

### LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund

**INTERIM UNAUDITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021



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#### **ACD'S REPORT**

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

#### **Authorised Status**

LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund ('the Fund') is an investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales, under registered number IC714 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') with effect from 19 February 2009. The Fund has an unlimited duration.

The Fund is a Non-UCITS retail scheme and the base currency of the Fund is pounds sterling or such other currency as may be the lawful currency of the United Kingdom from time to time.

Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Fund. Shareholders are not liable to make any further payments to the Fund after they have paid the purchase price of shares.

The AIFM is the legal person appointed on behalf of the Fund and which (through this appointment) is responsible for managing the Fund in accordance with the AIFM Directive and The Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013. This role is performed by the ACD and references to the ACD in this Interim Unaudited Report and Financial Statements include the AIFM as applicable.

#### **ACD's Statement**

#### COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19, declared by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on 11 March 2020, caused significant disruption to business and economic activity which was reflected in the fluctuations seen in the global stock markets. In the period since its initial emergence and the global recognition of the seriousness of the pandemic, there were sharp declines in asset prices. As various national governments sought to provide financial support and stimulus to their economies and after the initial success of the global responses to constrain the spread of COVID-19, there followed a period of recovery, which effectively continued despite second and third waves effecting many countries. The continuation of the global recovery since March 2020 has been maintained, in part by the development of effective vaccines which are now being used to immunise populations around the world, and various governments' financial stimulus packages. However, whilst effective vaccines are now in use, their long term effectiveness have yet to be determined, and as governments, society and business learn to operate in the post COVID-19 world there still continues to be an element of uncertainty as to the future. How this will translate into future asset pricing is not clear but it must be recognised that there will remain for a period of time fragility in the markets and it is reasonably foreseeable that periods of instability will emerge in the coming months.

#### Important Information

The 'B' Retail Income and 'B' Retail Accumulation share classes were closed in the Fund on 12 May 2021 and are no longer available for investment.

#### Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth over any five year period, after all costs and charges have been taken.

Capital invested is at risk and there is no guarantee the objective will be achieved over any time period.

The investment policy of the Fund is to invest directly in at least 70% of the scheme property by value in the shares of UK companies. The Portfolio Manager views UK companies to be those that are incorporated or domiciled in the UK; and listed or traded on a UK stock exchange.

The Fund will invest directly and/or indirectly at least 60% of the scheme assets by value, in a combination of UK companies that are either listed/traded on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), or that have a market capitalisation of  $\mathfrak{L}250$  million and below. The Fund may also invest directly and/or indirectly in shares of UK companies, which have a market capitalisation above  $\mathfrak{L}250$  million; unlisted UK companies (limited to 10% of the scheme assets by value); non-UK companies, and corporate bonds. The Fund may also hold money market instruments, deposits and cash.

As part of the equities exposure the Fund may also invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Investments in collective investment schemes is limited to 10%.

The Fund can invest across different industry sectors without limitation.

The Fund may gain exposure to these assets directly by investing in securities issued by companies and governments, and indirectly by investing in other transferable securities (such as depositary receipts) and collective investment schemes (open and closed ended). Indirect investments may include instruments managed or advised by the ACD or the Portfolio Manager or their associates.

The Fund may use derivatives for Efficient Portfolio Management purposes.

The minimum investment amount and ranges referenced above will not apply under extraordinary market conditions, in which circumstances the Fund may invest in asset classes other than those in which it normally invests in order to mitigate its exposure to market risk. Examples of extraordinary market conditions include economic, political unrest or instability, world events leading to market instability, or any events which give rise to high downside risk. During such periods, the Fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in cash and cash equivalents.

#### Benchmark

The Fund's comparator benchmark is the IA UK Smaller Companies sector.

The Fund's performance may be compared against the IA UK Smaller Companies sector. The ACD believes that this is an appropriate comparator for the Fund given the investment objective and policy of the Fund. Many funds sold in the UK are grouped into sectors by the Investment Association (the trade body that represents UK investment managers), to help investors to compare funds with broadly similar characteristics. The comparator benchmark has been selected as we consider it assists investors in evaluating the Fund's performance against the performance of other funds invested in similar assets.

#### Securities Financing Transactions

The Fund has the ability to utilise Securities Financing Transactions (being transactions such as lending or borrowing of securities, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions, or margin lending transactions). No such transactions have been undertaken in the period covered by this report.

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ACD of LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund 31 August 2021

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGER'S REPORT

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

#### Investment Strategy

Since inception in May of 2009 the Fund has maintained a consistent focus throughout its life on selecting high conviction, niche growth companies to back for the prospect of long term capital growth. The Manager seeks to avoid excessive cyclical exposure and early stage risk and instead focuses on areas of structural growth and segments where its sector expertise and private equity style proprietary fundamental research approach can uncover stocks that may be below the radar of many investors due to their size and limited research coverage.

