FP Foresight Sustainable Real Estate Securities Fund **Foresight** Fund Commentary

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The Fund invests in developed markets listed real estate companies with structural tailwinds and that embed the Strategy's sustainable investment criteria. The Manager takes an active approach to investing in real estate companies which benefit from secular trends across environmental, demographic, social and economic factors. The Fund seeks to achieve a positive total return underpinned by a 4.00% dividend yield over a rolling 5 year period.

4.16% Monthly Performance

(5.13%) Total Return Since Inception¹ £69.57m

3.10% 12-Month Trailing Dividend

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Target yield is not guaranteed. The Fund's inception date is 15 June 2020.

Market Update

- Major central banks continue to navigate 'soft landings' narratives, as optimistic market expectations regarding
 policy rate cuts have been tempered since the start of the year. Fed members polled an average expectation of
 75bps of cuts in 2024, as GDP data revisions and manufacturing PMIs demonstrate robustness. Despite signs of
 stagnating growth and falling inflation in the UK and Europe, the respective central banks remain cautious of
 domestic wage growth and services inflation.
- The Fund remains positioned in companies that continue to benefit from structural growth drivers, solid sustainability credentials and strong cashflow visibility. As markets continue to firmly price in the end of the hiking cycle, the forward-looking return potential from the asset class remains attractive.

Portfolio News

- The Managers continue to favour companies with strong balance sheets and those benefitting from favourable demand and supply dynamics to support pricing power and earnings visibility. To support growth in a high cost of capital environment, companies are looking to financing strategies such as joint ventures as well as M&A to reallocate capital to growth opportunities.
- Digital Realty ("DLR") announced the formation of a new joint venture to support the development of two data centres in Dallas, which are 100% pre-leased to an S&P 100 investment grade customer on a long-term basis. Mitsubishi has acquired a 65% equity interest in the venture for \$200m, while DLR maintains a 35% interest and will manage the development and operations of the assets.
- REIT merger activity has been elevated into 2024 and continued throughout March with Tritax Big Box REIT and UK Commercial Property REIT reaching an agreement on a share-for-share merger by scheme of arrangement which will be put to shareholder vote in 2Q24. Moreover, both LondonMetric and LXI REIT in the UK as well as Healthpeak Properties and Physicians Realty Trust in the US completed in mergers in March.
- The Manager is actively exploring valuation opportunities presented by the decoupling of price and value in structurally growing sectors such as specialised storage and senior living sectors. The preference remains for high quality owners and operators with solid sustainability credentials, strong tenants, and defensive balance sheets.

Portfolio Changes

- The Manager increased the Fund's position in Primary Health Properties (+1.06% to 4.67%).
- The Manager decreased the Fund's positions in Tritax Eurobox (-1.05% to 2.89%) and Supermarket Income REIT (-1.05% to 2.27%).

Source: Foresight Group, Company Reports, April 2024.









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