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# Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund

Annual report for the year ended 31 January 2018



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## Manager's report for the year ended 31 January 2018

Over the year to 31 January 2018, the Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (I-Class) returned 21.2% compared with the IA Global sector's average of 13.2%.

Performance relative to our peer group during the period was very good. The stock and sector leadership that hampered our relative returns in 2016 switched back and we made up the lost ground. We are pleased with performance, but acutely aware of the market's volatile style shifts that can lead to quite large divergences in performance over the short term. We have outperformed by a large margin this year, but there were months that looked bad on paper before the market reversed itself.

Returns were helped by the outperformance of growth stocks – technology, consumer discretionary, consumer staples and healthcare. President Donald Trump delivered his long-touted tax cuts, leading investors to buy companies that do well when the economy is in an upswing. These cyclical industries, such as banks, miners and retailers, got a boost in the tail end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018. We believe this will be short lived, however. The tax cuts will be good for the US economy, but we feel its effects won't live up to the hype.

We don't see Mr Trump's reflationary policies succeeding in returning GDP growth to the levels experienced in the 1990's, which value stocks such as mining, oil and gas, industrials and banks are relying on. We think these areas are too risky and unpredictable. We believe growth stocks are a good place to be in what is likely to be the 'new normal' of persistently modest but below-trend economic growth. That's because investors put a premium on growth when it's difficult to find.

During the last period we made a number of purchases and sales. We bought web-search behemoth Alphabet, which is essentially a mandatory supplier for anyone advertising anything. Growth remains high for this ageing tech giant and we see that continuing for some time, given the potential of its 1 billion global Google Maps users (yet to be monetised) and explosive growth in YouTube. But most importantly, Alphabet's algorithms are truly the best in the business.

It can help improve advertisements and increase customers' traffic, meaning Alphabet can charge more and more...

British American Tobacco (BAT) is one of the leading companies in the global tobacco industry. We bought this holding because it offers a combination of strong brands, good management, attractive emerging markets exposure and strong positioning in next-generation products.

We added Caterpillar, the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, including diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel electric locomotives. With global economic activity reaccelerating customers are turning to Caterpillar to help them develop infrastructure, energy and natural resource assets. This increased demand for new mines, alloyed with cost-saving initiatives at existing sites, suggests a solid foundation for the near-term outlook.

Another new industrial stock for us was US car parts manufacturer O'Reilly Automotive. Many businesses have put off replacing vehicles in recent years and the average age of corporate fleets has been increasing. With more miles on the clock, cars and trucks tend to start wearing out and need more spare parts. Added to that, people are less inclined to do their own maintenance and repairs. This trend toward "do it for me" benefits O'Reilly, which has strong ties with trade mechanics. However, later in the period we sold the position because we were concerned about the consistency of growth and the potential threat of Amazon in the auto parts industry.

Another new purchase was Heineken, the world's second-largest brewer in a concentrated market with high barriers to entry. About half of its operating profits come from faster-growing emerging markets. It also has the only proper global beer brand, which gives it great economies of scale for marketing that allow it to reach parts of the globe other beers cannot reach.

## Manager's report for the year ended 31 January 2018 *(continued)*

We sold Booker, the UK's largest food cash and carry operator. The business also boasts a delivered food service division, serving independent, multi-site and national customers such as Marks & Spencer. The group's success has not been lost on food retail behemoth Tesco, which recently launched a bid for the company. We sold the position early, as we don't want to own the parent.

Reynolds American is the number two tobacco company in the US and the home of Newport, Camel, Pall Mall and Kent brands, amongst others. We sold the shares following a bid from BAT who acquired the remaining 58% of shares they did not previously own.

TJX is the company behind UK discount retailer TJ Maxx and Marshalls in the US. This is a great business model with superb management: it takes the excess inventory for strong brands and clears it at a discount without devaluing their good names with a bargain basement sale in flagship stores. However, department stores are desperate for business and becoming increasingly competitive both on the high street and online. We felt this could damage revenue growth, which was already moderating, so we sold the stock.

This went for Inditex too. It's one of the largest global retailers, owning Zara, Massimo Dutti and Pull&Bear. Like TJX, it also has a unique business model that attracted us. It gives local store managers the control to determine what fashions will sell best to their local clients and relay customer tastes to the central design team to make more full-price sales. Inditex has grown well for nearly two decades, but we were concerned about increased online competition starting a price war that may shred its profit margins.

Another exit was Sherwin-Williams, one of the top US paint producers. It sports a 40% market share and sells mostly to trade professionals. In June it bought rival Valspar, which boosted it from seventh to third-largest industrial coatings producer in the US. After a strong run for the shares, we sold them because we felt the price was too high. It implied that the company would execute its consolidation of Valspar without even the slightest hitch. We thought the risk was too high.

Following the period end, equity markets took a sharp fall as concerns about accelerating inflation reached a crescendo in early February. While we expect a more turbulent year ahead than the extraordinarily calm 2017, we believe our stocks should do well. Our portfolio has been tilted toward our stable weatherproof stocks for many months now. This includes companies in the healthcare, consumer staples and even tech sectors.

