## Close Select Global Equity Fund

Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025





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## Investment Objective and Other Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Fund objective and policy

The investment objective of the Close Select Global Equity Fund ("the Fund") is to provide capital growth over the medium term (i.e., more than 5 years). The Fund also seeks to maintain a weighted average carbon intensity (tonnes of Scope 1 and 2 CO2e per US\$m of revenue) below a benchmark of the MSCI All Countries World Index, targeting a level 50% below this benchmark by 2030 from 2019 baseline, and net zero by emissions by 2050.

The Fund will hold at least 80% of its portfolio in equities and equity-related securities of companies from anywhere in the world, in any sector and of any market capitalisation. This may include shares in smaller companies and companies listed in emerging markets. Equity related securities can include American depositary receipts (ADRs), global depositary receipts (GDRs) and other equity-related transferable securities.

The Fund uses a sustainable investment process to ensure that it is invested in a way that contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The investment universe is identified by the Investment Adviser using both quantitative and qualitative assessments.

Firstly, the Investment Adviser applies a quantitative screening process to exclude companies that derive more than 10% of their annual revenues from activities related to thermal coal.

The Investment Adviser then applies its qualitative assessment in order to identify and select companies considered by the Investment Adviser as having operations and/or business models that aim to minimise their harmful effects on society and the environment. As part of this assessment, the Investment Adviser also considers whether companies follow good governance practices (e.g. with respect to sound management and company board, corporate culture, capital allocation and remuneration policies).

Investment opportunities are identified using in-depth fundamental analysis to determine the sustainability (both financial and non-financial) of holdings. The Investment Adviser's fundamental analysis is supported by a variety of qualitative information and available data including publicly available sources, third-party data, and proprietary models. When making an investment decision, the Investment Adviser considers a broad range of environmental and social characteristics, such as carbon emissions goals, supply chain management practices, and/or the effect that products and services have on addressing environmental and social challenges such as climate change, education and healthcare. Rather than focussing on a specific sustainability theme across every investment we focus on what we assess to be most material to the company and its broader stakeholders.

The relevance of the qualitative information and data to the fundamental analysis varies across issuers, sectors and geographies. The Investment Adviser is not limited to assessing only these aspects in its analysis, and may investigate more or fewer, depending on the materiality and availability of information for any given issuer, sector or geography. The Investment Adviser considers these aspects together as a whole and no one aspect has consistent prevalence over the others in order to determine the suitability of an investment.

The Investment Adviser will engage with company management where it identifies opportunities to effect positive change, or to deepen knowledge and insight, with respect to sustainability considerations, where deemed material. The Fund will maintain a weighted average carbon intensity (tonnes of Scope1 and 2 CO2e per US\$m of revenue) below MSCI All Countries World Index benchmark, targeting a level 50% below this benchmark by 2030 from 2019 baseline. To help achieve this objective, the Fund will not invest in companies that derive more than 10% of their revenues from the following business activities:

 Thermal coal. This factor identifies companies with an industry tie to thermal coal, in particular reserve ownership, production and power generation.

Further sectors or business groups are excluded on the basis that the negative externalities generated by the sector or business group are deemed to, on balance, outweigh the positive externalities. To help achieve this objective, the Fund will not invest in companies that derive more than 10% of their revenues from the following business activities:

- Tobacco products manufacture
- Controversial weapons including: non-detectable fragments, landmines, incendiary weapons, blinding laser weapons, cluster munitions, nuclear/biological/chemical weapons

## Investment Objective and Other Information - continued

- Civilian firearms
- Gambling
- Adult entertainment

In addition, the Fund will not invest in:

- Companies that the Investment Adviser deems to be in violation of the UN Global Compact principles (https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles)
- Governments that the Investment Adviser deems to be in violation of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (https://www.ohchr.org/en/human-rights/universal-declaration/translations/english)

Divestment criteria: The Investment Adviser will monitor all companies to check if changes mean that they may no longer meet our definition of having positive attributes. Any change to results under the screening process or provision of new information which results in a holding no longer meeting our criteria will mean that the holding will be sold within 90 days of the change occurring.

Other assets in which the Fund may invest (including collective investment schemes) are not subject to the screening but will be assessed by the Investment Adviser to ensure that any such investments will not affect the ability of the Fund to meet its sustainable objective.

There may be occasions where the Investment Adviser considers that it is prudent, given market conditions, to maintain higher levels of liquidity in the Fund. In such circumstances, the Investment Adviser may hold up to 20% of the Fund in other transferable securities not included in the equity-related component of the portfolio, collective investment schemes, fixed interest securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash.

The fixed interest component of the Fund may include government and corporate bonds (which may include emerging market and high yield bonds). These may be investment grade, sub-investment grade or unrated.

The Fund may gain indirect exposure to alternative asset classes, such as commodities, infrastructure, property and convertibles through investment in transferable securities.

The Fund is actively managed and the allocation to particular asset classes may vary over time at the Investment Adviser's discretion and in response to changing market conditions. In normal market conditions, the allocation to equities will not fall below 80%.

The use of derivatives and/or hedging transactions are permitted in connection with the efficient portfolio management of the Fund, and borrowing will be permitted under the terms of the Regulations. However, it is not currently proposed to employ currency hedging strategies.

The Fund may, in addition to its other investment powers, use derivatives and forward transactions for investment purposes. It is not intended that the use of derivatives in this way will change the risk profile of the Fund.

