

LIONTRUST INVESTMENT FUNDS IV

Interim Report &
Financial Statements (unaudited)

For the period:
1 January 2023
to
30 June 2023

LIONTRUST FUND PARTNERS LLP

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Management and Administration

Management and Administration

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of Liontrust Investment Funds IV (the "Company") is:

Liontrust Fund Partners LLP

The registered office of the ACD and the Company is 2 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EZ.

The ACD is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and is a member of the Investment Association. The ultimate holding company of the ACD is Liontrust Asset Management PLC ("LAM", "Liontrust" or the "Group") which is incorporated in England.

Depository

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
160 Queen Victoria Street
London EC4V 4LA

Authorised by Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

Independent Auditor

KPMG LLP
11th Floor
15 Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London
E14 5GL

Administrator and Registrar

The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited
160 Queen Victoria Street
London
EC4V 4LA

Authorised by PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

Management and Administration (continued)

Company Information

The Company is an investment company with variable capital under regulation 12 of the Open-Ended Investment Company Regulations 2001, incorporated in England and Wales under registered number IC 001039 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority on 4 June 2015. At the year end the Company offered two Sub-funds, the Liontrust Global Technology Fund and the Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (the "Sub-funds").

The Company is a UCITS scheme which complies with the FCA's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL") and is structured as an umbrella company so that different Sub-funds may be established from time to time by the ACD with the approval of the FCA and the agreement of the Depositary.

The assets of each Sub-fund will be treated as separate from those of every other Sub-fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment objective and investment policy applicable to that Sub-fund. Each share class has the same rights on a winding up of the Company. Investment of the assets of each of the Sub-funds must comply with the FCA's COLL and the investment objective and policy of the relevant Sub-fund.

Securities Financing Transactions Regulation

The Securities Financing Transactions Regulation, as published by the European Securities and Markets Authority, aims to improve the transparency of the securities financing markets. Disclosures regarding exposure to Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) or total return swaps are required on all reports & accounts published after 13 January 2017. See pages 27 - 29 for disclosures at 30 June 2023.

Assessment of Value

The regulator - the FCA - has asked every asset manager to assess the value of the funds they run. Assessing value goes beyond performance and costs and encompasses a minimum of seven criteria mandated by the FCA. Please note we are changing the reference and publication date of our annual Assessment of Value. Previously, the reference date was the end of August, with a publication date of December. Going forward, from 30 June 2023, the reference date will be 30 June, with a publication deadline of end of October. The assessment of value report can be viewed on the Liontrust website www.liontrust.co.uk/learning/assessment-of-value.

Changes to the Funds during the Period

The Liontrust Global Equity team became part of the Liontrust Global Fundamental team on 8 February 2023. All Funds that followed the Global Equity process moved to the Global Fundamental Process at this time with the exception of Liontrust Global Technology Fund which has moved to the Global Innovation process. The management of the Liontrust Global Technology Fund passed to Thomas Smith.

Holdings in Other Funds of the Company

As at 30 June 2023, there were no shares in any Sub-fund held by other Sub-funds of the Company.

Liontrust Asset Management PLC

Liontrust Asset Management PLC (Company) is a specialist fund management company with £29.5 billion in assets under management as at 30 June 2023 and that takes pride in having a distinct culture and approach to managing money. What makes Liontrust distinct?

- The Company launched in 1995 and was listed on the London Stock Exchange in 1999.
- We are an independent business with no corporate parent, our head office is on the Strand in London and we have offices in Edinburgh and Luxembourg.
- We believe in the benefits of active fund management over the long term and all our fund managers are truly active.
- We focus only on those areas of investment in which we have particular expertise. We have seven fund management teams investing in Global Equities, Global Fixed Income, Sustainable Investment and Multi-Asset portfolios and funds.
- Our fund managers are independent thinkers and have the courage of their convictions in making investment decisions.

Management and Administration (continued)

Liontrust Asset Management PLC (continued)

- Our fund managers have the freedom to manage their portfolios according to their own investment processes and market views without being distracted by other day-to-day aspects of running a fund management company.
- Each fund management team applies distinct and rigorous investment processes to the management of funds and portfolios that ensure the way we manage money is predictable and repeatable.
- Staying true to their documented investment processes helps to create an in-built risk control for our fund managers, especially in more challenging environments, by preventing them from investing in companies and funds for the wrong reasons.
- We aim to treat investors, clients, members, employees, suppliers and other stakeholders fairly and with respect. We are committed to the Principles of Treating Customers Fairly (TCF) and they are central to how we conduct business across all our functions.

