fund was launched on 22 April 2008, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund was launched on 24 May 2012, the APS Diversified Bond Fund was launched on 23 October 2017, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund was launched on the 28 September 2020 and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund was launched on 20 November 2024. Only the shares of the APS Income Fund are listed on the Official List of the Malta Stock Exchange.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted for use in the European Union, and comply with the Companies Act, [Cap. 386 of the Laws of Malta]. They have also been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Malta Financial Services Authority's Investment Services Rules for Retail Collective Investment Schemes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, comprising financial investments and certain term deposits, which are stated at their fair values

In line with International Financial Reporting Standards, the Company presents its statement of financial position in liquidity order rather than split between current and non-current, since this presentation is reliable and more relevant to this Company.

Financial investments at fair value through profit or loss are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in accordance to the Investment Manager's recommendations. All other assets and liabilities are expected to be realised within one year, except as specifically disclosed.

The Company has constituted segregated Sub-Funds which are segregated patrimonies represented by different classes of shares.

The Company maintains a separate account for each Sub-Fund, to which proceeds are credited, and against which expenses are charged. Upon redemption, Shareholders are entitled only to their proportion of the net assets held in the account relating to the Sub-Funds in which their participating shares are designated. Separate Statements of Financial Position. Statements of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders of Redeemable Shares. Statements of Comprehensive Income and Statements of Cash Flows have accordingly been prepared for each Sub-Fund. All references to net assets throughout this document refer to net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares

The Directors have at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Interest income

Interest income for all interest-bearing financial instruments not classified as at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest method.

#### **Dividend income**

Dividend revenue is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

### Net gain or loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

This item includes changes in the fair value of financial assets measured as at fair value through profit or loss, comprising financial investments and certain term deposits, and interest income thereon.

Unrealised gains and losses comprise changes in the fair value of financial instruments for the period. Realised gains and losses on disposal of financial instruments classified as at fair value through profit or loss are calculated using the AVCO method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount.

#### Expenses

Expenses are recognised on an accrual basis.

#### Foreign exchange translation

The Company's and the Sub-Funds' functional currency is the Euro, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which they operate. Transactions carried out during the year, including purchases and sales of financial assets, in currencies other than the functional currency, are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the transaction dates.

Foreign currency transaction gains and losses on financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss are included in the statement of comprehensive income as part of the "net gains or losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss".

#### **Distribution policy**

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances. subject to the availability of distributable profits and in the absence of exceptional market conditions, the Directors expect to distribute to Shareholders, on a bi-annual basis and after the deduction of expenses, part or all of the net income available for distribution by the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Distributable Classes, Anv undistributed income will be reflected in the net asset value per share of the Sub-Funds. Distributions are classified as finance costs in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and are recognised in the accounting year in which they are paid.

#### Equalisation

In the case of distributor shares, the Company operates an equalisation account to ensure that the amount distributed in respect of each share will be the same for all shares notwithstanding different dates of issue of those shares. Accordingly, a sum equal to that part of the issue/redemption price of a share, which reflects income (if any) accrued up to the date of issue/redemption, will be deemed to be an equalisation payment/charge and credited (in the case of share issues)/debited (in the case of share redemptions) by the Directors to the equalisation account. Part of the first distribution to holders of shares in respect of which equalisation payments are made, will be paid out of the equalisation account.

#### **Financial Instruments**

(a) Financial Assets

The Company classifies its financial assets as subsequently measured at amortised cost or measured at Fair Value through Profit or Loss ('FVTPL') on the basis of both:

- The entity's business model for managing the financial assets; and
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

#### Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets measured at amortised cost include certain term deposits, other receivables (representing amounts receivable for transactions contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the period) and cash and cash equivalents.

An assessment of business models for managing financial assets is fundamental to the classification of a financial asset. The Company determines the business models at a level that reflects how groups of financial assets are managed together to achieve a particular business objective.

For financial assets at amortised cost, appropriate allowances for expected credit losses ('ECLs') are recognised in profit or loss in accordance with the Company's accounting policy on ECLs.

#### Financial assets at FVTPL

A financial asset is measured at FVTPL if it is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell or its contractual terms do not give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

At initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset as measured at FVTPL when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

The Company includes in this category, derivative contracts in an asset position, financial assets classified as held for trading, financial assets managed, evaluated and reported on a fair value basis in accordance with the Sub-Funds' documented investment strategy, and those financial investments and term deposits whose contractual cash flows do not solely represent payments of principal and interest, which are mandatorily measured at FVTPL.

#### (b) Financial liabilities

### Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities that are not classified at FVTPL are classified at amortised cost. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include other payables (representing amounts payable for transactions contracted for but not yet delivered by the end of the period) and overdrawn bank balances.

#### Financial liabilities measured at FVTPL

A financial liability is measured at FVTPL if it meets the definition of held for trading. The Company includes in this category, derivative financial liabilities.

#### Impairment

The Company recognises a loss allowance for ECLs on the following – financial assets at amortised cost.

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured as 12-month ECLs:

- Financial assets that are determined to have a low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- Other financial assets for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

- 1. the financial instrument has a low risk of default,
- the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and

 adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

The Company considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when it has an internal or external credit rating of 'investment grade' as per globally understood definitions. To the extent applicable, the Company has applied the low credit risk assumption for the following classes of financial assets – cash at bank and term deposits.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. In this regard, the Company has an internal credit scoring system in place that analyses the credit quality of the counterparties accordingly. Such credit scoring system takes into consideration both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment, and also considers the counterparties' macroeconomic context.

The Company has elected the rebuttable presumption from IFRS 9 by assuming that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if the financial asset is more than 30 days past due.

Moreover, unless the low credit risk assumption is applied, if the counterparty becomes downgraded by two notches (or more) based on the credit score assessment, the Company deems the financial asset's credit risk to have increased significantly.

Moreover, the Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- The borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realizing security (if any is held); or
- The financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The maximum period considered when estimated ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of

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that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events: significant financial difficulty; a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event; the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider; it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

The Company writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

For financial assets, the credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Company in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate. ECLs represent the weighted average of credit losses with the respective risks of a default occurring as the weights.

Under IFRS 9, the Company has incorporated forward-looking information, where applicable. A third party provider has been engaged to provide forward-looking PDs and LGDs.

#### Share capital

The share capital of the Sub-Funds is redeemable at the Shareholders' option and is classified as a financial liability. The shares can be put back to the Sub-Funds at any dealing day for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Sub-Funds' net asset value. The share capital is carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the balance sheet date if the shareholder exercised its right to put the share back to the Fund. Such net asset value per share would be payable in the case where the balance sheet date is a dealing day.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise only deposits held at call with banks, that are readily convertible to the known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flow, cash and cash equivalents are presented net of outstanding bank overdraft, when applicable.

### Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in future periods. Judgements, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and based on experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 4. INITIAL APPLICATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS IN ISSUE BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

### Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards, which are effective in the current year

The following amendments are effective in the current year:

The following standards, interpretations and amendments has been issued by the IASB, and APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. determined that they will not have a material effect on its financial statements:

- Amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (effective for financial years on or after 1 January 2024 by virtue of the October 2022 Amendments] and Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants. The amendments affect only the presentation of liabilities in the statements of financial position and not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability income or expenses, or the information that entities disclose about those items.
- The amendments:
  - a) clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period and align the wording in all affected paragraphs to refer to the "right" to defer settlement by at least twelve months and make explicit

that only rights in place "at the end of the reporting period" should affect the classification of a liability, and covenants that need to be complied with after the reporting period should not affect that classification;

- b) clarify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability;
- c) make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services; and
- d) introduce additional presentation and disclosure requirements for liabilities that are subject to covenants.
- Amendments to IAS 7 Statements of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 – Financial Instruments Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements.
- Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (issued on 22 September 2022).

#### Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are in issue but not yet effective

Up to the date of approval of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published but are not yet effective for the current reporting period and which have not been adopted early.

- Amendments to IAS 21 The Effects of Change in Foreign Exchange Rates - lack of exchangeability (effective for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025).
- Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026)
- IFRS 18 'Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements', which becomes effective (subject to endorsement by the EU) for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027, will replace IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements. It nevertheless carries forward many of the requirements in IAS 1. The main changes brought about by IFRS 18 are the introduction of new requirements to:
  - a) present specified categories and defined subtotals in the statement of profit or loss, with special rules applicable to

banks and similar entities whose main business activity is to invest in assets and/or provide financing to customers;

- b) provide disclosures on managementdefined performance measures in the notes to the financial statements, whereby information about any such alternative performance measures must be presented in a single note that must include, amongst others, reconciliations to the most directly comparable subtotal listed in IFRS 18; and
- c) improve aggregation and disaggregation by including which characteristics to consider when assessing whether items have similar or dissimilar characteristics.
- Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7), which become effective (subject to endorsement by the EU) for financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026:
- a) permit an entity to deem a financial liability (or part of it) that will be settled in cash using an electronic payment system to be discharged before the settlement date if specified criteria are met, including that the entity neither has the practical ability to access the cash or to withdraw, stop or cancel the payment instruction, nor has any significant settlement risk;
- b) provide clarification on the assessment of whether the contractual cash flows on a financial asset represent solely payments of principal and interest, with additional examples now provided in IFRS
   9, and additional guidance on assessing:
- whether contractual terms are consistent with a basic lending arrangement;
- assets with non-recourse features; and
- contractually-linked instruments;
- c) introduce additional disclosures for investments in equity instruments

designated at fair value through other comprehensive income; and

d) introduce new disclosures in relation to contractual terms that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows on the occurrence (or nonoccurrence) of a contingent event that does not relate directly to changes in a basic lending risks and costs.

The changes resulting from the future adoption of IFRS 18 and of the amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 (Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments) are in the process of being assessed by the Company to determine the potential effect on the financial statements of the Company.

The amendments to IAS 21 and to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 (Contracts Referencing Naturedependent Electricity), and the Annual Improvements Volume 11, have been determined not to have a material effect.

#### 5. (a). FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

**APS Income Fund** 

	Fair value 31.12.2024	% of net assets	% of total assets	Fair value 31.12.2023	% of net assets	% of total assets
	€			€		
Quoted Local Equities	13,170,412	22.51	22.43	15,612,773	24.87	24.76
Quoted Foreign Equities	953,391	1.63	1.62	-	-	-
Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	21,512,123	36.76	36.64	23,929,835	38.12	37.95
Quoted Malta Government Stocks	14,432,100	24.66	24.58	14,632,731	23.31	23.21
Foreign Government Bonds	1,802,390	3.08	3.07	1,291,950	2.06	2.05
Quoted Foreign Bonds	4,545,362	7.77	7.74	6,181,547	9.85	9.80
	56,415,778	96.41	96.08	61,648,836	98.21	97.77

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	Fair value 31.12.2024	% of net assets	% of total assets	Fair value 31.12.2023	% of net assets	% of total assets
	€			€		
Quoted Foreign Equities	10,873,623	29.00	28.76	8,381,340	23.20	23.13
Foreign Government Bonds	10,567,082	28.18	27.95	14,077,194	38.97	38.85
Quoted Foreign Bonds	12,476,180	33.27	32.99	11,307,037	31.29	31.20
Supranational Bonds	676,847	1.81	1.79	1,201,537	3.33	3.32
Exchange Traded Funds	546,785	1.46	1.45	-	-	-
Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange						
contracts	(203,062)	(0.54)	(0.54)	122,016	0.34	0.34
	34,937,455	93.18	92.40	35,089,124	97.13	96.84

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#### 5. (a). FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	Fair value 31.12.2024	% of net assets	% of total assets	Fair value 31.12.2023	% of net assets	% of total assets
	€			€		
Quoted Malta Government Bonds	822,226	1.73	1.71	1,623,845	3.42	3.41
Foreign Government Bonds	16,050,056	33.68	33.40	19,679,953	41.42	41.34
Quoted Foreign Bonds	27,686,077	58.10	57.62	23,200,102	48.83	48.73
Supranational Bonds	882,844	1.85	1.84	1,762,228	3.71	3.70
Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts	(284,639)	(0.60)	(0.59)	217,461	0.46	0.46
	45,156,564	94.76	93.98	46,483,589	97.84	97.64

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

	Fair value 31.12.2024	% of net assets	% of total assets	Fair value 31.12.2023	% of net assets	% of total assets
	€			€		
Quoted Foreign Equities	14,361,885	81.38	79.63	12,685,210	89.53	89.21
Exchange Traded Funds	1,420,263	8.06	7.87	93,401	0.66	0.66
Quoted Foreign Bonds	873,188	4.94	4.84	-	-	-
Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts	(324,144)	(1.84)	(1.80)	180,811	1.28	1.27
Foreign Government Bonds	-	-	-	252,677	1.78	1.78
Quoted Local Equities	-	-	-	195,651	1.38	1.38
	16,331,192	92.54	90.54	13,407,750	94.63	94.30

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

	Fair value 31.12.2024	% of net assets	% of total assets
	€		
Quoted Foreign Equities	2,875,404	47.55	47.16
Quoted Foreign Bonds	209,383	3.46	3.43
Foreign Government Bonds	1,198,409	19.82	19.65
Exchange Traded Funds	1,417,880	23.44	23.25
Real Estate Investment Trust	48,531	0.80	0.80
Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts	(27,622)	(0.46)	(0.45)
	5,721,985	94.61	93.84

#### APS Income Fund Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts

The APS Income Fund did not have any Forward foreign exchange contracts during the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

#### APS Ethical Cautious Fund

Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts

		Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2024
	Details	EUR	EUR
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/AUD	900,000	14,087
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/CAD	1,100,000	(10,348)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	900,000	(28,108)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	1,700,000	(33,169)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	2,400,000	32,020
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	4,200,000	(231,846)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd USD/EUR	890,000	54,302

		Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2023
	Details	EUR	EUR
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	2,400,000	(14,857)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	320,000	(1,253)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	250,000	240
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	700,000	(14,258)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	1,400,000	(13,910)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	4,200,000	166,054

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#### 5. (a). FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts

		Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2024
	Details	EUR	EUR
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/AUD	1,175,000	22,742
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/CAD	1,615,000	(3,908)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	1,073,000	(33,355)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	2,155,000	(43,023)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	3,725,000	65,518
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	6,330,000	(366,641)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	1,000,000	(21,317)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	100,000	1,833
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd NZD/EUR	200,000	(1,840)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd USD/EUR	1,300,000	78,793
Thursday, 24 April 2025	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	1,116,490	15,907
Thursday, 24 April 2025	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	61,365	652

	Details	EUF
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	530,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	2,645,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	350,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	2,100,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	1,190,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	1,100,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	6,800,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	885,000
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	64,650
Wednesday, 24 April 2024	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	1,068,070
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd USD/EUR	700,000
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd USD/EUR	500,000

Fair valu tional the forward cont mount as at 31 December 2	tract
EUR	EUR
30,000 (1,	546)
45,000 (16,	374)
50,000	221
00,000 (20,	855)
90,000 (24,	238)
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35,000 37	,837
64,650	(75)
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# APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts

		Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2024
	Details	EUR	EUR
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/CHF	190,000	774
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	690,000	[14,614]
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/JPY	40,000,000	2,068
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	5,600,000	(313,881)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd GBP/EUR	150,000	1,509

	Details	Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2023
		EUR	EUR
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/CHF	270,000	(9,230)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	950,000	(5,881)
Monday, 22 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/JPY	35,000,000	(1,761)
Wednesday, 17 April 2024	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	5,000,000	197,683

## APS Ethical Balanced Fund Derivatives - Forward foreign exchange contracts

		Notional Amount	Fair value of the forward contract as at 31 December 2024
	Details	EUR	EUR
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/CAD	110,000	(39)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/CHF	100,000	1,147
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	250,000	(1,337)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/GBP	100,000	(1,410)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/NZD	120,000	1,200
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	800,000	(18,512)
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Forex Fwd EUR/USD	600,000	(8,671)

# 5. (a). FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)

The reconciliation of fair value measurements of financial assets and liabilities is disclosed below:

#### **APS Income Fund**

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	Fair Value	Fair value
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€
Opening balance	61,648,836	67,238,941
Net acquisitions/disposals	(5,423,973)	(5,025,725)
Movement recognised in profit or loss	190,915	(564,380)
Closing balance	56,415,778	61,648,836

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	Fair Value	Fair value
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€
Opening balance	35,089,124	32,305,026
Net acquisitions/disposals	(416,428)	566,610
Movement recognised in profit or loss	264,759	2,217,488
Closing balance	34,937,455	35,089,124

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

APS Diversified Bond Fund		
	Fair Value	Fair value
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€
Opening balance	46,483,589	41,045,795
Net acquisitions/disposals	(1,988,924)	3,873,294
Movement recognised in profit or loss	661,899	1,564,500
- Closing balance	45,156,564	46,483,589

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

	Fair Value	Fair value
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€
Opening balance	13,407,750	10,336,574
Net acquisitions/disposals	1,168,878	1,136,256
Movement recognised in profit or loss	1,754,564	1,934,920
Closing balance	16,331,192	13,407,750

### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

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	Fair Value
	31.12.2024
	€
Opening balance	-
Net acquisitions/disposals	5,838,787
Movement recognised in profit or loss	(116,802)
Closing balance	5,721,985

### Fair Value hierarchy

#### Fair Value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial instruments traded at in active markets at the reporting date is based on their quoted price.

