Interim Report & Financial Statements
For the six months ended 31 May 2025 (unaudited)

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<sup>\*</sup>These items, the Statement of crossholding and each sub-fund's Investment Report and Portfolio Statement collectively comprise the Authorised Corporate Director's ("ACD") Report.

#### **Company Information**

#### **Authorised Corporate Director (ACD)**

Scottish Friendly Asset Managers Limited

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The ACD is a member of the Investment Management Association and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

## **Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) Directors**

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S Beckett

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#### **Independent Auditors**

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#### **Report of the Authorised Corporate Director**

#### The Company

The Scottish Friendly Investment Funds ICVC is an open-ended investment company with variable capital ("OEIC") under regulation 12 of the OEIC Regulations 2001 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"). The Company is incorporated in Scotland under registered number S1-11. Individual shareholders will not be held liable for the debts of the Company.

The Company is structured as an "umbrella" company for the purposes of the Financial Conduct Authority Regulations. The purpose of this structure is to give investors access to a series of funds with differing objectives, within the flexibility of one single corporate structure. Different funds may be established from time to time by the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") with the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority and the agreement of the Depositary. The Company currently has two 'securities' funds, the Scottish Friendly Managed Growth Fund and the Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund.

#### **Authorised Status**

From 1999 the Company has been authorised as an Open-Ended Investment Company under Regulation 7 of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 1996 (superseded by Regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001). The Company is authorised to operate as a "UCITS Scheme" for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and as an "umbrella" company for the purposes of the OEIC Regulations.

#### The Financial Statements

We are pleased to present the Interim Financial Statements of the Company for the period ended 31 May 2025. As required by the Regulations, information for each of the sub-funds has also been included in these financial statements. On the following pages we review the performance of each of those sub-funds during the period.

The ACD is of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the Scottish Friendly Managed Growth Fund as the assets of the Funds consist predominately of securities that are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Funds have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of the financial statements. A process is underway to merge the UK Growth Fund into the Managed Growth Fund and, subject to unit holder approval, this will complete in the second half of 2025. Accordingly, the going concern basis of preparation is no longer appropriate for the Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund, and its financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

#### **Annual General Meetings**

The Company will not be holding Annual General Meetings.

#### Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of Scottish Friendly Investment Funds is responsible for preparing the Interim Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes' Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare financial statements for each interim accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Management Association ("IMA SORP") in May 2014 (and amended in 2017); and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and each of its sub-funds as at the end of that period and the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the Company and each of its sub-funds for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IMA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable IMA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Interim Report and the financial statements were approved by the board of directors of the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on 30 July 2025.

#### **Authorised Corporate Director's Statement**

We hereby approve the Interim Report and Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly Investment Funds for the half year ended 31 May 2025 on behalf of Scottish Friendly Asset Managers Limited in accordance with the requirements of the FCA's COLL.

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Director	Director

Scottish Friendly Asset Managers Limited 30 July 2025

#### Report & Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly Managed Growth Fund

#### **Investment Report**

#### **Fund Objective**

The aim of the Fund is to achieve medium to long term capital growth.

#### **Investment Policy**

The investment policy is to invest in equities and fixed interest securities both in the UK and in other international stock markets. Fixed interest securities will comprise UK gilts or fixed interest securities denominated in sterling or foreign currencies issued by sovereign governments, supranational bodies, or local authorities. The Fund may also invest in corporate bonds denominated in sterling and other foreign currencies. The use of derivatives, stock lending or borrowing as permitted by the regulations for efficient portfolio management purposes may also take place when deemed appropriate for the achievement of the objectives of the Fund.

#### Market Backdrop

Equity market performance varied significantly across regions during the review period. The concept of US "exceptionalism" reached its peak following President Trump's re-election, with initial investor expectations leaning towards a pragmatic policy approach. However, the administration's early actions—marked by a series of abrupt and disruptive announcements—generated considerable uncertainty across global markets and strained diplomatic relations.

