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Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund

Annual report for the year ended 31 January 2020



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Manager's report for the year ended 31 January 2020

Over the 12 months ended 31 January 2020, the Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (I-Class) returned 24.1% compared with the IA Global sector's average of 16.8%.

Your fund delivered top-quartile performance within its peer group over the period, one in which global equity markets posted some of their best returns in many years despite persistent fears of recession. Those worries were reflected in flows into money markets and bonds at the expense of equities, painting a picture of one of the most unloved and unexpected rallies in history.

The headline gains suggest a broadly spread bull market, but that's misleading. Strong undercurrents created inconsistent returns across countries and sectors as the year unfolded. Noisy trade war arguments and multiple signals of impending recession (deteriorating leading indicators and an inverted US yield curve) meant investors embraced the safety of growth stocks for most of the year – some of which are deemed to be resilient in the face of economic woes.

The primary driver of our alpha generation over the past 12-months was stock-picking success in 'growth' companies. Our fund also benefited from holding primarily developed markets such as the US and Continental Europe. Minimal exposure to the underperforming UK, Japan and emerging markets helped us too. Our sector positioning also helped us, as classic growth areas like technology, specialist financials and consumer names outperformed. Commodity stocks, banks and telecoms meaningfully underperformed, but fortunately these are areas where we have almost no exposure.

During the period we made a number of large purchases and sales, typical for this actively managed fund.

One of our biggest additions was L'Oreal, whose CEO describes beauty as an ideal – a permanent quest. It's for that reason, alongside the rise of the middle classes, and the emergence of the social media generation (where it has never been more important to look good) that the beauty market has been expanding every year for the last 25 years. With a balanced geographic exposure and broad product and multi-channel offering L'Oreal appear expertly positioned to take advantage of those trends.

We also added Boston Scientific, one of world's leading medical device manufacturers. Historically, they had been exposed to lower growth products like stents and pacemakers, but the arrival of a new CEO five years ago saw a ramp up in the investment and innovation both internally and externally to give them an attractive faster growing portfolio in interventional cardiology, rhythm management, neuromodulation and medical surgical. These investments have also ensured a more broadly spread portfolio, so if they have any issues over one product it doesn't knock the growth algorithm off course.

SAP, Europe's largest enterprise software company and the leading vendor of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solutions, was another addition. We bought it in anticipation of a big upgrade cycle coming with their S/4 Hana workforce management suite – a next generation planning, ERP logistics and payroll solution all rolled into one. It means more data, live data, faster search speeds – all essential so you can work out who your most profitable customers are, as well as aiding future product design. They've only upgraded a small number of clients to the S/4 Hana database, so we're still early in the cycle and there should also be some nice operating margin expansion too, given the bulk of the cost of delivering the new database has already been met.

A further addition, Nvidia, is the American technology company whose industry leading Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) have redefined modern computer graphics (particularly in gaming). They are now also powering the next era of computing, artificial intelligence, with the GPU acting as the brain of computers, robots, and self-driving cars. The shares unwound last year thanks to a moderation in data centre spend, a temporary Chinese gaming ban, and some over-exuberance in bitcoin mining that had artificially inflated Nvidia's earnings. However, with underlying structural demand still robust, inventories at peak (a typical sign of the semiconductor cycle turning) and numbers suitably adjusted, we took advantage of that weakness to build a position.

Manager's report for the year ended 31 January 2020 *(continued)*

Another of our key additions over the year was Martin Marietta, the leading US aggregates business. They are number one or two in most of their markets, with their top 10 states by revenues all dedicating more spending to upgrading highways, bridges and roads. A resilient and growing US economy should also support their exposure to both the residential and non-residential markets, and a still-fragmented overall market offers scope for further value enhancing acquisitions on top.

