

SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund

Interim Report

for the six months ended 31 October 2023

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## SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund Report of the Manager

St Vincent St Fund Administration (trading name of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited), as Manager, presents herewith the Interim Report for SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund for the six months ended 31 October 2023.

SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund ('the Trust' or 'the Fund') is an authorised unit trust scheme further to an authorisation order dated 2 May 1995 and is a UCITS scheme complying with the investment and borrowing powers rules in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('COLL'), as published by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA').

The Manager is of the opinion that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts as the assets of the Fund consist predominantly of securities which are readily realisable and, accordingly, the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these accounts and applicable accounting standards have been followed.

On 24 February 2022, Russian troops invaded Ukraine. In response, multiple jurisdictions have imposed economic sanctions on Russia and Belarus. In addition, a growing number of public and private companies have announced voluntary actions to curtail business activities with Russia and Belarus. In particular, SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund does not have direct exposure to the Russian and Belarusian markets.

The Trust Deed can be inspected at the offices of the Manager.

Copies of the Prospectus and Key Investor Information Document ('KIID') are available on request free of charge from the Manager.

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund is to generate income over the long term (at least 5 years).

The Trust is actively managed and the Investment Manager's policy in order to achieve the Trust's objective will be to invest at least 80% of its portfolio in investment grade corporate bonds. The issuers may be from anywhere in the world and issues may be denominated in any currency. Non-sterling exposures will normally be hedged back to sterling.

Investment grade bonds are considered by the Investment Manager to be those rated by a single rating agency at the time of purchase as BBB- or higher (or their equivalent). For bonds which are not rated by an independent ratings agency, the Investment Manager will apply a comparable quality rating to determine whether a corporate bond should be classified as investment grade.

The Investment Manager may, from time to time in exceptional market conditions, invest more than 35% of the property of the Trust in Government and other public securities issued by one issuer.

To the extent that the Trust is not fully invested as set out above, the Investment Manager has the flexibility to invest in other fixed interest securities (including gilts and permanent interest bearing securities ('PIBs')), preferences shares in UK and European companies, other transferable securities in the UK and other exchanges. The Investment Manager may also apply for new issues (meaning new issues in the primary market for corporate credit).

The Investment Manager may also, if it is considered appropriate to the investment objective, retain amounts in cash, cash equivalents and money market instruments (including, but not limited to, cash deposits, commercial paper, certificates of deposit and treasury bills), or collective investment schemes (including but not limited to collective investment schemes which themselves invest in cash or money market instruments or debt securities which are rated or unrated). The Fund may from time to time be solely invested in cash or ancillary liquid assets. The situations in which liquid assets (as set out above) may be held by the Fund may include: (i) where the Investment Manager considers that there are no sufficient suitable investment opportunities; (ii) to protect the value of the Fund and maintain liquidity at times in falling or volatile markets; (iii) to facilitate the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests; and (iv) where the Fund has received subscriptions that are awaiting investment. The Investment Manager may also invest in warrants.

The Investment Manager may use derivatives, including hedge transactions, for Efficient Portfolio Management.

## Report of the Manager (continued)

### Changes affecting the Fund in the period

There were no fundamental or significant changes to the Fund in the period.

Further information in relation to the Fund is illustrated on page 17.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, we hereby certify the Interim Report on behalf of the Manager, Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited.

Neil Coxhead  
Directors  
Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited  
14 December 2023

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## Accounting policies of SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund (unaudited)

*for the six months ended 31 October 2023*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments. They have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds ('the SORP') published by The Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, and the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes source book (the COLL rules).

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023 and are described in those annual financial statements.

The Manager has considered a detailed assessment of the Fund's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, including liquidity, declines in global capital markets and investor redemption levels. Based on this assessment, the Fund continues to be open for trading and the Manager is satisfied the Fund has adequate financial resources to continue in operation for at least the next 12 months and accordingly it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## Investment Manager's report

### Investment performance\*

The performance during the period was -0.09% for the B Class Accumulation units.

For comparison, the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector median produced a performance of -1.05%.

### Investment review\*\*

The past six months has provided a challenging backdrop for global bond markets due to a significant rise in 'risk free' government bond yields. As long-term investors will know, corporate credit ultimately prices off the relevant government yield curve – in effect, higher government borrowing costs push up the cost of borrowing for everyone, including corporate borrowers. In the US, investment-grade credit spreads have actually been very well behaved over the review period, but it is the move in 'risk-free' government borrowing costs that has weighed on the corporate credit asset class on a global basis.

