



Gold and Precious Metals Limited

Quarterly Report and Financial Statements August 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

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Specializing in Gold and Other
Precious Metals Investments**

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Schedules of Investments (Unaudited)

August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

Name of Company	2019			2018		
	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Common Shares						
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies						
<i>Australia</i>						
Bellevue Gold, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	4,903,509	\$ 1,948,339	0.6%	–	\$ –	–%
Bellevue Gold, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	1,096,491	435,675	0.2	–	–	–
Dacian Gold, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	5,000,000	3,754,484	1.2	–	–	–
Newcrest Mining, Ltd. ⁽²⁾	900,000	22,425,888	7.2	1,015,000	14,042,525	7.2
Northern Star Resources, Ltd.	900,000	7,212,651	2.3	–	–	–
Pantoro, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	16,000,000	2,370,544	0.8	–	–	–
Perseus Mining, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	11,000,000	5,555,963	1.8	–	–	–
Prodigy Gold NL ⁽¹⁾	13,958,334	1,034,027	0.3	–	–	–
Westgold Resources, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	3,000,000	4,727,620	1.5	–	–	–
		<u>49,465,191</u>	<u>15.9</u>		<u>14,042,525</u>	<u>7.2</u>
<i>Canada</i>						
Adventus Mining Corp. 144A ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	1,300,000	986,180	0.3	–	–	–
Adventus Mining Corp. ⁽¹⁾	2,298,000	1,743,263	0.5	–	–	–
Agnico Eagle Mines, Ltd. ⁽²⁾	400,000	25,036,000	8.1	450,000	15,534,000	8.0
Alacer Gold Corp. ⁽¹⁾	2,500,000	10,965,901	3.5	2,500,000	4,522,979	2.3
Alamos Gold, Inc.	1,500,000	10,575,000	3.4	875,000	3,850,282	2.0
Atlantic Gold Corp. 144A ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	–	–	–	2,750,000	3,689,294	1.9
B2Gold Corp. ⁽¹⁾	3,000,000	10,770,617	3.5	1,594,338	3,740,024	1.9
Barrick Gold Corp.	1,100,000	21,318,000	6.9	1,125,000	11,722,500	6.0
Belo Sun Mining Corp. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	2,600,000	468,397	0.2
Bonterra Resources, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	600,000	1,207,751	0.4	–	–	–
Centerra Gold, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	675,000	6,139,590	2.0	–	–	–
Detour Gold Corp. ⁽¹⁾	450,000	8,061,064	2.6	450,000	3,677,412	1.9
Franco-Nevada Corp.	50,000	4,883,000	1.6	160,000	10,232,052	5.3
Gold Standard Ventures Corp. ⁽¹⁾	1,200,000	1,216,764	0.4	–	–	–
Goldcorp, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	932,400	10,107,216	5.2
Golden Star Resources, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	1,500,000	4,620,000	1.5	2,900,000	2,134,400	1.1
Guyana Goldfields, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	619,500	1,752,428	0.9
IAMGOLD Corp. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	675,000	2,754,000	1.4
Integra Resources Corp. ⁽¹⁾	100,000	88,628	0.0	–	–	–
Kinross Gold Corp. ⁽¹⁾	800,000	3,976,000	1.3	800,000	2,400,000	1.2
Kirkland Lake Gold, Ltd.	75,000	3,657,000	1.2	–	–	–
Maverix Metals, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	1,500,000	7,537,179	2.4	–	–	–
New Gold, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	500,000	485,550	0.3
OceanaGold Corp.	2,154,013	5,160,959	1.7	2,654,013	7,853,494	4.0
Orla Mining, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	5,250,000	6,309,148	2.0	–	–	–
Pretium Resources, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	725,000	9,512,000	3.1	725,000	6,010,250	3.1
Pure Gold Mining, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	3,000,000	1,397,026	0.4	–	–	–
Roxgold, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	7,200,000	7,192,429	2.3	2,827,200	2,102,330	1.1
SEMAFO, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	1,750,000	6,506,309	2.1	900,000	2,256,123	1.2
SilverCrest Metals, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	250,000	1,537,855	0.5	–	–	–
SSR Mining, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	600,000	9,852,000	3.2	–	–	–
Tahoe Resources, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	708,200	2,437,670	1.3
TMAC Resources, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	26,500	95,684	0.1
TMAC Resources, Inc. 144A ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	–	–	–	185,000	667,983	0.3
Torex Gold Resources, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	330,000	5,299,234	1.7	330,000	2,228,755	1.1