We sold some of our long standing and very successful holding in Align Technology. The pioneer in the invisible orthodontics field revealed disappointing sales due to the success of a rival direct-to-consumer company. A direct offering for patients who don't want or need to see a dentist or pay huge upfront payments will be vital for an ever increasing number of people who just want cosmetic teeth straightening, a key part of Align's growth story.

US medical device company Abiomed's cardiologist customers received warning letters from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), hitting product sales. While the core medical indication for the device is intact, the hangover from this warning letter could be felt in the medium term, so we sold the position in June.

Following a period of strong performance, we took some profit in commodities and derivatives market operator CME Group. The company looks vulnerable as central bank liquidity and improving economic activity push volatility lower and hit CME's growth.

Following recent outsized market share growth we sold our position in Monster Beverage on the view that increased competition from rival energy drinks and its own partner Coca-Cola could hit future growth rates.

We also sold our position in Christian Hansen, the Danish food ingredients, cultures and enzymes provider which warned that sales had unexpectedly dropped in its dairy and Asia Pacific business. The jury is still out as to whether this is a temporary issue triggered by the US-China trade war or a more long term shift in consumer behaviour. We took the precaution of selling, but may revisit as the rest of this business is plugged into powerful consumer trends in food and beverage.

Outlook

As we enter 2020 signs of softening in the US-China trade war, a high likelihood of election year giveaways in America and the end of the years-long Brexit negotiations are driving meaningful improvements in financial conditions and investor risk appetite. US trade war battles with China were the largest headwind for global growth in 2019. Based on JPMorgan estimates, tariffs reduced S&P 500 earnings growth potential by 7-8%. But potentially the global economy will benefit as this headwind calms down and investors want to position themselves in the companies that will benefit most from an earnings recovery.

Better-than-expected earnings are also being fueled by central banks all around the world which are following the US Federal Reserve's lead and loosening monetary policy. This should provide yet more fuel for the bulls as the effects trickle into the real economy.

We do see some significant challenges on the horizon. After such dramatic outperformance from equities in recent years, markets can become hypersensitive with sharp and violent drawdowns. The Corona virus outbreak has triggered dramatic falls in global stock markets and many economists believe an imminent recession. The fund will suffer in this environment perhaps mitigated as there is no exposure to airlines, cruise lines, oil and gas, mining or bank stocks – areas most directly impacted by collapsing demand and earnings estimates. Significant exposure to the US dollar could also be helpful and the dollar is often viewed as a safe haven currency during periods of market dislocation.

Our holdings in the technology (Amazon, Adobe and Autodesk) and the payment ecosystem (Mastercard, Visa, Global Payments) have been hit hardest... all down 20-30% but in our opinion they should bounce back very strongly as these are world leading franchises.

Manager's report for the year ended 31 January 2020 *(continued)*

Our US exposure (>60%) is helpful because the US Dollar has strengthened meaningfully. Our top performers by stock are more defensive companies and technology beneficiaries of the economic shock, including TeamViewer (remote working software), Ocado, Costco (bulk buying warehouse); Jack Henry (software for banks).

We are heading for an imminent global recession – the market has priced that in now. I think on a five-year view, this will prove an historic buying opportunity, but the market is unlikely to find its footing until international transmission rates peak, similar to the Chinese recovery.

James Thomson
Lead Fund Manager

Sammy Dow
Fund Manager
19 March 2020

Net asset value per unit and comparative tables

R-class accumulation units

	31.01.20 pence per unit	31.01.19 pence per unit	31.01.18 pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	208.08p	205.83p	170.04p
Return before operating charges*	46.60p	5.53p	38.71p
Operating charges	(3.62p)	(3.28p)	(2.92p)
Return after operating charges*	42.98p	2.25p	35.79p
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	251.06p	208.08p	205.83p
*after direct transactions costs ¹ of:	0.11p	0.17p	0.23p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

Performance

Return after charges	20.66%	1.09%	21.05%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£101,072,314	£149,937,927	£153,207,785
Closing number of units	40,258,585	72,058,646	74,433,165
Operating charges	1.53%	1.53%	1.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.08%	0.12%

Prices**

Highest unit price	260.53p	244.40p	214.87p
Lowest unit price	209.91p	191.33p	168.33p

** These prices may have been calculated on a different basis to the opening/closing net asset value per unit shown in the comparative table, this may result in the opening/closing net asset value per unit being higher or lower than the published highest or lowest prices for the period.

