



Gold and Precious Metals Limited

**Schedule of Investments and Financial Statements  
For the Three Months Ended February 28, 2023  
(Unaudited)**

A Closed-End Fund  
Specializing in Gold and Other  
Precious Metals Investments

## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

February 28, 2023

Name of Company	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
<b>Common Shares</b>			
<b>Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies</b>			
<i>Australia</i>			
Alicanto Minerals, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	38,000,004	\$ 1,431,931	0.4%
Barton Gold Holdings, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,600,000	1,244,192	0.4
Bellevue Gold, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,966,667	6,425,858	2.0
Cygnus Metals, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	16,850,000	3,288,126	1.0
Emerald Resources NL <sup>(1)</sup>	17,125,000	15,210,904	4.7
Los Cerros, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	30,625,000	680,050	0.2
Pantoro, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	16,000,000	624,451	0.2
Perseus Mining, Ltd.	9,000,000	11,900,236	3.7
Predictive Discovery, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	81,850,000	9,363,067	2.9
Prodigy Gold NL <sup>(1)</sup>	116,250,000	860,471	0.3
		<u>51,029,286</u>	<u>15.8</u>
<i>Canada</i>			
Agnico Eagle Mines, Ltd.	195,000	8,975,850	2.8
Alamos Gold, Inc.	1,150,000	11,707,000	3.6
American Pacific Mining Corp. 144A <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	3,000,000	813,485	0.2
Angel Wing Metals, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,900,000	636,863	0.2
Atex Resources, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,300,000	2,005,863	0.6
B2Gold Corp.	2,000,000	6,780,000	2.1
Barrick Gold Corp.	650,000	10,478,000	3.2
Calibre Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	11,083,000	9,259,524	2.9
Desert Gold Ventures, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	14,588,264	588,021	0.2
G Mining Ventures Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	23,265,947	15,345,806	4.7
GoGold Resources, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,857,140	4,397,211	1.4
Gold Mountain Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,108,000	250,553	0.1
HighGold Mining, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000,000	1,582,997	0.5
Lahontan Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,400,000	615,610	0.2
Liberty Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	12,482,000	4,848,267	1.5
Lotus Gold Corp. <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	4,900,000	1,580,066	0.5
Marathon Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,389,200	4,167,379	1.3
Mawson Gold, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	10,600,000	1,631,367	0.5
Millennial Precious Metals Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	15,711,663	1,957,481	0.6
Monarch Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,300,000	320,997	0.1
Newcore Gold, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,750,000	969,219	0.3
Nighthawk Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,148,000	2,027,556	0.6
O3 Mining, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,223,000	2,427,461	0.7
Orla Mining, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,200,000	31,396,116	9.7
Osino Resources Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000,000	3,114,694	1.0
Prime Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,150,000	10,637,230	3.3
Probe Gold, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,087,500	7,012,184	2.2
Roscan Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	10,886,900	1,436,161	0.4
Skeena Resources, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	700,000	3,626,000	1.1
Talisker Resources, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	12,500,000	870,282	0.2
TDG Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	9,227,925	2,299,373	0.7
Thesis Gold, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,400,000	5,152,071	1.6
Westhaven Gold Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,500,000	1,390,619	0.4
		<u>160,301,306</u>	<u>49.4</u>
<i>Cayman Islands</i>			
Endeavour Mining PLC	700,000	14,569,439	4.5