#### Movements in Net Asset Value

As at 30 June 2021 the gross NAV of the Fund was £324.1m¹ of which 95.4% was invested equities with a concentration on micro cap. This compared to a NAV of £259.4m¹ at the beginning of the period. The increase in NAV was a combination of net inflows from new holders amounting to £2.3m and a revaluation of the portfolio of £62.4m. The Fund delivered a return of 22.5% over the period, compared to the IA UK Smaller Companies Sector which returned 19.9%².

#### **Investment Activity**

Overall portfolio turnover remained elevated relative to normal historical levels driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting impact on the economy, specific companies and heightened market volatility. Investment activity was strong during the period as £75.2m was deployed into a combination of new positions and follow on investments into existing portfolio companies; the number of portfolio companies increased from 50 to 52. Divestment activity was also active with a number of positions fully exited. In line with the second half of 2020 activity was focused on realising profits from those holdings that had performed strongly through the pandemic, particularly in the healthcare and technology sectors, in order to recycle capital into those areas of the consumer and services sectors where short term impact had resulted in lagging share price performance but where the Manager believes the long term growth opportunities remain attractive. In aggregate £78.2m was received from the proceeds of divestments realising an aggregate positive return of 49.0%.

#### Divestments

The Fund made 9 full exits during the period. Of these two were core positions (S4 Capital and Codemasters) exited at attractive returns and the remainder were holdings where the Fund had taken smaller initial positions and these were exited largely where strong short term returns had been made and where we saw better alternative opportunities than continuing to build long term holdings.

S4 Capital was fully exited during the period after considerable profit taking during the prior year. The digital marketing vehicle for Sir Martin Sorrell has been built up from a £50m original shell company into which the Fund invested in 2017 to a business with a market capitalisation of over £3.5bn. In aggregate including prior sales the Fund made an overall return of 105.7% against total cost including all follow-on investments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on 12 PM Valuation Point.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: FE Analytics.

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The Fund also fully exited Codemasters, the video games developer, following a takeover by US giant EA which outbid rival Take-Two Interactive. The Fund realised proceeds of £3.7m and generated an aggregate return of 111.6% against cost, having invested in 2019.

Other full exits included shorter term positions in Inspecs (generating a positive return of 53.0%); Ted Baker (+50.8%); Tinybuild (+25.0%); Accesso (+23.6%); Sourcebio (+20.4%); and Zotefoams (+20.5%).

#### New Investments

Market volatility combined with equity issuance both in the form of secondary fund-raising activity and a buoyant new Initial Public Offering ('IPO') market created a fertile environment for new opportunities during the first half of 2021. As a result and in the context of higher than average portfolio turnover, a number of new positions were started during the period.

The Manager believes it is strongly positioned amongst UK fund managers to effectively evaluate new companies being admitted to the market through an IPO due to its private equity approach and extensive private market network. The UK IPO market has been the most active for more than two decades so far during 2021 with analysts at stockbroker Liberum estimating that more than £10bn has been raised during the first 8 months of the year, already more than any year since 2000 with several months of the year remaining.

The Fund invested in 5 new IPOs during the year: ActiveOps, a process automation software provider; Tinybuild, a video games developer; Virgin Wines, an online wine retailer; Music Magpie, an online retailer of reconditioned second hand consumer electronics and media; and Silver Bullet Data Services, a marketing automation software and services provider.

Other notable new investments included: AdvancedAdvT, a vehicle set up by Vin Murria, a software entrepreneur the Manager has successfully backed in previous ventures, to acquire businesses in the software sector; Strategic Equity Capital, an investment trust also managed by the Manager focusing on a concentrated portfolio of UK smaller companies with opportunities to add value through active engagement; and Marshall Motor Holdings, a UK motor dealership group.

There were also a number of opportunities for the Fund to support existing portfolio companies with new capital to fund growth initiatives. Notable examples during the period included: Accrol Group, which raised capital to fund an accretive acquisition of a competitor; Mattioli Woods, which undertook a placing of new equity to fund two strategic acquisitions; Alpha Financial Markets Consulting, where the Fund backed the transformational acquisition of a US peer; and Staffline, where the Fund acted as a cornerstone investor in a major equity raise to recapitalise its balance sheet to provide flexibility for future growth following a challenging period for the company.

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#### **Investment Performance**

The Fund's price per share increased 22.5% during the period (based on 'C' Institutional Accumulation share class), outperforming the IA UK Smaller Companies Sector which increased by 19.9% over the same period. It was pleasing that the Fund performed ahead of its sector despite a strong period of performance for some cyclical sectors such as energy and mining, where the Fund has no exposure.

The Manager's strategy of focusing on less cyclical sectors and on established profitable niche growth businesses on sensible valuations has proven to be more resilient during periods of weaker market sentiment and volatility. The Fund may underperform in a strongly rising market but overall the positioning aims to provide attractive returns through the market cycle and lower than average volatility and greater consistency.