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

I-class accumulation units

	31.01.20 pence per unit	31.01.19 pence per unit	31.01.18 pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	219.21p	214.36p	175.70p
Return before operating charges*	49.23p	6.61p	40.22p
Operating charges	(1.95p)	(1.76p)	(1.56p)
Return after operating charges*	47.28p	4.85p	38.66p
Distributions on accumulation units	0.00p	(0.19p)	(0.31p)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.00p	0.19p	0.31p
Closing net asset value per unit	266.49p	219.21p	214.36p
*after direct transactions costs ¹ of:	0.12p	0.18p	0.24p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

Performance

Return after charges	21.57%	2.26%	22.00%
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Other information

Closing net asset value	£1,372,983,150	£1,146,533,814	£1,060,836,674
Closing number of units	515,203,803	523,018,923	494,885,389
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.08%	0.12%

Prices**

Highest unit price	276.49p	250.36p	219.12p
Lowest unit price	221.15p	201.49p	174.77p

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

S-class accumulation units[†]

	31.01.20 pence per unit	31.01.19 pence per unit
Change in net assets per unit		
Opening net asset value per unit	104.71p	100.00p
Return before operating charges*	23.53p	4.74p
Operating charges	(0.62p)	(0.03p)
Return after operating charges*	22.91p	4.71p
Distributions on accumulation units	(0.29p)	(0.02p)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	0.29p	0.02p
Closing net asset value per unit	127.62p	104.71p

*after direct transactions costs¹ of: 0.06p 0.08p

¹ Transaction costs include dealing costs, broker commission, stamp duty and other explicit investment costs.

Performance

Return after charges 21.88% 4.71%

Other information

Closing net asset value	£460,369,050	£139,759,322
Closing number of units	360,730,039	133,477,828
Operating charges	0.52%	0.53%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.08%

Prices**

Highest unit price	132.40p	105.20p
Lowest unit price	105.63p	101.15p

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[†] The S-class accumulation units launched on 7 January 2019 at 100.00p.

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

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.

Discrete annual performance, quarter ending 31 December 2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
R-class units	14.73%	15.91%	19.19%	-1.28%	25.22%
I-class units	15.60%	16.79%	20.07%	-0.52%	26.12%
IA Global sector	2.77%	23.33%	14.02%	-5.72%	21.92%

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.

Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2020

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
United Kingdom (31.01.19: 8.53%)		
187,000 Aon	31,244,690	1.61
300,000 Next	20,676,000	1.07
2,400,000 Ocado	29,352,000	1.52
4,800,000 Rightmove	31,536,000	1.63
Total United Kingdom	112,808,690	5.83
Canada (31.01.19: 1.64%)		
400,000 Waste Connections	29,248,976	1.51
China (31.01.19: 2.21%)		
946,000 Tencent	34,473,295	1.78
France (31.01.19: 7.18%)		
52,000 Hermes International	29,569,498	1.53
54,000 Kering	25,172,846	1.30
125,000 L'Oreal	26,471,295	1.37
240,000 Orpea	23,707,520	1.23
275,000 Sartorius Stedim Biotech	37,429,718	1.93
1,150,000 Vivendi	23,937,870	1.24
Total France	166,288,747	8.60
Germany (31.01.19: 6.18%)		
561,853 Aurelius AG	15,596,846	0.81
71,961 Hypoport	19,238,062	0.99
54,000 Rational	30,847,519	1.59
235,000 SAP	23,308,443	1.21
900,000 TeamViewer	24,537,283	1.27
Total Germany	113,528,153	5.87
Ireland (31.01.19: 1.44%)		
300,000 Kerry	28,978,660	1.50
145,000 Linde	22,478,428	1.16
Total Ireland	51,457,088	2.66
Italy (31.01.19: 1.72%)		
3,900,000 Davide Campari-Milano	28,688,621	1.49
710,000 Moncler	23,272,798	1.20
Total Italy	51,961,419	2.69

Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2020 *(continued)*

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
Netherlands (31.01.19: 1.36%)		
330,000 Heineken	27,271,214	1.41
1,175,000 STMicroelectronics	24,971,921	1.29
Total Netherlands	52,243,135	2.70
Spain (31.01.19: 1.63%)		
424,039 Amadeus IT	25,239,228	1.30
Switzerland (31.01.19: 2.77%)		
94,000 Lonza	29,279,389	1.52
44,000 Partners	30,622,226	1.58
Total Switzerland	59,901,615	3.10
United States (31.01.19: 59.55%)		
200,000 Adobe	53,257,472	2.75
30,000 Alphabet 'C'	32,632,681	1.69
36,000 Amazon.com	54,830,223	2.83
375,000 Amphenol 'A'	28,294,265	1.46
250,000 Autodesk	37,317,934	1.93
115,000 Becton Dickinson	23,998,028	1.24
760,000 Boston Scientific	24,122,591	1.25
295,000 Broadridge Financial Solutions	26,662,343	1.38
72,000 CoStar	35,672,827	1.84
120,000 Costco Wholesale	27,812,472	1.44
200,000 Estée Lauder 'A'	29,596,419	1.53
350,000 First Cash	23,091,716	1.19
300,000 Global Payments	44,469,731	2.30
170,000 Home Depot	29,405,022	1.52
140,000 Idexx Laboratories	28,782,734	1.49
177,000 Intuit	37,647,747	1.95
60,000 Intuitive Surgical	25,464,725	1.32
490,000 Lamb Weston	33,941,663	1.75
122,000 Lululemon Athletica	22,154,726	1.15
113,000 Martin Marietta	22,604,286	1.17
200,000 MasterCard	47,919,891	2.48
650,000 Match	38,565,089	1.99
223,000 McCormick	27,640,699	1.43
270,000 Microsoft	34,855,030	1.80
75,000 Netflix.com	19,631,315	1.01

Portfolio and net other assets as at 31 January 2020 *(continued)*

Holding (Ordinary shares unless otherwise stated)	Value (note 1f) £	Percentage of total net assets
180,000 Nvidia	32,270,824	1.67
500,000 PayPal	43,191,473	2.23
230,000 RingCentral 'A'	35,867,926	1.85
1,100,000 Rollins	31,626,460	1.64
178,000 S&P Global	39,641,526	2.05
265,000 Salesforce.com	36,636,019	1.89
57,000 Sherwin-Williams	24,085,549	1.25
265,000 Texas Instruments	24,248,445	1.25
300,000 Visa 'A'	45,266,272	2.34
Total United States	1,123,206,123	58.06
Total value of investments (31.01.19: 95.74%)	1,820,356,469	94.10
Net other assets (31.01.19: 4.26%)	114,068,045	5.90
Total value of the fund as at 31 January 2020	1,934,424,514	100.00

Countries eliminated since the beginning of the year:

Denmark 1.53%

Summary of portfolio investments

	Value £	Percentage of total net assets
Equity Securities	1,820,356,469	94.10
Total value of investments	1,820,356,469	94.10

