

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**CONDENSED INTERIM REPORT  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)**

**FOR THE SIX MONTH FINANCIAL PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

An open-ended umbrella variable capital investment company with segregated liability between funds authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland under the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

**Registered Number: 330162**

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## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

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## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

### INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW

#### Performance Review

##### 6-month NAV Returns to 30 June 2023:

|   | NAV Return | Benchmark | Relative | Reference Share Class*         | Benchmark                                      |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund | 3.5%       | 3.7%      | -0.3%    | EUR Institutional Distribution | MSCI Europe SmallCap (Capital Return) Index    |
| Montanaro UK Income Fund                  | 4.2%       | 4.9%      | -0.7%    | EUR Share Class                | IA UK All Companies Sector (Total Return)      |
| Montanaro European Income Fund            | 9.6%       | 11.3%     | -1.7%    | EUR Share Class                | IA Europe (excluding UK) Sector (Total Return) |
| Montanaro European Focus Fund**           | 7.5%       | 5.9%      | 1.6%     | EUR Institutional Accumulation | STOXX Europe Mid 200 (Capital Return) Index    |
| Montanaro Better World Fund               | 9.2%       | 5.4%      | 3.8%     | EUR Accumulation Share Class   | MSCI World SMID Cap (Total Return) Index       |
| Montanaro Global Innovation Fund          | 8.4%       | 5.4%      | 3.1%     | EUR Accumulation B Share Class | MSCI World SMID Cap (Total Return) Index       |

\* Please note that these are representative Share Classes for each Fund. Other Share Classes are available, details of these can be found in the Prospectus.

\*\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

#### Review

“Things are not always what they seem”, said Phaedrus in discussion with Socrates. “The first appearance deceives many; the intelligence of a few perceives what has been carefully hidden”.

Equities delivered positive returns across most major developed markets during the first half of 2023. Yet the headline figures created something of an illusion. Not since the “Nifty Fifty” propelled the Bull Market of the early 1970s has US stock market performance been as reliant on so few names. Returns this year in the US were driven by the “Magnificent Seven”, the behemoth technology stocks: Apple; Microsoft; Alphabet; Amazon; Nvidia; Tesla; and Meta (listed in order of market capitalisation).

Together, they propelled the Nasdaq to its strongest first-half performance for 40 years and staggeringly accounted for 75% of the total gains made by world equity markets during the period. The market capitalisation of Apple again breached the \$3 trillion mark, more than the combined value of the entire FTSE-100 and more than the Russell 2000 of smaller US companies. Across the S&P 500, over 80% of the year’s return came from just 15 companies, many of them technology stocks. By contrast, the median company was flat. Pity those LargeCap managers underweight the Tech Titans.

Elsewhere, interest rates continued their rapid ascent. In the US, rates rose at their fastest pace in almost four decades, while the trajectory of tightening in the UK and Europe was also steep. “The times they are a-changin’”, sang Bob Dylan, and it is easy to forget that just two years ago, a quarter of government debt was trading at negative yields. Investors paid for the privilege of lending money to governments.

While investors in smaller companies enjoyed healthy returns in the US and Europe during the last 6 months, these lagged those of the technology dominated indices. The UK remained a laggard on a global basis, the FTSE-100 index hurt by its heavy exposure to oil majors and its limited technology weighting (no “AI hoopla” as one Analyst pithily put it), while inflation remained stubborn and persistent.

From an asset allocation perspective, SmallCap remained unloved. Investors rarely favour smaller companies when the economic backdrop is uncertain and economists are talking about recession. Some reassurance was to be found, however, in the outperformance of Quality and Growth during the first half of the year. Investors had not entirely forgotten the importance of fundamentals despite the cacophony of market noise.

## **MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REVIEW**

#### **Outlook**

How will the market's concentrated performance resolve itself? There may be three possible routes from here: the Magnificent Seven continue to soar (potentially at some point approaching a level so disconnected from their fundamentals that a bubble appears); they fall back to earth; or the rest of the market catches up. Which route the market embarks on may come down to whether the US economy heads towards a recession, which depresses corporate earnings. Either that or the Federal Reserve pulls off an "immaculate disinflation" – an engineered soft economic landing where inflation falls without harming the economy.

With the diversification benefits and risk profiles of certain benchmarks highly questionable (Apple constitutes 5% of the MSCI ACWI Index), we believe one thing is clear: a greater focus on alpha rather than beta will continue to be a key theme of 2023. The environment is ripe for stock picking and investors may find it prudent to increase diversification over the remainder of the year.

While investors have shunned smaller companies, we believe this part of the market should not be ignored. Valuations are more attractive than they have been for many years – certainly compared with the big technology stocks – and any sign that the macro environment is stabilising is likely to bring this area of the market some much needed momentum.

Many investors believe SmallCap can be timed with the economic cycle. In our opinion it cannot. Forecasting is difficult at the best of times and to some extent is pointless because the future is always so uncertain. As Kevin Keegan, the former-England football manager said when facing the sack after a bad result, "I know what's around the corner, I just don't know where the corner is". Amidst a turbulent backdrop, we try to provide our clients with some certainty by sticking to our guns and focusing on holding the very best companies we can find for the long-term.

**Montanaro Asset Management Limited**  
**August 2023**

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at 30 June 2023*

|   |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Smaller<br/>Companies<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>UK<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Focus<br/>Fund*<br/>€</b> |
|---|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Current assets</b>   | <b>Note</b> |  |   |   |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 4           | 19,580,057   | 4,377,411   | 7,733,844   | 1,402,306   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                             |             |  |   |   |   |
| - Equities  |             | 411,881,506  | 597,581,909                                       | 271,174,000   | 27,161,219  |
| Dividends receivable  |             | 352,156  | 2,835,399   | –   | 51,707  |
| Receivable for fund Shares sold   |             | 1,239,062  | –   | –   | –   |
| Receivable for investments sold   |             | –  | –   | 3,053,872   | –   |
| Other receivables   |             | 712,322  | 459,302   | 940,155   | 187,561   |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   |             | <b>433,765,103</b>   | <b>605,254,021</b>                                | <b>282,901,871</b>                                      | <b>28,802,793</b>                                       |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |             |  |   |   |   |
| Payable for fund Shares repurchased   |             | –  | –   | (621)   | –   |
| Payable for investments purchased   |             | –  | –   | (1,529,570)   | –   |
| Management fees payable   |             | (2,265)  | (3,245)   | (1,468)   | (384)   |
| Investment management fees payable  |             | (1,299,568)  | (936,973)   | (527,108)   | (329,424)   |
| Administration fees payable   |             | (185,647)  | (302,977)   | (134,890)   | (32,718)  |
| Depositary fees payable   |             | (68,733)   | (65,568)  | (49,816)  | (15,596)  |
| Legal fees payable  |             | (5,633)  | (8,317)   | (5,146)   | (2,098)   |
| Professional fees payable   |             | (6,392)  | (10,311)  | (5,184)   | (1,886)   |
| Audit fees payable  |             | (1,964)  | (3,518)   | (2,804)   | (1,076)   |
| Other accrued expenses payable  |             | (12,489)   | (15,229)  | (5,235)   | (2,078)   |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  |             | <b>(1,582,691)</b>   | <b>(1,346,138)</b>                                | <b>(2,261,842)</b>                                      | <b>(385,260)</b>  |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |             | <b>432,182,412</b>   | <b>603,907,883</b>                                | <b>280,640,029</b>                                      | <b>28,417,533</b>                                       |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

Please refer to Note 12 for Net Asset Value (“NAV”) and NAV per Share details.

*The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at 30 June 2023 (continued)*

|   |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>Global<br/>Innovation<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>Better<br/>World<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Total**<br/>€</b> |
|---|-------------|---|--|----------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>   | <b>Note</b> |   |  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 4           | 242,026   | 7,935,003  | 41,994,265           |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                             |             |   |  |                      |
| - Equities  |             | 11,636,966  | 498,898,301  | 1,917,118,602        |
| Dividends receivable  |             | –   | 407,078  | 4,115,053            |
| Receivable for fund Shares sold   |             | –   | 92,055   | 1,331,117            |
| Receivable for investments sold   |             | 33,937  | 5,805,632  | 8,893,441            |
| Other receivables   |             | 4,184   | 348,366  | 2,727,816            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   |             | <b>11,917,113</b>   | <b>513,486,435</b>                                   | <b>1,976,180,294</b> |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |             |   |  |                      |
| Payable for fund Shares repurchased   |             | –   | (130,347)  | (130,968)            |
| Payable for investments purchased   |             | (16,998)  | (5,570,337)  | (7,116,905)          |
| Management fees payable   |             | 19,588  | (2,806)  | 8,883                |
| Investment management fees payable  |             | (20,015)  | (1,060,546)  | (4,328,522)          |
| Administration fees payable   |             | (5,993)   | (296,733)  | (1,009,042)          |
| Depositary fees payable   |             | (3,754)   | (97,942)   | (312,248)            |
| Legal fees payable  |             | (176)   | (17,555)   | (40,300)             |
| Professional fees payable   |             | (9,948)   | (17,641)   | (53,066)             |
| Audit fees payable  |             | (89)  | (12,384)   | (22,417)             |
| Other accrued expenses payable  |             | (248)   | (19,883)   | (57,680)             |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  |             | <b>(37,633)</b>   | <b>(7,226,174)</b>                                   | <b>(13,062,265)</b>  |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |             | <b>11,879,480</b>   | <b>506,260,261</b>                                   | <b>1,963,118,029</b> |

\*\* See Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment Note 14.

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at 31 December 2022*

|   |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Smaller<br/>Companies<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>UK<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Focus<br/>Fund*<br/>€</b> |
|---|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Current assets</b>   | <b>Note</b> |  |   |   |   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 4           | 6,844,192  | 12,898,626  | 6,152,571   | 3,712,866   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                             |             |  |   |   |   |
| - Equities  |             | 395,876,138  | 619,198,810                                       | 281,957,439   | 98,323,034  |
| Dividends receivable  |             | 277,222  | 1,846,995   | –   | 37,419  |
| Receivable for fund Shares sold   |             | 101,557  | –   | –   | 14  |
| Other receivables   |             | 582,896  | 337,298   | 897,137   | 146,092   |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   |             | <b>403,682,005</b>   | <b>634,281,729</b>                                | <b>289,007,147</b>                                      | <b>102,219,425</b>                                      |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |             |  |   |   |   |
| Payable for fund Shares repurchased   |             | (280,281)  | –   | (59,053)  | (923)   |
| Management fees payable   |             | (2,121)  | (3,348)   | (1,504)   | (540)   |
| Investment management fees payable  |             | (1,177,118)  | (876,211)   | (542,064)   | (373,684)   |
| Administration fees payable   |             | (147,979)  | (238,241)   | (104,260)   | (26,374)  |
| Depository fees payable   |             | (43,805)   | (36,099)  | (32,326)  | (9,812)   |
| Legal fees payable  |             | (2,289)  | (3,238)   | (1,972)   | (730)   |
| Professional fees payable   |             | (6,140)  | (9,386)   | (4,563)   | (1,662)   |
| Audit fees payable  |             | (10,472)   | (16,066)  | (7,830)   | (2,833)   |
| Other accrued expenses payable  |             | (9,165)  | (17,589)  | (3,658)   | (1,390)   |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  |             | <b>(1,679,370)</b>   | <b>(1,200,178)</b>                                | <b>(757,230)</b>  | <b>(417,948)</b>  |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |             | <b>402,002,635</b>   | <b>633,081,551</b>                                | <b>288,249,917</b>                                      | <b>101,801,477</b>                                      |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

*As at 31 December 2022 (continued)*

|   |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>Global<br/>Innovation<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>Better<br/>World<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Total**<br/>€</b> |
|---|-------------|---|--|----------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>   | <b>Note</b> |   |  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 4           | 136,502   | 9,117,092  | 40,501,291           |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                             |             |   |  |                      |
| - Equities  |             | 10,968,641  | 599,915,022  | 2,084,940,534        |
| Dividends receivable  |             | 494   | 99,722   | 2,496,609            |
| Receivable for fund Shares sold   |             | –   | 783,428  | 884,999              |
| Other receivables   |             | 3,830   | 280,585  | 2,290,709            |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   |             | <b>11,109,467</b>   | <b>610,195,849</b>                                   | <b>2,131,114,142</b> |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  |             |   |  |                      |
| Payable for fund Shares repurchased   |             | –   | (36,475)   | (376,732)            |
| Management fees payable   |             | 838   | (3,268)  | (10,369)             |
| Investment management fees payable  |             | (7,084)   | (1,293,453)  | (4,380,982)          |
| Administration fees payable   |             | (4,897)   | (229,297)  | (781,329)            |
| Depository fees payable   |             | (2,417)   | (60,786)   | (189,833)            |
| Legal fees payable  |             | (69)  | (6,782)  | (15,491)             |
| Professional fees payable   |             | (4,382)   | (11,572)   | (38,898)             |
| Audit fees payable  |             | (299)   | (19,950)   | (59,492)             |
| Other accrued expenses payable  |             | (197)   | (19,963)   | (54,198)             |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  |             | <b>(18,507)</b>   | <b>(1,681,546)</b>                                   | <b>(5,907,324)</b>   |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |             | <b>11,090,960</b>   | <b>608,514,303</b>                                   | <b>2,125,206,818</b> |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

|  |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Smaller<br/>Companies<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>UK<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Focus<br/>Fund*<br/>€</b> |
|--|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Income</b>  | <b>Note</b> |  |   |   |   |
| Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | (7,020,697)  | (5,618,858)                                       | 9,945,950   | 10,574,980  |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | 20,253,422   | 21,627,833  | 10,939,308  | (4,423,899)   |
| Dividend income  |             | 5,906,375  | 14,346,460  | 6,821,126   | 1,547,992   |
| Interest income  |             | 168,558  | 142,471   | 24,977  | 38,340  |
| <b>Investment income</b>   |             | <b>19,307,658</b>  | <b>30,497,906</b>                                 | <b>27,731,361</b>                                       | <b>7,737,413</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |  |   |   |   |
| Management fee   | 2           | (13,312)   | (19,691)  | (8,700)   | (3,010)   |
| Investment management fees   | 2           | (2,634,178)  | (1,917,005)                                       | (1,059,225)   | (702,333)   |
| Administration fees  | 2           | (79,606)   | (159,605)   | (67,220)  | (15,962)  |
| Depositary fees  | 2           | (37,165)   | (44,403)  | (30,044)  | (9,518)   |
| Legal fees   |             | (11,142)   | (16,897)  | (8,334)   | (3,012)   |
| Directors' fees  | 2           | (5,513)  | (8,360)   | (4,122)   | (1,491)   |
| Professional fees  | 2           | (4,625)  | (6,294)   | (3,105)   | (1,121)   |
| Audit fees   |             | (5,232)  | (7,936)   | (3,913)   | (1,416)   |
| Other expenses   | 2           | (59,898)   | (71,068)  | (33,534)  | (14,061)  |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  |             | <b>(2,850,671)</b>   | <b>(2,251,259)</b>                                | <b>(1,218,197)</b>                                      | <b>(751,924)</b>  |
| <b>Net income from operations</b>  |             | <b>16,456,987</b>  | <b>28,246,647</b>                                 | <b>26,513,164</b>                                       | <b>6,985,489</b>  |
| Withholding taxes  |             | (421,481)  | (228,584)   | (376,629)   | (64,028)  |
| <b>Finance costs</b>   |             |  |   |   |   |
| Interest expense   |             | (21)   | –   | (5)   | –   |
| Income distribution  | 3           | (827,373)  | (6,182,058)                                       | (953,136)   | (219,406)   |
| <b>Profit for the financial period</b>   |             | <b>15,208,112</b>  | <b>21,836,005</b>                                 | <b>25,183,394</b>                                       | <b>6,702,055</b>  |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing investment activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