Liontrust Asset Management PLC is the parent company of Liontrust Investment Partners LLP, Liontrust Fund Partners LLP and Liontrust Portfolio Management Limited which are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Liontrust Asset Management PLC is also the parent company of Liontrust International (Luxembourg) S.A. which is regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg. All members of the Liontrust Group sell only Liontrust Group products.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the sanctions imposed on Russia as a result and retaliatory action taken by Russia against foreign investors has caused significant volatility in certain financial markets, currency markets and commodities markets worldwide. Economic sanctions and the fallout from the conflict will likely impact companies worldwide operating in a wide variety of sectors, including energy, financial services and defence, amongst others. As a result, the performance of the Sub-funds may also be negatively impacted even if they have no direct exposure to the regions involved in the conflict.

Member's Statement

In accordance with COLL 4.5.8BR, we hereby certify the Interim Report and the Financial Statements were approved by the management committee of members of the ACD and authorised for issue on 29 August 2023.



Antony Morrison

Member

29 August 2023

Notes applicable to the financial statements of all Sub-funds

for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company comprise the financial statements of each of the Sub-funds and have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the IMA (now known as the Investment Association) in May 2014 (the "SORP"), updated in June 2017.

The accounting and distribution policies applied are consistent with those disclosed within the annual report & financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund

Report for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Investment Objective

The investment objective of Liontrust Global Technology Fund is to generate long term (five years or more) capital growth.

Investment Policy

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% in shares of technology and telecommunications companies across the world. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are anywhere within the GICS Information Technology and Communication Services sectors.

The Sub-fund may also invest up to 20% in other companies where technology is an integral element of the business, as well as in other eligible asset classes.

Other eligible asset classes are collective investment schemes (which may include Liontrust managed funds), other transferable securities, cash or near cash, deposits and money market instruments.

Derivatives and forward transactions may be used by the ACD for efficient portfolio management.

It is the intention to be near-fully invested at all times, however, the Sub-fund has the facility to take tactical positions in cash or near cash, and to use efficient portfolio management, should the ACD feel it appropriate.

The portfolio will be managed to ensure that the Sub-fund is at all times eligible to qualify for, and to be included in, an Individual Savings Account.

Investment Strategy

The Sub-fund invests in securities using a combination of economic, industry and stock specific analysis.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Investment review

Sub-fund review

The Liontrust Global Technology Fund returned 39.9% (C Accumulation) over the first half of the year, versus the MSCI World Technology Index's return of 31.4% and IA Technology & Telecommunications sector loss of 24.8% (both comparator benchmarks)*.

In early February, the Sub-fund welcomed new management, with Storm Uru and James Dowey stepping up as the two lead managers. Notably, both have been instrumental in the Sub-fund's development and are committed to guiding it into the future. The team will maintain the same proven management approach while enhancing rigor, particularly in terms of valuation discipline.

As we transition, you'll notice a shift in our terminology. Instead of using "embracers," "enablers," and "disruptors," we will now refer to these companies as "leaders" and "disruptors" – importantly, this change is to align terminology with the Global Innovation process but no change in the types of companies the process seeks to identify and invest in. We firmly believe that innovation is the most significant driver of shareholder returns and given the abundance of innovative companies in the technology sector and the opportunities arising after the upheaval of 2022, we are confident in our ability to generate attractive returns from the ground up in the upcoming cycle.

Historically, the technology sector has delivered 20% annual returns from trough to peak over the last two cycles, and we believe a new cycle has already commenced.

Nvidia remains a pivotal investment for the Sub-fund, albeit occupying a smaller position than at the beginning of the year due to the substantial increase in its stock price during the quarter. At the recent GTC developer's conference and keynote, the company showcased significant advancements in chips, services, and software.

Nvidia demonstrated the vast scope of opportunities, not only in terms of expanding its presence in existing markets (such as extending Hopper into the inference market and introducing Grace CPU to complement its GPUs), but more importantly, in branching out from chips and cards to systems, software, and cloud services. In our opinion, the company is strategically positioning itself to capitalize on the transformative potential of AI investments.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), at a high level, is expected to eliminate bottlenecks across all industries and enhance productivity for every company. Although it is challenging to determine the ultimate winners in this arena, the customer will undoubtedly benefit from a significant reduction in the cost of goods and services. Nvidia, with its 90% market share in the accelerated computing market for AI computation, offers a prime investment opportunity in the essential tools during this technological gold rush.