Statement of total return for the year ended 31 January 2020

	Note	31.01.20 £	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £	31.01.19 £
Income					
Net capital gains	2		318,045,984		13,322,364
Revenue	3	14,347,122		13,043,150	
Expenses	4	(13,537,805)		(12,075,652)	
Interest payable and similar charges		—		(114)	
Net revenue before taxation		809,317		967,384	
Taxation	5	(1,454,935)		(1,236,706)	
Net expense after taxation			(645,618)		(269,322)
Total return before distributions			317,400,366		13,053,042
Distributions	6		(711,502)		(729,637)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities			316,688,864		12,323,405

Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year ended 31 January 2020

	31.01.20 £	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £	31.01.19 £
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders		1,436,231,063		1,214,044,459
Amounts receivable on issue of units	283,804,932		256,984,462	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(103,346,462)		(48,141,695)	
		180,458,470		208,842,767
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities (see Statement of total return above)		316,688,864		12,323,405
Retained distributions on accumulation units		1,046,117		1,020,432
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		1,934,424,514		1,436,231,063

Balance sheet as at 31 January 2020

	Note	31.01.20 £	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £	31.01.19 £
Assets					
Fixed assets:					
Investments			1,820,356,469	1,375,095,741	
Current assets:					
Debtors	7	5,230,872		4,888,688	
Cash and bank balances		111,558,207		60,088,228	
Total current assets			116,789,079	64,976,916	
Total assets			1,937,145,548	1,440,072,657	
Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Other creditors	8	(2,721,034)		(3,841,594)	
Total liabilities			(2,721,034)	(3,841,594)	
Net assets attributable to unitholders			1,934,424,514	1,436,231,063	

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 FRS102 '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 27, 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. Suspended investments are value based on the latest financial statements of the respective company and agreed with the Trustee.

All assets are recognised and derecognised on trade date. Any trades occurring between valuation point and close of business are included in the financial statements.

g) Exchange rates

The functional currency of the fund is pound sterling. 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 and distributable income is done proportionally to the unitholders respective interests in the fund.

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

2 Net capital gains

	31.01.20	31.01.19
	£	£
The net capital gains during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	318,532,720	11,156,071
Capital special dividends	740,415	1,962,146
Currency (losses)/gains	(1,225,287)	206,728
Transaction charges	(1,864)	(2,581)
Net capital gains	318,045,984	13,322,364

3 Revenue

	31.01.20	31.01.19
	£	£
Dividends – UK Ordinary	1,133,714	1,413,096
– Overseas	12,873,770	11,336,962
Bank interest	339,638	293,092
Total revenue	14,347,122	13,043,150

4 Expenses

	31.01.20	31.01.20	31.01.19	31.01.19
	£	£	£	£
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:				
Manager's periodic charge		13,084,256		11,631,939
Payable to the Trustee, associates of the Trustee and agents of either of them:				
Trustee's fees	224,124		244,182	
Safe custody and other bank charges	187,048		156,055	
		411,172		400,237
Other expenses:				
Administration fees	7,090		6,880	
Audit fee*	9,960		10,200	
FCA fee	–		(1,368)	
Printing and publication costs	1,949		(528)	
Registration fees	21,613		26,555	
Listing fee	1,765		1,737	
		42,377		43,476
Total expenses		13,537,805		12,075,652

*Audit fees for 2020 are £8,550 excluding VAT (31.01.19: £8,300 excluding VAT).

5 Taxation

	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £
a) Analysis of charge in the year		
Overseas tax	1,497,798	1,236,706
Overseas withholding tax charged to capital	(42,863)	–
Total tax charge for the year (note 5b)	1,454,935	1,236,706

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%) (31.01.19: 20%). The differences are explained below.

	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £
Net revenue before taxation	809,317	967,384
Corporation tax at 20%	161,863	193,477
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(2,801,497)	(2,550,012)
Current year expenses not utilised	2,639,634	2,356,535
Corporate tax charge	–	–
Overseas withholding tax	1,497,798	1,236,706
Overseas withholding tax charged to capital	(42,863)	–
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	1,454,935	1,236,706

c) Deferred tax

At the year end the fund had surplus management expenses of £62,065,413 (31.01.19: £48,867,246). 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 £12,413,083 (31.01.19: £9,773,449) has not been recognised in the financial statements.