On the interest rate policy front, the US Federal Reserve ('Fed'), European Central Bank ('ECB') and Bank of England ('BoE') all continued to raise rates, as expected. In July 2023, the Fed implemented another 25bps hike having raised rates significantly in prior months, taking the Federal Funds Rate to 5.25-5.50%. In Europe, the ECB continued to raise rates, despite clear signs of macroeconomic weakness. ECB deposit rates now stand at 4.00%, the highest ever level in the history of the euro. In the UK, and despite clear evidence of strain in housing and mortgage markets, the BoE also raised rates (to 5.25%, a 15-year high) and warned that further policy tightening may be required to bring inflation under control.

The ECB action this year reflects the reality that inflation has been stubbornly resilient. Given the difficulties they have had in bringing inflation back down to target levels, policy makers are understandably very reluctant to cut rates too early and risk undoing all the inflation-fighting work that has been done – with the associated economic pain as borrowing costs rise – to date.

### Investment activities

Over the past six months, investment activity across the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund has remained measured and driven by our fundamental, bottom-up credit analysis alongside our assessment of wider sectoral and macroeconomic risks, with the latter largely reflected through our duration management.

A determination of fair value and relative value (at the individual credit level) remained important considerations for the team, meaning that we were able to target a range of attractive range of credit-specific opportunities with relatively low duration risk (i.e. low interest rate sensitivity, an important characteristic in a rising rate environment).

In broad terms, the Investment Team continues to display a preference for earnings visibility, seeking capital preservation and downside protection in its rigorous approach to fundamental credit analysis, a strategy that has worked well for many years across a range of different credit market environments.

The broad theme of the period has been to take advantage of buying opportunities in good-quality corporate issuers across a range of sectors. New positions during the period have included BAT Capital 6.343% 02/08/2030, Bayer Capital BV 1.5% 26/06/2026, CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance SA 2% 17/10/2027, Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/06/2028, John Deere Capital 4.7% 10/06/2030 and Ford Motor Credit 7.2% 10/06/2030. Ford Motor Credit 7.2% 10/06/2030 in particular has been a good story for the Fund as the Detroit auto giant has been restored to investment-grade status (only Moody's continues to rate Ford as sub investment grade), meaning that passive investment strategies and Exchange-Traded Funds that track investment-grade credit indices will have to buy Ford Motor Credit's bonds.

Positions exited during the review period included some of our longer duration holdings, such as RSA Insurance Group 5.125% 10/10/2045.

\* Source: Morningstar Direct, 2023 Net Asset Value (NAV) to NAV, B Class Accumulation.

\*\* Source: Koyfin.

## Investment Manager's report (continued)

### Investment outlook

Looking forward, we think that a number of different themes will shape the credit market environment in 2024. First of all, we believe that central banks are unlikely to cut rates aggressively, which should help to contain inflation, but which will also slow economic growth and create headaches for businesses and consumers who are reliant on cheap and abundant finance. To give some context here, we recently did some credit analysis on a European budget airline (not held in the Fund) which has a bond maturing within the next 18 months. This debt will need to be refinanced one way or another – the current bond has a coupon of just 1%, but pricing for comparable issuers would suggest that the airline would need to pay a coupon of around 9% on its new debt in order for the bond to be attractive to credit investors. Some companies will be able to absorb those kinds of moves, which are undoubtedly material, but others will struggle to cope with the new reality.

Second, we continue to think that the world has become more polarised and that the 'golden age' of globalisation is over; that is not to say that globalisation is dead, far from it, but we do think that ongoing geopolitical tension (see Israel/Hamas, US/China and Russia/Ukraine) and growing social pressures will result in a more nationalistic approach to industrial strategy and government policy priorities across the world. Third, and perhaps most importantly from a longer-term perspective, there are large structural changes taking place across the world (e.g. aging populations, climate change, the rollout of artificial intelligence) which will present profound threats for some companies but huge opportunities for others. We expect these structural changes to become increasingly important factors in our credit selection decisions.