*The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2023 (continued)*

|  |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>Global<br/>Innovation<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>Better<br/>World<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Total**<br/>€</b> |
|--|-------------|---|--|----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>  | <b>Note</b> |   |  |                      |
| Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | (645,997)   | (4,825,239)  | 1,617,821            |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | 1,604,416   | 57,106,495   | 110,157,327          |
| Dividend income  |             | 23,640  | 2,829,992  | 33,498,587           |
| Interest income  |             | 2,386   | 112,926  | 509,748              |
| <b>Investment income</b>   |             | <b>984,445</b>  | <b>55,224,174</b>                                    | <b>145,783,483</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |   |  |                      |
| Management fee   | 2           | 19,296  | (18,392)   | (46,586)             |
| Investment management fees   | 2           | (39,965)  | (2,242,492)  | (8,865,516)          |
| Administration fees  | 2           | (3,484)   | (145,233)  | (493,616)            |
| Depositary fees  | 2           | (2,026)   | (60,232)   | (189,649)            |
| Legal fees   |             | (317)   | (21,252)   | (63,336)             |
| Directors' fees  | 2           | (157)   | (10,514)   | (31,336)             |
| Professional fees  | 2           | (26,248)  | (12,405)   | (54,686)             |
| Audit fees   |             | (149)   | (9,981)  | (29,746)             |
| Other expenses   | 2           | (1,267)   | (102,325)  | (292,174)            |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  |             | <b>(54,317)</b>   | <b>(2,622,826)</b>                                   | <b>(10,066,645)</b>  |
| <b>Net income from operations</b>  |             | <b>930,128</b>  | <b>52,601,348</b>                                    | <b>135,716,838</b>   |
| Withholding taxes  |             | (1,819)   | (445,429)  | (1,570,203)          |
| <b>Finance costs</b>   |             |   |  |                      |
| Interest expense   |             | –   | (13)   | (39)                 |
| Income distribution  | 3           | –   | –  | (9,053,708)          |
| <b>Profit for the financial period</b>   |             | <b>928,309</b>  | <b>52,155,906</b>                                    | <b>125,092,888</b>   |

\*\* See Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment Note 14.

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2022*

|  |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Smaller<br/>Companies<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>UK<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>£</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Income<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>European<br/>Focus<br/>Fund*<br/>€</b> |
|--|-------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Income</b>  | <b>Note</b> |  |   |   |   |
| Net realised gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange        |             | 6,764,174  | 3,733,993   | 12,142,419  | 7,091,375   |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | (225,484,180)  | (252,524,807)                                     | (118,035,020)   | (60,449,519)  |
| Dividend income  |             | 4,422,981  | 14,286,794  | 7,855,577   | 1,928,502   |
| <b>Investment income</b>   |             | <b>(214,297,025)</b>   | <b>(234,504,020)</b>                              | <b>(98,037,024)</b>                                     | <b>(51,429,642)</b>                                     |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |  |   |   |   |
| Management fee   | 2           | (14,231)   | (21,762)  | (10,822)  | (4,059)   |
| Investment management fees   | 2           | (2,849,923)  | (2,025,255)                                       | (1,367,602)   | (969,167)   |
| Administration fees  | 2           | (78,619)   | (151,439)   | (75,916)  | (18,761)  |
| Depositary fees  | 2           | (43,589)   | (48,768)  | (36,557)  | (12,205)  |
| Legal fees   |             | (10,935)   | (15,496)  | (7,917)   | (3,287)   |
| Directors' fees  | 2           | (5,956)  | (8,485)   | (4,349)   | (1,798)   |
| Professional fees  | 2           | (5,581)  | (7,265)   | (3,713)   | (1,535)   |
| Audit fees   |             | (5,599)  | (7,959)   | (4,031)   | (1,655)   |
| Other expenses   | 2           | (55,414)   | (55,219)  | (26,825)  | (13,247)  |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  |             | <b>(3,069,847)</b>   | <b>(2,341,648)</b>                                | <b>(1,537,732)</b>                                      | <b>(1,025,714)</b>                                      |
| <b>Net loss from operations</b>  |             | <b>(217,366,872)</b>   | <b>(236,845,668)</b>                              | <b>(99,574,756)</b>                                     | <b>(52,455,356)</b>                                     |
| Withholding taxes  |             | (376,231)  | (94,969)  | (360,775)   | (118,756)   |
| <b>Finance costs</b>   |             |  |   |   |   |
| Interest expense   |             | (41,968)   | (174)   | (23,952)  | (7,844)   |
| Income distribution  | 3           | –  | (6,365,754)                                       | (1,159,757)   | –   |
| <b>Loss for the financial period</b>   |             | <b>(217,785,071)</b>   | <b>(243,306,565)</b>                              | <b>(101,119,240)</b>                                    | <b>(52,581,956)</b>                                     |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2022 (continued)*

|  |             | <b>Montanaro<br/>Global<br/>Innovation<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>Better<br/>World<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Total**<br/>€</b>   |
|--|-------------|---|--|------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>  | <b>Note</b> |   |  |                        |
| Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | (405,475)   | 4,721,122  | 34,747,375             |
| Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and foreign exchange |             | (5,625,021)   | (343,097,722)  | (1,052,540,541)        |
| Dividend income  |             | 15,743  | 2,977,112  | 34,164,118             |
| <b>Investment income</b>   |             | <b>(6,014,753)</b>  | <b>(335,399,488)</b>                                 | <b>(983,629,048)</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |             |   |  |                        |
| Management fee   | 2           | 176   | (23,492)   | (78,268)               |
| Investment management fees   | 2           | (16,184)  | (2,901,667)  | (10,509,340)           |
| Administration fees  | 2           | (4,412)   | (142,875)  | (500,402)              |
| Depositary fees  | 2           | (2,730)   | (64,709)   | (217,698)              |
| Legal fees   |             | (298)   | (16,706)   | (57,543)               |
| Directors' fees  | 2           | (162)   | (9,078)  | (31,418)               |
| Professional fees  | 2           | (26,447)  | (12,275)   | (58,177)               |
| Audit fees   |             | (154)   | (8,692)  | (29,582)               |
| Other expenses   | 2           | (999)   | (74,832)   | (236,884)              |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>  |             | <b>(51,210)</b>   | <b>(3,254,326)</b>                                   | <b>(11,719,312)</b>    |
| <b>Net loss from operations</b>  |             | <b>(6,065,963)</b>  | <b>(338,653,814)</b>                                 | <b>(995,348,360)</b>   |
| Withholding taxes  |             | (2,046)   | (457,188)  | (1,427,763)            |
| <b>Finance costs</b>   |             |   |  |                        |
| Interest expense   |             | (701)   | (51,644)   | (126,316)              |
| Income distribution  | 3           | –   | –  | (8,718,481)            |
| <b>Loss for the financial period</b>   |             | <b>(6,068,710)</b>  | <b>(339,162,646)</b>                                 | <b>(1,005,620,920)</b> |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

|   | Note | Montanaro<br>European<br>Smaller<br>Companies<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>UK<br>Income<br>Fund<br>£ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Income<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Focus<br>Fund*<br>€ |
|---|------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Net assets value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the start of the financial period</b> |      | 402,002,635  | 633,081,551                            | 288,249,917                                  | 101,801,477                                  |
| Profit for the financial period   |      | 15,208,112   | 21,836,005                             | 25,183,394                                   | 6,702,055                                    |
| Proceeds from issuance of Shares  |      | 50,768,065   | 97,734,601                             | 48,666,738                                   | 156,953                                      |
| Payments on redemption of Shares  |      | (35,796,400)   | (128,167,558)                          | (81,460,020)                                 | (80,242,952)                                 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment   | 14   | –  | (20,576,716)                           | –  | –  |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the end of the financial period</b>    |      | <b>432,182,412</b>   | <b>603,907,883</b>                     | <b>280,640,029</b>                           | <b>28,417,533</b>                            |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2023 (continued)*

|   | Note | <b>Montanaro<br/>Global<br/>Innovation<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Montanaro<br/>Better<br/>World<br/>Fund<br/>€</b> | <b>Total**<br/>€</b> |
|---|------|---|--|----------------------|
| <b>Net assets value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the start of the financial period</b> |      | 11,090,960  | 608,514,303  | 2,125,206,818        |
| Profit for the financial period   |      | 928,309   | 52,155,906   | 125,092,888          |
| Proceeds from issuance of Shares  |      | 68,815  | 28,349,217   | 239,525,996          |
| Payments on redemption of Shares  |      | (208,604)   | (182,759,165)  | (526,707,673)        |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment   | 14   | –   | –  | –                    |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the end of the financial period</b>    |      | <b>11,879,480</b>   | <b>506,260,261</b>                                   | <b>1,963,118,029</b> |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2022*

|   | Note | Montanaro<br>European<br>Smaller<br>Companies<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>UK<br>Income<br>Fund<br>£ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Income<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Focus<br>Fund*<br>€ |
|---|------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Net assets value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the start of the financial period</b> |      | 626,870,074  | 844,885,286                            | 414,644,461                                  | 171,590,069                                  |
| Loss for the financial period   |      | (217,785,071)  | (243,306,565)                          | (101,119,240)                                | (52,581,956)                                 |
| Proceeds from issuance of Shares  |      | 59,486,504   | 115,605,630                            | 35,705,754                                   | 8,965,149                                    |
| Payments on redemption of Shares  |      | (82,551,196)   | (75,394,444)                           | (25,430,267)                                 | (10,446,377)                                 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment   | 14   | –  | 16,871,206                             | –  | –  |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the end of the financial period</b>    |      | <b><u>386,020,311</u></b>                                  | <b><u>658,661,113</u></b>              | <b><u>323,800,708</u></b>                    | <b><u>117,526,885</u></b>                    |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE PARTICIPATING SHARES**

*Financial period ended 30 June 2022 (continued)*

|   | Note | Montanaro<br>Global<br>Innovation<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>Better<br>World<br>Fund<br>€ | Total**<br>€                |
|---|------|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Net assets value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the start of the financial period</b> |      | 17,359,102                                     | 992,501,163                               | 3,229,256,955               |
| Loss for the financial period   |      | (6,068,710)                                    | (339,162,646)                             | (1,005,620,920)             |
| Proceeds from issuance of Shares  |      | 1,199,186                                      | 139,938,212                               | 382,565,444                 |
| Payments on redemption of Shares  |      | (1,295,433)                                    | (84,429,870)                              | (293,676,841)               |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment   | 14   | –  | –   | –                           |
| <b>Net asset value attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares at the end of the financial period</b>    |      | <b><u>11,194,145</u></b>                       | <b><u>708,846,859</u></b>                 | <b><u>2,312,524,638</u></b> |

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# MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### *Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

#### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

##### Principal Accounting Policies

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 as described in those financial statements.

##### Basis of Preparation

These condensed interim financial statements (unaudited) for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard (“FRS”) 104 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council (“FRC”), the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the “UCITS Regulations”), the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (the “Central Bank UCITS Regulations”) and the listing rules of Euronext Dublin.

The condensed interim financial statements (unaudited) have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss that have been measured at fair value. The condensed interim financial statements (unaudited) should be read in conjunction with the annual audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 that were prepared in accordance with FRS 102 and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014, the UCITS Regulations, the Central Bank UCITS Regulations and the listing rules of Euronext Dublin.

The Company has availed of the exemption available to open-ended investment funds under Section 7 “Statement of Cash Flows” of FRS 102, not to prepare a cash flow statement on the basis that substantially all of the Company’s investments are highly liquid and carried at fair value, and the Company provides a Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares. Under FRS 104, as the Company, in accordance with this FRS 102 exemption, has not presented a cash flow statement for its annual audited financial statements, there is a conditional exemption from the preparation of a cash flow statement for the condensed interim financial statements.

#### 2. Fees

##### *Management Fee*

KBA Consulting Management Limited (the “Manager”), as per the agreement signed on 1 October 2021 between the Company and the Manager (the “Management Agreement”), shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Funds an annual fee in respect of such Fund or Funds or in respect of each Class of any such Fund, accrued daily, calculated monthly and payable monthly in arrears of up to and not exceeding 0.01% of the Net Asset Value of such Fund or Class as set out in the relevant Supplement. The fee payable to the Manager is subject to a minimum fee of €50,000 per annum based on a single Fund and €10,000 per annum per each additional Fund. The Manager shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company for reasonable out of pocket and marketing expenses incurred by it. Each Fund will bear its proportion of the fees and expenses of the Manager. Management fees charged during the financial period ended 30 June 2023 were €46,586 (30 June 2022: €78,268).

##### *Investment Management Fee*

The following Investment Management fees are paid to Montanaro Asset Management Limited (the “Investment Manager”):

|  | <b>% of Net Assets</b> | <b>Minimum Subscription</b> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |                        |                             |
| Euro Accumulation Class <sup>1</sup>             | 1.50                   | N/A                         |
| Euro Class <sup>1</sup>                          | 1.50                   | N/A                         |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 0.50                   | €250,000,000                |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | 0.75                   | €50,000,000                 |
| Sterling Class <sup>1</sup>                      | 1.50                   | N/A                         |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | 0.75                   | £50,000,000                 |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | 1.50                   | SEK10,000                   |
| US Dollar Class <sup>1</sup>                     | 1.50                   | N/A                         |

## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

*Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

#### 2. Fees (continued)

*Investment Management Fee (continued)*

|   | % of Net<br>Assets | Minimum<br>Subscription |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                             |                    |                         |
| Euro Class <sup>1</sup>                                     | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Euro Seed Class <sup>1,2</sup>                              | 0.35               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Accumulation Class <sup>1</sup>                    | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Class <sup>1</sup>                                 | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Seed Class <sup>1,2</sup>                          | 0.35               | N/A                     |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>                       |                    |                         |
| Euro Class <sup>1</sup>                                     | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Accumulation Class <sup>1</sup>                    | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Class <sup>1</sup>                                 | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>                       |                    |                         |
| Euro Distribution Class <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.50               | N/A                     |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class                       | 0.75               | €25,000,000             |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>                     |                    |                         |
| Euro Accumulation A Class <sup>1,3</sup>                    | 0.55               | N/A                     |
| Euro Accumulation B Class <sup>1,3</sup>                    | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class <sup>1,3</sup>                | 0.55               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class <sup>1,3</sup>                | 0.75               | N/A                     |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>                          |                    |                         |
| Euro Accumulation Class <sup>1,4</sup>                      | 0.85               | N/A                     |
| Euro Distribution Class <sup>1</sup>                        | 0.85               | N/A                     |
| Sterling Distribution Class <sup>1</sup>                    | 0.85               | N/A                     |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class <sup>4</sup> | 0.50               | €150,000,000            |

\* Effective from 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

<sup>1</sup> These respective Share Classes have no minimum subscription amount required to subscribe to the Share Class as per the Prospectus.