All financial assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured and disclosed in financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 Quoted (Unadjusted) market prices in active market for identical assets and liabilities;
- Level 2 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable;
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

IFRS 13 requires disclosures relating to fair value measurements using the three-level fair value hierarchy. The level within the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety and is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

When fair values of publicly traded financial assets are based on quoted market prices the instruments are included within Level 1 of the hierarchy. As at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, all financial assets of the Company, which are classified as at fair value through profit or loss, are classified as Level 1, except for derivative forward foreign exchange contracts, which are classified as Level 2.

#### Valuation techniques

The net gain/(loss) in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is made up of.

	APS Income Fund		APS Ethical Cautio	ous Fund
	<b>31.12.2024</b> 31.12.2023		31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€	€	€
Realised gain/(loss)	797,860	(625,648)	659	(1,012,547)
Unrealised (loss)/gain	(698,819)	52,199	(219,174)	3,481,630
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	91,874	9,069	483,274	(251,595)
	190,915	(564,380)	264,759	2,217,488

	APS Divers Bond Fu		APS Ethi Adventurous		APS Ethical Balanced Fund
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024
	€	€	€	€	€
Realised (loss)/gain	(33,955)	(1,713,585)	2,410,990	607,556	1,303
Unrealised gain/(loss)	46,981	3,824,552	(1,181,548)	1,484,722	(140,038)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	648,873	(546,467)	525,122	(157,358)	21,933
	661,899	1,564,500	1,754,564	1,934,920	(116,802)

# 5. (a). FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)

### Valuation techniques (continued)

The following industry concentrations in connection with financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are considered significant:

#### **APS Income Fund**

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	%	%
	of net assets	of net assets
Consumer Discretionary	0.44	0.52
Energy	2.51	2.36
Financial	30.93	40.73
Government	27.74	25.37
Industrial	7.59	6.47
Real Estate	4.29	1.30
Other	22.91	21.46
	96.41	98.21

# **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	%	%
	of net assets	of net assets
Communications	4.02	3.59
Energy	4.28	3.20
Financial	18.37	14.29
Government	29.99	42.29
Health Care	5.33	1.04
Industrial	2.47	1.83
Non-financial corporations	-	2.90
Other	29.26	27.65
	93.72	96.79

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	%	%
	of net assets	of net assets
Communications	2.77	3.40
Consumer Discretionary	5.35	4.77
Energy	4.42	6.19
Financial	27.72	25.73
Government	33.80	42.50
Industrial	1.43	0.62
Technology	2.35	0.51
Other	17.52	13.66
	95.36	97.38

# APS Ethical Adventurous Fund

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	%	%
	of net assets	of net assets
Communications	8.07	5.57
Consumer, Non-cyclical	3.36	9.32
Energy	4.20	4.14
Financial	11.51	7.44
Health Care	13.43	3.06
Industrial	6.02	8.92
Materials	1.34	0.88
Non-financial corporations	-	11.59
Technology	21.50	14.25
Other	24.94	28.18
	94.37	93.35

# APS Ethical Balanced Fund

	31.12.2024
	%
	of net assets
Communications	3.56
Consumer, Non-cyclical	1.21
Energy	2.86
Financial	6.99
Government	19.82
Health Care	3.12
Industrial	3.11
Technology	13.60
Other	40.80
	95.07

# 5. (b). OTHER INVESTMENTS – TERM DEPOSITS

There is no term deposit as of 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

The reconciliation of measurements of Term Deposits is disclosed below:

# APS Income Fund

	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€
Opening balance	-	800,000
Net acquisitions/disposals	-	(800,000)
Closing balance	-	-

### 6. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CREDITORS

	APS Income Fund		APS Ethical C	autious Fund
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
	€	€	€	€
Management fees payable	111,244	115,318	95,538	89,322
Administration fees payable	3,227	3,061	2,391	2,260
Custody fees payable	2,050	1,972	1,409	1,296
Other unpaid expenses	25,012	21,325	17,113	15,639
Accrued expenses	141,533	141,676	116,451	108,517
Withholding tax on distributions	49,978	65,026	-	-
Other creditors	49,978	65,026	-	

		APS Diversified Bond Fund		APS Ethical Adventurous Fund	
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024
	€	€	€	€	€
Management fees payable	84,670	77,788	49,090	35,201	7,800
Administration fees payable	2,968	2,756	2,391	2,260	1,918
Custody fees payable	1,948	1,696	1,213	1,085	1,151
Other unpaid expenses	19,152	16,655	11,911	11,990	10,841
Accrued expenses	108,738	98,895	64,605	50,536	21,710
Withholding tax on distributions	-	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-	-

#### 7. SHARE CAPITAL

The Sub-Funds' capital is represented by the redeemable shares of the unit holders with no par value and with each carrying one vote.

The authorised share capital of the Company is 5,000,001,200 shares. Each participating share which the Company issues is allocated to a class representing a particular Sub-Fund, with the exception of the initial issued share capital, (Founder shares) of €1,200 divided into 1,200 ordinary shares with no nominal value. These shares constitute a separate class of ordinary shares, being the founder shares, but do not constitute a distinct fund of the Company. All shares in issue of the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund are fully paid.

Distributor Shareholders are entitled to distributions in accordance with the distribution policy. The determination of the net asset value per accumulator and distributor share is explained in note 8. Other differences in the fee structure related to the respective Share Classes is explained in note 9.

All shares may be issued and redeemed at prices based on the value of the Sub-Funds' net assets in accordance with its Articles of Association.

# 7. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

### **APS Income Fund**

	2024	2023
	Shares	Shares
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year		
Accumulator shares	92,351.881	103,926.795
Distributor shares	426,696.870	465,667.900
Creation of Accumulator shares	1,403.957	1,700.588
Creation of Distributor shares	7,516.557	13,020.603
Redemption of Accumulator shares	(9,682.853)	(13,275.502)
Redemption of Distributor shares	(35,333.065)	(51,991.633)
Shares in issue at the end of the year		
Accumulator shares	84,072.985	92,351.881
Distributor shares	398,880.362	426,696.870
APS Ethical Cautious Fund		
	2024	2023
	Shares	Shares
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year		
Class A Accumulator	4,192,639.001	4,485,613.462
Class B Distributor	5,649,980.480	5,966,275.577
Class C Accumulator	6,651,183.606	6,634,841.592
Class D Distributor	14,203,703.138	13,860,547.382
Class P Accumulator shares	-	-
Creation of A Accumulator shares	303,588.222	50,460.837
Creation of B Distributor shares	-	131,708.816
Creation of C Accumulator shares	1,817,573.898	379,851.552
Creation of D Distributor shares	766,258.528	1,193,308.951
Creation of P Accumulator shares	197,892.020	-
Redemption of Class A Accumulator shares	(13,765.793)	(343,435.298)
Redemption of Class B Distributor shares	(980,015.873)	(448,003.913)
Redemption of Class C Accumulator shares	(659,057.903)	(363,509.538)
Redemption of Class D Distributor shares	(1,007,556.708)	(850,153.195)
Shares in issue at the end of the year		
Class A Accumulator	4,482,461.430	4,192,639.001
Class B Distributor	4,669,964.607	5,649,980.480
Class C Accumulator	7,809,699.601	6,651,183.606
Class D Distributor	13,962,404.958	14,203,703.138
Class P Accumulator	197,892.020	-

# 7. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	2024	2023
	Shares	Shares
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year		
Class A Accumulator	305,208.171	305,208.171
Class B Distributor	41,253,713.704	41,365,129.887
Class C Accumulator	5,555,557.234	3,885,441.470
Class D Distributor	7,319,985.684	5,778,849.315
Class G Distributor	1,319,877.632	1,221,369.477
Creation of B Distributor shares	146,424.016	135,097.761
Creation of C Accumulator shares	1,261,582.514	1,857,421.961
Creation of D Distributor shares	801,640.208	1,834,843.853
Creation of G Distributor shares	37,096.716	122,943.330
Redemption of Class B Distributor shares	(146,424.016)	(246,513.944)
Redemption of Class C Accumulator shares	(2,101,031.468)	(187,306.197)
Redemption of Class D Distributor shares	(251,528.362)	(293,707.484)
Redemption of Class G Distributor shares	-	(24,435.175)
Shares in issue at the end of the year		
Class A Accumulator	305,208.171	305,208.171
Class B Distributor	41,253,713.704	41,253,713.704
Class C Accumulator	4,716,108.280	5,555,557.234
Class D Distributor	7,870,097.530	7,319,985.684
Class G Distributor	1,356,974.348	1,319,877.632
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund		
	2024	2023
	Shares	Shares
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year		
Class A Accumulator shares	4,791,999.789	3,587,712.762
Class B Distributor shares	7,638,865.913	7,790,120.861
Class P Accumulator shares		-
Creation of Class A Accumulator shares	1,588,636.915	1,562,585.587
Creation of Class B Distributor shares	356,604.889	287,569.352
Creation of Class P Accumulator shares	4,048,730.220	-
Redemption of Class A of Accumulator shares	(2,969,765.623)	(358,298.560)
Redemption of Class B Distributor shares	(598,467.466)	(438,824.300)
Redemption of Class P of Accumulator shares	(607.740)	-
Shares in issue at the end of the year		
Class A Accumulator shares	3,410,871.081	4,791,999.789
Class B Distributor shares	7,397,003.336	7,638,865.913
Class P Accumulator shares	4,048,122.480	-

# 7. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

	2024
	Shares
Shares in issue at the beginning of the year	
Class A Accumulator shares	-
Class B Distributor shares	-
Class P Accumulator shares	-
Creation of Class A Accumulator shares	49,625.735
Creation of Class B Distributor shares	2,000,000.000
Creation of Class P Accumulator shares	4,147,188.040
Shares in issue at the end of the year	
Class A Accumulator shares	49,625.735
Class B Distributor shares	2,000,000.000
Class P Accumulator shares	4,147,188.040

For any restrictions of the Sub-Funds or specific capital requirements on the subscriptions and redemptions of shares, kindly refer to the Company's Prospectus and the Sub-Funds' Offering Supplements.

The relevant monetary movements are shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets attributable to Shareholders and in the Statement of Cash Flows.

# 8. NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE

The net asset value per share of the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund is determined by dividing net assets attributable to a class by the number of shares in issue for the same class irrespective of the class being either an accumulation class or a distributor class.

The NAV per Redeemable Share Class is based on the net assets attributable to holders of each Class and on the number of shares in issue for each Class at the balance sheet date.

# 9. FEES

#### a) Management fee

On the 7 April 2017, ReAPS Asset Management Limited, an APS Bank p.l.c. fully-owned subsidiary, was licensed by the MFSA as the fund manager of the Company. On the same day the Company entered into an Investment Management Agreement with ReAPS Asset Management Limited ("The Investment Manager").

The Investment Manager receives a management fee of 0.75% per annum of the net asset value of the APS Income Fund.

In the case of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the Manager receives a management fee of up to 1.0% per annum of the net asset value for Class A and Class B shares, up to 1.3% per annum of the net asset value for Class C and Class D shares and up to 2.0% per annum of the net asset value for Class P shares.

In the case of the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the Manager receives a management fee of up to 1.0% per annum of the net asset value for Class A and Class B shares, and up to 1.25% per annum of the net asset value for Class C, Class D and Class G shares.

In the case of the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund, the Manager receives a management fee of up to 1.5% per annum of the net asset value for Class A, Class B and up to 2.0% per annum of the net asset value for Class P shares.

In the case of the APS Ethical Balanced Fund, the Manager receives a management fee of up to 2.0% per annum of the net asset value for Class A, Class B and Class P shares.

#### b) Administration fee

Apex Fund Services (Malta) Limited is appointed as Administrator of the Company.

The Sub-Funds accounting fee amount to:

€ 0 Million to € 50 Million	6.5 basis points per annum of NAV
€ 50 Million to € 100 Million	5 basis points per annum of NAV
Any amount over € 100 Million	4 basis points per annum of NAV

Subject to minimum and maximum capping of fees as follows:

#### APS Income Fund - Daily NAV

This fee is subject to a minimum fee of €30,000 per annum and a maximum fee of €48,000 per annum.

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund - Weekly NAV**

This fee is subject to a minimum fee of €25,000 per annum and a maximum fee of €38,000 per annum.

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund - Weekly NAV**

This fee is subject to a minimum fee of €25,000 per annum and a maximum fee of €40,000 per annum.

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund - Weekly NAV**

This fee is subject to a minimum fee of  $\leq 25,000$  per annum, which shall be discounted to  $\leq 20,000$  until the Sub-Fund reaches a NAV of  $\leq 10$  Million and a maximum fee of  $\leq 40,000$ .

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund - Weekly NAV**

This fee is subject to a minimum fee of €25,000 per annum, which shall be discounted to €20,000, until the Sub-Fund reaches a NAV of €10 Million and a maximum fee of €42,000.

#### c) Custodian fee

The appointed Custodian of the Company is Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited.

In the case of the APS Income Fund, Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited receives a custody fee of 0.040% per annum for the first €100 million of NAV and 0.035% per annum for a NAV above €100 million, subject to a minimum of €1,000 per month.

In the case of the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited receives a custody fee of 0.040% per annum for the first €100 million of NAV and 0.035% per annum for a NAV above €100 million, subject to a minimum of €1,000 per month.

In the case of the APS Diversified Bond Fund, Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited receives a custody fee of 0.040% per annum for the first €100 million of NAV and 0.035% per annum for a NAV above €100 million, subject to a minimum of €1,000 per month.

In the case of the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund, Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited receives a custody fee of 0.040% per annum for the first €100 million of NAV and 0.035% per annum for a NAV above €100 million, subject to a minimum of €1,000 per month.

In the case of the APS Ethical Balanced Fund, Swissquote Financial Services (Malta) Limited receives a custody fee of 0.040% per annum for the first €100 million of NAV and 0.035% per annum for a NAV above €100 million, subject to a minimum of €1,000 per month.

#### d) Auditor's remuneration

Fees charged by the auditor for services rendered during the financial year ended 31 December 2024, relate to:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Annual statutory fee	27,500	22,540
Other audit services	1,280	1,100
Tax compliance services	1,375	3,817
	30,155	27,457

# **10. DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION**

Distributions reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2024:

APS Income Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 December 2023	€ 1.5399	€ 657,092
B Class	30 June 2024	€ 1.8451	€ 764,647
APS Ethical Cautious Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2024	€ 0.0130	€ 73,329
D Class	31 March 2024	€ 0.0128	€ 182,628
B Class	30 September 2024	€ 0.0155	€ 87,050
D Class	30 September 2024	€ 0.0153	€ 215,819
APS Diversified Bond Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2024	€ 0.0137	€ 565,024
D Class	31 March 2024	€ 0.0137	€ 104,769
G Class	31 March 2024	£ 0.0141	€ 22,356
B Class	30 September 2024	€ 0.0145	€ 596,547
D Class	30 September 2024	€ 0.0145	€ 111,940
G Class	30 September 2024	£ 0.0147	€ 24,015
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund- Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2024	€ 0.0077	€ 60,154

Distributions reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2023:

APS Income Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 December 2022	€ 1.3495	€ 628,405
B Class	30 June 2023	€ 1.6037	€ 714,777
APS Ethical Cautious Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2023	€ 0.0103	€ 60,999
D Class	31 March 2023	€ 0.0102	€ 142,355
B Class	30 September 2023	€ 0.0138	€ 78,120
D Class	30 September 2023	€ 0.0137	€ 194,712

#### 10. DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION (continued)

APS Diversified Bond Fund - Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2023	€ 0.0117	€ 484,910
D Class	31 March 2023	€ 0.0117	€ 70,187
G Class	31 March 2023	£ 0.0120	€ 16,964
B Class	30 September 2023	€ 0.0124	€ 513,202
D Class	30 September 2023	€ 0.0124	€ 88,300
G Class	30 September 2023	£ 0.0129	€ 19,053
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund- Distributor Shares	Ex-dividend date	Rate per share	Distribution paid
B Class	31 March 2023	€ 0.0065	€ 50,463
B Class	30 September 2023	€ 0.0124	€ 95,755

A final dividend of  $\leq 1.680$  per share, which amounted to a distribution of  $\leq 670,255$ , was declared by the Directors on 31 December 2024 with respect to the distributor shares of the APS Income Fund (31 December 2023,  $\leq 1.5399$  per share, which amounted to a distribution of  $\leq 657,091$ ). This distribution will be reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ending 31 December 2025.