## Remuneration Policy (Unaudited)

In line with the requirements of the UCITS Directive, TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited (the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD")) has adopted a remuneration policy which is consistent with the remuneration principles applicable to UCITS management companies. Its purpose is to ensure that the remuneration of the staff of the ACD is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management, does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles of the ACD and the UCITS that it manages and does not impair the ACD's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of the UCITS. The remuneration policy applies to staff of the ACD whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the ACD or the UCITS (known as Remuneration Code Staff).

## Investment Objective and Other Information - continued

The aggregate remuneration paid by the ACD to its staff, and to those staff who are identified as Remuneration Code Staff, is disclosed below

	Fixed Remuneration £	Variable Remuneration £	Total Remuneration £	Headcount
Senior Managers	389,918	143,500	533,418	11
Other Risk Takers	895,242	728,125	1,623,367	6
Total	1,285,160	871,625	2,156,785	17

The variable remuneration disclosed in the table above is for the year ended 31 July 2024, which is the most recent period for which data are available. Variable remuneration is determined annually based on, inter alia, the results of the ACD and the investment performance of the UCITS that it manages. Consequently, it is not possible to apportion the variable award between calendar years as the award for 2025 cannot be known until after 31 July 2025 has passed.

## Authorised Status and Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

The ACD herewith presents the audited report and financial statements of the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Close Select Global Equity Fund (the "Company") is an Investment Company with variable capital ("ICVC") incorporated in England and Wales. The Fund was authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 31 January 2008 as a non-UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities Directive) retail scheme. On 2 May 2023 the Fund received FCA approval to convert from a non-UCITS retail Scheme to a UK UCITS. This change in classification became effective on 30 June 2023. The Fund is incorporated in England and Wales with registered number IC000592.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

## Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the ACD

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes ("COLL") Sourcebook.

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C.J. Parry (Director)

R.C.S. Smith (Director)

TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited 16 July 2025

## Investment Report

## **Market commentary**

## **Fund performance**

Global equity markets gained +4.9% in sterling terms, muted slightly by the pound's appreciation. The Fund returned 3.4% over the period, outperforming the IA Global by 3.7%.

Most of the reporting period was characterised by an attractive backdrop for equity markets: the first Fed interest rate cut in September, corporate earnings continuing to expand, along with healthy jobs growth in the US economy.

This, in our view, would give the 'green light' for the equity market to keep marching higher led by stocks with room for multiple expansion, given Fed rate cuts should lead to a broadening out of equity market performance following several years of concentrated returns. New equity positions included Fiserv – a global payments technology leader with a double-digit earnings growth outlook for several years to come, for a valuation multiple lower than the market. We also started a position in French-listed aerospace and defence company, Thales, which is exposed to long-cycle defence expenditure, giving greater visibility into profit generation.

While we fully participated in the equity market rally that ensued, we remained mindful of the macroeconomic backdrop and, in particular, the high level of interest rates in the US economy. The current Fed cutting cycle stands out from the past because longer yields have actually increased since the Fed started to cut short term interest rates. In our view, this increased the likelihood of a 'growth scare' – signs that the US economy is starting to buckle under these higher costs of capital, and a certain negative for equity markets.

This view was further supported by the political backdrop in America. Optimism on President Trump's November election victory soon gave way to higher uncertainty and lower consumer and business confidence — with erratic tariff headlines underpinning both. Not only were consumers and businesses struggling for clarity, the Federal Reserve also had little choice but to keep interest rates on hold as, granted, tariffs are generally a negative for economic growth and therefore jobs, but they also add to and distort domestic inflationary pressures. In other words, diverging pressures for the Fed's dual mandate and a resulting 'wait and see' approach to future cuts.

Against this backdrop, we started to tilt more defensively as we headed into the new year, offering some downside protection in the current equity market sell-off.

We are now the most cautious we have been since turning optimistic in late 2023. Although there are no signs that America has entered recession, fiscal policy uncertainty and still high interest rates are weighing to the downside. We own equities with a bias towards more economically defensive businesses. We would become more constructive if politicians and policymakers become more responsive to the deteriorating backdrop.

As a long-term strategy with low turnover we fully expect and recommend that unitholders judge our performance over a period of five years or more.

## **Fund Performance**

Performance for the Close Select Global Equity Fund over the last twenty one months.

	Year to 31/3/2025	Nine months to 31/3/2024
Close Select Global Equity Fund X Accumulation*	3.4%	15.4%
IA Flexible Investment Sector	(0.3%)	14.0%

Source: Produced by TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited using Financial Express.

\*As a consequence of the changes to the Investment Policy and Objectives, the comparator benchmark and the change of status from a NURS to UCITS Fund - all of which were introduced on 30 June 2023 - the past performance of the Fund is not considered an appropriate guide/comparator. Accordingly, the data prior to the change is not presented.

The percentage growth in prices is calculated using the published dealing price of shares in the X Accumulation share class (which may include a dilution adjustment to the mid-market value) in sterling with net revenue re-invested.

## Investment Report - continued

**Fund Performance continued** 

Shares are priced on a single mid-market basis.

Risk and Reward Profile

The Fund currently has two types of unit class in issue; I Accumulation and X Accumulation. Each type of share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:

Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI")



Lower risks rewards

Higher risks rewards

The Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls in value in the past.