Schedules of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 (continued)

Name of Company	2019			2018		
	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Common Shares (continued)						
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (continued)						
<i>Canada (continued)</i>						
Torex Gold Resources, Inc.						
144A ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	130,000	\$ 2,087,577	0.7%	130,000	\$ 877,995	0.5%
		177,636,474	57.3		101,600,818	52.3
<i>Cayman Islands</i>						
Endeavour Mining Corp. ⁽¹⁾	550,000	10,719,919	3.5	250,000	3,796,619	2.0
<i>Channel Islands</i>						
Centamin PLC	1,500,000	2,648,364	0.8	–	–	–
Lydian International 144A ⁽³⁾	–	–	–	6,879,300	1,054,743	0.5
Lydian International, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	5,714,475	876,151	0.5
Lydian International, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	3,369,000	240,390	0.1	1,780,000	272,912	0.1
Randgold Resources, Ltd. ADR ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	229,100	14,957,939	7.7
		2,888,754	0.9		17,161,745	8.8
<i>Peru</i>						
Compania de Minas						
Buenaventura SAA - ADR ⁽²⁾	200,000	3,048,000	1.0	699,000	8,800,410	4.5
<i>South Africa</i>						
AngloGold Ashanti, Ltd. ⁽²⁾	898,420	20,501,300	6.6	898,420	7,106,502	3.7
Gold Fields, Ltd. ⁽²⁾	1,029,577	6,167,111	2.0	1,029,577	2,563,647	1.3
Gold Fields, Ltd. ADR	670,423	3,982,313	1.3	–	–	–
Sibanye Gold, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	1,092,174	1,502,673	0.5	1,092,174	644,383	0.3
		32,153,397	10.4		10,314,532	5.3
<i>United States</i>						
Newmont Goldcorp Corp.	300,000	11,967,000	3.8	570,368	17,698,519	9.1
Royal Gold, Inc.	20,000	2,667,600	0.9	165,000	12,582,900	6.5
		14,634,600	4.7		30,281,419	15.6
Total gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies						
(Cost \$181,443,598 - 2019, \$194,725,895 - 2018)						
		290,546,335	93.7		185,998,068	95.7
Silver mining, exploration and development companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
Americas Silver Corp. ⁽¹⁾	1,345,000	4,545,967	1.5	–	–	–
MAG Silver Corp. ⁽¹⁾	325,000	4,143,750	1.3	325,000	2,498,946	1.3
		8,689,717	2.8		2,498,946	1.3
<i>Mexico</i>						
Fresnillo PLC	400,000	3,603,674	1.2	–	–	–
Total silver mining, exploration and development companies						
(Cost \$9,496,851 - 2019, \$2,541,688 - 2018)						
		12,293,391	4.0		2,498,946	1.3
Diamond mining, exploration and development companies						
<i>Bermuda</i>						
Petra Diamonds, Ltd. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	1,000,000	445,479	0.2
<i>Canada</i>						
Stornoway Diamond Corp. ⁽¹⁾	–	–	–	1,389,500	372,820	0.2
Stornoway Diamond Corp.						
144A ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	–	–	–	9,698,550	2,602,239	1.3
		–	–		2,975,059	1.5
Total diamond mining, exploration and development companies						
(Cost \$0 - 2019, \$9,760,781 - 2018)						
		–	–		3,420,538	1.7
Total common shares						
(Cost \$190,940,449 - 2019, \$207,028,364 - 2018)						
		302,839,726	97.7		191,917,552	98.7

The notes to financial statements form an integral part of these statements.

Schedules of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 (continued)

Name of Company	2019			2018		
	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Rights						
Silver mining, exploration and development companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
Pan American Silver Corp. ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	393,200	\$ 108,165	0.0%	–	\$ –	–%
Total rights (Cost \$136,720 - 2019, \$0 - 2018)		108,165	0.0		–	–
Warrants						
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies						
<i>Canada</i>						
Bonterra Resources, Inc. (Exercise Price \$3.10, Expiration Date 8/20/21) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	300,000	191,528	0.1	–	–	–
Integra Resource Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.86, Expiration Date 12/1/19) ⁽¹⁾	1,744,186	1,545,846	0.5	–	–	–
Maverix Metals, Inc. (Exercise Price \$1.65, Expiration Date 12/23/21) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	250,000	604,627	0.2	–	–	–
Platinum Group Metals, Ltd. (Exercise Price \$1.70, Expiration Date 11/15/19) ⁽¹⁾	20,000,000	500,000	0.2	–	–	–
Pure Gold Mining, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.85, Expiration Date 7/18/22) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	1,500,000	180,262	0.0	–	–	–
Total warrants (Cost \$1,865,314 - 2019, \$0 - 2018)		3,022,263	1.0		–	–
Investments, at value (Cost \$192,942,483 - 2019, \$207,028,364 - 2018)		305,970,154	98.7		191,917,552	98.7
Cash, receivables and other assets less other liabilities		4,137,835	1.3		2,600,599	1.3
Net assets		\$ 310,107,989	100.0%		\$ 194,518,151	100.0%

