Schroder ISF* Global Equity Yield

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Performance overview

 Global equities gained in Q2. The fund underperformed the MSCI World index.

Drivers of fund performance

- The underweight in information technology was the main detractor from relative returns.
- Lack of exposure to US tech stocks Nvidia and Apple weighed on portfolio performance in the quarter as these stocks performed strongly. Within technology we do own Intel, but it was also a detractor. The company is facing challenges in the chip market and has lagged behind in AI semiconductor technology. Intel has been making significant investments to regain its lead in chip manufacturing, with plans to spend \$100 billion on plants in the US.
- In the consumer staples sector, pharmacy chain Walgreens Boots Alliance was a detractor. The group cut its profit outlook and announced further store closures, citing price pressures on US consumers.
- Molson Coors Beverage Group also weighed on relative performance. The company's recent results have been positive but it now faces a tough comparative given strong growth in 2023. Molson Coors reiterated its 2024 guidance.
- Within healthcare, pharmaceutical group Bristol-Myers Squibb was another detractor. The company reported a loss in the first quarter due to charges related to recent acquisitions and lowered earnings per share guidance for the full year. However, revenues were robust amid strong sales of key drugs. The company is taking steps to cut costs, including reducing its workforce by 2,200 jobs.
- Telecoms firm BT Group was the main individual contributor. BT's new chief executive unveiled a strategic plan involving a further £3 billion of cost cuts by 2029 and an increase in free cash flow, as well as a higher dividend. June brought news that Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim has taken a 3% stake in BT
- Anglo American, the British multinational mining company, saw a surge in its share price after receiving a takeover proposal from BHP Billiton.
 Ultimately the proposed deal proved too complex.

Anglo American will now focus on its own restructuring plans.

Several of our banking sector holdings made a positive contribution including **NatWest Group**, **ING Group** and **Intesa Sanpaolo**.

Portfolio activity

A new position in the portfolio is food producer **Kraft Heinz**. It has a world class collection of food brands. The free cash flow yield is strong and is likely to be used to benefit shareholders, whether through debt paydown, share buybacks or dividends. The debt load has become more manageable in recent years.

We exited the holding in **Samsung Electronics**. The shares have done well and we are seeking to reduce exposure to the sector following good performance.

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Calendar year performance (%)

Year	Fund	Target	Comp. 1	Comp. 2
2023	16.3	23.8	11.5	
2022	-6.4	-18.1	-6.5	-11.8
2021	19.5	21.8	21.9	17.1
2020	-6.1	15.9	-1.2	4.6
2019	16.5	27.7	21.7	21.7
2018	-11.0	-8.7	-10.8	-11.4
2017	22.1	22.4	17.1	18.8
2016	12.1	7.5	5.4	5.6
2015	-6.3	-0.9	-3.0	-2.8
2014	7.2	4.9	1.1	1.4

Source: Schroders, as at 31 December 2023. Fund performance is net of fees, NAV to NAV with net income reinvested, C Acc shares USD. Please see factsheet for other share classes.

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark, being to exceed the MSCI World (Net TR) index and

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