<sup>2</sup> Effective 1 January 2023, the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Seed Class and Sterling Seed Class of Montanaro UK Income fund increased from 0.30% per annum to 0.35% per annum. However, as per the Prospectus, the Investment Manager is entitled to charge a fee of up to 0.75% per annum.

<sup>3</sup> Effective 1 January 2023, the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Accumulation A Class and Sterling Accumulation A Class of the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund increased from 0.25% per annum to 0.55% per annum, while the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Accumulation B Class and Sterling Accumulation B Class increased from 0.25% per annum to 0.75% per annum.

<sup>4</sup> The Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class of the Fund pays the Investment Manager a basic Management fee of 0.50% per annum. However, as per the Prospectus, the Investment Manager is entitled to charge a fee of up to 0.75% in respect of the Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Share Class.

The Investment Management fees accrue daily on the basis of the NAV of the Funds on each dealing day and will be payable quarterly in arrears.

## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### *Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

#### **2. Fees (continued)**

##### *Investment Management Fee (continued)*

Montanaro Asset Management Limited (the “Investment Manager”) earned an Investment Management fee of €8,865,516 for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €10,509,340).

##### *Performance Fees*

The Investment Manager (with the exception of the Euro Institutional Accumulation Class of the Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund, all Classes of the Montanaro UK Income Fund, all Classes of the Montanaro European Income Fund, the Euro Accumulation B Class and Sterling Accumulation B Class of the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund and all Classes of the Montanaro Better World Fund) may be entitled to receive an annual performance-related fee based on the outperformance per Share over the return on the benchmark in the relevant currency of the Share Class. The Performance fee payable will be 20%\* (plus VAT, if any) of the amount by which the increase in the NAV per Share, having adjusted the closing NAV per Share by (i) adding back the impact of any accruing Performance fee, and (ii) adding back and compounding at the rate of return of the NAV of the Share Class any dividends paid or payable by reference to the financial period in question, exceeds the higher of High Water Mark or the return on the benchmark plus 3 percentage points (plus 3 percentage points not applicable for the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund) over the relevant financial period. It will be calculated based on the time weighted average number of Shares in issue during the relevant period.

\* Effective 1 January 2023, the Performance fee charged to Euro Accumulation A Class and Sterling Accumulation A Class of the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund is 10% of outperformance. Prior to this date, Performance fees were waived.

A Performance fee will only be payable in respect of any financial period if the closing NAV per Share of the relevant Class at the end of the period (adjusted for the matters described above) exceeds the higher of (a) the opening NAV per Share of that Class for the relevant period or the price at which such Shares were issued if the initial issue of the relevant Class of Shares occurred during the Performance Fee Period; and (b) the closing NAV per Share of that Class on the last Performance Fee Period end when a Performance fee was paid (if any).

There were €Nil performance fees incurred by the Funds of the Company during the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €Nil).

##### *Administration and Depositary Fees*

The Company has entered into an administration agreement with BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Designated Activity Company (the “Administrator”) under which the Administrator receives an Administration fee. The Administration fee accrues daily and is paid monthly in arrears. The Administration fee was €493,616 for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €500,402).

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch (the “Depositary”), is paid an annual fee accruing daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Depositary fee was €189,649 for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €217,698).

The aggregate of the Administration and Depositary fee shall not exceed 0.25% of the NAV of each Fund.

##### *Directors’ Fees*

The Directors’ fees were €31,336 for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €31,418). See Note 5 for further details.

## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### Financial period ended 30 June 2023

#### 2. Fees (continued)

##### Professional Fees

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023, Professional Fees, which principally comprised Taxation fees, Directors' indemnity insurance premiums (D&O) and Investment Committee fees, amounted to €54,686 (30 June 2022: €58,177).

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|   | Montanaro<br>European<br>Smaller<br>Companies<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>UK<br>Income<br>Fund<br>£ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Income<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Focus<br>Fund*<br>€ | Montanaro<br>Global<br>Innovation<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>Better<br>World<br>Fund<br>€ | Total**<br>€    |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Taxation fees                                       | (2,583)  | (3,198)                                | (1,578)                                      | (570)  | (60)   | (8,510)                                   | (16,950)        |
| Directors' indemnity<br>insurance premiums<br>(D&O) | (2,042)  | (3,096)                                | (1,527)                                      | (551)  | (58)   | (3,895)                                   | (11,606)        |
| Investment Committee<br>fees                        | –  | –                                      | –  | –  | (26,130)                                       | –   | (26,130)        |
|   | <u>(4,625)</u>   | <u>(6,294)</u>                         | <u>(3,105)</u>                               | <u>(1,121)</u>                               | <u>(26,248)</u>                                | <u>(12,405)</u>                           | <u>(54,686)</u> |

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|   | Montanaro<br>European<br>Smaller<br>Companies<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>UK<br>Income<br>Fund<br>£ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Income<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>European<br>Focus<br>Fund*<br>€ | Montanaro<br>Global<br>Innovation<br>Fund<br>€ | Montanaro<br>Better<br>World<br>Fund<br>€ | Total**<br>€    |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------|
| Taxation fees                                       | (3,057)  | (3,691)                                | (1,865)                                      | (764)  | (71)   | (8,495)                                   | (18,635)        |
| Directors' indemnity<br>insurance premiums<br>(D&O) | (2,524)  | (3,574)                                | (1,848)                                      | (771)  | (69)   | (3,780)                                   | (13,235)        |
| Investment Committee<br>fees                        | –  | –                                      | –  | –  | (26,307)                                       | –   | (26,307)        |
|   | <u>(5,581)</u>   | <u>(7,265)</u>                         | <u>(3,713)</u>                               | <u>(1,535)</u>                               | <u>(26,447)</u>                                | <u>(12,275)</u>                           | <u>(58,177)</u> |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

\*\* See Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment Note 14.

##### Other Expenses

Other Expenses are principally comprised of Board Meeting fees, Listing and Publishing fees, VAT costs, Index fees, Printing fees, Electronic payment fees and Rating fees. For the financial period ended 30 June 2023, other expenses totalled €292,174 (30 June 2022: €236,884).

#### 3. Distribution Policy

Distributions may be paid out of the net distributable income of the Company, otherwise, all income and gains of the Company will be accumulated within the Company. Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund (with the exception of the Euro Institutional Accumulation Class and the Swedish Krona Accumulation Class), Montanaro UK Income Fund, Montanaro European Income Fund, Montanaro European Focus Fund and Montanaro Better World Fund are registered as reporting funds under the UK Reporting Fund Regime.

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#### 3. Distribution Policy (continued)

In the event that the net distributable income generated by the Montanaro UK Income Fund and by the Montanaro European Income Fund during the relevant financial period and attributable to the relevant Class is insufficient to pay a distribution which is declared, the Directors may at their discretion determine such dividends may be paid from the capital of the Fund. For the financial period ended 30 June 2023 all distributions were paid out of income apart from distributions of £Nil (30 June 2022: £266,719) on the Montanaro UK Income Fund and distributions of €109,961 (30 June 2022: €353,344) on the Montanaro European Income Fund.

The Company made the following distributions to redeemable participating Shareholders during the financial period ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022:

|              | Montanaro<br>European<br>Smaller<br>Companies<br>Fund | Montanaro<br>UK<br>Income<br>Fund | Montanaro<br>European<br>Income<br>Fund | Montanaro<br>European<br>Focus<br>Fund* | Montanaro<br>Global<br>Innovation<br>Fund | Montanaro<br>Better<br>World<br>Fund | Total**   |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|              | €   | £                                 | €                                       | €                                       | €   | €                                    | €         |
| 30 June 2023 | 827,373   | 6,182,058                         | 953,136                                 | 219,406                                 | –   | –                                    | 9,053,708 |
| 30 June 2022 | –   | 6,365,754                         | 1,159,757                               | –                                       | –   | –                                    | 8,718,481 |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

\*\* See Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment Note 14.

#### 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At the financial period end, the Company had a cash balance totalling €41,994,265 (31 December 2022: €40,501,291) with Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch.

#### 5. Connected Persons and Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered related if one party has the authority to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or other reporting decisions, or is a member of the key management personnel of the reporting entity.

A connected person is defined as the management company or depositary to a UCITS; and the delegates or sub-delegates of such a management company or depositary (excluding any non-group company sub-custodians appointed by a depositary); and any associated or group company of such a management company, depositary, delegate or sub-delegate. During the financial period, transactions were entered into with these connected persons of the Company. Details of fees paid to these entities are disclosed in Note 2.

During the financial period, the following Related Party Transactions were entered into:

Each of the Directors who are not Directors, officers or employees of the Investment Manager and Promoter or any affiliate thereof shall be entitled to such remuneration for his or her services as the Directors may determine provided that the aggregate emoluments of all Directors in respect of any twelve month period shall not exceed £120,000 plus out of pocket expenses, or such higher amount as may be approved by the Company in a general meeting. The Directors' fees were €31,336 for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: €31,418).

Cedric Durant des Aulnois, a Director of the Company, holds Shares in the Montanaro UK Income Fund. Since 31 December 2022, Cedric Durant des Aulnois did not buy or sell any Shares from his holdings which were disclosed in the annual financial statements.

No other Directors, nor the Secretary, had any interest in the Shares or deferred Shares of the Company during the financial period ending 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

No other Director of the Company had at any time during the financial period a material interest in any contract of significance, existing during or at the end of the financial period, in relation to the business of the Company.

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#### **5. Connected Persons and Related Party Transactions (continued)**

The following entities are related parties, by virtue of the fact that each have the same ultimate parent group, Montanaro Asset Management Limited, which held Shares in the Company as follows:

|  | <b>30 June<br/>2023</b> | <b>31 December<br/>2022</b> | <b>30 June<br/>2022</b> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Montanaro Asset Management Limited                       | 8,510,923               | 8,508,637                   | 8,504,580               |
| Montanaro Growth & Income Fund Limited Partnership No. 3 | 12,016,544              | 12,016,544                  | 12,016,544              |

The Investment Manager has the discretion to waive some or all of its “Investment Management Fee” on certain Share Classes and information concerning the various waivers in place for the reporting period are disclosed in Note 2. As at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 there were 7 Subscriber Shares of €1 each in issue (being the minimum share capital of the Company) held by the Investment Manager.

Regulation 43 of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations “Restrictions of transactions with connected persons” states that “A responsible person shall ensure that any transaction between a UCITS and a connected person is conducted a) at arm’s length; and b) in the best interest of the unitholders of the UCITS”.

As required under Central Bank UCITS Regulation 81(4), the directors of the Company, as the responsible person, are satisfied that there are in place arrangements, evidenced by written procedures, to ensure that the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations are applied to all transactions with a connected person; and all transactions with a connected person that were entered into during the financial period to which the report relates complied with the obligations that are prescribed by Regulation 43(1).

#### **6. Risks Associated with Financial Instruments**

##### *Fair Value Estimation*

Under FRS 102, the Company is required to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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

The best evidence of fair value is a traded price for an identical asset or liability in an active market and is therefore classified within Level 1. These include actively traded equities, exchange traded derivatives and other traded securities. Traded in an active market in this context means traded prices are readily and regularly available and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm’s length basis.

When traded prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset or liability provides evidence of fair value and is classified within Level 2, as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. These include money market instruments, certain traded equities and open-ended collective investment schemes. If the Company can demonstrate that the last transaction price is not a good estimate of fair value (e.g. because it reflects the amount that an entity would receive or pay in a forced transaction, involuntary liquidation or distress sale), then that price is adjusted.

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**6. Risks Associated with Financial Instruments (continued)**

***Fair Value Estimation (continued)***

If the market for the asset or liability is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset or liability on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the Company estimates the fair value by using a valuation technique and classifies the asset or liability within Level 3. These include investment-grade government and corporate bonds, over-the-counter derivatives, private equity and corporate debt securities. The objective of using a valuation technique is to estimate what the transaction price would have been on the measurement date in an arm's length exchange motivated by normal business considerations. Valuation techniques include using recent arm's length market transactions for an identical asset or liability between knowledgeable, willing parties, if available, reference to the current fair value of another asset or liability that is substantially the same as the asset or liability being measured, discounted cash flow analysis and option pricing model.

If there is a valuation technique commonly used by market participants to price the asset or liability and that technique has been demonstrated to provide reliable estimates of prices obtained in actual market transactions, the Company uses that technique.

The Company's investments values are based on traded market prices in active markets and therefore all of the Company's investments were classified as Level 1 at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022. There were no transfers between levels during the financial period (31 December 2022: Nil). The Company does not hold any investments classified within Level 2 or Level 3. The fair value levels of the securities held by the Funds are monitored on a monthly basis by the Investment Manager. There were no financial liabilities held at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

**7. Soft Commission Arrangements**

No soft commission arrangements were entered into during the financial period ended 30 June 2023, the financial year ended 31 December 2022 or the financial period ended 30 June 2022.

**8. Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Company may, on behalf of a Fund, use techniques and instruments for the purposes of efficient portfolio management (including but not limited to forward foreign currency contracts, futures contracts, options, put and call options on securities, indices and currencies, stock index contracts, swap contracts) subject to the restrictions and limitations laid down by the Central Bank. The Company may engage in such techniques and instruments for the reduction of risk, cost or the generation of additional capital or income for a Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Company as described in the Prospectus and the general provisions of the UCITS Regulations.

The Company may employ techniques and instruments relating to transferable securities provided that such techniques and instruments are used for efficient portfolio management purposes and techniques and instruments intended to provide protection against exchange rate risk and equity market risk. Where applicable, the entities to which direct and indirect operational costs and/or fees have been paid during the annual period to the relevant accounting year end of a Fund will be disclosed in the annual report for such period.

The prices of derivative instruments, including futures and options prices, are highly volatile. Price movements of forward foreign currency contracts, futures contracts and other derivative contracts are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene, directly and by regulation, in certain markets, particularly markets in currencies and interest rate related futures and options. Such intervention often is intended directly to influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause all of such markets to move rapidly in the same direction because of, among other things, interest rate fluctuations.



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**8. Efficient Portfolio Management (continued)**

The use of such techniques and instruments for efficient portfolio management involves certain special risks including: a dependence on the ability to predict movements in the prices of securities being hedged and movements in interest rates, imperfect correlations between the hedging instruments and the securities or market sectors being hedged, the fact that skills needed to use these instruments are different from those needed to select the Company's securities, the possible absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time and possible impediments to effective portfolio management such as the ability to meet redemption requests or other short term obligations because of the percentage of the Company's assets being segregated to cover its obligations.

The Company does not currently use financial derivative instruments and it is not the current intention of the Investment Manager to employ efficient portfolio management techniques. A risk management process will be submitted to the Central Bank in accordance with the Central Bank's requirements prior to the Company engaging in financial derivative transactions on behalf of a Fund.

The Company did not enter into any derivative contracts during the financial period ended 30 June 2023, the financial year ended 31 December 2022 or the financial period ended 30 June 2022 for efficient portfolio management or any other purpose.

**9. Share Capital and Redeemable Participating Shares**

The authorised share capital of the Company is 1,000,000,000 redeemable participating Shares of no par value. The redeemable participating Shares issued by the Company are freely transferable and are entitled to participate equally in the profits and dividends of the relevant Fund and its assets upon liquidation. The redeemable participating Shares, which are of no par value and which must be fully paid up on issue, carry no preferential or pre-emptive rights. Holders of redeemable participating Shares are entitled on a poll to one vote at general meetings of the Company in respect of each redeemable participating Share held.