Tesla continues to ramp production into weak end-markets by reducing prices of its key Model 3 and Model Y as benefits from scale, production breakthroughs and cost deflation are passed through to the end customer. Driving down prices not only gives customers better value for money but also heightens competitive intensity across the industry. Tesla has a decade-long lead in this burgeoning market, positioning it well for heightened competitive intensity as it leverages its dominant market position to strengthen its moat by driving down electric vehicle prices and selling high value-added services like electric charging capabilities and self-driving capabilities to competitors.

Our team recently visited Tesla's Berlin gigafactory to witness the most advanced production factory in motion and we are pleased to announce that it surpassed even our lofty expectations. It takes just 10 hours for the factory to produce a Tesla model Y – competitor Volkswagen down the road takes 30 hours for their equivalent. The Berlin factory currently employs 10,000 people and has already ramped production to 500,000 units a year, but has the ability to expand production up to a massive 2 million units each year. Having invested in Tesla during the extreme market volatility of last year, we continue to manage our position sizing based on upside to our price target and diversification benefit to the portfolio. The key for us is that Tesla continues to drive prices lower for consumers, so we are happy to report that you can now purchase a Tesla Model 3 in the UK for £40,000 and a Model Y for £45,000. It's no wonder the Tesla Model Y was the best-selling motor vehicle in the world in Q1 2023.

Elsewhere in the portfolio, Sea was a key detractor for the quarter, continuing to lag as e-commerce sales in South-East Asia remained soft. Importantly, 2022 was the year this business pivoted to focusing on driving profitable growth rather than growth at any cost. Given its dominant-commerce position in key South-East Asian markets, combined with weakened competition in important markets,

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Sub-fund review (continued)

Sea is set to emerge from this difficult period in a strong financial position with increased market share. We thus continue to add to our position in this investment on stock price weakness as the business continues to execute on its strong focus on profitability.

After a strong start to the year, we remain optimistic for generating strong returns into the end of 2023 and beyond. We worked hard for our clients to invest in companies whose stock prices had fallen significantly last year and are now invested in a wide range of attractively priced innovators at the beginning of a new market cycle.

**Source: Financial Express, as at 30.06.23, total return, net of fees, income reinvested. Please note that total return has been calculated at midday whereas the financial statements are at close of business.*

Storm Uru & James Dowey

Fund Managers

July 2023

Any opinions expressed are those of the Fund Manager. They should not be viewed as a guarantee of a return from an investment in the Sub-fund. The content of the commentary should not be viewed as a recommendation to invest nor buy or sell any securities. The investments of the Sub-fund are subject to normal market fluctuations. Investments can go down as well as up. Investors' capital is at risk and they may get back less than they originally invested.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income generated from it can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. You may get back less than you originally invested.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Material portfolio changes by value

Purchases

Tesla
Advanced Micro Devices
ASML
Sea
NVIDIA
Airbnb
Netflix
Vitec Software
Shopify
Adyen

Sales

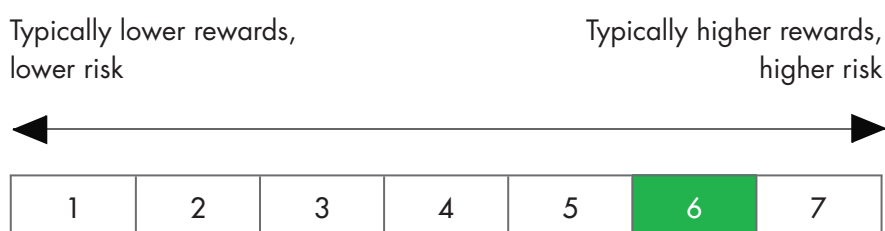
Apple
Microsoft
NVIDIA
Alphabet
Amazon.com
Visa 'A'
Mastercard 'A'
Adyen
Constellation Software
Advanced Micro Devices

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Risk and Reward profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Sub-fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Sub-fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Sub-fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



- This Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) is based on historical data and may not be relied upon to gauge the future risk profile of the Sub-fund.
- The SRRI shown is not guaranteed to remain the same and may shift over time.
- The lowest category (1) does not mean 'risk free'.
- The Sub-fund's risk and reward category has been calculated using the methodology adopted by the Financial Conduct Authority. It is based upon the rate by which the Sub-fund or a representative fund or Index's value has moved up and down in the past.
- The Sub-fund is categorised 6 primarily for its exposure to global technology equities.
- The SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
 - that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Sub-fund;
 - overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the Sub-fund.
- This Sub-fund may have a concentrated portfolio, i.e. hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments falls in value this can have a greater impact on the Sub-fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- The Sub-fund may, under certain circumstances, invest in derivatives, but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves. There is a risk that losses could be made on derivative positions or that the counterparties could fail to complete on transactions. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Sub-fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a Sub-fund than if the underlying investment was held instead. The use of derivative contracts may help us to control Sub-fund volatility in both up and down markets by hedging against the general market.
- The Sub-fund may encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. The spread between the price you buy and sell shares will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings.
- The Sub-fund may have both Hedged and Unhedged share classes available. The Hedged share classes use forward foreign exchange contracts to protect returns in the base currency of the Sub-fund.
- Outside of normal conditions, the Sub-fund may hold higher levels of cash which may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks). A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Risk and Reward profile (continued)

- Counterparty risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.