The unpredictability of US policy has introduced both upside and downside risks. A shift towards protectionism and policy dysfunction has dampened investor confidence, heightened inflationary concerns, and constrained the Federal Reserve's ability to ease monetary policy. The administration's "Liberation Day" trade strategy announcement in April introduced a more aggressive tariff regime than anticipated, triggering a broad decline in global equities, with US assets experiencing the sharpest losses.

Typically, heightened risk aversion supports the US dollar; however, in this instance, the dollar depreciated notably against both the Euro and Sterling. While the dollar remains the global reserve currency, its decline reflects a fundamental shift in investor sentiment toward US assets. The era of unquestioned US dominance appears to be waning, though the nature of the emerging regime remains unclear.

Paradoxically, economic fundamentals have held up well. Growth in both the UK and US has modestly exceeded expectations, while inflation has been slightly lower. Fiscal stimulus measures—such as Germany's relaxation of its debt brake and targeted support in China—have contributed to a more constructive global outlook. Nonetheless, the risk of a more pronounced economic slowdown remains, contingent on future policy decisions. Encouragingly, both the US and China have shown a willingness to engage in dialogue, although tangible progress outside the UK-US trade relationship has been limited.

In the UK, GDP growth accelerated to 1.4% in Q1 2025, outperforming consensus expectations. While this data series is inherently volatile and may soften amid ongoing trade uncertainty, consumer strength—underpinned by healthy household balance sheets—remains a key support. Lower energy prices and a stronger Sterling have eased inflationary pressures, prompting markets to price in potential interest rate cuts. Should these materialise, they could further support the housing market, which is already showing signs of recovery. The Fund maintains a meaningful allocation to UK assets.

In response to evolving economic conditions, the European Central Bank (ECB) revised its forward guidance and adopted a more accommodative stance. The deposit rate was reduced to 2.25%, marking a cumulative 175 basis point cut from its peak. Euro Area services inflation reached a three-year low in March, reinforcing policymakers' confidence in the disinflationary trajectory and their medium-term inflation target of 2%. Economic performance across the region remains uneven, with Southern Europe outperforming and Germany lagging.

While the outlook remains uncertain, the potential for a synchronised global recovery in 2026—similar to the post-COVID rebound—is being underestimated. A resolution to trade tensions, coupled with a more growth-oriented US policy mix, fiscal stimulus, and central bank rate cuts, could reinvigorate investor sentiment. Although this is not our base case, we remain open to the possibility, recognising that such an outcome is not currently reflected in the valuations of cyclical equities.

#### **Portfolio Review**

During the six-month period to 31 May 2025, the Managed Growth Fund delivered a return of 1.0%, outperforming the IMA Mixed Investment 40–85% Shares sector average of –0.2%. Over the three-year period, the Fund returned 20.9%, compared to 14.5% for the sector.

Positive contributors included Babcock, NatWest, Standard Chartered, AXA, and Lloyds, reflecting strong operational performance, favourable valuations, and sector-specific tailwinds. Conversely, US-listed holdings such as Fiserv, Smurfit WestRock, and CRH detracted from performance due to macroeconomic headwinds and investor risk aversion toward US-exposed equities.

Portfolio adjustments focused on reducing exposure to US equities early in the period, increasing allocations to fixed income, and decreasing cash holdings. The Fund exited positions in Visa, Alphabet, and Allianz, significantly reduced its holding in CRH, and initiated new positions in Munich Re and Persimmon.

#### Report & Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly Managed Growth Fund

#### **Investment Outlook**

The current US administration's policy stance has elevated the risk premium associated with US assets and contributed to broader market uncertainty. While the range of potential outcomes remains wide, we believe markets are underestimating the possibility of a synchronised global recovery in 2026.

Our base case anticipates a period of moderate growth and continued volatility, with lingering concerns over the attractiveness of US assets. Nonetheless, we remain constructive on the opportunities available to the Fund and are positioned to benefit from a more favourable macroeconomic and policy environment should it emerge.