6 Distributions

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

	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £
Final	1,046,117	1,020,432
Add: Amounts deducted on cancellation of units	20,160	56,972
Deduct: Amounts received on issue of units	(354,775)	(347,767)
Net distribution for the year	711,502	729,637

Reconciliation of net distribution for the year to net expense after tax:

Net accumulation for the year	711,502	729,637
Deficit transferred to capital	(1,294,186)	(1,110,174)
Overseas withholding tax charged to capital	42,863	–
Equalisation on conversions	(69,957)	82,891
Balance brought forward	(38,234)	(9,910)
Balance carried forward	2,394	38,234
Net expense after taxation	(645,618)	(269,322)

7 Debtors

	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £
Amounts receivable for issue of units	3,316,582	1,526,279
Sales awaiting settlement	–	1,773,287
Accrued revenue	380,972	444,759
Prepaid expenses	–	1,262
Taxation recoverable	1,533,318	1,143,101
Total debtors	5,230,872	4,888,688

8 Other creditors

	31.01.20 £	31.01.19 £
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	1,446,242	81,509
Purchases awaiting settlement	–	2,674,064
Accrued expenses	76,171	111,063
Accrued manager's periodic charge	1,198,621	974,958
Total other creditors	2,721,034	3,841,594

9 Reconciliation of units

	R-class accumulation	I-class accumulation	S-class accumulation
Opening units issued at 01.02.19	72,058,646	523,018,923	133,477,828
Unit movements 01.02.19 to 31.01.20			
Units issued	5,130,486	21,023,730	181,572,631
Units cancelled	(12,569,912)	(29,577,846)	(970,398)
Units converted	(24,360,635)	738,996	46,649,978
Closing units issued at 31.01.20	40,258,585	515,203,803	360,730,039

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.

Details of units created and cancelled by the Manager are shown in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and note 6.

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 (31.01.19: 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 (31.01.19: nil).

11 Contingent liabilities and commitments

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (31.01.19: 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:

	31.01.20	31.01.19
	£	£
Currency:		
Danish krone	—	21,963,002
Euro	460,717,770	281,955,260
Hong Kong dollar	34,473,295	31,694,743
Swiss franc	59,901,615	39,768,195
US dollar	1,184,040,253	901,687,927
Pound sterling	193,758,263	158,017,573
	1,932,891,196	1,435,086,700
Other net assets not categorised as financial instruments	1,533,318	1,144,363
Net assets	1,934,424,514	1,436,231,063

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 £158,102,994 (31.01.19: £116,097,193). 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 £193,236,993 (31.01.19: £141,896,570). 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:

	31.01.20	31.01.19
	£	£
Floating rate assets:		
US dollar	—	2,674,064
Pound sterling	111,558,207	57,414,164
	111,558,207	60,088,228
Assets on which no interest is paid:		
Danish krone	—	21,963,002
Euro	460,717,770	281,955,260
Hong Kong dollar	34,473,295	31,694,743
Swiss franc	59,901,615	39,768,195
US dollar	1,184,040,253	901,687,927
Pound sterling	84,921,090	101,770,939
	1,824,054,023	1,378,840,066

12 Risk disclosures on financial instruments *(continued)*

(ii) Interest rate risk *(continued)*

	31.01.20	31.01.19
	£	£
Liabilities on which no interest is paid:		
US dollar	—	(2,674,064)
Pound sterling	(2,721,034)	(1,167,530)
	(2,721,034)	(3,841,594)
Other net assets not categorised as financial instruments	1,533,318	1,144,363
Net assets	1,934,424,514	1,436,231,063

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 £182,035,647 (31.01.19: £137,509,574). If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date the net asset value of the fund would have decreased by £182,035,647 (31.01.19: £137,509,574). 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 Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund which would increase its exposure.