For full details of the Sub-fund's risks, please see the prospectus which may be obtained from Liontrust (address on page 1) or online at www.liontrust.co.uk.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Performance record (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Net asset value

Period end	Shares in Issue	Net Asset Value (£'000)	Net Asset Value per share (p)
30 June 2023			
C Accumulation	24,731,127	97,001	392.22
31 December 2022			
C Accumulation	26,570,530	73,626	277.10
31 December 2021			
C Accumulation	32,808,061	134,630	410.36
31 December 2020			
C Accumulation	28,432,899	95,505	335.90

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Holding/ Nominal value	Stock description	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	EQUITIES (98.37%)	96,871	99.87
	AUSTRALIA (0.00%)	1,848	1.91
14,000	Atlassian	1,848	1.91
	CANADA (6.15%)	6,290	6.48
1,600	Constellation Software	2,604	2.68
130,000	Lumine	1,399	1.44
45,000	Shopify 'A'	2,287	2.36
	IRELAND (0.00%)	1,455	1.50
6,000	Accenture	1,455	1.50
	ISRAEL (1.17%)	0	0.00
	JAPAN (1.10%)	0	0.00
	NETHERLANDS (5.62%)	3,982	4.11
7,000	ASML	3,982	4.11
	NEW ZEALAND (0.00%)	995	1.03
16,000	Xero	995	1.03
	SINGAPORE (0.00%)	2,739	2.82
60,000	Sea	2,739	2.82
	SOUTH KOREA (1.37%)	0	0.00
	SWEDEN (0.00%)	4,438	4.57
12,000	Spotify Technology	1,515	1.56
74,000	Vitec Software	2,923	3.01
	TAIWAN (2.36%)	0	0.00
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (80.60%)	75,124	77.45
35,000	10X Genomics	1,537	1.58
7,000	Adobe	2,691	2.77
45,000	Advanced Micro Devices	4,030	4.15
30,000	Airbnb	3,024	3.12
2,000	Broadcom	1,363	1.41
14,000	Cadence Design Systems	2,582	2.66

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) (continued)

as at 30 June 2023

Holding/ Nominal value	Stock description	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
EQUITIES (continued)			
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (continued)			
32,000	Cloudflare	1,645	1.70
110,000	Credo Technology	1,500	1.55
19,000	Datadog	1,470	1.52
1,500	Fair Isaac	955	0.98
45,000	Fortinet	2,676	2.76
5,000	HubSpot	2,092	2.16
7,500	Intuit	2,702	2.79
4,400	Lam Research	2,224	2.29
40,000	Marvell Technology	1,881	1.94
17,000	Microsoft	4,550	4.69
24,000	Moderna	2,294	2.37
3,900	Motorola Solutions	899	0.93
7,500	Netflix	2,597	2.68
16,500	NVIDIA	5,487	5.66
28,000	Okta	1,527	1.57
20,000	Oracle	1,873	1.93
75,000	Palantir Technologies	904	0.93
4,800	Roper Technologies	1,815	1.87
9,000	salesforce.com	1,495	1.54
6,300	ServiceNow	2,785	2.87
16,000	Snowflake	2,214	2.28
32,500	Tesla	6,689	6.90
32,000	Trade Desk	1,944	2.00
45,000	Twilio 'A'	2,250	2.32
43,000	Uber Technologies	1,459	1.50
70,000	Upstart	1,970	2.03
Portfolio of investments		96,871	99.87
Net other assets		130	0.13
Total net assets		97,001	100.00

All securities are approved securities traded on eligible securities markets, as defined by the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook, unless otherwise stated.

