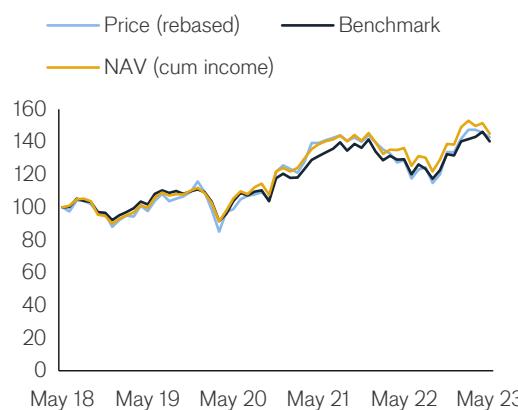
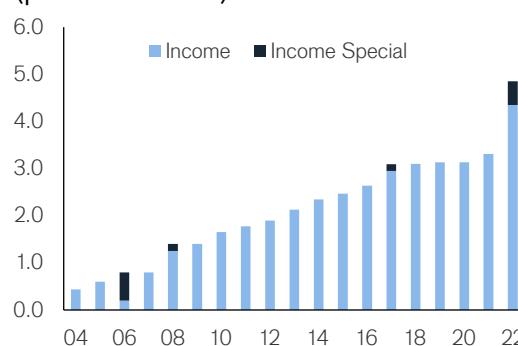


## Share price performance (total return)



## Dividend history (pence/share)



Please note that this chart could include dividends that have been declared but not yet paid.

## Performance over (%)

	6m	1y	3y	5y	10y
Share price (Total return)	6.6	10.9	44.5	42.8	146.6
NAV (Total return)	4.6	6.4	37.7	45.0	152.3
Benchmark (Total return)	6.0	8.5	35.4	40.5	120.1
Relative NAV (Total return)	-1.5	-2.2	2.3	4.6	32.2

## Discrete year performance (%) Share price (total return) NAV (total return)

31/3/2022 to 31/3/2023	11.0	10.8
31/3/2021 to 31/3/2022	3.8	4.0
31/3/2020 to 31/3/2021	50.3	42.3
31/3/2019 to 31/3/2020	-9.8	-5.6
31/3/2018 to 31/3/2019	-9.0	0.3

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## Commentary at a glance

## Performance

The Company underperformed the FTSE World Europe (Ex UK) Index during the month.

## Contributors/detractors

Significant positive contributions came from semiconductor firms. Energy, stock exchanges and various materials subsectors were negative. AB InBev also faced challenges given a backlash on one of its brands. However, we like AB InBev's diversified and historically profitable global portfolio. We reduced the Company's exposure to mining and banking sectors and reallocated capital into our higher-conviction sectors and holdings.

## Outlook

Contrasting market dynamics saw the European energy sector decline 7%. Meanwhile, the European technology sector rose 7%. With US 'big tech' regaining popularity, Europe has benefited, particularly capital goods and semiconductor businesses. These dynamics reflect a resurgence in interest for artificial intelligence (AI).

## See full commentary on page 3.

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## Company overview

## Objective

The Company seeks to maximise total return (a combination of income and capital growth) from a portfolio of stocks listed in Europe.

## Highlights

A focused investment trust of between 35 and 45 companies in Europe with an emphasis on maximising total return.

## Company information

NAV (cum income)	171.8p
NAV (ex income)	168.5p
Share price	154.0p
Discount(-)/premium(+)	-10.4%
Yield	3.2%
Net gearing	7%
Net cash	-
Total assets	£396m
Net assets	£365m
Market capitalisation	£328m
Total voting rights	212,768,122
Total number of holdings	39
Ongoing charges (year end 30 Sep 2022)	0.77%
Benchmark	FTSE World Europe (Ex UK) Index
Overall Morningstar Rating™	★★★★★
As of 31/05/2023	
Morningstar Medalist Rating™	
Effective 21/02/2023	

Analyst-Driven %: 100.00

Data Coverage %: 100.00

Source: BNP Paribas for holdings information and Morningstar for all other data. Differences in calculation may occur due to the methodology used.

Please note that the total voting rights in the Company do not include shares held in Treasury.

