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Family Charities Ethical Trust

Manager's Final Report and Accounts

For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

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Manager's Report

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the Family Charities Ethical Trust is to achieve long-term growth over a ten-year period by directly investing in UK shares in companies that can demonstrate strong environmental, social and governance practices. It aims to achieve its growth by re-investing any income arising from the investments the Trust holds and through any capital appreciation (increase in value) of the assets held.

To achieve its objective the policy of the Trust is to track the Financial Times Stock Exchange ('FTSE') 4Good UK 50 Total Return Share Index ('the Index'). The Index represents the 50 largest companies by market capitalisation quoted on the London Stock Exchange that can demonstrably show they are working towards the following ethical standards:

- Environmental sustainability
- Adapting to and mitigating climate change
- Countering bribery
- Upholding and supporting human rights
- Ensuring good supply-chain labour standards

The Index also avoids investment in companies involved in the production of products such as tobacco and weapons.

In order to track the Index, the Trust will hold shares in the companies that make up the Index and can also use derivatives such as FTSE 100 Index-linked futures to help replicate the performance of companies within the Index that also appear in the FTSE 100. By holding these derivatives the Trust will have some indirect exposure to companies that are not included in the Index and which may not necessarily meet its ethical criteria. These derivatives are used for efficient portfolio management, by avoiding the need to undertake daily trading and thereby reducing the cost of transactions to be borne by the Trust, and to otherwise reduce risk and to generate additional growth.

The Trust may not consist of the exact composition and weighting of the Index in circumstances where the Manager has determined that this is expedient for reasons of poor liquidity or excessive cost to the Trust.

Where appropriate the Trust may use transferable securities, approved money market instruments, and units in collective investment schemes, although these are not currently used under the existing investment strategy.

Generally, the Trust will remain fully invested subject to the holding of cash or near cash to enable the pursuit of the Trust's investment objective or to assist in the redemption of units or the efficient management of the Trust.

The Trust's target benchmark for performance is the FTSE4Good UK 50 Total Return Share Index. It is expected that the associated tracking error will be 0.2%, although this cannot be guaranteed. The benchmark has been selected as it matches the investment policy of the Trust.

Because the Family Charities Ethical Trust follows an index which has ethical criteria and uses ethical screening, we cannot invest in certain sectors and companies. This could mean the Trust carries greater risk than a Trust which has no such restrictions.

The value of the Index can fall as well as rise and since the Trust aims to track the performance of the Index, the value of your investments may also fall as well as rise. As a result, your capital is at risk and you may not receive back the amount you have invested.

Although the objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term growth, due to volatility of the markets this may not be achieved over the short term. The Trust aims to achieve a positive return over an investment period of ten years and therefore investors in the Trust should expect to be invested for at least this length of time. There is no guarantee that capital growth will be achieved over this period, or over any specific time period.

There have been no changes to the Prospectus during the year.

Manager's Report - continued

Trust Performance

This report covers the year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. During this year, the Family Charities Ethical Trust (Income) recorded a gross of fee return of 4.5% (2023: 2.6%) while, over the same year, the Family Charities Ethical Trust (Accumulation) returned 6.6% (2023: 4.5%) compared to the FTSE4Good UK 50 Total Return Share Index of 6.9%. The underperformance was primarily due to the portfolio holding some cash and cash equivalents which are not exposed to the equity market.

The net of fee returns are shown in the table below. The difference between Family Charities Ethical Trust (Income) and Family Charities Ethical Trust (Accumulation) is due to the Income distribution being paid out at year-end.

| 1 Year 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024 | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Family Charities Ethical Trust Inc* | 3.0% (March 2023: 1.1%) |
| Family Charities Ethical Trust Acc* | 5.1% (March 2023: 3.0%) |

Source: (Family Charities Ethical Trust Inc, Family Charities Ethical Trust Acc) OneFamily, basis bid to bid net of tax on dividend, (FTSE4Good UK 50 TR Share Index) SSGA.

* Trust performance is based on price movement calculated using a nominal price at close, which will include all charges & distributions payable. The benchmark is not affected by any charges.

Activity

Below is the market capitalisation split of the Trust.

| Index | Family Charities Ethical Trust | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | March 2024 % | March 2024 % |
| FTSE4Good UK 50 TR Share Index | 97.7% | 100% |
| Net Other Assets | 2.3% | – |

There has been no material change in the portfolio composition in the year (March 2023: Same).

Going Concern

The Manager has undertaken an assessment of the Trust's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including the investment portfolio liquidity, and is satisfied that the Trust has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, therefore it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Market Update

Over the reporting period, the FTSE All Share returned 8.4% in GBP terms; this contrasts with the 22.7% returned by the FTSE All World Developed index. Weakness in commodity prices, gloomy earnings and the higher interest rates did not bode well for UK stocks.

At the beginning of the reporting period, economic releases showcased a strengthening jobs market, as well as better than expected core inflation numbers. As a result, the BoE (Bank of England) raised rates in May and June. Segments of the market that were more focussed on domestic consumption lagged in the second quarter of 2023.

However, in Q3 of 2023, these segments rebounded from the weakness, as the dollar strengthened. Crude oil prices also recovered, which helped local energy groups shore up their fortunes. Consumer Discretionary sectors, especially companies in travel and leisure, picked up during this period.

Manager's Report - continued

Market Update - continued

In the last quarter of 2023, the markets were led by small and mid-caps; throughout the reporting period, Merger & Acquisition activity has been strong amongst smaller companies. Inflation cooled down over this quarter, and markets began to price in the expectation that the BoE may be done with rate hikes. Sterling strength bogged down larger companies; however, industrials and financials saved face.

In Q1 2024, at the end of the reporting period, themes from the prior quarter continued to play over; Financials, Industrials and Energy sectors continued to lead the markets. Data showed that the UK had entered a technical recession in the second half of 2023. The BoE's Monetary Policy Committee held base interest rates constant; however, the market had begun pricing in a sooner than expected UK interest rate cut.

Outlook

Global markets experienced a variety of surprises and shocks in 2023, including elevated inflation, muted growth, an abrupt banking crisis, and the continuation of the sharpest monetary policy tightening in decades. Looking at 2024, we anticipate uncertainty to persist, with sub trend growth projected across the world's economies. However, whilst there is a chance that the actual outcome may not be severe, with growth decelerating but not collapsing, the effects of monetary policy tightening are still working their way through the system. In addition, escalating geopolitical tensions and ongoing macroeconomic headwinds will continue to test economies. 2024 will likely be a year in flux with many factors pressuring the path to global recovery.

