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from 6 April 2026 to 5 October 2026

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Abbreviation or term	Meaning
'Act'	Insolvency Act 1986
'Authorities'	The Bank of England, the Treasury and the FCA, collectively
'Barclays'	Barclays Bank UK Plc
'Barclays Voluntary Payment'	A payment of £6,281,757 received by the JSAs pursuant to a settlement between Barclays and the FCA
'Bar Date'	A deadline for Clients to submit their claims in respect of Client Money and/or Custody Assets, which was set as 20 March 2024
'CACEIS'	CACEIS Bank (UK Branch)
'CACEIS Voluntary Payment'	A payment of £30,914,068 received by the JSAs pursuant to a settlement between CACEIS and the FCA
'CASS'	The FCA's Client Assets Sourcebook
'CASS 7'	Chapter 7 (client money rules) of CASS
'CASS 7A'	Chapter 7A (client money distribution and transfer) of CASS
'Client'	A party for whom the LLP held Client Money and/or Custody Assets (i.e. Client Assets)
'Client Assets'	Client Money and Custody Assets, collectively
'Client Assets Claim'	Each Client's claim to the Custody Assets
'Client Assets Claim Form'	The form submitted by Clients agreeing or disagreeing with their Client Assets Claim and/or Client Money Entitlement, as set out in their Client Assets Statement
'Client Assets Confirmation Statement'	The statement sent to Clients by the JSAs setting out their agreed claim in respect of both Custody Assets and Client Money following the approval of the Distribution Plan
'Client Assets Statement'	The statement that each Client was sent by the JSAs (in advance of the Bar Date), detailing their entitlement to Client Assets according to the LLP's records as at 6 April 2023
'Client Money'	Money that the LLP has received, held and/or treated as client money in accordance with the Client Money Rules
'Client Money Entitlement'	The amount of each Client's claim to Client Money
'Client Money Rules'	CASS 7 and CASS 7A
'Clients' and Creditors' Committee' or 'Committee'	The committee established to represent the interests of all Clients and Creditors and assist the JSAs in the making of certain decisions, representing the whole Client and Creditor body

'CMP'	The Client Money Pool, being the pool of pre-Special Administration Client Money held on trust by the LLP in accordance with the Client Money Rules, pooled in accordance with those rules for the purpose of distributing Client Money
'Compensation Deed'	The Deed which sets out the mechanism by which the FSCS funds compensation payments to Clients via the JSAs
'Costs Contribution'	Each Client's contribution to the costs of returning Custody Assets
'Costs Contribution Reserve'	The reserve, comprising all Clients' Costs Contributions, for the costs of achieving Objective One
'Court'	The High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England & Wales
'Creditor'	Any party who is owed monies by the LLP, including Trade Creditors and Clients with a Client Money and/or Custody Asset shortfall and Secured Creditors, Preferential Creditors, Secondary Preferential Creditors and ordinary Unsecured Creditors
'Custody Assets'	Securities (including stocks, shares and other investments) held for and on behalf of the Clients by the LLP and/or WT Nominees as at the date of the JSAs' appointment
'Designated Members'	The LLP's designated members, being Mr Dance and WealthTek Capital Limited
'Distribution Instruction Date'	The date the proposed distribution of Client Assets to the Client, another person or alternative broker is intended to be instructed by the JSAs as specified in the Client Assets Confirmation Statement
'Distribution Plan'	The distribution plan under Chapter 3 of the Rules setting out how Custody Assets will be returned to Clients and how the costs of the Special Administration will be allocated, which was approved by the Court on 23 July 2024
'Estate'	The LLP's assets and liabilities generally, excluding Client Assets
'Estate Assets'	Assets belonging to the LLP that will be realised for the benefit of Creditors, subject to the deduction of applicable costs and expenses, but which are not Client Assets
'FCA'	Financial Conduct Authority
'FSCS'	Financial Services Compensation Scheme
'FSMA'	Financial Services and Markets Act 2000
'GHCCM'	GHC Capital Markets Limited, the Nominated Broker
'HMRC'	HM Revenue & Customs
'Intermediaries'	Individuals and/or corporate entities who have introduced Clients to the LLP
'Investment Bank'	An entity incorporated in the United Kingdom, which has permissions under FSMA to carry out certain regulated activities and holds Client Assets

'JIMs'	Shane Crooks, Mark Shaw and Emma Sayers, the former Joint Interim Managers appointed on 4 April 2023, until they were then appointed as JSAs on 6 April 2023
'JSAs' or 'we'	The Joint Special Administrators, being Shane Crooks, Kirsty McMahon and Emma Sayers of BDO LLP (Kirsty McMahon replaced Mark Shaw, also of BDO LLP, as a JSA on 14 October 2024)
'Mr Dance'	Jonathan/John Edward Dance
'Net Property'	Floating charge realisations after costs and payment of Preferential and Secondary Preferential Creditors in full
'Nominated Broker'	Any persons that the JSAs notify as being a Nominated Broker to receive the Client Assets in accordance with Regulation 10B
'NRF'	Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, the solicitors instructed to advise the JSAs in that capacity
'Objectives'	The three statutory objectives set out in Regulation 10(1) of the Regulations, namely Objective One, Objective Two and Objective Three
'Objective One'	To ensure the return of client assets as soon as is reasonably practicable
'Objective Three'	To either: (i) Rescue the Investment Bank as a going concern, or (ii) Wind it up in the best interest of the creditors
'Objective Two'	To ensure timely engagement with market infrastructure bodies and the Authorities pursuant to regulation 13 of the Regulations
'Period'	6 April 2026 to 5 October 2026
'Platform'	The LLP's electronic database used by Clients and Intermediaries known as WIN and/or Portfolio, developed in conjunction with Contemi Solutions (London) Limited
'Portal'	BDO's online portal for Clients and Creditors, at brportal.bdo.co.uk, in relation to general Client and Creditor updates and communications
'Post-appointment Client Money'	Client Money received after the PPE (representing income and receipts deriving from underlying Client Assets, including in respect of corporate actions), to be held separately from the CMP and distributed in accordance with CASS 7A
'Post-Distribution Shortfall'	Any remaining shortfall suffered by a Client after taking into account any returns of Client Assets under the Distribution Plan, distributions of Client Money and the Costs Contribution
'PPE'	Primary pooling event as defined under CASS 7A, resulting in the formation of the CMP at the time the LLP entered Special Administration
'Preferential Creditors'	Claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months prior to Special Administration up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances. Where a decision is being

	sought from Preferential Creditors, these will include Secondary Preferential Creditors
'Prescribed Part'	Where a body corporate has granted a floating charge after 15 September 2003, under Section 176A of the Act (as applied by the Regulations) a proportion of the Net Property available to a qualifying floating charge holder is set aside for the Unsecured Creditors of that body corporate
'Proposals'	The JSAs' statement of proposals for achieving the purpose of the Special Administration
'Recoveries Proceeds'	Any monies (including the proceeds of property recovered) which represent recoveries of Client Assets or Client Money (as applicable) which should have been, but were not, held by the Firm at the Administration Date, or any monies representing redress payments and/or compensation obtained for the benefit of a Client or Clients of the Firm, other than compensation payable by FSCS
'Redundancy Payments Service'	A government department that pays outstanding entitlements to employees (up to certain statutory limits) in the event their employer is insolvent
'Regulations'	Investment Bank Special Administration Regulations 2011
'Rules'	Investment Bank Special Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2011
'Sapia'	Sapia Partners LLP
'Sapia Voluntary Payment'	A payment of £19,137,950 to be received by the JSAs pursuant to a settlement between Sapia and the FCA
'SIPP'	Self-Invested Personal Pension
'Secondary Preferential Creditors'	Where a company enters into Special Administration on or after 1 December 2020, claims for unpaid VAT, PAYE deductions, Employee National Insurance Contributions (NICs) deductions, student loan repayment deductions and amounts withheld under the construction industry scheme
'Secured Creditors'	Creditors whose debt is secured over the LLP's property
'Segregated Trust Account'	The bank account operated by the JSAs to receive compensation due to Clients from the FSCS
'Special Administration'	Investment Bank Special Administration, an insolvency process under the Regulations - which the LLP entered on 6 April 2023
'Special Administration Order'	Order of the High Court made on 6 April 2023 with effect from 12:45 hours, placing the LLP into Special Administration and appointing the JSAs as special administrators
'Surplus Assets'	Custody Assets held to which Clients have no claim according to the Platform
'Sweep Payments'	The payment to Clients of funds received after their Transfer/Distribution relating to Post-appointment Client Money, together with liquidation proceeds for fractional entitlements.

'the LLP'	Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership trading as: WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville
'the Report'	This report, prepared and sent in accordance with Rules 122 and 123 of the Rules
'Trade Creditors'	Any party who is not a Client that is owed an amount by the LLP, including Preferential, Secondary Preferential and Unsecured Creditors
'Transfer/Distribution Instruction Dates'	The Transfer Instruction Date and Distribution Instruction Date
'Unsecured Creditors'	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
'WT Nominees'	WealthTek Nominees Limited

1. KEY INFORMATION

1.1. Background

Shane Crooks, Mark Shaw and Emma Sayers were appointed as JSAs of the LLP on 6 April 2023 by the Special Administration Order following an application by the FCA.

On 14 October 2024, Mark Shaw was replaced as JSA by Kirsty McMahon.

The affairs, business and property of the LLP are being managed by the JSAs, who act as agents of the LLP and without personal liability.

Under the provisions of paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 to the Act (as applied by Regulation 15 of the Regulations), the JSAs carry out their functions jointly and severally (meaning any action can be done by one or more of the JSAs).

Nothing in this Report is intended to waive any form of legal privilege held by the LLP or the JSAs.

1.2. Purpose of the Report

This is the seventh six-month progress report in relation to the Special Administration, for the period from 6 April 2026 to 5 October 2026.

The main purpose of the Report is to provide Clients and Creditors with an update on the progress of the Special Administration during the Period, including progress made by the JSAs in pursuing the Objectives of the Special Administration.

This introductory section seeks to provide a summary of the key matters that have been progressed during the Period, and which are outlined in further detail in the subsequent sections of the Report.

We would encourage the reader to review this Report in conjunction with all other reports and updates regarding the Special Administration. These are available on the brportal.bdo.co.uk portal or through the JSAs' website www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/insights/advisory/business-restructuring/wealthtek-administration.

1.3. Summary of actions taken in the Period

As previously reported, on 4 April 2023 the FCA imposed requirements on the LLP immediately to cease all regulated activities for which it had Part 4A FSMA permissions. The LLP has therefore not undertaken any regulated activity in the Period, except to the extent permitted by the FCA in order to effect distributions to Clients of Client Assets.