But this doesn't mean we're insulated in a market correction. The most vulnerable stocks in the early innings of a market sell-off are usually the 'winners' – the top-performing stocks in a portfolio. When you're fearful, it's easiest to sell your top performers and bank profits – investors love to hold onto their dogs in the vain hope they come right. But if storm conditions continue, stable, predictable, reliable growth is an essential quality in turbulent markets. A switch into 'value' strategies is probably the wrong move (although we would say that). Value investments today aren't synonymous with a margin of safety argument, today the value stocks are the ones that are the most economically or rate sensitive stocks in the market.

While these volatile conditions will make all of us feel nervous, it will also create some exciting opportunities. On our watchlist of potential future investments, we are seeing some helpful moves lower as investor fears are amplified during periods of heightened overall market volatility. Small issues get magnified and old rules of thumb get trotted out even though the world is a different place. We will continue to buy these stocks in a steady and disciplined way.

**James Thomson**  
Fund Manager

**Sammy Dow**  
Assistant Fund Manager  
*21 February 2018*

## Net asset value per unit and comparative tables

### R-Class accumulation units

	<b>31.01.18</b> pence per unit	31.01.17 pence per unit	31.01.16 pence per unit
<b>Change in net assets per unit</b>			
Opening net asset value per unit	170.04p	140.85p	125.04p
Return before operating charges*	38.71p	31.58p	17.91p
Operating charges	(2.92p)	(2.39p)	(2.10p)
Return after operating charges*	35.79p	29.19p	15.81p
Distributions on accumulation units	0.00p	0.00p	0.00p
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.00p	0.00p	0.00p
Closing net asset value per unit	205.83p	170.04p	140.85p
*after direct transactions costs <sup>1</sup> of:	0.23p	0.24p	0.28p

<sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### Performance

Return after charges	21.05%	20.72%	12.64%
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### Other information

Closing net asset value	£153,207,785	£135,224,519	£121,858,083
Closing number of units	74,433,165	79,525,029	86,516,163
Operating charges	1.54%	1.54%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.12%	0.16%	0.21%

### Prices

Highest unit price	214.87p	178.21p	149.42p
Lowest unit price	168.33p	127.05p	124.58p

## Net asset value per unit and comparative tables *(continued)*

### I-Class accumulation units

	<b>31.01.18</b> pence per unit	31.01.17 pence per unit	31.01.16 pence per unit
<b>Change in net assets per unit</b>			
Opening net asset value per unit	175.70p	144.42p	127.52p
Return before operating charges*	40.22p	32.56p	18.01p
Operating charges	(1.56p)	(1.28p)	(1.11p)
Return after operating charges*	38.66p	31.28p	16.90p
Distributions on accumulation units	(0.31p)	(0.55p)	(0.33p)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.31p	0.55p	0.33p
Closing net asset value per unit	214.36p	175.70p	144.42p
*after direct transactions costs <sup>1</sup> of:	0.24p	0.25p	0.29p

<sup>1</sup> Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

### Performance

Return after charges	22.00%	21.66%	13.25%
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### Other information

Closing net asset value	£1,060,836,674	£805,671,421	£542,418,457
Closing number of units	494,885,389	458,536,901	375,576,980
Operating charges	0.79%	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.12%	0.16%	0.21%

### Prices

Highest unit price	219.12p	180.32p	150.00p
Lowest unit price	174.77p	130.97p	127.42p

## Net asset value per unit and comparative tables *(continued)*

### Discrete annual performance, quarter ending 31 December\*

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
R-Class units	26.09%	8.74%	14.73%	15.91%	19.19%
I-Class units	27.04%	9.56%	15.60%	16.79%	20.07%
IA Global sector	21.65%	7.09%	2.77%	23.33%	14.02%

\* Source performance data Financial Express, bid to bid, net income re-invested.

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.

The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and you may not get back your original investment.

### Risk and reward profile as published in the fund's most recent Key Investor Information Document



Lower potential risk/reward  
(Not risk-free)

Higher potential risk/reward

This indicator is a measure of the fund's past volatility (the extent and rapidity of up-and-down movements of the value of an investment). It may not be a reliable indication of the fund's future risk. The risk category shown is not a target or a guarantee and may change over time.

## Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2018

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)		Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
<b>United Kingdom (31.01.17: 12.32%)</b>			
130,000	Aon	13,002,285	1.07
300,000	British American Tobacco	14,457,000	1.19
800,000	Bunzl	16,480,000	1.36
9,500,000	Coats	7,457,500	0.62
724,638	MAXjet Airways <sup>#</sup>	—	—
430,000	Rightmove	18,975,900	1.56
1,178,415	Riverstone Energy	14,730,187	1.21
<b>Total United Kingdom</b>		<b>85,102,872</b>	<b>7.01</b>
<b>China (31.01.17: 2.11%)</b>			
946,000	Tencent	39,430,513	3.25
<b>Denmark (31.01.17: 0.00%)</b>			
235,000	Chr. Hansen	14,555,398	1.20
<b>France (31.01.17: 4.85%)</b>			
50,000	Eurofins Scientific	22,995,635	1.89
320,000	Legrand Promesses	18,781,958	1.55
185,000	Orpea	16,246,963	1.34
280,000	Rubis	14,557,770	1.20
230,000	Sartorius Stedim Biotech	14,063,692	1.16
<b>Total France</b>		<b>86,646,018</b>	<b>7.14</b>
<b>Germany (31.01.17: 9.43%)</b>			
1,200,000	Aixtron	12,688,334	1.05
420,000	Aurelius AG	21,836,655	1.80
485,000	CTS Eventim	17,062,849	1.41
1,150,000	Infineon Technologies	23,493,217	1.93
190,000	Osram Licht AG	11,711,042	0.96
46,000	Rational	22,747,720	1.87
260,000	Stabilus	17,754,382	1.46
320,000	United Internet	16,460,845	1.36
<b>Total Germany</b>		<b>143,755,044</b>	<b>11.84</b>
<b>Ireland (31.01.17: 4.32%)</b>			
235,000	Kerry	17,673,569	1.46
<b>Italy (31.01.17: 0.00%)</b>			
2,600,000	Davide Campari-Milano	14,599,819	1.20



## Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2018 *(continued)*

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
<b>Netherlands (31.01.17: 0.00%)</b>		
215,000 Heineken	<b>17,033,940</b>	<b>1.40</b>
<b>Spain (31.01.17: 3.23%)</b>		
400,000 Amadeus IT	<b>21,893,596</b>	<b>1.80</b>
<b>Sweden (31.01.17: 1.52%)</b>		
1,200,000 Svenska Handelsbanken AB	<b>12,312,109</b>	<b>1.01</b>
<b>Switzerland (31.01.17: 3.26%)</b>		
1,050,000 ABB	20,611,784	1.70
72,000 Lonza	14,084,776	1.16
35,000 Partners	19,129,112	1.57
<b>Total Switzerland</b>	<b>53,825,672</b>	<b>4.43</b>
<b>United States (31.01.17: 55.89%)</b>		
480,000 A.O. Smith	22,527,478	1.86
125,000 Abiomed	20,646,250	1.70
560,000 Activision Blizzard	29,200,098	2.40
200,000 Adobe Systems	28,103,091	2.31
235,000 Align Technology	43,283,429	3.56
26,000 Alphabet 'C'	21,423,100	1.76
36,000 Amazon.com	36,746,556	3.03
270,000 Amphenol	17,615,836	1.45
220,000 AptarGroup	13,519,778	1.11
58,000 Biogen	14,186,252	1.17
295,000 Broadridge Financial Solutions	19,993,741	1.65
145,000 Caterpillar	16,594,881	1.37
57,000 Charter Communications 'A'	15,118,097	1.24
280,000 Electronic Arts	24,998,277	2.06
220,000 Facebook	28,920,783	2.38
215,000 First Republic Bank	13,536,057	1.11
222,000 Global Payments	17,448,711	1.44
230,000 Hasbro	15,297,212	1.26
115,000 Home Depot	16,245,807	1.34
160,000 Intuit	18,891,038	1.56
200,000 Mastercard	23,776,942	1.96
650,000 Match	15,970,606	1.32
185,000 McCormick	14,149,010	1.17
460,000 Monster Beverage	22,067,579	1.82
500,000 PayPal	30,037,622	2.47

## Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2018 *(continued)*

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
730,000 Pfizer	19,024,507	1.57
200,000 Philip Morris	15,081,045	1.24
660,000 Rollins	22,894,976	1.89
160,000 S&P Global	20,384,093	1.68
265,000 Salesforce.com	21,249,569	1.75
300,000 Visa	26,212,158	2.16
<b>Total United States</b>	<b>665,144,579</b>	<b>54.79</b>
<b>Total value of investments (31.01.17: 98.52%)</b>	<b>1,171,973,129</b>	<b>96.53</b>
<b>Net other assets (31.01.17: 1.48%)</b>	<b>42,071,330</b>	<b>3.47</b>
<b>Total value of the fund as at 31 January 2018</b>	<b>1,214,044,459</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Countries eliminated since the beginning of the year:

Belgium 1.59%

# Suspended security (refer to accounting policy 1f)

## Summary of portfolio investments

	Value £	Percentage of total net assets
Equity Securities	1,171,973,129	96.53
<b>Total value of investments</b>	<b>1,171,973,129</b>	<b>96.53</b>

## Statement of total return for the year ended 31 January 2018

	Note	31.01.18 £	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £	31.01.17 £
<b>Income</b>					
Net capital gains	2		<b>208,779,212</b>		153,074,934
Revenue	3	<b>11,305,005</b>		9,743,194	
Expenses	4	<b>(9,657,144)</b>		(7,305,585)	
Interest payable and similar charges		<b>(296)</b>		–	
Net revenue before taxation		<b>1,647,565</b>		2,437,609	
Taxation	5	<b>(1,083,169)</b>		(763,815)	
Net revenue after taxation			<b>564,396</b>		1,673,794
<b>Total return before distributions</b>			<b>209,343,608</b>		154,748,728
Distributions	6		<b>(1,442,127)</b>		(2,204,376)
<b>Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities</b>			<b>207,901,481</b>		152,544,352

## Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year ended 31 January 2018

	31.01.18 £	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £	31.01.17 £
<b>Opening net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>940,895,940</b>		664,276,540
Amounts receivable on issue of units	<b>112,948,878</b>		153,576,701	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	<b>(49,235,985)</b>		(32,023,606)	
		<b>63,712,893</b>		121,553,095
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities (see Statement of total return above)		<b>207,901,481</b>		152,544,352
Retained distributions on accumulation units		<b>1,534,145</b>		2,521,953
<b>Closing net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<b>1,214,044,459</b>		940,895,940

## Balance sheet as at 31 January 2018

	Note	31.01.18 £	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £	31.01.17 £
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Fixed assets:</b>					
Investments			<b>1,171,973,129</b>		926,959,547
<b>Current assets:</b>					
Debtors	7	<b>3,217,532</b>		2,717,577	
Cash and bank balances		<b>43,177,590</b>		24,248,188	
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>1,218,368,251</b>		953,925,312
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Creditors:</b>					
Other creditors	8	<b>(4,323,792)</b>		(13,029,372)	
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>(4,323,792)</b>		(13,029,372)
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>			<b>1,214,044,459</b>		940,895,940

# Notes to the financial statements

## 1 Accounting policies

### a) Basis of accounting

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

As stated in the Statement of the Manager's responsibilities in relation to the report and accounts of the fund on page 25, the Manager continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements of the fund.