We anticipate that geopolitical risks intensify as inflation concerns recede: Investors plotting a path through the coming year must do so amid sub-trend economic growth, a volatile geopolitical backdrop, and worries about the ability of central banks to manage the transition from a monetary policy built to bring down inflation to one that limits the recession risks. Central banks may move more quickly to lower policy rates than markets expect, particularly in the United States, but downside risks remain. The shifting geopolitical landscape also warrants close monitoring given the uncertainty around international/ trade relations, the potential for violent conflicts to begin and/or escalate, and the ability of elections to reshape political rhetoric.

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Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| <i>At year ended</i> | <i>OCF %</i> |
| March 2024 | 1.50 |
| March 2023 | 1.50 |

The OCF is a measure of the Trust's ongoing charges. Apart from the initial charge, all other expenses are included in the OCF. The OCF is an accepted standard for the comparison of cost for authorised trusts, recognised throughout Europe.

Trust Tracking Error

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>At year ended</i> | <i>Ex-Ante Tracking Error %</i> | <i>Ex-Post Tracking Error %</i> |
| March 2024 | 0.10 | 0.17 |

As the Trust is an equity index tracker which holds the majority of securities within the benchmark we would expect low tracking error, which explains the difference between the anticipated tracking error of 0.20% compared to the realised of 0.17%.

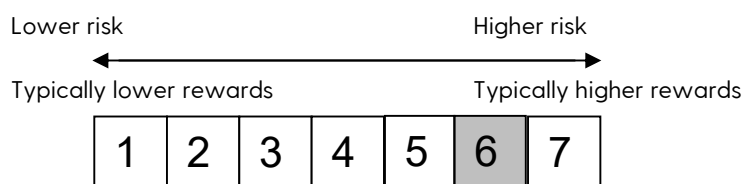
For index-tracking UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities), the tracking error is usually defined as the volatility of the difference between the return of the index-tracking UCITS' portfolio and the return of the benchmark or index. The tracking error helps measure the quality of the replication.

Ex-ante tracking error is calculated using a forecasting model.
Ex-post tracking error is calculated using historical returns.

Authorised Status

The Family Charities Ethical Trust is an Authorised Unit Trust Scheme under section 243 of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 and is categorised as a UCITS Scheme under the FCA's Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook (COLL). The Trust was authorised on 30th March 1982, under registration number 108371. The unitholders are not liable for the debts of the Trust.

Risk and Reward Profile



The risk and reward profile is designed to give you a guide to the Trust's level of risk and potential for growth. The higher the number, the greater the potential for growth but the greater the risk.

The Trust has a category of six (March 2023: Same); this is due to the fact that the risk and reward profile is based on volatility of price movement over a five-year period. Therefore, the more the price moves during that period the higher the risk and reward profile will be.

The risk and reward profile is a measure of the Trust's past volatility in returns, and is therefore not an indicator of future performance.

Comparative Table

Unit price range and income history

| Accounting Year | <i>Income Unit Prices</i> | | <i>Accumulation Unit Prices</i> | | <i>Annual Income (net)</i> | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Highest Buying (pence) | Lowest Selling (pence) | Highest Buying (pence) | Lowest Selling (pence) | Income Per Unit (pence) | Accumulation Per Unit (pence) |
| 2020 | 591.70 | 402.80 | 886.50 | 603.50 | 13.2018 | 19.7774 |
| 2021 | 522.60 | 390.50 | 806.60 | 642.80 | 7.8141 | 12.0594 |
| 2022 | 584.70 | 507.50 | 916.40 | 795.30 | 11.9447 | 18.7196 |
| 2023 | 606.30 | 513.60 | 970.10 | 821.80 | 10.8025 | 17.2858 |
| 2024 | 605.80 | 552.10 | 987.60 | 900.10 | 12.0433 | 19.6340 |

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance. Investors are reminded that the price of units and the income from them is not guaranteed and may go down as well as up.

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Comparative Table - continued

Change in net assets per income unit

| | March 2024 | March 2023 | March 2022 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Opening net asset value per unit (pence) | <u>573.93</u> | <u>567.80</u> | <u>504.48</u> |
| Return before operating charges* | 38.14 | 25.35 | 83.30 |
| Operating charges | <u>(8.63)</u> | <u>(8.42)</u> | <u>(8.04)</u> |
| Return after operating charges | <u>29.51</u> | <u>16.93</u> | <u>75.26</u> |
| Distribution on income units | 12.04 | 10.80 | 11.94 |
| Closing net asset value per unit | <u><u>591.40</u></u> | <u><u>573.93</u></u> | <u><u>567.80</u></u> |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.35 |
| Performance | | | |
| Return after charges** | 5.14% | 2.98% | 14.92% |

Other Information

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 2,141 | 2,672 | 3,237 |
| Closing number of units | 362,006.4080 | 465,552.4253 | 570,128.6911 |
| Operating charges | 1.50% | 1.50% | 1.48% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.05% | 0.06% | 0.07% |

** The difference in performance to that stated on page 5 is due to the Income distribution being paid out at year end.

Change in net assets per accumulation unit

| | March 2024 | March 2023 | March 2022 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Opening net asset value per unit (pence) | <u>935.67</u> | <u>908.58</u> | <u>790.62</u> |
| Return before operating charges* | 62.19 | 40.58 | 126.00 |
| Operating charges | <u>(14.07)</u> | <u>(13.49)</u> | <u>(8.04)</u> |
| Return after operating charges | <u>48.12</u> | <u>27.09</u> | <u>117.96</u> |
| Closing net asset value per unit | <u><u>983.79</u></u> | <u><u>935.67</u></u> | <u><u>908.58</u></u> |
| Retained distributions on accumulation units | 19.63 | 17.29 | 18.72 |
| * after direct transaction costs of: | 0.60 | 0.71 | 0.60 |
| Performance | | | |
| Return after charges | 5.14% | 2.98% | 14.92% |

Other Information

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 337,392 | 306,014 | 284,763 |
| Closing number of units | 34,295,287.0271 | 32,705,383.8253 | 31,341,695.4225 |
| Operating charges | 1.50% | 1.50% | 1.48% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.06% | 0.08% | 0.07% |

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Portfolio Statement

The sector percentage figures give the current reporting period percentage first followed by the percentage at the previous Annual Accounting date (March 2023). All investments held are listed on Official Exchanges unless otherwise stated.