Key areas of focus for the JSAs during the Period have been the distribution of the Sapia Voluntary Payment and the CACEIS Voluntary Payment to Clients with outstanding losses, and realising the LLP's interest in certificated shares, including dividend proceeds (the net proceeds from this exercise will be allocated to the CMP).

The JSAs have also continued work on the implementation of the Distribution Plan and the return of Client Assets and FSCS compensation to the remaining Clients whose Client Assets have yet to be returned, including liaising with the Nominated Broker and various alternative brokers to facilitate transfers.

There remain only 7 Clients (with account balances of £1,000 or more) who have not yet provided actionable instructions for the return of their Client Assets.

The JSAs have also continued to liaise with the FCA and FSCS as required throughout the Period. They have also reached agreement with HMRC on the treatment of VAT, and arranged for the completion of the outstanding VAT returns, resulting in a VAT reclaim of £527,766.

1.4. Return of Client Assets

1.4.1. Transfer/distribution of Client Assets

At the time of preparing this Report the JSAs have processed the return of Client Assets for 980 Clients.

Transfer/Distribution Instruction Dates will continue to be provided to Clients once all conditions necessary for the return of their Client Assets under the Distribution Plan have been met.

The JSAs' records indicate that 7 Clients, with a Client Asset balance of £1,000 or more, have neither engaged with the Nominated Broker nor provided alternative instructions for the return of their assets. The JSAs encourage all Clients to engage in this process as soon as possible. In this regard, the JSAs will shortly issue a Long-Stop Date Notice which, under the terms of the Distribution Plan, will provide them with the ability to deal with remaining Client Assets in respect of those Clients who have yet to provide transfer instructions. Further correspondence will be issued to affected Clients in due course to explain the implications of the Long-Stop Date.

1.5. Return to Creditors

The table below summarises the anticipated outcome for Creditors (as opposed to Clients), based on the information currently available. Please note that this may be subject to change.

Class of creditor	Current estimate	Previous estimate
Secured creditors	N/A	N/A
Preferential creditors	Nil	Nil
Secondary preferential creditors	Nil	Nil
Unsecured Creditors[1]	Nil	Nil

[1] As at the date of appointment, the LLP had no outstanding floating charge security. Therefore, the Prescribed Part will not apply in the Special Administration.

1.6. What Clients and Creditors need to do

As set out at paragraph 1.2 above, the purpose of the Report is to provide Clients and Creditors with an update on the progress of the Special Administration.

General action

Clients who have yet to engage with the Nominated Broker or provide alternative instructions for the return of their Client Assets should do so as soon as possible in order to ensure the return of their Client Assets.

As explained at paragraph 1.4.1. above, the JSAs will shortly issue the Long-Stop Date Notice, and further guidance will be issued to affected Clients in due course.

1.7. Clients' and Creditors' rights

An overview of the rights of Clients and Creditors is attached at Appendix B.

If there are any matters relating to the affairs of the LLP and/or its Designated Members that you consider merit investigation, you should provide details to the JSAs using the contact details below (to the extent you have not already done so).

1.8. Contact details

Contact: The WealthTek Team, BDO LLP, 5 Temple Square, Temple Street, Liverpool L2 5RH
Tel: +44 (0)113 521 4470 or +44 (0)151 351 4700
Email: WealthTekClients@bdo.co.uk or WealthTek@bdo.co.uk
Reference: 00426532

2. PROGRESS IN THE PERIOD

2.1. Overview

During the Period, the JSAs have continued to pursue their strategy to achieve the three statutory Objectives of the Special Administration under the Regulations. The JSAs have continued to engage with brokers to prepare for and implement the transfer/distribution of Client Assets, preparing and issuing the associated notices to Clients including updated Client Assets Confirmation Statements and preparing and issuing Sweep Payment notices and processing the payments.

A significant amount of time has been spent in administering and distributing the Sapia Voluntary Payment and CACEIS Voluntary Payment to eligible Clients and resolving issues related to, and realising, the certificated shares held by the LLP.

2.2. Objective One – Return of Client Assets

2.2.1. Securing all known Custody Assets and Client Money

The JSAs have continued to secure and routinely reconcile the known Custody Assets and Client Money.

The overall Client Assets shortfall stands at £80.8m.

Further details of the Client Assets are set out below.

2.2.2. Custody Assets held at CACEIS and Barclays

The JSAs continue to liaise with the LLP's custodian, CACEIS, which held Custody Assets valued at c.£96.5m as at 4 April 2023 (the date of the JIMs' appointment, which preceded the JSAs' appointment by a short period). CACEIS continue to hold those Custody Assets which have not yet been returned to Clients, together with income and assets resulting from corporate actions since the JSAs' appointment, to the extent they have not already been transferred to Clients.

In the Period, the JSAs have recorded 117 cash events across four currencies.

The funds relating to Post-appointment Client Money receipts have been, and will continue to be, distributed alongside the distribution of the Custody Assets to which the relevant receipts relate. The funds are, as such, Client-specific in a similar way to Custody Assets.

As previously reported, the LLP cannot undertake regulated activity and is therefore not in a position to make any elections on optional corporate actions in relation to Custody Assets, such as rights issues. The JSAs continue to record and reconcile any adjustments resulting from mandatory corporate actions, such as dividends and stock splits.

2.2.3. Other Custody Assets

616 shares have been identified as being held in the name of WT Nominees in Commonwealth Bank of Australia, with a value of approximately £32,701 as at 6 April 2023. These shares, together with a further 89 shares held in the name of the LLP, represent additional Surplus Assets against which no Client claims have been identified. The JSAs are currently taking steps to realise these shares.

2.2.4. Unit trusts

The unit trust positions have continued to be reconciled on a regular basis. As previously reported, the unit trust assets are held by WT Nominees, and the Joint Liquidators of WT Nominees continue to assist with the transfer and distribution of these assets to Clients.

2.2.5. ISA accounts

The JSAs have continued to facilitate the transfer of affected ISA accounts following receipt of HMRC's determination that affected Clients' ISA accounts will retain their ISA status. There remains one affected ISA account that is yet to transfer.

2.2.6. Custody Assets shortfall

The shortfall in respect of the Custody Assets is set out in the table below:

Description	Note	Value £*
Total valuation of Custody Assets on the Platform as at 6 April 2023	1	216,476,986
Custody Assets confirmed to be held by custodians as at 6 April 2023	2	138,684,151
Custody Assets held by the LLP in certificated form as at 6 April 2023	3	425,566
Surplus Assets confirmed to be held by custodians as at 6 April 2023	4	(2,772,015)
Custody Assets recorded on Platform but not actually held by LLP on behalf of Clients	5	9,552,083
Current Custody Asset shortfall	**6**	**70,587,201**

Notes:

1. This is the JSAs' estimated valuation of Custody Assets indicated as being held by the LLP as at 6 April 2023.
2. This is the confirmed Custody Assets held with custodians valued as at 6 April 2023. The balance comprises assets held at CACEIS totalling £96,548,470, unit trusts totalling £41,578,735 and assets held by other Custodians totalling £556,945. This figure has increased by £32,701 in the Period, due to the shares held in Commonwealth Bank of Australia, as referred to at 2.2.3 above.
3. This is the value of certificated shares in the name of Clients held by the LLP as at 6 April 2023.
4. The reconciliation has identified assets valued at c. £2.7m which are confirmed as being held with custodians, but the Platform records do not indicate that any Clients have a claim to these assets. This figure has increased by £32,701 in the Period, due to the shares held in Commonwealth Bank of Australia, as referred to at 2.2.3 above.
5. As previously reported, the JSAs are aware of assets totalling c. £9.5m which were previously recorded as being held by the LLP. However, following investigations, it transpired that the LLP never held the assets, and they do not therefore form part of the Custody Assets. During the Period, as part of the share certificate verification process, it was established that a share certificate held by the LLP had been replaced by a duplicate certificate issued to the Client. As the duplicate certificate represented the same underlying holding, it has been removed from this balance, resulting in a decrease of £6,568.
6. The JSAs have made extensive enquiries and do not at this stage anticipate identifying any additional Custody Assets that will materially affect the Custody Assets shortfall.

2.2.7. Client Money

As previously advised, the appointment of the JSAs triggered a primary pooling event ('PPE') under CASS 7A, whereby all Client Money held at that time, in various currencies, was pooled to form the CMP. The Client Money paid to the LLP by CACEIS and Barclays totalled £2,669,957.

The JSAs have also realised c£2.69m from the sale of Surplus Assets, as previously reported. The JSAs are continuing in their efforts to realise the remaining Surplus Assets, the anticipated value of which is difficult to estimate as many of these assets are not readily realisable and therefore have uncertain, potentially minimal, value.

The table below sets out the Client Money shortfall (before costs) following the realisation of the Surplus Assets:

As at 6 April 2023:	Value £
Client Money positions on the Platform	12,876,348
Additional claims received	8,352
Client Money held with known custodians upon PPE	(2,669,957)
Original Client Money shortfall	**10,214,743**
Surplus asset realisations	(2,690,536)[1]
Current Client Money Shortfall	**7,524,207**

[1] The Surplus Asset realisations were made in various currencies. This figure represents the converted GBP figure and includes £898 realised in the previous period, but which has not yet been transferred from CACEIS to the accounts operated by the JSAs and is therefore not reflected on the Receipts and Payments account attached at Appendix C.

Client Money Distributions

The JSAs paid an initial, first distribution in respect of Client Money of 19p in the £. This sum has been included as part of the funds included in transfers/distributions to the Nominated Broker or alternative brokers, or it has been paid directly to Clients or their product providers, where they have requested a liquidation of their Client Assets.

A second Client Money distribution of 7.76p in the £ was paid in the Period to all Clients with an outstanding Client Money Entitlement (or to the FSCS, where a Client has been fully compensated, as a result of the assignment of rights to the FSCS).

Further Client Money distributions are anticipated once the JSAs have resolved certain tax matters connected to the sale of the Surplus Assets and concluded the recoveries in relation to certificated shares. An update on the quantum and timing of the further distributions will be provided in due course.

Given the Client Money shortfall, each Client will receive a rateable distribution of Client Money held by the LLP based on their Client Money Entitlement (and not their overall losses) and will have an unsecured claim against the LLP in the amount of the shortfall.

In the Period, the JSAs have arranged for the payment of both the first and second Client Money distributions to one Client that only held Client Money (and not Custody Assets) and who had not previously received any distribution.