The SRRI table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data (the past 5 years), may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.
- The lowest category does not mean risk free.
- The rating does not reflect the possible effects of unusual market conditions or large unpredictable events.
- The SRRI conforms to the ESMA guidelines regarding its calculation.

Investing in the Fund also carries the following risks:

Counterparty risk: The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it transacts becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Fund.

Currency/Derivatives risk: The Fund invests in overseas assets, denominated in currencies other than Sterling.

Investment risk/Focus risk: The Fund invests in equites globally. Share prices can rise or fall due to a number of factors affecting global stock markets. Moreover, the Fund's value may fall where it has concentrated exposure to an issuer or type of security that is heavily affected by an adverse event.

Sustainability strategy risk: The Fund is subject to screening criteria applied by the Investment Adviser which means that they will not to invest in certain sectors, companies and investments that conflict with the sustainability policy. This investment strategy may result in the Fund having a narrower range of eligible investments, which may in turn affect the Funds' performance.

Liquidity risk: In extreme market conditions, some securities held by the Fund may become hard to value or sell. In these circumstances, performance may be affected and redemptions in the Fund may need to be deferred or the Fund suspended for a period of time.

A more comprehensive list of the Fund's risks are contained in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

## Comparative tables

For the year ended I Accumulation shares*	31/3/2025 pence per share	31/3/2024 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share***	115.81	100.00
Return before operating charges	5.65	15.89
Operating charges	(0.12)	(0.08)
Return after operating charges	5.53	15.81
Distributions	(1.37)	(0.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.37	0.74
Closing net asset value per share***	121.34	115.81
After direct transaction costs of****	(0.13)	(0.18)
Performance		
Return after charges	4.78%	15.81%
Other information		
Closing net asset value £'000	3,229	1,657
Closing number of shares	2,661,043	1,431,074
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs****	0.11%	0.23%
Prices***		
Highest share price	128.50	115.90
Lowest share price	111.60	97.05

<sup>\*</sup>The I Accumulation class launched on 3 July 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Opening and closing net asset value per unit figures are disclosed to 2 decimal places, whereas the highest and lowest unit prices are disclosed as 4 significant figures.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders should note that additionally there are other transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Collective Investment Scheme holdings which will also have reduced the Fund and share class returns before operating charges.

## Comparative tables - continued

For the year ended X Accumulation shares**	31/3/2025 pence per share	31/3/2024 pence per share	31/3/2023 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share***	247.31	210.44	225.87
Return before operating charges	12.03	38.36	(12.76)
Operating charges	(1.72)	(1.49)	(2.67)
Return after operating charges	10.31	36.87	(15.43)
Distributions	(1.45)	(0.84)	(1.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.45	0.84	1.99
Closing net asset value per share***	257.62	247.31	210.44
After direct transaction costs of****	(0.28)	(0.50)	(0.01)
Performance			
Return after charges	4.17%	17.52%	(6.83%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value £'000	15,076	14,368	11,725
Closing number of shares	5,852,147	5,809,504	5,571,724
Operating charges	0.68%	0.68%	1.28%
Direct transaction costs****	0.11%	0.23%	0.00%
Prices***			
Highest share price	273.10	247.60	226.40
Lowest share price	237.80	207.10	194.40

<sup>\*\*</sup>As a consequence of the changes to the Investment Policy and Objectives, the comparator benchmark and the change of status from a NURS to UCITS Fund – all of which were introduced on 30 June 2023 - the past performance of the Fund is not considered an appropriate guide/comparator.

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## Portfolio statement

as at 31 March 2025

Holding	Investment	Market Value GBP £'000	Percentage o Net Assets %
	<b>EQUITIES</b> - <b>96.95%</b> (31/3/2024 - 99.56%)		
	United Kingdom - 14.05% (31/3/2024 - 19.42%)		
20,010	3i	724	3.96
18,661	Howden Joinery	134	0.7
89,380	Informa	688	3.7
26,470	RELX	1,025	5.6
		2,571	14.0
	Europe - 26.59% (31/3/2024 - 24.78%)		
10,020	DCC	516	2.8
900	D'ieteren	120	0.6
5,930	Euronext	663	3.6
510	Heidelberg Materials	67	0.3
848	IMCD	87	0.4
7,571	James Hardie Industries	140	0.7
1,500	LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	717	3.9
5,410	Merck	574	3.1
2,322	Reply	293	1.6
10,013	SPIE	328	1.7
20,731	Springer Nature	330	1.8
5,020	Thales	1,032	5.6
		4,867	26.5
	Asia Pacific (ex Japan) - 6.23% (31/3/2024 - 8.93%)		
96,641	AIA	564	3.0
18,510	Prudential	153	0.0
3,300	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	424	2.3
		1,141	6.2
	North America - 50.08% (31/3/2024 - 46.43%)		
1,105	Ameriprise Financial	415	2.2
420	Arthur J Gallagher	112	0.6

## Portfolio statement - continued

Holding	Investment	Market Value GBP £'000	Percentage of Net Assets %
	North America continued		
19,300	Avantor	242	1.32
1,876	Becton Dickinson	333	1.82
600	Brown & Brown	58	0.32
1,740	CACI International	495	2.70
3,420	Cencora	737	4.03
9,250	CRH	630	3.44
5,955	Donaldson	309	1.69
1,470	Elevance Health	496	2.71
5,340	Fiserv	914	4.99
3,600	Franco-Nevada	438	2.39
9,980	Hilton Grand Vacations	289	1.58
200	Marsh & McLennan	38	0.21
890	McKesson	464	2.54
2,925	Microsoft	850	4.64
9,030	Performance Food	550	3.00
3,330	Progressive	730	3.99
6,754	Travel + Leisure	242	1.32
3,040	Visa	825	4.5′
		9,167	50.08
	Portfolio of investments	17,746	96.95
	Net other assets	559	3.05
	Total net assets	18,305	100.00

All securities are approved securities which are listed on an official stock exchange and/or traded on regulated markets, unless otherwise stated.