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)

The SRRI is a numerical indicator of the risk and return profile of the Fund. This indicator is disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for each share class which can be found on the website www.scottishfriendly.co.uk. The values range from 1 through to 7 in a non-linear manner, where 1 denotes the lowest risk and therefore typically the lower rewards, while a 7 denotes the highest risk and therefore typically higher rewards. The SRRI is based on return volatility over the last five years. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may vary over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'. The current SRRI for Scottish Friendly Managed Growth Fund is 5.

#### **Fund Information**

#### **Net Asset Value**

Net Asset Value		Net asset value	Number of	Net asset value
Share Class	As at	(£)	shares in issue	per shares (p)
A Accumulation				
	30 November 2022	164,419,682	47,766,511	344.2
	30 November 2023	151,972,119	43,007,676	353.4
	30 November 2024	153,064,230	36,830,710	415.6
	31 May 2025	144,779,856	34,460,503	420.1

#### Performance Record

		Highest price	Lowest price
Share Class	Financial year	(p)	(p)
A Accumulation			
	2022	355.8	318.9
	2023	363.9	335.8
	2024	418.6	352.6
	2025 <sup>*</sup>	438.9	382.2

<sup>\* 1</sup> December 2024 to 31 May 2025

#### Revenue Record

The revenue record table below shows the net accumulation rates per financial year on xd date basis

		31.05	30.11	
		Interim	Final	Total
Share Class	Financial year	(p)	(p)	(p)
A Accumulation				
	2022	1.6584	2.5356	4.1940
	2023	3.8897	1.9134	5.8031
	2024	2.9936	0.6714	3.6650
	2025	3.2949	n/a	3.2949

