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Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term Global Growth A  
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Shareholder Rights Directive Annual Disclosure  
for the period 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



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## Our Investment Strategy

Long Term Global Growth (LTGG) is a purely stock-driven, unconstrained global equity strategy focused on investing in exceptional growth companies from around the world. The approach is committed and expressly long term because we believe that investing in companies with the scope to grow to multiples of their current size over the next decade has the potential to transform the returns achieved for investors over time.

We take a global approach to stock selection and portfolio construction is purely stock driven, so no reference is made to benchmark indices in our investment process. We are genuinely active, not passive. Portfolio holding sizes are based purely on the magnitude of the potential upside and the associated level of conviction. A company's benchmark weighting is entirely irrelevant to us.

## How We Make Investment Decisions

The LTGG Team is structured such that every investor can contribute meaningfully to the generation of new ideas, stock research and stock discussions. We want to bring cognitive diversity, creativity and imagination to our research process. Once a stock has been fully researched and discussed, the decision makers are responsible for making the ultimate decision on its inclusion (or otherwise) in the portfolio. Their decisions place an emphasis on backing enthusiasm rather than achieving a full consensus. Stock level risks are managed with careful regard for the governance structures and the operational performance of the portfolio holdings. Portfolio level risks are managed by ensuring that the portfolio is well diversified by growth driver and geographical exposure. High levels of short term volatility form a natural part of our investment approach and are to be expected.

## Key Material Medium to Long Term Risks

Fundamental risk - the permanent loss of capital and the risk of missing out on companies which subsequently post strong returns. We therefore place significant emphasis in our investment management process on understanding the fundamentals of the companies in which we invest, including environmental, social and governance factors (ESG), which may impact the sustainability of future growth.

Portfolio risk - a failure to maintain an appropriate level of diversification at the strategy level. A series of investment guidelines are in place which are intended to ensure that there is a sufficient level of diversification.

Liquidity risk - a failure to maintain appropriate level of liquidity at the strategy level. We have a series of guidelines that ensure the strategy remains sufficiently liquid to enable positions to be exited or client cash flows to be managed with minimal impact.

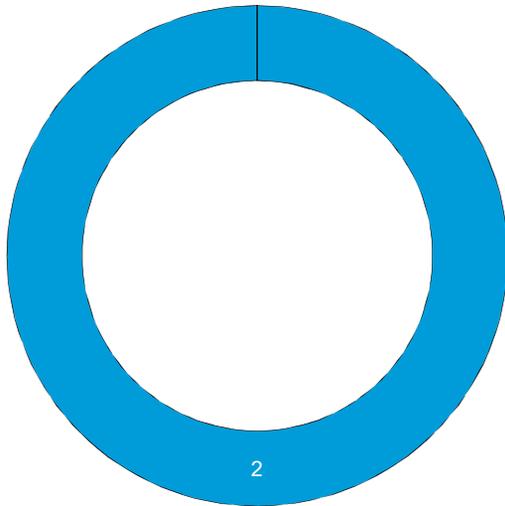
## Portfolio Composition

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## Top Ten Holdings

Asset Name	% of Portfolio
Baillie Gifford Worldwide Long Term Global Growth Fund	0.0

## Geographic Analysis of Total Assets



	%
1 Other	0.0
2 Cash & Derivatives	100.0

Source: Baillie Gifford & Co.  
Please note that totals may not add due to rounding.

## Turnover and Turnover (Transaction) Costs

	%
Rolling One Year Turnover	0

Rolling One Year Turnover is calculated as the lesser of the sum of all purchases and the sum of all sales in each month divided by the monthly average market value, summed over 12 months. Turnover is a measure of average investment horizon, the lower the turnover the longer the average investment horizon.

Transaction costs:	%
Explicit transaction costs	0.00
Implicit transaction costs	0.11

Explicit costs are directly observable and include broker commissions and transaction taxes and fees. Implicit costs are the indirect costs associated with buying and selling of securities. Specifically, implicit costs represent the differential between the actual transaction price (excluding taxes and commissions) and the mid-market price of the asset when the order to transact was transmitted to a third-party. Due to the methodology used, overall transaction costs may be 'negative' if individual securities are purchased below the prevailing mid-price or conversely sold above the mid-price. Current MiFID II guidance requires us to disclose these costs, even if they result in a negative figure (i.e. an implicit gain to the investor).

## Our Governance and Sustainability Approach

We look beyond current financial performance, undertaking proprietary research to build up an in-depth knowledge of an individual company and a view on their long-term prospects, including material governance and sustainability factors which we believe will positively or negatively affect the financial returns of an investment. In keeping with our decentralised and autonomous culture, we are comfortable with our various investment strategies taking different approaches to reach the same goal of properly assessing and weighing up governance and sustainability considerations in the investment process. Further information regarding our approach is detailed in our Governance and Sustainability Principles and Guidelines available in the About Us section of our website.

## Our Approach to Voting and Engagement

Thoughtful voting of our clients' holdings is an integral part of our commitment to stewardship. Our Governance and Sustainability team oversees our voting analysis and execution in conjunction with our investment managers. Unlike many of our peers, we do not outsource the responsibility of voting to third-party suppliers. We utilise research from proxy advisers for information only. Additionally, Baillie Gifford does not lend securities on behalf of our clients. Where a client chooses to lend securities, we may consider requesting that clients recall any securities on loan to enable us to vote if we deem a meeting to be significant or contentious.

We engage regularly with management and board members to identify and understand issues and to monitor performance. Analysts from the Governance and Sustainability team regularly join our investors for these meetings, in addition to meetings that they will arrange directly with company representatives to discuss specific issues. Further details of Baillie Gifford's approach to voting and engagement is outlined in our Governance and Sustainability Principles and Guidelines document available in the About Us section of our website.

Detailed below are the engagements and the most significant votes we have carried out.

## Company Engagement

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No Data to Report

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## Voting Activity

Votes Cast in Favour		Votes Cast Against		Votes Abstained/Withheld	
Companies	None	Companies	None	Companies	None
Resolutions	None	Resolutions	None	Resolutions	None

## Significant Votes Cast in Favour

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There were no votes cast in favour that were significant

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## Significant Votes Cast Against

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There were no votes cast against that were significant

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## Significant Abstentions

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There were no significant abstentions

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## Conflicts of Interest

Baillie Gifford maintains a firm-wide Conflicts Matrix, which identifies conflicts and potential conflicts of interest that exist within the firm, and the procedures and controls that have been adopted to manage these conflicts. Baillie Gifford's firm wide conflict of interest disclosure is available in the Important Disclosures area of our website

We recognise the importance of managing potential conflicts of interest that may exist when we engage with or vote at a company with whom we have a material business or personal relationship and the Governance and Sustainability team is responsible for monitoring these possible material conflicts of interest.

The Governance and Sustainability team's approach to dealing with conflicts of interest in relation to voting and engagement can be found in our Investment Stewardship Activities report which is available in the Governance and Sustainability area of our website.