## Financial statements

## Statement of total return

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Income					
Net capital gains	3		589		2,260
Revenue	4	228		148	
Expenses	5	(101)		(84)	
Interest payable and similar charges		-		_	
Net revenue before taxation for the year		127		64	
Taxation	6	(22)		(12)	
Net revenue after taxation for the year			105		52
Total return before distributions			694		2,312
Distributions	7		(105)		(52)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			589		2,260

## Statement of change in shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders			16,025		11,725
Amounts received on creation of shares		5,685		4,477	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(4,108)		(2,494)	
			1,577		1,983
Dilution adjustment			2		3
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			589		2,260
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	7		112		54
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders			18,305		16,025

## Financial statements - continued

## **Balance sheet**

as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Assets					
Fixed assets					
Investments			17,746		15,954
Current assets					
Debtors	8	219		120	
Cash and bank balances	9	349		215	
Total other assets			568		335
Total assets			18,314		16,289
	Notes	GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Liabilities					
Creditors					
Other creditors	10	(9)		(264)	
Total other liabilities			(9)		(264)
Total liabilities			(9)		(264)
Net assets attributable to shareholders			18,305		16,025

## Notes to the Financial statements

## 1. Accounting policies

## a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Management Association (changed to The Investment Association in January 2015) in May 2014 (the "SORP") and amended in June 2017.

The ACD is confident that the Fund will continue in operation and be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least the next twelve months from the approval of these financial statements. The Fund has adequate financial resources and its assets primarily consist of securities which are readily realisable. As such, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

No significant judgments, estimates or assumptions have been required in the preparation of the accounts for the current or preceding financial years.

### b) Revenue

Dividends on quoted ordinary shares are recognised when the investments are quoted ex-dividend.

Interest on bank balances and short-term deposits are recognised on an accruals basis.

In the case of an enhanced stock dividend, the value of the enhancement is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

Special dividends are treated as either revenue or capital depending on the facts of each particular case.

Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the security is quoted ex-distribution.

Any reported revenue from an offshore fund, in excess of any distribution received in the reporting period, is recognised as revenue no later than the date on which the reporting fund makes this information available. The equalisation element is treated as capital.

Any Annual Management Charge rebates from underlying investments are accounted for as capital or revenue depending on where the expense of the underlying fund was allocated when determining its distribution.

## c) Basis of valuation of investments

All investments are valued at their fair value, excluding accrued revenue, using the bid price on the last business day of the accounting year, except for single priced Collective Investment Schemes, which use the latest available published price on the last business day of the accounting year.

In the case of an investment which is not listed in a recognised market, the fair value of such investment shall be estimated with care and in good faith by a competent professional person, body or firm and such fair value shall be determined on the basis of the probable realisation value of the investment. The Investment Manager shall be entitled to adopt an alternative method of valuing any particular asset if it considers that the methods of valuation set out above do not provide a fair valuation of a particular asset.

The ACD has the power to attribute what it considers to be a fair and reasonable price in the case of a security or unit for which no recent or reliable valuation or price exists.

## d) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at the close of business on the last working day of the accounting year. Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the dates of the transactions.

## e) Expenses

All expenses, other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments, are charged against revenue.

## 1. Accounting policies - continued

### f) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided at 20% on taxable revenue, after deduction of allowable expenses. The charge for taxation is based on revenue for the period. UK dividends and CIS distributions are disclosed net of any related tax credit. The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Full provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless such provision is not permitted by Financial Reporting Standard 102.

## g) Equalisation policy

The first distributions received from new units purchased in investments in collective investment schemes may include an element of equalisation which represents the average amount of revenue included in the price paid for shares. The equalisation is treated as a return of capital for taxation purposes and does not carry a tax credit.

### 2. Distribution policies

Revenue produced by the Fund's investment decisions accumulates during each half-yearly distribution period. If, at the end of the distribution period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the Fund is available to be distributed to shareholders.

Any net revenue deficit will be borne by the capital account.

The Fund Management Fee ("FMF") is charged to revenue and deducted for the purpose of calculating the distribution.

The ordinary element of stock dividends is treated as revenue and forms part of the distribution.

Equalisation received from the underlying investments has been treated as a reduction in the book cost of the investments and not distributed.

## 3. Net capital gains

Net capital gains on investments during the period comprise:	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Currency gains	(25)	(35)
Gains on non-derivative securities	614	2,295
Net capital gains	589	2,260

## 4. Revenue

	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Bank interest	11	10
Non-taxable overseas dividends	162	96
UK dividends	52	20
UK franked dividends from collective investment schemes	_	20
US REIT dividends	3	2
Total revenue	228	148

## 5. Expenses

	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Fund Management Fee	101	84
Total expenses	101	84

The audit fee for the year was £8,150 (2024: £7,950).