#### **11. TAX EXPENSE**

The tax regime for collective investment schemes is based on the classification of funds into prescribed or non-prescribed funds in terms of the conditions set out in the Collective Investment Schemes (Investment Income) Regulations, 2001 as amended. In general, a prescribed fund is defined as a resident fund, which has declared that the value of its assets situated in Malta amount to at least 85% of the value of the total assets of the fund.

The APS Income Fund which is classified as a prescribed fund for income tax purposes and would be subject to Maltese tax on its investment income as defined in the Income Tax Act, at a rate of 10% or 15% depending on the nature of the income. No tax on capital gains should be incurred by resident investors upon the disposal of units in such a fund.

The APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund are classified as non-prescribed funds for Maltese income tax purposes and should not be subject to tax on their income or gains, but Maltese resident investors therein may be subject to a 15% withholding tax on capital gains realised on redemptions of units. However, the Maltese resident investor may request the Company not to effect the deduction of the said 15% withholding tax in which case the investor would be required to declare the gains in his income tax return and will be subject to tax at the normal rates of tax. Gains or profits derived on the transfer or redemption of units in any Sub-Fund by investors who are not resident in Malta should not be chargeable to Maltese income tax, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

In respect of distributions by the Company to the Shareholders, dividends paid from Malta source taxed profits, Malta source profits which are exempt from tax up to the level of the ultimate shareholder, or profits received by the Company from the foreign income account of another Maltese company should not be subject to a withholding tax or to a further tax in the hands of the Shareholders.

Distributions from the Company's Untaxed Account to a Maltese resident person (other than a person) or to a non-resident person who is owned and controlled by, directly or indirectly, or who acts on behalf of a person who is ordinarily resident and domiciled in Malta should, inter alia, be subject to a withholding tax of 15%. This withholding tax should be deducted by the Company and the dividend would be passed on to the Shareholders net of the tax. The Maltese resident individual investor may opt to declare such dividends paid from the Untaxed Account of the Company in his/her income tax return and in that case the 15% withholding tax would be available as a credit (or a refund, as the case may be) against the individual's tax liability.

Distributions from the Company's equalisation reserve are treated as dividends for income tax purposes and are likely to be subject to a withholding tax of 15% when paid to a Maltese resident person (other than a company).

In case of the Company's foreign investments, any capital gains, dividends, interest and other gains or profits may be subject to tax imposed by the country of origin concerned and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or by its Shareholders.

### **12. RELATED PARTIES**

#### (i) Shareholding

APS Bank p.l.c., whose ultimate parent is AROM Holdings Limited with registered address at Archbishop's Curia, St. Calcedonius Square, Floriana, Malta, has an investment in the Company, as follows:

			APS			APS
			Ethical	APS		Ethical
	APS		Cautious	Funds	APS	Cautious
	Funds	APS	Fund	SICAV	Income	Fund
SICA	V p.l.c.	Income Fund	Distributor	p.l.c.	Fund	Distributor
Fa	ounder	Distributor	Shares	Founder	Distributor	Shares
5	Shares	Shares	Class B	Shares	Shares	Class B
31.1	2.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
Number of Shares 1,7	199.000	53,188.215	39,003.005	1,199.000	56,880.000	1,000,000.000
Distribution to shareholders	-	192,541	28,438	-	167,977	24,134

	APS Diversified Bond Fund Distributor Shares Class B	APS Diversified Bond Fund Distributor Shares Class B	APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Distributor Shares Class B	APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Distributor Shares Class B	APS Ethical Balanced Fund Distributor Shares Class B
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024
Number of Shares	40,000,000.000	40,000,000.000	4,515,815.820	5,000,000.000	2,000,000.000
Distribution to shareholders	1,126,270	965,669	115,339	94,395	-

The Directors consider the ultimate controlling party to be the Archdiocese of Malta. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of APS Bank p.l.c. may be obtained from the Registry of Companies.

The APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund are associates of APS Bank p.l.c., since the latter holds 11.01%, 0.13%, 30.40% and 32.27% equity interest in the Sub-Funds, respectively (2023: 10.96%, 3.26% and 40.22%, respectively).

The APS Diversified Bond Fund is a subsidiary of APS Bank p.l.c. since the latter holds an 72.07% equity interest in the Sub-Fund (2023: 71.74%)

As at 31 December 2024, the Company held net bank balances at APS Bank p.l.c. amounting to €1,013,926 (2023: €13,854).

As at 31 December 2024, the APS Income Fund held bank balances at APS Bank p.l.c amounting to €1,000,072 (2023: €2). These amounts are unsecured and will be settled by way of cash.

As at 31 December 2024, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund held bank balances at APS Bank p.l.c amounting to €13,694 (2023: €13,694). These amounts are unsecured and will be settled by way of cash.

As at 31 December 2024, the APS Diversified Bond Fund held bank balances at APS Bank p.l.c amounting to €127 (2023: €126). These amounts are unsecured and will be settled by way of cash.

As at 31 December 2024, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund held bank balance at APS Bank p.l.c amounting to €33 (2023: €32). These amounts are unsecured and will be settled by way of cash.

### 12. RELATED PARTIES (continued)

#### (ii) Management agreement

ReAPS Asset Management Limited, a subsidiary of APS Bank p.l.c., acting as the Investment Manager of the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund. Management fees due to ReAPS Asset Management Limited for the period are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (note 9) and the outstanding management fee is detailed in note 6.

#### (iii) Key management personnel

The Directors are entitled to remuneration for their services at rates determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders. For the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, the Company remunerated its Directors an amount of €54,097 and €50,000 respectively for each reporting year as disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. There were no other payments to key management personnel. These amounts represent short-term employee benefits.

All related party transactions, including the management services provided by ReAPS Asset Management Limited to APS Funds SICAV p.l.c., were made at arm's length on normal commercial terms and conditions.

#### **13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

For purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, the year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise bank balances held at call as follows:

	2024	% of net assets	2023	% of net assets
	€		€	
APS Funds SICAV p.l.c.	7,857,179	4.69	2,655,311	1.65
APS Income Fund	1,774,529	3.03	535,609	0.85
APS Ethical Cautious Fund	2,359,317	6.29	777,572	2.15
APS Diversified Bond Fund	2,029,968	4.26	547,772	1.15
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund	1,356,691	7.69	793,158	5.60
APS Ethical Balanced Fund	335,474	5.55	-	-

Interest rates on cash at Bank held by the Sub-Funds, are fixed but subject to changes whenever such interest rates are revised by the respective Banks.

The APS Income Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund have a Lombard loan facility with Swissquote Bank Limited. The loan limit for the APS Income Fund and the APS Ethical Cautious Fund is CHF 2,000,000, for the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund is CHF 1,000,000, and for the APS Diversified Bond Fund is EUR 2,000,000 in CHF equivalent. The facilities are covered by a general pledge on the securities account of the respective Sub-Fund.

The APS Diversified Bond Fund has a Lombard loan facility with Swissquote Bank Limited. The facility is provided in Euro for an amount of EUR 2,000,000 and is covered by a general pledge on the assets of the Sub-Fund.

The Company has established a EUR 5,000,000 overdraft facility in the name of APS Income Fund with APS Bank p.l.c. secured by a general pledge on the Sub-Fund's securities account.

The Company will pledge assets held by the Sub-Funds as a guarantee for the repayment of all sums of money which might become due to the bank, by way of capital and interest, in relation to the respective aforesaid loan and other banking facilities.

#### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Sub-Funds' activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including price risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and currency risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The Company's objective in managing risk is the creation and protection of Shareholders' value. Risk is measured through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring. The risk management policies employed by the Company are disclosed below.

#### **Risk Management Structure**

The Company's Investment manager is responsible for identifying and controlling risks. The Board of Directors carries out oversight on the Investment Manager and is ultimately responsible for the overall risk management of the Company.

#### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

#### Market Price Risk

#### APS Income Fund

The equity securities are generally selected from the Malta Stock Exchange Equity Price Index. If equities held by the Sub-Fund as at 31 December 2024 had increased by 15% (2023: 15%) with all other variables held constant, this would have increased net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by approximately €2,118,570 (2023: €2,341,916). Conversely, if equities had decreased by 15% (2023: 15%), this would have had an equal but opposite effect.

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

The equity securities are selected from global recognised stock exchanges. If equities, including any holdings in collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds as at 31 December 2024 had increased by 15% (2023: 15%) with all other variables held constant, this would have increased net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by approximately  $\in$ 1,713,061 (2023:  $\in$ 1,257,201). Conversely, if equities and holdings in other collective investment schemes or exchange traded funds, if any, had decreased by 15% (2023: 15%), this would have had an equal but opposite effect.

#### APS Diversified Bond Fund

The APS Diversified Bond Fund does not invest in equity securities and/ or has holdings in other collective investment schemes as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

#### APS Ethical Adventurous Fund

The equity securities are selected from global recognised stock exchanges. If equities, including any holdings in other collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds at 31 December 2024 had increased by 15% (2023: 15%) with all other variables held constant, this would have increased net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by approximately  $\in 2,367,322$  (2023:  $\notin 1,946,139$ ). Conversely, if holdings in equity and holdings in other collective investment schemes or exchange traded funds, if any, had decreased by 15% (2023: 15%), this would have had an equal but opposite effect.

#### APS Ethical Balanced Fund

The equity securities are selected from global recognised stock exchanges. If equities, including any holdings in other collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds as at 31 December 2024 had increased by 15% with all other variables held constant, this would have increased net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares by approximately & 651,272. Conversely, if equities and holdings in other collective investment schemes or exchange traded funds, if any, had decreased by 15%, this would have had an equal but opposite effect.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Sub-Funds are exposed to interest rate risk through directly holding interest-bearing financial assets. Assets earning interest at variable rates expose the Sub-Funds to cash flow interest rate risk, whereas assets earning interest at fixed rates expose the Sub-Funds to fair value interest rate risk to the extent that such assets are measured at fair value. The Sub-Funds' exposure to interest rate risk is summarised in the table below:

	Financial assets held at fixed rates (as a % of NAV)		Financial assets held at variable rates (as a % of NAV)	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
APS Income Fund	70.91	73.58	2.24	0.66
APS Ethical Cautious Fund	54.78	74.59	9.28	-
APS Diversified Bond Fund	82.93	97.00	13.60	1.56
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund	-	1.80	5.00	-
APS Ethical Balanced Fund	23.42	-	-	-

#### APS Income Fund

At 31 December 2024, should interest rates have lowered / increased by 50 basis points (2023: 50 basis points) basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase / decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (gross of expenses) would amount to approximately  $\in$  1,159,869 (2023:  $\in$  1,244,389), arising from the change in market values of these corporate and government bonds.

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

At 31 December 2024, should interest rates have lowered / increased by 50 basis points (2023: 50 basis points) basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase / decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (gross of expenses) would amount to approximately  $\notin$ 707,238 (2023:  $\notin$ 923,576), arising from the change in market values of these corporate and government bonds.

#### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

#### Interest Rate Risk (continued)

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

At 31 December 2024, should interest rates have lowered / increased by 50 basis points (2023: 50 basis points) basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase / decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (gross of expenses) would amount to approximately  $\in$  1,177,124 (2023:  $\in$  1,372,489), arising from the change in market values of these corporate and government bonds.

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

At 31 December 2024, should interest rates have lowered / increased by 50 basis points (2023: 50 basis points) basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase / decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (gross of expenses) would amount to approximately  $\in$  11,737 (2023:  $\in$  82), arising from the change in market values of these corporate and government bonds.

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

At 31 December 2024, should interest rates have lowered / increased by 50 basis points basis points with all other variables remaining constant, the increase / decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares (gross of expenses) would amount to approximately €57,387 arising from the change in market values of these corporate and government bonds.

Such movements in the NAV of the Sub-Funds would be dependent on the duration of the Sub-Funds. Duration, in turn, is dependent on the maturity date, coupon and 'yield to maturity' of every underlying bond held. Duration measures a bond's sensitivity to a change in interest rates. Usually, the higher the duration, the more is the volatility in the prices.

For the purposes of measuring the interest rate risk of each Sub-Fund, the duration of each individual debt security held within a Sub-Fund is calculated. This applies to all debt securities, including those that pay zero interest or pay a variable rate of interest. Other assets, such as equity securities, exchange traded funds, term deposits, and cash balances are assumed to have zero interest rate risk. The duration of each Sub-Fund is calculated as the sum of the weighted average duration of the underlying assets within the Sub-Fund. The weights reflect each asset's share of market value out of the Sub-Fund's total value.

Any excess cash and cash equivalents held at call as disclosed in note 13 are exposed to variable interest rates.

#### Maturity analysis of debt securities

The table below shows an analysis of assets according to when they are expected to be recovered:

#### **APS Income Fund**

	Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	Quoted Malta Government Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Total
	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024
	€	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	194,669	-	-	672,176	866,845
1 to 5 years	12,756,944	1,907,004	-	1,697,868	16,361,816
5 to 15 years	8,560,510	11,175,496	-	932,415	20,668,421
Over 15 years	-	1,349,600	1,802,390	1,242,903	4,394,893
—	21,512,123	14,432,100	1,802,390	4,545,362	42,291,975
	Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	Quoted Malta Government Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Total
	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
	€	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	1,740,714	-	-	-	1,740,714
1 to 5 years	11,931,280	2,566,983	-	4,718,727	19,216,990
5 to 15 years	10,257,841	8,052,494	1,291,950	1,068,837	20,671,122
Over 15 years	-	4,013,254	-	393,983	4,407,237
_	23,929,835	14,632,731	1,291,950	6,181,547	46,036,063

# 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

### Interest Rate Risk (continued)

Maturity analysis of debt securities (continued)

# **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	Supranational	Foreign Government	Quoted Foreign	
	Bonds	Bonds	Bonds	Total
	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024
	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	676,847	3,110,415	-	3,787,262
1 to 5 years	-	328,734	4,284,614	4,613,348
5 to 15 years	-	1,882,637	2,575,795	4,458,432
Over 15 years	-	5,245,296	5,615,771	10,861,067
	676,847	10,567,082	12,476,180	23,720,109
	Supranational Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Total
	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	1,201,537	3,882,936	5,088,341	10,172,814
5 to 15 years	-	2,532,269	1,360,625	3,892,894
Over 15 years	-	7,661,989	4,858,071	12,520,060
	1,201,537	14,077,194	11,307,037	26,585,768

# **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	Supranational Bonds	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Total
	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024
	€	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	-	882,844	1,364,060	308,000	2,554,904
1 to 5 years	537,376	-	11,812,848	3,469,110	15,819,334
5 to 15 years	284,850	-	7,750,417	7,141,431	15,176,698
Over 15 years	-	-	6,758,752	5,131,515	11,890,267
	822,226	882,844	27,686,077	16,050,056	45,441,203
	Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	Supranational Bonds	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Total
	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
	€	€	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	-	-	250,850	-	250,850
1 to 5 years	853,973	1,762,228	11,465,932	3,301,668	17,383,801
5 to 15 years	769,872	-	6,531,310	11,793,939	19,095,121
Over 15 years	-	-	4,952,010	4,584,346	9,536,356
	1,623,845	1,762,228	23,200,102	19,679,953	46,266,128

# 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

### Interest Rate Risk (continued)

#### Maturity analysis of debt securities (continued)

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Total
	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024
	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	-	-	-
1 to 5 years	192,357	-	192,357
5 to 15 years	-	-	-
Over 15 years	680,831	-	680,831
	873,188	-	873,188

	Foreign Government Bonds	Total
	31.12.2023	31.12.2023
	€	€
Up to 1 year	252,677	252,677
1 to 5 years	-	-
5 to 15 years	-	-
Over 15 years	-	-
	252,677	252,677

### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

	Quoted Foreign Bonds	Foreign Government Bonds	Total
	31.12.2024	31.12.2024	31.12.2024
	€	€	€
Up to 1 year	-	163,252	163,252
1 to 5 years	91,741	426,450	518,191
5 to 15 years	117,642	83,761	201,403
Over 15 years	-	524,946	524,946
	209,383	1,198,409	1,407,792

### **Currency Risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of the financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company invests in securities that are denominated in currencies other than the Euro. Accordingly, the value of the Company's assets may be affected favorably or unfavorably by fluctuations in currency rates. Therefore, the Company will necessarily be subject to foreign exchange risks.

The Directors are under no obligation (although they may do so at their discretion) to hedge currency risks.

### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

#### **Currency Risk (continued)**

The base currency of APS Income Fund is Euro and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk. As at 31 December 2024, the Sub-Fund had 2.64% (2023: 2.71%) of its underlying net assets denominated in foreign currencies.

After considering the hedging effect of the FX forward contracts, the net exposure to net assets denominated in foreign currencies as at 31 December 2024 was 2.64% (2023: 2.71%).

The base currency of APS Ethical Cautious Fund is Euro and is therefore exposed to considerable foreign currency risk. As at 31 December 2024, the Sub-Fund had 43.87% (2023: 42.41%) of its underlying net assets denominated in foreign currencies.

After considering the hedging effect of the FX forward contracts, the net exposure to net assets denominated in foreign currencies as at 31 December 2024 was 20.75% (2023: 19.23%).