ADR American Depositary Receipt

PLC Public Limited Company

(1) Non-income producing security.

(2) Non-income producing security in 2019 only.

(3) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. At the period end, the value of these securities amounted on August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 to \$3,073,757 and \$8,892,254 or 1.0% and 4.6% of net assets, respectively.

(4) Restricted security.

(5) Security fair valued in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. At the period end, the value of these securities amounted to \$1,084,582 or 0.3% of net assets.

Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

	2019	2018
Assets		
Investments, at value		
Cost \$192,942,483 in 2019		
\$207,028,364 in 2018	\$ 305,970,154	\$ 191,917,552
Cash and cash equivalents	2,050,345	3,523,367
Foreign currency		
Cost \$2,431,741 in 2019		
\$0 in 2018	2,432,957	-
Dividends receivable, net of withholding taxes payable	283,858	213,898
Securities sold receivable	249,150	-
Other assets	5,458	72,502
Total assets	\$ 310,991,922	\$ 195,727,319

Liabilities

Accrued affiliate expenses	\$ 213,791	\$ 585,036
Liability for retirement benefits due to current and future retired directors	447,191	433,679
Other expenses	222,951	190,453
Total liabilities	\$ 883,933	\$ 1,209,168
Net assets	\$ 310,107,989	\$ 194,518,151

Common shares \$1 par value		
Authorized: 40,000,000 shares		
Issued and Outstanding: 19,289,905 shares	\$ 19,289,905	\$ 19,289,905
Share premium (capital surplus)	1,372,500	1,372,500
Distributable earnings	289,445,584	173,855,746*
Net assets	\$ 310,107,989	\$ 194,518,151
Net asset value per share	\$ 16.08	\$ 10.08

*Distributable earnings as of August 31, 2018 consist of the following:

Undistributed net investment income	\$ 5,971,428
Undistributed net realized gain from investments	302,122,974
Undistributed net realized loss from foreign currency transactions	(119,127,844)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	(15,110,812)
Total distributable earnings	\$ 173,855,746

The closing price of the Company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$13.30 and \$8.84 on August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018, respectively.

Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

For the nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

	2019	2018
Investment income		
Dividend income (net of withholding taxes of \$457,324 and \$244,213, respectively, and ADR fees of \$4,582 and \$5,082, respectively)	\$ 2,104,066	\$ 1,359,558
Total investment income	2,104,066	1,359,558
Expenses		
Investment research	681,521	713,743
Administration and operations	397,476	878,667
Investment adviser fees	717,248	–
Fund services fees	69,365	–
Compliance services fees	61,260	–
Fund accounting	76,365	123,182
Transfer agent, registrar and custodian	–	106,201
Transfer agent fees	27,665	–
Custodian fees	61,638	–
Directors' fees and expenses	132,060	176,166
Retired directors' fees	67,271	48,750
Insurance	121,319	118,099
Legal fees	254,040	99,737
Audit fees	28,489	41,250
Professional fees – other	–	1,000
Shareholder reports and proxy expenses	88,130	81,841
Dues and listing fees	18,750	18,750
Other expenses	108,432	–
Total expenses	2,911,029	2,407,386
Change in retirement benefits due to directors	(9,799)	(52,883)
Sublease revenue (Note 11)	(26,651)	–
Net expenses	2,874,579	2,354,503
Net investment loss	(770,513)	(994,945)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions		
Proceeds from sales	88,009,378	6,271,268
Cost of securities sold	93,708,627	10,905,391
Net realized loss from investments	(5,699,249)	(4,634,123)
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions		
Investments	(1,119,811)	(53,784)
Foreign currency	–	(574)
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	(1,119,811)	(54,358)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		
Balance, beginning of period	(10,027,414)	28,503,384
Balance, end of period	113,027,671	(15,110,812)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	123,055,085	(43,614,196)
Net unrealized loss on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	1,377	–
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions	116,237,402	(48,302,677)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 115,466,889	\$ (49,297,622)