**Subscriber Shares**

The Company has authorised share capital of €38,100 (divided into 38,100 Subscriber Shares of one Euro each). As at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 there were 7 Subscriber Shares of €1 each in issue (being the minimum share capital of the Company) held by the Investment Manager. Subscriber Shares do not entitle the holders to any dividend and on a winding-up entitle the holder to receive the amount paid thereon but not otherwise to participate in the assets of the Company. The Subscriber Shares do not form part of redeemable participating Shareholders' Funds. They are thus disclosed by way of this note only. In the opinion of the Directors, this disclosure reflects the nature of the Company's business as an investment fund.

**Redemption of Shares**

Shareholders may redeem their Shares on and with effect from any dealing day at the NAV per Share calculated on or with respect to the relevant dealing day in accordance with the procedures specified in the relevant Supplement (save during any period when the calculation of NAV is suspended). If the redemption of part only of a Shareholder's shareholding would leave the Shareholder holding less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Fund, the Directors or their delegates may, if they think fit, redeem the whole of that Shareholder's holding.

In the event that the net distributable income generated by the Montanaro UK Income Fund and by the Montanaro European Income Fund during the relevant financial period and attributable to the relevant Class is insufficient to pay a distribution which is declared, the Directors may at their discretion determine such dividends may be paid from the capital of the Fund. Shareholders should note that where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount originally invested or capital gains attributable to and may result in an immediate decrease in the value of the Shares of the relevant Class and will reduce any capital appreciation for the Shareholders of such Class.

**Share Classes**

Shares will be issued to investors as Shares of a Class in the Funds. The Directors may, whether on the establishment of each Fund or from time to time, with prior notification to, and clearance by the Central Bank, create more than one Class of Shares in each of the Funds. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, differentiate between Classes of Shares, without limitation, as to currency denomination of a particular Class, dividend policy, hedging strategies if any applied to the designated currency of particular Classes, fees and expenses or the minimum subscription or minimum holding applicable.

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**9. Share Capital and Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)**

Where the amount subscribed for Shares is not equivalent to an exact number of Shares, fractions of Shares may be issued to the nearest one thousandth of a Share. The holder of a fraction of a Share may not exercise any voting right in respect of such Share.

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|  | Shares in issue<br>at beginning of<br>financial period | Subscriptions | Redemptions  | Shares in issue<br>at end of<br>financial period |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 18,398,137   | 3,307,929     | (779,082)    | 20,926,984                                       |
| Euro Class                                       | 16,988,667   | 89,230        | (208,212)    | 16,869,685                                       |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 4,238,215  | 129,791       | (237,245)    | 4,130,761  |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | 12,655,471   | 421,987       | (2,876,713)  | 10,200,745                                       |
| Sterling Class                                   | 3,894,309  | 457,009       | (102,485)    | 4,248,833  |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | 3,564,114  | 2,780,327     | (762,539)    | 5,581,902  |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | 317,630  | –             | –            | 317,630  |
| US Dollar Class                                  | 72,973   | 18,174        | (18,174)     | 72,973   |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 1,635,534  | 53,698        | (760,000)    | 929,232  |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | 823,374  | 331,653       | (55,818)     | 1,099,209  |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 173,079,256  | 41,838,856    | (28,406,745) | 186,511,367                                      |
| Sterling Class                                   | 186,565,994  | 24,913,462    | (36,476,663) | 175,002,793                                      |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | 137,097,674  | 12,921,751    | (29,094,446) | 120,924,979                                      |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 13,485,857   | 612,938       | (620,514)    | 13,478,281                                       |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 102,873,478  | 31,678,346    | (14,659,976) | 119,891,848                                      |
| Sterling Class                                   | 58,502,321   | 1,368,780     | (25,074,252) | 34,796,849                                       |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 39,576,883   | 57,098        | (31,715,536) | 7,918,445  |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 3,043,112  | 3,969         | (4,903)      | 3,042,178  |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | 1,253,095  | –             | (2,195)      | 1,250,900  |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | 1,109,635  | –             | –            | 1,109,635  |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | 2,384,863  | 65,101        | (151,021)    | 2,298,943  |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | 3,395,875  | 4,258         | (37,376)     | 3,362,757  |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 21,405,246   | 1,978,957     | (1,104,498)  | 22,279,705                                       |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 92,911,489   | 3,818,001     | (11,734,601) | 84,994,889                                       |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | 188,604,426  | 8,303,912     | (94,772,555) | 102,135,783                                      |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | 141,392,445  | 5,646,596     | (2,957,902)  | 144,081,139                                      |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

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**9. Share Capital and Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)**

**31 December 2022**

|  | Shares in issue<br>at beginning of<br>financial year | Subscriptions | Redemptions  | Shares in issue<br>at end of<br>financial year |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 17,338,780   | 4,070,310     | (3,010,953)  | 18,398,137                                     |
| Euro Class                                       | 17,617,147   | 906,438       | (1,534,918)  | 16,988,667                                     |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 3,615,503  | 1,982,109     | (1,359,397)  | 4,238,215                                      |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | 14,192,708   | 4,989,523     | (6,526,760)  | 12,655,471                                     |
| Sterling Class                                   | 3,936,898  | 140,542       | (183,131)    | 3,894,309                                      |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | 5,390,007  | 507,753       | (2,333,646)  | 3,564,114                                      |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | 317,630  | –             | –            | 317,630  |
| US Dollar Class                                  | 117,873  | 4,130         | (49,030)     | 72,973   |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 2,693,066  | 30,291        | (1,087,823)  | 1,635,534                                      |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | 963,224  | 54,901        | (194,751)    | 823,374  |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 155,640,408  | 37,493,758    | (20,054,910) | 173,079,256                                    |
| Sterling Class                                   | 182,236,811  | 59,632,483    | (55,303,300) | 186,565,994                                    |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | 143,214,741  | 34,673,001    | (40,790,068) | 137,097,674                                    |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 13,137,238   | 1,867,917     | (1,519,298)  | 13,485,857                                     |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 123,861,930  | 4,464,677     | (25,453,129) | 102,873,478                                    |
| Sterling Class                                   | 58,890,038   | 15,588,258    | (15,975,975) | 58,502,321                                     |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 44,873,516   | 3,383,592     | (8,680,225)  | 39,576,883                                     |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 6,453,262  | 1,653         | (3,411,803)  | 3,043,112                                      |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | 1,750,574  | 22,789        | (520,268)    | 1,253,095                                      |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | 1,103,715  | 5,920         | –            | 1,109,635                                      |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | 2,059,553  | 1,145,434     | (820,124)    | 2,384,863                                      |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | 3,509,837  | 162,175       | (276,137)    | 3,395,875                                      |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 12,348,839   | 13,364,311    | (4,307,904)  | 21,405,246                                     |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 62,174,463   | 38,006,799    | (7,269,773)  | 92,911,489                                     |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | 217,423,128  | 48,766,476    | (77,585,178) | 188,604,426                                    |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | 193,947,696  | 41,952,749    | (94,508,000) | 141,392,445                                    |

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**9. Share Capital and Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)**

**30 June 2022**

|  | Shares in issue<br>at beginning of<br>financial period | Subscriptions | Redemptions  | Shares in issue<br>at end of<br>financial period |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 17,338,780   | 2,569,725     | (2,166,968)  | 17,741,537                                       |
| Euro Class                                       | 17,617,147   | 205,639       | (1,443,065)  | 16,379,721                                       |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 3,615,503  | 1,897,979     | (784,959)    | 4,728,523  |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | 14,192,708   | 2,338,060     | (4,005,903)  | 12,524,865                                       |
| Sterling Class                                   | 3,936,898  | 82,078        | (105,417)    | 3,913,559  |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | 5,390,007  | 431,253       | (2,168,400)  | 3,652,860  |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | 317,630  | –             | –            | 317,630  |
| US Dollar Class                                  | 117,873  | 4,130         | (4,130)      | 117,873  |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 2,693,066  | 15,584        | (1,000,001)  | 1,708,649  |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | 963,224  | 51,631        | (52,095)     | 962,760  |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 155,640,408  | 29,270,958    | (9,585,680)  | 175,325,686                                      |
| Sterling Class                                   | 182,236,811  | 26,785,847    | (27,903,011) | 181,119,647                                      |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | 143,214,741  | 22,899,085    | (13,861,065) | 152,252,761                                      |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Class                                       | 13,137,238   | 1,082,519     | (500,312)    | 13,719,445                                       |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 123,861,930  | 3,488,523     | (6,150,579)  | 121,199,874                                      |
| Sterling Class                                   | 58,890,038   | 11,115,797    | (6,305,797)  | 63,700,038                                       |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 44,873,516   | 3,299,754     | (819,467)    | 47,353,803                                       |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 6,453,262  | 1,606         | (3,138,139)  | 3,316,729  |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | 1,750,574  | 22,790        | (252,057)    | 1,521,307  |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | 1,103,715  | –             | –            | 1,103,715  |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | 2,059,553  | 889,314       | (498,365)    | 2,450,502  |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | 3,509,837  | 105,512       | (220,228)    | 3,395,121  |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |  |               |              |  |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 12,348,839   | 9,860,397     | (2,981,230)  | 19,228,006                                       |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 62,174,463   | 9,273,071     | (3,393,808)  | 68,053,726                                       |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | 217,423,128  | 39,425,371    | (37,561,297) | 219,287,202                                      |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | 193,947,696  | 30,325,806    | (5,963,602)  | 218,309,900                                      |

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#### 10. Exchange Rates

The exchange rates to Euro (€) at the financial period ended 30 June 2023, financial year ended 31 December 2022 and financial period ended 30 June 2022 are as follows:

|                    | 30 June 2023 | 31 December 2022 | 30 June 2022 |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Australian Dollar  | 1.6390       | 1.5738           | 1.5203       |
| Canadian Dollar    | 1.437        | –                | –            |
| Danish Krone       | 7.4459       | 7.4364           | 7.4367       |
| Israeli New Shekel | 4.0486       | 3.7658           | 3.6613       |
| Japanese Yen       | 157.6877     | 140.8184         | 142.0297     |
| New Taiwan Dollar  | 33.9787      | –                | –            |
| New Zealand Dollar | 1.7808       | 1.6875           | 1.6815       |
| Norwegian Krone    | 11.6885      | 10.5135          | 10.3288      |
| Pound Sterling     | 0.8581       | 0.8872           | 0.8608       |
| Swedish Krona      | 11.7842      | 11.1202          | 10.7131      |
| Swiss Franc        | 0.9761       | 0.9874           | 1.0009       |
| US Dollar          | 1.0910       | 1.0673           | 1.0455       |

#### 11. Taxation

Under current law and practice, the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended. On that basis, it is not liable to Irish tax on its income or gains. However, Irish tax may arise on the happening of a "chargeable event". A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to Shareholders, any encashment, redemption, cancellation or transfer of Shares and the holding of Shares at the end of each eight year period beginning with the acquisition of such Shares.

No Irish tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events in respect of:

- (a) a Shareholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided appropriate valid declarations in accordance with the provisions of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended, are held by the Fund; and
- (b) certain exempted Irish tax resident Shareholders who have provided the Fund with the necessary signed statutory declarations.

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the Company may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Fund or its Shareholders.

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**12. Net Asset Value per Redeemable Participating Share at last traded price**

**30 June 2023**

|  | Net Assets for<br>dealing | Shares in issue | NAV per Share |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €139,387,577              | 20,926,984      | €6.661        |
| Euro Class                                       | €117,024,524              | 16,869,685      | €6.937        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €31,548,763               | 4,130,761       | €7.638        |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | €72,569,984               | 10,200,745      | €7.114        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £25,518,382               | 4,248,833       | £6.006        |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | £35,152,545               | 5,581,902       | £6.298        |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | SEK8,375,779              | 317,630         | SEK26.370     |
| US Dollar Class                                  | \$262,410                 | 72,973          | \$3.596       |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €792,610                  | 929,232         | €0.853        |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | €1,346,651                | 1,099,209       | €1.225        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | £194,301,179              | 186,511,367     | £1.042        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £182,461,098              | 175,002,793     | £1.043        |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | £225,309,816              | 120,924,979     | £1.863        |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €17,760,673               | 13,478,281      | €1.318        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | €151,431,102              | 119,891,848     | €1.263        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £74,156,893               | 34,796,849      | £2.131        |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €20,102,991               | 7,918,445       | €2.539        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €8,314,542                | 3,042,178       | €2.733        |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | €1,015,201                | 1,250,900       | €0.812        |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | €1,891,416                | 1,109,635       | €1.705        |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | £1,850,020                | 2,298,943       | £0.805        |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | £5,849,976                | 3,362,757       | £1.740        |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €22,246,931               | 22,279,705      | €0.999        |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €129,141,088              | 84,994,889      | €1.519        |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | £152,655,502              | 102,135,783     | £1.495        |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | SEK2,085,591,140          | 144,081,139     | SEK14.475     |

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**12. Net Asset Value per Redeemable Participating Share at last traded price (continued)**

**31 December 2022**

|  | Net Assets for<br>dealing | Shares in issue | NAV per Share |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €118,027,059              | 18,398,137      | €6.415        |
| Euro Class                                       | €113,506,114              | 16,988,667      | €6.681        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €31,021,290               | 4,238,215       | €7.319        |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | €86,992,758               | 12,655,471      | €6.874        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £23,290,718               | 3,894,309       | £5.981        |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | £22,436,455               | 3,564,114       | £6.295        |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | SEK7,612,505              | 317,630         | SEK23.967     |
| US Dollar Class                                  | \$247,237                 | 72,973          | \$3.388       |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €1,356,913                | 1,635,534       | €0.830        |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | €979,363                  | 823,374         | €1.189        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | £178,835,152              | 173,079,256     | £1.033        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £195,665,060              | 186,565,994     | £1.049        |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | £256,508,522              | 137,097,674     | £1.871        |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €16,325,271               | 13,485,857      | €1.211        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | £122,608,600              | 102,873,478     | £1.192        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £118,651,401              | 58,502,321      | £2.028        |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €94,062,595               | 39,576,883      | €2.377        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €7,738,882                | 3,043,112       | €2.543        |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | €936,997                  | 1,253,095       | €0.748        |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | €1,744,397                | 1,109,635       | €1.572        |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | £1,828,161                | 2,384,863       | £0.767        |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | £5,633,068                | 3,395,875       | £1.659        |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €19,575,390               | 21,405,246      | €0.915        |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €129,292,889              | 92,911,489      | €1.392        |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | £266,931,001              | 188,604,426     | £1.415        |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | SEK1,765,752,114          | 141,392,445     | SEK12.488     |

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**12. Net Asset Value per Redeemable Participating Share at last traded price (continued)**

**30 June 2022**

|  | Net Assets for<br>dealing | Shares in issue | NAV per Share |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €110,745,304              | 17,741,537      | €6.242        |
| Euro Class                                       | €106,485,928              | 16,379,721      | €6.501        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €33,507,883               | 4,728,523       | €7.086        |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | €83,457,764               | 12,524,865      | €6.663        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £22,097,120               | 3,913,559       | £5.646        |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | £21,627,825               | 3,652,860       | £5.921        |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | SEK7,136,026              | 317,630         | SEK22.466     |
| US Dollar Class                                  | \$380,660                 | 117,873         | \$3.229       |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €1,474,565                | 1,708,649       | €0.863        |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | €1,188,489                | 962,760         | €1.234        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | £177,819,802              | 175,325,686     | £1.014        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £191,704,234              | 181,119,647     | £1.058        |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | £286,844,549              | 152,252,761     | £1.884        |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Class                                       | €16,773,642               | 13,719,445      | €1.223        |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | £137,713,486              | 121,199,874     | £1.136        |
| Sterling Class                                   | £126,588,341              | 63,700,038      | £1.987        |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €109,361,615              | 47,353,803      | €2.309        |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | €8,165,271                | 3,316,729       | €2.462        |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | €1,123,102                | 1,521,307       | €0.738        |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | €1,713,196                | 1,103,715       | €1.552        |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | £1,799,436                | 2,450,502       | £0.734        |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | £5,395,351                | 3,395,121       | £1.589        |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |                           |                 |               |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | €17,634,427               | 19,228,006      | €0.917        |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | €94,975,411               | 68,053,726      | €1.396        |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | £301,982,773              | 219,287,203     | £1.377        |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | SEK2,629,412,647          | 218,309,900     | SEK12.044     |

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### *Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

#### **13. Comparatives**

Comparative information for the Statement of Financial Position is as at 31 December 2022. Comparative information for the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares is for the period ended 30 June 2022.

