

Charity registration number 212495 (England and Wales)

**JOHNSTON FAMILY TRUST - J ACCOUNT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	William Johnston Family Company Limited
<b>Charity number</b>	212495
<b>Principal address</b>	c/o Port of Liverpool Building Pier Head Liverpool L3 1NW
<b>Independent examiner</b>	John Duffy BA (Hons) ATT TEP FCCA Rathbone Trust Company Limited Port of Liverpool Building Pier Head Liverpool L3 1NW L19 8HG
<b>Solicitors</b>	Brabners LLP Horton House Exchange Flags Liverpool L2 3YL
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Rathbones Investment Management Ltd 30 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Settlement Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

### **Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objects are to grant pensions to relieve poverty in such a manner as the trustees shall think fit.

All applications for grants should be made to the board of directors at the registered address for their consideration.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Financial review**

#### **Review of the activities of the Charity:**

Total incoming resources were £44,951 (£48,006 in 2023), realised gains £28,504 (gains £41,490 in 2023), with unrealised gains of £487 (gains of £42,504 in 2023). The costs of generating funds was £19,644 (£19,463 in 2023). Commitments to charitable donations totalled £30,150 (£24,00 in 2023). This resulted in an overall positive movement in funds of £24,148 (positive of £88,822 in 2023).

#### **Risk Management**

Trustees have adopted an investment mandate which places a greater emphasis towards global equities with performance measured on a total return basis. The Trustees are still mindful of the continuing effects of the pandemic and will give careful consideration to how this impacts on the charity's ability to make donations.

#### **Grants**

Payments were made to fourteen grantees during the year totalling £30,150.

#### **Investments**

Most of the Trustees' capital is invested on the stock market. The value of the Trust's portfolio as at 31 December 2024 totalled £1,181,973, an increase from £1,158,763 as at 31 December 2023. The Trustees review the portfolio on a regular basis to discuss its performance.

#### **Taxation Status**

The Johnston Family Trust, J Account is a registered charity and its income and activities allow it exemption from Corporation Tax, Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Inheritance Tax.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:  
William Johnston Family Company Limited

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The individuals who were directors of The William Johnston Family Company Limited were:

Mr William Stewart Johnston  
Mr Basil James Stewart Parsons-Smith  
Mr John Kendall Putt  
Mr Alexander Richmond  
Mr Neil Andrew Mullins

The Johnston Family Trust limited - J Account , the William Johnston Trust Fund is a registered charity of a Settlement Deed dated 14 October 1952. Its governing body is The William Johnston Family Company Limited. New Trustees are elected by a majority of existing Trustees.

The Trustees ensure that they are operating within current guidelines by discussing all issues arising as advised by the Charity Commission and Rathbones Trust Company Limited during their meetings.

The Trustees meet annually to review performance , the general list of charitable organisations and any other matters arising. All trustees attend the meetings and play an active role in the administration of the Trust, including researching possible donees and visiting charities and events where applicable.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



**W S Johnston**

Trustee

Dated: 25 March 2025

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF JOHNSTON FAMILY TRUST - J ACCOUNT

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Johnston Family Trust - J Account (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



John Duffy

John Duffy BA(Hons) ATT TEP FCCA

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Dated: 25 March 2025

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Investments	3	44,951	48,006
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds	5	8,776	8,114
Charitable activities	4	41,018	35,064
<b>Total resources expended</b>		49,794	43,178
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	28,991	83,994
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		24,148	88,822
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		1,219,038	1,130,216
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		1,243,186	1,219,038

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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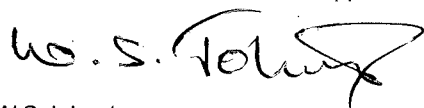
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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	12		1,181,973		1,158,763
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		68,113		65,235	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(6,900)		(4,960)	
Net current assets			61,213		60,275
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,243,186		1,219,038
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			1,243,186		1,219,038
			1,243,186		1,219,038

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 March 2025



W S Johnston  
Trustee



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## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 1 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Johnston Family Trust - J Account is a registered charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

#### 2.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 2.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 2.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### 2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 2.5 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 2.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### ***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from listed investments	44,035	46,544
Other income	916	1,462
	<u>44,951</u>	<u>48,006</u>

### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	30,150	24,000
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 11)</b>		
Governance	10,868	11,064
	<u>41,018</u>	<u>35,064</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	<u>41,018</u>	<u>35,064</u>

### 5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Rathbones investment management fees	8,776	8,399
	<u>8,776</u>	<u>8,399</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 6 Trustees

B J S Parsons-Smith and J K Putt have been engaged by the trustees under the terms of a Personal Services Contract to provide administrative support in connection with the grant making process for the charity.

The William Johnston Family Company Limited is a Trustee of the Charity. No payments for professional services were received by the company during the year.

### 7 Donations made during the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Mrs J Airey	2,000	1,700
Ms C M Blythe	1,500	1,000
Mrs H Bolton	2,600	2,200
Mrs P Brodie	1,800	1,500
Mrs E Clarke	2,500	2,500
Mrs M E Hulme-Dymond	3,400	3,000
Miss J King	1,700	1,400
Mrs B Lewis	1,500	1,100
Mrs G M Oliver	3,550	1,000
Ms P Paton	3,400	3,000
Miss C Richold	1,600	1,300
Mrs V Saunders	800	1,200
Mrs C Taylor	1,500	1,100
Mrs R Thomas	2,300	2,000
	<u>30,150</u>	<u>24,000</u>

### 8 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 9 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	487	42,504
Sale of investments	28,504	41,490
	<u>28,991</u>	<u>83,994</u>

### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 11 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Service Contracts	-	2,800	2,800	2,800
Secretarial and Accountancy fees	-	7,350	7,350	7,110
Trustee expenses	-	129	129	138
Independent Examination fees	-	450	450	450
Bank charges	-	70	70	-
Legal and professional	-	69	69	632
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,868</u>	<u>10,868</u>	<u>11,064</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	-	10,868	10,868	11,064
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,868</u>	<u>10,868</u>	<u>11,064</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2024	1,158,763
Additions	633,546
Valuation changes	487
Disposals	(610,823)
At 31 December 2024	1,181,973
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2024	1,181,973
At 31 December 2023	1,158,763

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Secretarial and accounting fees	5,200	4,960
Unpresented Grants	1,700	-
	6,900	4,960

### 14 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	1,219,038	44,951	(49,794)	28,991	1,243,186
<b>Previous year:</b>	<b>At 1 January 2023 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Gains and losses £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023 £</b>
General funds	1,130,216	48,006	(43,178)	83,994	1,219,038

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 15 Related party transactions

The Trustees have considered personal or other interests in which as a result of a decision made where an individual may benefit financially or otherwise, either directly or indirectly. In order to comply with their duties, the trustees confirm the person affected does not take part in any discussions relating to the issue concerned other than to clarify facts.