Prosaically, the rapid rise in risk-free rates means that some investors will be happy to sit at the short end of the yield curve as it is simply not necessary to take on significant duration risk in order to pick up attractive yields. Policy rates should begin to peak in 2024 and this should allow bond and credit markets to perform better than they have done over the past year, but anyone anticipating a return to extremely low interest rates is likely to be very disappointed. The positive news for bond and credit investors is that yields are attractive again and, at current levels, bonds should be able to play the important portfolio diversification role that they have historically been able to do.

Sanlam Investments UK Limited  
20 November 2023

## Summary of portfolio changes

for the six months ended 31 October 2023

The following represents the major purchases and total sales in the period to reflect a clearer picture of the investment activities.

|   | Cost     |
|---|----------|
|   | £        |
| Purchases:  |          |
| Athora Holding 6.625% 16/06/2028                      | 856,341  |
| International Distributions Services 5.25% 14/09/2028 | 683,127  |
| AT&T 4.3% 18/11/2034                                  | 608,286  |
| Electricite de France SA 6.25% 30/05/2028             | 505,121  |
| Rothesay Life 7.734% 16/05/2033                       | 495,983  |
| Orsted AS 4.875% 12/01/2032                           | 468,037  |
| Vodafone Group 5.9% 26/11/2032                        | 452,395  |
| Ford Motor Credit 7.2% 10/06/2030                     | 402,917  |
| John Deere Capital 4.7% 10/06/2030                    | 402,559  |
| Bayer Capital BV 1.5% 26/06/2026                      | 400,600  |
| BAT Capital 6.343% 02/08/2030                         | 388,576  |
| AA Bond Co 8.45% 31/01/2028                           | 348,687  |
| CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance SA 2% 17/10/2027   | 342,358  |
| CNP Assurances SACA 5.25% 18/07/2053                  | 336,116  |
| Bundesrepublik 0% 15/05/2023                          | 329,789  |
| Beazley Insurance DAC 5.875% 04/11/2026               | 314,243  |
| United Kingdom Gilt 1% 31/01/2032                     | 304,714  |
| Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/06/2028                 | 299,539  |
| UK Treasury Gilt 0.625% 31/07/2035                    | 194,608  |
| Utmost Group 4% 15/12/2031                            | 181,198  |
|   |          |
|   | Proceeds |
|   | £        |
| Sales:  |          |
| United States Treasury Note 2.875% 15/05/2032         | 655,142  |
| Vodafone Group 3.375% 08/08/2049                      | 473,769  |
| RAC Bond Co 4.565% 06/05/2023                         | 400,000  |
| UK Treasury Gilt 0.625% 31/07/2035                    | 387,193  |
| Bundesrepublik 0% 15/05/2023                          | 312,084  |
| South Eastern Power Networks 3.053% 05/06/2023        | 300,338  |
| United States Treasury Note 2.75% 31/07/2027          | 269,080  |
| Pacific National Finance Pty 5% 19/09/2023            | 250,000  |
| Just Group 7% 15/04/2031                              | 241,565  |
| Athora Holding 6.625% 16/06/2028                      | 171,464  |
| RSA Insurance Group 5.125% 10/10/2045                 | 145,463  |
| UK Treasury Gilt 1% 31/01/2032                        | 75,301   |

