

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# Close Sustainable Balanced Portfolio Fund

## Class X Accumulation Units: (ISIN: GB00BLPK3Z72)

This Fund (a sub-fund of Close Discretionary Fund umbrella Unit Trust) is managed by Close Asset Management (UK) Limited (“CAM(UK)L”)

### Objectives and investment policy

#### Sustainable Label

The label used for the Fund is the Sustainability Mixed Goals label, comprising the Sustainability Focus and Sustainability Improvers requirements as relevant for each asset of the Fund.

#### Financial Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth with some income over the medium term (i.e. more than 5 years).

#### Sustainability Objective

The Fund has a sustainability objective to support and promote a low carbon economy, by investing both in (i) companies with low carbon intensity operations and (ii) companies that do not have low carbon intensity operations, but are demonstrably improving their carbon intensity within a clearly identified timeframe.

#### Sustainability standards

The Investment Adviser selects assets for inclusion in the Fund using robust and evidence-based standards to define the terms “low carbon intensity” and “improving carbon intensity”. The Investment Adviser defines Low carbon intensity companies (“Low Emitters”) as those with a carbon intensity of at least 50% below the absolute carbon intensity of the global economy in 2019; and Improving carbon intensity companies (“Improvers”) as those with a carbon intensity that is on track to reduce by at least 50% from their 2019 baseline by 2030 and which demonstrate a clear ambition to meet an absolute standard of 100% reduction of net carbon emissions from that baseline by or before 2050.

#### Material effects of sustainability objective on financial objective or sustainability outcomes (“Sustainability Strategy Risk”)

While the Fund may have access to a narrower investment universe of investments than funds without a carbon intensity objective, the Investment Adviser does not believe that this will have a material effect on the financial risk and return of the Fund or on the Fund’s ability to meet its financial investment objective. Moreover, the Investment Adviser does not consider that pursuing the Fund’s sustainability objective is likely to result in material negative environmental and / or social outcomes. While the Fund pursues positive selection criteria focussing on carbon intensity, it mitigates negative environmental and/or social outcomes through the Fund’s consideration of wider ESG issues in its exclusions policy and ongoing engagement with companies.

#### Investment policy

The Fund will hold at least 80% of its portfolio in a mixture of equities and fixed interest securities (being corporate and government bonds), achieving this exposure primarily through direct investment.

While up to 20% of the Fund may be held in other classes, as explained below, this is for diversification purposes only and no assets in the Fund will be held in conflict with the Fund’s sustainability objective.

#### Focus and Improvers asset allocation

The Fund will hold more than 70% of its assets in securities which have an available carbon intensity enabling measurement and ongoing monitoring of the Fund’s sustainability objective. The Fund’s sustainability strategy is to actively select companies which have a low carbon intensity and companies which are committed to improving their carbon intensity within a clearly identified timeframe.

At least 70% of the Fund’s securities which have an available carbon intensity will be Low Emitters. Low Emitters will comprise the Sustainability Focus element of the Fund’s Mixed Goals label. Up to 30% of securities with available carbon intensity will be Improvers. Improvers will comprise the Sustainability Improvers element of the Mixed Goals label.

#### Sustainability Benchmark

The Fund aims to maintain a Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (tonnes of Scope 1 and 2 CO<sub>2</sub>e per US\$m of revenue) below the lower of (i) the relevant ESG benchmark or (ii) 50% below the 2019 baseline level of the relevant non ESG benchmark. For equities, the relevant ESG benchmark is the MSCI Low Carbon Leaders Index and the non-ESG benchmark is the MSCI All Countries World Index. For corporate fixed interest securities, the

relevant ESG benchmark is the ICE BofA Global Corporate Green, Social & Sustainable Index and the non-ESG benchmark is the ICE BofA Global Corporate Index.

#### Asset Selection

The investment universe is identified by the Investment Adviser using quantitative and qualitative assessments focussed on the core carbon intensity objective, as well as broader sustainability criteria to ensure that the assets selected by the Investment Adviser are not otherwise harming environmental and/or sustainability outcomes.

Carbon tests: Each Low Emitter and Improver is required to have a carbon intensity in line with the relevant Standard set out above. As a result of the Fund’s objective and standards, the Fund may materially comprise of sectors which are currently low carbon emitters as a result of their business model (e.g. financial services) alongside sectors which are not traditionally low carbon emitting but which, in the Investment Adviser’s opinion, satisfy the Fund’s tests and will not cause the Fund to breach its overall target. Improvers may comprise high emitting companies. In addition, the Investment Adviser will consider whether companies follow good governance practices (e.g. with respect to sound management and company board, corporate culture, capital allocation and remuneration policies) and adhere to the environment and social thresholds set out below. The screening criteria are applied to the corporate issuers of the bonds and the companies in which the Fund invests. Other assets in which the Fund may invest (including collective investment schemes and government bonds) are not subject to the screening but will be assessed by the Investment Adviser to ensure that any such investments will not affect the ability of the Fund to meet its sustainable objective.