Key contributors to absolute performance during the period were Kape Technologies (+199.5%), following a transformational and highly accretive acquisition in addition to being included in the MSCI UK Smaller Companies index; Alpha Financial Markets Consulting (+58.3%), which announced an oversubscribed placing and a strategic acquisition in the US market adding capability in the area of alternatives with a strong roster of blue chip clients; and Elixirr (+84.6%), following strong maiden full year results as a public company and announcing an accretive acquisition. Detractors were Accrol, after downgrading near term forecasts due to commodity price inflation despite stronger than expected synergies being achieved from its recent acquisition; Argentex (-11.0%), after an in line trading update but also announcing that one of the co-CEOs was stepping down due to health reasons; and Accesso Technology (-16.0%), on deteriorating sentiment about the pace of COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.

#### Outlook

Since its original launch in May 2009 the Fund has demonstrated an ability to deliver robust absolute and relative returns, particularly in more volatile market conditions. The COVID-19 global pandemic has rocked the global economy with far-reaching impacts across governments, businesses and asset classes including the UK equity market.

We continue to expect a strong economic recovery in the UK during the second half of 2021 driven by vaccine penetration and restrictions being removed later this month. Nevertheless, the extreme uncertainty that has hung over many sectors and companies is still limiting short term visibility. In turn this will drive elevated profit variability, both positive and negative as the year progresses.

In this context we anticipate heightened volatility at the individual stock level. However, we believe that volatility, while creating some challenges, will provide an attractive environment in which we can unearth good long-term investment opportunities at attractive valuations. The economic environment and lingering COVID-19 discontinuity will provide agile smaller businesses with strong management teams the opportunity to take market share and build strong long-term franchises.

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We continue to believe that our fundamental focused investment style has the potential to outperform over the long term. We see significant opportunities for long term investors to back quality growth companies at attractive valuations in an environment where agile smaller businesses with strong management teams can take market share and build strong long-term franchises. The Fund will maintain its focus on building a high conviction portfolio of less cyclical, high quality, niche growth businesses which the Manager believes can deliver strong returns through the market cycle regardless of the performance of the wider economy.

Note: Investments carry risks. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

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Portfolio Manager 10 August 2021

### ACD'S REPORT continued FUND INFORMATION

# Risk and Reward Profile Typically Lower Rewards 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Lower Risk Higher Risk

This indicator shows how much a fund has risen and fallen in the past, and therefore how much a fund's returns have varied. It is a measure of a fund's volatility. The higher a fund's past volatility the higher the number on the scale and the greater the risk that investors in that fund may have made losses as well as gains.

The Fund has been classed as 5 because its volatility has been measured as above average.

This indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of this Fund.

The risk and reward profile shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time. The lowest number on the scale does not mean that a fund is a risk free investment.

Currency Risk: As the Fund may be exposed to different currencies, changes in exchange rates may decrease the value of your investment.

Counterparty Risk: The failure of a firm involved in a transaction with the Fund or providing services to the Fund may expose the Fund to financial loss.

Derivative Risk: A derivative may not perform as expected and may create losses greater than its cost.

Liquidity Risk: Smaller companies' securities are often traded less frequently than those of larger companies which means that they may be more difficult to buy and sell. Their prices may also be subject to short term swings (both up and down) in their value.

Concentration Risk: The Fund may invest in stocks with a particular industry, sector or geographical focus. This means that the performance of a single industry, sector or geographical region within the Fund has a greater effect (loss or gain) on the value of the Fund.

For full details of the Fund's risks, please see the Prospectus which may be obtained upon application and can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

#### Comparative Tables

Information for 30 June 2021 relates to the 6 month period ending 30 June 2021. The operating charges relate to the expenses incurred on an ex post basis over the 6 month period ending 30 June 2021, expressed as an annualised percentage of the average net asset value.