#### **14. Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment**

The difference between the financial period end and average exchange rates has resulted in a notional foreign currency translation adjustment in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares. The foreign currency translation adjustment for the financial period ended 30 June 2023 for Montanaro UK Income Fund was a loss of £20,576,716 (30 June 2022: £16,871,206).

The following exchange rates were used to convert the presentation currency of the Company.

##### **30 June 2023**

Average Euro/Pound Sterling 1.1410

Spot Euro/Pound Sterling 1.1653

##### **30 June 2022**

Average Euro/Pound Sterling 1.1874

Spot Euro/Pound Sterling 1.1617

#### **15. Right to Publicly Market Shares in Germany**

According to Sec. 310 German Capital Investment Code (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch, KAGB) the Company has notified the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (“BaFin”) (Federal Institute for the Supervision of Financial Services) of its intention to publicly distribute Shares in Germany. The Company has the right to publicly distribute Shares in Germany upon completion of the notification process. The following Share Classes of the Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund may be marketed to investors in Germany:

- Euro Accumulation Class
- Euro Class
- Euro Institutional Distribution Class

No notification has been filed with BaFin for the remaining Classes of the Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund (Euro Institutional Accumulation Class, Sterling Class, Sterling Institutional Distribution Class, Swedish Krona Accumulation Class and US Dollar Class), Montanaro UK Income Fund, Montanaro European Income Fund, Montanaro European Focus Fund, Montanaro Global Innovation Fund and Montanaro Better World Fund.

#### **16. Events during the Financial Period**

Effective 1 January 2023, the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Seed Class and Sterling Seed Class of Montanaro UK Income Fund increased from 0.30% per annum to 0.35% per annum.

Effective 1 January 2023, the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Accumulation A Class and Sterling Accumulation A Class of the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund increased from 0.25% per annum to 0.55% per annum, while the Investment Management fee rate charged to Euro Accumulation B Class and Sterling Accumulation B Class increased from 0.25% per annum to 0.75% per annum.

Effective 1 January 2023, the Performance fee charged to Euro Accumulation A Class and Sterling Accumulation A Class of the Montanaro Global Innovation Fund is 10% of outperformance. Prior to this date, Performance fees were waived.

Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

On 17 May 2023, updated versions of the prospectus and supplements were filed with the Central Bank for updates made to SFDR level 2 disclosures to incorporate additional disclosures related to fossil gas/nuclear in accordance with the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/363.

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#### Financial period ended 30 June 2023

#### 16. Events during the Financial Period (continued)

The significant decline in the net assets of the Montanaro European Focus Fund resulted from a redemption by a large investor in the Fund.

The following distributions were approved by the Directors during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and paid during the financial period ending 30 June 2023:

##### Ex-Date of 30 January 2023:

###### Montanaro UK Income Fund

| Share Class         | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Class          | €0.007093      | €11,601      |
| Euro Seed Class     | €0.010671      | €8,367       |
| Sterling Class      | £0.009422      | £1,654,392   |
| Sterling Seed Class | £0.017412      | £2,167,261   |

###### Montanaro European Income Fund

| Share Class    | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Class     | €0.007327      | €98,617      |
| Sterling Class | £0.016281      | £675,109     |

##### Ex-Date of 15 March 2023:

###### Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund

| Share Class                               | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class     | €0.048040      | €593,695     |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class | £0.047299      | £204,611     |

###### Montanaro European Focus Fund\*

| Share Class                           | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class | €0.005892      | €249,406     |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

##### Ex-Date of 03 April 2023:

###### Montanaro UK Income Fund

| Share Class         | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Class          | €0.004725      | €7,728       |
| Euro Seed Class     | €0.006776      | €7,423       |
| Sterling Class      | £0.005914      | £1,039,378   |
| Sterling Seed Class | £0.010555      | £1,302,205   |

###### Montanaro European Income Fund

| Share Class    | Rate per Share | Distribution |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Euro Class     | €0.001056      | €14,168      |
| Sterling Class | £0.001702      | £62,740      |

There were no other significant events affecting the Company during the financial period.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### *Financial period ended 30 June 2023*

#### **17. Events since the Financial Period End**

The following distributions in respect of the financial period ending 30 June 2023 were approved by the Directors:

##### **Ex-Date of 03 July 2023:**

##### **Montanaro UK Income Fund**

| <b>Share Class</b>  | <b>Rate per Share</b> | <b>Distribution</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Euro Class          | €0.014581             | €13,549             |
| Euro Seed Class     | €0.020931             | €22,711             |
| Sterling Class      | £0.017822             | £3,117,201          |
| Sterling Seed Class | £0.031833             | £3,857,499          |

##### **Montanaro European Income Fund**

| <b>Share Class</b> | <b>Rate per Share</b> | <b>Distribution</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Euro Class         | €0.030741             | €414,203            |
| Sterling Class     | £0.049718             | £1,729,226          |

There were no other significant events affecting the Company since the financial period end.

#### **18. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

As at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 there were no commitments or contingent liabilities.

#### **19. Approval of Financial Statements**

These financial statements were approved by the Directors of the Company on 21 August 2023.

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                 | Fair value<br>€   | % of net<br>assets |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |                             |                   |                    |
| <b>Belgium (31 December 2022: 2.53%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |
| 125,000   | Melexis NV                  | 11,256,250        | 2.60               |
|   |                             | <b>11,256,250</b> | <b>2.60</b>        |
| <b>Denmark (31 December 2022: 5.25%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |
| 135,000   | Chr Hansen Holding A/S      | 8,586,723         | 1.99               |
| 65,000  | SimCorp A/S                 | 6,311,516         | 1.46               |
| 100,000   | Chemometec A/S              | 6,258,466         | 1.45               |
|   |                             | <b>21,156,705</b> | <b>4.90</b>        |
| <b>France (31 December 2022: 5.40%)</b>   |                             |                   |                    |
| 40,000  | Sartorius Stedim Biotech    | 9,180,000         | 2.13               |
| 60,000  | Esker SA                    | 8,346,000         | 1.93               |
|   |                             | <b>17,526,000</b> | <b>4.06</b>        |
| <b>Germany (31 December 2022: 8.93%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |
| 70,000  | MTU Aero Engines AG         | 16,618,000        | 3.84               |
| 200,000   | CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA    | 11,570,000        | 2.68               |
| 13,000  | Rational AG                 | 8,554,000         | 1.98               |
| 11,000  | Hypoport SE                 | 1,841,400         | 0.43               |
| 210,000   | hGears AG                   | 1,039,500         | 0.24               |
|   |                             | <b>39,622,900</b> | <b>9.17</b>        |
| <b>Iceland (31 December 2022: 1.63%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |
| 2,000,000   | Marel HF '144A'             | 5,800,000         | 1.34               |
|   |                             | <b>5,800,000</b>  | <b>1.34</b>        |
| <b>Italy (31 December 2022: 10.61%)</b>   |                             |                   |                    |
| 220,000   | Moncler SpA                 | 13,978,800        | 3.23               |
| 1,000,000   | Brembo SpA                  | 13,600,000        | 3.15               |
| 90,000  | Reply SpA                   | 9,441,000         | 2.18               |
| 1,000,000   | Technoprobe SpA             | 7,205,000         | 1.67               |
| 260,000   | Carel Industries SpA '144A' | 7,176,000         | 1.66               |
|   |                             | <b>51,400,800</b> | <b>11.89</b>       |
| <b>Netherlands (31 December 2022: 4.01%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |
| 120,000   | IMCD NV                     | 15,816,000        | 3.66               |
|   |                             | <b>15,816,000</b> | <b>3.66</b>        |
| <b>Norway - Nil (31 December 2022: 1.26%)</b>   |                             |                   |                    |
| <b>Singapore - Nil (31 December 2022: 1.00%)</b>  |                             |                   |                    |

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**MONTANARO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares   | Description                          | Fair value<br>€    | % of net<br>assets |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Spain (31 December 2022: 1.31%)</b>               |                                      |                    |                    |
| 600,000  | Merlin Properties Socimi SA (REIT)   | 4,692,000          | 1.09               |
|  |                                      | <b>4,692,000</b>   | <b>1.09</b>        |
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 14.91%)</b>             |                                      |                    |                    |
| 2,350,000  | Fortnox AB                           | 12,663,119         | 2.93               |
| 350,000  | Thule Group AB '144A'                | 9,418,102          | 2.18               |
| 500,000  | AAK AB                               | 8,596,240          | 1.99               |
| 500,000  | Sectra AB                            | 7,671,274          | 1.77               |
| 125,000  | MIPS AB                              | 5,649,503          | 1.31               |
| 275,000  | Surgical Science Sweden AB           | 5,633,380          | 1.30               |
| 350,000  | Hufvudstaden AB                      | 3,792,783          | 0.88               |
| 200,000  | Avanza Bank Holding AB               | 3,713,440          | 0.86               |
| 325,000  | Biotage AB                           | 3,706,651          | 0.86               |
| 211,243  | Plejd AB                             | 3,638,962          | 0.84               |
|  |                                      | <b>64,483,454</b>  | <b>14.92</b>       |
| <b>Switzerland (31 December 2022: 10.99%)</b>        |                                      |                    |                    |
| 140,000  | VZ Holding AG                        | 11,732,844         | 2.71               |
| 22,000   | Belimo Holding AG                    | 10,102,212         | 2.34               |
| 110,000  | Bachem Holding AG                    | 8,779,143          | 2.03               |
| 25,000   | Tecan Group AG                       | 8,734,063          | 2.02               |
| 30,000   | Kardex Holding AG                    | 6,128,700          | 1.42               |
|  |                                      | <b>45,476,962</b>  | <b>10.52</b>       |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 29.85%)</b>     |                                      |                    |                    |
| 300,000  | 4imprint Group Plc                   | 16,902,784         | 3.91               |
| 400,000  | Diploma Plc                          | 13,946,399         | 3.23               |
| 90,000   | Games Workshop Group Plc             | 11,499,836         | 2.66               |
| 425,000  | Halma Plc                            | 11,296,781         | 2.61               |
| 750,000  | Kainos Group Plc                     | 10,741,221         | 2.48               |
| 80,000   | Spirax-Sarco Engineering Plc         | 9,672,051          | 2.24               |
| 250,000  | Cranswick Plc                        | 9,444,816          | 2.19               |
| 600,000  | St James's Place Plc                 | 7,565,175          | 1.75               |
| 160,000  | Dechra Pharmaceuticals Plc           | 6,876,246          | 1.59               |
| 2,250,000  | Marshalls Plc                        | 6,339,855          | 1.47               |
| 1,750,000  | Advanced Medical Solutions Group Plc | 4,557,808          | 1.05               |
| 125,000  | Clarkson Plc                         | 4,311,637          | 1.00               |
| 1,500,000  | IntegraFin Holdings Plc              | 4,167,139          | 0.96               |
| 2,684,800  | Shaftesbury Capital Plc (REIT)       | 3,588,524          | 0.83               |
| 3,100,000  | NCC Group Plc                        | 3,507,692          | 0.81               |
| 350,000  | RS GROUP Plc                         | 3,104,612          | 0.72               |
| 250,000  | Big Yellow Group Plc (REIT)          | 3,102,631          | 0.72               |
|  |                                      | <b>130,625,207</b> | <b>30.22</b>       |
| <b>United States - Nil (31 December 2022: 0.80%)</b> |                                      |                    |                    |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