## 6. Taxation

a) Analysis of taxation charge in the year	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Overseas tax	22	12
Total taxation	22	12

## 6. Taxation - continued

b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year				
Total taxation differs from taxation assessed on net revenue before taxation as follows:				
GBP £'000	GBP £'000			
127	64			
25	13			
18	14			
22	12			
(43)	(27)			
22	12			
	GBP £'000 127 25 18 22 (43)			

Open-Ended Investment Companies are not liable to Corporation tax on capital gains arising on the disposal of investments or revaluation in the Fund's portfolio. Therefore, any capital return is not included in the above reconciliation.

## c) Provision for deferred tax

At 31 March 2025 there is a potential deferred tax asset of £319,227 (31/3/2024 - £301,672) due to tax losses of £1,596,134 (31/3/2024 - £1,508,361). It is considered unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised (31/3/2024 - £nil).

## 7. Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the creation of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	Year to 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	Year to 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Interim distribution	88	29
Final distribution	24	25
	112	54
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	5	2
Less: Revenue received on creation of shares	(12)	(4)
Net distribution for the year	105	52

### 8. Debtors

	As at 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Accrued revenue	7	8
Overseas tax recoverable	17	2
Receivable for creation of shares	195	19
Sales awaiting settlement	-	91
Total debtors	219	120

## 9. Cash and bank balances

	As at 31/3/2025	As at 31/3/2024
	GBP £'000	GBP £'000
Cash and bank balances	349	215

## 10. Other creditors

	As at 31/3/2025 GBP £'000	As at 31/3/2024 GBP £'000
Accrued expenses	9	8
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	_	196
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	60
Total other creditors	9	264

## 11. Contingent liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (31/3/2024 - £nil).

## 12. Financial instruments and derivatives

## Risk profile

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are set out below:

## Credit risk

The Fund may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit this risk.

### 12. Financial instruments and derivatives - continued

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate as a result of interest rate changes. As at the balance sheet date there is no material exposure to interest rate risk. Given the limited exposure to interest rate risk on the Fund, the risk is not actively managed.

## Market risk

Market price risk represents the potential loss the Fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and avoidance of excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit stock specific risk. Subject to compliance with the investment objective, spreading exposure across a broad range of stocks can mitigate market risk.

## Liquidity risk

This is the risk that the Fund may not have sufficient cash, or the ability to raise additional cash through the sale of underlying investments, in order to meet redemption requests. The main liability of the Fund is the cancellation of shares that investors want to sell. Investments may have to be sold to fund such cancellations should insufficient cash be held at the bank to meet this obligation.

## Counterparty risk

The Fund has exposure to credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to another party not being able to meet its financial obligations. The primary sources of this risk are trade counterparties who may fail to meet their transaction commitments. This risk is managed by appraising the credit profile of trade counterparties and financial instruments.

## Foreign currency risk

The Fund's financial assets and liabilities are substantially invested in other collective investment vehicles, most, but not necessarily all, of whose prices are quoted in sterling. The Fund may therefore have a direct exposure to foreign currency risk in respect of part of its portfolio. In addition, the value of some of the Fund's investments may be affected by movements in exchange rates against sterling, in respect of their own non-sterling denominated assets.

## Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

There is no material difference between the value of assets and liabilities as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

## Derivatives

No derivatives were held during the year covered by this report.

## **Sensitivity Analysis**

## a) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by £1,775,000 (31/3/2024 -£1,595,000). If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by £1,775,000 (31/3/2024 -£1,595,000). These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see below for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the period). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

## b) Currency Risk

If sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had strengthened/increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by  $\pounds(1,321,000)$  (31/3/2024 -  $\pounds(1,130,000)$ ). If sterling to foreign currency exchange rates had weakened/decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by  $\pounds(1,310,000)$  (31/3/2024 -  $\pounds(1,310,000)$ ). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

## c) Interest Rate Risk

If interest rates had increased by 100bps as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased £434,000 (31/3/2024 - £138,000). If interest rates had decreased by 100bps as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased £434,000 (31/3/2024 - £138,000).

## 12. Financial instruments and derivatives - continued

### Leverage

The Fund did not employ significant leverage during the year (31/3/2024 - same).

## Foreign currency risk

Where an underlying investment in the Fund is not denominated in sterling, the effect of fluctuations in the rate of exchange between sterling and the currency of its denomination may adversely affect the value of that investment, and this will be reflected in the value of shares.

The currency profile for the Fund's net assets at 31 March 2025 was:

	Monetary exposures GBP £'000	Net foreign currency assets Non–monetary exposures GBP £'000	Total GBP £'000
Australian Dollar	_	140	140
Canadian Dollar	_	438	438
Euro	_	4,225	4,225
Hong Kong Dollar	_	563	563
US Dollar	6	9,159	9,165
Total	6	14,525	14,531

The currency profile for the Fund's net assets at 31 March 2024 was:

	Monetary exposures GBP £'000	Net foreign currency assets Non–monetary exposures GBP £'000	Total GBP £'000
Canadian Dollar	1	543	544
Euro	-	3,174	3,174
Hong Kong Dollar	_	54	54
Singapore Dollar	_	94	94
Swiss Franc	-	484	484
US Dollar	5	8,078	8,083
Total	6	12,427	12,433

## Interest rate risk

This is the risk of changes (negative as well as positive) in the value of investments as a result of fluctuations in interest rates. For example, a reduction in interest rates will mean that the Fund receives less credit interest on cash placed on deposit. Alternatively, an increase in interest rates means that the Fund will be charged higher debit interest on any overdrawn accounts. Investments, with exposure to interest rates, may decrease in market value due to increasing interest rates.