#### 'A' ACCUMULATION SHARES

| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE       | 30.06.21 pence per share | 31.12.20<br>pence per share | 31.12.19<br>pence per share | 31.12.18<br>pence per share |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Opening net asset value per share    | 5,194.70                 | 4,906.03                    | 4,063.74                    | 4,020.46                    |
| Return before operating charges*     | 1,212.97                 | 333.74                      | 884.94                      | 85.80                       |
| Operating charges                    | (29.05)                  | (45.07)                     | (42.65)                     | (42.52)                     |
| Return after operating charges       | 1,183.92                 | 288.67                      | 842.29                      | 43.28                       |
| Distributions                        |                          |                             | (35.28)                     | (34.66)                     |
| Retained distributions on            |                          |                             | ,                           | ,                           |
| accumulation shares                  | _                        | -                           | 35.28                       | 34.66                       |
| Closing net asset value per share    | 6,378.62                 | 5,194.70                    | 4,906.03                    | 4,063.74                    |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 3.40                     | 8.39                        | 6.52                        | 6.11                        |
|                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| PERFORMANCE                          |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Return after charges                 | 22.79%                   | 5.88%                       | 20.73%                      | 1.08%                       |
| OTHER INFORMATION                    |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)      | 71,503                   | 58,231                      | 55,019                      | 45,573                      |
| Closing number of shares             | 1,120,973                | 1,120,973                   | 1,121,465                   | 1,121,465                   |
| Operating charges                    | 0.96%                    | 0.98%                       | 0.98%                       | 0.98%                       |
| Direct transaction costs             | 0.06%                    | 0.18%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.14%                       |
|                                      |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| PRICES                               |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Highest share price                  | 6,555.42                 | 5,293.52                    | 4,970.99                    | 4,670.71                    |
| Lowest share price                   | 5,304.81                 | 3,324.84                    | 4,105.35                    | 3,990.87                    |
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| Comparative Tables continued         |                 |                 |                 |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 'C' INSTITUTIONAL INCOME SHARES      | 30.06.21        | 31.12.20        | 31.12.19        | 01 10 10                    |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE       | pence per share | pence per share | pence per share | 31.12.18<br>pence per share |
| Opening net asset value per share    | 193.42          | 182.66          | 152.47          | 152.10                      |
| Return before operating charges*     | 45.17           | 12.44           | 33.10           | 3.33                        |
| Operating charges                    | (1.08)          | (1.68)          | (1.60)          | (1.60)                      |
| Return after operating charges       | 44.09           | 10.76           | 31.50           | 1.73                        |
| Distributions                        | _               |                 | (1.31)          | (1.36)                      |
| Closing net asset value per share    | 237.51          | 193.42          | 182.66          | 152.47                      |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.13            | 0.31            | 0.24            | 0.23                        |
|                                      |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| PERFORMANCE                          |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Return after charges                 | 22.79%          | 5.89%           | 20.66%          | 1.14%                       |
| OTHER INFORMATION                    |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)      | 78,688          | 66,697          | 63,137          | 28,144                      |
| Closing number of shares             | 33,130,859      | 34,482,509      | 34,564,395      | 18,459,271                  |
| Operating charges                    | 0.96%           | 0.98%           | 0.98%           | 0.98%                       |
| Direct transaction costs             | 0.06%           | 0.18%           | 0.15%           | 0.14%                       |
| PRICES                               |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Highest share price                  | 244.09          | 197.10          | 185.56          | 175.78                      |
| Lowest share price                   | 197.52          | 123.80          | 154.04          | 150.98                      |
| Lowest shale phoe                    | 191.02          | 120.00          | 104.04          | 100.90                      |
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| Comparative Tables continued 'C' INSTITUTIONAL ACCUMULATION SHARES |                          |                             |                             |                             |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE                                     | 30.06.21 pence per share | 31.12.20<br>pence per share | 31.12.19<br>pence per share | 31.12.18<br>pence per share |
| Opening net asset value per share                                  | 200.89                   | 189.73                      | 157.15                      | 155.48                      |
| Return before operating charges*                                   | 46.90                    | 12.90                       | 34.23                       | 3.31                        |
| Operating charges  | (1.12)                   | (1.74)                      | (1.65)                      | (1.64)                      |
| Return after operating charges                                     | 45.78                    | 11.16                       | 32.58                       | 1.67                        |
| Distributions  | _                        |                             | (1.36)                      | (1.36)                      |
| Retained distributions on  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| accumulation shares  |                          | =                           | 1.36                        | 1.36                        |
| Closing net asset value per share                                  | 246.67                   | 200.89                      | 189.73                      | 157.15                      |
| * after direct transaction costs of:                               | 0.13                     | 0.32                        | 0.25                        | 0.24                        |
| PERFORMANCE Return after charges                                   | 22.79%                   | 5.88%                       | 20.73%                      | 1.07%                       |
| OTHER INFORMATION  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)                                    | 168,350                  | 129,709                     | 116,293                     | 65,530                      |
| Closing number of shares   | 68,248,044               | 64,567,330                  | 61,294,758                  | 42,333,792                  |
| Operating charges  | 0.96%                    | 0.98%                       | 0.98%                       | 0.98%                       |
| Direct transaction costs   | 0.06%                    | 0.18%                       | 0.15%                       | 0.14%                       |
|  |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| PRICES   |                          |                             |                             |                             |
| Highest share price  | 253.51                   | 204.71                      | 192.24                      | 180.63                      |
| Lowest share price   | 205.15                   | 128.58                      | 158.76                      | 154.34                      |
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| 'D' INCOME SHARES                    |                 |                 |                 |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| D INCOME CHARLES                     | 30.06.21        | 31.12.20        | 31.12.19        | 31.12.18 <sup>1</sup> |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE       | pence per share | pence per share | pence per share | pence per share       |
| Opening net asset value per share    | 119.12          | 112.43          | 93.88           | 100.00                |
| Return before operating charges*     | 27.82           | 7.66            | 20.38           | (5.88)                |
| Operating charges                    | (0.56)          | (0.86)          | (0.83)          | (0.13)                |
| Return after operating charges       | 27.26           | 6.80            | 19.55           | (6.01)                |
| Distributions                        |                 | (0.11)          | (1.00)          | (0.11)                |
| Closing net asset value per share    | 146.38          | 119.12          | 112.43          | 93.88                 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.08            | 0.19            | 0.15            | 0.14                  |
| PERFORMANCE                          |                 |                 |                 |                       |
| Return after charges                 | 22.88%          | 6.05%           | 20.82%          | (6.01)%               |
| OTHER INFORMATION                    |                 |                 |                 |                       |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)      | 67              | 65              | 335             | 20,317                |
| Closing number of shares             | 46,083          | 54,433          | 297,867         | 21,641,953            |
| Operating charges                    | 0.81%           | 0.82%           | 0.83%           | 0.83%2                |
| Direct transaction costs             | 0.06%           | 0.18%           | 0.15%           | 0.14%                 |
| PRICES                               |                 |                 |                 |                       |
|                                      |                 | 101 50          | 114.29          | 101.27                |
| Highest share price                  | 150.43          | 121.50          | 114.29          | 101.27                |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 2 November 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