**MONTANARO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares   | Description  | Fair value<br>€    | % of net<br>assets   |
|--|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Vietnam (31 December 2022: Nil%)</b>  |              |                    |                      |
| 175,000  | XP Power Ltd | 4,025,228          | 0.93                 |
|  |              | <u>4,025,228</u>   | <u>0.93</u>          |
| <b>Total equities</b>  |              | <b>411,881,506</b> | <b>95.30</b>         |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>                 |              | <b>411,881,506</b> | <b>95.30</b>         |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |              | 19,580,057         | 4.53                 |
| Other net assets   |              | 720,849            | 0.17                 |
|  |              | <u>432,182,412</u> | <u>100.00</u>        |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |              | <b>432,182,412</b> | <b>100.00</b>        |
|  |              |                    | <b>% of Total</b>    |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>  |              |                    | <b>Assets</b>        |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                              |              |                    | 93.62                |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |              |                    | 4.51                 |
| Other assets   |              |                    | 1.87                 |
| <b>Total assets</b>  |              |                    | <u><b>100.00</b></u> |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO UK INCOME FUND**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                          | Fair value<br>£   | % of net<br>assets |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |                                      |                   |                    |
| <b>Belgium (31 December 2022: 0.97%)</b>  |                                      |                   |                    |
| 70,000  | Melexis NV                           | 5,409,302         | 0.90               |
|   |                                      | <b>5,409,302</b>  | <b>0.90</b>        |
| <b>Singapore - Nil (31 December 2022: 1.61%)</b>  |                                      |                   |                    |
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 3.71%)</b>   |                                      |                   |                    |
| 3,050,000   | NCAB Group AB                        | 18,601,298        | 3.08               |
|   |                                      | <b>18,601,298</b> | <b>3.08</b>        |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 91.52%)</b>  |                                      |                   |                    |
| 285,000   | Games Workshop Group Plc             | 31,250,250        | 5.17               |
| 525,000   | 4imprint Group Plc                   | 25,383,750        | 4.20               |
| 725,000   | Diploma Plc                          | 21,692,000        | 3.59               |
| 2,500,000   | DiscoverIE Group Plc                 | 21,025,000        | 3.48               |
| 1,700,000   | Kainos Group Plc                     | 20,893,000        | 3.46               |
| 2,200,000   | Sage Group Plc/The                   | 20,394,000        | 3.38               |
| 1,750,000   | Big Yellow Group Plc (REIT)          | 18,637,500        | 3.09               |
| 1,675,000   | St James's Place Plc                 | 18,123,500        | 3.00               |
| 700,000   | Severn Trent Plc                     | 17,936,940        | 2.97               |
| 600,000   | Clarkson Plc                         | 17,760,000        | 2.94               |
| 875,000   | Rathbones Group Plc                  | 16,310,000        | 2.70               |
| 3,600,000   | Bloomsbury Publishing Plc            | 15,642,000        | 2.59               |
| 400,000   | Dechra Pharmaceuticals Plc           | 14,752,000        | 2.44               |
| 2,150,000   | Vistry Group Plc                     | 14,168,500        | 2.35               |
| 550,000   | Greggs Plc                           | 14,019,500        | 2.32               |
| 5,701,727   | Marshalls Plc                        | 13,786,776        | 2.28               |
| 8,250,000   | LondonMetric Property Plc (REIT)     | 13,612,500        | 2.25               |
| 1,550,000   | Britvic Plc                          | 13,299,000        | 2.20               |
| 12,500,000  | Taylor Wimpey Plc                    | 12,862,500        | 2.13               |
| 7,000,000   | XPS Pensions Group Plc               | 12,530,000        | 2.08               |
| 275,000   | Intertek Group Plc                   | 11,720,500        | 1.94               |
| 1,950,000   | FDM Group Holdings Plc               | 10,959,000        | 1.81               |
| 1,350,000   | RS GROUP Plc                         | 10,276,200        | 1.70               |
| 1,625,000   | Hilton Food Group Plc                | 10,172,500        | 1.68               |
| 10,250,000  | Primary Health Properties Plc (REIT) | 9,783,625         | 1.62               |
| 1,650,000   | Ricardo Plc                          | 9,457,800         | 1.57               |
| 450,000   | Admiral Group Plc                    | 9,355,500         | 1.55               |
| 850,000   | Hiscox Ltd                           | 9,282,000         | 1.54               |
| 950,000   | United Utilities Group Plc           | 9,119,299         | 1.51               |
| 6,750,000   | Tritax Big Box REIT Plc (REIT)       | 8,410,500         | 1.39               |
| 500,000   | Smiths Group Plc                     | 8,260,000         | 1.37               |
| 950,000   | Savills Plc                          | 8,060,750         | 1.34               |
| 4,750,000   | Spirent Communications Plc           | 7,811,850         | 1.29               |
| 2,000,000   | Pets at Home Group Plc               | 7,564,000         | 1.25               |
| 2,200,000   | SThree Plc                           | 7,546,000         | 1.25               |
| 7,750,000   | NCC Group Plc                        | 7,525,250         | 1.25               |
| 2,550,000   | Genuit Group Plc                     | 7,471,500         | 1.24               |
| 1,150,000   | Howden Joinery Group Plc             | 7,408,300         | 1.23               |
| 200,000   | Cranswick Plc                        | 6,484,000         | 1.07               |
| 900,000   | Liontrust Asset Management Plc       | 6,480,000         | 1.07               |
| 5,350,000   | Jupiter Fund Management Plc          | 5,796,703         | 0.96               |
| 235,000   | Computacenter Plc                    | 5,405,000         | 0.90               |
| 725,000   | Pennon Group Plc                     | 5,172,875         | 0.86               |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO UK INCOME FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| <b>Shares</b>   | <b>Description</b>         | <b>Fair value<br/>£</b> | <b>% of net<br/>assets</b>   |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |                            |                         |                              |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 91.52%) (continued)</b>  |                            |                         |                              |
| 2,077,875   | IntegraFin Holdings Plc    | 4,953,654               | 0.82                         |
| 300,000   | IMI Plc                    | 4,920,000               | 0.81                         |
| 235,000   | Derwent London Plc (REIT)  | 4,826,900               | 0.80                         |
| 3,000,000   | Luceco Plc '144A'          | 3,780,000               | 0.63                         |
| 306,179   | Bytes Technology Group Plc | 1,619,687               | 0.27                         |
|   |                            | <b>563,702,109</b>      | <b>93.34</b>                 |
| <b>Vietnam (31 December 2022: Nil%)</b>   |                            |                         |                              |
| 500,000   | XP Power Ltd               | 9,869,200               | 1.63                         |
|   |                            | <b>9,869,200</b>        | <b>1.63</b>                  |
| <b>Total equities</b>   |                            | <b>597,581,909</b>      | <b>98.95</b>                 |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>  |                            | <b>597,581,909</b>      | <b>98.95</b>                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents   |                            | 4,377,411               | 0.72                         |
| Other net assets  |                            | 1,948,563               | 0.33                         |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b>                          |                            | <b>603,907,883</b>      | <b>100.00</b>                |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>   |                            |                         | <b>% of Total<br/>Assets</b> |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   |                            |                         | 98.73                        |
| Cash and cash equivalents   |                            |                         | 0.72                         |
| Other assets  |                            |                         | 0.55                         |
| <b>Total assets</b>   |                            |                         | <b>100.00</b>                |



**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO EUROPEAN INCOME FUND**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                                    | Fair value<br>€   | % of net<br>assets |
|---|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |  |                   |                    |
| <b>Belgium (31 December 2022: 4.03%)</b>  |  |                   |                    |
| 88,000  | Melexis NV                                     | 7,924,400         | 2.82               |
| 184,500   | Warehouses De Pauw CVA (REIT)                  | 4,630,950         | 1.65               |
|   |  | <b>12,555,350</b> | <b>4.47</b>        |
| <b>Denmark (31 December 2022: 4.60%)</b>  |  |                   |                    |
| 325,000   | Tryg A/S                                       | 6,444,642         | 2.30               |
| 60,000  | Chr Hansen Holding A/S                         | 3,816,322         | 1.36               |
|   |  | <b>10,260,964</b> | <b>3.66</b>        |
| <b>France (31 December 2022: 16.60%)</b>  |  |                   |                    |
| 145,000   | Edenred  | 8,920,400         | 3.18               |
| 160,000   | Amundi SA '144A'                               | 8,680,000         | 3.09               |
| 84,000  | Gaztransport Et Technigaz SA                   | 7,816,200         | 2.78               |
| 295,000   | Bureau Veritas SA                              | 7,395,650         | 2.64               |
| 222,000   | Kaufman & Broad SA                             | 5,994,000         | 2.14               |
| 53,000  | Thermador Groupe                               | 4,372,500         | 1.56               |
|   |  | <b>43,178,750</b> | <b>15.39</b>       |
| <b>Germany (31 December 2022: 11.68%)</b>   |  |                   |                    |
| 41,800  | MTU Aero Engines AG                            | 9,923,320         | 3.54               |
| 120,000   | Brenntag SE                                    | 8,568,000         | 3.05               |
| 62,511  | Amadeus Fire AG                                | 6,938,721         | 2.47               |
| 113,500   | Mensch und Maschine Software SE                | 6,208,450         | 2.21               |
| 6,000   | Rational AG                                    | 3,948,000         | 1.41               |
|   |  | <b>35,586,491</b> | <b>12.68</b>       |
| <b>Italy (31 December 2022: 17.01%)</b>   |  |                   |                    |
| 147,000   | Moncler SpA                                    | 9,340,380         | 3.33               |
| 1,100,000   | Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale               | 8,615,200         | 3.07               |
| 182,500   | Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica SpA | 7,993,500         | 2.85               |
| 485,000   | Brembo SpA                                     | 6,596,000         | 2.35               |
| 390,000   | MARR SpA                                       | 5,499,000         | 1.96               |
| 173,553   | Cembre SpA                                     | 5,171,879         | 1.84               |
| 250,000   | Zignago Vetro SpA                              | 3,930,000         | 1.40               |
| 1,000,000   | Enav SpA '144A'                                | 3,904,000         | 1.39               |
| 125,000   | Carel Industries SpA '144A'                    | 3,450,000         | 1.23               |
|   |  | <b>54,499,959</b> | <b>19.42</b>       |
| <b>Netherlands (31 December 2022: 1.81%)</b>  |  |                   |                    |
| 75,000  | Euronext NV '144A'                             | 4,676,250         | 1.67               |
|   |  | <b>4,676,250</b>  | <b>1.67</b>        |
| <b>Norway (31 December 2022: 12.50%)</b>  |  |                   |                    |
| 2,370,000   | Kitron ASA                                     | 8,830,356         | 3.15               |
| 1,250,000   | Bouvet ASA                                     | 6,940,591         | 2.47               |
| 290,000   | Borregaard ASA                                 | 3,939,946         | 1.40               |
| 1,942,516   | Elmera Group ASA '144A'                        | 3,549,830         | 1.26               |
| 446,000   | Kid ASA '144A'                                 | 2,877,053         | 1.03               |
|   |  | <b>26,137,776</b> | <b>9.31</b>        |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO EUROPEAN INCOME FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| <b>Shares</b>  | <b>Description</b>                 | <b>Fair value<br/>€</b> | <b>% of net<br/>assets</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Portugal (31 December 2022: 1.91%)</b>  |                                    |                         |                            |
| 626,000  | Corticeira Amorim SGPS SA          | 6,040,900               | 2.15                       |
|  |                                    | <b>6,040,900</b>        | <b>2.15</b>                |
| <b>Spain (31 December 2022: 5.03%)</b>   |                                    |                         |                            |
| 110,000  | Viscofan SA                        | 6,996,000               | 2.49                       |
| 730,000  | Merlin Properties Socimi SA (REIT) | 5,708,600               | 2.04                       |
|  |                                    | <b>12,704,600</b>       | <b>4.53</b>                |
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 15.63%)</b>   |                                    |                         |                            |
| 675,000  | Atea ASA                           | 9,008,865               | 3.21                       |
| 305,000  | Loomis AB - Class B                | 8,116,616               | 2.89                       |
| 220,000  | Thule Group AB '144A'              | 5,919,949               | 2.11                       |
| 790,000  | NCAB Group AB                      | 5,614,499               | 2.00                       |
| 236,997  | Beijer Alma AB                     | 4,545,172               | 1.62                       |
| 260,000  | KNOW IT AB                         | 3,852,270               | 1.37                       |
| 350,000  | BioGaia AB - Class B               | 3,454,195               | 1.23                       |
| 360,000  | Bravida Holding AB '144A'          | 3,174,075               | 1.13                       |
| 170,000  | Avanza Bank Holding AB             | 3,156,424               | 1.13                       |
|  |                                    | <b>46,842,065</b>       | <b>16.69</b>               |
| <b>Switzerland (31 December 2022: 7.02%)</b>                                       |                                    |                         |                            |
| 7,900  | Partners Group Holding AG          | 6,798,738               | 2.42                       |
| 85,000   | Galenica AG '144A'                 | 6,287,501               | 2.24                       |
| 10,500   | Burckhardt Compression Holding AG  | 5,604,656               | 2.00                       |
|  |                                    | <b>18,690,895</b>       | <b>6.66</b>                |
| <b>Total equities</b>  |                                    | <b>271,174,000</b>      | <b>96.63</b>               |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>                 |                                    | <b>271,174,000</b>      | <b>96.63</b>               |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |                                    | 7,733,844               | 2.76                       |
| Other net assets   |                                    | 1,732,185               | 0.61                       |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |                                    | <b>280,640,029</b>      | <b>100.00</b>              |
|  |                                    |                         | <b>% of Total</b>          |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>  |                                    |                         | <b>Assets</b>              |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                              |                                    |                         | 95.85                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |                                    |                         | 2.73                       |
| Other assets   |                                    |                         | 1.42                       |
| <b>Total assets</b>  |                                    |                         | <b>100.00</b>              |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO EUROPEAN FOCUS FUND\***

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                                    | Fair value<br>€  | % of net<br>assets |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |  |                  |                    |
| <b>Belgium (31 December 2022: 6.88%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 13,000  | Melexis NV                                     | 1,170,650        | 4.12               |
| 39,000  | Warehouses De Pauw CVA (REIT)                  | 978,900          | 3.44               |
|   |  | <b>2,149,550</b> | <b>7.56</b>        |
| <b>Denmark (31 December 2022: 3.30%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 13,100  | Chr Hansen Holding A/S                         | 833,230          | 2.93               |
|   |  | <b>833,230</b>   | <b>2.93</b>        |
| <b>France (31 December 2022: 23.38%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 25,600  | Edenred  | 1,574,912        | 5.54               |
| 39,500  | Worldline SA/France '144A'                     | 1,325,620        | 4.66               |
| 24,100  | Amundi SA '144A'                               | 1,307,425        | 4.60               |
| 8,200   | Teleperformance                                | 1,261,570        | 4.44               |
| 34,300  | Bureau Veritas SA                              | 859,901          | 3.03               |
|   |  | <b>6,329,428</b> | <b>22.27</b>       |
| <b>Germany (31 December 2022: 4.37%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 6,450   | MTU Aero Engines AG                            | 1,531,230        | 5.39               |
|   |  | <b>1,531,230</b> | <b>5.39</b>        |
| <b>Italy (31 December 2022: 15.92%)</b>   |  |                  |                    |
| 13,700  | Reply SpA                                      | 1,437,130        | 5.06               |
| 32,300  | Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica SpA | 1,414,740        | 4.98               |
| 150,000   | Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale               | 1,174,800        | 4.13               |
| 17,900  | Moncler SpA                                    | 1,137,366        | 4.00               |
|   |  | <b>5,164,036</b> | <b>18.17</b>       |
| <b>Netherlands (31 December 2022: 7.12%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 1,500   | ASM International NV                           | 583,725          | 2.06               |
| 4,400   | IMCD NV  | 579,920          | 2.04               |
|   |  | <b>1,163,645</b> | <b>4.10</b>        |
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: Nil%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 102,000   | Fortnox AB                                     | 549,633          | 1.93               |
|   |  | <b>549,633</b>   | <b>1.93</b>        |
| <b>Switzerland (31 December 2022: 9.63%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 2,900   | Dottikon Es Holding AG                         | 726,439          | 2.56               |
| 1,700   | Tecan Group AG                                 | 593,916          | 2.09               |
| 6,800   | Bachem Holding AG                              | 542,711          | 1.91               |
|   |  | <b>1,863,066</b> | <b>6.56</b>        |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 25.98%)</b>  |  |                  |                    |
| 44,800  | Diploma Plc                                    | 1,561,997        | 5.50               |
| 32,900  | Dechra Pharmaceuticals Plc                     | 1,413,928        | 4.98               |
| 22,200  | Ashtead Group Plc                              | 1,408,871        | 4.96               |
| 100,000   | St James's Place Plc                           | 1,260,862        | 4.44               |
| 153,500   | Rentokil Initial Plc                           | 1,097,933        | 3.86               |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO EUROPEAN FOCUS FUND\* (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares   | Description  | Fair value<br>€   | % of net<br>assets           |
|--|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 25.98%) (continued)</b>                       |              |                   |                              |
| 94,000   | RS GROUP Plc | 833,810           | 2.93                         |
|  |              | <u>7,577,401</u>  | <u>26.67</u>                 |
| <b>Total equities</b>  |              | <b>27,161,219</b> | <b>95.58</b>                 |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>                 |              | <b>27,161,219</b> | <b>95.58</b>                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |              | 1,402,306         | 4.93                         |
| Other net liabilities  |              | <u>(145,992)</u>  | <u>(0.51)</u>                |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> |              | <b>28,417,533</b> | <b>100.00</b>                |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>  |              |                   | <b>% of Total<br/>Assets</b> |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                              |              |                   | 94.30                        |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |              |                   | 4.87                         |
| Other assets   |              |                   | 0.83                         |
| <b>Total assets</b>  |              |                   | <u><b>100.00</b></u>         |

\* Effective 17 May 2023, Montanaro European MidCap Fund changed its name to Montanaro European Focus Fund.