Portfolio statement  
as at 31 October 2023

| Investment   | Nominal value or holding | Market value<br>£ | % of total net assets |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Debt Securities* 96.56% (93.98%)                         |                          |                   |                       |
| Debt Securities - United Kingdom 40.24% (40.13%)         |                          |                   |                       |
| Aa3 to A1 1.54% (1.76%)                                  |                          |                   |                       |
| UK Treasury Gilt 1% 31/01/2032                           | £500,000                 | 381,850           | 1.54                  |
| A2 to A3 6.42% (7.71%)                                   |                          |                   |                       |
| Close Brothers Group 7.75% 14/06/2028                    | £300,000                 | 301,203           | 1.21                  |
| Legal & General Group 5.25% 21/03/2047**                 | \$500,000                | 378,343           | 1.53                  |
| Legal & General Group 5.5% 27/06/2064**                  | £500,000                 | 424,918           | 1.71                  |
| Reckitt Benckiser Treasury Services 3% 26/06/2027        | \$650,000                | 488,808           | 1.97                  |
|  |                          | 1,593,272         | 6.42                  |
| Baa1 to Baa2 17.03% (13.82%)                             |                          |                   |                       |
| Athora Holding 6.625% 16/06/2028                         | €800,000                 | 688,025           | 2.77                  |
| Brit Insurance Holdings 3.6757% 09/12/2030**             | £197,000                 | 146,273           | 0.59                  |
| Glencore Finance Europe 3.125% 26/03/2026                | £500,000                 | 469,455           | 1.89                  |
| International Distributions Services 5.25% 14/09/2028    | €800,000                 | 697,231           | 2.81                  |
| Investec 1.875% 16/07/2028**                             | £200,000                 | 163,764           | 0.66                  |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission 5.272% 18/01/2043 | £500,000                 | 436,125           | 1.76                  |
| Nationwide Building Society 2% 25/07/2029**              | €400,000                 | 337,957           | 1.36                  |
| RL Finance Bonds NO 4 4.875% 07/10/2049**                | £500,000                 | 354,240           | 1.43                  |
| Rothesay Life 7.734% 16/05/2033                          | £500,000                 | 481,795           | 1.94                  |
| Vodafone Group 5.9% 26/11/2032                           | £450,000                 | 451,346           | 1.82                  |
|  |                          | 4,226,211         | 17.03                 |
| Baa3 and below 15.25% (16.84%)                           |                          |                   |                       |
| AA Bond Co 8.45% 31/01/2028                              | £500,000                 | 500,585           | 2.02                  |
| Chesnara 4.75% 04/08/2032                                | £750,000                 | 536,003           | 2.17                  |
| IG Group Holdings 3.125% 18/11/2028                      | £500,000                 | 402,375           | 1.62                  |
| Lancashire Holdings 5.625% 18/09/2041**                  | \$350,000                | 231,356           | 0.93                  |
| Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society 6.5% 22/05/2043**    | £157,000                 | 151,050           | 0.61                  |
| Lloyds Banking Group 6.625% 02/06/2033**                 | £250,000                 | 241,918           | 0.98                  |
| OSB Group 9.993% 27/07/2033**                            | £300,000                 | 284,283           | 1.15                  |
| Paragon Banking Group 4.375% 25/09/2031**                | £500,000                 | 404,420           | 1.63                  |
| TP ICAP Finance 7.875% 17/04/2030                        | £500,000                 | 485,470           | 1.96                  |
| Utmost Group 4% 15/12/2031                               | £750,000                 | 540,494           | 2.18                  |
|  |                          | 3,777,954         | 15.25                 |
| Total debt securities - United Kingdom                   |                          | 9,979,287         | 40.24                 |
| Debt Securities - Europe* 35.87% (31.87%)                |                          |                   |                       |
| Aa3 to A1 2.00% (2.47%)                                  |                          |                   |                       |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 3.75% 01/02/2033      | €600,000                 | 495,464           | 2.00                  |

\* Grouped by credit rating - source: Interactive Data and Bloomberg.

\*\* Variable interest security.