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Name of Company	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
<b>Common Shares (continued)</b>			
<b>Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (continued)</b>			
<i>South Africa</i>			
AngloGold Ashanti, Ltd. ADR	400,000	\$ 6,664,000	2.0%
Gold Fields, Ltd. ADR	600,000	5,454,000	1.7
		12,118,000	3.7
<i>United States</i>			
SSR Mining, Inc.	800,000	10,941,208	3.4
Total gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$186,648,844)		248,959,239	76.8
<b>Diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies</b>			
<i>Australia</i>			
Auteco Minerals, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	89,200,750	2,400,927	0.7
Bellavista Resources Ltd <sup>(1)</sup>	1,625,000	185,889	0.0
Castile Resources, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	15,143,255	978,230	0.3
Genesis Minerals, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	1,166,934	879,457	0.3
Geopacific Resources, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	17,857,143	192,257	0.1
Red Dirt Metals, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	11,338,600	3,090,046	0.9
		7,726,806	2.3
<i>Canada</i>			
Adventus Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	5,310,000	2,101,429	0.6
Americas Gold & Silver Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	4,601,400	2,298,136	0.7
Arizona Metals Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,500,000	8,281,422	2.6
Aya Gold & Silver, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,300,000	13,484,793	4.2
Benchmark Metals, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	15,384,615	4,115,342	1.3
Bunker Hill Mining Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	19,214,957	1,689,846	0.5
Emerita Resources Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,750,000	1,813,851	0.6
Euro Sun Mining, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,000,000	307,805	0.1
Huntsman Exploration, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,175,000	22,627	0.0
Integra Resources Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	3,230,000	1,680,503	0.5
Max Resource Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	8,200,000	1,141,810	0.3
Pan Global Resources, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	6,667,000	1,856,695	0.6
Sable Resources, Ltd. <sup>(1)</sup>	26,160,000	1,342,030	0.4
		40,136,289	12.4
<i>United States</i>			
Bendito Resources, Inc. 144A <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	4,288,000	1,072,000	0.3
Total diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$76,812,182)		48,935,095	15.0
<b>Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies</b>			
<i>Canada</i>			
Andean Precious Metals Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000,000	1,231,220	0.4
Discovery Silver Corp. <sup>(1)</sup>	7,154,545	6,134,714	1.9
Silver Mountain Resources, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000,000	1,905,460	0.6
Silver Tiger Metals, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>	14,795,333	3,198,698	1.0
		12,470,092	3.9
<i>South Africa</i>			
Sibanye Stillwater, Ltd. ADR	273,043	2,211,648	0.7
Total silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$13,652,663)		14,681,740	4.6
Total common shares (Cost \$277,113,689)		312,576,074	96.4
<b>Rights <sup>(1)(3)</sup></b>			
<b>Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies</b>			
<i>Canada</i>			
Pan American Silver Corp. (Exp. Date 2/22/29)	393,200	87,118	0.0
Total rights (Cost \$136,720)		87,118	0.0

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

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### Warrants <sup>(1)(3)</sup>

#### Diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies

<i>Australia</i>				
Red Dirt Metals, Ltd. (Exercise Price \$0.25, Exp. Date 11/18/24)	2,834,650	\$	343,338	0.1%
<i>Canada</i>				
Angel Wing Metals, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.40, Exp. Date 6/17/23)	3,950,000		0	0.0
Aya Gold & Silver, Inc. (Exercise Price \$3.30, Exp. Date 9/8/23)	1,200,000		4,212,532	1.3
Benchmark Metals, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.65, Exp. Date 9/28/24)	1,500,000		21,986	0.0
Bunker Hill Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.50, Exp. Date 8/15/23)	3,464,957		0	0.0
Bunker Hill Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.60, Exp. Date 2/9/26)	1,250,000		0	0.0
Bunker Hill Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.37, Exp. Date 4/1/25)	5,000,000		0	0.0
Bunker Hill Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.50, Exp. Date 8/15/23)	9,500,000		0	0.0
Emerita Resources Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.50, Exp. Date 7/15/23)	1,375,000		50,385	0.0
Euro Sun Mining, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.55, Exp. Date 6/5/23)	5,500,000		0	0.0
Huntsman Exploration, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.35, Exp. Date 10/19/23)	6,175,000		0	0.0
Max Resource Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.85, Exp. Date 5/18/23)	8,200,000		0	0.0
Sable Resources, Ltd. (Exercise Price \$0.20, Exp. Date 9/10/23)	11,000,000		0	0.0
			4,284,903	1.3
Total diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$1,647,758)			4,628,241	1.4

#### Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies

<i>Canada</i>				
American Pacific Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.40, Exp. Date 12/10/23)	1,500,000		0	0.0
Atex Resources, Inc. (Exercise Price \$1.00, Exp. Date 8/31/25)	675,000		168,194	0.1
Desert Gold Ventures, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.40, Exp. Date 8/28/23)	6,700,000		0	0.0
Desert Gold Ventures, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.25, Exp. Date 12/31/24)	594,132		0	0.0
G Mining Ventures Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.90, Exp. Date 9/9/24)	3,500,000		128,252	0.0
Gold Mountain Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.75, Exp. Date 4/21/24)	2,200,000		0	0.0
Lahontan Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.18, Exp. Date 2/28/26)	1,950,000		7,146	0.0
Lahontan Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.65, Exp. Date 3/24/24)	2,250,000		0	0.0
Lotus Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.75, Exp. Date 8/16/23)	2,200,000		32,246	0.0
Marathon Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.35, Exp. Date 9/20/24)	1,675,000		98,205	0.0
Millennial Precious Metals Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.55, Exp. Date 6/16/24)	1,689,165		0	0.0
Monarch Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.95, Exp. Date 4/6/27)	1,700,000		0	0.0
Monarch Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.05, Exp. Date 6/29/23)	2,500,000		0	0.0
Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.50, Exp. Date 7/7/23)	2,174,000		0	0.0
Nighthawk Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.05, Exp. Date 5/3/24)	900,000		0	0.0
Prime Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$1.10, Exp. Date 6/10/25)	920,000		714,694	0.2
Prime Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$2.00, Exp. Date 12/22/25)	450,000		178,087	0.1
Prime Mining Corp. (Exercise Price \$5.00, Exp. Date 4/27/24)	400,000		0	0.0
TDG Gold Corp. (Exercise Price \$0.75, Exp. Date 12/22/23)	225,000		0	0.0
			1,326,824	0.4
Total gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$2,004,509)			1,326,824	0.4

#### Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies

<i>Canada</i>				
Silver Mountain Resources, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.50, Exp. Date 1/31/24)	5,000,000		0	0.0
Silver Tiger Metals, Inc. (Exercise Price \$0.50, Exp. Date 7/31/23)	1,666,666		0	0.0
			0	0.0
Total silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies (Cost \$260,869)			0	0.0
Total warrants (Cost \$3,913,136)			5,955,065	1.8

#### Money Market Fund

Federated US Treasury Cash Reserve Fund, Institutional Shares, 4.38% <sup>(4)</sup>	478,764		478,764	0.2
Total money market fund (Cost \$478,764)			478,764	0.2
Investments, at value (Cost \$281,642,309)			319,097,021	98.4
Cash, receivables and other assets less other liabilities			5,087,640	1.6
Net assets		\$	324,184,661	100.0%

ADR American Depositary Receipt  
PLC Public Limited Company

## Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (continued)

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- (1) Non-income producing security.
  - (2) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. At the period end, the value of these securities amounted to \$1,885,485 or 0.6% of net assets.
  - (3) Security fair valued in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. At the period end, the value of these securities amounted to \$8,694,249 or 2.7% of net assets.
  - (4) Dividend yield changes daily to reflect current market conditions. Rate was the quoted yield as of February 28, 2023.
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## Portfolio Statistics (Unaudited)

February 28, 2023

### Geographic Breakdown\*

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Australia	18.2%
Canada	67.4
Cayman Islands	4.5
South Africa	4.4
United States	3.7
Cash	1.8
	<u>100.0%</u>

\*Geographic breakdown, which is based on company domiciles, is expressed as a percentage of total net assets including cash.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Unaudited)

February 28, 2023

<b>Assets</b>	
Investments, at value (Cost \$281,642,309)	\$ 319,097,021
Cash	78,222
Foreign currency (Cost \$280,107)	293,008
Investment purchased in advance	5,000,000
Investment securities sold	962
Dividends receivable, net of withholding taxes payable	405,025
Prepaid expenses	66,498
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 324,940,736</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accrued investment adviser fees	179,279
Accrued fund service fees	41,187
Accrued directors' fees and expenses	5,358
Accrued retired directors' fees	3,860
Liability for retirement benefits due to retired directors	370,604
Other expenses	155,787
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>756,075</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$ 324,184,661</b>
Common shares \$1 par value	
Authorized: 40,000,000 shares	
Issued and Outstanding: 19,289,905 shares	\$ 19,289,905
Share premium (capital surplus)	1,372,500
Distributable earnings	303,522,256
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$ 324,184,661</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	<b>\$ 16.81</b>

The closing price of the Company's shares on the New York Stock Exchange was \$14.41 on February 28, 2023.

## Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the three months ended February 28, 2023

Investment income		
Dividend income (net of withholding taxes of 62,937)	\$	507,192
Total investment income		507,192
<b>Expenses</b>		
Investment adviser fees		592,737
Fund services fees		48,350
Compliance services fees		24,132
Transfer agent fees		21,425
Custodian fees		37,682
Directors' fees and expenses		70,199
Retired directors' fees		22,608
Insurance fees		37,679
Legal fees		33,194
Audit fees		10,586
Shareholder reports and proxy expenses		10,839
Dues and listing fees		6,164
Other expenses		18,055
Total expenses		933,650
Change in retirement benefits due to retired directors		(8,638)
Investment adviser fees waived		(5,352)
Net expenses		919,660
Net investment loss		(412,468)
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency transactions</b>		
Proceeds from sales		3,728,862
Cost of securities sold		(2,907,212)
Net realized gain from investments		821,650
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions		
Investments		9,995
Foreign currency		20,946
Net realized gain from foreign currency transactions		30,941
Net increase in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		
Balance, beginning of period		39,254,852
Balance, end of period		37,454,712
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		(1,800,140)
Net unrealized loss on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency		(27,951)
Net realized and unrealized loss from investments and foreign currency transactions		(975,500)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$	(1,387,968)

## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	Three Months Ended February 28, 2023 (Unaudited)	Year Ended November 30, 2022
Net investment loss	\$ (412,468)	\$ (1,404,855)
Net realized gain	821,650	26,955,986
Net realized gain (loss) from foreign currency transactions	30,941	(187,107)
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(1,800,140)	(181,343,210)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	(27,951)	39,158
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(1,387,968)	(155,940,028)
Dividends paid/payable	-	(385,798)
Net decrease in net assets	(1,387,968)	(156,325,826)
Net assets, beginning of period	325,572,629	481,898,455
Net assets, end of period	\$ 324,184,661	\$ 325,572,629



## Notes to Financial Statements

Three months ended February 28, 2023

### 1. Organization

ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited (the "Company") is a non-diversified, closed-end investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

The Company was initially organized as a public limited liability company in the Republic of South Africa in June 1958. On November 11, 2004, the Company's shareholders approved a proposal to move the Company's place of incorporation from the Republic of South Africa to the Commonwealth of Bermuda by reorganizing itself into an exempted limited liability company formed in Bermuda. The Company is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to an order under Section 7(d) of the 1940 Act.

The Company 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").

### 2. 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") 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.

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act, the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") has designated the Adviser, as defined in Note 4, as the Company's valuation designee to perform any fair value determinations for securities and other assets held by the Company. The Adviser is subject to the oversight of the Board and certain reporting and other requirements intended to provide the Board the information needed to oversee the Adviser's fair value determinations. The Adviser is responsible for determining the fair value of investments in accordance with policies and procedures that have been approved by the Board. Under these procedures, the Adviser convenes on a regular and ad hoc basis to review such investments and considers a number of factors, including valuation methodologies and unobservable inputs, when arriving at fair value. The Board has approved the Adviser's fair valuation procedures as a part of the Company's compliance program and will review any changes made to the procedures.

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 at a value other than the last reported sale price or last reported bid price based on significant events that have occurred subsequent to the close of the foreign markets. Shares of non-exchange traded open-end mutual funds are valued at net asset value ("NAV"). To value its warrants, the Company's valuation designee typically utilizes the Black-Scholes model using the listed price for the underlying common shares. The valuation is a combination of value of the stock price less the exercise price, plus some value related to the volatility of the stock over the remaining time period prior to expiration.

Securities for which current market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. 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.

