

**ES GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS FUND
(FORMERLY TC SOUTH RIVER GOLD
AND PRECIOUS METALS FUND)**

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 August 2019

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report and Audited Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 August 2019

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** The Depositary is authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudential et de Résolution and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers but in respect of its services as Depositary in the United Kingdom is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

* Please note that telephone calls may be recorded for monitoring and training purposes and to confirm investors' instructions.

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REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited (ETFS), the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of The ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund ("the Company"), is pleased to present the annual report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2019.

We hope that you find this report informative. If you require further information concerning your investment, please call our Registrar on 0330 024 0785.

Constitution and Authorised Status

The ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund is an open-ended investment Company ("OEIC") with variable share capital ("ICVC"). The Company is authorised in the United Kingdom by the FCA pursuant to Regulation 14 of the OEIC Regulations with number IC000768. The effective date of the Authorisation Order made by the FCA was 22 July 2009. The head office of the company is Bow House, 4th Floor Pountney Hill House, 6 Laurence Pountney Hill, London, EC4R 0BL.

The minimum Share capital of the Company shall be £1 and the maximum share capital shall be £100,000,000,000. The base currency for the Company is pounds sterling. The Share capital of the Company at all times equals the Net Asset Value of the Fund. The Shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company. There were no Shares in any Fund held by any other Fund of the Company.

The Company is a "UCITS Scheme", as defined in the FCA Rules.

The Company is valued on a mid-market basis, with daily single prices appearing on the ACD's website (www.equitytrustee.com). The Company valuation point is 12pm.

Subject to the OEIC Regulations and the provisions set out in the instrument constituting the Scheme, the ACD may establish additional Funds from time to time.

The Directors are of the opinion that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the accounts, accordingly the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months from the approval of these financial statements. Further, appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of these financial statements and applicable accounting standards have been followed.

Important events after the Year End

On 2 December 2019 the name of the Fund changed from TC South River Gold and Precious Metals Fund to ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund.

UCITS V

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited is committed to ensuring that its remuneration policies and practices are consistent with, and promote, sound and effective risk management. Its remuneration policy is designed to ensure that excessive risk taking is not encouraged by or within the Group including in respect of the risk profile of the Funds it operates, to manage the potential for conflicts of interest in relation to remuneration (having regard, inter alia, to its formal conflicts of interest policy) and to enable them to achieve and maintain a sound capital base.

Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited delegates portfolio management for its funds to various investment management firms. The investment managers' fees and expenses for providing investment management services are paid by the ACD out of its own remuneration under the ACD agreement. The investment management firms generally also make information on remuneration publicly available in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Pillar 3 of the Capital Requirements Directive.

The remuneration strategy across ETFS is governed by the board of the holdings company Equity Trustees (UK & Europe) Limited. As a result of the company's size and structure, the board of ETFS has chosen not to establish a Remuneration Committee. The board has established a Remuneration Policy designed to ensure the UCITS Remuneration Code in the UK Financial Authority handbook is met proportionately for all UCITS Remuneration Code Staff.

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REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (continued)

UCITS V (continued)

ETFs considers its activities as non-complex due to the fact that regulation limits the activities of the UCITS and the scope of investment in such a way so as to seek that investor risk is mitigated. The activities of ETFs and the delegated Investment Manager are strictly controlled within certain pre-defined parameters as set out in the prospectus of each UCITS.

In its role as a UCITS Manager, ETFs deems itself as lower risk due to the nature of the activities it conducts. ETFs does not pay any form of variable remuneration currently based on the Investment Performance of its UCITS. Therefore, ETFs have provided a basic overview of how staff whose actions have a material impact on the Fund are remunerated.

August 2019	Number of Beneficiaries	Total remuneration paid	Fixed remuneration	Variable remuneration paid	Carried interest paid by the UCITS
Total remuneration paid by the UCITS Manager during the financial year	7	£706,482	£706,482	£0	£0
Remuneration paid to employees of the UCITS Manager who have a material impact on the risk profile of the UCITS	4	£505,000	£505,000	£0	£0
Senior Management	3	£475,000	£475,000	£0	£0
Control functions	4	£505,000	£505,000	£0	£0
Employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior managers and risk takers	0	£0	£0	£0	£0

Going Concern

The board of the ACD has considered the current and potential future impact of COVID-19 on the Company and is of the opinion that they have sufficient resources to continue on a going concern basis. The impact on the share of the Sub-Fund is disclosed in the individual Sub-Fund's note 15. Post balance sheet events.

COVID-19: The Economic Shock

The ACD believe that COVID-19 has given rise to a true Black Swan event, something that has caught all economies by surprise. The world is facing a health care crisis that will cause a major global economic disruption in business activity and everyday life.

Whilst we cannot be certain, most economists and strategists expect the US economy to contract 4-5% in the second quarter, and Eurozone economies to contract 5-10% in the same period. While China will likely soon begin a rebound from a similar negative pace of quarterly decline in the first quarter, overall global growth will likely range from 0-1% for the full year 2020. Corporate profits will likely take a major fall, with analysts again predicting this to be up to 15% this year.

However, we have recently witnessed some embers from the ashes in published economic data – especially in the US data.