Portfolio statement (continued)  
as at 31 October 2023

| Investment  | Nominal<br>value or<br>holding | Market<br>value<br>£ | % of total<br>net assets |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Debt Securities* (continued)  |                                |                      |                          |
| Debt Securities - Europe (continued)                                  |                                |                      |                          |
| A2 to A3 3.62% (2.75%)  |                                |                      |                          |
| Airbus 3.15% 10/04/2027   | \$500,000                      | 379,871              | 1.53                     |
| Banco Santander 4.75% 30/08/2028**                                    | £200,000                       | 190,250              | 0.77                     |
| CNP Assurances SACA 5.25% 18/07/2053**                                | €400,000                       | 328,508              | 1.32                     |
|   |                                | <u>898,629</u>       | <u>3.62</u>              |
| Baa1 to Baa2 21.62% (17.66%)  |                                |                      |                          |
| ABEILLE VIE SA d'Assurances Vie et de Capitalisation 6.25% 09/09/2033 | €300,000                       | 258,493              | 1.04                     |
| Bank of Ireland Group 7.594% 06/12/2032**                             | £250,000                       | 246,845              | 1.00                     |
| Bayer Capital BV 1.5% 26/06/2026                                      | €500,000                       | 408,001              | 1.64                     |
| Beazley Insurance DAC 5.875% 04/11/2026                               | \$400,000                      | 313,981              | 1.27                     |
| BPCE 2.5% 30/11/2032**  | £300,000                       | 246,750              | 0.99                     |
| CK Hutchison Group Telecom Finance SA 2% 17/10/2027                   | £400,000                       | 342,452              | 1.38                     |
| Deutsche Bank 5% 05/09/2030**   | €400,000                       | 337,529              | 1.36                     |
| Electricite de France 5.5% 25/01/2035                                 | £500,000                       | 449,895              | 1.81                     |
| Electricite de France SA 6.25% 30/05/2028                             | £500,000                       | 505,489              | 2.04                     |
| EnBW International Finance 4% 24/01/2035                              | €500,000                       | 411,193              | 1.66                     |
| Enel Finance International 4% 20/02/2031                              | €400,000                       | 337,831              | 1.37                     |
| Groupe des Assurances du Credit Mutuel 1.85% 21/04/2042**             | €400,000                       | 252,602              | 1.02                     |
| La Banque Postale 5.625% 21/09/2028**                                 | £200,000                       | 194,082              | 0.78                     |
| Orange 3.625% 16/11/2031  | €500,000                       | 428,021              | 1.73                     |
| Orsted AS 4.875% 12/01/2032   | £500,000                       | 456,344              | 1.84                     |
| RWE 3.625% 13/02/2029   | €200,000                       | 171,005              | 0.69                     |
|   |                                | <u>5,360,513</u>     | <u>21.62</u>             |
| Baa3 and below 8.63% (8.99%)  |                                |                      |                          |
| Athora Netherlands 5.375% 31/08/2032**                                | €200,000                       | 159,836              | 0.64                     |
| Banco de Sabadell 6% 16/08/2033**                                     | €300,000                       | 242,318              | 0.98                     |
| Beazley Insurance 5.5% 10/09/2029                                     | \$200,000                      | 143,805              | 0.58                     |
| Cia de Seguros Fidelidade 4.25% 04/09/2031**                          | €500,000                       | 372,915              | 1.50                     |
| Iberdrola International 2.625% Perpetual**                            | €300,000                       | 258,012              | 1.04                     |
| La Mondiale 4.8% 18/01/2048**   | \$500,000                      | 355,861              | 1.43                     |
| Permanent TSB Group Holdings 3% 19/08/2031**                          | €450,000                       | 344,333              | 1.39                     |
| Permanent TSB Group Holdings 6.625% 25/04/2028**                      | €300,000                       | 264,631              | 1.07                     |
|   |                                | <u>2,141,711</u>     | <u>8.63</u>              |
| Total debt securities - Europe  |                                | <u>8,896,317</u>     | <u>35.87</u>             |

\* Grouped by credit rating - source: Interactive Data and Bloomberg.

\*\* Variable interest security.