All equity investments are in ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2022.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the period ended 30 June 2023

	(£'000)	1.1.2023 to 30.6.2023 (£'000)	(£'000)	1.1.2022 to 30.6.2022 (£'000)
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		26,699		(34,571)
Revenue	173		217	
Expenses	(327)		(456)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(13)		–	
Net expense before taxation	(167)		(239)	
Taxation	(21)		(33)	
Net expense after taxation		(188)		(272)
Total return before distributions		26,511		(34,843)
Distributions		–		–
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		26,511		(34,843)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders (unaudited)

for the period ended 30 June 2023

	(£'000)	1.1.2023 to 30.6.2023 (£'000)	(£'000)	1.1.2022 to 30.6.2022 (£'000)
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		73,626		134,630
Amounts received on issue of shares	41,141		13,201	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(44,317)		(27,882)	
		(3,176)		(14,681)
Dilution adjustment		40		–
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		26,511		(34,843)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		97,001		85,106

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

Liontrust Global Technology Fund (continued)

Balance Sheet (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

	30.6.2023 (£'000)	31.12.2022 (£'000)
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	96,871	72,423
Current assets:		
Debtors	3,524	528
Cash and bank balances	762	1,364
Total assets	101,157	74,315
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Other creditors	(4,156)	(689)
Total liabilities	(4,156)	(689)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	97,001	73,626

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund

Report for the period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Liontrust Japan Equity Fund is to generate long term (five years or more) capital growth.

Investment Policy

The Sub-fund invests at least 80% in shares of Japanese companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are incorporated, domiciled, listed or conduct significant business in Japan.

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Investment Strategy

The Sub-fund invests in securities using a combination of economic, industry and stock specific analysis

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Investment review

Sub-fund review

The Liontrust Japan Equity Fund returned 7.5% (C Accumulation) over the first half of the year, versus the TOPIX's 5.8% and the IA Japan sector average of 6.6% (both comparator benchmarks)*.

Japanese equities had a solid first half of 2023. Key supportive factors included the gradual transition from deflation to a mildly inflationary economy, rising corporate ROE (return on equity) and shareholder returns driven by the Tokyo Stock Exchange's governance reforms, and the more resilient business cycle following a later reopening process and supply chain normalisation. Returns in JPY were stronger but this was offset by a weaker currency as the Bank of Japan sticks with loose monetary policy in stark contrast to other central banks around the world.

Following the reporting of FY 3/23 earnings came a busy AGM season in Japan. This came on the heels of the TSE's initiative in January aimed at getting companies to focus on their cost of capital and encourage those generating unsatisfactory returns to publish plans detailing how they intend to rectify this. The first and most straightforward step has seen companies reduce their complex web of cross-shareholdings and initiate share buybacks or raise dividends in order to improve the efficiency of balance sheets. The hope is that this can be followed by operational improvements that can sustainably raise the return on capital of corporate Japan. This year saw a record number of shareholder proposals at AGMs, many calling for improvements in capital efficiency, shareholder returns and corporate governance.

Key positive contributions came from the materials and industrials sectors, which are well represented in the portfolio. Holdings such as **JFE Holdings** (steel) and **Shin-Etsu Chemical** in the materials sector, and machine tools company **Okuma**, **Daikin Industries** (air conditioning) and engineering, electrical equipment and electronics corporation **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries** in the industrials sector all performed strongly.

The outlook for Japanese equities remains strong with robust earnings and ongoing corporate governance reform.

**Source: FE Analytics as at 30.06.23, total return, net of fees, income reinvested. Please note that total return has been calculated at midday whereas the financial statements are at close of business.*

Thomas Smith

Fund Manager

July 2023

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Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Material portfolio changes by value

Purchases

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial
Sony
Mitsui
Mitsubishi
Mitsui Chemicals
Toyota Industries

Sales

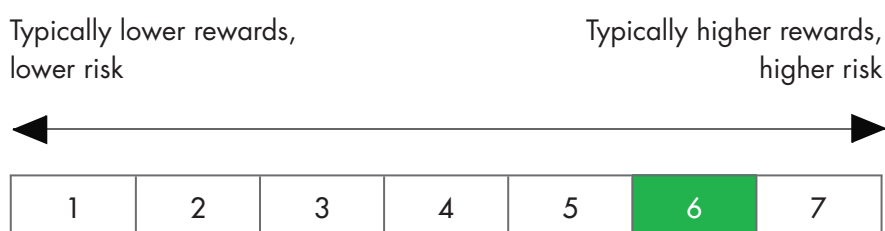
JFE
Hitachi
Seven & i
Mitsubishi Gas Chemical
Fujitsu
Daikin Industries
Nintendo
ORIX
Subaru
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Risk and Reward profile