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                     | Fair value<br>€ | % of net<br>assets |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |                                 |                 |                    |
| <b>Australia (31 December 2022: 4.65%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 31,500  | Technology One Ltd              | 300,778         | 2.53               |
| 7,200   | Pro Medicus Ltd                 | 288,352         | 2.43               |
|   |                                 | <b>589,130</b>  | <b>4.96</b>        |
| <b>Canada (31 December 2022: Nil%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 900   | Kinaxis Inc                     | 116,653         | 0.98               |
|   |                                 | <b>116,653</b>  | <b>0.98</b>        |
| <b>Denmark (31 December 2022: 2.22%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 2,650   | Chemometec A/S                  | 165,849         | 1.40               |
|   |                                 | <b>165,849</b>  | <b>1.40</b>        |
| <b>France (31 December 2022: 5.37%)</b>   |                                 |                 |                    |
| 1,200   | Sartorius Stedim Biotech        | 275,400         | 2.32               |
| 1,450   | Esker SA                        | 201,695         | 1.70               |
|   |                                 | <b>477,095</b>  | <b>4.02</b>        |
| <b>Germany (31 December 2022: 1.76%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 4,000   | Mensch und Maschine Software SE | 218,800         | 1.84               |
| 600   | MTU Aero Engines AG             | 142,440         | 1.20               |
| 10,250  | hGears AG                       | 50,738          | 0.43               |
|   |                                 | <b>411,978</b>  | <b>3.47</b>        |
| <b>Israel (31 December 2022: 2.82%)</b>   |                                 |                 |                    |
| 2,225   | Nova Ltd                        | 239,304         | 2.02               |
| 10,000  | Maytronics Ltd                  | 125,079         | 1.05               |
|   |                                 | <b>364,383</b>  | <b>3.07</b>        |
| <b>Italy (31 December 2022: 2.51%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 1,850   | Reply SpA                       | 194,065         | 1.63               |
| 7,500   | Intred SpA                      | 87,000          | 0.73               |
|   |                                 | <b>281,065</b>  | <b>2.36</b>        |
| <b>Netherlands (31 December 2022: 2.64%)</b>  |                                 |                 |                    |
| 225   | Adyen NV '144A'                 | 358,380         | 3.02               |
|   |                                 | <b>358,380</b>  | <b>3.02</b>        |
| <b>Norway (31 December 2022: 2.26%)</b>   |                                 |                 |                    |
| 4,500   | Medistim ASA                    | 107,413         | 0.90               |
|   |                                 | <b>107,413</b>  | <b>0.90</b>        |
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 9.73%)</b>   |                                 |                 |                    |
| 62,500  | Fortnox AB                      | 336,785         | 2.83               |
| 31,000  | NCAB Group AB                   | 220,316         | 1.85               |
| 10,500  | INVISIO AB                      | 204,935         | 1.73               |
| 9,231   | Plejd AB                        | 159,017         | 1.34               |
| 6,000   | Surgical Science Sweden AB      | 122,910         | 1.03               |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**  
**MONTANARO GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares   | Description                          | Fair value<br>€   | % of net<br>assets |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 9.73%) (continued)</b>                |                                      |                   |                    |
| 1,700  | MIPS AB                              | 76,833            | 0.65               |
|  |                                      | <b>1,120,796</b>  | <b>9.43</b>        |
| <b>Switzerland (31 December 2022: 4.19%)</b>                       |                                      |                   |                    |
| 600  | Tecan Group AG                       | 209,618           | 1.77               |
| 1,850  | Bachem Holding AG                    | 147,649           | 1.24               |
|  |                                      | <b>357,267</b>    | <b>3.01</b>        |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 8.95%)</b>                    |                                      |                   |                    |
| 16,500   | Kainos Group Plc                     | 236,307           | 1.99               |
| 65,000   | SDI Group Plc                        | 113,618           | 0.96               |
| 42,500   | Oxford Nanopore Technologies Plc     | 106,381           | 0.90               |
| 6,750  | Cerillion Plc                        | 102,308           | 0.86               |
| 37,500   | Advanced Medical Solutions Group Plc | 97,667            | 0.82               |
| 15,000   | Focusrite Plc                        | 75,162            | 0.63               |
| 9,250  | Frontier Developments Plc            | 63,058            | 0.53               |
|  |                                      | <b>794,501</b>    | <b>6.69</b>        |
| <b>United States (31 December 2022: 51.80%)</b>                    |                                      |                   |                    |
| 8,000  | TransMedics Group Inc                | 618,515           | 5.21               |
| 6,250  | XPEL Inc                             | 485,678           | 4.09               |
| 1,550  | ANSYS Inc                            | 470,953           | 3.96               |
| 1,000  | Tyler Technologies Inc               | 380,962           | 3.21               |
| 5,150  | Bruker Corp                          | 349,832           | 2.94               |
| 1,100  | Paycom Software Inc                  | 319,665           | 2.69               |
| 6,250  | Bentley Systems Inc - Class B        | 309,521           | 2.60               |
| 1,550  | Veeva Systems Inc - Class A          | 282,395           | 2.38               |
| 2,550  | SiTime Corp                          | 281,692           | 2.37               |
| 170,000  | Boku Inc '144A'                      | 268,429           | 2.26               |
| 10,000   | Energy Recovery Inc                  | 256,829           | 2.16               |
| 4,500  | Cognex Corp                          | 230,939           | 1.94               |
| 3,000  | Bio-Techne Corp                      | 224,739           | 1.89               |
| 850  | Shockwave Medical Inc                | 224,494           | 1.89               |
| 1,150  | Axon Enterprise Inc                  | 205,482           | 1.73               |
| 5,750  | Inmode Ltd                           | 197,587           | 1.66               |
| 800  | SolarEdge Technologies Inc           | 192,425           | 1.62               |
| 1,275  | Zscaler Inc                          | 174,188           | 1.47               |
| 1,150  | Masimo Corp                          | 174,144           | 1.47               |
| 2,000  | Power Integrations Inc               | 173,566           | 1.46               |
| 5,500  | FormFactor Inc                       | 171,856           | 1.45               |
| 2,200  | Ambarella Inc                        | 167,632           | 1.41               |
| 3,000  | Unity Software Inc                   | 120,825           | 1.02               |
| 29,000   | MaxCyte Inc                          | 119,968           | 1.01               |
| 3,150  | TechTarget Inc                       | 90,140            | 0.76               |
|  |                                      | <b>6,492,456</b>  | <b>54.65</b>       |
| <b>Total equities</b>  |                                      | <b>11,636,966</b> | <b>97.96</b>       |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b> |                                      | <b>11,636,966</b> | <b>97.96</b>       |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**  
**MONTANARO GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

|  | <b>Fair value</b> | <b>% of net</b> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>€</b>          | <b>assets</b>   |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 242,026           | 2.04            |
| Other net assets   | 488               | –               |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> | <b>11,879,480</b> | <b>100.00</b>   |

|   | <b>% of Total</b> |
|---|-------------------|
|   | <b>Assets</b>     |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>                       |                   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 97.65             |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | 2.03              |
| Other assets  | 0.32              |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                   | <b>100.00</b>     |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO BETTER WORLD FUND**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares  | Description                   | Fair value<br>€   | % of net<br>assets |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Transferable securities admitted to a stock exchange listing or dealt in on another regulated market</b> |                               |                   |                    |
| <b>Australia (31 December 2022: 5.44%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 900,000   | IDP Education Ltd             | 12,135,453        | 2.40               |
| 300,000   | Pro Medicus Ltd               | 12,014,647        | 2.37               |
|   |                               | <b>24,150,100</b> | <b>4.77</b>        |
| <b>Belgium (31 December 2022: 2.14%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 145,000   | Melexis NV                    | 13,057,250        | 2.58               |
|   |                               | <b>13,057,250</b> | <b>2.58</b>        |
| <b>Denmark (31 December 2022: 4.83%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 200,000   | Chr Hansen Holding A/S        | 12,721,072        | 2.51               |
| 100,000   | Chemometec A/S                | 6,258,466         | 1.24               |
|   |                               | <b>18,979,538</b> | <b>3.75</b>        |
| <b>France (31 December 2022: 2.62%)</b>   |                               |                   |                    |
| 52,500  | Sartorius Stedim Biotech      | 12,048,750        | 2.38               |
|   |                               | <b>12,048,750</b> | <b>2.38</b>        |
| <b>Germany (31 December 2022: 1.37%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 17,500  | Rational AG                   | 11,515,000        | 2.27               |
|   |                               | <b>11,515,000</b> | <b>2.27</b>        |
| <b>Greece (31 December 2022: 2.85%)</b>   |                               |                   |                    |
| 725,000   | Terna Energy SA               | 14,645,000        | 2.89               |
|   |                               | <b>14,645,000</b> | <b>2.89</b>        |
| <b>Israel (31 December 2022: 2.51%)</b>   |                               |                   |                    |
| 100,000   | Nova Ltd                      | 10,755,267        | 2.12               |
|   |                               | <b>10,755,267</b> | <b>2.12</b>        |
| <b>Japan (31 December 2022: 6.05%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 300,000   | Yaskawa Electric Corp         | 12,524,119        | 2.48               |
| 400,000   | Azbil Corp                    | 11,493,601        | 2.27               |
| 200,000   | Shionogi & Co Ltd             | 7,698,759         | 1.52               |
| 700,000   | Nihon M&A Center Holdings Inc | 4,876,409         | 0.96               |
| 450,000   | Mani Inc                      | 4,844,226         | 0.96               |
|   |                               | <b>41,437,114</b> | <b>8.19</b>        |
| <b>Netherlands (31 December 2022: 3.31%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 100,000   | Alfen N.V. '144A'             | 6,150,000         | 1.22               |
| 1,000   | Adyen NV '144A'               | 1,592,800         | 0.31               |
|   |                               | <b>7,742,800</b>  | <b>1.53</b>        |
| <b>New Zealand (31 December 2022: 1.17%)</b>  |                               |                   |                    |
| 3,000,000   | Ryman Healthcare Ltd          | 11,084,977        | 2.19               |
|   |                               | <b>11,084,977</b> | <b>2.19</b>        |



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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
MONTANARO BETTER WORLD FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

| Shares   | Description                   | Fair value<br>€    | % of net<br>assets |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sweden (31 December 2022: 6.03%)</b>                            |                               |                    |                    |
| 300,000  | Sdiptech AB - Class B         | 6,792,133          | 1.34               |
| 125,000  | MIPS AB                       | 5,649,503          | 1.12               |
| 275,000  | Surgical Science Sweden AB    | 5,633,380          | 1.11               |
| 75,000   | Thule Group AB '144A'         | 2,018,165          | 0.40               |
|  |                               | <b>20,093,181</b>  | <b>3.97</b>        |
| <b>Switzerland (31 December 2022: 4.61%)</b>                       |                               |                    |                    |
| 25,000   | Belimo Holding AG             | 11,479,786         | 2.27               |
| 20,000   | Tecan Group AG                | 6,987,251          | 1.38               |
| 50,000   | Bachem Holding AG             | 3,990,519          | 0.79               |
|  |                               | <b>22,457,556</b>  | <b>4.44</b>        |
| <b>United Kingdom (31 December 2022: 6.13%)</b>                    |                               |                    |                    |
| 125,000  | Spirax-Sarco Engineering Plc  | 15,112,580         | 2.99               |
| 500,000  | Halma Plc                     | 13,290,331         | 2.63               |
| 1,500,000  | Marshalls Plc                 | 4,226,570          | 0.83               |
| 1,000,000  | Tristel Plc                   | 4,156,651          | 0.82               |
|  |                               | <b>36,786,132</b>  | <b>7.27</b>        |
| <b>United States (31 December 2022: 49.53%)</b>                    |                               |                    |                    |
| 75,000   | ICON Plc                      | 17,066,447         | 3.37               |
| 90,000   | Veeva Systems Inc - Class A   | 16,397,153         | 3.24               |
| 52,500   | ANSYS Inc                     | 15,951,622         | 3.15               |
| 100,000  | Masimo Corp                   | 15,142,983         | 2.99               |
| 200,000  | Bio-Techne Corp               | 14,982,580         | 2.96               |
| 250,000  | Trex Co Inc                   | 14,972,498         | 2.96               |
| 200,000  | Bruker Corp                   | 13,585,697         | 2.68               |
| 110,000  | Balchem Corp                  | 13,554,900         | 2.68               |
| 100,000  | American Water Works Co Inc   | 12,965,166         | 2.56               |
| 60,000   | IDEX Corp                     | 11,819,611         | 2.34               |
| 115,000  | Entegris Inc                  | 11,671,811         | 2.31               |
| 45,000   | SolarEdge Technologies Inc    | 10,823,920         | 2.14               |
| 100,000  | Advanced Drainage Systems Inc | 10,565,533         | 2.09               |
| 100,000  | Xylem Inc/NY                  | 10,312,554         | 2.04               |
| 400,000  | Energy Recovery Inc           | 10,273,141         | 2.03               |
| 75,000   | Badger Meter Inc              | 10,172,087         | 2.01               |
| 25,000   | Tyler Technologies Inc        | 9,524,057          | 1.88               |
| 175,000  | Cognex Corp                   | 8,980,978          | 1.77               |
| 100,000  | Power Integrations Inc        | 8,678,274          | 1.71               |
| 20,000   | MSCI Inc - Class A            | 8,528,320          | 1.68               |
| 125,000  | Alarm.com Holdings Inc        | 5,884,508          | 1.16               |
| 5,000  | IDEXX Laboratories Inc        | 2,291,796          | 0.45               |
|  |                               | <b>254,145,636</b> | <b>50.20</b>       |
| <b>Total equities</b>  |                               | <b>498,898,301</b> | <b>98.55</b>       |
| <b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b> |                               | <b>498,898,301</b> | <b>98.55</b>       |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**  
**MONTANARO BETTER WORLD FUND (continued)**

*As at 30 June 2023*

|  | <b>Fair value</b>  | <b>% of net</b> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>€</b>           | <b>assets</b>   |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 7,935,003          | 1.57            |
| Other net liabilities  | (573,043)          | (0.12)          |
| <b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating Shares</b> | <b>506,260,261</b> | <b>100.00</b>   |

|   | <b>% of Total</b> |
|---|-------------------|
|   | <b>Assets</b>     |
| <b>Analysis of Total Assets</b>                       |                   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 97.16             |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | 1.55              |
| Other assets  | 1.29              |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                   | <b>100.00</b>     |

