
Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Firebird Aurora Fund, Ltd.

Year Ended December 31, 2018

With Report of Independent Auditors



FIREBIRD MANAGEMENT LLC

Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd.

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors
Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd. (the “Fund”), which comprise the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities, including the consolidated condensed schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2018, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Firebird Avrova Fund, Ltd. at December 31, 2018, and the consolidated results of its operations, changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernst & Young Ltd.

March 29, 2019

Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd.

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

Assets

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,503,938 |
| Investments in securities, at fair value (cost \$93,920,331) | 86,705,606 |
| Investment in other investment funds, at fair value (cost \$0) | 279,010 |
| Due from brokers | 33,141 |
| Loan receivable | 5,611 |
| Dividend receivable | 332,634 |
| Interest receivable and other assets | 20,610 |
| Total assets | <u>88,880,550</u> |

Liabilities:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Class A redemptions payable | 33,951 |
| Class D redemptions payable | 492,866 |
| Due to broker | 67,960 |
| Unrealized capital gains tax reserve | 1,171 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 242,257 |
| Total liabilities | <u>838,205</u> |
| Net assets | <u>\$ 88,042,345</u> |

Net asset value per share

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Class A Master series (based on 1,867.81 shares outstanding) | \$ 1,037.89 |
| Class A February 2006 series (based on 2.04 shares outstanding) | \$ 437.43 |
| Class A March 2006 series (based on 0.58 shares outstanding) | \$ 417.57 |
| Class A April 2006 series (based on 5.65 shares outstanding) | \$ 410.72 |
| Class A May 2006 series (based on 5.19 shares outstanding) | \$ 375.40 |
| Class A June 2006 series (based on 40.25 shares outstanding) | \$ 406.71 |
| Class A July 2006 series (based on 19.47 shares outstanding) | \$ 411.08 |
| Class A February 2008 series (based on 72.02 shares outstanding) | \$ 301.65 |
| Class A April 2008 series (based on 79.36 shares outstanding) | \$ 292.92 |
| Class A May 2008 series (based on 0.72 shares outstanding) | \$ 288.47 |
| Class A June 2008 series (based on 84.99 shares outstanding) | \$ 269.27 |
| Class A July 2008 series (based on 44.04 shares outstanding) | \$ 278.24 |
| Class A February 2009 series (based on 49.32 shares outstanding) | \$ 990.19 |
| Class A 2011 Master series (based on 0.52 shares outstanding) | \$ 443.39 |
| Class A November 2011 series (based on 25.67 shares outstanding) | \$ 587.91 |
| Class A December 2011 series (based on 260.51 shares outstanding) | \$ 608.57 |

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Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

Net asset value per share (continued)

| | | |
|--|----|------------|
| Class A February 2012 series (based on 205.03 shares outstanding) | \$ | 607.65 |
| Class A 2014 Master series (based on 514.93 shares outstanding) | \$ | 608.68 |
| Class A February 2014 series (based on 11.40 shares outstanding) | \$ | 633.98 |
| Class A August 2014 series (based on 8.92 shares outstanding) | \$ | 757.99 |
| Class A January 2015 series (based on 11.16 shares outstanding) | \$ | 985.64 |
| Class A May 2017 series (based on 5.32 shares outstanding) | \$ | 701.73 |
| Class A June 2017 series (based on 1,711.84 shares outstanding) | \$ | 694.47 |
| Class A Dec 2017 series (based on 5.72 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,036.59 |
| Class A March 2018 series (based on 13.65 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,037.89 |
| Class A April 2018 series (based on 32.04 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,037.89 |
| Class A October 2018 series (based on 37.51 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,029.60 |
| Class A October 2018-1 series (based on 12.36 shares outstanding) | \$ | 433.93 |
| Class B (based on 0.08 shares outstanding) | \$ | 574,271.89 |
| Class C Master series (based on 951.31 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,957.57 |
| Class C February 2006 series (based on 65.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 825.03 |
| Class C May 2006 series (based on 75.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 708.03 |
| Class C July 2006 series (based on 100.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 775.34 |
| Class C T 2008 series (based on 7.86 shares outstanding) | \$ | 648.20 |
| Class C June 2008 series (based on 100.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 507.87 |
| Class C 2014 Master series (based on 306.53 shares outstanding) | \$ | 868.60 |
| Class D Master series (based on 769.03 shares outstanding) | \$ | 2,004.81 |
| Class D January (A) 2010 series (based on 106.89 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,125.38 |
| Class D January (B) 2010 series (based on 431.09 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,125.38 |
| Class D 2011 Master series (based on 379.96 shares outstanding) | \$ | 861.69 |
| Class D February 2011 series (based on 300.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 815.90 |
| Class D March 2011 series (based on 600.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 794.42 |
| Class D 2014 Master series (based on 660.72 shares outstanding) | \$ | 878.60 |
| Class D October 2015 series (based on 3,223.42 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,180.45 |
| Class D February 2016 series (based on 10,000.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,304.76 |
| Class D May 2016 series (based on 35.26 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,137.11 |
| Class D December 2016 series (based on 32.16 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,062.99 |
| Class D February 2017 series (based on 20.42 shares outstanding) | \$ | 985.30 |
| Class D May 2017 series (based on 17.46 shares outstanding) | \$ | 942.81 |
| Class D June 2017 series (based on 100.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 919.85 |
| Class D Aug 2017 series (based on 14.51 shares outstanding) | \$ | 884.82 |