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Nine Months Ended August 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2018
Net investment loss	\$ (770,513)	\$ (1,408,709)
Net realized loss	(5,699,249)	(9,051,561)
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	(1,119,811)	202,193
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	123,055,085	(38,530,798)
Net unrealized loss on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	1,377	—
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	115,466,889	(48,788,875)
Dividends paid/payable	(192,899)	(578,697)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	115,273,990	(49,367,572)
Net assets, beginning of period	194,833,999	244,201,571
Net assets, end of period	\$ 310,107,989	\$ 194,833,999

Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

1. Organization

ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited (the “Company”) is a closed-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and was organized as an exempted limited liability company under the laws of Bermuda.

2. Investment objective and strategy

The Company is a non-diversified, closed-end fund that seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through investing in companies engaged in the exploration for, development of projects or mining of precious metals and minerals. The Company is managed by Merk Investments LLC (the “Adviser”).

It is a fundamental policy of the Company that at least 80% of its total assets must be (i) invested in common shares or securities convertible into common shares of companies engaged, directly or indirectly, in the exploration, mining or processing of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds or other precious minerals, (ii) held as bullion or other direct forms of gold, silver, platinum or other precious minerals, (iii) invested in instruments representing interests in gold, silver, platinum or other precious minerals such as certificates of deposit therefor, and/or (iv) invested in securities of investment companies, including exchange traded funds, or other securities that seek to replicate the price movement of gold, silver or platinum bullion.

The Company employs bottom-up fundamental analysis and relies on detailed primary research including meetings with company executives, site visits to key operating assets, and proprietary financial analysis in making its investment decisions.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

A. Security valuation

The net asset value of the Company generally is determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) or the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”), whichever is later, on the date for which the valuation is being made (the “Valuation Time”). Portfolio securities listed on U.S. and foreign stock exchanges generally are valued at the last reported sale price as of the Valuation Time on the exchange on which the securities are primarily traded, or the last reported bid price if a sale price is not available. Securities traded over the counter are valued at the last reported sale price or the last reported bid price if a sale price is not available. Securities listed on foreign stock exchanges may be fair valued based on significant events that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign markets.

Securities for which current market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by, or in accordance with procedures approved by, the Company’s Board of Directors. If a security is valued at a “fair value,” that value may be different from the last quoted price for the security. Various factors may be reviewed in order to make a good faith determination of a security’s fair value. These factors include, but are not limited to, the nature of the security; relevant financial or business developments of the issuer; actively traded similar or related securities; conversion rights on the security; and changes in overall market conditions.

Where the Company holds securities listed on foreign stock exchanges and American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) representing these securities are actively traded in U.S. markets, the securities normally are fair valued based on the last reported sales price of the ADRs.

The difference between cost and market value is reflected separately as net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments. The net realized gain or loss from the sale of securities is determined for accounting purposes on the identified cost basis.

B. Restricted securities

At August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018, the Company held investments in restricted securities of 0.08% and 0.45% of net assets, respectively, valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Company’s Board of Directors as follows:

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Nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

B. Restricted securities (continued)

Restricted Securities August 31, 2019					
<u>Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Value Per Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>
3,369,000	\$662,485	Lydian International, Ltd.	\$0.07	\$240,390	11/30/17*

*Acquisition date represents the conversion of warrant position to common stock.

Restricted Securities August 31, 2018					
<u>Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Value Per Unit</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>
5,714,475	\$1,869,119	Lydian International, Ltd.	\$0.15	\$876,151	11/30/17*

*Acquisition date represents the conversion of warrant position to common stock.

C. Fair value measurement

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), fair value is defined as the price that the Company would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability in a timely transaction with an independent buyer in the principal market, or in the absence of a principal market the most advantageous market for the investment or liability. U.S. GAAP establishes a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between (1) inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs) and (2) inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs) and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Company's investments. The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for identical instruments on an inactive market, prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates, and similar data.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the assets or liability to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Company's own assumptions about the assumptions that a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and that would be based on the best information available.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 in valuing the Company's investments at fair value:

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Nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

C. Fair value measurement (continued)

Investment in Securities ⁽¹⁾				
Measurements at August 31, 2019				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common Shares				
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	\$ 290,546,335	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 290,546,335
Silver mining, exploration and development companies	12,293,391	–	–	12,293,391
Rights				
Silver mining, exploration and development companies	–	–	108,165	108,165
Warrants				
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	–	–	3,022,263	3,022,263
Total Investments	<u>\$ 302,839,726</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 3,130,428</u>	<u>\$ 305,970,154</u>

See schedules of investments for country classifications.