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>         | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>€</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Kainos Group Plc         | 150,000        | 2,384,073         |
| Diploma Plc              | 75,000         | 2,240,829         |
| Fortnox AB               | 350,000        | 2,089,526         |
| Games Workshop Group Plc | 20,000         | 2,051,725         |
| Halma Plc                | 75,000         | 1,932,106         |
| Technoprobe SpA          | 200,000        | 1,256,846         |
| Plejd AB                 | 61,243         | 1,097,199         |
| Chemometec A/S           | 15,283         | 787,721           |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate purchases of an investment exceeding 1% of total value of purchases, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 purchases. Due to trading volumes, the above discloses all purchases during the financial period.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO EUROPEAN SMALLER COMPANIES FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>               | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                            |                | <b>€</b>        |
| MIPS AB                    | 75,000         | 3,772,228       |
| MaxCyte Inc                | 650,000        | 2,462,182       |
| PhotoCure ASA              | 500,000        | 2,249,931       |
| NCC Group Plc              | 550,000        | 916,667         |
| Thule Group AB '144A'      | 25,000         | 628,685         |
| Surgical Science Sweden AB | 25,010         | 503,332         |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1% of total value of sales, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 sales. Due to trading volumes, the above discloses all sales during the financial period.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO UK INCOME FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>                     | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>£</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Howden Joinery Group Plc             | 1,150,000      | 7,980,954         |
| Pets at Home Group Plc               | 2,000,000      | 7,739,273         |
| IMI Plc                              | 300,000        | 4,635,287         |
| Kainos Group Plc                     | 275,000        | 3,676,543         |
| Diploma Plc                          | 84,932         | 2,143,275         |
| Games Workshop Group Plc             | 20,000         | 1,862,142         |
| Tritax Big Box REIT Plc (REIT)       | 1,250,000      | 1,839,264         |
| Primary Health Properties Plc (REIT) | 1,500,000      | 1,699,994         |
| Bytes Technology Group Plc           | 306,179        | 1,598,573         |
| Sage Group Plc/The                   | 200,000        | 1,550,642         |
| LondonMetric Property Plc (REIT)     | 750,000        | 1,427,348         |
| Severn Trent Plc                     | 50,000         | 1,405,874         |
| Greggs Plc                           | 50,000         | 1,396,001         |
| Spirent Communications Plc           | 750,000        | 1,394,998         |
| Smiths Group Plc                     | 75,000         | 1,248,300         |
| Intertek Group Plc                   | 25,000         | 1,051,837         |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals Plc           | 37,889         | 985,180           |
| Marshalls Plc                        | 301,727        | 927,574           |
| Genuit Group Plc                     | 314,545        | 894,841           |
| SThree Plc                           | 200,000        | 851,331           |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate purchases investment exceeding 1% of total value of purchases, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 purchases.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO UK INCOME FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>                         | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                      |                | <b>£</b>        |
| Biffa Plc '144A'                     | 2,250,000      | 9,212,266       |
| Thule Group AB '144A'                | 350,000        | 7,839,397       |
| Admiral Group Plc                    | 250,000        | 5,515,493       |
| Headlam Group Plc                    | 1,750,000      | 4,309,466       |
| Greggs Plc                           | 150,000        | 3,999,717       |
| Britvic Plc                          | 350,000        | 3,145,170       |
| Liontrust Asset Management Plc       | 300,000        | 3,057,534       |
| Taylor Wimpey Plc                    | 2,500,000      | 2,898,014       |
| IntegraFin Holdings Plc              | 922,125        | 2,506,095       |
| United Utilities Group Plc           | 200,000        | 2,071,360       |
| Jupiter Fund Management Plc          | 1,400,000      | 1,956,063       |
| Primary Health Properties Plc (REIT) | 1,750,000      | 1,850,784       |
| Diploma Plc                          | 59,932         | 1,776,885       |
| NCAB Group AB                        | 275,000        | 1,637,737       |
| Melexis NV                           | 15,000         | 1,312,037       |
| NCC Group Plc                        | 750,000        | 1,095,523       |
| Genuit Group Plc                     | 300,000        | 1,020,193       |
| Rathbones Group Plc                  | 50,000         | 990,152         |
| Computacenter Plc                    | 40,000         | 913,653         |
| Games Workshop Group Plc             | 9,847          | 888,805         |
| Hiscox Ltd                           | 75,000         | 842,250         |
| Pennon Group Plc                     | 100,000        | 826,909         |
| Severn Trent Plc                     | 25,000         | 730,104         |
| Ricardo Plc                          | 125,000        | 726,169         |
| Savills Plc                          | 75,000         | 712,000         |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1% of total value of sales, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 sales.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**MONTANARO EUROPEAN INCOME FUND**

**PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES**

*For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>          | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>€</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Partners Group Holding AG | 2,900          | 2,571,531         |
| Brembo SpA                | 135,000        | 1,922,248         |
| Melexis NV                | 19,000         | 1,691,338         |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate purchases investment exceeding 1% of total value of purchases, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 purchases. Due to trading volumes, the above discloses all purchases during the financial period.*

**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO EUROPEAN INCOME FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>                                   | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds</b> |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
|  |                | <b>€</b>        |
| Kitron ASA                                     | 1,387,000      | 4,408,820       |
| Loomis AB - Class B                            | 95,000         | 2,897,003       |
| NCAB Group AB                                  | 360,000        | 2,502,355       |
| Burckhardt Compression Holding AG              | 4,500          | 2,496,048       |
| Chr Hansen Holding A/S                         | 30,000         | 2,076,032       |
| Bredband2 i Skandinavien AB                    | 15,000,000     | 1,782,677       |
| Beijer Alma AB                                 | 93,003         | 1,727,695       |
| Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica SpA | 42,500         | 1,708,123       |
| Brenntag SE                                    | 25,000         | 1,664,545       |
| Amundi SA '144A'                               | 30,000         | 1,659,259       |
| Bravida Holding AB '144A'                      | 140,000        | 1,514,995       |
| Bureau Veritas SA                              | 55,000         | 1,447,147       |
| Viscofan SA                                    | 23,500         | 1,405,103       |
| Thermador Groupe                               | 15,000         | 1,390,355       |
| Melexis NV                                     | 13,000         | 1,341,114       |
| Galenica AG '144A'                             | 15,000         | 1,322,357       |
| Edenred  | 25,000         | 1,222,523       |
| Borregaard ASA                                 | 50,000         | 835,744         |
| KNOW IT AB                                     | 40,000         | 825,393         |
| MARR SpA                                       | 60,000         | 791,440         |
| Moncler SpA                                    | 13,000         | 719,073         |
| MTU Aero Engines AG                            | 3,200          | 712,385         |
| Kid ASA '144A'                                 | 89,031         | 555,674         |

*In accordance with Central Bank UCITS Regulations, this statement presents the aggregate sales of an investment exceeding 1% of total value of sales, for the financial period, or at a minimum the top 20 sales.*



**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC**

**MONTANARO EUROPEAN FOCUS FUND\***

**PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES**

*For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>                 | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>€</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Fortnox AB                       | 300,000        | 1,765,297         |
| Dottikon Es Holding AG           | 2,900          | 772,848           |
| Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale | 70,000         | 539,444           |
| Diploma Plc                      | 16,986         | 489,088           |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO EUROPEAN FOCUS FUND\*****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>                                   | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds<br/>€</b> |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| Rentokil Initial Plc                           | 776,500        | 5,562,759             |
| Moncler SpA                                    | 87,100         | 5,532,821             |
| Edenred  | 84,400         | 5,096,942             |
| Diploma Plc                                    | 127,186        | 4,515,905             |
| Ashtead Group Plc                              | 67,800         | 4,260,659             |
| ASM International NV                           | 11,000         | 3,700,536             |
| IMCD NV  | 27,600         | 3,690,617             |
| Galenica AG '144A'                             | 50,000         | 3,634,367             |
| MTU Aero Engines AG                            | 15,550         | 3,626,132             |
| Recordati Industria Chimica e Farmaceutica SpA | 77,700         | 3,421,133             |
| RS GROUP Plc                                   | 367,103        | 3,417,970             |
| St James's Place Plc                           | 250,000        | 3,232,452             |
| Warehouses De Pauw CVA (REIT)                  | 116,000        | 3,011,838             |
| Amundi SA '144A'                               | 55,900         | 2,990,101             |
| Worldline SA/France '144A'                     | 85,500         | 2,911,790             |
| Tecan Group AG                                 | 7,700          | 2,821,849             |
| Reply SpA                                      | 25,300         | 2,715,958             |
| Chr Hansen Holding A/S                         | 36,900         | 2,448,214             |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals Plc                     | 52,100         | 2,202,917             |
| Terna - Rete Elettrica Nazionale               | 280,000        | 2,170,576             |
| Sartorius Stedim Biotech                       | 9,000          | 2,161,620             |
| Melexis NV                                     | 22,000         | 1,929,322             |
| Bureau Veritas SA                              | 65,700         | 1,619,945             |
| Teleperformance                                | 10,300         | 1,590,230             |
| Bachem Holding AG                              | 18,200         | 1,531,345             |
| Fortnox AB                                     | 198,000        | 1,087,311             |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>                | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>€</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Mensch und Maschine Software SE | 4,000          | 222,893           |
| Kinaxis Inc                     | 900            | 112,386           |
| Power Integrations Inc          | 1,175          | 85,436            |
| Plejd AB                        | 2,731          | 51,236            |
| Bentley Systems Inc - Class B   | 1,250          | 48,277            |
| Veeva Systems Inc - Class A     | 200            | 32,676            |
| Focusrite Plc                   | 3,000          | 27,673            |
| Reply SpA                       | 250            | 27,644            |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO GLOBAL INNOVATION FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>                     | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                  |                | <b>€</b>        |
| TransMedics Group Inc            | 2,000          | 124,458         |
| MIPS AB                          | 2,425          | 110,341         |
| SolarEdge Technologies Inc       | 350            | 98,807          |
| Surgical Science Sweden AB       | 4,000          | 79,960          |
| PhotoCure ASA                    | 15,000         | 67,498          |
| Oxford Nanopore Technologies Plc | 22,500         | 58,872          |
| Tecan Group AG                   | 150            | 56,782          |
| Shockwave Medical Inc            | 225            | 54,789          |
| Digital Turbine Inc              | 6,000          | 49,284          |
| Unity Software Inc               | 1,250          | 43,266          |
| Kornit Digital Ltd               | 2,400          | 40,324          |
| Zscaler Inc                      | 325            | 35,514          |
| NCAB Group AB                    | 4,000          | 27,804          |
| INVISIO AB                       | 1,250          | 25,364          |
| Cognex Corp                      | 500            | 22,559          |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO BETTER WORLD FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – PURCHASES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Purchases</b>              | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Cost<br/>€</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Bachem Holding AG             | 50,000         | 4,459,242         |
| Power Integrations Inc        | 45,000         | 3,596,682         |
| IDEXX Laboratories Inc        | 7,500          | 3,380,820         |
| ANSYS Inc                     | 10,000         | 3,042,350         |
| SolarEdge Technologies Inc    | 10,000         | 2,894,628         |
| Azbil Corp                    | 100,000        | 2,761,309         |
| Nihon M&A Center Holdings Inc | 350,000        | 2,498,881         |
| Masimo Corp                   | 15,000         | 2,388,175         |
| Ryman Healthcare Ltd          | 800,712        | 2,343,323         |
| Advanced Drainage Systems Inc | 25,000         | 2,173,295         |
| MSCI Inc - Class A            | 5,000          | 2,116,508         |
| Veeva Systems Inc - Class A   | 12,500         | 1,970,197         |
| Mani Inc                      | 149,000        | 1,761,941         |
| Rational AG                   | 2,500          | 1,619,694         |
| Badger Meter Inc              | 10,000         | 1,374,555         |
| Halma Plc                     | 50,000         | 1,288,071         |
| Balchem Corp                  | 10,000         | 1,247,117         |
| Bio-Techne Corp               | 15,000         | 1,169,505         |

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**MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC****MONTANARO BETTER WORLD FUND****PORTFOLIO CHANGES – SALES***For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

| <b>Sales</b>                  | <b>Nominal</b> | <b>Proceeds<br/>€</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| IDEXX Laboratories Inc        | 35,000         | 15,429,083            |
| ANSYS Inc                     | 47,500         | 13,367,136            |
| Adyen NV '144A'               | 8,000          | 12,367,355            |
| Thule Group AB '144A'         | 425,000        | 10,512,475            |
| Zscaler Inc                   | 95,000         | 10,178,402            |
| Entegris Inc                  | 110,000        | 9,408,058             |
| Nova Ltd                      | 100,000        | 9,279,069             |
| MSCI Inc - Class A            | 20,000         | 8,748,276             |
| Trex Co Inc                   | 150,000        | 8,037,600             |
| Pro Medicus Ltd               | 200,000        | 7,917,300             |
| Tecan Group AG                | 20,000         | 7,832,144             |
| Bruker Corp                   | 110,000        | 7,799,600             |
| Ameresco Inc - Class A        | 150,000        | 7,769,571             |
| Surgical Science Sweden AB    | 325,000        | 6,259,700             |
| IDEX Corp                     | 25,000         | 5,295,881             |
| Chr Hansen Holding A/S        | 75,000         | 5,076,237             |
| Cognex Corp                   | 100,000        | 4,723,373             |
| MIPS AB                       | 100,000        | 4,240,776             |
| Halma Plc                     | 150,000        | 4,149,153             |
| Veeva Systems Inc - Class A   | 22,500         | 3,870,510             |
| Yaskawa Electric Corp         | 100,000        | 3,854,865             |
| Alarm.com Holdings Inc        | 75,000         | 3,349,191             |
| Sdiptech AB - Class B         | 150,000        | 3,332,429             |
| ICON Plc                      | 15,000         | 3,060,588             |
| SolarEdge Technologies Inc    | 10,000         | 2,631,599             |
| Xylem Inc/NY                  | 25,000         | 2,497,146             |
| Terna Energy SA               | 125,000        | 2,439,421             |
| Energy Recovery Inc           | 100,000        | 2,429,080             |
| Advanced Drainage Systems Inc | 25,000         | 2,385,242             |
| Badger Meter Inc              | 20,000         | 2,258,976             |

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## MONTANARO SMALLER COMPANIES PLC

### TOTAL EXPENSE RATIOS (ANNUALISED)

*For the financial period ended 30 June 2023*

The average total expense ratio table shows the annualised actual expenses incurred by each Fund during the financial reporting period, expressed as a percentage of the average NAV of that Fund for the corresponding financial period.

|  | <b>Total expense<br/>ratio<br/>%</b> |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Montanaro European Smaller Companies Fund</b> |                                      |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 1.60                                 |
| Euro Class                                       | 1.60                                 |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 0.60                                 |
| Euro Institutional Distribution Class            | 0.85                                 |
| Sterling Class                                   | 1.60                                 |
| Sterling Institutional Distribution Class        | 0.85                                 |
| Swedish Krona Accumulation Class                 | 1.60                                 |
| US Dollar Class                                  | 1.60                                 |
| <b>Montanaro UK Income Fund</b>                  |                                      |
| Euro Class                                       | 0.85                                 |
| Euro Seed Class                                  | 0.46                                 |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 0.86                                 |
| Sterling Class                                   | 0.85                                 |
| Sterling Seed Class                              | 0.45                                 |
| <b>Montanaro European Income Fund</b>            |                                      |
| Euro Class                                       | 0.86                                 |
| Sterling Accumulation Class                      | 0.86                                 |
| Sterling Class                                   | 0.86                                 |
| <b>Montanaro European Focus Fund*</b>            |                                      |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 1.60                                 |
| Euro Institutional Accumulation Class            | 0.86                                 |
| <b>Montanaro Global Innovation Fund</b>          |                                      |
| Euro Accumulation A Class                        | 0.80                                 |
| Euro Accumulation B Class                        | 1.00                                 |
| Sterling Accumulation A Class                    | 0.80                                 |
| Sterling Accumulation B Class                    | 1.00                                 |
| <b>Montanaro Better World Fund</b>               |                                      |
| Euro Accumulation Class                          | 0.98                                 |
| Euro Distribution Class                          | 0.98                                 |
| Sterling Distribution Class                      | 0.97                                 |
| Swedish Krona Institutional Accumulation Class   | 0.63                                 |

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