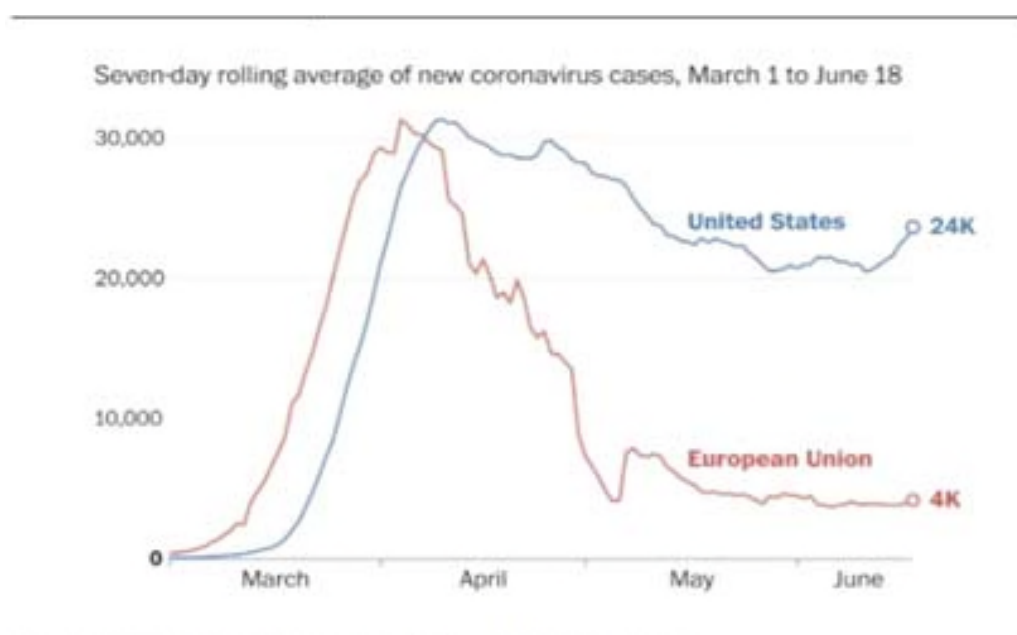
US manufacturing rose 3.8% in May after a record April plunge. Sentiment by manufacturers surveyed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia indicates optimism hit a 28-year high. US retail sales posted a 17.7% gain in May, the largest monthly rise in history. Homebuilder sentiment jumped 21 percentage points in June after building permits jumped in May.

We do, however, expect financial market volatility to remain high as investors process the many powerful cross currents and uncertainties we are experiencing. Should global financial conditions continue to improve along with supportive macroeconomic policies, improving sentiment by consumers and business, perhaps we are in the early stage of a new economic recovery?

The unknown to this recovery is a potential second phase of COVID-19 in those countries that seems to have it under control and the major threat to people and economies where it has not been stabilised and/or is growing in numbers.

The US approach to the pandemic is also looking markedly different than Europe and Asian responses. The accompanying chart from John Hopkins University speaks to this point. The US is “reopening” having never successfully mitigated the disease. All eyes are watching for what next from the US.

REPORT OF THE AUTHORISED CORPORATE DIRECTOR (continued)



Brexit

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson made getting “Brexit done” a fulcrum of his re-election campaign in December 2019. Under the terms of its withdrawal agreement negotiated with the European Union, the UK legally left the European Union on 31 January 2020 but is now in a transition period that preserves most of the old relationship and has until 31 December 2020 to negotiate a new trading relationship.

Leaders on both sides of the English Channel are presently battered down to tackle the health and economic fallout from COVID-19. As a result, the UK Government had been urged by certain quarters to invoke its right to request an extension so that governments on both sides can concentrate on managing their responses to the corona virus and mitigating the economic shock they are experiencing — in effect, putting off the next stage of Brexit until Europe and the UK overcomes this virus threat.

Certification of the annual report and audited Financial Statements by the Authorised Corporate Director, Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited.

In accordance with the requirements of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001(SI2001/1228) and the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("COLL" or "COLL Sourcebook"), we hereby certify the annual report and audited financial statements on behalf of the ACD, Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited.

James Gardner
Director for and on behalf of Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited
Authorised Corporate Director of Equity Trustees Fund
9 July 2020

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STATEMENT OF THE ACD'S RESPONSIBILITIES

For the year ended 31 August 2019

The Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") of The ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund ("the Company") is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 ("the OEIC Regulations"), the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes' Sourcebook ("COLL") and the Company's Instrument of Incorporation.

The OEIC Regulations and COLL require the ACD to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which:

- are in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law"), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds" issued by the Investment Association ("IA SORP") in May 2014; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company's sub-fund as at the end of that period and the net revenue and the net capital gains or losses on the scheme property of the Company's sub-fund for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the IA SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The ACD is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable IA SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law. The ACD is also responsible for the system of internal controls, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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STATEMENT OF THE DEPOSITARY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund ("the Company") for the year ended 31 August 2019.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all of the property of the company (other than tangible moveable property) which is entrusted to it and for the collection of income that arises from that property.

It is the duty of the depositary to take reasonable care to ensure that the company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the Sourcebook"), the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus, in relation to the pricing of, and dealings in, shares in the Company; the application of income of the Company; and the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

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

(i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Sourcebook and, where applicable, the OEIC Regulations, the Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus of the Company, and

(ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Société Generale S.A. London Branch

31 August 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of The ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund ("the company"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 31 August 2019 and of the net revenue and the net capital losses on the property of the company for the year ended 31 August 2019;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Statement of Recommended Practice "Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds", the rules in the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook and the Instrument of Incorporation.

We have audited the financial statements of the Company which comprise:

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

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

Basis for opinion

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

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the authorised corporate director's (ACD's) use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the ACD has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Responsibilities of Depositary and ACD

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities and the Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities, the Depositary is responsible for the safeguarding the property of the company and the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook

- proper accounting records for the company have been kept and the financial statements are in agreement with those records;
- we have received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit; and
- the information disclosed in the annual report for the year ended 31 August 2019 for the purpose of the complying with Paragraph 4.5.9R of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook is consistent with the financial statements.

Use of our report

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



Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Glasgow
United Kingdom
9 July 2020

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REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the Company is to achieve capital growth.

The Company will seek to achieve its objective of capital growth through investing at least 70% in equity securities that have direct underlying Gold and/or precious metals exposure or through companies worldwide whose core business is involved in the mining, refining, production and marketing of Gold and/or precious metals.

The Company may also invest in other transferable securities, approved money market instruments, government and public securities, deposits, cash and near cash.

The Fund has the ability to invest in collective investment schemes up to a maximum of 10% of NAV.

Investment Review

South River Asset Management (SRAM) is a full scope, AIFM licensed, discretionary asset management firm based in London managing £55m for clients across a range of equity, fixed income and multi asset strategies.

Our investment philosophy at SRAM is to seek out higher than peer group returns on equity and capital. This is done through an approach that seeks to invest in companies where through the ability of management, they are able to grow the asset base of the business without undue dilution and who have an achievable objective in order to deliver superior long-term returns.