### b) Recognition of revenue

All dividends on investments marked ex-dividend up to the accounting date are included in revenue inclusive of any tax deducted at source and net of attributable tax credits. Bank and other interest receivable is accrued up to the accounting date, and this forms part of the distribution.

### c) Treatment of scrip and special dividends

Any stock received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance, followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent being offered, and this forms part of the distribution made by the fund.

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

### d) Treatment of expenses

All expenses (other than direct costs of purchase and sale of investments) are charged against revenue.

### e) Distribution policy

Revenue arising from the fund's investments accumulates during each accounting period. If, at the end of the accounting period, revenue exceeds expenses, the net revenue of the fund is available to be distributed to unitholders.

A reconciliation of the net distribution to the net revenue of the fund as reported total return is shown in note 6.

In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow to unitholders, interim distributions will be made at the Managers' discretion, up to a maximum of the distributable revenue available for the year. All remaining revenue is distributed in accordance with the regulations.

### f) Basis of valuation of investments

The quoted investments of the fund have been valued at the closing bid-market prices ruling on the principal markets on which the stocks are quoted on the last business day of the accounting year. If no market price is available we use two different vendors (at least one being independent) to obtain a price and verify it against.

If the Stock Exchange quotation of an investment has been suspended, and in the opinion of the Manager, it is unlikely to be reinstated, this has been indicated in the portfolio of investments. The fair value of suspended securities is assessed by the Manager based on available information.

### g) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting year are translated into sterling at the closing mid exchange rates ruling on that date.

## 1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

### h) Taxation/Deferred Tax

i) Corporation tax is provided for at 20% on taxable revenue, after deduction of expenses.

ii) Where overseas tax has been deducted from taxable overseas revenue, that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable by the fund, by way of double taxation relief.

iii) The charge for deferred tax is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax assets can be offset. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

### i) Unit classes rights on termination, allocation of tax and distributable income

The fund may be terminated if an order declaring the fund to be an authorised unit trust scheme is revoked, or the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) determines to revoke the order at the request of the Trustee or the Manager. In the case of a reconstruction or an amalgamation of the fund with another body or trust, on the passing of an extraordinary resolution of holders of units approving the amalgamation. The Trustee shall wind up the fund in accordance with that resolution.

On the termination of the fund in any other case, the Trustee shall sell the investments, and out of the proceeds of the sale shall settle the fund's liabilities and pay the costs and expenses of the winding up before distributing the proceeds of the realisation to unitholders and the Manager proportionally to their respective interests in the fund. Any unclaimed proceeds or cash held by the Trustee after the expiration of 12 months from the date on which the same became payable shall be paid by the Trustee into court subject to the Trustee having a right to retain any expenses incurred by it in making such payment into court. On the completion of the winding-up the trustee must notify the FCA to revoke the relevant authorisation order.

Allocation of tax & distributable income is done proportionally to the unitholders' respective interests in the fund.

## Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

### 2 Net capital gains

	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	<b>208,320,901</b>	155,007,367
Capital special dividends	<b>1,447,293</b>	–
Currency losses	<b>(986,441)</b>	(1,920,868)
Transaction charges	<b>(2,541)</b>	(11,565)
<b>Total net capital gains</b>	<b>208,779,212</b>	153,074,934

### 3 Revenue

	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £
Dividends – UK Ordinary	<b>1,163,304</b>	2,214,217
– Overseas	<b>10,125,335</b>	7,464,232
HMRC interest received	–	155
Bank interest	<b>16,366</b>	64,590
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>11,305,005</b>	9,743,194

### 4 Expenses

	31.01.18 £	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £	31.01.17 £
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:				
Manager's periodic charge		<b>9,226,922</b>		6,973,559
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:				
Trustee's fees	<b>260,360</b>		193,070	
Safe custody and other bank charges	<b>125,283</b>		93,283	
		<b>385,643</b>		286,353
Other expenses:				
Administration fees	<b>6,582</b>		6,450	
Audit fee*	<b>9,360</b>		9,399	
FCA fee	<b>356</b>		357	
Printing and publication costs	<b>4,267</b>		4,477	
Registration fees	<b>22,288</b>		23,263	
Listing fee	<b>1,726</b>		1,727	
		<b>44,579</b>		45,673
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>9,657,144</b>		7,305,585

\* Audit fees paid in the year were £7,800 (31.01.17: £7,800) excluding VAT.