The base currency of APS Diversified Bond Fund is Euro and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk. As at 31 December 2024, the Sub-Fund had 47.77% (2023: 40.25%) of its underlying net assets denominated in foreign currencies. One of the Share Classes in APS Diversified Bond Fund is denominated in GBP (Class G). As of 31 December 2024, the NAV stood at GBP1,186.012 (2023: GBP1,138,029), with 99.31% (2023: 99.53%) being hedged by forward exchange contract.

After considering the hedging effect of the FX forward contracts, the net exposure to net assets denominated in foreign currencies as at 31 December 2024 was 23.56% (2023: 16.09%).

The base currency of APS Ethical Adventurous Fund is Euro and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk. As at 31 December 2024, the Sub-Fund had 60.92% (2023: 64.97%) of its underlying net assets denominated in foreign currencies.

After considering the hedging effect of the FX forward contracts, the net exposure to net assets denominated in foreign currencies as at 31 December 2024 was 26.03% (2023: 20.52%).

The base currency of APS Ethical Balanced Fund is Euro and is therefore exposed to foreign currency risk. As at 31 December 2024, the Sub-Fund had 54.72% of its underlying net assets denominated in foreign currencies.

After considering the hedging effect of the FX forward contracts, the net exposure to net assets denominated in foreign currencies as at 31 December 2024 was 21.91%.

The Following table indicates the currencies to which the Sub-Fund had significant exposure at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 on its monetary financial assets and liabilities. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the Euro on the net assets attributable to Shareholders with all other variables held constant. The hedging effect of the FX forwards contracts in place to mitigate the effect of such movement of the currency rate against Euro is not taken in consideration.

#### **APS Income Fund**

		2024	2023
	Change in currency rate	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders
Currency	%		
Australian Dollar	+10	-	€12
British Pound	+10	€42,578	€40,180
Norwegian Krone	+10	-	€8
US Dollar	+10	€111,860	€129,985

# **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

		2024	2023
	Change in currency rate	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders
Currency	%		
Australian Dollar	+10	€61,559	€1,158
Brazilian Real	+10	-	€56,415
British Pound	+10	€341,831	€343,214
Canadian Dollar	+10	€88,157	-
Indonesian Rupiah	+10	€67,885	€66,528
Japanese Yen	+10	€45,669	€30,423
New Zealand Dollar	+10	€136,887	€141,926
Swiss Franc	+10	€13,834	€14,219
US Dollar	+10	€889,207	€878,408

# **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

		2024	2023
	Change in currency rate	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders
Currency	%		
Australian Dollar	+10	€77,509	-
Brazilian Real	+10	-	€94,025
British Pound	+10	€379,607	€402,724
Canadian Dollar	+10	€119,503	-
Indonesian Rupiah	+10	€88,545	€86,775
Japanese Yen	+10	€130,595	-
Mexican Peso	+10	€76,793	-
New Zealand Dollar	+10	€203,992	€218,366
South African Rand	+10	€156,434	-
US Dollar	+10	€1,043,766	€1,110,393

### APS Ethical Adventurous Fund

		2024	2023
	Change in currency rate	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders
Currency	%		
British Pound	+10	€110,771	€129,447
Danish Krone	+10	€8,286	-
Hong Kong Dollar	+10	-	€255
Japanese Yen	+10	€34,524	€56,836
Norwegian Krone	+10	€14,157	-
Swedish Krone	+10	€16,218	€16,659
Swiss Franc	+10	€30,643	€34,807
US Dollars	+10	€860,512	€682,570

# 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

### Currency Risk (continued)

# **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

		2024
	Change in currency rate	Effect on the net assets Attributable to shareholders
Currency	%	
British Pound	+10	€44,482
Canadian Dollar	+10	€8,604
Japanese Yen	+10	€7,829
New Zealand Dollar	+10	€8,401
Norwegian Krone	+10	€3,953
Swiss Franc	+10	€19,207
US Dollar	+10	€238,446

An equivalent decrease in each of the aforementioned currencies against the Euro would have resulted in the equivalent but opposite effect.

The following table indicates the currencies to which the Company has significant exposure as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 on its monetary financial assets

#### **APS Income Fund**

	As at 31 December 2024	% of net assets	As at 31 December 2023	% of net assets
	€		€	
Australian Dollar	-	-	123	-
British Pound	425,781	0.73	401,804	0.64
Norwegian Krone	-	-	79	-
US Dollar	1,118,599	1.91	1,299,851	2.07
	1,544,380	2.64	1,701,857	2.71

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	As at 31 December 2024	% of net assets	As at 31 December 2023	% of net assets
	€		€	
Australian Dollar	615,588	1.64	11,582	0.03
Brazilian Real	-	-	564,151	1.56
British Pound	3,418,312	9.12	3,432,139	9.50
Canadian Dollar	881,571	2.35	-	-
Indonesian Rupiah	678,847	1.81	665,276	1.84
Japanese Yen	456,691	1.22	304,233	0.84
New Zealand Dollar	1,368,867	3.65	1,419,261	3.93
Swiss Franc	138,343	0.37	142,186	0.39
US Dollar	8,892,068	23.72	8,784,082	24.31
	16,450,287	43.88	15,322,910	42.40

# **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	As at 31 December 2024	% of net assets	As at 31 December 2023	% of net assets
	€		€	
Australian Dollar	775,092	1.63	-	-
Brazilian Dollar	-	-	940,252	1.98
British Pound	3,796,073	7.97	4,027,242	8.48
Canadian Dollar	1,195,027	2.51	-	-
Indonesian Rupiah	885,452	1.86	867,751	1.83
Japanese Yen	1,305,950	2.74	-	-
Mexican Peso	767,930	1.61	-	-
New Zealand Dollar	2,039,924	4.28	2,183,655	4.60
South African Rand	1,564,341	3.28	-	-
US Dollar	10,437,649	21.90	11,103,926	23.37
	22,767,438	47.78	19,122,826	40.26

# APS Ethical Adventurous Fund

	As at 31 December 2024	% of net assets	As at 31 December 2023	% of net assets
	€		€	
British Pound	1,107,714	6.28	1,294,465	9.14
Danish Krone	82,859	0.47	-	-
Hong Kong Dollar	-	-	2,551	0.02
Japanese Yen	345,236	1.96	568,359	4.01
Norwegian Krone	141,570	0.80	-	-
Swedish Krone	162,177	0.92	166,586	1.18
Swiss Franc	306,430	1.74	348,065	2.46
US Dollar	8,605,123	48.76	6,825,698	48.18
	10,751,109	60.93	9,205,724	64.99

# **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

	As at 31 December 2024	% of net assets
	€	435643
British Pound	444,819	7.35
Canadian Dollar	86,042	1.42
Japanese Yen	78,293	1.29
New Zealand Dollar	84,014	1.39
Norwegian Krone	39,528	0.65
Swiss Franc	192,072	3.18
US Dollar	2,384,456	39.43
	3,309,224	11.45

### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counter party will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that it has entered into with the Company. Financial assets, which potentially subject the Sub-Fund to credit risk, consist principally of debt securities, term deposits and cash.

The carrying amounts of each financial asset represents the maximum exposure to credit risk.

Financial assets at amortised cost are presented net of an allowance for doubtful debts, where applicable. Up to the end of the previous financial year, an allowance for doubtful debts is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows. As further disclosed in the remaining notes to the financial statements, in terms of IFRS 9 the Company applies an ECL model as opposed to an incurred credit loss model under IAS 39.

The following table provides information regarding the Sub-Funds' aggregated credit risk exposure with external credit ratings. The credit rating analysis below takes into account the rating of the respective financial assets which as categorised by a reputable external rating agency.

### **APS Income Fund**

	Aaa	Aa	А	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2024
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	2.19%	1.01%	25.58%	3.14%	2.02%	1.34%	39.69%	42,291,975
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2023
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	-	2.10%	24.18%	2.11%	2.23%	0.55%	43.51%	46,036,063

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

	Aaa	Aa	А	A Baa Ba B		В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2024
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	23.56%	6.64%	3.83%	15.59%	7.82%	2.89%	7.56%	23,720,109
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2023
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	16.65%	8.94%	4.00%	18.71%	8.58%	1.04%	17.84%	26,585,768

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

	Aaa	Aa	А	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2024
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	21.55%	5.71%	3.13%	32.43%	19.03%	8.69%	10.09%	45,441,203
	Aaa	Aa	А	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2023
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	18.22%	8.19%	2.73%	30.69%	13.85%	2.72%	23.13%	46,266,128

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

	Aaa	Aa	А	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2024
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	2.57%	2.77%	-	-	873,188
	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2023
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.88%	252,677
APS Ethical Balanced Fund								
	Aaa	Aa	А	Baa	Ba	В	Not Rated	Fair Value 31.12.2024
								€
Debt securities classified as fair value through profit or loss	13.00%	7.45%	1.1 <b>9</b> %	2.96%	-	-	-	1,407,792

The carrying amounts disclosed above represent the exposure to credit risk with respect to debt securities. The percentages above are calculated as a percentage of the financial instruments.

All transactions in listed debt securities are settled for upon delivery through clearing houses. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the clearing house has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the clearing house. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

The Company has policies that limit the amount of credit exposure to any single issuer. Accordingly, the Investment Manager monitors the Sub-Funds' credit position on a regular basis.

None of the Sub-Funds' financial assets were considered to be past due or impaired in both 2024 and 2023.

The table below details, by credit risk rating grades, the gross carrying amount of cash at bank.

#### **APS Income Fund**

	2024	2023
	EUR	EUR
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Performing	1,774,529	535,609
Gross / net carrying amount at 31 December	1,774,529	535,609
APS Ethical Cautious Fund	<i>i</i>	
	2024	2023
	EUR	EUR
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Performing	2,359,317	777,572
Gross / net carrying amount at 31 December	2,359,317	777,572
APS Diversified Bond Fund		
	2024	2023
	EUR	EUR
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Performing	2,029,968	547,772
Gross / net carrying amount at 31 December	2,029,968	547,772

#### 14. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)

Credit Risk (continued)

#### **APS Ethical Adventurous Fund**

	2024	2023
	EUR	EUR
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Performing	1,356,691	793,158
Gross / net carrying amount at 31 December	1,356,691	793,158

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

	2024
	EUR
	Stage 1
Performing	335,474
Gross / net carrying amount at 31 December	335,474

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering of cash or another financial asset.

The Sub-Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions on their redeemable shares on a regular basis. Shares are redeemable at the holder's option based on the Sub-Funds NAV per share at the time of redemption, calculated in accordance with the Company's Prospectus. Sub-Funds manage their obligations to repurchase shares, when required to do so, and their overall liquidity risk by requiring a notice period before redemption.

The Company invests only in marketable securities, which under normal market conditions are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Company's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests.

It is the Company's policy that the Investment Manager monitors Sub-Funds' liquidity position on a daily basis for the APS Income Fund and on a weekly basis for the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund. The Investment Manager may limit the total number of shares to be redeemed on any Dealing Day and may also temporarily suspend determination of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value together with the sale and repurchase of shares.

Investor Shares can be redeemed at the prevailing Redemption Price, by submission to the Company at the office of the Administrator of the relevant and properly completed Redemption Notice before the Redemption Notice Deadline.

In terms of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, redemption requests and/or exchange requests are, once made, irrevocable. A Redemption Notice if accepted by the Company will be effective as at the applicable Redemption Day. Investor Shares shall be cancelled on the relevant Redemption Day and redemption requests will generally be settled within fourteen (14) Business Days from the relevant Redemption Day.

#### Capital risk management

The capital of the Sub-Funds is represented by the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. The amount of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares can change significantly on a daily basis in the case of the APS Income Fund and on a weekly basis for the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund, as the Sub-Funds are subject to subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the Shareholders. The Sub-Funds' objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Sub-Funds' ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for Shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Sub-Funds.

# **15. EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

The APS Ethical Fund and the APS Global Equity Fund changed their name to the APS Ethical Cautious Fund and the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund, with effect from 3 September 2024 and 21 October 2024, respectively.

The Company launched a new Sub-Fund, the APS Ethical Balanced Fund, on 20 November 2024.

The changes in the Investment Objective of the Sub-Fund were approved at the EGM held on 22 July 2024. As a result, the Sub-Fund changed its name and revised its Investment Policy to be aligned with the new Investment Objective.

### 16. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events after the reporting event which affect the financial statements as at 31 December 2024.

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS INCOM	E FUND		
Quoted Fore	ign Bonds		
6.99%	Ally Financial 2029	327,075	0.56
5.00%	Almaviva 2030	305,628	0.52
0.00%	Arkema PERP	292,050	0.50
0.00%	Banca Popolare Sondrio 2034	316,026	0.54
0.00%	Castellum PERP	360,761	0.62
6.25%	Ceconomy 2029	259,048	0.44
4.70%	China Oil & Gas Group 2026	358,582	0.61
3.00%	Dana Financing 2029	384,476	0.66
0.00%	Nord Landesbank 2034	310,761	0.53
2.75%	Pemex 2027	368,688	0.63
4.88%	Vodafone Group 2078	420,692	0.72
4.38%	Volkswagen International PERP	461,450	0.79
3.13%	Zhongan Online P&C Insurance 2025	380,125	0.65
Quoted Loca	al Corporate Bonds		
3.25%	APS Bank 2030	1,436,250	2.45
5.80%	APS Bank 2033	969,760	1.66
3.75%	AX Investments 2029	396,060	0.68
3.50%	Bank Of Valletta 2030	1,932,042	3.30
3.50%	Bank Of Valletta 2030	34,920	0.06
3.75%	Bank Of Valletta 2031	154,546	0.26
5.00%	Bank Of Valletta 2034	262,580	0.45
4.50%	BNF Bank 2027-2032	442,775	0.76
4.00%	Cablenet Communication Systems 2030	949,620	1.62
4.25%	Corinthia Finance 2026	65,097	0.11
4.00%	Eden Finance 2027	1,473,318	2.52
3.50%	GO 2031	847,308	1.45
5.35%	Halmann Vella Group 2034	190,736	0.33
5.00%	Hili Finance Company 2029	1,684,632	2.88
5.75%	International Hotel Investments 2025	194,669	0.33
4.00%	International Hotel Investments 2026	710,794	1.21
4.25%	IZI Finance 2029	545,000	0.93
5.00%	Izola Bank 2032	1,105,200	1.89

		Market	% of net
		Value	assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS INCOM	ME FUND (continued)		
Quoted Lo	cal Corporate Bonds (continued)		
4.00%	Malta Properties Company 2032	185,400	0.32
4.00%	Medirect Bank Malta 2029	566,262	0.97
5.00%	Mediterranean Investments Holding 2027	974,160	1.66
5.25%	Mediterranean Investments Holding 2027	263,160	0.45
4.50%	MedservRegis 2026	536,405	0.92
3.65%	Mizzi Organisation Finance 2031	49,373	0.08
3.75%	Premier Capital 2026	2,219,580	3.79
4.35%	SD Finance 2027	1,840,204	3.14
3.50%	Simonds Farsons Cisk 2027d	128,214	0.22
4.00%	Stivala Group Finance 2027	303,177	0.52
3.65%	Stivala Group Finance 2029	39,263	0.07
3.75%	Tum Invest 2029	566,418	0.97
3.75%	Tum Invest 2027	445,200	0.76
	cal Equities		
APS Bank		542,568	0.93
Bank Of Va		2,831,977	4.84
BMIT Tech	nologies	174,174	0.30
GO		1,125,606	1.92
HSBC Ban	k Malta	1,049,097	1.79
Malita Inve		668,177	1.14
Malta Inter	mational Airport	2,551,554	4.36
MedservRe	egis	565,000	0.97
PG		1,339,572	2.29
Plaza Cent	res	322,700	0.55
RS2 Softwa	are	718,142	1.23
Simonds F	arsons Cisk	1,136,139	1.94
Trident Est	tates	145,706	0.25
Quoted Fo	reign Equities		
Enel		183,856	0.31
Engie		235,009	0.40
Veolia Envi	ironment	331,555	0.57
Vinci		202,971	0.35
		202,771	0.00