Historically and over the long run, gold is almost perfectly negatively correlated to both real rates of return and inflation. In the short term gold tends to be inversely correlated in US dollar terms to the US dollar and the US stock market. In the 1 September 2018 – 31 August 2019 period the gold spot rate in US dollars rose 26% from \$1200-\$1519. It was a period of serious turbulence as global equity indices plunged to the end of 2018, then rose again in Q1 2019, aggressively paring back the majority of their losses. Mid 2019 the US yield curve inverted which is generally a negative and recessionary signal, and the Federal Reserve has begun cutting rates, and gold has begun performing again as anticipation of potential negative real rates of return have led to a resurgence in gold investing. Gold performance as an asset class begins with the metal, then follows with large cap gold, and finally smaller cap gold. We anticipate small cap gold stocks will outperform in the medium term both the gold price and larger cap gold equities if history is a guide.

The cycle of rate hikes is over and a small series of cuts has led to a re rating in the gold price. Market consensus has reached a point where the majority believe we are in the end cycle of an ageing equity bull market cycle. Some 80% of market analysts believe that with high valuations in US stock markets and extended multiples, the US market will undergo a more prolonged correction than the short term one it experienced in 2018. Two small rate cuts have occurred in 2019 with 64% consensus on a potential third and last rate cut this year before the Fed pauses to see if the cuts have had an effect on the market. These cuts have been priced into the gold metal market and equity markets are adjusting to this price to determine who will be the winners in the gold equity market.

This year is perhaps likely to be most analogous to the 2015 year for gold and gold equities, with 2020 being analogous to 2016 and a potential significant gold equities rebound following the rebound in them metal. If US and global stock markets do correct in the following 12-18months which has happened after almost every yield curve inversion in the last 50 years, this should be very good for gold and gold equities in the medium term. .

As global US dollar liquidity tightens over the summer due to rising Treasury deposits at the Fed, ongoing quantitative tightening and a weaker euro and renminbi, we expect the yield curve to stay flat to inverted and the threat of risk assets selling off to increase. When a risk-off event occurs alongside yield curve inversion, growth stocks which are the basis of the present stock market rebound tend to underperform a falling market. A reversal in the global markets which are presently on an up trend would serve to reflate gold equity prices, causing a bullish curve steepener in Q4. This would be an environment where a value strategy and exposure to gold will tend to outperform a growth strategy in a more volatile equity market.

At present gold prices appear to be stable, and market analysts are suggesting a slow rebalancing of portfolios away from general equities and towards a greater allocation to gold, which should be good for gold equities in general. We have been seeking to re-balance the portfolio into more mature gold investments in the production and development part of the gold company market, that will provide yield as a balance against the volatility of equity prices and they should be the first equities to re rate in a new gold bull market.

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Report of the Investment Adviser (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2019

The Lipper Global Equity Gold and Precious Metals Index returned 52.5%. This index is entirely made up of large cap gold companies. Small cap gold companies' asset class underperformed large cap gold equities during the period. The reason being blue chip large cap equities like Barrick Gold and Randgold, for example, which were involved in a merger and a general bias towards investors favouring the stocks of larger producing gold companies with existing revenue streams that immediately benefit from an increase in the gold price. During the course of the year the decision was taken to amend the fund's mandate to permit a greater latitude towards investment in the shares of larger gold companies and to allow greater flexibility for the manager to be able to diversify away from its previous focus on solely smaller companies.

This amendment has already started to show improved results, with a three month return to fiscal year end 31 August 2019 of 28% and a significant narrowing the performance gap with the Lipper benchmark. Over the course of the next year we intend to bias investment towards producing gold companies of all sizes that can significantly and proportionally increase their earning in the new price environment and thus significantly re rate going forward.

South River Asset Management Limited

8 October 2019

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COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

for the year ended 31 August 2019

A Net Accumulation Shares

	31.08.19 (pence per share)	31.08.18 (pence per share)	31.08.17 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	33.14	45.82	41.35
Return before operating charges*	4.16	(10.81)	6.01
Operating charges	(1.42)	(1.87)	(1.54)
Return after operating charges*	2.74	(12.68)	4.47
Closing net asset value per share	35.88	33.14	45.82
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	-	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	8.27%	(27.67)%	10.81%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	465,434	519,636	1,081,224
Closing number of shares	1,297,329	1,567,894	2,359,943
Operating charges	4.51%	4.18%	3.43%
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.01%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest share price	36.54	48.99	50.57
Lowest share price	27.84	33.14	36.10

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COMPARATIVE TABLE, OCF AND SYNTHETIC RISK AND REWARD PROFILE (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Comparative Table (continued)

B Net Accumulation Shares

	31.08.19 (pence per share)	31.08.18 (pence per share)	31.08.17 (pence per share)
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	96.20	132.28	118.04
Return before operating charges*	11.97	(31.66)	18.08
Operating charges	(3.73)	(4.42)	(3.84)
Return after operating charges*	8.24	(36.08)	14.24
Closing net asset value per share	104.44	96.20	132.28
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.17	0.01	0.17
Performance			
Return after charges	8.57%	(27.28)%	12.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£)	2,273,444	1,574,713	2,003,892
Closing number of shares	2,176,744	1,636,911	1,514,767
Operating charges	4.12%	3.85%	2.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.06%	0.01%	0.13%
Prices			
Highest share price	106.36	141.48	144.82
Lowest share price	80.28	96.07	104.06

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

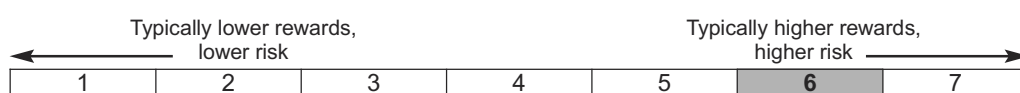
The OCF figure is the ratio of the relevant annualised total disclosable costs of accumulation shares from the most recent reporting period to the average net asset value for the shares over the same period. This is calculated in accordance with CESR/10-674.