## 5 Taxation

	<b>31.01.18</b>	31.01.17
	<b>£</b>	£
a) Analysis of charge in the year		
Overseas tax	<b>1,083,169</b>	763,815
Total taxation charge (note 5b)	<b>1,083,169</b>	763,815

### b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Authorised Unit Trust (20%) (31.01.17: 20%). The differences are explained below.

	<b>31.01.18</b>	31.01.17
	<b>£</b>	£
Net revenue before taxation	<b>1,647,565</b>	2,437,609
Corporation tax at 20%	<b>329,513</b>	487,522
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	<b>(2,257,727)</b>	(1,935,690)
Current year expenses not utilised	<b>1,928,214</b>	1,448,168
Corporate tax charge	—	—
Overseas withholding tax	<b>1,083,169</b>	763,815
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	<b>1,083,169</b>	763,815

### c) Deferred tax

At the year end the fund had surplus management expenses of £37,084,571 (31.01.17: £27,443,498). It is unlikely that the fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and, therefore, a deferred tax asset of £7,416,914 (31.01.17: £5,488,700) has not been recognised in the financial statements.



## 6 Distributions

The accumulations take account of amounts received on the issue of units and amounts deducted on the cancellation of units, and comprise:

	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £
Final	<b>1,534,145</b>	2,521,953
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	<b>71,328</b>	74,923
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of units	<b>(163,346)</b>	(392,500)
Net distribution for the year	<b>1,442,127</b>	2,204,376

### Reconciliation of net distribution for the year to net revenue after tax:

Net accumulation for the year	<b>1,442,127</b>	2,204,376
Deficit transferred to capital	<b>(849,135)</b>	(512,015)
Equalisation on conversions	<b>(15,658)</b>	(8,792)
Balance brought forward	<b>(22,848)</b>	(32,623)
Balance carried forward	<b>9,910</b>	22,848
Net revenue after taxation	<b>564,396</b>	1,673,794

## 7 Debtors

	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £
Amounts receivable for issue of units	<b>2,160,508</b>	2,147,176
Accrued revenue	<b>462,563</b>	361,249
Prepaid expenses	<b>1,234</b>	1,234
Taxation recoverable	<b>593,227</b>	207,918
Total debtors	<b>3,217,532</b>	2,717,577

## 8 Other creditors

	31.01.18 £	31.01.17 £
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	<b>2,210</b>	46,735
Purchases awaiting settlement	<b>3,374,135</b>	12,234,753
Accrued manager's periodic charge	<b>864,409</b>	683,631
Accrued expenses	<b>83,038</b>	64,253
Total other creditors	<b>4,323,792</b>	13,029,372

## 9 Reconciliation of units

	R-Class accumulation	I-Class accumulation
Opening units issued at 01.02.17	79,525,029	458,536,901
Unit movements 01.02.17 to 31.01.18		
Units issued	4,494,348	52,491,565
Units cancelled	(7,350,893)	(18,287,119)
Units converted	(2,235,319)	2,144,042
Closing units at 31.01.18	74,433,165	494,885,389

## 10 Related party transactions

Management fees paid to Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited (the Manager) are disclosed in note 4 and amounts outstanding at the year end in note 8.

There were no commissions paid to stockbroking of the Manager in respect of dealings in the investments of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund during the year (31.01.17: nil).

All other amounts paid to or received from the related parties, together with the outstanding balances are disclosed in the financial statements.

At the year end there were no significant unitholders (31.01.17: nil).

## 11 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (31.01.17: nil).

## 12 Risk disclosures on financial instruments

In pursuing the investment objective a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations, for example, in respect of sales and purchases awaiting settlement, amounts receivable for creations and payable for liquidations and debtors for accrued revenue.

There is little exposure to credit or cash flow risk. There are no net borrowings and little exposure to liquidity risk because assets can be readily realised to meet redemptions.

The fund does not make use of derivatives.

The main risks arising from the financial instruments are:

(i) **Foreign currency risk**, being the risk that the value of investments will fluctuate as a result of exchange rate movements. The value of the fund's underlying investments will be affected by movements in exchange rate against sterling, in respect of non-sterling denominated rates.

**12 Risk disclosures on financial instruments** *(continued)*

**(i) Foreign currency risk** *(continued)*

The table below shows the foreign currency risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	<b>31.01.18</b>	31.01.17
	<b>£</b>	£
Currency:		
Danish krone	<b>14,555,398</b>	—
Euro	<b>301,601,986</b>	178,857,827
Hong Kong dollar	<b>39,430,513</b>	19,807,585
Swedish krona	<b>12,312,109</b>	14,261,025
Swiss franc	<b>50,451,537</b>	30,667,574
US dollar	<b>678,471,197</b>	539,551,224
Pound sterling	<b>116,627,258</b>	157,541,553
	<b>1,213,449,998</b>	940,686,788
Other net assets not categorised as financial instruments	<b>594,461</b>	209,152
Net assets	<b>1,214,044,459</b>	940,895,940

If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the fund would have decreased by £99,711,158 (31.01.17: £71,195,021). If GBP to foreign currency exchange rates had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the fund would have increased by £121,869,193 (31.01.17: £87,016,137). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

**(ii) Interest rate risk**, being the risk that the value of investments will fluctuate as a result of interest rate changes.