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. 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

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### B. Fair value measurement (continued)

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 February 28, 2023 in valuing the Company's investments at fair value:

<b>Investment in Securities <sup>(1)</sup></b>				
<b>Measurements at February 28, 2023</b>				
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Common Shares</b>				
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	\$ 247,379,173	\$ –	\$ 1,580,066	\$ 248,959,239
Diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	47,863,095	–	1,072,000	48,935,095
Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	14,681,740	–	–	14,681,740
<b>Rights</b>				
Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	–	–	87,118	87,118
<b>Warrants</b>				
Diversified metals mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	–	–	4,628,241	4,628,241
Gold mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	–	–	1,326,824	1,326,824
Silver mining, exploration, development and royalty companies	–	–	0	0
<b>Money Market Fund</b>	478,764	–	–	478,764
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>\$ 310,402,772</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 8,694,249</u>	<u>\$ 319,097,021</u>

(1) See schedule of investments for country classifications.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

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### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### B. Fair value measurement (continued)

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

	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>Rights</u>	<u>Warrants</u>
Balance November 30, 2022	\$ 2,511,245	\$ 96,088	\$ 5,939,911
Purchases	183,217	-	83,766
Sales	-	-	-
Realized loss	-	-	(85,968)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(42,396)	(8,970)	17,356
Balance February 28, 2023	<u>\$ 2,652,066</u>	<u>\$ 87,118</u>	<u>\$ 5,955,065</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) from investments held as of February 28, 2023*	<u>\$ (42,396)</u>	<u>\$ (8,970)</u>	<u>\$ 17,356</u>

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

Significant unobservable inputs developed by the valuation designee for Level 3 investments held at February 28, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Asset Categories</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Valuation Technique(s)</u>	<u>Unobservable Input</u>	<u>Range (Weighted Average)</u>
Common Shares <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,652,066	Transaction cost	None	None
Rights <sup>2</sup>	87,118	Market transaction	Discount	70% (70%)
Warrants <sup>3</sup>	5,955,065	Black Scholes Method	Volatility	20% - 50% (38%)

<sup>1</sup> Fair valued common stocks with no public market are valued based on transaction cost and may be adjusted by the valuation designee, including for subsequent known market transactions.

<sup>2</sup> Fair valued rights are valued based on the specifics of the rights at a discount to the market price of the underlying security.

<sup>3</sup> Warrants are priced based on the Black Scholes Method; the key input to this method is modeled volatility of the investment; the lower the modeled volatility, the lower the valuation of the warrant.

#### C. 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 portion of the results arising from changes in the exchange rates and the portion due to fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities are not isolated. 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 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.

#### D. Securities Transactions and Investment Income

During the three months ended February 28, 2023, sales and purchases of portfolio securities (other than temporary short-term investments) amounted to \$3,728,862 and \$3,171,760, respectively.

## Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Three months ended February 28, 2023

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### *D. Securities Transactions and Investment Income (continued)*

As of February 28, 2023, a significant portion of the Company's assets consisted of securities of junior and intermediate mining company issuers.

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.

#### *E. 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.

#### *F. Use of Estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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.

#### *G. 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".

#### *H. 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 (2019-2022). As of February 28, 2023, 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.

### 3. Tax status of the Company

The Company is a "passive foreign investment company" ("PFIC") for 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 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.

### 4. Fees and Expenses and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Investment Adviser – 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.

The Adviser voluntarily agreed to waive a portion of its advisory fee, equal to an annual rate of 0.05% of the Company's net assets exceeding \$300 million, and an additional 0.10% of the Company's net assets exceeding \$500 million. The Adviser waived \$5,352 for the three months ended February 28, 2023.

Other Service Providers – Apex US Holdings LLC (d/b/a Apex Fund Services) ("Apex") provides 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.

Forside Fund Services, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of ACA Group, provides a Chief Compliance Officer to the Company.

## **Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

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### **5. 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.

### **6. Retirement plans**

The Company has recorded a liability for retirement benefits due to retired directors. The liability for these benefits at February 28, 2023 was \$370,604. 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.

### **7. 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.

### **8. 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 February 28, 2023. There were no repurchases during the three months ended February 28, 2023.

### **9. 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**

February 28, 2023

NET ASSET VALUE	\$	16.81
ASA SHARE PRICE	\$	14.41
PREMIUM / (DISCOUNT)	\$	(2.40)
PERCENTAGE PREMIUM / (DISCOUNT)	%	(14.28)