Physical share certificates

As previously reported, the LLP held approximately 1,715 physical share certificates representing around 1.85 million shares, predominantly in UK listed companies. These certificates had been provided by Clients prior to the LLP's entry into Special Administration on the understanding that the underlying shares would be dematerialised and sold, with the proceeds credited to their accounts. However, in many cases this process had not been completed before the Special Administration, and the shares remained registered in the names of the underlying shareholders,

many of whom were former Clients or deceased estates (notwithstanding that the Clients had been credited with Client Money in an amount equal to the value of the shares).

The JSAs have continued to engage with shareholders, executors and registrars to regularise the position, transfer the shares into the name of the LLP where appropriate and realise the underlying value for the benefit of the CMP. This process has been complex and time consuming due to the age of many holdings and issues identified during the verification process, including instances where share certificates have been replaced, reported lost or stolen, or the underlying shares have subsequently been sold.

During the Period, further share certificates representing approximately 49,899 shares were submitted to registrars for transfer to the LLP and, to date, replacement share certificates representing approximately 985,078 shares have been issued in the name of the LLP. Of these shares, 223,741 shares have been realised in the Period, generating proceeds of approximately £1.26 million for the CMP. The remaining shares will be realised in due course with the proceeds allocated to the CMP.

In addition to the sale proceeds, the JSAs have recovered dividends and other distributions relating to these holdings. This includes dividends received on shares transferred into the name of the LLP and amounts repaid by former shareholders in respect of dividends and sale proceeds received before the shares were transferred. Total recoveries to date amount to approximately £368,147, of which £169,327 was recovered in the Period.

The JSAs will continue to engage with affected parties to resolve the remaining holdings and maximise recoveries for the benefit of Clients with Client Money Entitlements.

2.2.8. Client Assets Statements

There remains a disagreement in respect of only one Client's claim, which the JSAs' team continue to attempt to resolve (albeit the dispute has not impacted the return of Client Assets to other Clients).

A number of Clients have yet to submit Client Assets Claim Forms, but these Clients have very small (or nil) account balances, so limited further engagement is expected from these Clients.

2.2.9. Transfer/Distribution of Client Assets

In the Period, a further 15 Clients have had their Client Assets returned, across 17 accounts, totalling £0.74m in Custody Assets and £0.02m in Client Money.

In total, 980 Clients have now had their assets returned, across 1,084 accounts, totalling £98.07m in Custody Assets and £2.12m in Client Money together with, where applicable, FSCS compensation.

In addition, Post-appointment Client Money has also been transferred/distributed to Clients as set out at paragraph 3.1.6.

Client Assets have been returned either through a transfer to the Nominated Broker, a distribution to an alternative broker of the Client's choice, or through the liquidation of Custody Assets, as further detailed in the sections below.

The JSAs will continue to work towards returning, as far as possible, the remaining Client Assets under their control.

2.2.10. Nominated Broker process

In the Period, one further Client has transferred their assets to GHCCM, the Nominated Broker. 124 Clients in total have now transferred to GHCCM.

2.2.11. Alternative Brokers

During the Period, a further 4 Clients have transferred to different alternative brokers. To date, 856 Clients have transferred to 26 different alternative brokers, or have opted to liquidate their Custody Assets.

2.2.12. Liquidations

During the period, one further Client issued instructions to liquidate their Custody Assets and received their sale proceeds, together with their Client Money and Post-appointment Client Money. A further 9 Clients who had previously issued liquidation instructions also received their sale proceeds together with their Client Money and Post-appointment Client Money in the Period, following receipt by the JSAs of their payment instructions.

2.2.13. SIPPs

All SIPP accounts have now been transferred to the Nominated Broker or an alternative broker, however, the JSAs continue to liaise with SIPP providers in relation to the accounts of the underlying Clients, specifically in relation to Sweep Payments and Recoveries Proceeds.

2.2.14. Barclays Voluntary Payment

As previously reported, pursuant to a settlement between Barclays and the FCA (details of which can be found **here**), a voluntary payment of £6,281,757 was made by Barclays on 23 July 2025.

In the Period, further payments totalling £60 have been made to Clients, with a total sum of £4,122,059 having now been paid. The JSAs continue to hold £2,159,698 for Clients pending receipt of payment instructions, or confirmation of their FSCS eligibility. Further payments will be made in due course as the remaining eligible Clients provide payment instructions.

In accordance with Clause 21.6 of the Distribution Plan, the JSAs are entitled to settle out of the Recoveries Proceeds the costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the Barclays Voluntary Payment and its onward distribution to Clients. However, in this particular matter Barclays made a contribution towards these costs, and the JSAs will not be deducting any other costs connected with this matter from the Barclays Voluntary Payment.

2.2.15. Sapia Voluntary Payment

Pursuant to a settlement between Sapia and the FCA (details of which can be found **here)**, Sapia agreed to make a voluntary payment of £19,137,950, with an additional sum of £500,000 paid by Sapia directly to the FSCS in respect of the assigned claims of FSCS compensated Clients as part of the overall settlement agreed with the FCA.

The voluntary payment was received from Sapia in the Period, and an initial distribution (representing 95% of the Sapia Voluntary Payment) was made, with payments totalling £11,895,548 paid to Clients. The JSAs continue to hold £7,242,402 of the Sapia Voluntary Payment, representing: (i) the retained 5% balance; and (ii) amounts due to Clients pending receipt of payment instructions, or confirmation of their FSCS eligibility. Further payments in relation to this sum will be made in due course. The JSAs are currently unable to confirm the timing of any further payments; however, Clients will be kept informed of developments and will receive formal notification when the JSAs are in a position to make a distribution.

In accordance with Clause 21.6 of the Distribution Plan, the JSAs are entitled to settle out of the Recoveries Proceeds the costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the Sapia Voluntary Payment and its onward distribution to Clients. Sapia has also made a contribution towards these costs.

2.2.16. CACEIS Voluntary Payment

Pursuant to a settlement between CACEIS and the FCA (details of which can be found **here**), CACEIS agreed to make a voluntary payment of £30,914,068, with an additional sum of £800,000 paid by CACEIS directly to the FSCS in respect of the assigned claims of FSCS compensated Clients as part of the overall settlement agreed with the FCA.

The voluntary payment was received from CACEIS in the Period, and an initial distribution (representing 95% of the CACEIS Voluntary Payment) was made, with payments totalling £19,215,209 paid to Clients. The JSAs continue to hold £11,698,859 of the CACEIS Voluntary Payment, representing: (i) the retained 5% balance; and (ii) amounts due to Clients pending receipt of payment instructions, or confirmation of their FSCS eligibility. Further payments in relation to this sum will be made in due course. The JSAs are currently unable to confirm the

timing of any further payments; however, Clients will be kept informed of developments and will receive formal notification when the JSAs are in a position to make a distribution.

In accordance with Clause 21.6 of the Distribution Plan, the JSAs are entitled to settle out of the Recoveries Proceeds the costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the CACEIS Voluntary Payment and its onward distribution to Clients. CACEIS has also made a contribution towards these costs.

All three Voluntary Payments referred to above have been treated as 'Recoveries Proceeds' under the Distribution Plan and distributed on a pari passu basis between all Clients with a 'Post-Distribution Shortfall' who continue to have outstanding losses (including following receipt of FSCS compensation).

2.2.17. Liaising with the FSCS

The JSAs continue to work closely with the FSCS in respect of the small number of remaining Clients whose eligibility has yet to be determined. There are 9 Clients whose eligibility has yet to be confirmed, and approximately 328 Clients that have either opted out of FSCS coverage, were ineligible for FSCS coverage, or have accounts with negligible or nil balances.

To date, the JSAs have made six drawdown requests for funds from the FSCS under the terms of the Compensation Deed totalling £32,556,442. This amount represents the Client compensation (£20,484,981) and Costs Contributions (£12,071,461) advanced by the FSCS on behalf of the 948 Clients that have, to date, been determined as eligible.

Of the £20,484,981 received by way of Client compensation, the sum of £20,375,754 has been paid by the JSAs to Clients. The balance will either be paid: (i) directly to the Clients on receipt of the necessary Client information to enable payment to be made; or (ii) to the Client's chosen broker as part of the Client's transfer/distribution (where the Client has instructed the JSAs that they do not want to be paid their compensation directly).

There are several cheques that have been issued to Clients which were not banked in the six-month period before their expiry. If you have an expired cheque, please contact the JSAs at your earliest convenience.

2.2.18. Communications with Clients and Intermediaries

The JSAs have continued to utilise a number of methods for communicating with Clients (and their Intermediaries) in relation to their affairs and the progress of the Special Administration. These include: posting updates on their dedicated website (www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/wealthtek-administration); issuing correspondence and resolving queries by email, and by post to those Clients who prefer to receive paper documents rather than electronic communications; posting documents and updates to the dedicated online portal for all Clients and Creditors of the LLP (www.brportal.bdo.co.uk); and the operation of the dedicated Client telephone hotlines.

2.2.19. Further potential recoveries for the benefit of Clients

The JSAs are continuing to liaise with the FCA which, as previously reported, is conducting a regulatory and criminal investigation into the LLP and Mr Dance (including potential regulatory breaches relating to Client Money and Custody Assets).

The Restraint Order over Mr Dance's assets, obtained by the FCA, remains in place. This preserves the assets and ensures that they remain available for a possible future confiscation order, which can only be made following a criminal conviction.

As previously reported, Mr Dance has been charged with nine offences relating to alleged fraud and money laundering between 2014 and 2023, and has plead not guilty to all charges. Mr Dance's trial is scheduled to begin in September 2027.

The FCA's civil case against Mr Dance (which had already been stayed as far as the LLP is concerned), has been stayed until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings, due to the overlapping nature of the respective proceedings.

The JSAs understand that any recoveries made by the FCA in any proceedings resulting from its investigations will be for the benefit of those who have been adversely affected and/or suffered a loss as a result of contravention of the relevant regulatory requirements i.e. the Clients (and, if applicable, the Creditors) of the LLP.

2.2.20. Tax issues

Whilst the JSAs are unable to provide tax advice to Clients, they are aware that the failure of WealthTek, the distribution of Client Assets, the payment of FSCS compensation, the Barclays Voluntary Payment, the Sapia Voluntary Payment and the CACEIS Voluntary Payment may cause a number of issues and uncertainties for Clients.

Clients should consider seeking independent tax advice in respect of their own individual financial position.

2.3. Objective Two - Engagement with market infrastructure bodies and the Authorities

2.3.1. Financial Conduct Authority

The JSAs have continued to maintain frequent contact with the FCA during the Period and will continue to do so in relation to the implementation of the Distribution Plan, regulatory compliance and statutory reporting requirements, and the overall strategy of the Special Administration.