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) As at 31 May 2025			Market Value	% of Net
Investment	Currency	Holding	£000's	Assets
Equities 77.41% (77.70%)  Communication Services 0.00% (4.70%)  Interactive Media & Services 0.00% (4.70%)				
Consumer Discretionary 8.20% (6.51%) Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 5.73% (5.67%)				
Entain plc Flutter Entertainment plc	GBP GBP	331,000 31,476	2,498 5,806	1.72 4.01
Household Durables 2.00% (0.00%) Persimmon plc	GBP	<u> </u>	<b>8,304</b> 2,891	2.00
Textiles, Apparel & Luxury Goods 0.47% (0.84%)	ODI		2,891	2.00
Puma SE	EUR	35,000	677 <b>677</b>	0.47 <b>0.47</b>
Consumer Discretionary total		_	11,872	8.20
Consumer Staples 4.52% (3.89%) Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail 4.52% (3.89%) Marks & Spencer Group plc	GBP	1,750,000	6,538	4.52
Consumer Staples total		_	6,538 6,538	4.52
Energy 2.87% (2.89%) Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 2.87% (2.89%)				
BP plc	GBP	1,150,000	4,149 4,149	2.87 2.87
Energy total Financials 25.75% (22.98%)			4,149	2.87
Banks 12.50% (8.18%) Lloyds Banking Group plc	GBP	5,000,000	3,881	2.68
NatWest Group plc Standard Chartered plc	GBP GBP	1,400,000 590,000	7,350 6,870	5.08 4.74
Financial Services 3.60% (9.23%)		_	18,101	12.50
Fiserv, Inc.	USD	44,000	5,213 <b>5,213</b>	3.60 3.60
Insurance 9.65% (5.57%) AXA SA Mustahanar Busakuarsiaharunga Casallashaft AC	EUR	149,000	5,227	3.61
Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft AG Prudential plc	EUR GBP	8,500 550,000	4,082 4,655 <b>13,964</b>	2.82 3.22 <b>9.65</b>
Financials total		_	37,278	25.75
Health Care 6.55% (4.46%) Health Care Equipment & Supplies 2.04% (1.47%)				
Smith & Nephew plc	GBP	275,000	2,958 <b>2,958</b>	2.04 2.04
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Pharmaceuticals 4.51% (2.99%) AstraZeneca plc	GBP	35,000	3,678	2.54
GSK plc	GBP	192,000	2,852	1.97
COR PIC	ODI	102,000	6,530	4.51
Health Care total		_	9,488	6.55
Ticular Gure total				0.00
Industrials 16.18% (12.93%)				
Aerospace & Defense 3.86% (2.01%)				
Babcock International Group plc	GBP	600,000	5,592	3.86
		_	5,592	3.86
Building Products 4.65% (2.81%)				
Cie de Saint-Gobain SA	EUR	80,000	6,737	4.65
			6,737	4.65
Commercial Services & Supplies 1.58% (1.67%)	ODD	050.000	0.004	4.50
Rentokil Initial plc	GBP	650,000	2,291	1.58
Machinery 2 499/ (2 429/)			2,291	1.58
Machinery 2.48% (2.13%) IMI plc	GBP	180,000	3,584	2.48
IIVII PIC	GDF	100,000	3,584	2.48
Professional Services 1.66% (2.00%)			<u> </u>	2.40
Intertek Group plc	GBP	50,000	2,400	1.66
			2,400	1.66
Trading Companies & Distributors 1.95% (2.31%)		_	<del></del>	
RS Group plc	GBP	494,000	2,826	1.95
			2,826	1.95
Industrials total			23,430	16.18
Investment Funds 2.67% (2.68%)				
Investment Companies 2.67% (2.68%)		470.000		
International Oil and Gas Technology Ltd.^	USD GBP	170,000 360,000	- 3,870	2.67
Oryx International Growth Fund Ltd.	GBP	360,000	3,870	2.67
Investment Funds total		_	3,870	2.67
investinent runus totai		_	3,070	2.01
Materials 9.00% (15.06%)				
Construction Materials 3.73% (7.88%)				
CRH plc	GBP	80,000	5,402	3.73
		_	5,402	3.73
Containers & Packaging 3.33% (4.72%)				
Smurfit WestRock plc	GBP	149,000	4,826	3.33
			4,826	3.33
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Metals & Mining 1.94% (2.46%)				
Glencore plc	GBP	1,000,000	2,810	1.94
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	GBP	1,000,000		
Glencore plc  Materials total	GBP	1,000,000  	2,810	1.94
Glencore plc  Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)	GBP	1,000,000	2,810	1.94
Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)  Diversified REITs 1.67% (1.60%)		_	2,810 13,038	1.94 9.00
Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)	GBP GBP	1,000,000	2,810 13,038	1.94 9.00
Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)  Diversified REITs 1.67% (1.60%)  British Land Co. plc (The)		_	2,810 13,038 2,417 2,417	1.94 9.00 1.67 1.67
Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)  Diversified REITs 1.67% (1.60%)		_	2,810 13,038	1.94 9.00
Materials total  Real Estate 1.67% (1.60%)  Diversified REITs 1.67% (1.60%)  British Land Co. plc (The)		_	2,810 13,038 2,417 2,417	1.94 9.00 1.67 1.67

Government Bonds 19.64% (7.08%)				
UK Treasury 3.75% 07/03/2027	GBP	1,000,000	995	0.69
UK Treasury 4.50% 07/03/2035	GBP	17,500,000	17,265	11.93
US Treasury 3.50% 15/02/2033	USD	10,500,000	7,402	5.11
US Treasury 3.88% 15/08/2033	USD	3,850,000	2,772	1.91
Government Bonds total		_	28,434	19.64
Investment assets			140,514	97.05
Net other assets			4,266	2.95
Net assets			144,780	100.00

All holdings are ordinary shares or stock units and admitted to official stock exchange listings unless otherwise stated. The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 30 November 2024.

<sup>^</sup> Unlisted, suspended or delisted security.

#### Statement of Total Return (unaudited) For the six months ended 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025		31.05.2024	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income				
Net capital gains		473		13,658
Revenue	2,128		2,596	
Expenses	(1,077)		(1,136)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,051		1,460	
Taxation	106		(225)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,157		1,235
Total return before distributions		1,630		14,893
Distributions		(1,157)		(1,235)
Change in net assets attributable				
to shareholders from investment activities		473		13,658

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to shareholders (unaudited) For the six months ended 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025		31.	05.2024
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		153,064^		151,972
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	_		40	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(9,892)		(8,684)	
		(9,892)		(8,644)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		473		13,658
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,135		1,219
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		144,780		158,205^

<sup>^</sup> The Statement of Recommended Practice (2014) requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As the comparative should be for the comparable interim period, the closing net assets of that period will not agree to the opening net assets of the current period. The published net assets as at 30 November 2024 was £153,064,230.