13 Portfolio transaction cost

For the year ended 31 January 2020

Analysis of total purchases cost

	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
	£	£	%	£	%
Equity transactions	442,490,358	291,839	0.07	291,155	0.07
Total purchases before transaction costs	442,490,358	291,839		291,155	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	443,073,352				

Analysis of total sales costs

	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
	£	£	%	£	%
Equity transactions	316,558,470	211,679	0.07	3,843	—
Corporate actions	2,395	—	—	—	—
Total sales including transactions costs	316,560,865	211,679		3,843	
Total sales net of commission and taxes	316,345,343				

Commissions and taxes as % of average net assets

Commissions 0.03%

Taxes 0.02%

For the year ended 31 January 2019

Analysis of total purchases costs

	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
	£	£	%	£	%
Equity transactions	532,980,717	373,628	0.07	573,826	0.11
Total purchases before transaction costs	532,980,717	373,628		573,826	
Total purchases including commission and taxes	533,928,171				

13 Portfolio transaction cost (continued)

Analysis of total sales costs

	Value	Commissions		Taxes	
	£	£	%	£	%
Equity transactions	342,178,276	213,340	0.06	3,306	—
Total sales including transactions costs	342,178,276	213,340		3,306	
Total sales net of commission and taxes	341,961,630				

Commissions and taxes as % of average net assets

Commissions	0.04%
Taxes	0.04%

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 0.05% (31.01.19: 0.07%).

14 Fair value of investments

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 2020

Category	1	2	3	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment assets				
Equities	1,820,356,469	—	—	1,820,356,469
	1,820,356,469	—	—	1,820,356,469

For the year ended 31 January 2019

Category	1	2	3	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investment assets				
Equities	1,375,093,368	2,373	—	1,375,095,741
	1,375,093,368	2,373	—	1,375,095,741

15 Unit price movement since the balance sheet date

Subsequent to the year end, the net asset value per unit of the fund has decreased using the unit prices at the year end date compared to 17 March 2020. 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	31.01.20 mid price	17.03.20 mid price
R-class accumulation	255.06p	206.08p
I-class accumulation	270.74p	218.96p
S-class accumulation	129.66p	104.89p

During the period from the balance sheet date to the date that the Financial Statements were approved, the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has caused extensive disruptions to businesses and economic activities globally. The uncertainties over the emergence and spread of COVID-19 have caused market volatility on a global scale. The quantum of the effect on the price of each unit has been disclosed above in the unit price movement since the balance sheet date note to the financial statements. The Authorised Fund Manager is monitoring the situation and considering the effect it may have on the valuation of any impacted underlying investment holdings in the future. In accordance with the requirements of FRS 102 and the IA SORP, the fair valuations at balance sheet date reflect the economic conditions in existence at that date.

Distribution tables for the year ended 31 January 2020

Distribution tables (pence per unit)

Interim

There was no distribution for the period under review for the I-class accumulation units and S-class accumulation units.

Due to the net deficit of income for the R-class accumulation units for the six months ending 31 July 2019, no accumulation has been made.

Final

Group 1 – Units purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 – Units purchased on or after 1 August 2019 and on or before 31 January 2020

I-class accumulation units	Net income	Equalisation	Allocated 31.03.20	Accumulated 29.03.19
Group 1	n/a	–	n/a	0.19
Group 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.19

S-class accumulation units	Net income	Equalisation	Allocated 31.03.20	Accumulated 29.03.19
Group 1	0.29	–	0.29	0.02
Group 2	0.01	0.28	0.29	0.02

Due to the net deficit of income for the R-class accumulation units and I-class accumulation units for the six months ending 31 January 2020, 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 **JR Chillingworth**
for Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited
Manager of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund
20 April 2020

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 SORP 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. as explained further below, 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.