As at 31st March 2024

| | <i> Holding</i> | <i> Market Value</i> £'000 | <i> % of total net assets</i> |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Investments | | | |
| UK - Equities (97.68%; 95.53%) | | | |
| <i>Basic Materials</i> | | | |
| Chemicals (0.46%; 0.62%) | | | |
| Croda International | 31,926 | 1,565 | 0.46 |
| Forest Products & Paper (1.07%; 0.95%) | | | |
| Mondi | 102,797 | 1,434 | 0.42 |
| Smurfit Kappa Group | 61,114 | <u>2,210</u> | <u>0.65</u> |
| | | 3,644 | 1.07 |
| Iron & Steel (0.00%; 0.00%) | | | |
| Evraz (suspended) | 110,000 | – | – |
| Mining (5.84%; 6.71%) | | | |
| Anglo American | 281,399 | 5,492 | 1.62 |
| Antofagasta | 80,980 | 1,650 | 0.48 |
| Rio Tinto | 252,916 | <u>12,689</u> | <u>3.74</u> |
| | | 19,831 | 5.84 |
| <i>Communications</i> | | | |
| Advertising (0.54%; 0.69%) | | | |
| WPP | 242,702 | 1,829 | 0.54 |
| Media (0.77%; 0.68%) | | | |
| Informa | 316,579 | 2,631 | 0.77 |
| Telecommunications (1.53%; 2.15%) | | | |
| BT Group | 1,471,661 | 1,614 | 0.48 |
| Vodafone Group | 5,062,199 | <u>3,566</u> | <u>1.05</u> |
| | | 5,180 | 1.53 |
| <i>Cyclical Consumer Goods</i> | | | |
| Airlines (0.46%; nil) | | | |
| International Consolidated Airlines Group | 877,480 | 1,550 | 0.46 |
| Apparel (0.29%; 0.68%) | | | |
| Burberry Group | 81,110 | 984 | 0.29 |
| Distribution/Wholesale (0.70%; 0.71%) | | | |
| Bunzl | 78,463 | 2,392 | 0.70 |
| Entertainment (1.91%; 2.27%) | | | |
| Flutter Entertainment | 41,085 | 6,487 | 1.91 |
| Food Service (2.72%; 2.45%) | | | |
| Compass Group | 398,288 | 9,252 | 2.72 |
| Lodging (0.92%; 0.64%) | | | |
| Intercontinental Hotels Group | 38,098 | 3,140 | 0.92 |
| Retail (0.77%; 0.56%) | | | |
| Next | 28,185 | 2,602 | 0.77 |
| <i>Energy</i> | | | |
| Oil & Gas (9.55%; 8.32%) | | | |
| Shell | 1,235,126 | 32,422 | 9.55 |
| <i>Financial</i> | | | |
| Banks (14.21%; 13.00%) | | | |
| Barclays | 3,501,802 | 6,415 | 1.89 |
| HSBC Holdings | 4,438,418 | 27,469 | 8.09 |
| Lloyds Banking Group | 14,665,938 | 7,591 | 2.23 |
| NatWest Group | 1,261,308 | 3,348 | 0.99 |
| Standard Chartered | 509,394 | <u>3,420</u> | <u>1.01</u> |
| | | 48,243 | 14.21 |

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Portfolio Statement - continued

As at 31st March 2024

| | <i> Holding</i> | <i> Market Value £'000</i> | <i> % of total net assets</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Investments | | | |
| Diversified Financial Services (3.25%; 2.38%) | | | |
| London Stock Exchange Group | 108,700 | 10,316 | 3.04 |
| Schroders | 191,902 | <u>722</u> | <u>0.21</u> |
| | | 11,038 | 3.25 |
| Insurance (3.36%; 3.83%) | | | |
| Aviva | 634,159 | 3,148 | 0.93 |
| Legal & General Group | 1,386,589 | 3,526 | 1.04 |
| Prudential | 636,309 | <u>4,728</u> | <u>1.39</u> |
| | | 11,402 | 3.36 |
| Private Equity (1.82%; 1.11%) | | | |
| 3i Group | 220,180 | 6,185 | 1.82 |
| REITS (0.82%; 0.63%) | | | |
| Segro | 308,778 | 2,791 | 0.82 |
| Industrial | | | |
| Electronics (0.60%; 0.58%) | | | |
| Halma | 86,724 | 2,048 | 0.60 |
| Diversified Machinery (0.50%; 0.60%) | | | |
| Spirax-Sarco Engineering | 16,839 | 1,692 | 0.50 |
| Non-Cyclical Consumer Goods | | | |
| Beverages (4.75%; 5.54%) | | | |
| Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company | 45,009 | 1,126 | 0.33 |
| Diageo | 513,266 | <u>15,016</u> | <u>4.42</u> |
| | | 16,142 | 4.75 |
| Commercial Services (7.96%; 6.63%) | | | |
| Experian | 211,855 | 7,317 | 2.16 |
| Intertek Group | 37,915 | 1,889 | 0.56 |
| Relx | 439,388 | 15,045 | 4.43 |
| Rentokil Initial | 586,670 | <u>2,767</u> | <u>0.81</u> |
| | | 27,018 | 7.96 |
| Cosmetics/Personal Care (8.24%; 8.36%) | | | |
| Haleon | 1,521,903 | 5,069 | 1.49 |
| Unilever | 576,215 | <u>22,905</u> | <u>6.75</u> |
| | | 27,974 | 8.24 |
| Food (2.00%; 1.81%) | | | |
| Associated British Foods | 78,349 | 1,957 | 0.58 |
| Tesco | 1,622,989 | <u>4,814</u> | <u>1.42</u> |
| | | 6,771 | 2.00 |
| Healthcare-Products (0.59%; 0.68%) | | | |
| Smith & Nephew | 203,442 | 2,017 | 0.59 |
| Household Products/Wares (2.20%; 3.04%) | | | |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group | 165,654 | 7,473 | 2.20 |
| Pharmaceuticals (14.55%; 13.16%) | | | |
| AstraZeneca | 312,881 | 33,409 | 9.84 |
| GSK | 935,601 | <u>15,986</u> | <u>4.71</u> |
| | | 49,395 | 14.55 |
| Technology | | | |
| Software (0.89%; 0.53%) | | | |
| The Sage Group | 237,578 | 3,007 | 0.89 |
| Utilities | | | |
| Electric (3.94%; 4.12%) | | | |
| National Grid | 862,979 | 9,195 | 2.71 |
| SSE | 252,170 | <u>4,161</u> | <u>1.23</u> |
| | | 13,356 | 3.94 |
| Gas (0.47%; nil) | | | |
| Centrica | 1,247,184 | 1,592 | 0.47 |
| Total UK Equities | | 331,653 | 97.68 |