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- The Sub-fund is categorised 6 primarily for its exposure to Japanese equities.
- The SRRI may not fully take into account the following risks:
 - that a company may fail thus reducing its value within the Sub-fund;
 - overseas investments may carry a higher currency risk. They are valued by reference to their local currency which may move up or down when compared to the currency of the Sub-fund.
- The Sub-fund may have a concentrated portfolio, i.e. hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments falls in value this can have a greater impact on the Sub-fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- The Sub-fund may, under certain circumstances, invest in derivatives, but it is not intended that their use will materially affect volatility. Derivatives are used to protect against currencies, credit and interest rate moves. There is a risk that losses could be made on derivative positions or that the counterparties could fail to complete on transactions. The use of derivatives may create leverage or gearing resulting in potentially greater volatility or fluctuations in the net asset value of the Sub-fund. A relatively small movement in the value of a derivative's underlying investment may have a larger impact, positive or negative, on the value of a Sub-fund than if the underlying investment was held instead. The use of derivative contracts may help us to control Sub-fund volatility in both up and down markets by hedging against the general market.
- The Sub-fund may encounter liquidity constraints from time to time. The spread between the price you buy and sell shares will reflect the less liquid nature of the underlying holdings.
- The Sub-fund has both Hedged and Unhedged share classes available. The Hedged share classes use forward foreign exchange contracts to protect returns in the base currency of the Sub-fund.
- Outside of normal conditions, the Sub-fund may hold higher levels of cash which may be deposited with several credit counterparties (e.g. international banks). A credit risk arises should one or more of these counterparties be unable to return the deposited cash.

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Investment review (continued)

Risk and Reward profile (continued)

- Counterparty Risk: any derivative contract, including FX hedging, may be at risk if the counterparty fails.
- Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Risk: there may be limitations to the availability, completeness or accuracy of ESG information from third-party providers, or inconsistencies in the consideration of ESG factors across different third party data providers, given the evolving nature of ESG.

For full details of the Sub-fund's risks, please see the prospectus which may be obtained from Liontrust (address on page 1) or online at www.liontrust.co.uk.

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Performance record (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Net asset value

Period end	Shares in Issue	Net Asset Value (£'000)	Net Asset Value per share (p)
30 June 2023			
B Accumulation Hedged GBP	6,646,292	7,751	116.62
C Accumulation Hedged GBP	26,579,028	39,510	148.65
C Accumulation GBP	8,221,271	13,065	158.92
31 December 2022			
B Accumulation Hedged GBP	6,766,362	6,389	94.43
C Accumulation Hedged GBP	28,925,506	34,675	119.89
C Accumulation GBP	109,931,838	166,335	151.32
31 December 2021			
B Accumulation Hedged GBP+	7,271,760	6,982	96.02
C Accumulation Hedged GBP	43,889,471	53,355	121.57
C Accumulation GBP	117,258,354	184,498	157.34
31 December 2020			
C Accumulation Hedged GBP	28,024	32	112.49
C Accumulation GBP	136,147,491	217,711	159.91

+ Launched on 3 November 2021.

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Portfolio Statement (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

Holding/ Nominal value	Stock description	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	EQUITIES (99.11%)	57,054	94.57
	JAPAN (99.11%)	57,054	94.57
	Auto Parts & Equipment (1.79%)	961	1.59
40,000	NGK Spark Plug	627	1.04
6,000	Toyota Industries	334	0.55
	Automobile Manufacturers (6.88%)	4,836	8.02
167,000	Subaru	2,454	4.07
190,000	Toyota Motor	2,382	3.95
	Banks (2.84%)	3,622	6.01
50,000	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	1,675	2.78
70,000	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	1,947	3.23
	Building Materials (5.29%)	1,911	3.17
12,000	Daikin Industries	1,911	3.17
	Chemicals (12.15%)	5,649	9.36
110,000	Kansai Paint	1,264	2.09
55,000	Mitsui Chemicals	1,264	2.09
70,000	Shin-Etsu Chemical	1,814	3.01
300,000	Toray Industries	1,307	2.17
	Computers (3.74%)	1,719	2.85
17,000	Fujitsu	1,719	2.85
	Distribution & Wholesale (0.00%)	2,911	4.83
39,000	Mitsubishi	1,470	2.44
49,000	Mitsui	1,441	2.39
	Diversified Financial Services (5.52%)	3,524	5.84
156,000	ORIX	2,215	3.67
87,000	SBI	1,309	2.17