2.3.2. Financial Services Compensation Scheme

As noted, the JSAs have maintained regular contact with the FSCS, and have been working closely with the FSCS in order to confirm eligibility for the remaining Clients and to facilitate the payment of compensation.

2.4. Objective Three - rescue the Investment Bank as a going concern or wind it up in the interests of its creditors

As previously reported, due to the Client Assets shortfall, the imposition by the FCA of requirements that prevent the LLP from carrying out regulated activity, the subsequent cessation of trade and the circumstances surrounding the JSAs' appointment, the JSAs did not consider it possible to rescue the LLP as a going concern. The JSAs have instead focussed on winding-up the LLP's affairs in the best interests of its Creditors.

2.4.1 Other matters

In addition to the above matters, we have dealt with all statutory matters required by legislation and administrative work incidental to our duties as JSAs in this Special Administration.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION

3.1. Receipts and Payments

The summaries of receipts and payments in relation to Objective One and the Estate are attached at Appendix C and detail the receipts and payments from the date of the JSAs' appointment to 5 October 2026.

Whilst the summaries of receipts and payments are largely self-explanatory, we comment further on certain items below.

3.1.1. Objective One Receipts

During the Period, and as set out at paragraphs 2.2.14 to 2.2.16 above, third-party contributions towards the JSAs' costs and expenses were received totalling £108,000 (representing £90,000 plus VAT).

In addition, £364 was received in relation to interest earned on the cash balance held.

As set out in section 1.3, a VAT reclaim totalling £527,766.19 was received during the Period. The VAT reclaim will be apportioned between the relevant asset pools to which it relates in due course.

Objective One Payments

During the Period, a payment of £28,686 was made to CACEIS in relation to custodian fees.

Further information in relation to payments made is detailed in Appendix E.

3.1.2. Segregated Trust Account

During the Period, in addition to interest totalling £16, a further £7,397 has been received from the FSCS and has been paid to the FSCS Shortfall Payments Account in order to pay shortfall compensation due to Clients.

3.1.3. FSCS Shortfall Payments Account

The JSAs hold a balance of £198,837, representing: (1) FSCS shortfall compensation due to Clients who have yet to: (i) have their Client Assets transferred to their broker of choice; or (ii) provide sufficient information to enable the JSAs to release the payment; and (2) accrued bank interest.

If you have received your compensation by cheque and it has not been banked, you have six months from the date on the cheque to bank it. If it is not banked within this time, it will become invalid.

3.1.4. Client Money Receipts

During the Period, in addition to bank interest totalling £17,572, £1,432,356 has been received in relation to realisations of certificated shares. Of the amount received, £169,327 relates to dividends and £1,263,029 relates to sale proceeds.

3.1.5. Client Money Payments

During the Period, payments totalling £885,110 have been made to Clients by way of Client Money distributions, as follows:

(i) £23,525 in relation to the first Client Money distribution of 19p in the £; and

(ii) £861,585 in relation to the second Client Money distribution of £7.76p in the £.

Stamp Duty and administrative fees of £3,045 and £165 have been paid in relation to realisations on share certificates.

3.1.6. Post-appointment Client Money and payment of Liquidation Proceeds

During the Period, the JSAs have paid the following sums to Clients in relation to post-appointment Client Money.

Currency	In the Period	Total
AUD	-	20,472
CAD	-	13,034
EUR	-	304,476
GBP	1,042,936	25,816,147
USD	232,092	4,709,352

During the Period, the JSAs have paid the following sums to Clients in relation to liquidation proceeds where Clients have opted to liquidate their assets.

Currency	In the Period	Total
AUD	-	16,651
EUR	-	23,545
GBP	541,794	10,913,125
USD	-	1,919,433

3.1.7. Estate Receipts

During the Period, there were no Estate Assets realisations, other than interest earned on the cash balance held totalling £694.

3.1.8. Estate Payments

During the Period, a payment of £52 was made in relation to the renewal of the data protection fee.

Further information in relation to payments made is detailed in Appendix E.

3.2. Estate Assets

No further Estate Assets have been identified or realised in the Period except for gross interest totalling £694.

3.3. Estate Liabilities

3.3.1. Secured Creditors

There were no outstanding charges granted by the LLP at the date of the appointment of the JSAs and, accordingly, there are no Secured Creditors in the Special Administration.

3.3.2. Preferential Creditors

Preferential Creditors are represented by claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months prior to the Special Administration of up to £800, and holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances. The JSAs retained ERA Solutions Limited, a specialist consultancy, to assist with the claims of the LLP's former employees.

As previously reported, subsequent to the appointment of the JSAs, 22 of the LLP's employees were made redundant, resulting in the following estimated preferential claims:

Preferential claims	£
Former employees – arrears of wages and accrued holiday pay	5,324
Redundancy Payments Service – arrears of wages and accrued holiday pay	16,653
Total preferential claims	**21,977**

In addition, the employer and employee pension scheme deductions for March 2023, in the sum of £5,043, were not paid to the scheme and are expected to result in an additional preferential claim.

As detailed in the return to creditors section of the Report, it is estimated that there will be no distribution to Preferential Creditors.

3.3.3. Secondary Preferential Creditor

Where an LLP enters Special Administration on or after 1 December 2020, claims for unpaid VAT, PAYE deductions, Employee National Insurance Contributions (NICs) deductions, student loan repayment deductions and amounts withheld under the construction industry scheme represent Secondary Preferential Creditors.

Deductions in respect of PAYE and NIC for the month of March 2023, in the sum of £26,364, were not paid to HMRC. These are expected to result in a secondary preferential claim although, as previously reported, the claim may be mitigated by set-off of VAT refunds totalling £12,003.

As detailed in the return to creditors section of the Report, it is estimated that there will be no distribution to Secondary Preferential Creditors.

3.3.4. Prescribed Part

At the date of appointment, the LLP had no outstanding floating charge security and therefore the Prescribed Part will not apply in the Special Administration.

3.3.5. Unsecured Creditors

Unsecured Creditor claims are broadly split between:

(i) Client shortfall claims, which may arise from any shortfall in Client Money or Custody Assets; and

(ii) Unsecured Creditors, which include the claims of Trade Creditors, and employees' non-preferential claims (to include the subrogated claim of the Redundancy Payments Service).

Based on the information presently available, unsecured claims from Trade Creditors (i.e. category (ii) above) may total £7,832,961. To date, the JSAs have received claims from Trade Creditors totalling £2,707,972.

Total Client shortfall claims in respect of Client Money and Custody Assets (i.e. category (i) above) are £93,296,090. Whilst the FSCS has compensated eligible Clients, thereby reducing Client Assets shortfall claims, it has a subrogated unsecured claim in respect of any compensated Clients. The total shortfall has, however, been reduced by:

- the Barclays Voluntary Payment of £6,281,757;

- the Sapia Voluntary Payment of £19,137,950 and contribution of £500,000 made by Sapia directly to the FSCS in respect of the assigned claims of FSCS compensated Clients;
- the second Client Money distribution of £999,847; and
- the CACEIS Voluntary Payment of £30,914,068 and contribution of £800,000 made by CACEIS directly to the FSCS in respect of the assigned claims of FSCS compensated Clients.

At the current time, therefore, the JSAs estimate that the value of the claims of the LLP's Unsecured Creditors may be in the region of £37.4m. This sum has significantly reduced in the Period due to the receipt of the Sapia Voluntary Payment and CACEIS Voluntary Payment.

4. INVESTIGATIONS

As previously reported, the JSAs have complied with their reporting duties to the Department for Business and Trade in relation to the conduct of all Designated Members (and any de facto or shadow Designated Members) during the three years before the commencement of the Special Administration.

The JSAs have previously undertaken other specific enquiries and investigations in relation to the LLP and its affairs. For reasons of legal professional privilege and to avoid any prejudice in relation to any claims that the JSAs may identify against any third parties, the JSAs are unable to provide any further information in relation to those enquiries at this time. This is normal market practice and in the best interests of Clients and Creditors.

Should any Clients or Creditors have any information relating to the affairs of the LLP and/or its Designated Members that might assist the JSAs with their investigations, they are requested to provide that information to the JSAs as soon as possible.

In its judgment of 28 November 2024, the Court determined that it was not appropriate for the Costs Contribution Reserve to include a provision for the costs of potential future investigations and/or litigation to recover shortfalls in the LLP's holdings of Client Assets, and that the JSAs are under no obligation to pursue such investigations and/or litigation as part of achieving Objective One of the Special Administration (unless they are put in funds to do so).

As matters stand, the JSAs have not received any external or third-party funding to take steps to recover shortfalls in the LLP's holdings of Client Assets. Accordingly, the JSAs have been required to pause their ongoing investigations as they are unable to incur costs without a means of funding them. The JSAs note, however, that the Voluntary Payments subsequently recovered from Barclays, Sapia and CACEIS have substantially reduced the level of residual Client losses.

The JSAs also continue to consider the availability of any claims to the LLP or the JSAs for the benefit of the LLP's estate (which includes any shortfalls due to Clients which automatically rank as Unsecured Creditors).

5. REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION

5.1. Pre-Special Administration costs

The Proposals detailed unpaid pre-Special Administration costs and expenses totalling £193,973 (plus VAT). Approval for these costs to be drawn by the JSAs (subject to Estate Assets realisations being sufficient) will be sought from the Committee (or general body of Clients and Creditors as appropriate) in due course.

5.2. JSAs' remuneration

5.2.1. Bases of the JSAs' remuneration

Pursuant to Rule 196 of the Rules, the basis of the JSAs' remuneration may be fixed:

(i) as a percentage of the value of the property with which the JSAs have to deal;

(ii) by reference to the time properly given by the insolvency practitioners (as JSAs) and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Special Administration;

(iii) as a set amount; or

(iv) as a combination of any one or more of the bases set out above.

As noted below, the JSAs have sought to fix their remuneration in this matter by reference to the time properly spent in attending to matters in the Special Administration.

5.2.2. JSAs' time costs

The table below sets out the time costs incurred by the JSAs and their team in the Special Administration from the date of their appointment to 5 October 2026:

Type of cost	Hours	Time costs £	Av. Rate £
Objective One Costs	21,957.14	9,725,459.56	442.93
Objective Two and Three Costs	3,271.97	1,391,728.30	418.87
Total	**25,229.11**	**11,117,187.86**	**440.65**

Time costs of £935,450 (which are included in the table above) have been incurred during the Period, represented by 1,984 hours at an average rate of £471.50. A detailed report of the time incurred by the JSAs, and a narrative of the work undertaken during the Period, is attached at Appendix D.