Portfolio statement (continued)  
as at 31 October 2023

| Investment  | Nominal<br>value or<br>holding | Market<br>value<br>£ | % of total<br>net assets |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Debt Securities* (continued)                      |                                |                      |                          |
| Debt Securities - United States 20.45% (20.79%)   |                                |                      |                          |
| Aaa to Aa2 4.87% (10.63%)                         |                                |                      |                          |
| Apple 3.35% 08/08/2032                            | \$500,000                      | 354,158              | 1.43                     |
| Microsoft 3.125% 06/12/2028                       | €250,000                       | 214,287              | 0.86                     |
| Microsoft 3.5% 12/02/2035                         | \$250,000                      | 176,027              | 0.71                     |
| Walmart 4.875% 21/09/2029                         | €500,000                       | 463,865              | 1.87                     |
|   |                                | <u>1,208,337</u>     | <u>4.87</u>              |
| Aa3 to A1 3.40% (4.14%)                           |                                |                      |                          |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding 5% 10/01/2030    | £250,000                       | 241,058              | 0.97                     |
| PepsiCo 2.625% 28/04/2026                         | €500,000                       | 423,722              | 1.71                     |
| Procter & Gamble 3% 25/03/2030                    | \$250,000                      | 179,180              | 0.72                     |
|   |                                | <u>843,960</u>       | <u>3.40</u>              |
| A2 to A3 3.25% (2.06%)                            |                                |                      |                          |
| Citigroup 4.112% 22/09/2033**                     | €500,000                       | 419,398              | 1.69                     |
| John Deere Capital 4.7% 10/06/2030                | \$500,000                      | 387,273              | 1.56                     |
|   |                                | <u>806,671</u>       | <u>3.25</u>              |
| Baa1 to Baa2 6.91% (1.51%)                        |                                |                      |                          |
| AT&T 4.3% 18/11/2034                              | €700,000                       | 591,517              | 2.38                     |
| BAT Capital 6.343% 02/08/2030                     | \$500,000                      | 399,300              | 1.61                     |
| Ford Motor Credit 7.2% 10/06/2030                 | \$500,000                      | 411,663              | 1.66                     |
| Verizon Communications 4.125% 16/03/2027          | \$400,000                      | 312,295              | 1.26                     |
|   |                                | <u>1,714,775</u>     | <u>6.91</u>              |
| Baa3 and below 2.02% (2.45%)                      |                                |                      |                          |
| Celanese US Holdings 4.777% 19/07/2026            | €400,000                       | 345,473              | 1.39                     |
| CNA Financial 2.05% 15/08/2030                    | \$250,000                      | 157,147              | 0.63                     |
|   |                                | <u>502,620</u>       | <u>2.02</u>              |
| Total debt securities - United States             |                                | <u>5,076,363</u>     | <u>20.45</u>             |
| Debt Securities - Rest of the World 0.00% (1.19%) |                                |                      |                          |
| Baa3 and below 0.00% (1.19%)                      |                                | -                    | -                        |
| Total debt securities                             |                                | <u>23,951,967</u>    | <u>96.56</u>             |

\* Grouped by credit rating - source: Interactive Data and Bloomberg.

\*\* Variable interest security.

## Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 31 October 2023

|   | Nominal<br>value or<br>holding | Market<br>value<br>£ | % of total<br>net assets |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Investment                                |                                |                      |                          |
| Forward currency contracts -0.21% (0.35%) |                                |                      |                          |
| Sell euro                                 | (€10,600,000)                  | (9,238,585)          |                          |
| Buy UK sterling                           | £9,199,592                     | 9,199,592            |                          |
| Expiry date 16 November 2023              |                                | (38,993)             | (0.16)                   |
| Sell US dollar                            | (\$5,700,000)                  | (4,696,896)          |                          |
| Buy UK sterling                           | £4,683,551                     | 4,683,551            |                          |
| Expiry date 16 November 2023              |                                | (13,345)             | (0.05)                   |
| Forward currency contracts liabilities    |                                | (52,338)             | (0.21)                   |
| Investment assets                         |                                | 23,951,967           | 96.56                    |
| Investment liabilities                    |                                | (52,338)             | (0.21)                   |
| Portfolio of investments                  |                                | 23,899,629           | 96.35                    |
| Other net assets                          |                                | 905,454              | 3.65                     |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                   |                                | <b>24,805,083</b>    | <b>100.00</b>            |

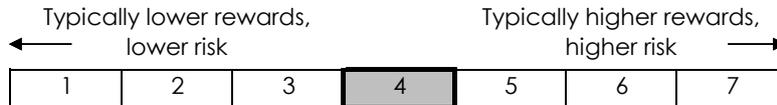
All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges or are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. Forward contracts are not listed on stock exchanges and are considered over-the-counter instruments.

The comparative figures in brackets are as at 30 April 2023.

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Total purchases in the period: | £8,496,167 |
| Total sales in the period:     | £3,681,399 |

## Risk and reward profile

The risk and reward indicator table 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 based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the risk and reward indicator.



The Fund is in a medium category because the price of its investments have risen or fallen to some extent. The category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. Even the lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

For full details on risk factors for the Fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

During the period, the risk and reward indicator changed from 3 to 4.