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Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

Net asset value per share (continued)

| | | |
|--|----|----------|
| Class D Oct 2017 series (based on 14.50 shares outstanding) | \$ | 883.61 |
| Class D February 2018 series (based on 7.19 shares outstanding) | \$ | 788.96 |
| Class D March 2018 series (based on 1,000.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 804.09 |
| Class D April 2018 series (based on 250.00 shares outstanding) | \$ | 799.73 |
| Class D June 2018 series (based on 5.74 shares outstanding) | \$ | 895.74 |
| Class D September 2018 series (based on 2.86 shares outstanding) | \$ | 925.49 |
| Class D November 2018 series (based on 2.86 shares outstanding) | \$ | 942.64 |
| Class M September 2012 (based on 2,383.31 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1,208.59 |
| Class M October 2017 (based on 300 shares outstanding) | \$ | 904.58 |
| Class M Jan 18 (based on 1.76 shares outstanding) | \$ | 764.70 |
| Class M Jan 18-1 (based on 64,700.10 shares outstanding) | \$ | 872.99 |
| Class M April 18 (based on 15.99 shares outstanding) | \$ | 690.20 |
| Class M July 18 (based on 78.67 shares outstanding) | \$ | 1024.94 |
| Class M November 18 (based on 0.10 shares outstanding) | \$ | 942.64 |

See accompanying notes.

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Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

| Quantity | Fair Value | Percent of Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Investments in securities | | |
| Equities: | | |
| Common stock: | | |
| Armenia: | | |
| Gold (cost \$123,248) | \$ 4,781 | 0.01 % |
| Bulgaria: | | |
| Banking | 942,151 | 1.07 |
| Consumer Products | 201,645 | 0.23 |
| Manufacturing | 304,858 | 0.35 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 2,821,493 | 3.20 |
| Tourism | 279,185 | 0.32 |
| Total Bulgaria (cost \$6,737,859) | 4,549,332 | 5.17 |
| Estonia: | | |
| Construction | 2,552,529 | 2.90 |
| Consumer Products | 1,541,204 | 1.75 |
| Food | 501,708 | 0.57 |
| Real Estate | 238,592 | 0.27 |
| Retail | 1,360,464 | 1.55 |
| Transportation | 4,044,384 | 4.59 |
| Total Estonia (cost \$9,204,688) | 10,238,881 | 11.63 |
| Georgia: | | |
| Banking | 4,720,253 | 5.36 |
| Consumer Products | 3,119,319 | 3.54 |
| Medical | 856,994 | 0.97 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,327,067 | 2.64 |
| Total Georgia (cost \$8,801,170) | 11,023,633 | 12.51 |
| Kazakhstan: | | |
| Banking | 2,585 | - |
| Cement | 957,035 | 1.09 |
| Metallurgy & Mining | 18,076 | 0.02 |
| Oil & Gas | 360,742 | 0.41 |
| Telecommunications | 2,703,165 | 3.07 |
| Total Kazakhstan (cost \$15,197,372) | 4,041,603 | 4.59 |

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Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

| Quantity | Fair Value | Percent of Net Assets |
|--|------------|--------------------------|
| Investments in securities (continued) | | |
| Equities (continued): | | |
| Common stock (continued): | | |
| Kyrgyzstan: | | |
| | \$ | % |
| Metallurgy & Mining | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | - |
| Utilities | 94,209 | 0.11 |
| Total Kyrgyzstan (cost \$127,995) | 94,209 | 0.11 |
| Lithuania: | | |
| Banking | 2,963,131 | 3.37 |
| Retail | 1,044,030 | 1.19 |
| Total Lithuania (cost \$1,648,126) | 4,007,161 | 4.56 |
| Poland: | | |
| Construction | 512,526 | 0.58 |
| Media & Entertainment | 871,689 | 0.99 |
| Total Poland (cost \$2,194,075) | 1,384,215 | 1.57 |
| Romania: | | |
| Aerospace | 1,489,128 | 1.69 |
| Automobiles | 1,708,813 | 1.94 |
| Banking: | | |
| Banca Transilvania SA | 4,852,376 | 5.51 |
| Chemicals | 97,209 | 0.11 |
| Consumer Products | 151,478 | 0.17 |
| Manufacturing | 119,504 | 0.14 |
| Metallurgy & Mining | 375,368 | 0.43 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,069,294 | 1.21 |
| Oil & Gas | 2,986,880 | 3.39 |
| Real Estate | 357,308 | 0.41 |
| Transportation | 216,545 | 0.25 |
| Utilities | 1,339,387 | 1.52 |
| Total Romania (cost \$11,421,041) | 14,763,290 | 16.77 |
| 9,831,568 | | |