5.2.3. JSAs' expenses

The JSAs have incurred expenses totalling £6,770,131 (plus VAT) from the date of their appointment up to 5 October 2026, £4,404,024 (plus VAT) of which relate to legal fees and expenses (excluding pre-appointment costs). The expenses are apportioned as follows:

Type of Expense	Expenses Incurred £
Objective One Expenses	6,074,584
Objective Two and Three Expenses	695,547
Total	**6,770,131**

A schedule of all costs and expenses incurred by the JSAs can be found at Appendix E.

5.2.4. Third party cost contributions

The JSAs have received the following contributions towards their costs and expenses in relation to the Voluntary Payments received from Barclays, Sapia and CACEIS. The costs incurred in relation to the Voluntary Payments were incurred exclusively in connection with the receipt and onward payment of those amounts and the related arrangements. No part of those costs is separately chargeable to the Estate or to Client Assets. The figures quoted below are inclusive of VAT:

Received From	Costs £	Expenses £	Total £
Third party cost contributions	229,744	205,826	435,600

Contributions totalling £345,600 were received in the Period.

Elements of the JSAs' costs and expenses were invoiced directly and do not therefore appear on the receipts and payments account.

5.2.5. Prior approval of JSAs' remuneration and category 2 expenses

The costs incurred in respect of the pursuit of Objective One will be applied against and paid out of Client Assets (albeit the majority of Clients do not bear these deductions as they are covered by the FSCS compensation). In any event, the Objective One costs incurred in relation to the return of Custody Assets under the Distribution Plan will be limited to the Costs Contribution Reserve.

The costs incurred in pursuit of Objectives Two and Three will be applied against and paid out of (as far as possible) Estate Assets.

In accordance with the Rules, the Committee or, if the Committee is inquorate, the general body of Clients and/or Creditors, is responsible for approving the JSAs' remuneration.

The table below sets out the remuneration approved (excluding VAT) by either the Committee or the general body of Clients where applicable:

Year	Period covered	Approved by	Remuneration category	Approved Sum £	Amount drawn £
One	6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024	Committee	Objective One	2,903,981	2,903,981
Two	6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025	Clients	Objective One	3,617,139	2,115,030
Third party cost contribution[1]		N/A	Objective One	40,552	40,552
Total				**6,561,672**	**5,059,563**

[1] *relates to the third party cost contribution received as set out at paragraph 5.2.4. The figure in the table above does not include VAT.*

Year	Period covered	Approved by	Remuneration category	Approved Sum £	Amount drawn £
One	6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024	Committee	Client Money	297,956	297,956
Two	6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025	Clients	Client Money	228,737	228,737
Three	6 April 2025 to 5 April 2026	Clients	Client Money	315,642	315,642
Total				**842,335**	**842,335**

Category 2 expenses totalling £64,796 incurred in year one and £33,363 incurred in year two were also approved by the Committee and Clients respectively.

In addition, the JSAs have received approval to pay the remuneration incurred by the Joint Liquidators of WT Nominees in relation to the costs properly incurred in pursuit of Objective One and distribution of Client Money to Clients, as follows:

Period covered	Approved by	Remuneration category	Approved Sum £	Amount drawn £
5 September 2024 to 5 May 2025	Clients	Objective One	499,052	291,076
5 September 2024 to 31 May 2025	Clients	Client Money	67,511	67,511
Total			**566,563**	**358,587**

5.2.6. Limitations on recovery of Objective One costs

Whilst the JSAs have obtained approval of all Objective One costs which have properly been incurred up to 5 April 2025, the amount available to settle the JSAs' costs incurred in dealing with Custody Assets and the implementation of the Distribution Plan is limited by the Costs Contribution Reserve.

Only c£2.5m of the Costs Contribution Reserve remained available to meet the Objective One costs incurred in the second year. This therefore left a balance of Objective One Costs attributable to Custody Assets of c£1.6m, which will likely not be recovered by the JSAs.

It follows that the further Objective One costs incurred in relation to Custody Assets in the third year of the Special Administration and thereafter are also unlikely to be recovered by the JSAs. Whilst details of these costs are provided at Appendix D, the JSAs have not sought approval of this element of their costs at this stage.

6. DURATION OF AND EXIT FROM THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION

6.2. Duration of the Special Administration

A Special Administration under the Regulations is different to an ordinary administration under the Act as it does not automatically come to an end after 12 months.

The Special Administration will continue until the JSAs consider that the Objectives have been met and, at that point, the JSAs will conclude the Special Administration by:

(i) putting forward proposals for a Voluntary Arrangement with a view to rescuing the LLP as a going concern;

(ii) making an application to Court and seeking any order necessary (which could include seeking an order to place the LLP into liquidation); or

(iii) filing a notice with the Court and Registrar of Companies for the LLP's dissolution.

At the current time, the JSAs remain unable to provide an indication of the likely timeframe for achieving the Objectives, and therefore the likely duration of the Special Administration. Clients and Creditors will receive updates on the JSAs' progress in achieving the Objectives as the Special Administration progresses.

The JSAs are also presently unable to confirm the appropriate exit route from the Special Administration. However, as the prospect of a rescue of the LLP as a going concern is considered, at best, remote, it is unlikely that the exit will be via a Voluntary Arrangement. Further information on the likely exit route will be provided to Clients and Creditors as the Special Administration progresses.

6.3. JSAs' discharge from liability

It is proposed that the JSAs be discharged from liability on application to the Court.

APPENDIX A
STATUTORY INFORMATION

Information	
Name	Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
Trading name(s)	WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville
Partnership registration number	OC355200
Registered office	c/o BDO LLP, 5 Temple Square, Temple Street, Liverpool L2 5RH
Designated members	John Edward Dance WealthTek Capital Limited
Court name and reference	High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales court reference CR-2023-001772
Date of appointment	6 April 2023
Appointor	The High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England & Wales, on application by the FCA
JSAs	Shane Crooks, Kirsty McMahon and Emma Sayers Under the provisions of paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 to the Act (as applied by regulation 15 of the Regulations), the JSAs carry out their functions jointly and severally meaning any action can be done by one Special Administrator or by all of them.
JSAs' address	BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London W1U 7EU
Data Control and GDPR	Shane Crooks, Kirsty McMahon and Emma Sayers are authorised to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in the UK. The Joint Special Administrators are Data Controllers as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulation (albeit this does not extend to personal data processed by the LLP prior to the Special Administration). BDO LLP will act as Data Processor on the instruction of the Data Controllers. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Special Administration of Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership. Please see the privacy statement at https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/privacy-notices/insolvencies

APPENDIX B

CLIENTS' AND CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Within 21 days of receipt of the report: (1) a Secured Creditor; (2) an Unsecured Creditor with the concurrence of at least 5% in value (including the creditor in question) of the Unsecured Creditors; (3) a Client with the concurrence of Clients claiming for at least 5% in value of the Client Assets (including the Client in question); or (4) any Unsecured Creditor applying within such period, with the permission of the Court, may request in writing that the JSAs provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which are itemised in the Report (other than pre-Special Administration costs).

Within 14 days of receipt of the request, the JSAs must provide all of the information asked for, unless they think that:

- the time or cost in preparing the information would be excessive;
- disclosure of the information would be prejudicial to the conduct of the Special Administration or might reasonably be expected to lead to violence against any person; or
- the JSAs are subject to confidentiality obligations in respect of the information.

The JSAs must give reasons for not providing all of the requested information.

The following persons: (1) any Secured Creditor; (2) any Unsecured Creditor with either the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the Unsecured Creditors or the permission of the Court; (3) any Client with the concurrence of Clients representing at least 10% of the total claims in respect of Client Assets held by the LLP or with the permission of the Court; or (4) the FCA, may, within eight weeks of receipt of the Report, make an application to Court that the basis fixed for the JSAs' remuneration, the remuneration charged, or the expenses incurred by the JSAs, as set out in the Report, are excessive (or, in the case of the basis fixed, inappropriate).

Copies of BDO LLP's charging and expenses policy, 'A Creditors' Guide to Special Administrators' Fees' and information on the rights, duties and functions of a creditors' committee are available at https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/insights/advisory/business-restructuring/creditors-guides.

Please note this guidance relates to insolvency processes under the Insolvency Act 1986, rather than the Regulations, but the contents remain relevant for these purposes.

The Insolvency Service has established a central gateway for considering complaints in respect of Insolvency Practitioners. In the event that you make a complaint to us but are not satisfied with the response, then you should visit https://www.gov.uk/complain-about-insolvency-practitioner where you will find further information on how you may pursue the complaint.

The JSAs are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to this Special Administration. A copy of the code can be found at https://www.icaew.com/technical/ethics/icaew-code-of-ethics/icaew-code-of-ethics.

APPENDIX C

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
Trading As: WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville
(In Investment Bank Special Administration)

Joint Special Administrators' Objective One Receipts & Payments Account

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
OBJECTIVE ONE RECEIPTS		
Repayable Loan Facility	NIL	950,000.00
FSCS Costs Contribution (from Segregated Trust Account)	NIL	12,071,460.45
Interest Gross	364.38	12,412.50
Interest from Segregated Trust Account	NL	44,464.09
Client Costs Contributions	NIL	60,576.00
Recoveries Proceeds Costs Contributions	108,000.00	108,000.00
	108,364.38	13,246,913.04
OBJECTIVE ONE PAYMENTS		
WealthTek Nominees Limited – Fees	NIL	291,076.41
Principal Loan Repayment	NIL	950,000.00
Initial Arrangement Fee	NIL	60,000.00
Additional Arrangement Fee	NIL	220,000.00
Interest	NIL	172,383.57
Lender Legal Fees	NIL	9,903.00
Custodian Bank Fees	28,685.63	28,685.63
Bank charges	NIL	3,381.39
Wages	NIL	471,039.73
PAYE/NIC	NIL	321,752.83
Pension Contributions	NIL	7,981.52
Membership Fees	NIL	779.00
Re-direction of Mail	NIL	6,248.00
Consultancy Fees – IT Platform	NIL	763,921.44
Software Licences	1,932.50	21,703.19
Agents' Fees – Payroll	NIL	5,714.09
Agent's Fees – Employment Consultants	NIL	440.00
Appointment Fee – WealthTek Nominees Limited	NIL	9,029.00
Legal Fees and Expenses	49,448.00	2,974,261.45
Travel & Accommodation	NIL	2,739.35
Books & Records Collection & Storage	200.10	3,631.80
Telephones	NIL	2,285.61
Statutory Advertising	NIL	4,414.08
Initial Meeting Room Hire	NIL	2,445.84
Printing & Postage	NIL	1,760.00
Website/Hosting Fees	NIL	940.10
Joint Special Administrators' Fees	40,552.00	5,059,563.65
Insurance costs	NIL	3,791.20
Non-recoverable VAT (Objective One)[1]	(509,339.67)	1,300,272.26