The table below shows the interest rate risk profile at the balance sheet date:

	<b>31.01.18</b>	31.01.17
	<b>£</b>	£
Floating rate assets:		
Pound sterling	<b>43,181,645</b>	24,228,535
Assets on which no interest is paid:		
Danish krone	<b>14,555,398</b>	—
Euro	<b>301,601,986</b>	191,092,580
Hong Kong dollar	<b>39,430,513</b>	19,807,585
Swedish krona	<b>12,312,109</b>	14,261,025
Swiss franc	<b>53,825,672</b>	30,667,574
US dollar	<b>678,471,197</b>	539,551,224
Pound sterling	<b>74,395,270</b>	134,107,637
	<b>1,174,592,145</b>	929,487,625

**12 Risk disclosures on financial instruments** *(continued)*

**(ii) Interest rate risk** *(continued)*

	<b>31.01.18</b>	31.01.17
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Liabilities on which no interest is paid:		
Euro	—	(12,234,753)
Swiss franc	<b>(3,374,135)</b>	—
Pound sterling	<b>(949,657)</b>	(794,619)
	<b>(4,323,792)</b>	(13,029,372)
Other net assets not categorised as financial instruments	<b>594,461</b>	209,152
Net assets	<b>1,214,044,459</b>	940,895,940

Due to the proportion of interest bearing assets held within the portfolio, no sensitivity analysis has been prepared illustrating the impact changes in yields would have on the value of the fund's portfolio.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances, that earn or pay interest at rates linked to the UK base rate or its international equivalents.

There are no material amounts of non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities, other than equities, which do not have maturity dates.

**(iii) Market price risk**, being the risk that the value of investment holdings will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices caused by factors other than currency or interest rate movements.

The investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Manager in pursuance of the investment objective and policy set out in the Prospectus. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed and Prospectus and the rules of the FCA's Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date the net asset value of the fund would have increased by £117,197,313 (31.01.17: £92,695,955). If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date the net asset value of the fund would have decreased by £117,197,313 (31.01.17: £92,695,955). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

**(iv) Counterparty risk**, being the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investments for a purchase, or the cash for a sale after the fund has fulfilled its responsibilities. The Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund doesn't invest in OTC derivatives, all settlement is through electronic matching systems. This eliminates counterparty risk as cash/stock isn't transferred until the other sides cash/stock is also in place.

**(v) Fair value**, There is no material difference between the carrying value and fair value of the financial instruments disclosed in the balance sheet.

**(vi) Leverage**. In accordance with the IA SORP issued in May 2014 we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. There is no significant leverage in Rathbones Global Opportunities Fund which would increase its exposure.

### 13 Portfolio transaction cost

For the year ended 31 January 2018

#### Analysis of total purchases costs

	Value £	Commissions £	%	Taxes £	%
Equity transactions	371,169,112	562,186	0.15	293,995	0.08
Total purchases before transaction costs	371,169,112	562,186		293,995	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	372,025,293				

#### Analysis of total sales costs

	Value £	Commissions £	%	Taxes £	%
Equity transactions	335,811,692	475,503	0.14	3,577	—
Total sales including transactions costs	335,811,692	475,503		3,577	
Total sales net of commission and taxes	335,332,612				

Commissions and taxes as % of average net assets

Commissions	0.09%
Taxes	0.03%

For the year ended 31 January 2017

#### Analysis of total purchases costs

	Value £	Commissions £	%	Taxes £	%
Equity transactions	381,090,511	597,509	0.16	261,442	0.07
Total purchases before transaction costs	381,090,511	597,509		261,442	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	381,949,462				

### 13 Portfolio transaction cost *(continued)*

#### Analysis of total sales costs

	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
	£	£	%	£	%
Equity transactions	245,710,457	403,604	0.16	4,161	—
Corporate actions	313,893	—	—	—	—
Total sales including transactions costs	246,024,350	403,604		4,161	
Total sales net of commission and taxes	245,616,585				

Commissions and taxes as % of average net assets

Commissions	0.13%
Taxes	0.03%

In the case of shares, commissions and taxes are paid by the fund on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments. Unlike shares, other types of investments (such as bonds, money market instruments, derivatives) have no separately identifiable transaction costs; these costs form part of dealing spread. Dealing spreads vary considerably depending on the transaction value and market sentiment. At the balance sheet date the dealing spread was 0.07% (31.01.17: 0.07%).

### 14 Fair value of investments

The fair values of the Trust's assets and liabilities are represented by the values shown in the balance sheet. There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

The fair value of investments has been determined using the following hierarchy:

Level 1	The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

#### For the year ended 31 January 2018

Category	1	2	3	Total
	£	£	£	£
Equities	1,171,973,129	—	—	1,171,973,129
	1,171,973,129	—	—	1,171,973,129

**14 Fair value of investments** *(continued)*

**For the year ended 31 January 2017**

Category	1	2	3	Total
Investment assets	£	£	£	£
Equities	926,959,547	–	–	926,959,547
	926,959,547	–	–	926,959,547

**15 Unit price movement since the balance sheet date**

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per unit of the fund has increased using the unit prices at the year end date compared to 13 March 2018. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements of recent months. There are no post balance sheet events which require adjustments.

Unit type	31.01.18 bid price	13.03.18 bid price
R-Class Accumulation	205.83p	211.75p
I-Class Accumulation	214.36p	221.67p

## Distribution tables for the year ended 31 January 2018

### Distribution tables (pence per unit)

#### Interim

There was no distribution for the period under review for the I-Class Accumulation units.