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Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

| Quantity | Fair Value | Percent of Net Assets |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Investments in securities (continued) | | |
| Equities (continued): | | |
| Common stock (continued): | | |
| Russia: | | |
| | \$ 1,345,408 | 1.53 % |
| | 1,457,137 | 1.66 |
| | Banking: | |
| 604,197 | 5,543,406 | 6.30 |
| | 6,075,431 | 6.90 |
| | 11,618,837 | 13.20 |
| | 309,228 | 0.35 |
| | 7,671 | 0.01 |
| | 390,388 | 0.44 |
| | 572,712 | 0.66 |
| | 1,212,685 | 1.38 |
| | 4,120,805 | 4.68 |
| | 41,343 | 0.05 |
| | 8,219,750 | 9.34 |
| | 991,942 | 1.13 |
| | 2,062,628 | 2.34 |
| | 88,858 | 0.10 |
| | 32,439,392 | 36.87 |
| | Ukraine: | |
| | 105,500 | 0.12 |
| | 105,500 | 0.12 |
| | 82,651,997 | 93.91 |
| | Total common stocks (cost \$88,771,088) | |

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Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

| Quantity | Fair Value | Percent of Net Assets |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Investments in securities (continued) | | |
| Depository receipts (includes ADRs and GDRs) | | |
| Kazakhstan: | - | - % |
| Banking | \$ 2,803,298 | 3.18 |
| Telecommunications | 59 | - |
| Total Kazakhstan (cost \$2,221,840) | <u>2,803,357</u> | <u>3.18</u> |
| Russia: | | |
| Metallurgy & Mining | 23,817 | 0.03 |
| Oil & Gas | 303,719 | 0.33 |
| Retail | 36,403 | 0.04 |
| Total Russia (cost \$300,528) | <u>363,939</u> | <u>0.40</u> |
| Ukraine: | | |
| Agriculture | 834,614 | 0.94 |
| Total Ukraine (cost \$806,383) | <u>834,614</u> | <u>0.94</u> |
| Total depository receipts (cost \$3,328,751) | <u>4,001,910</u> | <u>4.52</u> |
| Preferred Stock: | | |
| Russia: | | |
| Manufacturing | 13,565 | 0.01 |
| Uranium | 7,579 | 0.01 |
| Total Russia (cost \$158,270) | <u>21,144</u> | <u>0.02</u> |
| Total preferred stock (cost \$158,270) | <u>21,144</u> | <u>0.02</u> |
| Restricted stock: | | |
| Armenia: | | |
| Gold (cost \$1,645,874) | 26,004 | 0.02 |
| Total restricted stock (cost \$1,645,874) | <u>26,004</u> | <u>0.02</u> |
| Total equities (cost \$93,903,983) | <u>86,701,055</u> | <u>98.47</u> |

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Consolidated Condensed Schedule of Investments (continued)
(Stated in United States Dollars)

December 31, 2018

| Quantity | Fair Value | Percent of Net Assets |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Investments in securities (continued) | | |
| Corporate Bonds: | | |
| Kazakhstan: | - | - |
| Banking | \$ 4,551 | 0.01 % |
| Total Corporate Bonds (cost \$16,348) | <u>4,551</u> | <u>0.01</u> |
| Total investments in securities (cost \$93,920,331) | <u>\$ 86,705,606</u> | <u>98.48 %</u> |
| Investment in other investment funds: | | |
| Estonia: | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 279,010 | 0.32 |
| Total investment in other investment funds (cost \$0) | <u>\$ 279,010</u> | <u>0.32 %</u> |

See accompanying notes.

Firebird Aurora Fund, Ltd.

Consolidated Statement of Operations
(Stated in United States Dollars)

Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Investment income | |
| Dividend income (net of \$307,333 withholding tax) | \$ 5,068,434 |
| Interest income | 1,055 |
| Other income | 12,414 |
| Total investment income | <u>5,081,903</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Professional fees and other expenses | 828,795 |
| Management fees | 651,894 |
| Custodian fees | 240,784 |
| Interest expense | 21,831 |
| Total expenses | <u>1,743,304</u> |
| Net investment income | 3,338,599 |
| Net gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions | |
| Net change in unrealized capital gains tax reserve | 12,163 |
| Net change in realized capital gains tax reserve | 3,333 |
| Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions | (556,131) |
| Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments and foreign currency transactions | <u>(17,673,909)</u> |
| Net loss on investments and foreign currency transactions | <u>(18,214,544)</u> |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations | <u>\$ (14,875,945)</u> |

See accompanying notes.

Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Stated in United States Dollars)

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Decrease in net assets resulting from operations

| | | |
|--|----|---------------------|
| Net investment income | \$ | 3,338,599 |
| Net change in unrealized capital gains tax reserve | | 12,163 |
| Net change in realized capital gains tax reserve | | 3,333 |
| Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions | | (556,131) |
| Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments and foreign currency transactions | | (17,673,909) |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations | | <u>(14,875,945)</u> |

Decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions

| | | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Class D shares subscribed | | 1,268,653 |
| Class M shares subscribed | | 98 |
| Class A shares redeemed | | (369,286) |
| Class C shares redeemed | | (140,692) |
| Class D shares redeemed | | (15,971,386) |
| Class M shares redeemed | | (608,466) |
| Transfers from Class A shares | | (101,712) |
| Transfers to Class M shares | | 101,712 |
| Performance allocation from Class A shareholders | | (354) |
| Performance allocation to Class B shareholders | | 354 |
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions | | <u>(15,821,079)</u> |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| Net change in net assets | | (30,697,024) |
| Net assets at beginning of year | | 118,739,369 |
| Net assets at end of year | \$ | <u><u>88,042,345</u></u> |

See accompanying notes.