## Comparative table

| A Class Income                       | 30.04.23* | 30.04.22  | 30.04.21  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£)          | -         | 3,177,121 | 3,739,828 |
| Closing number of units              | -         | 2,658,282 | 2,881,669 |
| Closing net asset value per unit (p) | 116.1     | 119.5     | 129.8     |
| Distributions (p)                    | 0.907     | 2.875     | 2.457     |
| Operating charges <sup>^</sup>       | ^^0.90%   | 1.12%     | 1.11%     |
| Published prices                     |           |           |           |
| Highest offer price (p)              | 119.6     | 132.7     | 134.4     |
| Lowest bid price (p)                 | 113.5     | 120.9     | 127.3     |

| A Class Accumulation                 | 30.04.23* | 30.04.22  | 30.04.21  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Closing net asset value (£)          | -         | 1,800,438 | 2,369,275 |
| Closing number of units              | -         | 1,583,636 | 1,963,121 |
| Closing net asset value per unit (p) | 111.3     | 113.7     | 120.7     |
| Distributions (p)                    | 0.863     | 2.695     | 2.257     |
| Operating charges <sup>^</sup>       | ^^0.90%   | 1.12%     | 1.11%     |
| Published prices                     |           |           |           |
| Highest offer price (p)              | 113.8     | 123.8     | 123.9     |
| Lowest bid price (p)                 | 108.0     | 114.2     | 116.2     |

Investments carry risk. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Investors may not get back the amount invested.

\* For the period 1 May 2022 to 15 August 2022. All unitholders in the A classes were converted to the B classes.

<sup>^</sup> The operating charges are represented by the Ongoing Charges Figure ('OCF'). The OCF consists principally of the Manager's periodic charge and the Investment Manager's fee which are included in the annual management charge, but also includes the costs for other services paid. It is indicative of the charges which may occur in a year as it is calculated on historical data.

<sup>^^</sup> Annualised based on the expenses incurred during the period 1 May 2022 to 15 August 2022.

## Comparative table (continued)

|                                      |                     |           |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| B Class Income                       | 31.10.23            | 30.04.23  | 30.04.22   | 30.04.21   |
| Closing net asset value (£)          | 6,913,505           | 8,125,428 | 12,204,463 | 18,163,259 |
| Closing number of units              | 7,212,053           | 8,249,149 | 11,115,476 | 15,268,528 |
| Closing net asset value per unit (p) | 95.86               | 98.50     | 109.8      | 119.0      |
| Distributions (p)                    | 1.214               | 3.775     | 2.907      | 2.521      |
| Operating charges <sup>^</sup>       | 0.65% <sup>^^</sup> | 0.66%     | 0.67%      | 0.66%      |
| Published prices                     |                     |           |            |            |
| Highest offer price (p)              | 99.09               | 109.9     | 121.8      | 123.2      |
| Lowest bid price (p)                 | 96.11               | 96.14     | 111.1      | 116.5      |

|                                      |                     |            |           |           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| B Class Accumulation                 | 31.10.23            | 30.04.23   | 30.04.22  | 30.04.21  |
| Closing net asset value (£)          | 17,891,578          | 12,783,951 | 6,452,539 | 7,963,605 |
| Closing number of units              | 15,625,736          | 11,125,933 | 5,230,307 | 6,108,182 |
| Closing net asset value per unit (p) | 114.5               | 114.9      | 123.4     | 130.4     |
| Distributions (p)                    | 1.431               | 4.303      | 3.213     | 2.726     |
| Operating charges <sup>^</sup>       | 0.65% <sup>^^</sup> | 0.66%      | 0.67%     | 0.66%     |
| Published prices                     |                     |            |           |           |
| Highest offer price (p)              | 115.7               | 123.5      | 133.9     | 133.6     |
| Lowest bid price (p)                 | 112.8               | 108.9      | 123.9     | 125.0     |

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<sup>^^</sup> Annualised based on the expenses incurred during the period 1 May 2023 to 31 October 2023.

## Financial statements - SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest Fund (unaudited)

### Statement of total return (unaudited)

for the six months ended 31 October 2023

|  | 1 May 2023 to<br>31 October 2023 |                         | 1 May 2022 to<br>31 October 2022 |                           |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | £                                | £                       | £                                | £                         |
| Income:  |                                  |                         |                                  |                           |
| Net capital losses   |                                  | (608,088)               |                                  | (2,794,788)               |
| Revenue  | 600,427                          |                         | 405,944                          |                           |
| Expenses   | <u>(76,694)</u>                  |                         | <u>(74,883)</u>                  |                           |
| Net revenue before taxation  | 523,733                          |                         | 331,061                          |                           |
| Taxation   | <u>-</u>                         |                         | <u>-</u>                         |                           |
| Net revenue after taxation   |                                  | <u>523,733</u>          |                                  | <u>331,061</u>            |
| Total return before distributions  |                                  | (84,355)                |                                  | (2,463,727)               |
| Distributions  |                                  | (556,160)               |                                  | (360,957)                 |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders<br>from investment activities |                                  | <u><u>(640,515)</u></u> |                                  | <u><u>(2,824,684)</u></u> |

### Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders (unaudited)

for the six months ended 31 October 2023

|  | 1 May 2023 to<br>31 October 2023 |                          | 1 May 2022 to<br>31 October 2022 |                            |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | £                                | £                        | £                                | £                          |
| Opening net assets attributable to unitholders                                 |                                  | 20,909,379 *             |                                  | 23,634,561                 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of units   | 5,381,224                        |                          | 88,811                           |                            |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of units                                       | <u>(1,262,108)</u>               |                          | <u>(4,928,941)</u>               |                            |
|  |                                  | 4,119,116                |                                  | (4,840,130)                |
| Dilution levy  |                                  | -                        |                                  | 2,488                      |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders<br>from investment activities |                                  | (640,515)                |                                  | (2,824,684)                |
| Retained distributions on accumulation units                                   |                                  | 407,782                  |                                  | 128,163                    |
| Unclaimed distributions  |                                  | 9,321                    |                                  | 7,824                      |
| Closing net assets attributable to unitholders                                 |                                  | <u><u>24,805,083</u></u> |                                  | <u><u>16,108,222</u></u> * |

\* The opening net assets in the current period do not equal the closing net assets in the comparative period as they are not consecutive periods.

Balance sheet (unaudited)  
as at 31 October 2023

|  | 31 October 2023   | 30 April 2023     |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | £                 | £                 |
| Assets:                                |                   |                   |
| Fixed assets:                          |                   |                   |
| Investments                            | 23,951,967        | 19,724,727        |
| Current assets:                        |                   |                   |
| Debtors                                | 615,923           | 603,474           |
| Cash and bank balances                 | 401,081           | 761,657           |
| Total assets                           | <u>24,968,971</u> | <u>21,089,858</u> |
| Liabilities:                           |                   |                   |
| Investment liabilities                 | (52,338)          | -                 |
| Creditors:                             |                   |                   |
| Distribution payable                   | (87,554)          | (86,616)          |
| Other creditors                        | (23,996)          | (93,863)          |
| Total liabilities                      | <u>(163,888)</u>  | <u>(180,479)</u>  |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | <u>24,805,083</u> | <u>20,909,379</u> |

## Further information

### Distributions and reporting dates

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed/allocated quarterly on 20 June (final), 20 September (quarter 1), 20 December (interim) and 20 March (quarter 3). In the event of a distribution, unitholders will receive a tax voucher.

|                  |            |           |
|------------------|------------|-----------|
| XD dates:        | 1 May      | final     |
|                  | 1 August   | quarter 1 |
|                  | 1 November | interim   |
|                  | 1 February | quarter 3 |
| Reporting dates: | 30 April   | annual    |
|                  | 31 October | interim   |

### Buying and selling units

The property of the Fund is valued at 12 noon on every business day, with the exception of any bank holiday in England and Wales or the last Business Day prior to those days annually, where the valuation may be carried out at a time agreed in advance between the Manager and the Trustee; and prices of units are calculated as at that time. The Manager reserves the right to revalue the Fund at any time, at its discretion. Unit dealing is on a forward basis i.e. investors can buy and sell units at the next valuation point following receipt of the order.

Prices of units and the estimated yield of the unit classes are published on the following website: [www.trustnet.com](http://www.trustnet.com) or may be obtained by calling 0141 222 1151.

### Benchmark

Unitholders may compare the performance of the Trust against the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector.

Comparison of the Trust's performance against the IA Sterling Corporate Bond Sector will give unitholders an indication of how the Trust is performing against other similar funds in this peer group sector.

## Appointments

### Manager and Registered office

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Andrew Baddeley  
Brian McLean  
Mayank Prakash  
Neil Coxhead

### Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Manager

Dean Buckley  
Linda Robinson  
Sally Macdonald  
Victoria Muir

### Non-Executive Directors of the Manager

Paul Wyse - resigned 11 July 2023  
Guy Swarbeck - appointed 21 August 2023

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