The OCF for the A Net Accumulation Share as at 31 August 2019 was 4.51% (31 August 2018: 4.18%).

The OCF for the B Net Accumulation Share as at 31 August 2019 was 4.12% (31 August 2018: 3.85%).

Synthetic Risk and Reward profile

The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Company ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward, but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Company. The shaded area in the table below shows the Company's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



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Top Ten Purchases and Top Ten Sales

For the year ended 31 August 2019

The top ten purchases and top ten sales during the year were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £	Sales	Proceeds £
Fresnillo	242,488	Bushveld Minerals	147,849
Centerra Gold Inc	104,745	Tharisa	140,100
Resolute Mining	104,207	Royal Nickel	112,793
IAM Gold	102,446	Pan African Resources	95,762
Polymetal International	98,832	Hummingbird Resources	87,910
Silvercorp Metals	94,489	Caledonia Mining	85,414
Aurcana Corporation	93,800	Polarx	81,207
Petropavlovsk	89,714	Galantas Gold oration	63,264
Great Panther Mining	70,378	Capital Drilling	55,445
Cardinal Resources	72,866	Resolute Mining	54,760
Total	1,073,965	Total	924,504

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT

As at 31 August 2019

Holdings	Investments	Market Value £	% of Total Net Assets
	BASIC RESOURCES 92.15% [98.78%]		
652,174	Apollo Minerals	9,381	0.34
142,850	Ashanti Gold Warrant 24/08/2020	-	-
214,275	Ashanti Gold Warrant 01/02/2021	-	-
600,000	Aurcana Corporation Warrant 16/10/2020	11,120	0.41
600,000	Aurcana Corporation*	92,690	3.38
30,000	Avesoro Resources	26,100	0.95
40,000	B2Gold	117,901	4.30
2,898,718	Big River Gold	32,073	1.17
386,495	Big River Gold Warrant 30/06/2022	-	-
750,000	Black Dragon	31,119	1.14
126,700	Centamin	183,842	6.71
19,500	Centerra Gold	145,680	5.32
759,104	Desert Gold Ventures	91,469	3.34
7,000	Endeavour Mining	111,901	4.09
200,000	First Mining Gold	33,986	1.24
34,000	Fresnillo	251,737	9.19
100,000	Great Panther Mining	66,737	2.44
81,500	Highland Gold Mining	187,287	6.84
50,000	IAM Gold	152,938	5.58
36,375	Kootenay Silver Warrant 21/04/2021	-	-
21,244,488	Norseman Gold	-	-
45,000	Osisko Mining	96,768	3.53
1,000,000	Petropavlovsk	100,400	3.67
12,000	Polymetal International	141,900	5.18
60,000	Premier Gold Mines	84,162	3.04
180,000	Resolute Mining	166,300	6.07
109,422	Serabi Gold	83,161	3.07
356,500	Silver Bear Resources	44,059	1.61
40,000	Silvercorp Metals	139,918	5.11
245,000	Skeena Resources	60,557	2.21
60,000	Skeena Resources Warrant	-	-
117,650	Troilus Gold	51,617	1.88
58,928	Volcanic Gold Mines	9,285	0.34
44,643	Volcanic Gold Mines Warrant	-	-
		2,524,088	92.15
	FINANCIAL SERVICES 0.00% [0.00%]		
2,400,000	Equity Resources	-	-
		-	-

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PORTFOLIO STATEMENT (continued)

As at 31 August 2019

Holdings	Investments	Market Value £	% of Total Net Assets
	INDUSTRIAL GOODS & SERVICES 0.00% [0.00%]		
826,400	Margaux Resource Warrant 16/10/2020	-	-
		-	-
	OIL & GAS 2.17% [4.73%]		
1,200,000	Margaux Resources	59,321	2.17
		59,321	2.17
	Portfolio of Investments	2,583,409	94.32
	Net Other Assets	155,469	5.68
	Net Assets	2,738,878	100.00

Note: Comparative figures shown in square brackets relate to 31 August 2018.

All investments are ordinary shares unless otherwise stated and admitted to official stock exchange listings.

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN For the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes	31.08.19		31.08.18	
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		301,400		(715,376)
Revenue	3	25,760		28,922	
Expenses:	4	(97,562)		(101,856)	
Interest payable and similar charges		<u>(235)</u>		<u>(45)</u>	
Net expense before taxation		(72,037)		(72,979)	
Taxation	5	<u>(1,968)</u>		<u>(963)</u>	
Net expense after Taxation			<u>(74,005)</u>		<u>(73,942)</u>
Total return before distributions			227,395		(789,318)
Distributions	6		<u>(3)</u>		<u>-</u>
Change in net assets attributable to Shareholders from investment activities			<u>227,392</u>		<u>(789,318)</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS For the year ended 31 August 2019

	31.08.19		31.08.18	
	£	£	£	£
Opening net assets attributable to Shareholders		2,094,349		3,085,116
Amounts receivable on issue of Shares	908,462		422,061	
Less: Amounts paid on cancellation of Shares	<u>(491,325)</u>		<u>(623,510)</u>	
		417,137		(201,449)
Change in net assets/(liabilities) attributable to Shareholders from investment activities		<u>227,392</u>		<u>(789,318)</u>
Closing net assets attributable to Shareholders		<u>2,738,878</u>		<u>2,094,349</u>

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BALANCE SHEET As at 31 August 2019

		31.08.19		31.08.18	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Assets					
Fixed assets:					
Investments			2,583,409		2,167,906
Current assets:					
Debtors	7	13,680		5,123	
Cash and bank balances	8	158,345		-	
Total current assets			172,025		5,123
Total assets			<u>2,755,434</u>		<u>2,173,029</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors:					
Bank overdrafts		-		(56,292)	
Other creditors	9	16,556		(22,388)	
Total creditors			16,556		(78,680)
Total liabilities			<u>16,556</u>		<u>(78,680)</u>
Net assets attributable to Shareholders			<u>2,738,878</u>		<u>2,094,349</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2019

1A. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standards Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” and the Statement of Recommended Practice (“SORP”) for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014.