Due to the net deficit of income for the R-Class Accumulation units for the six months ending 31 July 2017, no accumulation has been made.

#### Final

Group 1 – Units purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2 – Units purchased on or after 1 August 2017 and on or before 31 January 2018

I-Class Accumulation units	Net Income	Equalisation	Allocated 29.03.18	Accumulated 31.03.17
Group 1	0.31	–	0.31	0.55
Group 2	0.00	0.31	0.31	0.55

Due to the net deficit of income for the R-Class Accumulation units for the six months ending 31 January 2018, no accumulation has been made.

#### Notes for corporate unitholders

Corporate unitholders should read the important information on the reverse of the tax voucher in respect of this distribution. The relevant information required by a corporate unitholder is as follows:

Franked investment income	100.00%
Unfranked investment income	0.00%
Depository net liability to corporation tax	nil pence per unit

#### Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to units purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 units). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the units. After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to Income Tax but must be deducted from the cost of the units for Capital Gains Tax purposes.



## Directors' statement

This report is approved in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.

**MM Webb**  
for Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited  
Trustee of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund  
*21 March 2018*

## Statement of the Manager's responsibilities in relation to the report and accounts of the Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund

The Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook requires the Manager to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the fund and of the net revenue and of the net capital gains on the property of the fund for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Manager is required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies, as described in the attached financial statements, and then apply them consistently;
2. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
3. comply with the disclosure requirements of the IMA SORP 2014 relating to financial statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by The Investment Association;
4. follow UK generally accepted accounting principles, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Statement of Recommended Practice: 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by The Investment Association in May 2014;
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the fund will continue in operation; and
6. keep proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Scheme and which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the scheme in accordance with its Trust Deed, Prospectus and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. The Manager has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Manager is aware:

1. there is no relevant audit information of which the fund's auditor is unaware;
2. the Manager has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information; and
3. the Manager is of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements as the assets of the fund consist predominantly of securities that are readily realisable and, accordingly, the fund has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8 R, the Annual Report and the audited financial statements were approved by the board of directors of the Manager of the Scheme and authorised for issue on 20 March 2018.

# Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund for the year ended 31 January 2018

The Trustee must ensure that the Scheme is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together the Regulations), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together the Scheme documents) as detailed below.

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

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

The Trustee must ensure that:

1. the Scheme's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Scheme is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
2. the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
3. the value of units in the Scheme is calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
4. any consideration relating to transactions in the Scheme's assets is remitted to the Scheme within the usual time limits;
5. the Scheme's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
6. the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager (the AFM) are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

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

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

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

**National Westminster Bank Plc**  
Trustee and Depositary Services  
Trustee of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund  
*21 March 2018*

# Independent Auditor's Report to the unitholders of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the fund as at 31 January 2018 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (the 'fund') for the year ended 31 January 2018 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 Trust Deed.

We have audited the financial statements of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (the 'fund') which comprise:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders;
- the balance sheet;
- the distribution tables; and
- the related notes 1 to 15.

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, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

## 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 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

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the manager has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the fund's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the unitholders of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund *(continued)*

## Other information

The manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 respect of these matters.

## Responsibilities of trustee and manager

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement and the manager's responsibilities statement, the trustee is responsible for the safeguarding the property of the fund and the manager 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 manager 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 manager 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 manager either intends to liquidate the fund or to cease operations, or have 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 Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the fund's unitholders, 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 unitholders 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 unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the unitholders of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund *(continued)*

## **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 January 2018 for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

Deloitte LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
Glasgow, United Kingdom  
*21 March 2018*

## General information

### UCITS V Remuneration

In line with the requirements of the UCITS Directive, Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited (the Manager) 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 Manager is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management, does not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profiles of the Manager and the UCITS that it manages and does not impair the Manager's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of the UCITS it manages. The remuneration policy applies to staff of the Manager whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Manager or the UCITS that it manages (known as Remuneration Code Staff).

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

	Fixed remuneration £'000	Variable remuneration £'000	Total remuneration £'000	Headcount
Senior Management	1,036	3,022	4,058	5
Risk takers	1,292	1,898	3,190	12
Control functions	215	31	246	3
Other	108	94	202	1
Total remuneration code staff	2,651	5,045	7,696	21
Non-remuneration code staff	578	218	796	13
<b>Total for the Manager</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>5,263</b>	<b>8,492</b>	<b>34</b>

The variable remuneration disclosed in the table above is for the year ended 31 December 2017, which is the most recent period for which data are available. Variable remuneration is determined annually based on, inter alia, the results of the Manager and the investment performance of the UCITS that it manages for discrete annual periods ending on 31 December each year. Consequently, it is not possible to apportion the variable award between calendar years as the award for 2018 can not be known until after 31 December 2018 has passed.

### **Authorised status**

The Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund is an authorised unit trust scheme, established by a Trust Deed dated 20 March 2001 and launched in May 2001.

It is a 'UCITS Scheme' authorised under Section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, and the currency of the fund is pounds sterling.

### **Investment objective, policy and strategy**

The objective of the fund is to provide above average long term capital growth from a global portfolio. The fund will be able to invest in any transferable security in all recognised world financial markets. The income yield will be at best minimal.

To meet the objective the fund may also invest at the Manager's discretion in money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash, deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stocklending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted by the FCA rules.