	388,521.44	(12,700,144.14)
BALANCE IN HAND		546,768.90
REPRESENTED BY		
Objective 1 account		546,768.90

Notes

1 *As set out in section 1.3, a VAT reclaim totalling £527,766.19 was received during the Period. This VAT reclaim has been offset against the non-recoverable VAT incurred during the Period of £18,426.52, resulting in a net receipt of £509,339.67. The VAT reclaim will be apportioned between the relevant asset pools to which it relates in due course.*

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
Trading As: WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville
(In Investment Bank Special Administration)

Joint Special Administrators' Segregated Trust Receipts & Payments Account

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
SEGREGATED TRUST RECEIPTS		
Funds from FSCS	7,397.27	32,556,441.79
Client Costs Contributions	NIL	60,576.00
Interest Gross	15.52	45,436.57
Segregated Funds (to Post-App Receipts Account)	NIL	NIL
	7,412.79	32,662,454.36
SEGREGATED TRUST PAYMENTS		
FSCS Cost Contribution (to Objective 1 Account)	NIL	12,071,460.45
Interest Gross (to Objective 1 Account)	NIL	44,464.09
Client Costs Contribution (to Objective 1 Account)	NIL	60,576.00
FSCS Shortfall Payments	7,397.27	20,484,981.34
Segregated Funds (to Post-App Receipts Account)	NIL	NIL
	(7,397.27)	(32,661,481.88)
BALANCE IN HAND		972.48
REPRESENTED BY		
Segregated Trust Account		972.48

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Joint Special Administrators' FSCS Shortfall Payments Receipts & Payments Account

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
FSCS SHORTFALL RECEIPTS		
Funds from FSCS	7,397.27	20,484,981.34
Interest Gross	1,441.56	89,639.36
	8,838.83	20,574,620.70
FSCS SHORTFALL PAYMENTS		
Shortfall payments	8,228.47	20,375,753.52
Bank charges	NIL	30.00
	(8,228.47)	(20,375,783.52)
BALANCE IN HAND		198,837.18
REPRESENTED BY		
Costs Contribution Drawdown Reserve		198,837.18

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Joint Special Administrators' Client Monies Receipts & Payments Account

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
CLIENT MONIES RECEIPTS		
Monies from CACEIS held at PPE	NIL	2,467,354.91
Monies from Barclays held at PPE	NIL	202,602.66
Share Certificate Proceeds	1,432,356.11	1,631,176.33
Surplus Assets proceeds	NIL	2,689,637.90
Interest Gross	17,571.84	62,448.06
	1,449,927.95	7,053,219.86
CLIENT MONIES PAYMENTS		
Legal Fees & Expenses	NIL	54,316.50
Joint Special Administrators' Fees	315,642.40	842,335.79
WealthTek Nominees Ltd Fees	67,511.30	67,511.30
Non-recoverable VAT	76,630.74	192,832.71
Client cost contribution	NIL	31,033.71
Distribution to Clients	885,110.09	2,948,201.12
Insurance costs	NIL	3,791.20
Bank charges	NIL	45.50
Share Certificate stamp duty[1]	3,045.00	11,229.80
Share Certificate administrative fees	165.00	165.00
	(1,348,104.53)	(4,151,462.63)
BALANCE IN HAND		2,901,757.23
REPRESENTED BY		
Client Monies (Held at PPE) Account		363,613.94
Client Monies Account		2,538,143.29
		2,901,757.23

Notes

1 *As reported in the JSAs' previous progress report (covering the period from 6 October 2025 to 5 April 2026), stamp duty totalling £3,718.74 was reimbursed to the Objective 1 account from the Client Money estate as this constitutes a Client Money expense.*

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Joint Special Administrators' Post-Appointment Corporate Action Receipts & Payments Account GBP

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION RECEIPTS		
Post-appointment Receipts	637,876.38	26,009,874.21
Interest Gross	2,961.75	24,505.77
	640,838.13	26,034,379.98
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	1,042,935.91	25,816,147.22
Client cost contribution	NIL	25,459.49
Bank charges	0.45	96.45
Ringfenced funds	NIL	NIL
	(1,042,936.36)	(25,841,703.16)
BALANCE IN HAND		192,676.82
REPRESENTED BY		
Post-appointment monies held		192,676.82

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
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Joint Special Administrators' Post-Appointment Corporate Action Receipts & Payments Account EUR

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 EUR €	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 EUR €
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION RECEIPTS		
Post-appointment Receipts	NIL	304,377.87
Funds advanced for bank charges	NIL	778.64
	NIL	305,156.51
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	304,476.10
Bank Charges	NIL	540.45
	NIL	(305,016.55)
BALANCE IN HAND		139.96
REPRESENTED BY		
Post-appointment monies held		139.96

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
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Joint Special Administrators' Post-Appointment Corporate Action Receipts & Payments Account USD

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 USD $	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 USD $
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION RECEIPTS		
Post-appointment Receipts	211,906.21	4,709,084.66
Funds advanced for bank charges	NIL	725.40
	211,906.21	4,709,810.06
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	232,092.22	4,709,351.61
Bank Charges	NIL	458.10
	(232,092.22)	(4,709,809.71)
BALANCE IN HAND		0.35
REPRESENTED BY		
Post-appointment monies held		0.35

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Joint Special Administrators' Post-Appointment Corporate Action Receipts & Payments Account AUD

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 AUD $	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 AUD $
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION RECEIPTS		
Post-appointment Receipts	NIL	20,373.38
Funds advanced for bank charges	NIL	1,114.40
	NIL	21,487.78
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	20,471.95
Bank Charges	NIL	189.99
	NIL	(20,661.94)
BALANCE IN HAND		825.84
REPRESENTED BY		
Post-appointment monies held		825.84

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Joint Special Administrators' Post-Appointment Corporate Action Receipts & Payments Account CAD

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 CAD $	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 CAD $
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION RECEIPTS		
Post-appointment Receipts	NIL	13,034.21
Funds advanced for bank charges	NIL	937.85
	NIL	13,972.06
POST-APPOINTMENT CORPORATE ACTION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	13,034.21
Bank Charges	NIL	110.79
	NIL	(13,145.00)
BALANCE IN HAND		827.06
REPRESENTED BY		
Post-appointment monies held		827.06

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Joint Special Administrators' Liquidation Proceeds Receipts & Payments Account GBP

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
LIQUIDATION PROCEEDS		
Liquidation proceeds	561,009.67	10,934,445.24
	561,009.67	10,934,445.24
LIQUIDATION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	541,794.49	10,913,124.80
	(541,794.49)	(10,913,124.80)
BALANCE IN HAND		21,320.44
REPRESENTED BY		
Liquidation proceeds held		21,320.44

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Joint Special Administrators' Liquidation Proceeds Receipts & Payments Account EUR

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 EUR €	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 EUR €
LIQUIDATION PROCEEDS		
Liquidation proceeds	NIL	23,545.19
	NIL	23,545.19
LIQUIDATION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	23,545.19
	NIL	(23,545.19)
BALANCE IN HAND		-
REPRESENTED BY		
Liquidation proceeds held		-

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Joint Special Administrators' Liquidation Proceeds Receipts & Payments Account USD

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 USD $	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 USD $
LIQUIDATION PROCEEDS		
Liquidation proceeds	NIL	1,919,433.05
	NIL	1,919,433.05
LIQUIDATION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	1,919,433.05
	NIL	(1,919,433.05)
BALANCE IN HAND		-
REPRESENTED BY		
Liquidation proceeds held		-

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
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Joint Special Administrators' Liquidation Proceeds Receipts & Payments Account AUD

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 AUD $	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 AUD $
LIQUIDATION PROCEEDS		
Liquidation proceeds	NIL	16,650.55
	NIL	16,650.55
LIQUIDATION PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients	NIL	16,650.55
	NIL	(16,650.55)
BALANCE IN HAND		-
REPRESENTED BY		
Liquidation proceeds held		-

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership
Trading As: WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville
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Joint Special Administrators' Voluntary Payment Receipts & Payments Account

	From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
RECOVERIES PROCEEDS RECEIPTS		
Barclays Voluntary Payment (BVP)	NIL	6,281,757.00
CACEIS Voluntary Payment (CVP)	30,914,068.00	30,914,068.00
Sapia Voluntary Payment (SVP)	19,137,950.00	19,137,950.00
Interest Gross	177,747.47	211,563.52
	50,229,765.47	56,545,338.52
RECOVERIES PROCEEDS PAYMENTS		
Distributions to Clients (BVP)	59.72	4,122,059.43
Distributions to Clients (CVP)	19,215,208.77	19,215,208.77
Distributions to Clients (SVP)	11,895,548.20	11,895,548.20
	(31,110,816.69)	(35,232,816.40)
BALANCE IN HAND		21,312,522.12
REPRESENTED BY		
Recoveries Proceeds account (BVP)		2,159,697.57
Recoveries Proceeds account (CVP)		11,698,859.23
Recoveries Proceeds account (SVP)		7,242,401.80
Interest Gross		211,563.52
Total		21,312,522.12

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Joint Special Administrators' Estate Receipts & Payments Account

Estimated to realise £		From 06/04/2026 To 05/10/2026 £	From 06/04/2023 To 05/10/2026 £
	ASSET REALISATIONS		
36,947.00	Book Debts	NIL	34,500.00
65,724.00	Cash at Bank	NIL	66,443.42
20,770.00	Refund of Rent Deposit	NIL	51,921.39
	Interest Gross	694.07	8,142.70
		694.07	161,007.51
	COST OF REALISATIONS		
	Agents' Fees - Employment Consultants	NIL	1,595.00
	Agents' Fees & Expenses - Property	NIL	2,799.32
	Data Protection Fee	52.00	184.00
	Statutory Advertising	NIL	95.00
	Non-recoverable VAT	NIL	10,765.86
	Insurance costs	NIL	364.00
	Legal Fees and Expenses	NIL	49,340.00
		(52.00)	(65,143.18)
	BALANCE IN HAND		95,864.33
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Estate current account		95,864.33

APPENDIX D

SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION REMUNERATION

Joint Special Administrators' Time Costs

Time costs of £935,450.32 have been incurred during the Period and a breakdown is provided below, together with details of the work undertaken.