Firebird Avrora Fund, Ltd.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
(Stated in United States Dollars)

Year Ended December 31, 2018

Operating activities

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations | \$ (14,875,945) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities | |
| Net realized loss on investments | 481,430 |
| Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments | 17,675,412 |
| Purchases of investments | (4,257,654) |
| Proceeds from sales of investments | 18,177,259 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | |
| Due from broker | (33,141) |
| Dividends receivable | (75,101) |
| Interest receivable and other assets | 6,411 |
| Realized capital gains tax reserve | (3,334) |
| Unrealized capital gains tax reserve | (12,163) |
| Due to broker | (23,194) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 80,237 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>17,140,217</u> |

Financing activities

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Proceeds from issuance of Class D Shares | 1,268,653 |
| Proceeds from issuance of Class M Shares | 98 |
| Payments for redemptions of Class A Shares | (335,335) |
| Payments for redemptions of Class C Shares | (277,789) |
| Payments for redemptions of Class D Shares | (15,511,515) |
| Payments for redemptions of Class M Shares | (608,466) |
| Payments for dividends of Class B Shares | (517,089) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(15,981,443)</u> |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 1,158,774 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year | 345,164 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | <u>\$ 1,503,938</u> |

Non-cash activity

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Transfers from Class A shares | (101,712) |
| Transfers to Class M shares | 101,712 |

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. Organization

Firebird Aurora Fund, Ltd. (the “Fund”) was incorporated as an exempted company under the laws of the Cayman Islands on October 16, 2003, and registered under the Cayman Islands Mutual Fund Law on November 17, 2003. The Fund commenced operations on December 1, 2003. The purpose of the Fund is to invest primarily in publicly traded securities of companies operating in Russia, the other former Soviet republics, and certain Eastern European countries. The Class A, Class C, and Class D Shares of the Fund are listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

The Fund has a continuing pool (Class B, C, D, and M shares) and a liquidating pool (Class A shares). The holdings of the Class A shares are being liquidated in an orderly manner with the proceeds paid out periodically to those investors (see Note 3 for summary of investments allocated between classes).

Leo Overseas Ltd. (“Leo”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Fund and was incorporated as a limited liability company under the Companies Law, Cap. 113, of Cyprus on October 3, 2003. Leo owns shares of companies operating in Russia and various Eastern European countries.

Elise Holdings S.à r.l. (“Elise”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Fund and was incorporated as a private limited liability company (Société à responsabilité limitée or S.à r.l.) under the laws of Luxembourg on June 20, 2012. Elise was liquidated on July 13, 2018 after completing the sale of its shares in a company operating in Mongolia at the end of 2017.

The Fund’s investment manager is Firebird Aurora Advisors LLC, a New York limited liability company (the “Manager”). The principals of the Manager are also directors of the Fund. The Manager is a registered investment advisor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a “relying adviser” for which the “filing adviser” is Firebird Management LLC.

HedgeServ (Cayman) Ltd. (the “Administrator”) provides administration services to the Fund. The Harbour Trust Co. Ltd. maintains the registered office for the Fund. Seaward Management Limited provides administration and management services to Leo and maintains its registered and regional office. Up to the date of Elise liquidation Trident Trust Company (Luxembourg) S.A. provided administration services to Elise while Dechert Luxembourg maintained its registered office.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated financial statements of the Fund have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“US GAAP”) as detailed in the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) and are stated in United States Dollars. The Fund meets the definition of an investment company and follows the accounting and reporting guidance in ASC Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*. The following is a summary of the significant accounting and reporting policies used in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the results of the Fund and its subsidiaries, Leo and Elise, after the elimination of all intercompany balances and transactions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts due from banks on demand and deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Substantially all of the cash and cash equivalents are held at Swedbank AS. Substantially all cash and cash equivalents are held at banks organized in Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and the United States. The Fund does not expect any material losses as a result of this allocation.

Security Transactions and Related Investment Income and Expenses

Security transactions are accounted for on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined using the specific identification method and are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations. Interest is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded net of withholding taxes on the ex-dividend date in the consolidated statement of operations.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Foreign Exchange Transactions

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time of the transaction. Exchange gains or losses are included in the consolidated statement of operations.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of gains and losses on investments which is due to changes in foreign exchange rates from that which is due to changes in market prices of the investments. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and change in unrealized gains and losses on investments and foreign currency transactions.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of the Fund's assets and liabilities which qualify as financial instruments under ASC Topic 825, *Financial Instruments*, approximates the carrying amounts presented in the consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-13, *Fair Value Measurements (Topic 820): Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement* (“ASU 2018-13”), to streamline disclosure requirements while continuing to provide useful information for financial statement users. ASU 2018-13 eliminates the requirements to disclose Level 1 and Level 2 transfers, policy of timing of transfers, valuation process for Level 3 fair value measurements and the changes in unrealized gains and losses included in Level 3 investments held at the end of the reporting period. The guidance also amends disclosure requirements for Level 3 roll forward for non-public companies. The guidance is effective for financial statements with fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2019, but early adoption is permitted. The Board of Directors approved the early adoption of the entire standard for the year ended December 31, 2018. The updated disclosures are presented in Note 3.