| Comparative Tables continued         |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 'D' ACCUMULATION SHARES              |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE       | 30.06.21 pence per share | 31.12.20 pence per share | 31.12.19 pence per share | 31.12.18 <sup>1</sup> pence per share |
| Opening net asset value per share    | 120.56                   | 113.69                   | 94.01                    | 100.00                                |
| Return before operating charges*     | 28.16                    | 7.76                     | 20.52                    | (5.86)                                |
| Operating charges                    | (0.57)                   | (0.89)                   | (0.84)                   | (0.13)                                |
| Return after operating charges       | 27.59                    | 6.87                     | 19.68                    | (5.99)                                |
| Distributions                        |                          | (0.12)                   | (1.01)                   | (0.12)                                |
| Retained distributions on            |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| accumulation shares                  | _                        | 0.12                     | 1.01                     | 0.12                                  |
| Closing net asset value per share    | 148.15                   | 120.56                   | 113.69                   | 94.01                                 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.08                     | 0.19                     | 0.15                     | 0.14                                  |
|                                      |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| PERFORMANCE                          |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| Return after charges                 | 22.88%                   | 6.04%                    | 20.93%                   | (5.99)%                               |
|                                      |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| OTHER INFORMATION                    |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| Closing net asset value (£'000)      | 102                      | 83                       | 79                       | _                                     |
| Closing number of shares             | 69,204                   | 69,204                   | 69,204                   | 250                                   |
| Operating charges                    | 0.81%                    | 0.83%                    | 0.83%                    | 0.83%2                                |
| Direct transaction costs             | 0.06%                    | 0.18%                    | 0.15%                    | 0.14%                                 |
|                                      |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| PRICES                               |                          |                          |                          |                                       |
| Highest share price                  | 152.25                   | 122.86                   | 115.20                   | 101.27                                |
| Lowest share price                   | 123.12                   | 77.08                    | 95.02                    | 95.14                                 |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From 2 November 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Annualised figure due to share class launched less than 1 year.

## Fund Performance to 30 June 2021 (%) 6 months 1 year 3 years 5 years LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund 22.45 44.19 44.88 135.95

The performance of the Fund is based on the published price per 'C' Institutional Accumulation share which includes reinvested income.

The performance of the Fund disclosed in the above table may differ from the 'Return after charges' disclosed in the Comparative Table due to the above performance being calculated on the latest published price prior to the period end, rather than the period end return after operating charges.

#### **RISK WARNING**

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

### ACD'S REPORT continued PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

| Holding   | Portfolio of Investments                                       | Value<br>£'000 | 30.06.21 |
|-----------|--|----------------|----------|
|           | UNITED KINGDOM - 93.33% (31.12.20 - 93.11%)                    |                |          |
|           | TECHNOLOGY - 16.14% (31.12.20 - 19.57%)                        |                |          |
|           | SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES – 16.14%<br>(31.12.20 – 19.57%) |                |          |
| 2,687,198 | Access Intelligence  | 3,144          | 0.99     |
| 2,610,421 | ActiveOps  | 5,221          | 1.64     |
| 1,993,511 | GetBusy  | 1,714          | 0.54     |
| 1,167,531 | Instem   | 8,523          | 2.67     |
| 2,637,957 | Kape Technologies  | 7,940          | 2.49     |
| 2,527,063 | Kooth  | 8,643          | 2.71     |
| 9,541,236 | Netcall  | 6,774          | 2.13     |
| 3,820,171 | Oxford Metrics   | 4,011          | 1.26     |
|           | Rosslyn Data Technologies                                      | 2,170          | 0.68     |
| 8,244,423 | SysGroup   | 3,298          | 1.03     |
|           |  | 51,438         | 16.14    |
|           | TOTAL TECHNOLOGY   | 51,438         | 16.14    |
|           | TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 1.62% (31.12.20 - 1.84%)                  |                |          |
|           | TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS – 1.62% (31.12.20 – 1.84%) |                |          |
| 4,565,950 | Bigblu Broadband   | 5,160          | 1.62     |
|           | TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS                                       | 5,160          | 1.62     |
|           | HEALTH CARE – 1.93% (31.12.20 – 3.69%)                         |                |          |
|           | MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES – 0.00% (31.12.20 – 0.84%)      |                |          |
|           | PHARMACEUTICALS AND BIOTECHNOLOGY – 1.93% (31.12.20 – 2.85%)   |                |          |
| 4,929,967 | Diaceutics   | 6,162          | 1.93     |
|           | TOTAL HEALTH CARE  | 6,162          | 1.93     |
|           |  |                |          |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