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Portfolio Statement - continued

As at 31st March 2024

| | <i> Holding</i> | <i> Market Value £'000</i> | <i> % of total net assets</i> |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Investments | | | |
| Futures (0.01%; 0.01%) | | | |
| FTSE 100 (GBP) | 10 | 32 | 0.01 |
| Total Futures | | 32 | 0.01 |
| Investment Assets | | <u>331,685</u> | <u>97.69</u> |
| Net Other Assets* | | <u>7,848</u> | <u>2.31</u> |
| Total Net Assets at 31st March 2024 | | <u>339,533</u> | <u>100.00</u> |

* The Net Other Assets comprise debtors, cash balances and creditors as disclosed in notes 8, 9 and 10.

There has been no major change to the assets held, the portfolio continues to be in line with the underlying indices that it follows.

Statement of Manager's Responsibilities

In relation to the Report and Accounts of the Trust

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the Financial Conduct Authority, ("the COLL Rules") require the Manager to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust and of the net income and net gains or losses on the property of the Trust for the period.

In preparing the financial statements the Manager is responsible for:

- (a) Selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- (b) Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) Following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*;
- (d) Complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (and amended in June 2017);
- (e) Keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- (f) Assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- (g) Using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- (h) Such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- (i) Taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The Manager confirms that all requirements have been met in preparing the financial statements.

The Manager is responsible for the management of the Trust in accordance with its Trust Deed, Full Prospectus and the COLL rules.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the OneFamily website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement of Disclosure to the Auditor:

So far as the Manager is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's Auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Manager has taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Manager in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Trust's Auditor is aware of that information.

In pursuing its investment objective set out on page 4 the Trust holds a number of financial instruments. These comprise:

Equity shares. These are held in accordance with the Trust's investment objective and policies;

Cash, liquid resources and short term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations;
and

Unitholders' funds which represent investors' monies which are invested on their behalf.

It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Trust's policy that no trading in financial instruments, other than on the Trust's account, shall be undertaken (March 2023: Same).

Director's Statement

This Report is signed in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook.



Jim Islam
Director



Philippa Herz
Director

18th July 2024

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Unitholders of the Family Charities Ethical Trust ("the Trust") for the Year Ended 31st March 2024.

The Depositary in its capacity as Trustee of Family Charities Ethical Trust must ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together "the Regulations"), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together "the Scheme documents") as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Trust and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Trust in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Trust's cash flows are properly monitored and that cash of the Trust is booked in cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, repurchase, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust's assets is remitted to the Trust within the usual time limits
- the Trust's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ("the AFM") which is the UCITS Management Company, are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Trust.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Trust, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Trust, acting through the AFM:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Trust; and
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust in accordance with the Regulations and Scheme documents of the Trust.

For and on behalf of
State Street Trustees Limited
London

18th July 2024

Report of the Auditor

Independent auditor's report to the unitholders of the Family Charities Ethical Trust

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Family Charities Ethical Trust (the 'Trust'):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 31st March 2024 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the property of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds", the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise for the Trust:

- the statement of total return;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders;
- the balance sheet;
- the distribution table; and
- the related notes 1 to 17.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Contractual Scheme Deed.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the manager with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The manager is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Auditor - continued

Responsibilities of trustee and manager

As explained more fully in the Trustee's responsibilities statement and the manager's responsibilities statement, the trustee is responsible for the safeguarding the property of the Trust and the manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the manager is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the manager either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the Trust's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the Trust's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of manager about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities including those that are specific to the Trust's business sector.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Trust operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and relevant tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Trust's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists such as IT specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the valuation and existence of investments due to its significance to the net asset values of the Trust. In response we have: assessed the applied valuation methodologies; agreed investment holdings to independent confirmations; and agreed investment valuations to reliable independent sources.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Report of the Auditor - continued

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud - continued

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- review of breaches register and FCA correspondence.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

In our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Trust have been kept and the financial statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information given in the manager's report for the year ended 31st March 2024 is consistent with the financial statements.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Trust's Unitholders, as a body, in accordance with Paragraph 4.5.12R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trust's Unitholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trust's Unitholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Deloitte LLP

Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Glasgow, United Kingdom
18th July 2024

Statement of Total Return

For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

| | Note | £'000 | March 2024 £'000 | March 2023 £'000 |
|--|------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | 3 | | 9,862 | 3,358 |
| Revenue | 4 | 11,524 | | 10,076 |
| Expenses | 5 | (4,747) | | (4,373) |
| Net revenue before taxation | | <u>6,777</u> | | <u>5,703</u> |
| Taxation | 6 | <u>—</u> | | <u>—</u> |
| Net revenue after taxation for the year | | | <u>6,777</u> | <u>5,703</u> |
| Total return before distribution | | | 16,639 | 9,061 |
| Finance costs: Distributions | 7 | | <u>(6,777)</u> | <u>(5,703)</u> |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities | | | <u>9,862</u> | <u>3,358</u> |

Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

For the year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

| | March 2024 | | March 2023 | |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders | | 308,686 | | 288,000 |
| Movement due to sale and repurchase of units: | | | | |
| Amounts receivable on issue of units | 34,333 | | 22,894 | |
| Less: Amounts payable on cancellation of units | <u>(20,081)</u> | | <u>(11,219)</u> | |
| | | 14,252 | | 11,675 |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities (above) | | 9,862 | | 3,358 |
| Retained distribution on accumulation units | | <u>6,733</u> | | <u>5,653</u> |
| Closing Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders | | <u>339,533</u> | | <u>308,686</u> |

| | March 2024 | March 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Opening Income Units | 465,552.4253 | 570,128.6911 |
| Units issued | 12,262.2773 | 15,705.6169 |
| Units cancelled | (115,808.2946) | (120,281.8827) |
| Closing Income Units | <u>362,006.4080</u> | <u>465,552.4253</u> |
| Opening Accumulation Units | 32,705,383.8253 | 31,341,695.4225 |
| Units issued | 3,651,987.1009 | 2,524,064.4167 |
| Units cancelled | (2,062,083.8991) | (1,160,376.0139) |
| Closing Accumulation Units | <u>34,295,287.0271</u> | <u>32,705,383.8253</u> |