## 12. Financial instruments and derivatives - continued

Interest rate risk continued

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 31 March 2025 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments GBP £'000	Fixed Rate Investments GBP £'000	Non Interest Bearing Investments GBP £'000	Total GBP £'000
Investment assets	_	_	17,746	17,746
Investment liabilities	_	_	_	_

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities at 31 March 2024 was as follows:

	Floating Rate Investments GBP £'000	Fixed Rate Investments GBP £'000	Non Interest Bearing Investments GBP £'000	Total GBP £'000
Investment assets	_	-	15,954	15,954
Investment liabilities	_	_	_	-

Valuation of financial investments

The categorisation of financial investments in the tables below reflects the methodology used to measure their fair value.

31/3/2025	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	17,746	_
Level 2: Observable market data	_	_
Level 3: Unobservable data	_	_
	17,746	-

31/3/2024	Assets £'000	Liabilities £'000
Level 1: Quoted prices	15,954	_
Level 2: Observable market data	_	_
Level 3: Unobservable data	_	_
	15,954	_

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument;

Level 2: Valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices within level 1;

Level 3: Valuation techniques using unobservable inputs.

### 12. Financial instruments and derivatives - continued

Valuation of financial investments continued

## d) Valuation Techniques

## Valuation techniques using observable market data

Valuation techniques should maximise the use of observable market data, such as publicly available information about actual events or transactions, and minimise the use of non-observable data. Observable market data should be observable for substantially the full term of the instrument. Typically this category will include over-the-counter instruments (OTC), instruments priced via multi-broker quotes or evaluated pricing techniques, exchange-traded instruments where the market is persistently not active and instruments subject fair value pricing adjustments made by reference to observable market data. Examples include OTC derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and less frequently traded open-ended funds.

For the Fund, there are corporate bonds and collective investment schemes which fall into this category. Corporate bonds have been valued using active market interest rates.

Collective investment schemes are valued using the prices for underlying investments.

### Valuation techniques using non-observable data

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

Where assets are subject to administration or orderly realisation processes, the ACD may adjust the price to reflect what he considers a more realistic value in the circumstances. The rationale and pricing method is agreed with the Depositary and monitored frequently.

## 13. Portfolio transaction costs

Year to 31 March 2025

Purchases	Value £'000	Commissions £'000	%	Taxes £'000	%
Equity instruments (direct)	14,039	3	0.02	13	0.09
Total	14,039	3		13	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	14,055				
Sales	Value £'000	Commissions £'000	%	Taxes £'000	%
Equity instruments (direct)	12,832	3	0.02	_	_
Total	12,832	3		_	
Total sales net of commissions and taxes	12,829				
Total transaction costs		6		13	
Total transaction costs as a % of average net assets		0.03%		0.08%	

### 13. Portfolio transaction costs - continued

Year to 31 March 2024

Purchases	Value £'000	Commissions £'000	%	Taxes £'000	%
Equity instruments (direct)	19,457	6	0.03	21	0.11
Collective investment schemes	2,903	_	_	_	_
Total	22,360	6		21	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	22,387				

Sales	Value £'000	Commissions £'000	%	Taxes £'000	%
Equity instruments (direct)	5,739	1	0.02	_	_
Collective investment schemes	14,401	1	0.01	_	_
Total	20,140	2		_	
Total sales net of commissions and taxes	20,138				
Total transaction costs		8		21	
Total transaction costs as a % of average net assets		0.07%		0.16%	

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Fund during the year. However it is important to understand the nature of other transaction costs associated with different investment asset classes and instrument types.

Separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Fund's purchase and sale of equity shares. Additionally for equity shares there is a dealing spread cost (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions.

For the Fund's investment in collective investment scheme holdings there will potentially be a dealing spread cost applicable to purchases and sales. However additionally there are indirect transaction costs suffered in those underlying funds, throughout the holding period for the instruments, which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

Dealing spread costs suffered by the Fund vary considerably for the different asset/instrument types depending on a number of factors including transaction value and market sentiment.

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.07% (31/3/2024 - 0.06%).

## 14. Related parties

TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited, is regarded as a controlling party by virtue of having the ability to act in respect of all operations and transactions in the Fund.

TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited, a related party, acts as principal on all transactions of shares in the Fund. The aggregate monies received through creations and paid through cancellations are disclosed in the Statement of change in net assets attributable to share holders and Note 7. Amounts due to/from TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited in respect of share transactions at the year end are disclosed in the balance sheet.

## 14. Related parties - continued

Amounts paid to TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited in respect of the ACD's periodic charge are disclosed in note 5. The balance due from the Fund at the year end was £8,955 (31/3/2024 - £8,378).

TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited did not enter into any other transactions with the Fund during the year.

The below table represents the percentage holding of the related party.

	Share holding %	Related party name
Close Select Global Equity Fund	65.02	Lion Nominees Limited

## 15. Share movement

Year to 31 March 2025	l Accumulation shares	X Accumulation shares	
Opening shares	1,431,074	5,809,504	
Shares created	1,638,349	1,470,187	
Shares cancelled	(408,380)	(1,427,544)	
Closing shares	2,661,043	5,852,147	

## 16. Post balance sheet events

Following the sale of Close Asset Management to Funds managed by Oaktree Capital Management on 28 February 2025, the name of the Manager and the Investment Advisor changed on 28 April 2025 to TrinityBridge Fund Management. More information can be found on <a href="https://www.trinitybridge.com/our-services/investment-management/our-funds">https://www.trinitybridge.com/our-services/investment-management/our-funds</a>.