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) (continued)

as at 30 June 2023

Holding/ Nominal value	Stock description	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
EQUITIES (continued)			
JAPAN (continued)			
Engineering & Construction (5.81%)		1,250	2.07
120,000	Shimizu	594	0.98
24,000	Taisei	656	1.09
Food Producers (4.13%)		2,123	3.52
63,000	Seven & i	2,123	3.52
Hand & Machine Tools (2.19%)		1,591	2.64
207,000	Amada	1,591	2.64
Home Builders (2.00%)		1,349	2.24
140,000	Haseko	1,349	2.24
Home Furnishings (0.00%)		1,901	3.15
27,000	Sony	1,901	3.15
Iron & Steel (4.06%)		1,926	3.19
173,000	JFE	1,926	3.19
Machinery Construction & Mining (10.07%)		6,063	10.05
45,000	Hitachi	2,174	3.60
72,000	Komatsu	1,518	2.52
65,000	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries	2,371	3.93
Machinery Diversified (10.19%)		6,357	10.54
69,000	FANUC	1,887	3.13
6,000	Keyence	2,215	3.67
54,000	OKUMA	2,255	3.74
Metal & Hardware (3.71%)		1,867	3.09
255,000	NSK	1,273	2.11
360,000	NTN	594	0.98

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Portfolio Statement (unaudited) (continued)

as at 30 June 2023

Holding/ Nominal value	Stock description	Market value (£'000)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	EQUITIES (continued)		
	JAPAN (continued)		
	Oil & Gas Producers (2.49%)	1,238	2.05
460,000	ENEOS	1,238	2.05
	Private Equity (2.35%)		
	Real Estate Investment & Services (3.81%)		
	Semiconductors (3.29%)	2,094	3.47
190,000	SUMCO	2,094	3.47
	Toys, Games & Hobbies (6.80%)	4,162	6.89
124,000	Bandai Namco	2,240	3.71
54,000	Nintendo	1,922	3.18
	DERIVATIVES ((0.96%))	897	1.49
	Forward Currency Contracts ((0.96%))	897	1.49
¥ 103,974,214	Japanese yen 103,974,214 vs UK sterling 572,493	(6)	0.00
£ 94,967,572	UK sterling 94,967,572 vs Japanese yen 17,242,317,388	903	1.49
	Portfolio of investments	57,951	96.06
	Net other assets	2,375	3.94
	Total net assets	60,326	100.00

All securities are approved securities traded on eligible securities markets, as defined by the Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook, unless otherwise stated.

All equity investments are in ordinary shares unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 December 2022.

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Statement of Total Return (unaudited)

for the period ended 30 June 2023

	(£'000)	1.1.2023 to 30.6.2023 (£'000)	(£'000)	1.1.2022 to 30.6.2022 (£'000)
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		30,285		(63)
Revenue	2,632		4,068	
Expenses	(606)		(1,036)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(26)		(11)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,000		3,021	
Taxation	(262)		(405)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,738		2,616
Total return before distributions		32,023		2,553
Distributions		(1,177)		(280)
Notional exchange adjustment		(15,635)		(12,648)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,211		(10,375)

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders (unaudited)

for the period ended 30 June 2023

	(£'000)	1.1.2023 to 30.6.2023 (£'000)	(£'000)	1.1.2022 to 30.6.2022 (£'000)
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		207,399		244,835
Amounts received on issue of shares	4,994		19,147	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(167,508)		(42,476)	
		(162,514)		(23,329)
Dilution adjustment		230		–
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		15,211		(10,375)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		60,326		211,131

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for the current period do not equal the closing net assets attributable to shareholders for the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

Liontrust Japan Equity Fund (continued)

Balance Sheet (unaudited)

as at 30 June 2023

	30.6.2023 (£'000)	31.12.2022 (£'000)
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	57,957	205,658
Current assets:		
Debtors	48,002	278
Cash and bank balances	2,450	3,813
Total assets	108,409	209,749
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(6)	(2,086)
Creditors:		
Other creditors	(48,077)	(264)
Total liabilities	(48,083)	(2,350)
Net assets attributable to shareholders	60,326	207,399

Securities Financing Transactions

as at 30 June 2023

Securities Lending

Securities lending transactions entered into by the Sub-funds are subject to a written legal agreement between the Sub-funds and the Stock Lending Agent, The Bank of New York Mellon (London Branch), a related party to the Sub-funds, and separately between the Stock Lending Agent and the approved borrowing counterparty. Collateral received in exchange for securities lent is transferred under a title transfer arrangement and is delivered to and held in an account with a tri-party collateral manager in the name of The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited ("the Depositary") on behalf of the Sub-funds. Collateral received is segregated from the assets belonging to the Sub-funds' Depositary or the Stock Lending Agent.

The total income earned from securities lending transactions is split between the relevant Sub-fund and the Stock Lending Agent. The Sub-fund receives 70% while the Stock Lending Agent receives 30% of such income, with all operational costs borne out of the Stock Lending Agent's share.