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2024

| | Note | March 2024 £'000 | March 2023 £'000 |
|---|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Investment Assets | | 331,685 | 295,852 |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 2,993 | 2,411 |
| Cash and bank balances | 9 | <u>5,315</u> | <u>11,018</u> |
| Total Other Assets | | <u>8,308</u> | <u>13,429</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u>339,993</u> | <u>309,281</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors | 10 | 416 | 545 |
| Distributions payable on income units | | <u>44</u> | <u>50</u> |
| Total Liabilities | | <u>460</u> | <u>595</u> |
| Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders | | <u>339,533</u> | <u>308,686</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (IA SORP 2014) (and amended in June 2017) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. No changes have been made to accounting policies or to the accounting estimates used in applying these policies.

The property of the Trust is stated as at close of business on the 28th March 2024, being the last business day of the financial year. The difference between the valuation at the close of business and that at the pricing point is disclosed in Note 12. The difference between these valuations is not considered to be material.

Going Concern

The Manager has undertaken an assessment of the Trust's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including the investment portfolio liquidity, and is satisfied that the Trust has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, therefore it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

(b) Revenue

Dividends on equities, investment trusts and property income trusts are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend and are shown net of any attributable tax credits. Overseas dividends received after the deduction of withholding tax are shown gross of taxation, with the taxation consequences disclosed in Note 6. Interest on cash balances and other income are accounted for on an accruals basis. Underwriting commission is recognised when the issue takes place.

(c) Valuation

All investments are valued at their fair value as at close of business on the 28th March 2024, being the last business day of the financial year. The fair value is determined using the fair value hierarchy as stated in the accounts. Listed investments have been valued at bid value as at close of business on the Balance Sheet date and are shown net of any accrued interest which is included in the Balance Sheet as a debtor. Any unlisted, delisted, suspended or unapproved securities are valued at the Manager's best estimate. It takes into account, where appropriate, latest dealing prices, valuations from independent reliable sources, financial performance, liquidity discounts and other relevant factors.

Any open positions in derivative contracts or forward foreign currency transactions at the year-end are included in the Balance Sheet at their Mark to Market value.

(d) Taxation

Current tax is provided for on the revenue liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

Deferred tax is provided for on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance Sheet date. Any liability to deferred tax is provided at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

(e) Foreign Currencies

The functional and presentational currency of the Trust is pound sterling (GBP).

Assets and liabilities have been translated into sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the valuation point. Non-Sterling receipts and payments are translated at the rates applicable on the date of settlement. Any gains or losses arising from holding assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than sterling are recognised as capital or income depending on the nature of the underlying item.

(f) Distribution Policy

The net income of the Trust is regarded as the amount available for distribution; no adjustment is made in respect of either management expenses or stock dividends. Management expenses, to the extent that it is permitted, are charged against income.

On or before the distribution date, the Manager will allocate the available income to the units of each type in issue. In the case of income units, unit holders will receive a distribution of income. In the case of accumulation units, the distribution will be transferred to the capital property of the Trust.

Any unclaimed distributions are transferred to the Trust's capital account six years after the distribution became payable.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

1. Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Special Dividends

These were recognised as either income or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend receivable.

(h) Treatment of Stock Dividends

The Trust may elect to take up stock paid in lieu of a cash dividend. These stocks are recorded in the accounts at a value equal to the dividend cash equivalent. These dividends have been recognised as income and form part of the distribution.

In the case of enhanced stock dividends, the amount by which such dividends exceed the cash dividends is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

(i) Treatment of Stock Lending

Stock lending income is recognised on an accruals basis net of associated costs. The Trust has not undertaken any Securities Financing Transactions during the accounting year in that it has not engaged in stock lending or stock borrowing, or the lending or borrowing of other financial instruments, a repurchase or reverse repurchase transaction, or a buy-sell back or sell-buy back transaction.

(j) Treatment of Expenses

All expenses, except for those relating to the purchases and sales of investments are charged initially against income.

(k) Significant Judgements and Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

There are no significant judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty.

(l) Treatment of Derivative Instruments

Derivative instruments held within the Trust have been accounted for in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds (IA SORP 2014). Returns on derivative transactions have been treated as either revenue or capital depending on the nature and circumstances on acquisition.

2. Distribution Policy

All revenue received by the Trust less accrued income, revenue expenses and taxation is allocated to unit holders and either accumulated in the case of accumulation units, or distributed to unit holders in the case of income units. Distributions are made in accordance with the COLL Sourcebook.

3. Net Capital Gains on Investments

The net gains on investments during the year comprise:

| | March 2024 £'000 | March 2023 £'000 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Gains on investments | 9,775 | 3,566 |
| Gains/(losses) on futures | <u>87</u> | <u>(208)</u> |
| Net gains on investments | <u>9,862</u> | <u>3,358</u> |

Factors affecting the capital movements on investments are available in the Market Update section of the Manager's Report on pages 5 & 6.

4. Revenue

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| UK dividends | 11,444 | 9,893 |
| UK property income distribution (PID) | 23 | – |
| Overseas dividends | – | 157 |
| Bank interest | 51 | 22 |
| Foreign currency gains | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | <u>11,524</u> | <u>10,076</u> |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

| | March 2024 £'000 | March 2023 £'000 |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| 5. Expenses | | |
| Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them: | | |
| Manager's periodic charge | <u>4,747</u> | <u>4,373</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u><u>4,747</u></u> | <u><u>4,373</u></u> |

The Manager bears all of the expenses of the Trust out of its own fee, including the auditor's remuneration of £16,380 including VAT (March 2023: £15,000).