In accordance with ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive to sell an investment or pay to transfer a liability under an orderly liquidation 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.

ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tier hierarchy to distinguish between inputs obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity that affect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability (observable inputs) and inputs that reflect the reporting entity's

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

own assumptions that it thinks 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.

The inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to assess and in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. Valuation adjustments and block discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Because valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these instruments does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 – valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 – valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs may include the Manager's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.

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

In general, portfolio securities that are traded in an active market (in most cases a market where there has been at least one transaction in the last 15 business days and had at least 12 trading days in the recent month at sufficient volumes with reasonably consistent price levels taking into account the volatility of the market in question) are classified as Level 1. These securities are valued at their last reported sales price on the valuation date in the case of securities listed or quoted on a recognized securities exchange, the U.S. NASDAQ National Market List or any comparable foreign quotation system for securities that generally trade daily, or if no prices were quoted on such date, at the last reported sales price on the last prior date when a price was quoted for such securities.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

If no such prices have been quoted in an active market, the investment is valued in good faith by the Manager, in consultation with the Administrator, and approved by the Board of Directors, according to the steps outlined in ASC Topic 820. For these Level 2 or Level 3 securities, the Manager may consult with and rely upon information provided by the Fund's custodians, market makers, brokers, and outside valuation services.

Level 2 securities will normally be priced using other observable information including identical or similar securities traded on other exchanges and quotations received from the counterparty, dealers, or brokers, whenever available and considered reliable. The Fund holds certain securities which are restricted under Rule 144A. Restricted securities are generally fair valued at a discount to similar publicly traded securities.

The Fund's Investment in other investment funds meets the definition of an investment company for which its net asset value or partners' capital has been measured in accordance with, or in a manner consistent with, the principles of ASC Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*, are valued using the reported net asset value as a practical expedient.

The Fund's investment in other investment funds is generally valued at the reported values, provided by the administrator or management of the investment fund, after discounts for any applicable redemption charges and any lock up periods, which valuations are prepared in accordance with such investment fund's governing documents. The Manager considers this a reliable representation of fair value if the investment fund is accepting subscriptions and processing redemptions based on this reported value. However, in certain circumstances, the Manager will estimate the value of such investment based on available relevant information as it considers material.

The strategy of the investment fund in which the Fund has a position is to invest in the Baltic region. The investment fund is a private equity fund and distributions are received as assets are liquidated.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments (continued)

For Level 3 securities, the Manager will value the equity securities using either a “market approach,” an “income approach,” or both approaches, as appropriate. The “market approach” uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities. The “income approach” uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts (for example, cash flows or earnings) to a single present amount (discounted).

In following these approaches, the types of factors that may be taken into account include, as relevant: available current market data, including relevant and applicable market trading and transaction comparables, applicable market yields and multiples, the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the issuer of the security’s ability to make payments, the issuer’s earnings, discounted cash flows and net asset value analysis, the markets in which the issuer does business, comparisons of financial ratios of peer public companies, recent merger and acquisition transactions for comparable public or private companies, actual and imminent capital transactions in the subject investee company and the principal market for the relevant security, among other factors.

The Manager and analysts monitor and review the valuation methodologies on a monthly basis. They use the latest available information to update the valuations each month. A Valuation Committee oversees the process and procedures for the valuation of the Level 3 investments in accordance with the valuation policy approved by the Board of Directors. The Valuation Committee meets on a quarterly basis or more frequently as required. It is comprised of staff of the Manager and three Directors, who are also principals of the Manager.

Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation of securities and other investment funds traded in emerging market economies (see Note 11), the estimated fair values may differ significantly from values that will eventually be realized upon an actual liquidation of the portfolio, and such differences could be material.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Classification

The industry and geographic classifications reflected in the consolidated condensed schedule of investments represent the Manager's belief as to the most meaningful presentation of the classification of the principal business of the holdings in the portfolio.

Loans Receivable

Loans receivable disclosed in the consolidated statement of assets and liabilities are recorded at their carrying value less any impairment write-down as of December 31, 2018.

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3. Financial Instruments

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2018, in valuing the Fund's investments carried at fair value, disaggregated by geographic region:

| | Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets | Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs | Fair Value December 31, 2018 |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Investments in securities: | | | | |
| Equities: | | | | |
| Baltics: | | | | |
| Estonia | \$ - | \$ 10,032,486 | \$ 206,395 | \$ 10,238,881 |
| Lithuania | - | 4,007,161 | - | 4,007,161 |
| Total Baltics | - | 14,039,647 | 206,395 | 14,246,042 |
| Central Asia: | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | - | 6,747,173 | 97,787 | 6,844,960 |
| Kyrgyzstan | - | 94,209 | - | 94,209 |
| Total Central Asia | - | 6,841,382 | 97,787 | 6,939,169 |
| Eastern Europe: | | | | |
| Armenia | - | 30,785 | - | 30,785 |
| Bulgaria | - | 4,062,663 | 486,669 | 4,549,332 |
| Georgia | 6,472,471 | 1,431,843 | 3,119,319 | 11,023,633 |
| Poland | 1,384,215 | - | - | 1,384,215 |
| Romania | 7,358,267 | 7,068,974 | 336,049 | 14,763,290 |
| Russia | 14,201,086 | 8,553,861 | 10,069,528 | 32,824,475 |
| Ukraine | - | 834,614 | 105,500 | 940,114 |
| Total Eastern Europe | 29,416,039 | 21,982,740 | 14,117,065 | 65,515,844 |
| Total investment in equities | \$ 29,416,039 | \$ 42,863,769 | \$ 14,421,247 | \$ 86,701,055 |