## **Balance Sheet (unaudited)**

As at 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025 £000's	30.11.2024 £000's
Assets	2000 5	2000 5
Fixed assets		
Investments	140,514	129,760
Current assets		
Debtors	1,184	804
Cash and bank balances	3,877	23,014
Total assets	145,575	153,578
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(795)	(514)
Total liabilities	(795)	(514)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	144,780	153,064

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### **Accounting Basis and Policies**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Prospectus and the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association (SORP 2014), and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as defined within Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102') the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

#### Report & Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund

#### **Investment Report**

#### **Fund Objective**

The aim of the Fund is to achieve medium to long term capital growth.

#### **Investment Policy**

The investment policy will be to invest in a diversified portfolio of UK listed equities.

#### **Market Backdrop**

Equity markets remained volatile during the review period, driven largely by geopolitical developments and shifting investor expectations. Initial optimism that President Trump's administration would adopt a pragmatic policy approach quickly faded, as a series of early announcements unsettled global markets and strained international relations.

The unpredictability of US policy has introduced a wide range of potential outcomes. A shift toward protectionism and policy dysfunction has undermined investor confidence, heightened inflationary pressures, and constrained the Federal Reserve's ability to ease monetary policy. The administration's "Liberation Day" trade strategy, announced in April, introduced a more aggressive tariff regime than anticipated, triggering a broad-based sell-off in global equities—particularly in US markets.

In contrast to market sentiment, underlying economic data has remained resilient. Both the UK and US economies posted slightly stronger-than-expected growth, while inflation moderated. Fiscal stimulus measures, including Germany's relaxation of its debt brake and targeted support in China, have contributed to a more constructive global outlook.

The US dollar, typically a safe-haven asset during periods of market stress, depreciated significantly against the Euro and Sterling. While it remains the global reserve currency, this shift reflects a broader reassessment of US asset attractiveness.

In the UK, GDP growth accelerated to 1.4% in Q1 2025, exceeding consensus expectations. Although this data series is inherently volatile and may soften amid ongoing trade uncertainty, consumer strength—supported by robust household balance sheets—remains a key driver. Lower energy prices and a stronger Sterling have eased inflationary pressures, prompting markets to anticipate potential interest rate cuts. Should these materialise, they could further support the housing market, which is already showing signs of recovery. The Fund continues to maintain a significant allocation to UK assets.

While the outlook remains uncertain, the potential for a synchronised global recovery in 2026—reminiscent of the post-COVID rebound—is being underappreciated. A resolution to trade tensions, combined with a more growth-oriented US policy mix, fiscal stimulus, and central bank rate cuts, could reignite investor confidence. Although this is not our base case, we remain open to the possibility, recognising that such an outcome is not currently reflected in the valuations of cyclical equities.

#### Portfolio Review

During the six-month period to 31 May 2025, the UK Growth Fund delivered a return of 4.8%, marginally outperforming the IMA UK All Companies sector average of 4.7%. Over the three-year period, the Fund returned 19.9%, compared to 18.7% for the sector.

Positive contributors included Babcock, NatWest, Standard Chartered, Prudential, and Lloyds, supported by strong operational performance, attractive valuations, and improving sentiment—particularly toward UK and Asian financials.

Detractors included CRH, Smurfit WestRock, and Flutter, which were negatively impacted by concerns over US economic exposure and consumer demand.

Trading activity was limited during the period. A new position was initiated in Persimmon, while the holding in CRH was reduced.

#### **Investment Outlook**

The current US administration's policy stance has increased the risk premium associated with US assets and contributed to broader market uncertainty. While the range of potential outcomes remains wide, we believe markets are underestimating the potential for a synchronised global recovery in 2026.