Return and cost

The tables below show the net income earned by the Sub-funds from securities lending activity during the period to 30 June 2023.

	Collective Investment Undertaking (£'000)	ACD of Collective Investment Undertaking (£'000)	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Liontrust Global Technology Fund				
Securities lending				
Gross return	1	–	–	1
% of total	70%	0%	30%	100%
Cost	–	–	–	–
	Collective Investment Undertaking (£'000)	ACD of Collective Investment Undertaking (£'000)	Third Parties (e.g. lending agent) (£'000)	Total (£'000)
Liontrust Japan Equity Fund				
Securities lending				
Gross return	13	–	6	19
% of total	70%	0%	30%	100%
Cost	–	–	–	–

Securities lending

The following table details the value of securities on loan as a proportion of the Sub-funds' total lendable assets and Net Asset Value (NAV) as at 30 June 2023. The income earned from securities lending are also shown for the period ended 30 June 2023. Total lendable assets represents the aggregate value of assets forming part of the Sub-funds' securities lending programme. This excludes any assets held by the Sub-funds that are not considered lendable due to any market, regulatory, investment or other restriction.

Securities on loan

Fund	% of lendable assets	% of NAV	Income earned (£'000)
Liontrust Global Technology Fund	0.58	0.55	1
Liontrust Japan Equity Fund	-	-	13

Securities Financing Transactions (continued)

as at 30 June 2023

Securities lending (continued)

The following table details the value of securities on loan and associated collateral received, analysed by counterparty as at 30 June 2023.

Counterparty	Counterparty's country of establishment	Securities Lending Amount on loan (£'000)	Collateral received (£'000)
Liontrust Global Technology Fund			
UBS	Switzerland	529	588
Total		529	588

All securities on loan have an open maturity tenor as they are callable or terminable on a daily basis.

Collateral

The Sub-funds engage in activities which may require collateral to be provided to a counterparty ("collateral posted") or may hold collateral received ("collateral received") from a counterparty.

The following table provides an analysis by currency of the underlying cash and non-cash collateral received / posted by way of title transfer collateral arrangement by the Sub-funds, in respect of securities lending transactions, as at 30 June 2023.

Currency	Cash collateral received (£'000)	Cash collateral posted (£'000)	Non-cash collateral received (£'000)	Non-cash collateral posted (£'000)
Liontrust Global Technology Fund				
Securities lending transactions				
CAD	-	-	53	-
DKK	-	-	14	-
EUR	-	-	46	-
HKD	-	-	17	-
JPY	-	-	7	-
NOK	-	-	26	-
SEK	-	-	81	-
USD	-	-	344	-
Total	-	-	588	-

Non-cash collateral received by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in relation to securities lending transactions cannot be sold, re-invested or pledged.

Securities Financing Transactions (continued)

as at 30 June 2023

Collateral (continued)

The following table provides an analysis of the type, quality and maturity tenor of non-cash collateral received / posted by the Sub-funds by way of title transfer collateral arrangement in respect of securities lending transactions, as at 30 June 2023.

Collateral type and quality	Maturity Tenor					Open transactions (£'000)	Total (£'000)
	1 - 7 days (£'000)	8 - 30 days (£'000)	31 - 90 days (£'000)	91 - 365 days (£'000)	More than 365 days (£'000)		
Liontrust Global Technology Fund							
Collateral received - securities lending							
Equities							
Recognised equity index	—	—	—	—	—	588	588
Total	—	—	—	—	—	588	588

Investment grade securities are those issued by an entity with a minimum investment grade credit rating from at least one globally recognised credit rating agency; Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch.

A recognised equity index contains at least 20 equities where no single equity represents more than 20% of the total index and no five equities combined represent more than 60% of the total index.

The maturity tenor analysis for fixed income securities received as collateral is based on the respective contractual maturity date, while for equity securities and exchange traded funds (ETFs) received as collateral are presented as open transactions as they are not subject to a contractual maturity date.

As at 30 June 2023, all non-cash collateral received by the Sub-funds in respect of securities lending transactions is held by the Sub-funds' Depositary (or through its delegates).

The following table lists the top ten issuers (or all the issuers if less than ten) by value of non-cash collateral received by the Sub-fund by way of the title transfer collateral arrangement across securities lending transactions as at 30 June 2023.

Issuer	Value (£'000)	% of the Sub-fund's NAV
Liontrust Global Technology Fund		
UBS	588	0.61
Total	588	0.61

Additional Information

Important information

Past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the income generated from it can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. You may get back less than you originally invested. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term.



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