6. Taxation

a.) Analysis of charge in the year

Current tax:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| UK corporation tax on net income | — | — |
| Adjustment in respect of prior years | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| | — | — |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Foreign tax | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Total current tax (note b) | — | — |

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Deferred tax (note c) | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Total taxation | <u><u>—</u></u> | <u><u>—</u></u> |

Corporation tax has been provided at a rate of 20% (March 2023: 20%).

b.) Factors affecting total tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is different from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an Authorised Unit Trust (20%). The differences are explained below.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net revenue before tax | <u><u>6,777</u></u> | <u><u>5,703</u></u> |
| Tax at standard rate of 20% | 1,356 | 1,141 |
| Non taxable income* | (2,289) | (2,010) |
| Excess allowable expenses | 933 | 869 |
| Overseas withholding tax suffered | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Total tax charge for year (note a) | <u><u>—</u></u> | <u><u>—</u></u> |

c.) Provision for deferred tax

| | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Provision at start of year | — | — |
| Deferred tax charge in Statement of Total Return for year (note a) | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| Provision at end of year | <u><u>—</u></u> | <u><u>—</u></u> |

* As an Authorised Unit Trust these items (franked dividends) are not subject to Corporation Tax.

The Trust is exempt from Capital Gains Tax.

The Trust has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £7,287k (March 2023: £6,354k), which has arisen as a result of having unutilised management expenses. These expenses will only be utilised if the tax treatment of capital gains or the Trust's investment profile changes.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

| | March 2024 £'000 | March 2023 £'000 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 7. Finance costs | | |
| Distributions | | |
| The distributions take account of all revenue received by the Trust less accrued income, revenue expenses and taxation, and comprise: | | |
| Net distribution for the year | <u>6,777</u> | <u>5,703</u> |
| Distributions are accumulated on an annual basis at the year-end accounting date. | | |
| Details of the distribution per unit are set out in the table on page 29. | | |
| 8. Debtors | | |
| Amounts falling due within 1 year | | |
| Amount receivable for creation of units | 278 | – |
| Accrued income - UK dividends | 2,691 | 2,166 |
| Accrued income - overseas dividends | – | 133 |
| Accrued bank interest | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| | 2,971 | 2,302 |
| Amounts falling due after more than 1 year | | |
| Overseas tax recoverable | <u>22</u> | <u>109</u> |
| | 22 | 109 |
| Total debtors | <u>2,993</u> | <u>2,411</u> |
| 9. Cash and Bank Balances | | |
| Cash and bank balances | 5,307 | 10,896 |
| Futures margin balances | <u>8</u> | <u>122</u> |
| | <u>5,315</u> | <u>11,018</u> |
| 10. Creditors | | |
| Amounts payable for the cancellation of units | – | 144 |
| Accrued expenses | <u>416</u> | <u>401</u> |
| | <u>416</u> | <u>545</u> |

11. Related Party Transactions

The Manager of Family Charities Ethical Trust, Family Investment Management Limited, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Family Assurance Friendly Society Limited (“the Society”), being the ultimate controlling party. The Society and Family Charities Ethical Trust are deemed to be related parties.

All unit creations and cancellations, and all balances due as at 31st March 2024 in respect of creations and cancellations, as disclosed in the Balance Sheet, are executed with the Manager (March 2023: Same).

Total Management charges incurred during the year are disclosed in note 5.

Family Equity Plan Limited, being a subsidiary of Family Assurance Friendly Society Limited, is deemed to be a related party of Family Charities Ethical Trust.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

11. Related Party Transactions - continued

As at 31st March 2024, their holdings in Family Charities Ethical Trust were:

| Accumulation Units | £ (millions) | Units (millions) | Unit purchases during year (millions) | Unit sales during year (millions) |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Society | 18.20 | 1.85 | 0.00 | 0.14 |
| Family Equity Plan | <u>316.78</u> | <u>32.20</u> | <u>3.64</u> | <u>1.74</u> |
| | <u>334.98</u> | <u>34.05</u> | <u>3.64</u> | <u>1.88</u> |

On accumulation units as at 31st March 2024 there was an outstanding balance of £294,498 payable to Family Equity Plan Limited. There were no outstanding balances from the Society.

| Income Units | £ (millions) | Units (millions) | Unit purchases during year (millions) | Unit sales during year (millions) |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Family Equity Plan | <u>0.30</u> | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.01</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| | <u>0.30</u> | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.01</u> | <u>0.01</u> |

On income units as at 31st March 2024 there were no outstanding balances from Family Equity Plan Limited.

As at 31st March 2023, their holdings in Family Charities Ethical Trust were:

| Accumulation Units | £ (millions) | Units (millions) | Unit purchases during year (millions) | Unit sales during year (millions) |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Society | 18.62 | 1.99 | 0.00 | 0.15 |
| Family Equity Plan | <u>283.51</u> | <u>30.30</u> | <u>2.47</u> | <u>0.85</u> |
| | <u>302.13</u> | <u>32.29</u> | <u>2.47</u> | <u>1.00</u> |

On accumulation units as at 31st March 2023 there was an outstanding balance of £12,549 payable to Family Equity Plan Limited. There were no outstanding balances from the Society.

| Income Units | £ (millions) | Units (millions) | Unit purchases during year (millions) | Unit sales during year (millions) |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Family Equity Plan | <u>0.29</u> | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| | <u>0.29</u> | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.01</u> |

On income units as at 31st March 2023 there were no outstanding balances from Family Equity Plan Limited.

12. Risk Management

Financial Instruments are valued at fair value in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, chapters 11 and 12, as disclosed in note 1(c).

Management of risk

The principal risks arising from the Trust's financial instruments are market price and credit risks. The Manager reviews (and agrees with the Trustee) policies for managing each of these risks. These policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year to which these financial statements relate, and the preceding year.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

12. Risk Management - continued

Fair values of financial instruments

All of the financial assets of the Trust are held at fair value or fair value equivalent.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments

The units of the Trust are puttable equity instruments, which means that the unitholder can sell at their discretion the units they hold, back to the Trust for cash for the price quoted that day.

- At the Balance Sheet date the liability to redeem units to the unitholders was £339,532,859 (March 2023; £308,685,843)

The fair value of the Trust as at the pricing point, is derived from the cancellation price of the units as at 10.00am on 28th March 2024, which is the lowest redeemable value of the Trust.

The fair value of the Trust as at close is derived from the closing bid price of the units as at 31st March 2024.

Set out below is a comparison of the Trust's financial liabilities and equity instruments at the fair bid value as at close and the pricing point of the Trust.

| | | Fair Value at close £ | Fair Value at pricing point £ |
|---|------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Primary financial liabilities and equity instruments held or issued to finance the Trust's operations: | | | |
| Liability to redeem units | March 2024 | 339,532,859 | 340,809,148 |
| | March 2023 | 308,685,843 | 309,018,562 |

Valuation of financial instruments carried at fair value

Fair values are determined using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs in measuring fair value:

Level 1

The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.