Our base case anticipates a period of moderate growth and continued volatility, with lingering concerns over the attractiveness of US assets. Nonetheless, we remain constructive on the opportunities available to the Fund and are well-positioned to benefit from a more favourable macroeconomic and policy environment should it emerge.

## Report & Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund

#### Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI)

The SRRI is a numerical indicator of the risk and return profile of the Fund. This indicator is disclosed in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for each share class which can be found on the website www.scottishfriendly.co.uk. The values range from 1 through to 7 in a non-linear manner, where 1 denotes the lowest risk and therefore typically the lower rewards, while a 7 denotes the highest risk and therefore typically higher rewards. The SRRI is based on return volatility over the last five years. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may vary over time. The lowest category does not mean 'risk free'. The current SRRI for Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund is 5.

## Report & Financial Statements of Scottish Friendly UK Growth Fund

#### **Fund Information**

#### **Net Asset Value**

Share Class	As at	Net asset value (£)	Number of shares in issue	Net asset value per shares (p)
A Accumulation				
	30 November 2022	23,063,516	5,647,980	408.4
	30 November 2023	22,585,178	5,688,647	397.0
	30 November 2024	24,981,755	5,339,782	467.8
	31 May 2025	26,351,228	5,374,772	490.3

#### **Performance Record**

		Highest price	Lowest price
Share Class	Financial year	(p)	(p)
A Accumulation			
	2022	430.8	365.6
	2023	435.9	384.7
	2024	468.1	398.2
	2025 <sup>*</sup>	495.7	415.4

<sup>\* 1</sup> December 2024 to 31 May 2025

#### Revenue Record

The revenue record table below shows the net accumulation rates per financial year on xd date basis

Share Class	Financial year	31.05 Interim (p)	30.11 Final (p)	Total (p)
A Accumulation				
	2022	2.8720	3.8951	6.7671
	2023	5.0639	3.0814	8.1453
	2024	4.6401	1.9908	6.6309
	2025	4.7651	n/a	4.7651

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) As at 31 May 2025			Market	
Investment	Currency	Holding	Value £000's	% of Net Assets
Equities 96.37% (98.99%) Consumer Discretionary 9.25% (7.51%)				
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure 6.19% (7.51%)				
Entain plc	GBP	47,929	362	1.37
Flutter Entertainment plc	GBP	6,883	1,269	4.82
Household Durables 2 069/ (0 009/)			1,631	6.19
Household Durables 3.06% (0.00%) Persimmon plc	GBP	60,000	807	3.06
1 ordination pie	05.		807	3.06
Consumer Discretionary total		_	2,438	9.25
		_		
Consumer Staples 8.78% (9.85%)				
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail 8.78% (9.85%)	GBP	300,000	1 101	4.25
Marks & Spencer Group plc Tesco plc	GBP	307,000	1,121 1,193	4.23
10000 pilo	OBI		2,314	8.78
Consumer Staples total		_	2,314	8.78
·		_	<u> </u>	
Energy 4.04% (5.47%)				
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels 4.04% (5.47%)	000	450.000	570	0.40
BP plc Shell plc	GBP GBP	158,000 20,000	570 494	2.16 1.88
Shell pic	GBP	20,000	1,064	4.04
Energy total		_	1,064	4.04
		_		
Financials 24.49% (18.65%)				
Banks 16.92% (13.10%)				
Lloyds Banking Group plc	GBP	2,065,000	1,603	6.08
NatWest Group plc Standard Chartered plc	GBP GBP	300,000 110,000	1,575 1,281	5.98 4.86
otalidatd offaitered pic	ОЫ	110,000	4,459	16.92
Financial Services 1.22% (1.04%)			4,400	10.02
OSB Group plc	GBP	65,000	321	1.22
			321	1.22
Insurance 6.35% (4.51%)				
Aviva plc	GBP	100,000	615	2.34
Prudential plc	GBP	125,000	1,058 <b>1,673</b>	4.01 <b>6.35</b>
Financials total		_	6,453	24.49
i manerala total				
Health Care 6.96% (5.56%)				
Health Care Equipment & Supplies 1.67% (1.20%)				
Smith & Nephew plc	GBP	41,000	441	1.67
Dharmana (facile F 000/ /4 000/)		_	441	1.67
Pharmaceuticals 5.29% (4.36%) AstraZeneca plc	GBP	6,900	725	2.75
GSK plc	GBP	45,000	668	2.73
•			1,393	5.29
Health Care total			1,834	6.96
		_		