Effective 28 April 2025, the name of the Fund was changed to reflect the new ownership structure, as follows:

•TrinityBridge Select Global Equity Fund (formerly Close Select Global Equity Fund)

## Distribution tables

For the year ended 31 March 2025

## Final dividend distribution in pence per share

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 October 2024

Group 2: shares purchased between 1 October 2024 and 31 March 2025

	Net Revenue per Share	Equalisation per Share	Distribution Payable per Share on 31/7/2025	Distribution Paid per Share on 31/7/2024
I Accumulation				
Group 1	0.4489	_	0.4489	0.4593
Group 2	0.0873	0.3616	0.4489	0.4593
X Accumulation				
Group 1	0.1997	_	0.1997	0.3232
Group 2	0.0000	0.1997	0.1997	0.3232

## Interim dividend distribution in pence per share

Group 1: shares purchased prior to 1 April 2024

Group 2: shares purchased between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024

	Net Revenue per Share	Equalisation per Share	Distribution Paid per Share on 30/11/2024	Distribution Paid per Share on 30/11/2023
I Accumulation				
Group 1	0.9202	_	0.9202	0.2780
Group 2	0.6414	0.2788	0.9202	0.2780
X Accumulation				
Group 1	1.2528	_	1.2528	0.5185
Group 2	0.4556	0.7972	1.2528	0.5185

## **Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital; being capital it is not liable to Income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains tax purposes.

# Statement of Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

Statement of Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) Responsibilities in relation to the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Company

The Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority ("COLL") requires the ACD to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of its revenue and expenses and the profits/(losses) on the property of the Company for the year. In preparing these financial statements the ACD is required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard" applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association (changed to The Investment Association in January 2015) ("IA") in May 2014, amended in June 2017, the COLL Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation, 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 not appropriate to presume that the Fund will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper books of accounts which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Open-Ended Investment Companies regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) and the COLL Sourcebook. The ACD is responsible for taking all reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud any other irregularities. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the company.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, the Annual Report & Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the ACD of the Company and authorised for issue on 16 July 2025.

C.J. Parry (Director)
16 July 2025

# Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and Report of the Depositary

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Close Select Global Equity Fund ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The Depositary must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and, from 22 July 2014 the Investment Funds Sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Company's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares of the Company are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- · the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM"), which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that Company is managed in accordance with the Scheme documents and the Regulations in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we considered necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AFM:

- has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application
  of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company; and
- has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company.

For and on behalf of The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited 160 Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4LA 16 July 2025

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited is registered in England & Wales with Company 3236121 with its Registered Office at 160 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4LA. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority.

## Independent Auditor's Report

Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of the Close Select Global Equity Fund (to the effect now known as TrinityBridge Select Global Equity Fund)

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Close Select Global Equity Fund (to the effect now known as TrinityBridge Select Global Equity Fund) (the "Fund"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Fund as at 31 March 2025 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds", the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders;
- · the balance sheet;
- · the distribution tables; and
- related individual notes 1 to 16.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017), the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. 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 Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's (ACD's) use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the ACD with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## Independent Auditor's Report - continued

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

## Responsibilities of Depositary and ACD

As explained more fully in the Depositary's responsibilities statement and the ACD's responsibilities statement, the Depositary is responsible for the safeguarding of the property of the Fund and the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines 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 ACD is responsible for assessing the Fund's 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 ACD either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Funds' industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Funds' documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including those that are specific to the Fund's business sector.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Fund operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook and relevant tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Fund's ability to operate
  or to avoid a material penalty. These include The Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulation 2001.

We discussed among the audit engagement team, regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

## Independent Auditor's Report - continued

## Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud continued

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to the valuation and existence of quoted investments. There is a risk that the quoted investments may not be valued correctly or may not represent the property of the Fund. Given the size and nature of the balance and its importance to the Fund, we have considered that there is a potential risk of fraud in this area. The specific procedures performed to address these risks are described below:

- obtained an understanding of the relevant controls at the administrator, The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited over the valuation and existence of quoted investments;
- agreed 100% of the bid prices of quoted investments on the investment ledger at year end to closing bid prices published by an independent pricing source; and
- agreed the Fund's quoted investment portfolio at the year end to the confirmation received directly from the Depositary, The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- · reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

## Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

## Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Fund have been kept and the financial statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information disclosed in the annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025 for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Fund's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Deloitte LLP

Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor Glasgow, United Kingdom 16 July 2025

## **General Information**

### Launch date

14 July 2008

## Accounting year end date

31 March

## **Fund Management Fee**

The fund pays a Fund Management Fee of 0.10% and 0.68% of the value of the Fund to the ACD for I Accumulation and X Accumulation share classes respectively. This is deducted from revenue (or capital if there is insufficient revenue).

## Registration fees

The Registrar charges a fee upon the number of account holders. The ACD may benefit from the Registrar servicing a number of Close funds.

### **Distributions**

Where possible the Fund will declare an annual dividend in relation to the year ending 31 March each year, and a semi-annual dividend in relation to the period ending 30 September in each year.

Any distributions made will be paid to shareholders on or before the next following 31 July or 30 November, where applicable.