| Holding    | Portfolio of Investments   | Value<br>£'000 | 30.06.21<br>% |
|------------|--|----------------|---------------|
|            | FINANCIALS - 21.82% (31.12.20 - 19.81%)                                |                |               |
|            | FINANCE AND CREDIT SERVICES – 3.47%                                    |                |               |
|            | (31.12.20 – 3.60%)   |                |               |
| 527,326    | Mortgage Advice Bureau   | 6,222          | 1.95          |
| 2,228,423  | Orchard Funding  | 1,315          | 0.42          |
| 4,691,295  | Trufin   | 3,519          | 1.10          |
|            |  | 11,056         | 3.4           |
|            | INVESTMENT BANKING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES – 14.29% (31.12.20 – 16.21%) |                |               |
| 6,036,482  | - 14.29% (31.12.20 - 10.21%) Argentex                                  | 7,455          | 2.34          |
| 5,769,250  | Frenkel Topping  | 3,000          | 0.9           |
| 324,547    | Impax Asset Management   | 3,629          | 1.14          |
|            | Mattioli Woods   | 14,132         | 4.4           |
|            | Tatton Asset Management  | 6,066          | 1.9           |
| 8,279,684  | XPS Pensions <sup>1</sup>  | 11,260         | 3.5           |
| 0,2.0,00.  |  | 45,542         | 14.2          |
|            | CLOSED END INVESTMENTS – 4.06%   |                |               |
|            | (31.12.20 – 0.00%)   |                |               |
| 5,703,441  | AdvancedAdvT   | 6,844          | 2.15          |
| 2,042,271  | Strategic Equity Capital <sup>1,2</sup>                                | 6,086          | 1.9           |
|            |  | 12,930         | 4.00          |
|            | TOTAL FINANCIALS   | 69,528         | 21.8          |
|            | CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY – 22.59%  |                |               |
|            | (31.12.20 – 21.12%)  |                |               |
|            | HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND HOME CONSTRUCTION                                  |                |               |
|            | - 1.68% (31.12.20 - 1.83%)   |                |               |
| 12,043,263 | Accrol   | 5,359          | 1.68          |
| 237,782    | Mar City <sup>3</sup>  |                |               |
|            |  | 5,359          | 1.68          |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

| Holding                | Portfolio of Investments                                       | Value<br>£'000 | 30.06.21     |
|------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| Trolding               |  |                | 70           |
|                        | PERSONAL GOODS - 0.00% (31.12.20 - 1.33%)                      |                |              |
|                        | MEDIA - 0.52% (31.12.20 - 1.46%)                               |                |              |
| 13,333,333             | Hawkwing <sup>1</sup>  | 833            | 0,26         |
| 531,816                | Pebble   | 824            | 0.26         |
|                        |  | 1,657          | 0.52         |
|                        |  |                |              |
|                        | RETAILERS - 9.66% (31.12.20 - 5.37%)                           |                |              |
| 10,576,991             | Angling Direct   | 7,510          | 2.35         |
| 4,808,332              | Franchise Brands   | 7,068          | 2.22         |
| 987,134                | Marshall Motor   | 1,876          | 0.59         |
| 4,339,071              | musicMagpie  | 8,244          | 2.59         |
| 2,650,173              | Virgin Wines   | 6,095          | 1.91         |
|                        |  | 30,793         | 9.66         |
|                        |  |                |              |
| 0.470.440              | TRAVEL & LEISURE – 10.73% (31.12.20 – 11.13%)                  | 7.000          | 0.40         |
| 6,179,142              | City Pub   | 7,662          | 2.40         |
| 1,335,834              | Everyman Media   | 2,031          | 0.64         |
| 3,545,531              | Loungers   | 9,573<br>653   | 3.00         |
| 10,883,468             | Tasty TEN Entertainment <sup>1</sup>                           | 6,044          | 0.21<br>1.90 |
| 2,605,341<br>2,928,217 | The Gym <sup>1</sup>   | 8,228          | 2.58         |
| 2,920,217              | THE GyITT  | 34,191         | 10.73        |
|                        | TOTAL CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY                                   | 72,000         | 22.59        |
|                        | TO TAL CONCONIET DICCHETIONALTI                                | 12,000         |              |
|                        | INDUSTRIALS - 29.23% (31.12.20 - 26.71%)                       |                |              |
|                        | CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS – 2.45%                             |                |              |
|                        | (31.12.20 – 3.40%)   |                |              |
| 13,571,392             | Costain <sup>1</sup>   | 7,804          | 2.45         |
|                        | ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – 0.00% (31.12.20 – 0.04%) |                |              |
|                        |  |                |              |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