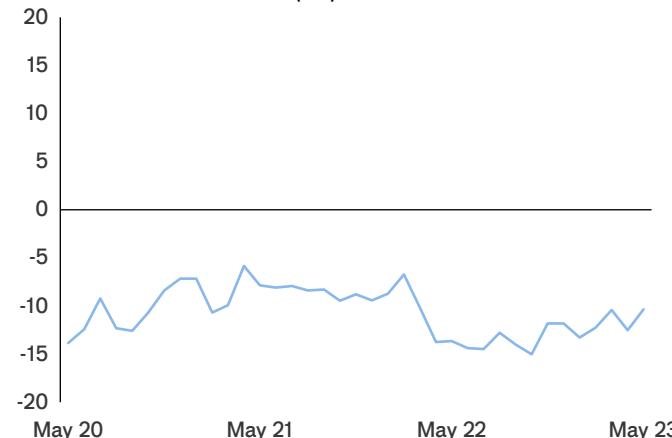


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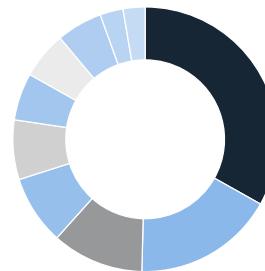
Top 10 holdings	(%)
Novo Nordisk	5.5
UPM-Kymmene	5.2
Shell	4.8
TotalEnergies	3.8
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	3.8
ASR Nederland	3.7
BE Semiconductor Industries	3.6
Compagnie de Saint-Gobain	3.6
ASML	3.5
Airbus	3.3

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### Premium/(discount) of share price to NAV at fair value (%)

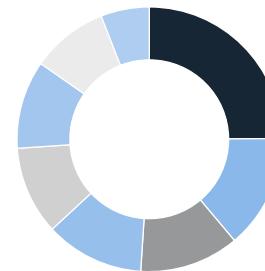


### Geographical focus (%)



The above geographical breakdown may not add up to 100% as this only shows the top 10.

### Sector breakdown (%)



The above sector breakdown may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

### Key information

Stock code	HEFT
AIC sector	AIC Europe
Benchmark	FTSE World Europe (Ex UK) Index
Company type	Conventional (Ords)
Launch date	1947
Financial year	30-Sep
Dividend payment	June, February
Risk rating (Source: Numis)	Slightly above average
Management fee	0.65% for net assets up to £300m. 0.55% for net assets above £300m.
Performance fee	No (See Annual Report & Key Information Document for more information)
Regional focus	Europe
Fund manager appointment	Tom O'Hara 2020 John Bennett 2010



Tom O'Hara  
Fund Manager



John Bennett  
Fund Manager

### 10 year total return of £1,000



All performance, cumulative growth and annual growth data is sourced from Morningstar. Share price total return is calculated using mid-market share price with dividends reinvested.

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## Fund Manager commentary

### Investment environment

The MSCI Europe Index fell 2.5% in May. The market started to price in a recession in response to signs that the US consumer may finally be satiated, as household savings put aside during the Covid pandemic are being exhausted and as the sense of economic uncertainty creeps into spending decisions.

Moreover, the Chinese economic reopening may not be as robust as hoped, prompting calls for the Chinese authorities to implement further stimulus measures. Support for the Chinese property market is likely the most potent prescription for economic stagnation, but this conflicts with President Xi's philosophy that "housing should be for living in, not speculation". Investors are left struggling to form a cohesive view of what comes next in China.

Meanwhile, we saw another wave of excitement around artificial intelligence (AI), as Nvidia provided very strong second quarter revenue estimates thanks to demand for its leading AI-compatible chips.

### Portfolio review

The biggest positive contributors to Company performance included semiconductor firms Besi and ASM.

The biggest detractors included holdings in the energy sector, the holding in Euronext, and holdings in the materials sector – specifically chemicals and pulp and paper firms.

Another noteworthy detractor from performance was AB InBev, given the surprising backlash its US beer brand, Bud Light, has received from the conservative-leaning portion of its customer base in response to a single sponsored post from a social media influencer. This episode could reshape consumer marketing strategies across corporate America. For AB InBev specifically, the share price fall appears to more than price in a permanent impairment to the brand, which may or may not turn out to be the case. But, with AB InBev being a highly diversified, highly profitable global beer behemoth – for which Bud Light accounts for only 7-8% of group sales – we think this should prove to be a blip.

In terms of activity, we trimmed the mining and banks holdings as we reduced the Company's sensitivity to the economic cycle, and switched the capital into some of our existing, higher-conviction holdings.