As described in the Certification of Financial Statements by Directors of the ACD on page 5, the ACD continues to adopt the going concern basis in the preparation of the Financial Statements of the Funds.

(b) Realised and unrealised gains and losses

Realised gains or losses have been calculated as the proceeds from disposal less book cost. Where realised gains or losses have arisen in previous years, a corresponding reversal of such previously recognised loss or gain is recognised in unrealised gains or losses.

Unrealised gain/losses are calculated with reference to the original recorded value of the asset or liability, and only the element of gain/loss within the accounting period is recorded in the Financial Statements. All unrealised and realised gains are capital in nature and do not form part of the Fund’s distributable income.

(c) Recognition of revenue

Dividends on quoted equities and preference shares are recognised when the securities are quoted ex dividend and are recognised net of attributable tax credits.

Interest on bank and other cash deposits is recognised on an accruals basis.

All revenue includes withholding taxes but excludes irrecoverable tax credits.

(d) Treatment of stock and special dividends

The ordinary element of stock dividends received in lieu of cash dividends is credited to capital in the first instance followed by a transfer to revenue of the cash equivalent being offered and this forms part of the distributable revenue.

Special dividends are reviewed on a case by case basis in determining whether the dividend is to be treated as revenue or capital. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of the distributable revenue. The tax treatment follows the treatment of the principal amount.

(e) Treatment of expenses

Expenses are recorded on an accrual basis, but the Fund may incur additional allowable expenses which are charged as and when they are incurred.

Expenses of the Fund are charged against capital including the costs associated with the purchase and sale of investments.

(f) Allocation of revenue and expenses to multiple Share Classes

Any revenue or expenses not directly attributable to a particular Share Class will normally be allocated prorata to the net assets of the relevant Share Classes.

(g) Taxation

Tax is provided for using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Corporation tax is provided for on the income liable to corporation tax less deductible expenses.

Where tax has been deducted from revenue that tax can, in some instances, be set off against the corporation tax payable, by way of double tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on all timing differences arising on the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

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1A. ACCOUNTING BASIS AND POLICIES (continued)

(h) Distribution policy

The net revenue after taxation, as disclosed in the Financial Statements, after adjustment for items of a capital nature, is distributable to Shareholders as dividend distributions. Any revenue deficit is deducted from capital.

In addition, the portfolio transaction charges will be charged wholly to the capital of the Fund. Accordingly, the imposition of such charges may constrain the capital growth of the Fund.

The ACD has elected to pay all revenue less expenses charged to revenue and taxation as a final distribution at the end of the annual accounting period.

(i) Basis of valuation of investments

Listed investments are valued at close of business bid prices excluding any accrued interest in the case of fixed interest securities, on the last business day of the accounting period.

Market value is defined by the SORP as fair value which is the bid value of each security.

All investments are recognised and derecognised on trade date, and any trades that occur between valuation point and close of business are included in the Financial Statements.

Derivate assets and liabilities are valued at fair value price at the Balance sheet date, using latest dealing prices, valuation from reliable sources (e.g. Bloomberg/Thomson Reuters) or an assessment of fair value based on specialist valuation (e.g. the Black Scholes valuation model which takes asset and market data to determine the fair price of an asset) and appropriate pricing models.

Non-observable entity specific data is only used where relevant observable market data is not available. Typically, this category will include single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted close-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

(j) Exchange rates

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies at the end of the accounting period are translated into Sterling at the closing mid-market exchange rates ruling on that date.

(k) Dilution Adjustment

The ACD may require a dilution adjustment on the sale and redemption of Shares if, in its opinion, the existing Shareholders (for sales) or remaining Shareholders (for redemptions) might otherwise be adversely affected. In particular, the dilution adjustment may be charged in the following circumstances: where the scheme property is in continual decline; on a Fund experiencing large levels of net sales relative to its size; on 'large deals'; in any case where the ACD is of the opinion that the interests of remaining Shareholders require the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

(l) Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to Shares purchased during the distribution period (Group 2 Shares). It represents the accrued revenue included in the purchase price of the Shares.

After averaging it is returned with the distribution as a capital repayment. It is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of the Shares for Capital Gains tax purposes.

1B. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

In pursuing the investment objectives, a number of financial instruments are held which may comprise securities and other investments, cash balances and debtors and creditors that arise directly from operations.

The main risks from the Company's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed below:

(a) Foreign currency risk

A significant portion of the Company's assets or the equities in which the Company invests may be denominated in a currency other than the base currency of the Company or Class. There is the risk that the value of such assets and/or the value of any dividends from such assets may decrease if the underlying currency in which assets are traded falls relative to the base currency in which Shares of the relevant Fund are valued and priced.

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It is not the intention of the Company to enter into any contracts to manage Currency Risk. All foreign currencies are exchanged into/out of Sterling without delay.

1B RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (continued)

(b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the Company's investments will fluctuate due to changes in the interest rate.

The manager manages this risk by maintaining a balanced portfolio with due consideration to interest rates.

The Company did not have any long term financial liabilities at the balance sheet date.

(c) Credit risk

The Company may find that companies in which it invests fail to settle their debts on a timely basis. The value of securities issued by such companies may fall as a result of the perceived increase in credit risk. Adhering to investment guidelines and avoiding excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit credit risk.

(d) Liquidity risk

This is the risk that there is insufficient liquidity which would restrict a sub-fund's investment opportunities or ability to pay liabilities at short notice. This risk is managed by ensuring that overdrafts are monitored and maintained within investment limits and exposure to unquoted or illiquid securities is limited.

(e) Market price risk

Market price risk represents the potential loss the sub-fund may suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements. The sub fund's investment portfolio is exposed to price fluctuations, which are monitored by the ACD in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and avoidance of excessive exposure to one particular issuer can limit stock specific risk. Subject to compliance with the investment objective, spreading exposure across a broad range of stocks can mitigate market risk.

(f) Counterparty risk

Transactions in securities entered into by the Company give rise to exposure to the risk that the counterparties may not be able to fulfill their responsibility by completing their side of the transaction. The Investment Manager minimises this risk by conducting trades through only the most reputable counterparties.