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS INCOM	ME FUND (continued)		
Quoted Ma	alta Government Bonds (5 to 15 years)		
1.50%	Malta Government 2027	1,480,775	2.53
2.30%	Malta Government 2029	426,229	0.73
1.00%	Malta Government 2031	3,593,542	6.14
0.90%	Malta Government 2031	591,640	1.01
1.60%	Malta Government 2032	599,970	1.03
4.00%	Malta Government 2032	246,024	0.42
2.90%	Malta Government 2032	497,500	0.85
3.50%	Malta Government 2034	204,760	0.35
4.10%	Malta Government 2034	194,886	0.33
3.25%	Malta Government 2034	158,801	0.27
1.00%	Malta Government 2035	815,800	1.39
1.20%	Malta Government 2037	1,593,600	2.72
2.10%	Malta Government 2039	2,678,973	4.58
3.40%	Malta Government 2042	1,020,000	1.75
1.80%	Malta Government 2051	329,600	0.56
Foreign Go	overnment Bonds		
2.50%	Germany 2044	1,233,200	2.11
1.50%	Republic of Austria 2047	569,190	0.97
APS ETHIC	CAL CAUTIOUS FUND		
Foreign Go	overnment Bonds		
3.00%	Australia 2047	586,147	1.56
1.75%	Canada	858,618	2.29
2.50%	Germany 2025	829,834	2.21
2.30%	Germany 2033	951,957	2.54
0.00%	Germany 2052	179,867	0.48
5.40%	Ireland	361,703	0.96
2.00%	New Zealand	930,680	2.48
2.75%	New Zealand	395,243	1.05
2.13%	Romania 2028	328,734	0.88
4.35%	Slovakia	365,130	0.97
1.25%	United Kingdom Gilt 2041	1,032,685	2.76

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	assets
		€	
APS FTHIC	AL CAUTIOUS FUND (continued)	0	
	vernment Bonds (continued)		
0.88%	United Kingdom Gilt 2046	924,788	2.47
4.88%	US Treasury 2025	1,553,749	4.15
2.50%	US Treasury 2045	1,267,947	3.38
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Supranatio	nal Bonds		
4.60%	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 2025	676,847	1.81
Quoted For			
0.00%	Ageas 2051	266,652	0.71
0.00%	Allianz 2047	299,895	0.80
6.99%	Ally Financial 2029	322,043	0.86
2.00%	Ardagh Metal Packaging 2028	273,342	0.73
1.50%	Arkema PERP	292,050	0.78
4.75%	Banca Monte Dei Paschi 2029	187,807	0.50
0.00%	Banca Popolare Sondrio 2034	210,684	0.56
4.50%	BE Semiconductor 2031	292,916	0.78
1.87%	British Telecommunication 2080	296,220	0.79
1.00%	Carnival 2029	204,003	0.54
0.00%	Castellum PERP	307,850	0.82
6.25%	Ceconomy 2029	259,048	0.69
3.13%	Cemex 2026	218,988	0.58
4.00%	Commerzbank 2026	191,968	0.51
3.13%	Constellium 2029	209,383	0.56
0.00%	Electricite de France PERP	378,864	1.01
1.00%	Erste Group Bank 2030	395,432	1.05
3.75%	Faurecia 2028	341,138	0.91
1.00%	Goldman Sachs Group 2033	248,113	0.66
2.75%	Goodyear Europe 2028	190,228	0.50
0.00%	HSBC PERP	395,992	1.06
1.83%	Iberdrola International PERP	364,144	0.97
3.63%	Infineon Technologies PERP	298,329	0.80
1.25%	Informa 2028	332,259	0.89
1.50%	International Consolidated Airline 2027	386,144	1.03

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS ETHICA	AL CAUTIOUS FUND (continued)		
Quoted Fore	eign Bonds (continued)		
1.80%	International Flavor & Fragrances 2026	196,150	0.52
0.63%	KBC Group 2031	190,926	0.51
8.00%	KBC Group PERP	220,504	0.59
3.42%	Lenovo Group 2030	191,061	0.51
0.00%	Mapfre 2047	306,003	0.82
0.00%	Natwest Group 2026	281,976	0.75
0.00%	NGG Finance 2073	332,287	0.89
0.00%	NN Group 2048	249,972	0.67
2.50%	Nomad Foods 2028	192,030	0.51
2.50%	OMV PERP	392,444	1.05
3.63%	Sappi Papier 2028	358,603	0.96
2.88%	Schaeffler 2027	189,455	0.50
2.38%	SK Hynix 2031	202,723	0.54
0.00%	SSE PERP	375,128	1.00
1.88%	Storebrand Livsforsikrin 2051	175,678	0.47
3.05%	Tapestry 2032	287,879	0.77
3.75%	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries 2027	232,026	0.62
1.63%	Total Energies PERP	423,365	1.13
3.75%	Vale Overseas 2030	274,084	0.73
4.88%	Vodafone Group 2078	240,394	0.64
Quoted Fore	eign Equities		
Abbvie		189,455	0.51
Adobe		171,774	0.46
Adven		186,810	0.50
Ashtead Gro	bup	180,150	0.48
ASML		383,466	1.02
AT&T		197,904	0.53
	io Vizcaya Argentaria	346,047	0.92
Barratt Red		196,946	0.53
	nductor Industries	264,600	0.71
Biogen		162,445	0.43
Capgemini		234,062	0.62
Delta Air Lir	nes	373,926	1.00

	Market Value	% of net assets
	31.12.2024	
	€	
APS ETHICAL CAUTIOUS FUND (continued)		
Quoted Foreign Equities (continued)		
Deutsche Telekom	485,352	1.29
Eli Lilly & Company	319,834	0.85
Enel	316,756	0.84
Engie	267,925	0.71
Essential Utilities	192,912	0.51
Experian	183,331	0.49
Exxon Mobil Corporation	197,376	0.53
Fuji Electric Company	241,901	0.65
Honda Motor	197,134	0.53
Infineon Technologies	285,112	0.76
ING Groep	151,224	0.40
Intesa Sanpaolo	256,461	0.68
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	190,650	0.51
Merck & Co	278,602	0.74
Micron Technology	312,908	0.83
Microsoft Corporation	697,683	1.86
Nestle	135,649	0.36
NextEra Energy	207,697	0.55
NVIDIA Corporation	285,310	0.76
Phoenix Group	277,572	0.74
Renault	235,250	0.63
Ryanair Holdings	190,650	0.51
Salesforce	261,523	0.70
Samsung Electronics Co GDR	192,458	0.51
Sanofi	408,519	1.10
Siemens Healthineers	220,160	0.59
SK Telecom Co Sponsored ADR	285,579	0.76
Total Energies	323,315	0.86
Visa	198,383	0.53
Zoetis	188,812	0.51
Exchange Traded Funds		

Amundi MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders	239,625	0.64
Xtrackers MSCI Japan ESG UCITS	307,160	0.82

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# **APS ETHICAL CAUTIOUS FUND (continued)**

Derivatives - Forward Forex Contracts	Notional Amount	Fair Value	% of net assets
Sale of Australian Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	900,000	14,087	0.04
Sale of Canadian Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,100,000	(10,348)	(0.03)
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	900,000	(28,108)	(0.07)
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,700,000	(33,169)	(0.09)
Sale of New Zealand Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	2,400,000	32,020	0.09
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	4,200,000	(231,846)	(0.62)
Purchase of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	890,000	54,302	0.14

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APS	DIVERSI	FIED	BOND	FUND

Foreign Government Bonds			
3.00%	Australia 2047	766,500	1.61
1.75%	Canada	1,192,525	2.50
2.30%	Germany 2033	1,503,090	3.15
0.50%	Hungary 2030	500,844	1.05
1.45%	Mexico	822,990	1.73
5.75%	Mexico 2026	754,562	1.58
2.00%	New Zealand	1,349,487	2.83
2.75%	New Zealand	682,693	1.43
0.70%	Republic Of Philippines 2029	450,490	0.95
7.00%	Republic Of South Africa 2031	1,523,899	3.20
2.13%	Romania 2028	469,620	0.99
2.88%	Russian Federation 2025	308,000	0.65
1.25%	United Kingdom Gilt 2041	1,308,540	2.75
0.88%	United Kingdom Gilt 2046	1,064,908	2.23
3.88%	US Treasury 2029	1,794,438	3.77
3.50%	US Treasury 2039	1,441,120	3.02
3.13%	US Treasury 2042	116,350	0.24

### Supranational Bonds

4.60%	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development 2025	882,844	1.85
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		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS DIVERSI	FIED BOND FUND (continued)		
Quoted Forei	gn Bonds		
7.25%	Allwyn Entertainment 2030	214,316	0.45
6.99%	Ally Financial 2029	553,511	1.16
5.00%	Almaviva 2030	305,628	0.64
0.88%	American Tower Corporation 2029	250,759	0.53
6.80%	Arcelormittal 2032	284,162	0.60
2.00%	Ardagh Metal Packaging 2028	455,570	0.96
0.00%	Arkema PERP	486,750	1.02
7.25%	Avis Budget Finance 2030	262,848	0.55
0.00%	Aviva PERP	478,952	1.00
4.75%	Banca Monte Dei Paschi 2029	313,011	0.66
0.00%	Banca Popolare Sondrio 2034	316,026	0.66
0.00%	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 2030	299,547	0.63
0.00%	Bank Of Valletta 2027	554,550	1.16
5.20%	Barclays 2026	241,598	0.51
4.50%	BE Semiconductor 2031	392,299	0.82
3.25%	BP PERP	498,060	1.05
1.87%	British Telecommunication 2080	345,590	0.73
1.00%	Carnival 2029	266,091	0.56
0.00%	Castellum PERP	384,812	0.81
0.00%	CDB Fianancial Leasing 2030	236,656	0.50
6.25%	Ceconomy 2029	310,857	0.65
6.17%	Celanese US 2027	245,538	0.52
4.70%	China Oil & Gas Group 2026	358,582	0.75
6.63%	Citi Group 2032	283,801	0.60
6.88%	Cleveland Cliffs 2029	263,355	0.55
3.75%	Codelco 2031	432,192	0.90
3.50%	Continental 2029	378,731	0.79
0.00%	Cooperatieve Rabobank PERP	395,404	0.83
0.00%	CPI Property Group PERP	286,670	0.60
4.25%	Crox 2029	380,000	0.80
3.00%	Dana Financing 2029	336,417	0.70
5.50%	Edgewell Personal Care 2028	236,753	0.50
0.00%	Electricite de France PERP	568,296	1.19

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS DIVER	RSIFIED BOND FUND (continued)		
Quoted Fo	reign Bonds (continued)		
1.00%	Erste Group Bank 2030	494,290	1.04
3.75%	Faurecia 2028	487,340	1.02
6.13%	Ford Motor Credit Company 2028	432,868	0.91
2.75%	Goodyear Europe 2028	261,564	0.55
0.00%	HSBC PERP	494,990	1.04
5.50%	Huarong Finance II 2025	241,284	0.51
1.50%	International Consolidated Airline 2027	289,608	0.61
3.75%	Intesa Sanpaolo PERP	299,511	0.63
3.75%	JBS 2031	258,072	0.54
1.13%	JDE Peet's 2033	328,160	0.69
0.63%	KBC Group 2031	286,389	0.60
8.00%	KBC Group PERP	441,008	0.93
3.42%	Lenovo Group 2030	260,538	0.55
4.13%	LKQ Euro 2028	453,870	0.95
0.00%	Mapfre 2047	408,004	0.86
3.05%	Meituan 2030	256,004	0.54
0.00%	Natwest Group 2026	375,968	0.78
0.00%	NGG Finance 2073	332,287	0.70
0.00%	Nord Landesbank 2034	517,935	1.09
2.75%	NTPC 2027	444,132	0.93
6.25%	OI European Group 2028	259,850	0.55
2.50%	OMV PERP	490,555	1.03
6.88%	Optics Bidco 2028	159,198	0.33
2.88%	Organon & Company/ORG 2028	292,401	0.61
2.75%	Pemex 2027	506,946	1.06
1.88%	Perusahaan Listrik Negar 2031	213,775	0.45
3.13%	Prologis International Fund II 2031	445,518	0.93
2.00%	Q-Park 2027	293,955	0.62
6.33%	RAS Laffan LNG 2027	206,686	0.43
3.63%	Sappi Papier 2028	348,642	0.73
6.63%	Shriram Finance 2027	243,544	0.51
5.38%	Southwestern Energy 2030	330,947	0.69
3.05%	Tapestry 2032	370,130	0.78

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS DIVERS	IFIED BOND FUND (continued)		
Quoted Fore	ign Bonds (continued)		
6.88%	Telecom Italia 2028	113,770	0.24
3.75%	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries 2027	353,084	0.74
1.63%	Total Energies PERP	470,405	0.99
4.63%	Tronox 2029	391,094	0.82
5.38%	Unicredit 2025	350,931	0.74
3.75%	Vale Overseas 2030	221,036	0.46
0.00%	Vattenfall Ab TV 2077	245,953	0.52
5.25%	Verisure 2029	250,588	0.53
4.38%	Vertical Midco GMBH 2027	225,133	0.47
3.75%	Vici Properties 2027	257,849	0.54
8.25%	Virgin Money UK 2022	311,815	0.65
4.88%	Vodafone Group 2078	240,395	0.50
4.38%	Volkswagen International PERP	461,450	0.97
3.13%	Zhongan Online P&C Insurance 2025	285,093	0.60
3.38%	Ziggo Bond Company 2030	364,180	0.76
Quoted Loca	al Corporate Bonds		
3.50%	Bank Of Valletta 2030	284,850	0.60
4.00%	International Hotel Investments 2026	238,942	0.50
4.00%	Medirect Bank Malta 2029	100,734	0.21
4.50%	MedservRegis 2026	99,500	0.21

Tum Invest 2029

3.75%

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#### **APS DIVERSIFIED BOND FUND (continued)**

Derivatives - Forward Forex Contracts	Notional Amount	Fair Value	% of net assets
Sale of Australian Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,175,000	22,742	0.05
Sale of Canadian Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,615,000	(3,908)	(0.01)
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,073,000	(33,355)	(0.07)
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	2,155,000	(43,023)	(0.09)
Sale of New Zealand Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	3,725,000	65,518	0.14
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	6,330,000	(366,641)	(0.78)
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,000,000	(21,317)	(0.04)
Purchase of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	100,000	1,833	-
Purchase of New Zealand Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	200,000	(1,840)	-
Purchase of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	1,300,000	78,793	0.17
Purchase of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 24 April 2025 (Class GBP G)	1,116,490	15,907	0.03
Purchase of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 24 April 2025 (Class GBP G)	61,365	652	-

		Market Value 31.12.2024 €	% of net assets
APS ETHICAL	ADVENTUROUS FUND		
Quoted Foreig	yn Bonds		
0.00%	HSBC PERP	227,696	1.29
0.00%	ING Group PERP	230,171	1.30
0.00%	Skandinaviska Enskilda PERP	192,357	1.09
3.88%	Unicredit 2049	222,964	1.26

#### **Quoted Foreign Equities**

Abbott Laboratories	215,078	1.22
Abbvie	168,691	0.96
Adobe	168,768	0.96
Adyen	165,255	0.94
Aecom	159,585	0.90
Alibaba Group	163,766	0.93
Amazon.Com	136,443	0.77
American Tower Corporation	226,185	1.28
Apple	277,143	1.57
Arista Networks	113,999	0.65

	Market Value	% of net assets
	31.12.2024	
	€	
APS ETHICAL ADVENTUROUS FUND (continued)		
Quoted Foreign Equities (continued)		
Ashtead Group	86,352	0.49
ASML	236,188	1.34
AT&T	146,603	0.83
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	138,321	0.78
Barratt Redrow	196,946	1.13
BE Semiconductor Industries	236,949	1.34
Biogen	160,968	0.91
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	101,540	0.58
Broadcom	134,335	0.76
BT Group	194,364	1.10
Capgemini	160,840	0.92
De'Longhi	114,456	0.65
Delta Air Lines	118,020	0.67
Deutsche Telekom	229,676	1.30
Diamondback Energy	161,061	0.91
Elevance Health	148,914	0.84
Eli Lilly & Company	427,191	2.42
Enel	153,406	0.87
Engie	162,286	0.92
EQUINIX	159,349	0.90
Experian	166,664	0.94
Exxon Mobil Corporation	173,691	0.98
Fuji Electric Company	205,090	1.16
Fujitsu	86,012	0.49
Goldman Sachs Group	126,634	0.72
Industria De Diseno Textil	109,704	0.62
Infineon Technologies	154,268	0.87
ING Groep	150,513	0.85
Intesa Sanpaolo	133,826	0.76
JD.Com	74,094	0.42
Johnson & Johnson	187,007	1.06
Kion Group	149,742	0.85
Kraft Heinz	106,766	0.61
LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton	203,360	1.15
Melexis	135,600	0.77

	Market Value	% of net assets
	31.12.2024	
	€	
APS ETHICAL ADVENTUROUS FUND (continued)		
Quoted Foreign Equities (continued)		
Merck & Co	286,575	1.62
Meta Platforms	169,631	0.96
Micron Technology	208,876	1.18
Microsoft Corporation	678,959	3.85
Mondelez International	117,210	0.66
Mowi	140,757	0.80
Nestle	216,001	1.22
Newmont Corporation	235,613	1.34
NextEra Energy	200,289	1.13
NIKE	131,537	0.75
Nordea Bank	219,450	1.24
NVIDIA Corporation	369,346	2.09
Phoenix Group	178,898	1.01
Renault	191,776	1.09
Ryanair Holdings	192,809	1.09
Salesforce	209,864	1.19
Samsung Electronics Co GDR	145,881	0.83
Sanofi	253,942	1.44
Shell	177,889	1.01
Siemens Healthineers	199,987	1.13
Signify	164,181	0.93
SK Telecom Co Sponsored ADR	158,547	0.90
SSE	89,239	0.51
Swedbank	162,177	0.92
Synopsys	117,180	0.66
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	307,058	1.74
The Coca-Cola Company	152,779	0.87
Total Energies	146,180	0.83
Trimble	104,676	0.59
Veolia Environment	145,365	0.82
Vestas Wind Systems	82,859	0.47
Visa	312,835	1.77
Vodafone Group	88,224	0.50
Walt Disney Co	159,363	0.90
Zoetis	220,283	1.25