|            |   | Value   | 30.06.21 |
|------------|---|---------|----------|
| Holding    | Portfolio of Investments                                    | £,000   | %        |
|            | INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT SERVICES – 26.78%<br>(31.12.20 – 23.27%) |         |          |
| 3,549,527  | Alpha Financial Markets Consulting                          | 12,423  | 3.90     |
| 3,771,583  | Anexo   | 5,431   | 1.70     |
| 2,282,120  | Begbies Traynor   | 3,063   | 0.96     |
| 4,813,009  | Driver  | 2,888   | 0.91     |
| 1,638,384  | Elixirr International                                       | 9,011   | 2.83     |
| 5,061,146  | Filta   | 7,592   | 2.38     |
| 4,088,423  | Fintel  | 9,403   | 2.95     |
| 55,434,119 | Inspired Energy   | 10,976  | 3.44     |
| 1,692,414  | Knights   | 6,702   | 2.10     |
| 1,615,360  | Ricardo <sup>1</sup>  | 6,591   | 2.07     |
| 853,622    | Silver Bullet Data Services                                 | 2,689   | 0.84     |
| 14,340,522 | Staffline   | 8,604   | 2.70     |
|            |   | 85,373  | 26.78    |
|            | TOTAL INDUSTRIALS   | 93,177  | 29.23    |
|            |   |         |          |
|            | BASIC MATERIALS - 0.00% (31.12.20 - 0.37%)                  |         |          |
|            |   |         |          |
|            | CHEMICALS - 0.00% (31.12.20 - 0.37%)                        |         |          |
|            | TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM  | 297,465 | 93.33    |
|            |   |         |          |
|            | BERMUDA - 2.04% (31.12.20 - 3.12%)                          |         |          |
| 4,060,650  | Randall & Quilter Investment                                | 6,497   | 2.04     |
|            |   |         |          |

#### **PORTFOLIO STATEMENT** continued

as at 30 June 2021

| Holding | Portfolio of Investments | Value<br>£'000 | 30.06.21<br>% |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|         | Portfolio of investments | 303,962        | 95.37         |
|         | Net other assets         | 14,748         | 4.63          |
|         | Net assets               | 318,710        | 100.00        |

The investments are ordinary shares quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) unless stated otherwise.

The securities held within United Kingdom section of the Portfolio Statement have been shown under the new Industry Classification Benchmarks, which were adopted by all FTSE indices with effect from 22 March 2021. Comparatives have been restated where necessary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Listed on a regulated market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Closed end fund.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Delisted security.

#### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL PORTFOLIO CHANGES**

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

| Total purchases for the half year £'000 | 74,495        | Total sales for the half year £'000 | 77,774         |
|---|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Major purchases                         | Cost<br>£'000 | Major sales                         | Proceeds £'000 |
| musicMagpie                             | 9,576         | Kape Technologies                   | 7,413          |
| Strategic Equity Capital                | 6,928         | Impax Asset Management              | 4,411          |
| AdvancedAdvT                            | 6,500         | Mortgage Advice Bureau              | 4,047          |
| Virgin Wines                            | 5,950         | Codemasters                         | 3,700          |
| ActiveOps                               | 4,998         | Accesso Technology                  | 3,586          |
| Mattioli Woods                          | 4,788         | S4 Capital                          | 3,318          |
| Staffline                               | 4,500         | SourceBio International             | 2,539          |
| Accrol                                  | 3,869         | Inspecs                             | 2,450          |
| Trufin                                  | 2,871         | Pebble                              | 1,942          |
| Begbies Traynor                         | 2,767         | Knights                             | 1,820          |

The summary of material portfolio changes represents the 10 largest purchases and sales during the half year.

#### **DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Investment Funds Sourcebook, as applicable, as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority together with the relevant provisions of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager's Directive and modified by a direction given by the Financial Conduct Authority where the ACD has opted to provide a NURS KII Document, a Key Investor Information Document for Non-UCITS Retail Schemes.