Counterparty risk is also managed by limiting the exposure to individual counterparties through adherence to the investment spread restrictions included within the Company's prospectus and COLL.

(g) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Company cannot eliminate operational risks but, through the continual review and assessment of its control environment, by monitoring and responding to potential risks, they can be managed.

High level controls include effective segregation of duties, trade confirmation checking and reconciliation procedures, incident reporting and oversight of delegated functions.

(h) Leverage

In accordance with the IA SORP issued in May 2014, as ACD we are required to disclose any leverage of the Fund. Leverage is defined as any method by which the Fund increases its exposure through borrowing or the use of derivatives (calculated as the sum of the net asset value and the incremental exposure through the derivatives and in accordance with the IA SORP commitment approach (CESR/10-788)) divided by the net asset value.

The Fund's exposure is defined with reference to the 'Commitment' method. Commitment method exposure is calculated as the sum of all positions of the Fund, after netting off derivative and security positions and is disclosed within the Financial Statements Note 13(d).

(i) Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities and Derivatives

There is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.

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2. NET CAPITAL GAINS/(LOSSES)

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
The net capital gain/(losses) during the year comprise:		
Non-derivative securities	302,280	(714,192)
Currency gains/(losses)/gains	127	(1,024)
Transaction charges	(1,007)	(160)
Net capital gains/(losses)	301,400	(715,376)

3. REVENUE

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Bank interest	7	5
Overseas Dividends	15,420	10,777
UK Dividends	10,333	18,140
	25,760	28,922

4. EXPENSES

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Payable to the ACD, associates of the ACD and agents of either of them		
ACD's fees	34,284	42,387
Administration fees	21,576	26,808
Registrar fees	5,010	2,532
	60,870	71,727
Payable to the Depositary, associates of the Depositary and agents of either of them		
Depositary's fees	22,199	14,420
Safe custody fees	4,806	5,945
	27,005	20,365
Other expenses		
Audit fees	9,238	8,641
FCA fees	449	447
KIID Productions & distribution fees	-	676
	9,687	9,764
Total expenses	97,562	101,856

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5. TAXATION

(a) The tax charge comprises

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Current tax:		
Overseas Tax	1,968	963
Total current tax charge (Note 5 (b))	1,968	963
Total taxation	1,968	963

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax charge for the year differs from the 20% rate of corporation tax applicable to Open-Ended Investment Companies (OEIC). The differences are explained below:

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Net expense before taxation	(72,037)	(72,979)
Net expense for the period multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	(14,407)	(14,596)
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to corporation tax	(5,151)	(5,783)
Movement in excess management expenses	19,558	20,379
Overseas Tax	1,968	963
Total tax charge (note 5 (a))	1,968	963

c) Provision for deferred tax

There is no provision required for deferred taxation at the Balance Sheet date in the current period.

At the period end, the fund has unutilised management expenses of £220,057 (2018: £200,499). It is unlikely the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits in the future to utilise these expenses and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the period.

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6. FINANCE COSTS

Distributions

The distributions take into account revenue received on the issue of shares and revenue deducted on the cancellation of shares, and comprise:

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Interim distribution	-	-
Final distribution	-	-
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of shares	3	-
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of shares	-	-
Net distribution for the year	3	-

Reconciliation of net revenue after taxation to distributions

Net revenue after taxation	(72,037)	(73,942)
Shortfall transfer to Capital	72,040	73,942
Net distribution for the year	3	-

7. DEBTORS

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Accrued revenue	4,887	2,003
Amounts receivable for issue of shares	8,793	1,152
Sales awaiting settlement	-	-
Overseas withholding tax reclaimable	-	1,968
Total debtors	13,680	5,123

8. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Sterling	158,337	-
US Dollar	7	-
Canadian Dollar	1	-
Total cash and bank balances	158,345	-

9. OTHER CREDITORS

	31.08.19	31.08.18
	£	£
Accrued ACD's periodic charge	187	3,850
Accrued Depository's Fees	1,223	1,735
Accrued Expenses	15,146	15,832
Amounts payable for cancellation of Shares	-	971
Total creditors	16,556	22,388

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10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

ACD fixed admin fee and the Registrar's periodic fees are payable to the ACD. A further ACD variable fee is payable to the Investment Adviser, who is an associate of the ACD. Details are disclosed in note 4. Details of the shares created and cancelled by the ACD are shown in the Statement of Change in Shareholders' Net Assets.

11. SHARE CLASSES

The sub-fund currently has two share classes, the annual management charge for these are as follows:

Class A Net Accumulation Shares	1.50%
Class B Net Accumulation Shares	1.00%

The reconciliation of the opening and closing number of Shares of each class is shown below :

	31.08.18	Issued	Liquidated	Converted	31.08.19
A Net Accumulation Shares	1,567,894	238,053	508,618	-	1,297,329
B Net Accumulation Shares	1,636,911	892,489	352,656	-	2,176,744

The distribution per share class is given in the distribution tables on page 32.

12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2019: £nil).

13. RISK DISCLOSURES

The main risks from the Fund's holding of financial instruments, together with the ACD's policy for managing these risks, are disclosed in note 1B on pages 21 and 22.

(a) Foreign currency risk

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
31.08.19			
Australian Dollar	238,873	-	238,873
Canadian Dollar	1,230,193	1	1,230,194
US Dollar	139,918	4,894	144,812
Total foreign currency exposure	1,608,984	4,895	1,613,879
Sterling	974,425	150,574	1,124,999
Total Net Assets	2,583,409	155,469	2,738,878

Currency	Portfolio of Investments £	Net other assets £	Total £
31.08.18			
Australian Dollar	343,827	779	344,606
Canadian Dollar	606,629	-	606,629
US Dollar	-	1,224	1,224
Total foreign currency exposure	950,456	2,003	952,459
Sterling	1,217,450	(75,560)	1,141,890
Total Net Assets	2,167,906	(73,557)	2,094,349

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(b) Interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities

The only interest bearing financial assets of the sub-fund are bank balances, on which interest is calculated at a variable rate by reference to sterling bank deposit rates or the international equivalent.