	Market Value 31.12.2024 €	% of net assets
APS ETHICAL ADVENTUROUS FUND (continued)		
Exchange Traded Funds		
Amundi MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders	170,400	0.97
First Trust Cybersecurity	71,523	0.41
Xtrackers MSCI AC World ESG Screened UCITS	827,300	4.69
Xtrackers MSCI Japan ESG UCITS	351,040	1.99

Derivatives - Forward Forex Contracts	Notional Amount	Fair Value	% of net assets
Sale of Swiss Franc against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	190,000	774	-
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	690,000	(14,614)	(0.08)
Sale of Japanese Yen against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	40,000,000	2,068	0.01
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	5,600,000	(313,881)	(1.78)
Purchase Great Britain Pound of against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	150,000	1,509	0.01

	Market Value	% of net assets
	31.12.2024	
	€	
APS ETHICAL BALANCED FUND		
Quoted Foreign Equities		
Abbott Laboratories	46,096	0.76
Adobe	28,772	0.48
Adyen	31,614	0.52
Aecom	44,461	0.74
Alibaba Group	48,065	0.79
Amazon.Com	42,797	0.71
Apple	62,635	1.04
ASML	48,188	0.80
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	40,681	0.67
Barratt Redrow	31,937	0.53
Be Semiconductor Industries	51,862	0.85
Biogen	32,489	0.54
Broadcom	53,734	0.89
BT Group	39,219	0.65
Capgemini	41,593	0.69

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Detta Air Lines         34,471         0.57           Detta Air Lines         34,471         0.57           Dettache Telekom         48,977         0.81           Diamodback Energy         38,921         0.40           Elevance Health         31,017         0.71           Engie         40,985         0.68           EDUINIX         44,418         0.74           Experian         29,166         0.68           Experian         39,064         0.68           Experian         39,074         0.68           Indicarporation         42,621         0.70           Infron Technologies         0.73         0.81		€	
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APS ETHICAL BALANCED FUND (continued)	
Quoted Foreign Equities (continued)	
Shell 51,527 0.8	5
Siemens Healthineers 41,677 0.6	9
Signify 48,857 0.8	1
SK Telecom Co Sponsored ADR 35,436 0.5	9
SSE 29,100 0.4	8
Synopsys 34,217 0.5	7
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR49,3960.8	2
The Coca-Cola Company43,7710.7	2
Total Energies43,6030.7	2
Veolia Environment 41,533 0.6	9
Visa 72,028 1.1	9
Walt Disney Co         45,056         0.7	4
Zoetis 38,550 0.6	3
Foreign Government Bonds	
1.75% Canada 85,862 1.4	2
0.00% Kingdom of Belgium 2027 126,774 2.1	
2.00%         New Zealand         83,761         1.3	

2.00%	New Zealand	83,761	1.38
0.75%	Republic of Austria 2051	26,888	0.44
2.13%	Romania 2028	28,177	0.47
1.25%	United Kingdom Gilt 2041	152,074	2.52
0.88%	United Kingdom Gilt 2046	120,503	1.99
2.88%	US Treasury 2025	163,252	2.70
4.13%	US Treasury 2027	129,832	2.15
3.88%	US Treasury 2029	141,666	2.34
3.13%	US Treasury 2042	139,620	2.31

#### **Quoted Foreign Bonds**

6.99%	Ally Financial 2029	46,294	0.77
3.50%	Continental 2029	45,448	0.75
1.00%	Goldman Sachs Group 2033	31,119	0.51
3.25%	Mercedes-Benz 2032	37,172	0.61
3.05%	Tapestry 2032	49,350	0.82

		Market Value	% of net assets
		31.12.2024	
		€	
APS ETHICAL BALANCED FUND (continued)			
Exchange Traded Funds			
Amundi MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders		42,920	0.71
iShares Corp Bond ESG Paris-Aligned Climate		152,015	2.51
iShares Corp Bond ESG Paris-Aligned Climate		437,742	7.23
UBS Bloomberg MSCI US Liquid Corporates Sustainable		414,356	6.85
WisdomTree AT1 CoCo Bond		131,545	2.18
Xtrackers MSCI AC World ESG Screened UCITS		177,870	2.94
Xtrackers MSCI Japan ESG UCITS		61,432	1.02
Real Estate Investment Trust			
American Tower Corp		48,531	0.80
	Notional	Fair	% of net
Derivatives - Forward Forex Contracts	Amount	Value	assets
Sale of Canadian Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	110,000	(39)	-
Sale of Swiss Franc against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	100,000	1,147	0.02
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	250,000	(1,337)	(0.02)
Sale of Great Britain Pound against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	100,000	(1,410)	(0.02)
Sale of New Zealand Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	120,000	1,200	0.02
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	800,000	(18,512)	(0.32)
Sale of United States Dollar against Euro maturing on 17 April 2025	600,000	(8,671)	(0.14)

# Statement of Changes in the Composition of the Portfolio \_\_\_\_

The composition of the portfolio, detailed in the Portfolio Statement on pages 64 to 80, in comparison with the Portfolio Statement as at 31 December 2024 stood as follows:

	% of net assets	% of net assets
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
APS Income Fund		
Quoted Local Equities	22.51	24.87
Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	37.32	38.75
Foreign Government Bonds	3.12	2.08
Quoted Malta Government Bonds	24.79	23.42
Quoted Foreign Bonds	7.91	9.98
Quoted Foreign Equities	1.63	-
APS Ethical Cautious Fund		
Quoted Foreign Equities	29.00	23.20
Quoted Foreign Bonds	33.77	31.78
Foreign Government Bonds	28.48	39.41
Supranational Bonds	1.81	3.40
Exchange Traded Funds	1.46	-
Forwards	(0.54)	0.34
APS Diversified Bond Fund		
Quoted Local Corporate Bonds	1.74	3.46
Quoted Foreign Bonds	58.92	49.51
Foreign Government Bonds	34.02	41.78
Supranational Bonds	1.86	3.81
Forwards	(0.60)	0.46
APS Ethical Adventurous Fund		
Quoted Foreign Equities	81.38	89.53
Quoted Local Equities	-	1.38
Exchange Traded Funds	8.06	0.66
Foreign Government Bonds	-	1.80
Quoted Foreign Bonds	5.00	-
Forwards	(1.84)	1.28
APS Ethical Balanced Fund		
Quoted Foreign Equities	47.54	-
Exchange Traded Funds	23.44	-
Foreign Government Bonds	19.92	-
Quoted Foreign Bonds	3.50	-
Real Estate Investment Trust	0.80	-
Forwards	(0.46)	-

## Efficient Portfolio Management

The Investment Manager may, on behalf of each sub-fund of the Company and subject to the conditions and within the limits laid down by the MFSA, the Prospectus and relevant Offering Supplement, employ efficient portfolio management techniques, including investments in OTC FDIs provided that such techniques and instruments are used for hedging purposes and reduction of risk.

The Investment Manager made use of foreign exchange forwards contracts during the period under review. The global exposure obtained through these contracts, as disclosed below, is calculated according to the Commitment Approach. The counterparty for all of the foreign exchange forward contracts is Swissquote Bank SA.

None of the Sub-Funds of the Company received any collateral from the counterparty during the period under review.

#### **APS Income Fund**

The Sub-Fund did not hold any foreign exchange forwards contracts as of 31 December 2024. No use of efficient portfolio management techniques was made during the period under review.

#### **APS Ethical Cautious Fund**

The Sub-Fund held the below foreign exchange forwards contracts as of 31 December 2024.

Settlement Date	Sell Currency	Sell Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	AUD	900,000	538,131
17/04/2025	CAD	1,100,000	738,624
17/04/2025	GBP	900,000	1,088,534
17/04/2025	GBP	1,700,000	2,056,120
17/04/2025	NZD	2,400,000	1,298,503
17/04/2025	USD	4,200,000	4,056,012
Settlement Date	Buy Currency	Buy Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	USD	890,000	859,488

The use of efficient portfolio management techniques resulted in losses of €45,940 and indirect costs of €62,053 during the period under review. No collateral was received nor provided to the counterparty during the same period.

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund**

The Sub-Fund held the below foreign exchange forwards contracts as of 31 December 2024.

Settlement Date	Sell Currency	Sell Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	AUD	1,175,000	702,560
17/04/2025	CAD	1,615,000	1,084,434
17/04/2025	GBP	1,073,000	1,297,775
17/04/2025	GBP	2,155,000	2,606,434
17/04/2025	NZD	3,725,000	2,015,385
17/04/2025	USD	6,330,000	6,112,989
17/04/2025	USD	1,000,000	965,717

#### **APS Diversified Bond Fund (continued)**

Settlement Date	Buy Currency	Buy Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	GBP	100,000	120,948
17/04/2025	NZD	200,000	108,209
17/04/2025	USD	1,300,000	1,255,432
24/04/2025	GBP	1,116,490	1,350,375
24/04/2025	GBP	61,365	74,220

The use of efficient portfolio management techniques resulted in gains of  $\in$ 19,543 and indirect costs of  $\in$ 99,056 during the period under review. No collateral was received nor provided to the counterparty during the same period.

#### APS Ethical Adventurous Fund

The Sub-Fund held the below foreign exchange forwards contracts as of 31 December 2024.

Settlement Date	Sell Currency	Sell Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	CHF	190,000	202,468
17/04/2025	GBP	690,000	834,543
17/04/2025	JPY	40,000,000	245,792
17/04/2025	USD	5,600,000	5,408,015
Settlement Date	Buy Currency	Buy Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	GBP	150,000	181,422

The use of efficient portfolio management techniques resulted in gains of &33,377 and indirect costs of &41,973 during the period under review. No collateral was received nor provided to the counterparty during the same period.

#### **APS Ethical Balanced Fund**

The Sub-Fund held the below foreign exchange forwards contracts as of 31 December 2024.

Settlement Date	Buy Currency	Buy Amount	Commitment (€)
17/04/2025	CAD	110,000	73,862
17/04/2025	CHF	100,000	106,562
17/04/2025	GBP	250,000	302,371
17/04/2025	GBP	100,000	120,948
17/04/2025	NZD	120,000	64,925
17/04/2025	USD	800,000	772,574
17/04/2025	USD	600,000	579,430

The use of efficient portfolio management techniques resulted in no gains or losses and indirect costs of €2,976 during the period under review. No collateral was received nor provided to the counterparty during the same period.

## Information about the Scheme \_\_\_

#### 1. AUTHORISATION

The Company is authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority as a Collective Investment Scheme pursuant to Article 6 of the Investment Services Act, [Cap. 370 of the Laws of Malta].

#### 2. INCOME

In the case of the distributor class of shares, the Company operates an equalisation account to ensure that the amount distributed in respect of each share will be the same for all shares notwithstanding different dates of issue of those shares. In the case of the accumulator class of shares, all income is accumulated within the price of the shares, and therefore, no equalisation is required.

#### 3. UP-FRONT CHARGE AND OTHER FEES

#### APS Income Fund Initial Charge

An initial charge of up to 1.5% on the amount invested.

#### APS Ethical Cautious Fund Initial Charge

An initial charge of up to 2.0% of the amount invested in Class A - Accumulator/Class B -Distributor shares.

An initial charge of up to 3.5% of the amount invested in Class C - Accumulator/Class D - Distributor shares.

#### APS Diversified Bond Fund Initial Charge

An initial charge of up to 2.0% of the amount invested in Class A - Accumulator/Class B -Distributor shares.

An initial charge of up to 3.5% of the amount invested in Class C - Accumulator/Class D - Distributor /Class G - Distributor shares. No subscription fee shall apply for Class P -Accumulator shares.

#### APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Initial Charge

An initial charge of up to 3.5% on the amount invested. No subscription fee shall apply for Class P - Accumulator shares.

#### APS Ethical Balanced Fund Initial Charge

An initial charge of up to 3.5% on the amount invested in Class A - Accumulator/Class B -Distributor shares. No subscription fee shall apply for Class P - Accumulator shares.

Details on the Management, Custody and Administration fees can be found under note 9 on page 46 to 47.

#### 4. RISK WARNINGS Market Fluctuations

Investment in the Sub-Funds should be regarded as a long-term investment. The Sub-Funds' investments are subject to normal market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. There are no assurances that capital appreciation will occur.

The price of shares and the income derived from them (if any) can, from time to time, go down as well as up and investors may not realise the amount of their initial investment.

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

The value of the Sub-Funds, including the currency in which they are determined, may fall as well as rise.

#### **Erosion of Capital**

Redemptions from any of the Sub-Funds are serviced from the respective Sub-Funds' assets. There may be instances where the servicing of redemptions may require the liquidation of securities owned by the Sub-Funds. Such forced liquidations may result in an erosion of capital.

In addition, deduction of the initial charge (where applicable) means that if an investor withdraws from the investment in the short-term, he/she may not get back the amount invested. Hence, investment in the Sub-Funds should be regarded as a longterm investment.

#### **Currency Fluctuations**

Currency fluctuations between the base currency of the Fund, and

 (i) the investor's currency of reference, and,
 (ii) the currency of the underlying investments of the Sub-Funds, may adversely affect the value of investments and the income (if any) derived therefrom.

#### Investment on the Malta Stock Exchange

By virtue of its investment policy, the APS Income Fund invests in equity and debt securities listed on the Malta Stock Exchange. Since this exchange is considered as relatively new, it offers limited investments. This may lead to an exposure to a particular security or industry sector which is higher than that normally associated with a diversified portfolio and therefore may expose the Sub-Funds to higher levels of volatility and possibly, having an adverse impact on its performance. Some Maltese companies that are listed on the Malta Stock Exchange may impose, through their constitutional documents, a limit on the equity holding that any one particular investor may, directly or indirectly hold in such companies. Hence, the investor should be aware that the Sub-Funds might be restricted in implementing its investment policy due to such impositions.

Despite the fact that such securities are listed, the market may be illiquid. The trading volumes on emerging stock exchanges such as the Malta Stock Exchange are considerably lower than other principal stock markets. Therefore, buying and selling of securities may be time consuming and may need to be transacted at unfavorable prices due to this illiquidity element. Although it is not anticipated that this should create any complications in valuing the Sub-Funds' investments, lower secondary market liquidity may have a negative effect on the market price of such securities and the Sub-Fund's ability to sell particular securities to meet its liquidity requirements.

#### Exposure to a Single Market

The APS Income Fund invests its assets predominately in the Maltese market and thus the degree of market diversification is limited to such market. Therefore, the performance of the Sub- Funds is closely linked to the performance of the Maltese market.

#### **Investments in Small Companies**

The Sub-Funds may invest in securities issued by small companies, which can involve greater risk than is customarily associated with investment in larger, more established companies. In particular, smaller companies often have limited product lines, markets or financial resources and may be dependent for their management on a small number of key individuals. This may result in such investments having a higher degree of price volatility.

#### **Investments in Unlisted Companies**

The Sub-Funds may invest in unlisted companies. Investing in unlisted companies (particularly start- ups and early-stage businesses) is a high reward / high risk investment strategy. It should be noted that unlisted companies are generally not regulated by investor protection norms and disclosures that typically apply to listed companies. Furthermore, as the securities are not traded on the open market, unlisted investments are generally highly illiquid. Sub-Funds investing in such securities may only be able to sell their shares when the investee company achieves a successful exit via a sale or flotation, which could occur many years after making the initial investment.

#### **Different Class Denominations**

The Sub-Funds' reference currency, being the base currency used for performance measurement and accounting purposes as well as the currency in which most investments are maintained in, is the Euro. In this regard, Shareholders investing in Share Classes of the Sub-Funds that are denominated in currencies other than the Euro should be aware that currency fluctuations between the Euro and base currency of the respective Share Class may adversely affect the value of their investment. This risk may also be present where a currency hedging strategy has been implemented.

#### Hedging Strategy at Share Class Level

The currency risk arising from the exchange rate movements between the reference currency of the APS Diversified Bond Fund and the base currency of the same Sub-Funds' Class G Distributor Shares in intended to be minimized via a hedging strategy at the Share Class level. Notwithstanding the successful execution of the hedging strategy, there may be instances when the currency exposure will not be fully hedged and as a result there may be a mismatch between the net asset value per share in the base currency of the Sub-Funds and the net asset value per share of the Sub-Funds' Class G Distributor Shares. Any material passive over-or-under-hedging position that may arise is generally rectified. with any costs incurred being charged to the net asset value of the Sub-Fund's Class G Distributor Shares.