To help achieve its sustainability objectives, the Fund will not invest in companies that derive more than 10% of their revenues from the following business activities: Thermal coal; Tobacco products manufacture; Controversial weapons; Civilian firearms; Gambling; Adult entertainment. In addition, the Fund will not invest in: (i) Companies that the Investment Adviser deems to be in violation of the UN Global Compact principles, or (ii) Governments that the Investment Adviser deems to be in violation of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

#### Divestment criteria

The Investment Adviser will monitor all companies on an ongoing basis against the selection criteria. Any change to results under the screening process or provision of new information which results in a holding no longer meeting the Investment Adviser’s criteria will mean that the holding will be sold within 90 days of the change occurring.

#### Risk and reward profile

The Risk and Reward profile demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is an estimate based on CAM(UK)L’s risk-profiling tools, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

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Typically lower  
risk/reward



Typically higher  
risk/reward

The Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past. Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

#### Investing in the Fund carries the following main risks:

**Sustainability strategy risk:** see Objectives & investment policy section above.

**Counterparty risk:** The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it transacts becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Fund.

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in overseas assets, denominated in currencies other than Sterling. Changes in exchange rates may have a negative impact on the value of your investment. The Fund does not hedge its currency exposure.

**Investment risk:** The Fund invests in equities and bonds globally. Share prices can rise or fall due to a number of factors affecting global stock markets.

**Management risk:** Investment management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or detrimental at other times.

**Liquidity risk:** In extreme market conditions, some securities held by the fund may become hard to value or sell. In these circumstances, performance may be affected and redemptions in the fund may need to be deferred or the fund suspended for a period of time.

A full list of the Fund's risks are contained in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

**Charges**  
The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of managing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

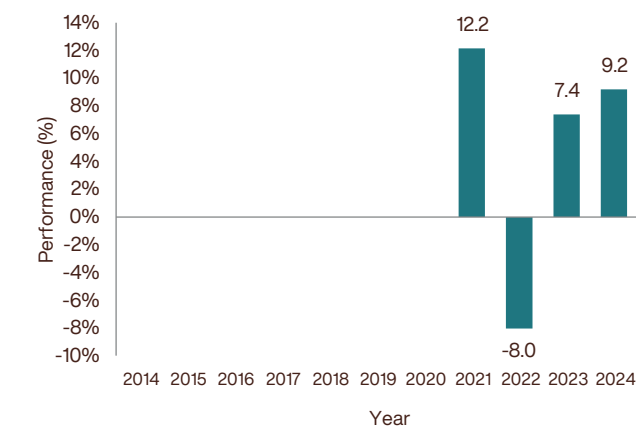
One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%
There are no entry and exit charges.	
Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charges	0.84%
Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

The figure for ongoing charges excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling shares or units in another fund and transaction costs paid to the custodian of the Fund.

The ongoing charges are based on the Fund's expenses for the twelve months ending 30 September 2024. Ongoing charges may vary from year to year. Further information about charges can be found in the Fees section of the Prospectus.

If you invest through a third party provider (including platforms) you are advised to consult them directly as charges, performance, and terms and conditions may differ materially to those shown in this document.

Past performance



The past performance is calculated in GBP.

This chart includes all charges except entry and exit charges.

You should be aware that past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Fund launch date: 2 November 2020.

Unit class launch date: 2 November 2020.

**Comparator Benchmark:** IA Mixed Investment 40%-85% Shares.

**Note:** The Fund does not use this benchmark as a target, nor is the Fund constrained by the benchmark. It should be used for reference purposes only.

**Other information:**  
Units can be bought, sold or switched in the fund on any business day, as defined in the Prospectus. An order must be received by the administrator by 11:45am on any business day to receive that day's fund price. Please note that if an order is placed by an intermediary or financial adviser they may require extra processing time. Units will be accumulation units. Income from investments held by the fund will be invested into the value of the units.

Practical information

The Trustee is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited. The Fund's Investment Adviser is Close Asset Management Limited ("CAML"). This Key Investor Information Document may not contain all the information you need.

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Close Discretionary Funds ("CDF"), an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund and unit class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.

Investors may switch their units in the Fund for units in another sub-fund within CDF, subject to meeting certain conditions. These conditions, as well as other information about dealing, other unit classes of this Fund and other funds in this Trust may be obtained by contacting us (see below).

You can place an order to buy, sell or switch units of the Fund by contacting your adviser or distributor, or us directly at Close Asset Management (UK) Limited, PO Box 367, Darlington, DL1 9RG; or by calling us on 0370 606 6402\*.

\*Calls to this number are recorded for monitoring purposes.

For the latest published price of the units in the Fund, or to obtain the Prospectus or annual/semi-annual report, please visit [www.closebrothersam.com/funds](http://www.closebrothersam.com/funds) or please contact the registered office of the Fund at 10 Crown Place, London EC2A 4FT. Documents are available free of charge in English.

The assets of the Fund are ring-fenced and cannot be used to pay the debts of other CDF sub-funds.

This Fund is subject to UK tax laws, which may have an impact on your personal tax position. Please speak to a financial adviser for further information.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy, including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits and the composition of the remuneration committee are available on [www.closebrothersam.com/funds](http://www.closebrothersam.com/funds). A paper copy of the remuneration policy is available free of charge at the registered office.

Close Asset Management (UK) Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant part of the prospectus for the Fund.

The Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"). Close Asset Management (UK) Limited is authorised in the UK and regulated by the FCA.

This Key Investor Information is accurate as at 3 April 2025.