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3. Financial Instruments (continued)

| | Level 1 Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets | Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs | Fair Value December 31, 2018 |
|--|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Investments in securities (continued): | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds: | | | | |
| Central Asia: | | | | |
| Kazakhstan | \$ - | \$ 4,551 | \$ - | \$ 4,551 |
| Total investment in corporate bonds | \$ - | \$ 4,551 | \$ - | \$ 4,551 |
| Total investment in securities | \$ 29,416,039 | \$ 42,868,320 | \$ 14,421,247 | \$ 86,705,606 |
| Investments allocated to Class A and M interests | \$ - | \$ 251,520 | \$ 3,855,393 | \$ 4,106,913 |
| Investments allocated to Class B, C, D, and M interests | 29,416,039 | 42,616,800 | 10,565,854 | 82,598,693 |
| Total | \$ 29,416,039 | \$ 42,868,320 | \$ 14,421,247 | \$ 86,705,606 |
| Investments in other investment funds: | | | | |
| Baltics: | | | | |
| Estonia | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 279,010 | \$ 279,010 |
| Total investment in other investment funds | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 279,010 | \$ 279,010 |
| Investments allocated to Class B, C, D, and M interests | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 279,010 | \$ 279,010 |

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

3. Financial Instruments (continued)

The following is a reconciliation of investments in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value:

| | Equities | | | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| | Baltics | Central Asia | Eastern Asia | Eastern Europe | Total |
| Balance as at December 31,2017 | \$ 156,995 | \$ 38,131 | \$ 130,224 | \$ 16,839,693 | \$ 17,165,043 |
| Net realized loss | - | - | (183,817) | (2,714,046) | (2,897,863) |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 49,400 | (2,071,756) | 139,776 | (491,272) | (2,373,852) |
| Purchases | - | 2,169,483 | - | - | 2,169,483 |
| Sales | - | - | (86,183) | (189,604) | (275,787) |
| Transfers into Level 3 | - | - | - | 672,294 | 672,294 |
| Transfers out of Level 3 | - | (38,071) | - | - | (38,071) |
| Balance as at December 31,2018 | <u>\$ 206,395</u> | <u>\$ 97,787</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 14,117,065</u> | <u>\$ 14,421,247</u> |

| | Other Investments |
|--|--------------------------|
| | Funds |
| | Baltics |
| Balance as at December 31,2017 | \$ 282,543 |
| Net realized gain (loss) | - |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | (3,533) |
| Purchases | - |
| Sales | - |
| Balance as at December 31,2018 | <u>\$ 279,010</u> |

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

3. Financial Instruments (continued)

A quantitative disclosure of the unobservable inputs and assumptions for Level 3 securities has been provided in the table below.

| Asset Class | Geographic Region | Fair Value as at December 31, 2018 | Valuation Techniques | Unobservable Inputs | Ranges (Weighted Averages) |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Equities | Eastern Europe | \$ 14,117,065 | Market comparable companies | Price/Book Value Ratio Price/Earnings Ratio Enterprise Value/EBITDA Ratio Enterprise Value/Sales Ratio Discount Price/EBITDA | 0.1-1.6 (0.7) 5.2-10.5 (5.4) 3.6-15.1 (12.0) 0.5-2.9 (2.0) 10-45% 1.62 |
| | Baltics | 206,395 | Market comparable companies | Price/Book Value Ratio Enterprise Value/EBITDA Ratio Enterprise Value/Sales Ratio Discount | 0.3 10.2 0.2 30% |
| | Central Asia | 97,787 | Last Transaction | | |
| Other investment funds | Baltics | \$ 279,010 | Quarterly Net Asset Valuation | Lock up discount | 10% |

4. Due from/to Brokers and Concentration of Credit Risk

Due from/to brokers generally includes amounts receivable or payable for securities transactions that have not been settled at the date of the consolidated financial statements and cash held at brokers for settled trades. The majority of publicly traded investments are held with Swedbank AS. The Fund periodically monitors the credit standing of the brokers and does not expect any material losses as a result of default by brokers.

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5. Share Capital

The authorized share capital of the Fund is \$50,000 divided into 4,900,000 Class A, C, D, and M non-voting shares and 100,000 Class B voting shares each having a par value of \$0.01 per share. Outstanding Class A, C, D, M, and Class B shares will participate in the assets of the Fund upon liquidation ratably in proportion to their respective redemption values. Each Class B shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share held on any matter presented to a meeting of shareholders. Firebird Avrora Holdings LLC, an affiliate of the Manager, is the Class B shareholder.