Level 2

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

The Trust currently has no assets of Level 2.

Level 3

Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

The table below summarises the fair values of the Trust's financial assets that are accounted for at fair value, analysed by the valuation methodology used by the Group to derive the financial instruments fair value:

| | | | | |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| March 2024 | Level 1 £'000 | Level 2 £'000 | Level 3* £'000 | Total £'000 |
| Equities | 331,653 | – | 0 | 331,653 |
| Futures Assets | 32 | – | – | 32 |
| Total | <u>331,685</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>331,685</u> |
| March 2023 | Level 1 £'000 | Level 2 £'000 | Level 3* £'000 | Total £'000 |
| Equities | 295,821 | – | 0 | 295,821 |
| Futures Assets | 31 | – | – | 31 |
| Total | <u>295,852</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>295,852</u> |

* Level 3 assets are currently all suspended securities; these are valued by our Investment Managers (SSGA). These are monitored weekly and revised if circumstances change.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

12. Risk Management - continued

The risks inherent in the Trust's Investment Portfolio are as follows:

Currency rate risk

The Trust may invest in foreign equities, which are priced in local currency. The local value is converted to sterling at the prevailing exchange rate for valuation purposes. The Trust is exposed to the possibility of sharp currency movements, which can affect the value of the portfolio on a daily basis.

The Trust may be subject to short term exposure to exchange rate movement, for instance where there is a difference between the date when the investment purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the proceeds occurs. When the Trust enters into such a transaction which will involve the buying and selling of foreign currency in order to complete, a forward contract is entered into at the same time as the initial transaction in order to eliminate exchange rate risk.

The Trust receives income in currencies other than sterling and movements in exchange rates can affect the sterling values of this income. The Trust converts all receipts of income into sterling on or near the date of receipt. However, it does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid rate movement risk on income accrued but not received.

The Trust currently invests predominantly in UK equities; therefore, no additional disclosure has been shown.

Derivative risk

The Manager may employ derivatives solely for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management with the aim of reducing the risk profile of the Trust, using a derivative that is the closest match to the FTSE4Good.

The derivative exposure to the Trust obtained through efficient portfolio management techniques as at 31st March 2024 was 0.00% (March 2023; 0.00%).

Credit risk

Certain security transactions that the Trust enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Trust has fulfilled its responsibilities.

A 5% increase in default or loss rate on trade receivables will have an impact of nil (March 2023: nil) on the Net Asset Value of the Trust.

The Trust only buys and sells investments through brokers, which have been approved by the Investment Advisor as an acceptable counter-party. The Manager undertakes periodic visits to the Investment Advisor to confirm that delegated functions are being performed in accordance with Financial Conduct Authority's rules.

Liquidity risk

The Trust's assets comprise mainly of readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the Trust is the redemption of any units that investors wish to sell.

All of the Trust's financial liabilities are payable on demand or in less than one year. We do not consider these liquidity risks to be significant and therefore no numerical analysis is presented.

Leverage exposure risk

The Trust currently is not exposed to leverage; therefore, no additional disclosure has been shown.

Market price risk

Market risk arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Trust might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

Significant market disruptions, such as those caused by pandemics (e.g., COVID-19 Pandemic), natural or environmental disasters, war (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism or other events, can adversely affect local and global markets and normal market operations. Any such disruptions could have an adverse impact on the value of the Trust's investments and Trust performance.

The Manager seeks to minimise potential adverse effects of risk on the Trust's performance by employing professional, experienced investment advisors who monitor the Trust's positions and market events.

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12. Risk Management - continued

Market price risk - continued

The Investment Advisor meets monthly (or more often if appropriate) to consider the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the investment objective. An individual fund manager has responsibility for monitoring the existing portfolio selected in accordance with the overall asset allocation parameter described above and seeks to ensure that the individual stocks also meet the risk reward profile that is acceptable.

The Trust closely follows the FTSE4Good UK 50, and as such is almost solely invested in high quality UK equities. Any movement in equity prices will have a direct and linear impact on the value of assets in the Trust and consequently the unit price.

Sensitivity to the most relevant risk has been assessed through tracking error (see page 7); therefore, no additional disclosure has been shown.

A 5% increase in the value of the Trust's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £16,584,250 (March 2023: £14,792,577).

13. Portfolio Transaction Costs

The Trust incurs broker charges and transfer taxes as a necessary part of buying and selling the Trust's underlying investments in order to achieve the investment objective.

Broker commission and transfer taxes are paid by the Trust on each transaction. In addition, there is a dealing spread between the buying and selling prices of the underlying investments.

| | Purchases before transaction costs £'000 | Commissions £'000 | Taxes £'000 | Total £'000 |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| March 2024 | | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 39,779 | 7 | 192 | 39,978 |
| Corporate Actions | 1,720 | – | – | 1,720 |
| Total | <u>41,499</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>192</u> | <u>41,698</u> |

Transaction cost %
of purchases total

0.02%

0.48%

Transaction cost %
of average NAV

0.00%

0.06%

| | Purchases before transaction costs £'000 | Commissions £'000 | Taxes £'000 | Total £'000 |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| March 2023 | | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 45,217 | 5 | 221 | 45,443 |
| Corporate Actions | 31,652 | – | – | 31,652 |
| Total | <u>76,869</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>221</u> | <u>77,095</u> |

Transaction cost %
of purchases total

0.01%

0.49%

Transaction cost %
of average NAV

0.00%

0.08%

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued

13. Portfolio Transaction Costs - continued

| | Sales before transaction costs £'000 | Commissions £'000 | Taxes £'000 | Total £'000 |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| March 2024 | | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 13,770 | (2) | 0 | 13,768 |
| Corporate Actions | 1,875 | – | – | 1,875 |
| Total | <u>15,645</u> | <u>(2)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>15,643</u> |
| Transaction cost % of sales total | | 0.01% | 0.00% | |
| Transaction cost % of average NAV | | 0.00% | 0.00% | |

| | Sales before transaction costs £'000 | Commissions £'000 | Taxes £'000 | Total £'000 |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| March 2023 | | | | |
| Ordinary Shares | 28,809 | (4) | 0 | 28,805 |
| Corporate Actions | 32,574 | – | – | 32,574 |
| Total | <u>61,383</u> | <u>(4)</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>61,379</u> |
| Transaction cost % of sales total | | 0.01% | 0.00% | |
| Transaction cost % of average NAV | | 0.00% | 0.00% | |

Average portfolio dealing spread at 31st March 2024 is 0.05%, (March 2023; 0.05%).