Currency	Floating rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
Assets	£	£	£
31.08.19			
Australian Dollar	-	238,873	238,873
Canadian Dollar	1	1,230,193	1,230,194
Sterling	158,337	983,218	1,141,555
US Dollar	7	144,805	144,812
Total	158,345	2,597,089	2,755,434

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities	Financial liabilities not carrying interest	Total
Liabilities	£	£	£
31.08.19			
Sterling	-	16,556	16,556
Total	-	16,556	16,556

Currency	Floating rate financial assets	Financial assets not carrying interest	Total
Assets	£	£	£
31.08.18			
Sterling	-	2,173,029	2,173,029
Total	-	2,173,029	2,173,029

Currency	Floating rate financial liabilities	Financial liabilities not carrying interest	Total
Liabilities	£	£	£
31.08.18			
Sterling	56,292	22,388	78,680
Total	56,292	22,388	78,680

The fund does not have any significant direct exposure to interest rates risk and as such no sensitivity analysis has been presented.

The floating rate financial assets and liabilities comprise bank balances, which earn or pay interest at rates linked to the UK base rate.

There are no material amounts of non-interest bearing financial assets and liabilities, other than collective investment schemes, which do not have maturity dates.

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(c) Market Risk

If market prices had increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the tables below.

If market prices had decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the net asset value of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the tables below.

These calculations have been applied to non-derivative securities only (see note 1B (h) for an explanation of the Fund's leverage during the period). These calculations assume all other variables remain constant.

	Increase £	Decrease £
2019	258,341	258,341
2018	216,791	216,791

If the underlying price of the warrant increased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the valuation of the Fund would have increased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

If the underlying price of the warrant decreased by 10% as at the balance sheet date, the valuation of the Fund would have decreased by the following amounts set out in the table below.

These calculations assume all other variables remain constant

Summary	Trading currency	Outcome with +10% change in share price *	Outcome with -10% change in share price *	Exchange Rate to £	Fair value assessment	
					+10%	-10%
Big River Gold Ltd	AS	558	301	0.553	309	167
Kootenay Silver Inc	C\$	23	7	0.617	14	4
Margaux Resources Ltd	C\$	808	225	0.617	499	139
Aurcana Corp	C\$	23,447	13,278	0.617	14,467	8,193
Volcanic Gold Mines Inc	C\$	218	89	0.617	135	55
Ashanti (24 August 2020)	C\$	305	70	0.617	188	43
Ashanti (1 February 2021)	C\$	2,774	1,237	0.617	1,711	763
Skeena Resources Ltd	C\$	31	4	0.617	19	3

Notes: (*) The assessed value has been computed utilising the Black Scholes valuation model; The higher DLOM and other discounts are applied at both the +10% and -10% valuation assessments; In our valuation assessment, we have selected a volatility of 40% equivalent to that utilised by Grant Thornton.

(d) Leverage

The Fund did not employ any significant leverage as at 31 August 2019, other than that available to the Fund as a result of its ability to borrow up to 10% of its value on a permanent basis.

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14. PORTFOLIO TRANSACTION COSTS

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of these costs please refer to the additional portfolio transaction cost information on pages 13 and 14.

	31.08.19		31.08.18	
	£	£	£	£
Analysis of total purchase costs:				
Purchase in year before transaction costs				
Equities		1,430,287		697,208
		<u>1,430,287</u>		<u>697,208</u>
Commissions	1,820			
Equities			-	
Taxes				
Equities	1,107		-	
Total Purchase costs	<u>2,927</u>		<u>-</u>	
Gross Purchase total		<u>1,433,214</u>		<u>697,208</u>

Analysis of total sale costs:

Gross sales in year before transaction costs

Equities		1,318,804		913,608
		<u>1,318,804</u>		<u>913,608</u>
Commissions				
Equities	(1,556)		(295)	
Taxes				
Equities	(7)		(1)	
Total sale costs	<u>(1,563)</u>		<u>(296)</u>	
Total sales net of transaction costs		<u>1,317,241</u>		<u>913,312</u>

	31.08.19	31.08.18
Transaction costs as percentage of principal amounts	%	%
Purchases - Commissions		
Equities	0.13	-
Purchases - Taxes		
Equities	0.08	-
Sales - Commissions		
Equities	0.12	0.10
Sales - Taxes		
Equities	-	-
Transaction costs as percentage of average net asset value		
Commissions	0.01	0.01
Taxes	0.05	-

The portfolio dealing spread as at 31 August 2019 was 1.03% (31 August 2018: 0.00%)

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15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

During the period from the Balance Sheet to the date that the Financial Statements were approved, the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has caused extensive disruptions to business and economic activities globally. The uncertainties over the emergence and spread of COVID-19 have caused market volatility on a global scale, the impact on the Company cannot be accurately forecast at this point in time.

Since 31 August 2019, the Net Asset Value of the Fund has increased using the Share prices at the year end compared to 22 June 2020.

A Net Accumulation Shares have increased from 35.73 to 42.44

B Net Accumulation Shares have increased from 104.02 to 124.03

16. FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURE

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-fund disclosed in the balance sheet where applicable.

The Fund holds a number of assets (8) known as warrants. Warrants, like stock options, give investors the right to buy (via a call warrant) or sell (via a put warrant) a specific stock at a certain price level (strike price) before a certain date (expiration date). The ACD has appointed an independent expert to perform a valuation of the warrants in accordance with FRS 102.

When determining any potential value, the BS model applies various assumptions including market sensitivities (per note 13) such as the latest valuation date, underlying share price, the exercise price of the warrant, risk free rates, dividends, time to maturity and market volatility. In determining fair value, the ACD has applied a discount of between 20% and 40% to take account of the following:

- Lack of marketability – The liquidity of the underlying stock is limited, the market cap of the companies is low with material daily swings in the trading prices and there is not an active market for several of the Warrants.
- Dilution – The exercise of the warrants will create a dilutionary effect which is not captured in the Black Scholes Model. We note that the capital structures of all the five companies present a high proportion of warrants on issue. In addition,
- Lack of detachability – Apart for the Big River Gold and Kootenay Silver Warrants, all the others Warrants are not detachable which means that they cannot be traded separately from the underlying shares which significantly affect the value.

