

Schroder ISF* Global Cities

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Portfolio & market review

In January, Donald Trump began his second term by taking decisive actions to fulfil his electoral promises. Global market volatility remained elevated as investors digested these developments and speculated on the economic outlook. Meanwhile, in many economies—including Canada, the UK, Germany, and China—slowing growth and declining inflation have prompted further rate cuts. Amidst a positive tailwind in equity markets the real estate sector posted solid returns.

Within our portfolio, Residential REITs outperformed, driven by robust demand for US apartments. Japanese developers also delivered strong returns following an expected interest rate rise by the Bank of Japan. Additionally, stock selection within the Diversified REITs sector contributed positively to overall returns. On the downside, the Data Center sector detracted from performance after the release of DeepSeek's new AI model raised short-term concerns about an excessive buildout. Finally, our underweight to Industrial REITs detracted as optimism for the prospects of the US economy increased.

Although short-term political speculation has influenced market movements, our strategy remains anchored in long-term fundamentals. In several key sectors, earnings continue to be bolstered by tight supply conditions and enduring structural demand.

Portfolio activity

In the Americas, we trimmed our position in CubeSmart—the self-storage REIT—amid concerns about the sector's near-term prospects. With persistently high US mortgage rates, fewer people are moving house and needing storage. Meanwhile, in APAC, we exited our holding in Link REIT and reallocated capital to Hongkong Land, where we see more attractive upside potential

Outlook/positioning

The team remain wedded to the Global Cities strategy and continue to invest in the most sustainable companies with assets in the most sustainable locations. The team favour sectors which benefit from trends disrupting real estate markets, in particular, those that support the rise of the digital economy. The team believe these trends will continue to grow and will drive positive portfolio performance over its investment horizon of 3-5 years.

Calendar year performance (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. The value of investments and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get the amount originally invested.

	C Acc	Target*
2024	0.8	0.9
2023	10.3	9.7
2022	-28.5	-25.1
2021	24.5	26.1
2020	-0.8	-9.0
2019	30.4	21.9
2018	-9.2	-5.6
2017	13.6	10.4
2016	-0.6	4.1
2015	-0.5	-0.8

Source: Schroders, net of fees, NAV to NAV with net income reinvested. C Acc share class in USD, as at 31 December 2024. *The fund's benchmark changed on 21 June 2021 from US Consumer Price index plus 3%. The past performance presented is based on the current target benchmark, FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed index (Net TR, USD).

Some performance differences between the fund and the benchmark may arise because the fund performance is calculated at a different valuation point from the benchmark.

Please see the respective fund factsheets for the performance of other share classes.

Risk considerations

Capital risk / distribution policy: As the fund intends to pay dividends regardless of its performance, a dividend may represent a return of part of the amount you invested.

Counterparty risk: The fund may have contractual agreements with counterparties. If a counterparty is unable to fulfil their obligations, the sum that they owe to the fund may be lost in part or in whole.

Currency risk: The fund may lose value as a result of movements in foreign exchange rates, otherwise known as currency rates.

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Emerging markets & frontier risk: Emerging markets, and especially frontier markets, generally carry greater political, legal, counterparty, operational and liquidity risk than developed markets.

Higher volatility risk: The price of this fund may be volatile as it may take higher risks in search of higher rewards, meaning the price may go up and down to a greater extent.

Liquidity risk: In difficult market conditions, the fund may not be able to sell a security for full value or at all.

This could affect performance and could cause the fund to defer or suspend redemptions of its shares, meaning investors may not be able to have immediate access to their holdings.

Market risk: The value of investments can go up and down and an investor may not get back the amount initially invested.

Operational risk: Operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets, may fail. This may result in losses to the fund.

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