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ACD of LF Gresham House UK Micro Cap Fund 31 August 2021

### INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

|                                   | £'000   | 30.06.21<br>£'000 | £'000    | 30.06.20<br>£'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Income:                           |         |                   |          |                   |
| Net capital gains/(losses)        |         | 62,061            |          | (24,863)          |
| Revenue                           | 1,039   |                   | 591      |                   |
| Expenses                          | (1,525) |                   | (1,112)  |                   |
| Net expense before taxation       | (486)   |                   | (521)    |                   |
| Taxation                          |         |                   | <u> </u> |                   |
| Net expense after taxation        |         | (486)             |          | (521)             |
| Total return before distributions |         | 61,575            |          | (25,384)          |
| Distributions                     |         | <u>_</u>          |          |                   |
| Change in net assets              |         |                   |          |                   |
| attributable to shareholders      |         |                   |          |                   |
| from investment activities        |         | 61,575            |          | (25,384)          |

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

|                                 | £'000    | 30.06.21<br>£'000 | £'000    | 30.06.20<br>£'000 |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Opening net assets attributable |          |                   |          |                   |
| to shareholders                 |          | 254,787           |          | 234,867           |
| Amounts receivable on           |          |                   |          |                   |
| issue of shares                 | 74,817   |                   | 58,280   |                   |
| Amounts payable on              |          |                   |          |                   |
| redemption of shares            | (72,580) |                   | (26,025) |                   |
|                                 |          | 2,237             |          | 32,255            |
| Dilution levy                   |          | 111               |          | 276               |
| Change in net assets            |          |                   |          |                   |
| attributable to shareholders    |          |                   |          |                   |
| from investment activities      |          | 61,575            |          | (25,384)          |
| Closing net assets attributable |          |                   |          |                   |
| to shareholders                 |          | 318,710           |          | 242,014           |

The above statement shows the comparative closing net assets at 30 June 2020 whereas the current accounting period commenced 1 January 2021.

### **INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)** continued **BALANCE SHEET**

|   | 30.06.21<br>£'000 | 31.12.20<br>£'000 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS                                  |                   |                   |
|   |                   |                   |
| Fixed assets                            |                   |                   |
| Investments                             | 303,962           | 245,177           |
|   |                   |                   |
| Current assets                          |                   |                   |
| Debtors                                 | 983               | 891               |
| Cash and cash equivalents               | 15,018            | 11,537            |
| Total assets                            | 319,963           | 257,605           |
|   |                   |                   |
| LIABILITIES                             |                   |                   |
|   |                   |                   |
| Creditors                               |                   |                   |
| Other creditors                         | (1,253)           | (2,818)           |
| Total liabilities                       | (1,253)           | (2,818)           |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 318,710           | 254,787           |

### INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) continued NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the half year ended 30 June 2021

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The 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. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association ('IA') in May 2014, as amended.

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The ACD has made an assessment of the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, and is satisfied it has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on this assessment. This assessment is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements, covering the subsequent 12 months, and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, known redemption levels, expense projections, key service provider's operational resilience, and the impact of COVID-19. The ACD also considered the Fund's continued ability to meet ongoing costs, and is satisfied it has the resources to meet these costs and to continue in business.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Share Capital**

The minimum share capital of the Fund is £1,000,000 and the maximum share capital is £500,000,000.

#### Classes of Shares

The Instrument of Incorporation allows income and accumulation shares to be issued.

Holders of income shares are entitled to be paid the distributable income attributed to such shares on any relevant interim and annual allocation dates.

Holders of accumulation shares are not entitled to be paid the income attributed to such shares, but that income is automatically transferred to (and retained as part of) the capital assets of the Fund on the relevant interim and/or annual accounting dates. This is reflected in the price of an accumulation share.

#### Valuation Point

The current valuation point of the Fund is at 12.00 noon (London time) on each business day. Valuations may be made at other times with the Depositary's approval.

#### Buying and Selling Shares

The ACD will accept orders to buy or sell shares on normal business days between 8.30am and 5.30pm (London time) and transactions will be effected at prices determined by the following valuation. Instructions to buy or sell shares may be either in writing to: PO Box 389, Darlington DL1 9UF or by telephone on 0345 922 0044.

#### **Prices**

The prices of all shares are published on every dealing day on the ACD's website: www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk. The prices of shares may also be obtained by calling 0345 922 0044 during the ACD's normal business hours.

#### Other Information

The Instrument of Incorporation, Prospectus, Key Investor Information Documents and the most recent interim and annual reports may be inspected at the office of the ACD which is also the Head Office. Copies of these may be obtained upon application and, excepting the Instrument of Incorporation, can be found on the ACD's website, www.linkfundsolutions.co.uk.

Shareholders who have any complaints about the operation of the Fund should contact the ACD or the Depositary in the first instance. In the event that a shareholder finds the response unsatisfactory they may make their complaint direct to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION** continued

| Data Protection Act Shareholders' names will be added to a mailing list which may be used by the ACD, its associates or third parties to inform investors of other products by sending details of such products. Shareholders who do not want to |  |
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| receive such details should write to the ACD requesting their removal from any such mailing list.  |  |
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