Shareholders should note that none of the Warrants are tradable on a secondary market and / or detachable, which means that they cannot be traded separately from the underlying shares.

As a result of the Black Scholes Model output and considering the fair value factors listed above, the warrants were ascribed a value of zero except Aurcana Corporation which had a value of £11,120.

	31.08.19		31.08.18	
	Assets £	Liabilities £	Assets £	Liabilities £
Valuation technique				
Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities	2,572,289	-	2,167,906	-
Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly	-	-	-	-
Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability	11,120	-	-	-
	2,583,409	-	2,167,906	-

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17. Cashflow Exemption

The entity is still eligible to the exemption even if it has Level 3 investment is substantially liquid.

The company is taking advantage of the cash flow exemption under FRS 102 7,1A and IA SORP 2.5. The Fund meets the cash flow exemption requirements of the IMA SORP.

- substantially all of the entity's investments are high liquid;
- substantially all of the entity's investments are carried at fair value; and
- the entity provides a statement of change in net assets.

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DISTRIBUTION TABLE

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Expenses exceeded revenue during the year, as a result no distributions were paid.

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Payable 01.11.2019	Paid 01.11.2018
Class A Accumulation	-	-	-	-

	Net Revenue	Equalisation	Payable 01.11.2019	Paid 01.11.2018
Class B Accumulation	-	-	-	-

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company

The ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund is an Open-Ended Investment Company with Variable Capital ("ICVC"). The Company is authorised in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") pursuant to Regulation 14 of the OEIC Regulations with number IC000768. The effective date of the Authorisation Order made by the FCA was 22 July 2009.

The Authorised Corporate Director ('ACD')

The ACD is Equity Trustees Fund Services Limited, a private company incorporated with limited liability in England under the Companies Act 1985. Its registered office and head office are situated at House, 4th Floor Pountney Hill House, 6 Laurence Pountney Hill, London, EC4R 0BL.

The ACD is authorised and regulated to carry on regulated activities in the United Kingdom by virtue of its authorisation by the FCA.

The Depositary

The Depositary acts as the custodian for all assets relating to ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund. The Depositary at the Company period end was Societe Generale, 29 Boulevard Haussman, 75009 Paris, France (Registered Office) and Société Générale S.A. One Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4SG (London Branch).

The Depositary is authorised by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudential et de Résolution and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers, but in respect of its services as Depositary in the United Kingdom is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA.

The Investment Manager

The Investment Manager to the Company is The Baker Street Asset Management Limited.

Prospectus

Copies of the Company's Prospectus are available free of charge from the ACD upon request

Share Type

The Company currently has two share classes available for investment:

A Net Accumulation; and

B Net Accumulation

Pricing and Dealing

The Company is valued on a mid-market basis, with daily single prices appearing on the Equity Trustees Services Limited website (www.equitytrustee.com).

Shares in the Company are "single priced". This means that subject to the preliminary charge, redemption charge and any applicable dilution levy, the price of a Share for both buying and selling purposes will be the same and determined by reference to a particular Valuation Point.

Shares may be bought and sold on any business day by contacting your stockbroker, or by application in writing to FNZ Transfer Agency Services Limited, Level 5, 67 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9LJ. All transactions will be dealt on a forward pricing basis, i.e. at the next valuation point following receipt of a valid application.

Contract notes are issued for all purchases and sales of shares and will be dispatched within 24 hours of the next valuation point following receipt of application.

The shares of the Company are non-certificated.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Distribution Policy

Where net revenue is available it will be distributed to holders of income share classes and retained for holders of accumulation share classes. Distribution rates will be calculated on the annual and interim accounting dates of 31 August and 28 February and distributed as income on 1 November and 1 May.

Dilution

The actual cost to the Company of purchasing or selling its investments may be higher or lower than the mid-market value used in calculating the unit price, e.g. due to dealing charges or through dealing at prices other than the mid-market price. In normal circumstances these costs are charged to the Company. Under certain circumstances (e.g. large volumes of deals) this may have an adverse effect on the interests of shareholders generally. In order to prevent this effect, called 'dilution', the ACD has the power to charge a dilution adjustment on the sale and/or redemption of units. The dilution adjustment will be applied at outset and will be paid into and will become part of the Company. The dilution adjustment for the Company will be calculated by reference to the costs of dealing in the underlying investments of the Company, including any dealing spreads, commission and transfer taxes. The ACD reserves the right, however, to impose a dilution levy at its absolute discretion on any or all deals, should this prove necessary in the opinion of the ACD, to protect the interests of the Shareholders.

Management Charges

The Annual Management Charge for A Net Accumulation is 1.50%.

The Annual Management Charge for B Net Accumulation is 1.00%.

Reports

Reports will be made available to all shareholders on an annual and half-yearly basis.

Publication of Prices

The price of shares in the sub-fund are quoted daily on the web pages of Financial Express at www.fundlistings.com.

Taxation

Income earned by shareholders from the Company is liable to UK Income Tax at the rate applicable for the individual shareholders. Tax Certificates will be issued annually with the valuation in April and will carry a credit for Income Tax.

Capital Gains Tax

As an ICVC, the Company is exempt from UK Capital Gains tax. An individual's first £12,000 of net gains on disposals in the 2019/2020 tax year are exempt from tax. Gains in excess are subject to a rate of tax dependent on an individual's total annual taxable income.

Important Information

It is important to remember that the price of shares, and the income from them, can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed and that investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a guide to future performance. Changes in the rate of exchange of currencies, particularly where overseas securities are held, may also affect the value of your investment. The issue of shares may be subject to an initial charge and this is likely to have an impact on the realisable value of your investment, particularly in the short term. You should always regard ICVC investment as long term.

Past performance is not a indicator to future performance. Neither income nor capital is guaranteed. Dealing charges and the bid/offer spread on the reliable underlying securities in ES Gold and Precious Metals Fund could have the effect that investors would not achieve the indicative returns stated. Changes in exchange rates may also cause the value of investments to go down as well as up.

Please note shareholders are not liable for debts of the Company.