#### **5. SCHEME PARTICULARS**

The above details are principally extracted from the APS Funds SICAV p.l.c. Prospectus dated 21 October 2024 and the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Offering Supplement, dated 3 September 2024, from the APS Income Fund Offering Supplement and the APS Diversified Bond Fund Offering Supplement, all dated 21 November 2022, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Offering Supplement dated 21 October 2024, and the APS Ethical Balanced Fund Offering Supplement dated 3 September 2024. The said documents are available upon request from the Investment Manager and

were current at the date of publishing of this Annual Report and Financial Statements. The Prospectus and the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund Offering Supplement. both dated 21 October 2024, and the APS Ethical Cautious Fund Offering Supplement dated 3 September 2024, reflected the change in name of the Sub-Funds disclosed in note 15 under the section Notes to the Financial statements. The latest Prospectus and Offering Supplements are available free of charge upon request from the Investment Manager, all APS Bank plc branches, or www.apsfunds.com.mt. and were current at the date of publishing of this Annual Report and Financial Statements. Persons wishing to invest in the APS Income Fund, the APS Ethical Cautious Fund, the APS Diversified Bond Fund, the APS Ethical Adventurous Fund and/ or the APS Ethical Balanced Fund should do so on the basis of the full information contained in the Prospectus and relative Offering Supplement.

#### 6. MANAGER'S STATEMENT

In the opinion of the Manager, this Annual Report and Financial Statements contains all the information necessary to enable the investors to make an informed judgment of the results and activities of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024 and does not omit any matter or development of significance.

### Remuneration Disclosure \_\_\_\_

#### **Remuneration Policy of the Company**

For the purposes of SLC 1.9 of Appendix II to Part B of the Standard Licence Conditions for Retail Collective Investment Schemes, the total, fixed remuneration paid to the Company's three Directors during the financial year ended 31 December 2024 is disclosed on page 51. The Directors of the Company who held office during the year under review are listed on page 6.

Other Identified Staff (defined in the section below) consist of the Compliance Officer and the Money Laundering Reporting Officer. None of these individuals are directly employed by the Company. The Compliance Officer is contracted through APS Bank p.l.c. and is seconded to the Company. Apex Fund Services (Malta) Limited, serving as Administrator, provides Money Laundering Reporting Officer services to the Company. Consequently, the Money Laundering Reporting Officer of Apex Fund Services (Malta) Limited acts in the same capacity for the Company. The Company reimburses APS Bank p.l.c. and Apex Fund Services (Malta) Limited for their respective services.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the total contribution paid by the Company towards the remuneration of these *Identified Staff*, totalling 2 beneficiaries, amounted to  $\bigcirc 75,124$  (2023:  $\bigcirc 66,317$ ), of which  $\bigcirc 69,624$  (2023:  $\bigcirc 66,317$ ) fixed and  $\bigcirc 5,500$  (2023: Nil) variable.

Details of the management fees paid by the Company to the Investment Manager, and a description of how they are calculated, are disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income and in note 9a to the financial statements.

### Remuneration Policy of the Investment Manager

In accordance with its obligations pursuant to the Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and the Council ("the UCITS Directive"), ReAPS Asset Management Limited ("ReAPS"), as the Investment Manager of APS Funds SICAV p.l.c., being an UCITS Collective Investment Scheme, is required to have remuneration policies and practices in place.

The remuneration provisions are:

- Consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management of the UCITS;
- Do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles or fund rules governing the relevant UCITS;
- Do not impair compliance with UCITS Manager's duty to act in the best interest of the UCITS.

ReAPS is the subsidiary of APS Bank p.l.c. and thus forms part of APS Group. The remuneration

structure of ReAPS is governed by APS Group Remuneration Policy.

ReAPS' Remuneration Policy covers all those staff who fall into the 'Identified Staff' Category only. The term 'Identified Staff' is broadly defined in the UCITS Directive and includes senior management, risk takers, control functions, and other employees in same remuneration bracket, whose professional activities have a material impact on the company's risk profile or of the UCITS it manages. These include the ReAPS' Board of Directors, Senior Management, staff members who have the ability to materially affect the risk profile of ReAPS or its clients ("Risk Takers") which include Committee members, Portfolio Managers, and Senior Staff engaged in Control Functions.

No material issues were identified during the latest review of ReAPS' Remuneration Policy. Furthermore, there were no material changes to the Remuneration Policy during the period under review.

ReAPS' Remuneration Policy complies with the following principles in a way and to the extent that is appropriate to the size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities -

- a. The remuneration policy is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and interests of ReAPS and the clients it manages (and of the investors in any UCITS it manages), and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest;
- b. The remuneration policy is adopted by the management body of ReAPS in its supervisory function, and that body adopts, and reviews at least annually, the general principles of the remuneration policy and is responsible for, and oversees their implementation;
- c. Staff engaged in control functions are compensated in accordance with the achievement of the objectives linked to their functions, independently of the performance of the business areas they control;
- d. Appropriate balancing of the fixed and variable components of total remuneration such that the fixed component represents a sufficiently high portion of the total remuneration and there is the option of paying no variable remuneration.

Investment Managers that are significant in terms of their size or of the size of the UCITS that they manage, their internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of their activities will also need to establish a 'Remuneration Committee'. Following due consideration of ReAPS' size, internal organisation as well as the nature, scope and complexity of its activities, the Board of Directors of ReAPS applied for a derogation from MFSA to be exempt from having a ReAPS' Remuneration Committee. The Authority had in the first instance granted the derogation on May 2018 on the basis that ReAPS would rely on the Group's Remuneration Committee. The Authority extended the renewal to this derogation until December 2025.

Below is the remuneration structure for the Directors and Staff Members of ReAPS:

#### a. Remuneration Structure for Directors

The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors is a fixed amount and set at a level, which is competitive with the rest of the market, the competencies and contribution required, and reflect the extent of responsibilities and the number of board meetings and committee membership/s. Directors fees payable to the Chairman and Executive Directors are re-charged by the Parent Company

b. Remuneration Structure for Staff Members The remuneration of the staff members is based on the following criteria:

#### Fixed Remuneration

The base salary provides a predictable base level of income reflecting each staff member's level of responsibility, capabilities, skills and experience. Base salaries are reviewed annually, and increases are granted in line with performance and when a staff member assumes increased responsibilities or significantly deepens knowledge and expertise. Base salaries are also reviewed when there is a material change in the remuneration levels of comparable roles in the respective market.

#### Variable Remuneration

Staff members may have a variable component to their remuneration in addition to their fixed remuneration. The relation between fixed and variable remuneration shall not exceed twenty-five (25) per cent of the fixed component for each individual. Staff members are also eligible to share awards issued by the Parent under the Executive Share Incentive Plan ("ESIP") as approved by APS Bank p.l.c. Annual General Meeting of 28 April 2022.

ReAPS provides both UCITS and non-UCITS related services to its clients. The figure disclosed hereunder covers the whole range of services offered by ReAPS. Staff members of ReAPS are seconded from APS Bank p.l.c. and ReAPS reimburses APS Bank p.l.c. for these services at cost. This fee is based on the time allocated by these staff members to perform their duties in relation to their activities.

The number of Identified Staff during the financial year 31 December 2024 amounted to 15 (2023: 15 Identified Staff). The total fixed remuneration amounted to  $\bigcirc$ 557,197 (2023:  $\bigcirc$ 522,267) and variable remuneration amounted to  $\bigcirc$ 67,384 (2023:  $\bigcirc$ 56,393).

# Sustainability and Taxonomy Regulation Disclosures \_\_\_\_\_

#### ESG reporting

On 10 March 2021, the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation<sup>1</sup> ("SFDR") entered into force. The SFDR provides for a harmonised approach in respect of sustainabilityrelated disclosures to investors within the EU. Disclosure obligations under the SFDR are based on whether the financial product has a sustainable investment as its objective (SFDR Article 9), promotes environmental and/ or social characteristics (SFDR Article 8), or does not have any sustainability focus (SFDR Article 6).

#### SFDR Article 9 Framework

To qualify as an SFDR Article 9 sub-fund, a sub-funditisto have a sustainable investment objective. A SFDR Article 9 sub-fund is also required to assess the portfolio against the principle of "do no significant harm" and incorporate considerations of the minimum social safeguards specified in the Taxonomy Regulation. None of the current Sub-Funds qualify as an SFDR Article 9 sub-funds.

#### SFDR Article 8 Framework

To have qualified as an SFDR Article 8 sub-fund, each of these Sub-Funds had to promote one or more environmental or social characteristics.

- APS Ethical Cautious Fund (changed name from APS Ethical Fund on 3 September 2024)
- APS Ethical Balanced Fund (launched on 20 November 2024)
- APS Ethical Adventurous Fund (changed name from APS Global Equity Fund on 21 October 2024)\*

\*Prior to the change the Sub-Fund qualified under SFDR Article 6 sub-fund.

These Sub-Funds apply an Ethical Policy to identify perspective investments. They promote the environmental and social characteristics by selecting securities issued by issuers from a universe of companies or governments. The environmental, social and governance ("ESG") assessment on issuers (both corporate and government) is conducted by the Investment Manager according to the Ethical Policy by using third-party data and it also applies exclusion criteria.

The Ethical Policy may be changed from time to time. During 2024, changes were carried out to the Ethical Policy after the provider for the third-party data was changed and directly linked, updated the excluded activities and the ESG assessment.

The Sub-Funds will not invest in securities issued by issuers with specified involvement in specific excluded activities including:

- Companies with more than 10% revenue generated from coal mining, production and distribution of tobacco, military equipment and firearms, life termination services or products, human embryonic stem cell research, gambling, production and distribution of alcohol, pornography and adult entertainment services.
- Governments which do not pass the screening tests on civil and political rights. Issuers are then assessed on the basis of their ESG performance.

Additional disclosures<sup>2</sup> for these SFDR Article 8 Sub-Funds are made in pages 88 to 105.

#### SFDR Article 6 Framework

The investments underlying these sub-Funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

- APS Income Fund
- APS Diversified Bond Fund

#### Taxonomy

The Taxonomy Regulation<sup>3</sup> was established to provide an EU-wide classification system which provides investors and investee companies with a common language to identify whether certain economic activities could be considered environmentally sustainable. An economic activity is considered to environmentally sustainable if it meets a number of different EU criteria as measured according to the technical screening criteria set and it does not significantly harm to any of the environmental objectives.

For the Article 6 SFDR sub-funds, the investments underlying these subfunds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

For the SFDR Article 8 sub-funds, while promoting environmental, social and governance characteristics they do not have as its objective sustainable investment and do not commit to making investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities. Therefore, the "do not significant harm" principle does not apply to any of the investments underlying these subfunds. Moreover, as of the date hereof, it is not possible to describe: (a) the extent to which the investments of the Sub-Fund are in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable; (b) the proportion, as a percentage of the portfolio as a whole, of investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities; or (c) the proportion, as a percentage of the portfolio as a whole, of enabling and transitional activities.

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investments amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annex IV of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1288 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2088

# Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** APS Ethical Cautios Fund **Legal entity identifier:** 21380026MBR7DEG7S366

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics





### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Sub-Fund promotes E, S and G characteristics by investing in equity and fixed income markets (with a Euro bias) and selecting instruments issued by companies or governments within a universe that satisfy the selection criteria in the Ethical Policy. It applies an exclusion criteria and an ESG assessment on issuers. At the Investment Manager's discretion, the Sub-Fund can either invest in instruments issued by companies or sovereign issuers, or in other funds.

The Sub-Fund applies an Exclusion criteria by:

- limiting exposure to certain business activities, by excluding companies deriving significant revenues from total revenue (>10%) from coal mining, tobacco production and distribution, military equipment and firearms, life termination services or products and human embryonic stem cell research, gambling operations and products, alcohol production and distribution and pornography and adult entertainment services; and
- excluding (bond) issues by governments which do not pass the (negative) screening tests on its civil and political rights.

The Investment Manager then applies an ESG assessment.

For securities issued by companies: The Investment Manager uses a best-in-class approach to select within each industry the corporates that have the best overall ESG score compared within its peers within the industry. For each ESG pillar, several indicators are used (as detailed below). The weight of the each Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) pillar depends on the materiality of each pillar for the industry of the corporation analysed.

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852. establishing a list of environmental sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

good governance practices.

For government bonds: Issuing countries are classified according to the overall ESG score. The scoring is obtained by aggregating the score for each E, S and G pillar and (issues by) governments are included in the universe if they meet or exceed the minimum threshold.

The Investment Manager may also invest in other funds provided that any underlying fund falls under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is managed independently from a benchmark.

**During FY 2024, material updates were made to the Ethical Policy effective from September 3, 2023.** For companies, the exclusion criteria were extended to exclude entities deriving significant revenue from coal mining or involved human embryonic stem cell research; and the ESG data provider was replaced.

Alignment with environmental and social characteristics stands at **96.5%** (net assets) as of December 31, 2024

#### • How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Figures reported as based on the (weighted) percentage of assets. Exposure in Cash and Cash equivalents (e.g., financial derivatives) are excluded.

- + 0% of securities not compliant with the exclusion cirteria.
  - Holdings as at end of Q1 and Q2 FY 2024 are based on exclusion critiera applied prior to September 3, 2024.
- 0% of underlying funds not compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

• For companies:

Period:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2024
E Pillar	55.3	54.8	54.4	53.9	58.2
S Pillar	52.1	51.6	51.2	50.3	51.3
G Pillar	58.8	58.7	58.3	58.3	58.5
Overall ESG	55.3	54.8	54.4	53.9	54.6

#### • For governments:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2024
59.5	58.1	60.3	59.9	59.5
92.6	92.3	92.5	92.6	92.5
37.6	37.4	37.9	38.0	38.7
75.9	75.1	76.3	76.2	75.9
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\*Out of 50.

#### …and compared to previous periods?

 For companies the sustainaibility indicators are not compared since the change in ESG data provider impacts the measurement contribution to the sustaibaility indicators which would differ and comparing ESG ratings may not be accurate.
 For governments:

Period:	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY 2024
E Pillar	64.2	61.3	62.0	60.2	61.7
S Pillar	93.6	93.2	93.2	93.1	93.2
G Pillar*	39.8	38.9	38.9	38.6	39.8
Overall ESG	79.1	77.4	77.6	76.8	77.6

\*Out of 50.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

N/a. The Sub-Fund does not qualify as sustainable investment.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

#### Principal adverse impacts

are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024



- How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?
- N/a. The Sub-Fund does not have a sustainable investment objective.
- How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account? N/a.
- Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: N/a.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

N/a. The Investment Manager does not consider PAIs of its investment decisions on sustainability factors for the time being. Nonetheless this matter is being monitored.

#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
US TREASURY 2.5% 15/02/2045	Government	4.2%	US
UNITED KINGDOM GILT Oct 41 1.25%	Government	3.7%	UK
BUNDES. DEUTSCHLAND Mar 25 2.5%	Government	3.02%	DE
BUNDES. DEUTSCHLAND Feb 33 2.3%	Government	2.6%	DE
NEW ZEALAND GOVT May 32 2%	Government	2.6%	NZ
CANADIAN GOVT Dec 53 1.75%	Government	2.3%	CA
US TREASURY Nov 25 4.875%	Government	2.1%	US
US TREASURY Feb 39 3.5%	Government	2.0%	US

Cash and derivatives are excluded.

#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

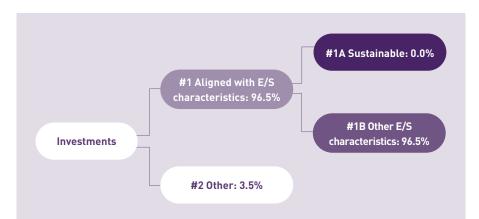
The percentage of sustainable investments was 0.0%.

#### Asset allocation describes

the share of investments in specific assets.

#### What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-Fund had an (weighted average) exposure in Investment Grade bonds (55.4%), High Yield bonds (13.5%),equities (27.2%) and other funds (0.4%) during FY 2024. The remaining 3.5% where held in Cash and derivatives.



Category **#1 Aligned** with the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund. These are securities which are compliant with exclusion and ESG assessment in the Ethical Policy.

Category **#2 Others** includes the remaining investments that are neither aligned with environmental or social characteristics nor considered to be sustainable investments<sup>\*</sup>.

Category **#1 Aligned** with E/S characteristics includes:

- Sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covering environmentally and socially sustainable investments,
- Sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covering investments aligned with E/S characteristics not considered sustainable investments.

\*The Ethical Policy defines the criteria for investment in a company or government. The Sub-Fund may invest in other funds. The figure in the above diagram takes into account investment in other funds which are compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	% Assets
Government	35.6%
Financial	16.3%
Technology	10.0%
Consumer, Cyclical	7.4%
Utilities	6.9%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	5.9%
Communications	5.0%
Basic Materials	3.6%
Cash	3.5%
Energy	3.3%
Industrial	2.0%
Funds	0.4%

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0.0% of portfolio. The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy (i.e. 0% minimum target).