The AFM has considered the activities of the fund together with the factors likely to affect its future development, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The assets of the Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund consist predominantly of cash and liquid securities that are readily realisable and therefore has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The AFM has also considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of the AFM and material third party service providers which continue to be maintained and fully functioning. Accordingly, the AFM continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements.

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 April 2020.

Statement of the Trustee's responsibilities and report of the Trustee to the unitholders of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (the Scheme) for the year ended 31 January 2020

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.

NatWest Trustee and Depository Services Limited
Trustee of Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund
20 April 2020

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 Rathbone Global Opportunities Fund (the fund) as at 31 January 2020 and of the net expense and the net capital gains on the property of the Company for the year ended 31 January 2020 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 the fund which comprise:

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

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 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

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. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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 2020 for the purpose of complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

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

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.

Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Glasgow, United Kingdom
20 April 2020

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	1,276	2,660	3,936	5
Risk takers	1,308	1,747	3,055	13
Control functions	265	40	305	3
Other	106	74	180	1
Total remuneration code staff	2,955	4,521	7,476	22
Non-remuneration code staff	965	280	1,245	22
Total for the Manager	3,920	4,801	8,721	44

The variable remuneration disclosed in the table above is for the financial year ended 31 December 2018, 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 2019 cannot be known until sometime after the Manager's 2019 statutory accounts have been audited.

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 deliver a greater total return than the IA Global Sector, after fees, over any five-year period. There is no guarantee that this investment objective will be achieved over five years, or any other time period.

We use the IA Global sector as a target for our fund's return because we aim to achieve a better return than the average of funds that are similar to ours.

To meet the objective, the fund manager will invest at least 80% of the fund in global shares, with the remainder in cash, short-term deposits and UK government debt. Derivatives may be used by the fund for the purposes of efficient portfolio management and hedging. The manager may use all investment powers as permitted by the prospectus, outside the ranges described above, to ensure the fund is managed in the best interest of investors in times of market irregularities or stress.

The fund may invest at the fund manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, warrants, cash and near cash and deposits and units in collective investment schemes. Use may be made of stock lending, 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: rathbonefunds.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.

General information *(continued)*

The minimum initial investment for R-class units at present is to the value of £100,000,000 which may be varied by the Manager. The minimum initial investment for I-class units is £1,000. 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.

There is no preliminary charge for 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%.

The Manager currently receives an annual remuneration for managing the S-class property of the fund at the rate of 0.49%.

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 for the I-class units are available on the website 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 International Limited, DST House, St Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex SS15 5FS.

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

If you have any queries or complaints about the operation of the fund you should put them 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.

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.

General information *(continued)*

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.

Value Assessment

Our regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), has asked us to assess the value of our funds. Assessing value is much more than just looking at the fees you pay or the performance of your fund in isolation. Considering this, we have designed an assessment which looks at nine criteria.

We have also appointed an independent research firm, Square Mile Investment Consulting & Research, to provide an impartial report on the value our funds offer compared with the market.

It is the responsibility of our board of directors to consider the outcomes of these assessments, ensure they are clear and fair, and then communicate to you, our investors, if we have delivered value or, if not, where we need to improve.

You can view the value assessment for funds with accounting year end of 30 September 2019 or 31 October 2019 on our website rathbonefunds.com

Other funds

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

Rathbone Active 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 Global Sustainability Fund
Rathbone High Quality Bond 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:

Client Services Department
Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited
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All literature is available free of charge.
Information is also available on our website: rathbonefunds.com

Data protection

Where relevant, Rathbones' privacy notice for clients, together with our relevant terms of business, sets out how your personal data (as further detailed in the privacy notice) shall be processed by Rathbones. A copy of the privacy notice is available on request or on Rathbones' website.

From time to time Rathbone Unit Trust Management Limited may wish to communicate with you with information on other products and services offered by the Rathbone group. If you do not wish to receive these communications, please advise us in writing at the following address:

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