Investment in Securities ⁽¹⁾				
Measurements at August 31, 2018				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common Shares				
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	\$ 154,474,845	\$ 31,523,222	\$ –	\$ 185,998,067
Silver mining, exploration and development companies	2,498,946	–	–	2,498,946
Diamond mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	818,299	2,602,240	–	3,420,539
Total Investments	<u>\$ 157,792,090</u>	<u>\$ 34,125,462</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 191,917,552</u>

See schedules of investments for country classifications.

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value.

	<u>Rights</u>	<u>Warrants</u>
Balance November 30, 2018	\$ –	\$ –
Purchases	–	1,865,314
Transfers In	108,165	–
Net change in unrealized depreciation	–	1,156,949
Balance August 31, 2019	<u>\$ 108,165</u>	<u>\$ 3,022,263</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from investments held as of August 31, 2019*	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,949</u>

* The change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is included in net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments in the accompanying Statement of Operations.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all money market funds and all highly liquid temporary cash investments purchased with an original maturity of less than three months to be cash equivalents. The majority of the Company's cash and cash equivalents at August 31, 2019, consisted of overnight deposit of excess funds in a commercial paper sweep account held at JPMorgan Chase & Co ("JPM").

E. Foreign Currency Translation

Portfolio securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the rate of exchange reported by independent data providers. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions. The Company separately reports the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates from changes in market prices of securities held. The resulting net foreign currency gain or loss is included on the Statements of Operations. Realized foreign currency gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase date and subsequent sale date on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Company's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid.

F. Securities Transactions and Investment Income

During the nine months ended August 31, 2019, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$93,708,627 and \$88,009,378, respectively. During the nine months ended August 31, 2018, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$22,248,121 and \$21,628,305, respectively.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of withholding taxes or ADR fees, if any. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis.

G. Dividends to Shareholders

Dividends to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The reporting for financial statement purposes of dividends paid from net investment income and/or net realized gains may differ from their ultimate reporting for U.S. federal income tax purposes, primarily because of the separate line item reporting for financial statement purposes of foreign exchange gains or losses.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's opinion that all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the results of the interim periods presented have been made. All adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

I. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars. The Company is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standard Codification, Topic 946 "Financial Services - Investment Companies".

J. Income Taxes

In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties on income taxes, management has analyzed the Company's tax positions taken on federal and state income tax returns, as applicable, for all open tax years (2015-2018). As of August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018, the Company has not recorded any unrecognized tax benefits. The Company's policy, if it had unrecognized benefits, is to recognize accrued interest and penalties in operating expenses.

4. Tax status of the Company

The Company is a "passive foreign investment company" ("PFIC") for the U.S. federal income tax purposes and is not subject to Bermuda tax as an exempted limited liability company organized under the laws of Bermuda. Nor is the Company generally subject to U.S. federal income tax, since it is a non-U.S. corporation whose only business activity in the United States is trading in stocks or securities for its own account; under the U.S. federal tax law that activity does not constitute engaging in the conduct of a trade or business within the United States, even if its principal office is

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4. Tax status of the Company (continued)

located therein. As a result, its gross income is not subject to U.S. federal income tax, though certain types of income it earns from U.S. sources (such as dividends of U.S. payors) are subject to U.S. federal withholding tax.

5. Fees and Expenses

Investment Adviser – Effective April 12, 2019, Merk Investments LLC (the “Adviser”) is the investment adviser to the Company. Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement, the Adviser receives an advisory fee, payable monthly, from the Company at an annual rate of 0.70% of the Company’s average daily net assets. Prior to April 12, 2019, the Company was an internally managed fund.

Other Service Providers – On January 7, 2019, the Company entered into an agreement with Atlantic Fund Administration, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Apex US Holdings LLC (d/b/a Apex Fund Services) (“Apex”) to provide fund accounting, fund administration and compliance services to the Company. The fees related to these services are included in fund services fees within the Statement of Operations. Apex also provides certain shareholder report production and EDGAR conversion and filing services. Pursuant to an Apex services agreement, the Company pays Apex customary fees for its services. Apex provides a Principal Financial Officer, as well as certain additional compliance support functions.