## Share prices

Share prices are calculated daily at 12 noon and all dealings are currently on a forward price basis.

Prices for all TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited's (TrinityBridge) range of authorised unit trusts and open-ended investment companies ("OEICS") are available on TrinityBridge's website, <a href="https://www.trinitybridge.com/our-services/investment-management/our-funds">https://www.trinitybridge.com/our-services/investment-management/our-funds</a>, or by contacting TrinityBridge on 0370 606 6452\*.

## Minimum investment and Individual Savings Account (ISA)

The minimum initial lump sum investment in the Fund is £100,000 for I Accumulation shares (these shares are only available at the ACD's discretion) and £1,000 for X Accumulation shares. There is no maximum investment level. The Fund qualifies for stock and shares ISA investment. In the case of regular savers the minimum amount is £100 per month.

## Taxation of the shareholder

Shareholders who are resident or ordinarily resident in the UK for UK tax purposes may, depending on their circumstances, be liable to UK Capital Gains Tax on the disposal of their shares.

An individual's first £3,000 of net gains on disposals in 2025/26 are exempt from UK Capital Gains Tax. Gains in excess of £3,000 are subject to tax at the Capital Gains tax rate of 18% where total taxable income and gains are below £37,700 or at 24% on total taxable income and gains above this threshold. Capital Gains and Income Tax rates and reliefs are always subject to change. Special rules apply to institutional investors and depositories.

## Dilution levy/price swing

The actual cost to the Fund of purchasing or selling its 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. In normal circumstances these costs are charged to the Fund. Under certain circumstances (where the net movement of purchases and redemptions by shareholders is greater than 1% of assets under management) this may have an adverse effect on the interests of shareholders generally. In order to prevent this effect, called 'dilution', the ACD has the power to charge a dilution levy/price swing on the sale and/or redemption of the shares. The dilution levy/price swing will be applied at the outset and will be paid into and will become part of the Fund. The dilution levy/price swing for the Fund will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Fund, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfers.

<sup>\*</sup>Calls to this number may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes.

## General Information - continued

## **Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document**

Copies of the prospectus and Key Investor Information Document of the Fund are available free of charge from the ACD or may be downloaded from our website https://www.trinitybridge.com/.

## **Risk Warnings**

It is important to remember that the price of shares, and the revenue from them, can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed and that investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term. You should always regard ICVC investment as long-term.

### **Securities Financing Transactions**

The European Regulation on Reporting and Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions requires exposure to securities financing transactions ("SFTs") and total return swaps to be disclosed in reports and financial statements. During the year to 31 March 2025 and at the balance sheet date, the Fund did not use SFTs or total return swaps.

### **ESG/Sustainability**

In line with the requirements of the UK's Financial Conduct Authority's Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Sourcebook 2, public TCFD product reports published by Close Brothers Asset Management can be located at the following website address - https://www.trinitybridge.com/media/lwxoos4r/998\_cbam12713\_4687\_tcffd\_aligned\_entity\_report\_d5.pdf.

## Value of shares

The value of shares and any amount of income from them is linked to the value of, and the amount of, revenue from the assets comprised in the property of the Fund.

The minimum price per share at which you may realise your shares will be determined by:

- i. Calculating the value on a single-mid price basis of the proportion of the assets comprised in the property of the Fund equal to the proportion of those assets represented by one share of the type concerned; and
- ii. Deducting an appropriate allowance for fiscal and sale charges.

The amount of income per share which may be received by a shareholder will be a proportion of the net amount of the income of the Fund for the relevant period (after allowing for management fees, provision for taxation, interest on borrowings and other expenses) equal to the proportion of that income represented by one share.

In this calculation, the value of the assets of the Fund will take account of accrued but unpaid management fees, any applicable taxes and other accruals.

## Cancellation

If you invest in the Fund through a financial advisor, or after taking advice from an authorised intermediary, you have the right to cancel the agreement under the Financial Conduct Authority Conduct of Business Sourcebook Chapter 15.2 and you will be sent a cancellation notice. You may exercise your right to cancel by returning it to the ACD within 14 days. If you exercise this right, you will not get a full refund of the money you paid if the value of the investment falls before the cancellation notice is received by the ACD, because an amount equal to that fall in value will be deducted from any refund you would otherwise receive. Such a deduction will not be made from the first instalment paid into a regular savings scheme.

Customers dealing direct with the ACD are deemed to be Execution-only customers and will have no rights of cancellation, as outlined above.

## **Assessment of Value**

TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited has published an Assessment of Value in respect of its funds, including the Close Select Global Equity Fund, covering the reporting period.

The statement is available at www.trinitybridge.com/our-services/investment-management/our-funds.

## Directory

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## **Useful information**

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the year and the results of those activities at the year end.

For more information about the activities and performance of the Fund during this and previous years, please contact the ACD at the address above.

Copies of the report and financial statements are available free of charge on request at <a href="https://www.trinitybridge.com">www.trinitybridge.com</a> or by calling 0370 606 6452\*.

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TrinityBridge Fund Management Limited (The Manager) is a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales on 6 December 1994 with registered number 2998803 and is wholly owned by TrinityBridge Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales on 19 May 1999 with registered number 03773684. The registered office (and head office) of the Manager is at Wigmore Yard, 42 Wigmore Street, , London W1U 2RY and its business address is Wigmore Yard, 42 Wigmore Street, London W1U 2RY.

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