Activity	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Executive	Executive	Total hours	Time costs £	Av. Rate £
Objective 1									
Client Assets									
Steps on appointment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning and strategy	-	11.20	6.24	17.52	-	-	34.96	17,217.93	492.50
General administration	0.45	4.75	-	11.25	108.60	97.10	222.15	31,314.85	140.96
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Communications with clients	1.50	0.65	16.00	6.00	-	0.75	24.90	12,851.97	516.14
Securing Client Assets	1.75	3.00	125.00	267.85	-	-	397.60	164,011.99	412.51
Reconciliation of Client Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liaising with lawyers and regulatory bodies	6.90	14.20	2.30	5.65	-	-	29.05	18,362.12	632.09
FCA investigation assistance	0.75	37.00	21.25	5.50	-	-	64.50	34,107.05	528.79
Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dealing with Recoveries Proceeds	67.55	66.10	98.55	94.00	-	1.00	327.20	188,212.29	575.22
Preparation for and distributing client assets	23.75	159.85	254.95	106.50	-	39.60	584.65	319,413.29	546.33
Statutory reporting and decisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Employees and pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clients' and Creditors' Committee	10.60	2.40		9.32	-	-	22.32	12,878.29	576.98
Total Objective 1	**113.25**	**299.15**	**524.29**	**523.59**	**108.60**	**138.45**	**1,707.33**	**798,369.77**	**467.61**
Objective 2									
Engagement with Regulatory Bodies									
Financial Conduct Authority	5.55	4.75	-	0.10	-	-	10.40	7,523.11	723.38
Financial Services Compensation Scheme	1.30	-	-	0.10	-	-	1.40	1,035.58	739.70
London Stock Exchange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Objective 2	**6.85**	**4.75**	**-**	**0.20**	**-**	**-**	**11.80**	**8,558.69**	**725.31**
Objective 3									
Estate									
Steps on appointment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Planning and strategy	-	4.05	2.66	12.58	-	1.35	20.64	8,905.86	431.49
General administration	-	0.10	1.00	14.60	1.90	12.95	30.55	9,277.14	303.67
Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investigations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory reporting and decisions	7.35	24.30	12.15	73.65	-	2.35	119.80	54,570.29	455.51
Employees and pensions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post appointment taxation	4.75	38.50	0.10	41.95	-	3.00	88.30	52,549.00	595.12
Trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clients' and Creditors' Committee	2.65	0.60	-	2.33	-	-	5.58	3,219.57	576.98
Total Objective 3	**14.75**	**67.55**	**15.91**	**145.11**	**1.90**	**19.65**	**264.87**	**128,521.86**	**485.23**
Grand total	**134.85**	**371.45**	**540.20**	**668.90**	**110.50**	**158.10**	**1,984.00**	**935,450.32**	**471.50**

[1] During the Period, Objective One time costs totalling £188,212.29 were charged to the 'Recoveries Proceeds' workstream in the table above. These time costs relate to work undertaken in respect of the Barclays Voluntary Payment, the Sapia Voluntary Payment and the CACEIS Voluntary Payment.

To date, total time costs of £343,287.18 have been incurred in dealing with the Recoveries Proceeds, against which we have received payments totalling £191,478.50 plus VAT from third parties, in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreement(s).

Total time costs of £11,117,187.87 have been incurred over the course of the Special Administration to 5 October 2026, as detailed below.

Activity	Partner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Executive	Executive	Total hours	Time costs £	Av. Rate £
Objective 1									
Client Assets									
Steps on appointment	0.63	19.93	56.53	3.93	-	28.15	109.15	33,932.68	310.88
Planning and strategy	13.06	119.35	115.30	79.61	-	76.11	403.42	172,611.16	427.87
General administration	2.35	18.25	51.73	105.79	346.15	625.35	1,149.61	184,664.77	160.63
Taxation	-	2.25	-	7.35	-	0.25	9.85	4,234.76	429.92
Assets	-	0.75	-	4.70	-	4.58	10.03	2,383.26	237.73
Communications with clients	61.13	84.00	204.65	282.35	-	320.15	952.28	314,269.87	330.02
Securing Client Assets	7.00	14.30	229.80	441.75	-	32.50	725.35	304,411.80	419.68
Reconciliation of Client Assets	176.00	240.30	1,282.86	146.50	180.65	788.70	2,815.01	1,147,185.02	407.52
Liaising with lawyers and regulatory bodies	283.80	156.55	143.23	139.13	-	32.05	754.75	426,630.80	565.26
FCA investigation assistance	56.65	146.65	131.10	61.95	0.50	6.00	402.85	198,429.63	492.56
Funding	15.60	22.95	62.15	15.80	-	-	116.50	58,476.36	501.94
Investigations	91.25	292.85	546.60	220.60	21.65	247.60	1,420.55	640,917.41	451.18
Dealing with Recoveries Proceeds	165.95	72.20	209.10	132.10	-	3.45	582.80	343,287.18	589.03
Preparation for and distributing client assets	487.10	1,586.65	6,460.55	1,650.35	351.65	1,668.35	12,204.65	5,738,844.72	470.22
Statutory reporting and decisions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Employees and pensions	-	22.33	10.73	4.50	-	-	37.55	18,894.31	503.18
Trading	0.50	12.00	1.75	0.10	0.05	-	14.40	7,688.94	533.95
Clients' and Creditors' Committee	68.60	76.68	6.68	92.04	-	4.40	248.40	128,596.92	517.70
Total Objective 1	**1,429.61**	**2,887.98**	**9,512.74**	**3,388.53**	**900.65**	**3,837.63**	**21,957.14**	**9,725,459.56**	**442.93**
Objective 2									
Engagement with Regulatory Bodies									
Financial Conduct Authority	52.33	77.73	42.93	20.68	-	20.75	214.40	112,186.22	523.26
Financial Services Compensation Scheme	43.55	32.20	4.15	47.25	-	-	127.15	70,198.45	552.09
London Stock Exchange	1.25	2.00	-	-	-	-	3.25	1,885.80	580.25
Total Objective 2	**97.13**	**111.93**	**47.08**	**67.93**	**-**	**20.75**	**344.80**	**184,270.47**	**534.43**
Objective 3									
Estate									
Steps on appointment	0.63	19.48	23.13	5.53	-	30.70	79.45	24,346.32	306.44
Planning and strategy	3.69	36.95	41.56	41.50	-	28.15	151.84	61,741.67	406.64
General administration	6.15	14.40	29.08	108.62	35.00	170.55	363.79	82,388.45	226.47
Assets	0.25	33.25	13.40	5.45	0.20	4.13	56.68	27,040.02	477.11
Investigations	25.10	228.08	175.49	154.45	43.15	128.20	754.47	318,626.88	422.32
Statutory reporting and decisions	73.95	180.35	372.30	354.95	0.85	70.80	1,053.20	460,671.72	437.40
Employees and pensions	1.30	40.98	11.68	18.80	-	2.50	75.25	36,826.07	489.38
Creditors	-	1.10	4.80	11.35	-	11.25	28.50	6,718.67	235.74
Post appointment taxation	9.20	93.05	4.70	136.80	-	38.00	281.75	145,736.92	517.26
Trading	3.75	16.00	0.20	0.20	-	-	20.15	11,211.90	556.42
Clients' and Creditors' Committee	17.15	19.17	1.67	23.01	-	1.10	62.10	32,149.23	517.70
Total Objective 3	**141.17**	**682.80**	**677.99**	**860.65**	**79.20**	**485.37**	**2,927.17**	**1,207,457.84**	**412.50**
Grand total	**1,667.90**	**3,682.70**	**10,237.80**	**4,317.10**	**979.85**	**4,343.75**	**25,229.10**	**11,117,187.87**	**440.65**

The current charge out rates per hour of staff within BDO LLP who may be involved in working on the Special Administration are set out below. It was agreed with the FCA prior to the JSAs' appointment that the charge out rates applying to this assignment would be at a 30% discount to the JSAs' standard charge out rates at any point in time. The JSAs' current discounted rates are as follows:

Grade	Discounted Rate £
Partner	574 – 1,035
Director	591 – 848
Senior Manager	201 – 634
Manager	110 – 563
Senior Executive	118 – 331
Executive	72 – 323
BDO LLP tax department (max)	1,103

Summary of the work undertaken by the JSAs during the Period

Objective One: Client Assets

Planning and strategy

- Routine review of case including review of progress against Objectives
- Monitoring and reviewing the return of Client Assets strategy, including internal and external meetings
- Regular internal strategy and planning meetings to ensure information is centralised and work progressed efficiently
- Preparation and review of strategy documents

General administration

- Ongoing maintenance and reconciliation of separate bank accounts dedicated to: (i) Objective One receipts and payments; (ii) receipts of pre-Special Administration Client Money; (iii) receipts of Post-appointment Client Money; and (iv) receipts and payment connected to Recoveries Proceeds
- Processing receipts and payments into and out of the above accounts. This includes both the payment of the Special Administration expenses and payments made to Clients and brokers in relation to the return of Client Assets and distribution of Recoveries Proceeds

Communications with Clients

- Updating and reviewing website notices
- Reviewing and dealing with incoming client correspondence

Securing Client Assets

- Facilitating the formal transfer and perfection of certificated shares to the LLP, including:
    - corresponding with Clients and issuing Clients with stock transfer forms to sign
    - following up with Clients who have not engaged in the process in order to obtain withheld dividends
    - engaging with share registrars
    - dealing with the stamp duty tax arising on the transfer of the share certificates
    - reviewing new share certificates received and updating the share certificate reconciliation
    - accounting for dividends received on physical share certificates
    - issuing sale instructions to share registrars and accounting for the sale proceeds
- Engaging with share registrars in relation to the transfer and sale of Surplus Assets and the related withheld dividend income

Liaising with lawyers and regulatory bodies

- Engaging NRF in respect of all legal issues arising in the Special Administration. In particular, dealing with matters connected to the Sapia Voluntary Payment and CACEIS Voluntary Payment and routine advice connected with Client queries and the transfer of Client Assets
- Liaising with NRF in relation to issues arising upon the transfer of share certificates
- Liaising with the FSCS regarding the assessment of cover, particular Client enquiries and drawdown requests under the Compensation Deed
- Liaising with the FSCS regarding outstanding eligibility queries

FCA investigation assistance

- Liaising with the FCA in relation to its investigations connected to the criminal proceedings against Mr Dance
- Responding to information requests

Dealing with Recoveries Proceeds

- Liaising with the FCA and Sapia (via its legal advisors) regarding the Sapia Voluntary Payment
- Liaising with Clients regarding the Sapia Voluntary Payment and making payments to eligible Clients
- Liaising with the FCA, FSCS and CACEIS (via its legal advisers) regarding the CACEIS Voluntary Payment
- Drafting notifications and communications to Clients regarding the CACEIS Voluntary Payment and making payments to eligible Clients