Industrials 26.14% (27.52%)				
Aerospace & Defense 5.31% (3.08%)				
Babcock International Group plc	GBP	150,000	1,398	5.31
			1,398	5.31
Commercial Services & Supplies 1.54% (1.49%)	ODD	445.000	405	4.54
Rentokil Initial plc	GBP	115,000	405 <b>405</b>	1.54 <b>1.54</b>
Machinery 7.46% (7.92%)			405	1.54
Bodycote plc	GBP	80,000	454	1.72
IMI pic	GBP	60,000	1,195	4.53
Morgan Advanced Materials plc	GBP	150,000	317	1.21
·			1,966	7.46
Passenger Airlines 5.85% (5.60%)				
easyJet plc	GBP	176,000	1,003	3.81
Ryanair Holdings plc	EUR	27,400	539	2.04
			1,542	5.85
Professional Services 3.64% (3.77%)	ODD	00.000	000	0.04
Intertek Group plc	GBP	20,000	960	3.64
Trading Companies & Distributors 2.249/ (E.669/)			960	3.64
Trading Companies & Distributors 2.34% (5.66%) RS Group plc	GBP	108,000	618	2.34
No Group pic	ОЫ	100,000	618	2.34
Industrials total		_	6,889	26.14
madatiais total				
Materials 12.63% (19.86%)				
Chemicals 3.55% (1.76%)				
Elementis plc	GBP	450,000	644	2.44
Essentra plc	GBP	300,000	291	1.11
			935	3.55
Construction Materials 3.33% (7.40%)	0.00			
CRH plc	GBP	13,000	878	3.33
Containers & Packaging 3.94% (5.48%)			878	3.33
Smurfit WestRock plc	GBP	32,000	1,036	3.94
Smarit West took pic	ОЫ	32,000	1,036	3.94
Metals & Mining 1.81% (2.56%)			.,000	
Glencore plc	GBP	170,000	478	1.81
'		• —	478	1.81
Specialty Chemicals 0.00% (2.66%)				
Materials total			3,327	12.63
Real Estate 4.08% (4.57%)				
Diversified REITs 4.08% (4.57%)	0.00			
British Land Co. plc (The)	GBP	155,000	600	2.28
Land Securities Group plc	GBP	75,000	475 <b>1,075</b>	1.80 <b>4.08</b>
Pool Estato total		_	1,075	4.08
Real Estate total			1,075	4.00
Equities total			25,394	96.37
Equities total		=		
Investment assets			25,394	96.37
Net other assets			957	3.63
Net assets			26,351	100.00
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All holdings are ordinary shares or stock units and admitted to official stock exchange listings unless otherwise stated. The comparative percentage figures in brackets are as at 30 November 2024.

#### Statement of Total Return (unaudited) For the six months ended 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025		31.05.2024	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Income				
Net capital gains		984		1,857
Revenue	445		446	
Expenses	(190)		(183)	
Net revenue before taxation	255		263	
Taxation	=		(1)	
Net revenue after taxation		255		262
Total return before distributions		1,239		2,119
Distributions		(255)		(262)
Change in net assets attributable				
to shareholders from investment activities		984		1,857

# Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to shareholders (unaudited) For the six months ended 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025		31.05.2024	
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		24,982^		22,585
Amounts receivable on issue of shares	297		20	
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	(168)		(354)	
		129		(334)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders				
from investment activities		984		1,857
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		256		261
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		26,351		24,369^

<sup>^</sup> The Statement of Recommended Practice (2014) requires that comparatives are shown for the above report. As the comparative should be for the comparable interim period, the closing net assets of that period will not agree to the opening net assets of the current period. The published net assets as at 30 November 2024 was £24,981,755.