### **Valuation of the fund**

The fund is valued on each business day at 12 noon to set the prices at which units in the fund may be bought or sold. Valuations may be made at other times on business days with the Trustee's approval.

### **Stewardship code**

Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited fully supports the UK Stewardship Code sponsored by the Financial Reporting Council. Our statement on complying with the Code can be found on our website: [rutm.com](http://rutm.com)

### **Buying and selling of units**

The Manager is available to receive requests for the buying and selling of units on normal business days between 9.00am and 5.00pm and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the next valuation. Application forms for the purchase of units (obtainable from the Manager) should be completed and sent to the dealing office. In respect of telephoned orders, remittances should be sent on receipt of the contract note. Contract notes confirming transactions will be issued by the close of business on the next business day after the dealing date. Purchasers of units are required to enter their registration details on the form supplied with their contract note. Once units are paid for these details will be entered on the unit register.

Units can be sold by telephone, fax or letter followed by despatch to the dealing office of the authorisation to sell duly completed by all unitholders.

In the absence of clear written instructions signed by all the registered holders, a Form of Renunciation will be sent out together with the repurchase contract note. This will need to be signed by all registered holders, and returned to our dealing office before settlement can be made. Settlement will be made on whichever is the later of four business days after the dealing date or four days after the receipt of written confirmation.

Unitholders may sell units on submitting the purchase contract note and a duly executed Deed of Transfer. The issue and redemption of units will not take place if dealing in the units is suspended by operation of law or any statute for the time being in place.

The minimum initial investment for R-Class units at present is to the value of £1,000 which may be varied by the Manager. The minimum initial investment for I-Class units is £1,000,000. After that, you may invest additional amounts to the value of £500 or more from time to time as you wish. Any number of units may be subscribed, sold or transferred so long as transaction complies with applicable minimums.



## General information *(continued)*

The buying price of R-Class units includes a preliminary charge of 2.5%. There is no preliminary charge for I-Class units.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the R-Class property of the fund at the rate of 1.50%.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the I-Class property of the fund at the rate of 0.75%.

### Statements

A distribution statement showing the rate per unit and your unit holding will be sent semi-annually on 30 March and 30 September.

The current value of your units is shown on a valuation statement, which shows the number of units bought over the previous six months, the total number of units in your account and their current value.

Twice yearly on 31 July and 31 January, unitholders will receive a consolidated statement showing, where applicable, their Unit Trust, ICVC and ISA holdings for each fund held.

### Prices

The prices of R-Class units are published in the Financial Times under the heading Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited. The associated cancellation price is available on request from the Manager. The prices for the I-Class units are available on the website [fundlistings.com](http://fundlistings.com) under the heading Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited.

### Other information

You can see the Trust Deed, the Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document, the Prospectus and the most recent half yearly report of each fund by visiting the registered offices of the Manager. Copies of the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents, Supplementary Information Document and most recent half yearly report of each fund may be obtained free of charge on application to the Manager.

The Register of Unitholders can be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Registrar, DST Financial Services Europe Ltd, DST House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS.

Further copies of this long report are available upon request, free of charge, from Client Services Department, Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited, 8 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7AZ.

Unitholders who have any queries or complaints about the operation of the fund should address them in the first instance to the Compliance Officer, Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited, 8 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7AZ. Any complaint we receive will be handled in accordance with our internal complaint procedures. A copy of these are available from the Compliance Officer.

If you have occasion to complain, and in the unlikely event that you do not receive a satisfactory response, you may direct your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Further details about the Financial Ombudsman Service are available on their website at [financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://financial-ombudsman.org.uk).

### Significant events

As of 14 August 2017, the Fund Registrar has changed name from: International Financial Data Services (UK) Ltd, IFDS House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS to DST Financial Services Europe Ltd, DST House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS.

### ISA eligibility

The fund has been managed throughout the year to ensure that it is eligible to qualify and be included in an Individual Savings Account (ISA). The fund will at all times be invested in such a way that the units will constitute 'Qualifying Investments' for the purposes of the Individual Savings Account (ISA) Regulations 1998, as amended from time to time.

### **Risk factors**

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

### **Other funds**

Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited is also the Manager of the following funds:

Rathbone Active Income and Growth Fund  
Rathbone Blue Chip Income and Growth Fund  
Rathbone Core Investment Fund for Charities  
Rathbone Dragon Trust  
Rathbone Ethical Bond Fund  
Rathbone Heritage Fund  
Rathbone Income Fund  
Rathbone Spenser Fund  
Rathbone Strategic Bond Fund  
Rathbone UK Opportunities Fund

and the Authorised Corporate Director of:

Rathbone Global Alpha Fund  
Rathbone Enhanced Growth Portfolio  
Rathbone Strategic Growth Portfolio  
Rathbone Strategic Income Portfolio  
Rathbone Total Return Portfolio  
Rathbone Pharaoh Fund  
Rathbone Quercus Growth Fund  
Rathbone Sherwood Fund  
Rathbone Sussex Income Fund  
Rathbone Sussex Growth Fund

### **Further details**

Should you need further details of this fund or any of the other funds managed by Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited, a Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document and Supplementary Information Document or an application form for the purchase of shares or units, please write to:

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All literature is available free of charge.  
Information is also available on our website:  
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### **Data protection**

If you do not wish to receive information on other products and services offered by the Rathbone Group, please write to us at the following address:

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