Class A shares are redeemed and converted and Class C and D shares are issued, redeemed and converted in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

New series of Class C and Class D shares will be issued to all subscribing investors at the offering price of US\$1,000 per share in order to permit the performance allocation to be calculated separately with respect to each share of each series. Accordingly, each series may have a different net asset value per share for each share class.

Class M shares are only offered to employees of the Manager, its affiliates and related persons, and are subject to the same rights, terms and conditions as the Class C shares except that Class M shares will not be subject to any management fee or performance fee allocation.

Share transactions for the year ended December 31, 2018, were as follows:

| | Class A | Class B | Class C | Class D | Class M |
|--|----------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Shares outstanding at December 31, 2017 | 5,841.05 | 0.08 | 1,722.81 | 29,662.70 | 67,835.32 |
| Shares issued | - | - | - | 1,268.65 | 0.10 |
| Shares redeemed | (495.75) | - | (117.11) | (12,957.27) | (459.30) |
| Shares transferred | (217.28) | - | - | - | 103.81 |
| Shares outstanding at December 31, 2018 | 5,128.02 | 0.08 | 1,605.70 | 17,974.08 | 67,479.93 |

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6. Management Fees

Pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Management Agreement with effect from April 30, 2009, the Fund pays the Manager a management fee at an annual rate of 1.75% of the Class A and Class C net asset value calculated and payable quarterly in advance based on the Class A and Class C share of the Fund's net asset value (before accrual for performance allocation) as of the last business day of the preceding quarter. The management fee relating to the Class D shares is calculated and payable under the same terms at an annual rate of 1.50%. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund recorded \$651,894 in management fees none of which is payable at year end.

Management fees are not charged to the Class B and M shareholders. The Manager may, in its discretion, waive all or a portion of the management fee with respect to any shareholder.

7. Performance Allocation

Pursuant to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Investment Advisory Management Agreement, Class B Shares receive a performance allocation annually equal in the aggregate to 15% of the net increase each year in the net asset value of each outstanding Class A and Class D share plus 17.5% of the net increase each year in the net asset value of each outstanding Class C share. This calculation is inclusive of net unrealized gains and losses and is subject to a loss carry forward.

The Manager may waive all or part of the performance allocation for certain investors. The performance allocations are recorded on the final day of the calendar year in which the fees are charged to investors and in the month following crystallization of performance fees due to a redemption. The performance allocation to Class B shares for the year ended December 31, 2018, was \$354. The performance allocation can be withdrawn at any time by the holder of the Class B shares by way of dividend or redemption.

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8. Taxation

There is currently no taxation imposed on income or profits of the Fund by the Government of the Cayman Islands. If any form of taxation were to be enacted, the Fund has been granted an exemption therefrom until October 28, 2023.

The Fund is not subject to United States Federal, state or local taxation. The Fund reports tax information to its U.S. resident shareholders on the accrual basis. The Fund has elected to be treated as a partnership for U.S. Federal income tax purposes.

ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes*, provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. ASC Topic 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. The Fund has adopted ASC Topic 740 and its impact is reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, as capital gains tax expense in the consolidated statement of operations. During the year, the Fund did not accrue any interest or penalties.

Tax accruals are calculated in local currencies. The effective rate to the Fund can exceed or be less than the applicable rates if the local currency has appreciated or depreciated against the US Dollar during the period of investment.

Tax legislation in all of the jurisdictions in which the Fund invests is subject to varying interpretations and changes, which can occur unexpectedly. The Manager's interpretation of such legislation as applied to transactions and activities of the Fund and its subsidiaries since inception may be challenged by the relevant regional and federal authorities. It is not practical to determine the amount of unasserted claims that may manifest themselves, if any, or the likelihood of any unfavorable outcome thereof.

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9. Derivative Financial Instruments

In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into transactions involving derivative financial instruments in connection with its investing activities. These instruments are subject to various risks similar to non-derivative instruments, including market, credit, liquidity, and operational risks. The Fund manages these risks on an aggregate basis along with the risks associated with its investing activities as part of its overall risk management policies. The Fund does not distinguish derivative profit or loss from any other category of investments for consolidated statement of operations presentation purposes. No derivative positions were held during the year.

10. Related Party Transactions

In accordance with ASC Topic 850, *Related Party Disclosures*, related parties include principal ownership (defined to include investments where the Fund combined with funds under common control hold interests greater than 10%), associated companies (defined as investments where the Fund combined with funds under common control hold interests less than 10% and have members on the Board of Directors), and Affiliates. Affiliates are defined as other investment funds managed by the Manager and related parties of the Manager.

Outstanding balances at year-end and transactions with these entities during the year ended December 31, 2018, were as follows:

| | Principal Ownership | Associated Companies | Affiliates |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loan receivable | \$ 5,611 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Interest receivable | 1,822 | - | - |
| Purchases of investments | 45,493 | - | - |
| Sales of investments | - | 1,281,209 | 548,213 |
| Realized gain/loss | (376) | (409,050) | 285,033 |

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10. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Included in related parties are the following entities in which the Fund and Affiliates have a greater than 20% aggregate interest in the entity and/or a Director(s) seat is held.

| Name of Company | 2018 Ownership by the Fund and 2018 Investments | | Industry |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| | Affiliates | Held by the Fund | |
| Amber Trust | 2.34% | \$ 279,010 | Miscellaneous |
| Arco Vara AS | 7.70 | 238,592 | Real Estate |
| Caspian Energy | 20.00 | 97,734 | Oil & Gas |
| Global Gold Corporation | 48.27 | 30,784 | Gold |
| PR Foods | 57.33 | 501,708 | Food |
| SDM Bank | 8.50 | 5,543,406 | Banking |
| Tallink Grupp AS | 5.21 | 4,044,384 | Transportation |
| Teliani Valley JSC | 21.99 | 3,119,319 | Consumer Products |

All investments in the above companies are carried at fair value, as discussed in Note 2.