### Manager outlook

The market dynamics pointed out above might be neatly summed up by the contrasting fortunes of the European energy and technology sectors in May. The average stock in the energy sector was down 7%, with the technology sector rising 7%. US 'big tech' is back in vogue and we are seeing very narrow market leadership. However, some of the investor appetite for AI has trickled down to Europe. Here, beneficiaries included capital goods businesses that form the supply chain, such as semiconductor manufacturing equipment firms (ASML, ASM and Besi), along with Siemens and Schneider – both of which have large

datacentre hardware/software businesses. Atlas Copco, which supplies vacuum pump technology and had reported weak first quarter orders, has also done well as investors considered that its share price had reached a trough.

## Glossary

### **Discount/Premium**

The amount by which the price per share of an investment company is either lower (at a discount) or higher (at a premium) than the net asset value per share (cum income), expressed as a percentage of the net asset value per share.

### **Gearing**

The effect of borrowing money for investment purposes (financial gearing). The amount a company can "gear" is the amount it can borrow in order to invest. Gearing is used in the expectation that the returns on the investments bought will exceed the costs of the borrowings that funded the purchase. This Company can also use synthetic gearing through derivatives and foreign exchange hedging and/or other non-fully funded instruments or techniques.

### **Leverage**

The Company's leverage is the sum of financial gearing and synthetic gearing. Details of the Company's leverage limits can be found in both the Key Information Document and Annual Report. Where a company utilises leverage, the profits and losses incurred by the company can be greater than those of a company that does not use leverage.

### **Market capitalisation**

Share price multiplied by the number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares, at month end. Shares typically priced mid-market at month-end closing.

### **Net Asset Value (NAV)**

The total value of a Company's assets less its liabilities.

### **NAV (Cum Income)**

The value of investments and cash, including current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

### **NAV (Ex Income)**

The value of investments and cash, excluding current year revenue, less liabilities (prior charges such as loans, debenture stock and preference shares at fair value).

### **NAV total return**

The theoretical total return on shareholders' funds per share reflecting the change in Net Asset Value (NAV) assuming that dividends paid to shareholders were reinvested at NAV at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. A way of measuring investment management performance of investment trusts which is not affected by movements in discounts/premiums.

### **Net assets**

Total assets minus any liabilities such as bank loans or creditors.

### **Net cash**

A company's net exposure to cash/cash equivalents expressed as a percentage of shareholders' funds, after any offset against its gearing. This is only shown for companies that have gearing in place.

### **Net gearing**

A company's total assets (less cash/cash equivalents) divided by shareholders' funds expressed as a percentage.

### **Ongoing charges**

The total expenses for the financial year (excluding performance fee), divided by the average daily net assets, multiplied by 100.

### **Risk rating**

The key measure used to assess risk is volatility of returns, using historic net asset value (NAV) performance of the company over 1 and 3 years. In this instance volatility measures how much a company's NAV fluctuates over time in relation to the UK Equity market. The higher a volatility figure, the more the NAV has fluctuated (both up and down) over time. Please note that risk categorisations are indicative and based principally on historic data and should not be solely relied upon when making investment decisions.

### **Share price**

Closing mid-market share price at month end.

### **Share price total return**

The theoretical total return to the investor assuming that all dividends received were reinvested in the shares of the company at the time the shares were quoted ex-dividend. Transaction costs are not taken into account.

### **Total assets**

Cum Income NAV multiplied by the number of shares, plus prior charges at fair value.

### **Yield**

Calculated by dividing the current financial year's dividends per share (this will include prospective dividends) by the current price per share, then multiplying by 100 to arrive at a percentage figure.

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## Company specific risks

- This Company is suitable to be used as one component of several within a diversified investment portfolio. Investors should consider carefully the proportion of their portfolio invested in this Company.
- Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or negative for performance at other times.
- The Company could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Company.
- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.
- The return on your investment is directly related to the prevailing market price of the Company's shares, which will trade at a varying discount (or premium) relative to the value of the underlying assets of the Company. As a result, losses (or gains) may be higher or lower than those of the Company's assets.
- If a Company's portfolio is concentrated towards a particular country or geographical region, the investment carries greater risk than a portfolio that is diversified across more countries.
- The Company may have a particularly concentrated portfolio (low number of holdings) relative to its investment universe - an adverse event impacting only a small number of holdings can create significant volatility or losses for the Company.
- Where the Company invests in assets that are denominated in currencies other than the base currency, the currency exchange rate movements may cause the value of investments to fall as well as rise.
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