## **Balance Sheet (unaudited)**

As at 31 May 2025

	31.05.2025	30.11.2024
Assets	£000's	£000's
Fixed assets		
Investments	25,394	24,730
Current assets		
Debtors	170	102
Cash and bank balances	1,000	360
Total assets	26,564	25,192
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Other creditors	(213)	(210)
Total liabilities	(213)	(210)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	26,351	24,982

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### **Accounting Basis and Policies**

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Prospectus and the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association (SORP 2014), and in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as defined within Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS 102') the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2024 and are described in those annual financial statements.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Subscription Days**

Shares may be purchased or sold on any dealing day. The price of shares and the estimated yield are calculated daily. A forward pricing basis is used. Prices are listed in the Financial Times and the Herald.

#### **Redemption of Shares**

Shares in the sub-funds may be redeemed on any dealing day. All sale instructions must be made to the ACD in writing. The shares will be purchased from the shareholder at the next valuation point and a contract note confirming the sale will be sent.

#### **Dilution**

The actual cost to the Company of purchasing or selling a sub-fund's investments may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the share price, e.g., due to dealing charges or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. Under certain circumstances (e.g., large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the interests of shareholders generally. In order to prevent this effect, called 'dilution', Scottish Friendly Asset Managers Limited has the power to charge a dilution levy on the sale and/or redemption of shares. The dilution levy will be applied at outset and will be paid into that sub-fund and become part of the relevant sub-fund. The dilution levy for each sub-fund will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of that sub-fund, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes.

#### Charges

Certain charges are levied to cover the operating costs of the ACD. An initial charge of 4% of the price paid to the depositary is levied when shares are created. A management fee of 1.35% per annum of the net asset value of the sub-funds is levied. This was reduced from 1.4% per annum in August 2019. In addition a number of other fees are payable out of the sub-funds. These include audit, custody, regulatory and depositary fees. The current estimated effect of these fees is 0.50% per annum and is levied on the net asset value of the sub-funds. The charges are deducted daily from the revenue of the sub-funds.

In addition shareholders are permitted to make six free switches in each tax period, however, an administration charge of up to 3% may be levied on additional switches.

#### Taxation

The sub-funds are exempt from UK tax on capital gains realised on the disposal of investments held within them. Dividends from UK companies are received by the Funds with the tax already deducted and no further tax is payable by the sub-funds on that revenue. Other types of revenue (after deducting allowable expenses) are subject to corporation tax of 20%.

The revenue accumulated by the sub-funds has an attaching tax credit of 10% of the accumulation plus the tax credit.

Lower and basic rate taxpayers do not have any further tax to pay, although higher rate taxpayers are liable to tax on the net revenue accumulated at the difference between higher rate tax and the tax already deducted (currently 40% and 30%).

Details of the tax paid on behalf of shareholders is sent in the form of a tax voucher at each accumulation date.

Shareholders may be liable to capital gains tax when they sell their investments if the gains exceed the exempt amount in that year. For the tax year 2023/2024 the exempt amount was £6,000 and for the tax year 2024/2025 the exempt amount is £xxxx.

#### **Stamp Duty Reserve Tax**

This is disclosed on the face of the Statements of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Financial Conduct Authority. Stamp Duty was abolished on 30 March 2014.

#### **Prospectus**

Further details concerning the Funds are contained in the Prospectus, which is available on application from the ACD.

#### **Publication of Prices**

The most recent prices are published daily in the Financial Times and the Herald. Prices are also published on the Scottish Friendly web site at <a href="https://www.scottishfriendly.co.uk">www.scottishfriendly.co.uk</a>.

#### **Application for Shares**

All applications should be made by post to the ACD at Scottish Friendly Asset Managers Limited, 16 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4HJ or by fax on 0141 221 4864. Shares will be purchased at the next valuation point following receipt of a valid application form and cheque. A contract note will be sent to the purchaser.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION (unaudited)**

Prospective shareholders should note that the price of shares can fluctuate and the revenue from them can go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. On redemption investors may receive less than the original amount invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.