Foreside Fund Services, LLC provides a Chief Compliance Officer to the Company.

6. Exemptive order

The Company is a closed-end investment company and operates pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) pursuant to Section 7(d) of the 1940 Act (the “Order”). The Order is conditioned upon, among other things, the Company complying with certain requirements relating to the custody of assets and settlement of securities transactions outside of the United States different than those required of other registered investment companies. These conditions make it more difficult for the Company to implement a flexible investment strategy and to fully achieve its desired portfolio diversification than if it were not subject to such requirements.

7. Retirement plans

The Company has recorded a liability for retirement benefits due to retired directors. The liability for these benefits at August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 was \$430,832 and \$433,679, respectively. A director whose first election to the Board of Directors was prior to January 1, 2008 qualifies to receive retirement benefits if he has served the Company (and any of its predecessors) for at least twelve years prior to retirement. Directors first elected on or after January 1, 2008 are not eligible to participate in the plan.

8. Concentration risk

The Company invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities of companies engaged, directly or indirectly, in the exploration, mining or processing of gold or other precious minerals. The Company also invests a substantial portion of its assets in companies that are domiciled and/or have operations outside of the United States, including emerging market countries, such as South Africa. The Company is, therefore, subject to gold and precious metals-related risk as well as risk related to investing in foreign securities, including political, economic, regulatory, liquidity, currency fluctuation, and foreign exchange risks. The Company currently is invested in a limited number of securities and thus holds large positions in certain securities. Because the Company’s investments are concentrated in a limited number of securities of companies involved in the holding or mining of gold and other precious minerals and related activities, the net asset value of the Company may be subject to greater volatility than that of a more broadly diversified investment company.

9. Indemnifications

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnification provisions. The Company’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown.

10. Compensation matters

For the nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018, the aggregate remuneration paid to the Company’s officers was \$641,989 and \$1,246,788, respectively. In addition, \$510,410 and \$485,250, respectively, was accrued for bonuses to the Company’s officers and employees. The Company has terminated the employment of its employees effective on March 31, 2019. Due to the employment termination, the unvested portion of the CEO’s deferred bonus from

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10. Compensation matters (continued)

fiscal years 2017 and 2018 has been fully vested as of August 31, 2019. In addition, the Company accrued \$541,280 for severance costs to its employees. The accrued bonuses and severance costs were paid in full as of August 31, 2019.

The aggregate remuneration paid to the Company's directors for the nine months ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018 was \$122,080 and \$158,500, respectively.

11. Operating lease commitment

In June 2017, the Company entered into a three-year operating lease agreement, commencing March 1, 2018, in San Mateo, CA for approximately 2,500 square feet to be used as office space for its employees. The lease provides for future minimum rental payments in the aggregate amount of \$318,739 as of August 31, 2019. The lease contains escalation clauses relating to the tenant's share of insurance, operating expenses and tax expenses of the lessor.

Future minimum rental commitments under the lease are as follows:

9/01/2019 – 11/30/2019	\$	48,539
12/01/2019 – 11/30/2020		215,842
12/01/2020 – 02/28/2021		54,356
Total	\$	<u>318,739</u>

On June 5, 2019, the Company entered into a sublease agreement for the San Mateo office space. After a 2 week abatement, the Company expects monthly sublease revenue of \$11,308; beginning on the first anniversary of the sublease commencement date, monthly sublease revenue is expected to increase 3%. The sublease agreement terminates February 28, 2021. For the nine months ended August 31, 2019, the Company received \$26,651 per this agreement, as presented on the accompanying Statements of Operations.

12. Share repurchase

The Company may from time to time purchase its common shares at a discount to NAV on the open market in such amounts and at such prices as the Company may deem advisable.

The Company had 19,289,905 shares outstanding as of August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018. There were no repurchases during the years ended August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018.

13. Subsequent events

In accordance with U.S. GAAP provisions, management has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events existing in the Company's financial statements through the date the financial statements were issued. The Company believes that there are no material events that would require disclosure.

Per Share Information (Unaudited)

August 31, 2019 and August 31, 2018

		2019		2018
Net Asset Value Per Share Issued	\$	16.08	\$	10.08
ASA Share Price	\$	13.30	\$	8.84
Premium/(Discount)	\$	(2.78)	\$	(1.24)
Percentage Premium/(Discount)	%	(17.29)%		(12.35)