Preparing for and distributing Client Assets

- Liaising with NRF regarding the transfer of Client Assets and associated matters
- Engaging with the Nominated Broker and other alternative brokers in relation to the transfer and distribution of Client Assets pursuant to the Distribution Plan
- Correspondence with the Nominated Broker and various alternative brokers regarding the transfer of Client Assets, including the provision of account valuations and agreeing trade and settlement dates
- Instructing the LLP's custodian, CACEIS, in relation to the transfer of Client Assets to the Nominated Broker and various alternative brokers
- Issuing instructions to the various unit trust managers in relation to the transfer of Client Assets to the Nominated Broker and various alternative brokers
- Arranging the transfer of Client Money to the Nominated Broker and the various alternative brokers as part of the Client transfers.
- Issuing trade instructions and monitoring settlement of Client transfers.
- Issuing sale instructions to the LLP's custodian for the liquidation of Custody Assets.
- Issuing redemption instructions to unit trust managers for the liquidation of Custody Assets
- Monitoring and reconciling the proceeds of the sale of Custody Assets and preparing schedules for Clients detailing the sale proceeds
- Issuing notices to Clients in accordance with the Distribution Plan confirming their proposed Transfer/Distribution Instruction Date, providing updated Client Assets Confirmation Statements and liquidation schedules, where applicable
- Issuing Sweep Payments notices to Clients
- Liaising with the Nominated Broker and the various alternative brokers in relation to the payment of the Sweep Payments
- Dealing with Client queries in relation to the transfer of their Client Assets
- Dealing with Client queries in relation to FSCS compensation, eligibility and payment
- Regular internal meetings and discussions regarding the strategy for distributing Client Assets
- Engaging with the Platform provider, Contemi Solutions (London) Limited, in relation to the provision of services and related data access requirements
- Calculating the second Client Money distribution
- Issuing notices to Clients and arranging the distribution of the second Client Money distribution.

Clients' and Creditors' Committee

- Liaising with the Committee in relation to certain ad hoc matters relating to the conduct of the administration

Client Money

- Included in the above are time costs of £281,592.75 (represented by 672.69 hours at an average rate of 418.61 per hour) relating to work attributable to Client Money, including:
    - Undertaking ongoing reconciliations of pre-appointment and post-appointment Client Money accounts;
    - Monitoring and processing corporation actions in relation to Surplus Assets;
    - Engaging with the Nominated Broker and various Alternative Brokers in relation to the transfer and distribution of Clients' accounts, including Client Money balances;
    - Preparing and issuing Transfer/Distribution Instruction Notices to Clients notifying them of the Transfer/Distribution of their account(s), including Client Money;
    - Facilitating the formal transfer and perfection of certificated shares to WealthTek, including:
        - Corresponding with Clients and issuing Clients with stock transfer forms to sign;
        - Engaging with share registrars;
        - Dealing with the stamp duty tax arising on the transfer of the share certificates; and
        - Reviewing new share certificates received and further engagement with share registrars in relation to their sale;
    - Considering tax implications in relation to income connected to, and sale of, the Surplus Assets, and liaising with NRF in relation to the same; and
    - Issuing notices to Clients and arranging the distribution of the second Client Money distribution.

Objective Two: Engagement with market infrastructure bodies and the Authorities

- Liaising with the FCA, including regular calls to discuss the progress of the Special Administration and dealing with ad hoc queries and issues
- Liaising with the FSCS regarding theprogress of the Special Administration and dealing with ad hoc queries and issues

Objective Three: Estate

Planning and strategy

- Case reviews
- Internal strategy and planning meetings to review progress
- Preparation and review of strategy documents

General administration

- Monitoring and reconciliation of the Special Administration Estate bank account and other cashiering functions
- Arranging the renewals of the redirection of the LLP's mail
- Internal file reviews

Statutory reporting and decisions

- Preparation of the 36-month progress report
- Preparing for the drafting of this Report

Post-appointment taxation

- Preparing and submitting the LLP's partial exemption VAT returns
- Reviewing Corporation Tax position/returns and discussing with an internal tax specialist

Committee

- Liaison with Committee on non-Objective One issues
- Monitoring Committee positions following the return of Client Assets

Appendix E

JOINT SPECIAL ADMINISTRATORS' EXPENSES

Category 1 expenses are expenses relating directly to the case incurred by an independent third party. In addition to professional fees and expenses, other expenses may include items such as bonding, advertising, insurance, external printing costs, couriers, travel, land registry searches, fees in respect of swearing legal documents and storage of the LLP's records. Printing and postage of circulars may be sub-contracted to external printers who have the capacity to deal with large circulars to a volume of creditors in a timely manner. Client/Creditor approval is not required to pay these expenses which will be charged to the case at cost.

Category 2 expenses are expenses that have been incurred by an associated party or which have an element of shared costs. Client/Creditor approval is required to pay category 2 expenses.

The JSAs' expenses incurred and paid (excluding VAT), in relation to Objective One, are detailed below.

Objective One Expenses	Incurred 06/04/2026 to 05/10/2026 (£)	Total Incurred 06/04/2023 to 05/10/2026 (£)	Total Paid 06/04/2023 to 05/10/2026 (£)
Category 1			
Agents' Fees - Payroll	-	5,714.09	5,714.09
Agents' Fees – Employment Consultants	-	440.00	440.00
Appointment Fee - WealthTek Nominees Limited	-	9,029.00	9,029.00
Bank Charges	-	3,381.39	3,381.39
Books & Records Collection & Storage[1]	200.10	3,631.80	3,631.80
Consultancy Fees - IT Platform	-	763,921.44	763,921.44
Custodian Bank Fees	28,685.63	28,685.63	28,685.63
Design & Publication	-	2,079.00	-
Funding - Initial Arrangement Fee	-	60,000.00	60,000.00
Funding - Additional Arrangement Fee	-	220,000.00	220,000.00
Funding - Interest Incurred	-	172,383.57	172,383.57
Funding - Funder Costs (including Legal fees)	-	9,903.00	9,903.00
Initial Meeting Room Hire	-	2,445.84	2,445.84
IT Equipment	-	547.55	-
Insurance costs[2]	-	3,791.20	3,791.20
Legal Fees and Expenses[3]	198,124.45	3,713,971.83	2,974,261.45
Membership Fees	-	779.00	779.00
PAYE/NIC	-	321,752.83	321,752.83
Pension Contributions	-	7,981.52	7,981.52
Printing & Postage	-	1,760.00	1,760.00
Re-direction of Mail	-	6,248.00	6,248.00
Software Licences	1,932.50	21,703.19	21,703.19
Statutory Advertising	-	4,414.08	4,414.08
Subsistence	-	352.76	-
Telephones	-	2,285.61	2,285.61
Travel & Accommodation	-	9,621.15	2,739.35
Wages	-	471,039.73	471,039.73
Website/hosting Fees	-	940.10	940.10
Search fees	-	19.14	-
Category 2			
Mileage	-	453.90	-
Software Licences and Data Hosting Fees[4]	33,373.32	225,308.10	-
Total	**262,316.00**	**6,074,584.45**	**5,099,231.82**

1. D.Collard Limited (t/a Quicksilver) were previously instructed to store the LLP's hard copy records. As previously reported, the LLP's hard copy records were delivered to the JSAs' offices for further review and cataloguing. The records were then collected and stored by Total Data Management Limited. D.Collard Limited and Total Data Management Limited are both specialist storage firms.

2. The JSAs obtained insurance to cover the return of certificated shares. If any share certificates are lost in transit, this insurance will cover the cost to replace the share certificate.
3. NRF continued to be instructed throughout the Period to advise the JSAs on the various matters arising in the Special Administration. NRF was selected due to its relevant knowledge and expertise. Included within this sum are amounts due to counsel.
4. During the Period, the JSAs incurred fees in relation to software and data hosting services supplied to BDO LLP by Relativity. The cost incurred relates solely to the processing and hosting of the LLP's data. Relativity was selected due to its suitability for the JSAs' requirements in relation to data hosting and investigations.

The other expenses shown are self-explanatory.

The JSAs' expenses incurred and paid (excluding VAT), in relation to the Estate, are detailed below.

Estate Expenses	Incurred 06/04/2026 to 05/10/2026 (£)	Total Incurred 06/04/2023 to 05/10/2026 (£)	Total Paid 06/04/2023 to 05/10/2026 (£)
Category 1			
Agents' Fees & Expenses – Employment Consultants	-	1,595.00	1,595.00
Agents' Fees & Expenses – Property	-	2,799.32	2,799.32
Data Protection Fee	52.00	184.00	184.00
Land Registry Fees	-	159.00	-
Insurance costs	-	364.00	364.00
Legal Fees and Expenses[1]	13,261.95	690,051.75	49,340.00
Specific Penalty Bond	-	200.01	-
Statutory Advertising	-	194.00	95.00
Total	**13,313.95**	**695,547.08**	**54,377.32**

1. NRF continued to be instructed throughout the period to advise the JSAs on various matters arising in the Special Administration. NRF was selected due to its relevant knowledge and expertise. Included within this sum are amounts due to counsel.

Appendix F
CREDITOR CLAIM FORM

PROOF OF DEBT FORM

Wealthtek Limited Liability Partnership trading as: WealthTek, Vertem Asset Management and Malloch Melville - In Investment Bank Special Administration
Partnership registration number: OC355200
Date the Limited Liability Partnership entered Special Administration: 6 April 2023

Name of Creditor *(If a company please also give company registration number and where registered)*	
Address of Creditor *including email address for correspondence*	
Total amount of claim, including any Value Added Tax and outstanding uncapitalised interest as at the date the Limited Liability Partnership entered Special Administration. *Note: Any trade or other discounts (except discount for immediate or early settlement) which would have been available to the Limited Liability Partnership but for the insolvency proceedings should be deducted from the above claim where relevant. Where any payment is made in relation to the claim or set-off applied after date of Special Administration, this should be deducted.*	£
If amount in 3 above includes outstanding uncapitalised interest please state amount.	£
Particulars of how and when debt incurred (If you need more space append a continuation sheet to this form).	
Particulars of any security held, the value of the security, and the date it was given.	
Particulars of any reservation of title claimed in respect of goods supplied to which the claim relates.	
Details of attached documents by reference to which the debt can be substantiated.	
Signature of creditor or person authorised to act on his behalf	
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)	
Dated	
Position with or in relation to creditor	
Address of person signing (if different from 2 above)	

Please complete and return this form to WealthTek Team, Business Restructuring, BDO LLP, 5 Temple Square, Temple Street, Liverpool L2 5RH or by email to WealthTekClients@bdo.co.uk