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/ or nuclear energy related activities that complay with the EU Taxonomy<sup>4</sup>?

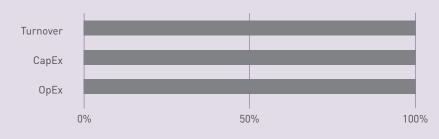
Yes: In fossil gas

🔘 In nuclear energy

🗴 No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



Taxonomy aligned investments

Other investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



- Taxonomy aligned investments
- Other investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments of the Sub-Fund in transitional activities and/ or enabling activities is 0.0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. taxonomy aligned investments) shall be 0.0%.

<sup>4</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy, i.e. 0.0% minimum target.



#### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments in socially sustainable investments, i.e. 0.0% minimum target.

What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash and other instruments (derivatives) held for the purpose of hedging management. No environmental or social safeguards are applicable.

### What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager is responsible for managing the Sub-Fund according to the investment policy and Ethical Policy. This policy defines the ethical criteria when selecting issuers (companies and governments) eligible for investment to meet the E/S characteristics of the Sub-Fund. Compliance is regularly checked by the Investment Manager to ensure that the Sub-Fund constantly meets the criteria outlined in the Ethical Policy. The Investment Manager has internal procedures to deploy the criteria in the Ethical Policy when identifying eligible issuers and to govern the process and controls applied. This includes measures on the data sourced used for this purpose. In view of the size of the fund, the influence that the Investment Manager can exert on the investment behaviour of investee companies is deemed negligible. For this reason, the Investment Manager does not currently exert any further influence on the investee companies beyond the pure allocation function of the amount invested.

### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index? The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted? The Cub Gund does not have a sufference benchmark.

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- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark? The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index? The Sub-Fund not have a broad market index.





#### Reference benchmarks are

indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

#### Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmental sustainable economic activities.** That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



**Product name:** APS Ethical Balanced Fund **Legal entity identifier:** 213800/UT08UP7AD5123

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics

Did this financial product have a	sustainable investment objective?
•• Yes	• × No
<ul> <li>It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%</li> <li>in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul>	It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy
<ul> <li>in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy</li> <li>with a social objective</li> </ul>
It made <b>sustainable investments with</b> <b>a social objective:</b> %	× It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did</b> <b>not make any sustainable investments</b>



### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Sub-Fund promotes E, S and G characteristics by investing in equity and fixed income markets (with a Euro bias) and selecting instruments issued by companies or governments within a universe that satisfy the selection criteria in the Ethical Policy. It applies an exclusion criteria and an ESG assessment on issuers. At the Investment Manager's discretion, the Sub-Fund can either invest in instruments issued by companies or sovereign issuers, or in other funds.

The Sub-Fund applies an Exclusion criteria by:

- limiting exposure to certain business activities, by excluding companies deriving significant revenues from total revenue (>10%) from coal mining, tobacco production and distribution, military equipment and firearms, life termination services or products and human embryonic stem cell research, gambling operations and products, alcohol production and distribution and pornography and adult entertainment services; and
- excluding (bond) issues by governments which do not pass the (negative) screening tests on its civil and political rights.

The Investment Manager then applies an ESG assessment.

For securities issued by companies: The Investment Manager uses a best-in-class approach to select within each industry the corporates that have the best overall ESG score compared within its peers within the industry. For each ESG pillar, several indicators are used (as detailed below). The weight of the each Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) pillar depends on the materiality of each pillar for the industry of the corporation analysed.

For government bonds: Issuing countries are classified according to the overall ESG score. The scoring is obtained by aggregating the score for each E, S and G pillar and (issues by) governments are included in the universe if they meet or exceed the minimum threshold.

The Investment Manager may also invest in other funds provided that any underlying fund falls under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is managed independently from a benchmark.

#### The Sub-Fund was launched on November 20, 2024.

Alignment with environmental and social characteristics stands at 95.2% (net assets) as of December 31, 2024.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Figures reported as based on the (weighted) percentage of assets. Exposure in Cash and Cash equivalents (e.g., financial derivatives) are excluded.

- 0% of securities not compliant with the exclusion cirteria.
- 0% of underlying funds not compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.
- For companies:

Period:	Q4
E Pillar	53.6
S Pillar	44.5
G Pillar	55.0
Overall ESG	49.1

#### • For governments:

Period:	Q4
E Pillar	58.7
S Pillar	92.4
G Pillar*	37.0
Overall ESG	75.2
*0	

\*Out of 50.

…and compared to previous periods?

N/a. This being the first period being reported.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

N/a. The Sub-Fund does not qualify as sustainable investment.

- How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?
  - N/a. The Sub-Fund does not have a sustainable investment objective.
  - How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account? N/a.
  - Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: N/a.

#### Sustainability indicators

measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

#### Principal adverse impacts

are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters. The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

N/a. The Investment Manager does not consider PAIs of its investment decisions on sustainability factors for the time being. Nonetheless this matter is being monitored.

#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
ISH EUR CORP PARIS-ALGN EURA	Funds	7.3%	IE
UBS ETF BBG US LIQ. C. SUST.	Funds	6.9%	LU
X MSCI ACWI ESG SCRND 2C EUR	Funds	2.9%	IE
US TREASURY N/B May 25 2.875%	Government	2.7%	US
MICROSOFT CORP	Technology	2.6%	US
UNITED KINGDOM GILT Oct 41 1.25%	Government	2.5%	UK
ISH EUR CORP PARIS-ALGN EURA	Funds	2.5%	IE
US TREASURY N/B Nov 29 3.875%	Government	2.4%	US
US TREASURY N/B Feb 42 3.125%	Government	2.3%	US
WT AT1 COCO ETF EUR HEDGED	Funds	2.2%	IE

Cash and derivatives are excluded.

#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The percentage of sustainable investments was 0.0%.



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

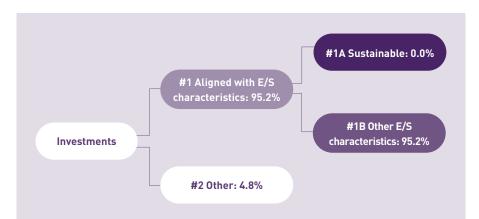


#### Asset allocation describes

the share of investments in specific assets.

#### • What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-Fund had an (weighted average) exposure in Investment Grade bonds (23.4%), High Yield bonds (0.0%), equities (48.3%) and other funds (23.4%) as at December 31, 2024. The remianing 4.8% where held in Cash and derivatives.



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Category **#2 Others** includes the remaining investments that are neither aligned with environmental or social characteristics nor considered to be sustainable investments<sup>\*</sup>.

Category **#1 Aligned** with E/S characteristics includes:

- Sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covering environmentally and socially sustainable investments,
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\*The Ethical Policy defines the criteria for investment in a company or government. The Sub-Fund may invest in other funds. The figure in the above diagram takes into account investment in other funds which are compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	% Assets
Funds	23.4%
Government	19.9%
Technology	15.4%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	11.3%
Consumer, Cyclical	6.9%
Financial	5.4%
Cash	4.8%
Communications	4.3%
Energy	2.9%
Utilities	2.5%
Industrial	2.3%
Basic Materials	0.8%

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0.0% of portfolio. The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy (i.e. 0% minimum target).

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/ or nuclear energy related activities that complay with the EU Taxonomy<sup>5</sup>?

○ Yes: ○ In fossil gas

🔘 In nuclear energy

🗴 No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

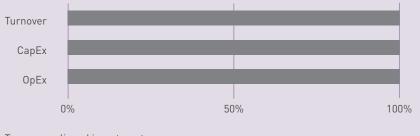
1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



Taxonomy aligned investments

Other investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



- Taxonomy aligned investments
- Other investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments of the Sub-Fund in transitional activities and/ or enabling activities is 0.0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?
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Investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. taxonomy aligned investments) shall be 0.0%.

<sup>5</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

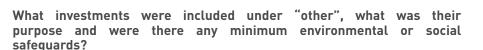
The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy, i.e. 0.0% minimum target.

What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



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i.e. 0.0% minimum target.



The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments in socially sustainable investments,

#2 Other includes cash and other instruments (derivatives) held for the purpose of hedging management. No environmental or social safeguards are applicable. The Sub-Fund may also invest in other funds and these instruments are subject to the requirement the underlying fund to be classified as Article 8 or 9 in the SFDR, as a minimum environmental or social safeguard.

### What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager is responsible for managing the Sub-Fund according to the investment policy and Ethical Policy. This policy defines the ethical criteria when selecting issuers (companies and governments) eligible for investment to meet the E/S characteristics of the Sub-Fund. Compliance is regularly checked by the Investment Manager to ensure that the Sub-Fund constantly meets the criteria outlined in the Ethical Policy. The Investment Manager has internal procedures to deploy the criteria in the Ethical Policy when identifying eligible issuers and to govern the process and controls applied. This includes measures on the data sourced used for this purpose. In view of the size of the fund, the influence that the Investment Manager can exert on the investment behaviour of investee companies is deemed negligible. For this reason, the Investment Manager does not currently exert any further influence on the investee companies beyond the pure allocation function of the amount invested.

### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index? The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.

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Reference benchmarks are

indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

# Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

**Product name:** APS Ethical Adventorous Fund **Legal entity identifier:** 213800FCY73ESB0HGN36

#### Environmental and/or social characteristics





### To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Sub-Fund promotes E, S and G characteristics by investing in equity and fixed income markets (with a Euro bias) and selecting instruments issued by companies or governments within a universe that satisfy the selection criteria in the Ethical Policy. It applies an exclusion criteria and an ESG assessment on issuers. At the Investment Manager's discretion, the Sub-Fund can either invest in instruments issued by companies or sovereign issuers, or in other funds.

The Sub-Fund applies an Exclusion criteria by:

- limiting exposure to certain business activities, by excluding companies deriving significant revenues from total revenue (>10%) from coal mining, tobacco production and distribution, military equipment and firearms, life termination services or products and human embryonic stem cell research, gambling operations and products, alcohol production and distribution and pornography and adult entertainment services; and
- excluding (bond) issues by governments which do not pass the (negative) screening tests on its civil and political rights.

The Investment Manager then applies an ESG assessment.

For securities issued by companies: The Investment Manager uses a best-in-class approach to select within each industry the corporates that have the best overall ESG score compared within its peers within the industry. For each ESG pillar, several indicators are used (as detailed below). The weight of the each Environmental (E), Social (S) and Governance (G) pillar depends on the materiality of each pillar for the industry of the corporation analysed.

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good governance practices.

For government bonds: Issuing countries are classified according to the overall ESG score. The scoring is obtained by aggregating the score for each E, S and G pillar and (issues by) governments are included in the universe if they meet or exceed the minimum threshold.

The Investment Manager may also invest in other funds provided that any underlying fund falls under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

The Sub-Fund is managed independently from a benchmark.

### Prior to October 21, 2024, the Sub-Fund was called APS Global Equity Fund and adopted a different strategy to the above.

Alignment with environmental and social characteristics stands at 94.2% (net assets) as of December 31, 2024.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

Figures reported as based on the (weighted) percentage of assets. Exposure in Cash and Cash equivalents (e.g., financial derivatives) are excluded.

- 0% of securities not compliant with the exclusion cirteria.
- 0% of underlying funds not compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.
- For companies:

Period:	Q4
E Pillar	54.3
S Pillar	44.8
G Pillar	55.2
Overall ESG	49.5

• The Sub-Fund did not hold any exposure to governments.

#### …and compared to previous periods?

N/a. This being the first period being reported.

What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

N/a. The Sub-Fund does not qualify as sustainable investment.

How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

N/a. The Sub-Fund does not have a sustainable investment objective.

- How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account? N/a.
- Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details: N/a.

#### Sustainability indicators

measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

#### Principal adverse impacts

are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters. The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do not significant harm" principle by which Taxonomyaligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific Union criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the Union criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

### How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

N/a. The Investment Manager does not consider PAIs of its investment decisions on sustainability factors for the time being. Nonetheless this matter is being monitored.

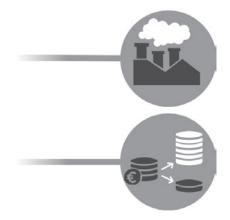
#### What were the top investments of this financial product?

Largest investments	Sector	% Assets	Country
MSCI ACWI ESG 2C EUR	Funds	4.7%	IE
MICROSOFT CORP	Technology	3.9%	US
ELI LILLY & CO	Consumer, Non-cyclical	2.4%	US
NVIDIA CORP	Technology	2.1%	US
MSCI JAPAN ESG 1C	Funds	2.0%	IE
VISA INC	Financial	1.8%	US
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR	Technology	1.7%	TW
MERCK & CO INC	Consumer, Non-cyclical	1.6%	US
APPLE INC	Technology	1.6%	US
SANOFI SA	Consumer, Non-cyclical	1.4%	US

Cash and derivatives are excluded.

#### What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?

The percentage of sustainable investments was 0.0%.



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is: January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

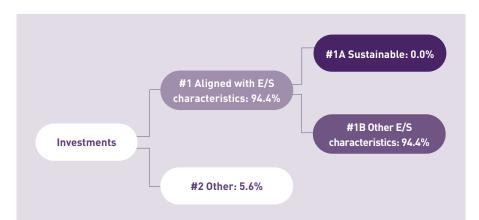


#### Asset allocation describes

the share of investments in specific assets.

#### • What was the asset allocation?

The Sub-Fund had an (weighted average) exposure in Investment Grade bonds (2.4%), High Yield bonds (2.6%), equities (81.4%) and other funds (8.0%)as at December 31, 2024. The remianing 5.6% where held in Cash and derivatives.



Category **#1 Aligned** with the E/S characteristics promoted by the fund. These are securities which are compliant with exclusion and ESG assessment in the Ethical Policy.

Category **#2 Others** includes the remaining investments that are neither aligned with environmental or social characteristics nor considered to be sustainable investments<sup>\*</sup>.

Category **#1 Aligned** with E/S characteristics includes:

- Sub-category **#1A Sustainable** covering environmentally and socially sustainable investments,
- Sub-category **#1B Other E/S characteristics** covering investments aligned with E/S characteristics not considered sustainable investments.

\*The Ethical Policy defines the criteria for investment in a company or government. The Sub-Fund may invest in other funds. The figure in the above diagram takes into account investment in other funds which are compliant with requirement to fall under Article 8 or 9 of the SFDR.

#### In which economic sectors were the investments made?

Sector	% Assets
Technology	20.6%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	20.0%
Financial	15.2%
Communications	9.3%
Funds	8.0%
Consumer, Cyclical	7.1%
Cash	5.6%
Industrial	4.4%
Utilities	4.3%
Energy	4.2%
Basic Materials	1.3%

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to fully renewable power or lowcarbon fuels by the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling activities** directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital expenditure (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



### To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0.0% of portfolio. The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy (i.e. 0% minimum target).

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/ or nuclear energy related activities that complay with the EU Taxonomy<sup>6</sup>?

○ Yes: ○ In fossil gas

🔘 In nuclear energy

🗴 No

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.

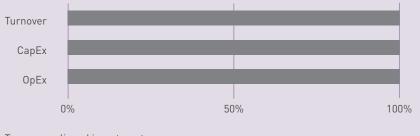
1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\*



Taxonomy aligned investments

Other investments

2. Taxonomy-alignment of investments excluding sovereign bonds\*



- Taxonomy aligned investments
- Other investments

\*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

- What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities? The minimum share of investments of the Sub-Fund in transitional activities and/ or enabling activities is 0.0%.
- How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?
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Investments in environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. taxonomy aligned investments) shall be 0.0%.

<sup>6</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left-hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



### What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments aligned with the EU Taxonomy, i.e. 0.0% minimum target.



### What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

The Sub-Fund has no minimum share of investments in socially sustainable investments, i.e. 0.0% minimum target.

What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

#2 Other includes cash and other instruments (derivatives) held for the purpose of hedging management. No environmental or social safeguards are applicable.

### What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager is responsible for managing the Sub-Fund according to the investment policy and Ethical Policy. This policy defines the ethical criteria when selecting issuers (companies and governments) eligible for investment to meet the E/S characteristics of the Sub-Fund. Compliance is regularly checked by the Investment Manager to ensure that the Sub-Fund constantly meets the criteria outlined in the Ethical Policy. The Investment Manager has internal procedures to deploy the criteria in the Ethical Policy when identifying eligible issuers and to govern the process and controls applied. This includes measures on the data sourced used for this purpose. In view of the size of the fund, the influence that the Investment Manager can exert on the investment behaviour of investee companies is deemed negligible. For this reason, the Investment Manager does not currently exert any further influence on the investee companies beyond the pure allocation function of the amount invested.

### How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

- How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index? The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.
- How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted? The Cub Gund does not have a sufference benchmark.

The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.

- How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark? The Sub-Fund does not have a reference benchmark.
- How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index? The Sub-Fund not have a broad market index.





#### Reference benchmarks are

indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

# Notes

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