14. Contingent Liabilities

As at 31st March 2024 there were no contingent liabilities (March 2023; none).

15. Non-Eligible Markets

As at 31st March 2024 there were no securities held that trade on non-eligible markets (March 2023; none).

16. Unit Classes

The Trust issues two classes of units, income and accumulation. The annual management charge for both classes is 1.5% of the Trust's Net Asset Value, calculated monthly.

17. Post Balance Sheet Events

As at the close of business on the balance sheet date the Net Asset Value of the accumulation unit class was 983.79p, and the income unit class was 591.40p. As at 10am on 11th July 2024, the Net Asset Value of the accumulation unit class was 1,034.00p, and the income unit class was 621.50p. This represents an increase of 5.10% from the year-end value. This is not considered significant.

Distribution Tables

The distribution tables form part of the notes to the financial statement.

For the year ended 31st March 2024

| | Current Year | Prior Year |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Income Units | | |
| Net revenue after tax (£'000) | 44 | 50 |
| Net distribution for year (£'000) | 44 | 50 |
| Distribution rate (pence per unit) | 12.0433 | 10.8025 |
| Accumulation Units | | |
| Net revenue after tax (£'000) | 6,733 | 5,653 |
| Net distribution for year (£'000) | 6,733 | 5,653 |
| Distribution rate (pence per unit) | 19.6340 | 17.2858 |

Corporate Unitholders Information

A unitholder within the charge to UK corporation tax receives the allocation excluding any equalisation as unfranked income to the extent that the income from which the allocation is made is not franked investment income.

Where the income from which the allocation is made is not wholly franked investment income, part of the allocation is received as an annual payment from which income tax at the lower rate has been deducted.

The tax deducted is available for offset against the unitholders corporation tax liability. If there is no tax liability the amount may be reclaimable as cash from HM Revenue & Customs.

| | Franked % (1) | Unfranked % (2) |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 31st March 2024 | 99.31 | 0.69 |
| | Franked % (1) | Unfranked % (2) |
| 31st March 2023 | 99.74 | 0.26 |

- (1) The percentage of the total allocation that is received as franked investment income.
- (2) The percentage of the allocation that is received as an annual payment after deduction of income tax at the lower rate and is chargeable to corporation tax. It is not franked investment income.

General Information

Remuneration Policy:

Following the implementation of UCITS V in the UK, Family Investment Management Limited (FIML) the UCITS management company is required to comply with the UCITS Remuneration Code disclosure requirements for annual accounting periods ending after 18th March 2016. UCITS V introduces a requirement for UCITS management companies to have remuneration policies, complying with certain remuneration principles, covering their key staff and a requirement to make those policies transparent. FIML does not remunerate directly as the employees are paid by the Society (Family Assurance Friendly Society Limited) and seconded to FIML. Based on the activities carried out on a pro rata basis between FIML and other group companies we are satisfied that there is no senior management and risk takers, whose professional activities would have a material impact on FIML's risk profile or the risk profiles of the UCITS. Most of the UCITS remuneration requirements, where possible, are being met by the Society's adoption of the best practice of the 2018 UK Corporate Governance Code and through reporting against the principles of the AFM Corporate Governance Code for Mutual Insurers. We are also aligned to the requirements of the Remuneration Code (the latter governed by the Financial Conduct Authority). The UCITS remuneration requirements that are not being met (i.e. variable remuneration in instruments; retention; deferral) we believe can be justifiably dis-applied due to FIML's size, internal organisation and the nature scope and complexity of its activities. The remuneration Policy of the Manager, which describes how remuneration and benefits are determined and awarded, and the associated governance arrangements, is available at www.onefamily.com, within the Society's Annual Report or a copy of the Annual Report can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

Launch:

The Trust was launched on 31st March 1982 at an initial offer price of 50p.

Distributions:

The annual accounting year ends on 31st March with an interim accounting date on 30th September. It is the policy of the Manager to only distribute income following the annual accounting date. Income is paid net of Income Tax, and distribution certificates are distributed on the 31st May.

Reports:

Manager's reports for the Family Charities Ethical Trust are published twice a year. The Interim report on 30th November, and the Annual report on 31st July.

Prices:

The Trust is priced on a single pricing basis. This single price is the price at which you can sell your units back to the Manager, and also the price at which you can buy units from the Manager.

Prices are calculated as at 10.00am on each business day.

Prices and the estimated yield generated by the Trust are published on Trustnet's website www.trustnet.com. Prices are also available on www.onefamily.com, or by contacting our Customer Services Team on 0344 8 920 920 (telephone calls may be recorded or monitored).

Units:

During the year The Family Charities Ethical Trust issued accumulation and income units.

Buying and selling units:

The Manager can receive written requests to buy or sell units during normal business hours. The units will be bought and sold following the next price calculation.

Cancellation rights:

Investors entering into a contract to purchase units will have the right to cancel said purchase within 14 days of receipt of the cancellation notice. Please note that, for lump sum investments, clients who exercise their right to cancel may be charged for any market loss (shortfall) incurred.

Full Prospectus:

The Full Prospectus for the Family Charities Ethical Trust is available on request from the Manager and on www.onefamily.com.

Yield:

The historical yield of the Trust is quoted on Trustnet's website www.trustnet.com. The yield shown reflects the distributions paid or declared by the Trust over the past twelve months, as a percentage of the unit price of the Trust. It does not include any initial sum paid in order to invest in the Trust and investors may be subject to tax on distributions.

Other Trusts managed by Family Investment Management Limited:

The Full Prospectuses and latest Report and Accounts for any of the Authorised Funds managed by Family Investment Management Limited are available upon request and on www.onefamily.com.

Assessment of Value:

The Manager has prepared an Assessment of Value document in relation to the Family Charities Ethical Trust, this document is available on the Manager's website www.onefamily.com and is reviewed annually.

Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

In accordance with the requirements of the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), the Manager has prepared its public TCFD report which is available at www.onefamily.com, within the Society's Annual Report. Alternatively, a copy of the Annual Report can be requested free of charge from the Manager.

If you would like to invest in the Family Charities Ethical Trust please ring our Customer Services Team on **0344 8 920 920**.
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