The Fund provided an unsecured loan of \$22,004 to Mogul Coal Holdings Pte. Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore and a fully owned subsidiary of Firebird Mongolia Fund (Cayman) Ltd., an affiliate of the Fund, which is repayable in 2019. The carrying value of this loan was written down to \$5,611 to reflect recent offers for Mogul Coal Holdings in which the loan was included as part of the deal price.

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11. Investment Risks

The Fund's investments are based principally in the emerging economies of Russia, the other former Soviet Republics and certain other European countries (the "Target Region"). Therefore, they are subject to the risks inherent in those economies including, but not limited to:

- **Political Risk** Changes in government policy of countries in the Target Region (such as nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, currency blockage, political changes, government regulation, social instability or diplomatic developments) could adversely affect the economies of the countries in the Target Region. In addition, any change in the leadership or policies of any countries in the Target Region may halt the expansion, or reverse the liberalization, of foreign investment policies now occurring and may adversely affect existing and potential investment opportunities for the Fund;
- **Legal Risk** Many of the laws that govern private and foreign investment, securities transactions, creditors' rights and other contractual relationships in countries in the Target Region are new and largely untested and not fully developed. As a result, the Fund may be subject to a number of unusual risks, including contradictory legislation, incomplete, unclear and changing laws, ignorance or breaches of regulations on the part of other market participants, lack of established or effective avenues for legal redress, lack of standard practices and confidentiality customs characteristic of developed markets, and lack of enforcement of existing regulations. There can be no assurance that difficulties in protecting and enforcing rights will not have a material adverse effect on the Fund and its operations. Laws and regulations of countries in the Target Region could change quickly and unpredictably and may impose restrictions or approvals that do not exist in countries with more developed market economies;
- **Market Risk** Stock prices are volatile and are affected by the real or perceived impacts of such factors as economic conditions and political events. The stock market tends to be cyclical, with periods when stock prices generally rise and periods where stock prices generally decline. Any given stock market segment may remain out of favor with investors for a short or long period of time, and stocks as an asset class may underperform bonds or other asset classes during some periods;

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11. Investment Risks (continued)

- **Exchange and Currency Risk** At present, some of the currencies of countries in the Target Region are not freely and fully convertible into other currencies or traded internationally. Currency exchange values are also subject to direct and indirect government controls. Such internal exchange markets can therefore be said to be neither liquid nor competitive. Historically, many currencies in the Target Region have experienced sharp devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar and other Western currencies. The value of investments in the Fund will be affected by fluctuations in the value of local currencies against the U.S. dollar or by changes in local exchange control regulations, tax laws, withholding taxes, and economic or monetary policies. Additionally, since several of the countries in the Target Region are either Eurozone members or have local currencies pegged to the Euro, fluctuations in the Euro's value against the U.S. dollar will affect the Fund. Adverse fluctuations in currency exchange rates can result in a decrease in net return and in a loss of capital. Accordingly, investors must recognize that the value of Class A, C, D, M and Class B Shares can fall as well as rise for this reason;
- **Investments through Subsidiaries** The Fund may make investments in portfolio companies through wholly-owned or jointly-owned subsidiaries under certain circumstances, for example to minimize exposure to certain taxes, to facilitate future sales of portfolio companies, or to facilitate an initial offering of stock of the holding company on an international stock exchange. These subsidiaries may have different depositaries, administrators and/or auditors than the Fund, or may have no such depositary, administrator or auditors. Therefore, the use of these subsidiaries may subject the Fund to additional risks that would not have been incurred if investments were made directly;
- **Illiquidity of Investments** Securities held by the Fund may be subject to greater price volatility than is usually the case with stocks in more developed markets, in some cases to a substantial degree. A limited number of issuers often represent a disproportionately large percentage of market capitalization and trading value in markets in the Target Region. Also, the Fund may invest in securities that are acquired from companies in offerings that are not registered under U.S. or other securities laws. Such securities may be illiquid, may not be actively and widely traded, may only be traded by a limited number of institutional investors, or may not be traded at all. Registered securities may also be "deregistered" after they are acquired by the Fund;

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11. Investment Risks (continued)

- **Settlement Risk** The clearing, settlement and registration systems through which transactions are executed and settled in certain countries in the Target Region are significantly less developed than those in more mature world markets. This can result in significant delays and other material difficulties in settling trades and in registering transfers of securities;
- **Quality of Information** Investors in the Target Region often have access to less reliable or less detailed information, including both general economic data and information concerning the operations, financial results, capitalization and financial obligations, earnings and securities of specific enterprises. The quality and reliability of information available to the Fund will, therefore, be less than in respect of investments in Western countries;
- **Taxation in Target Region** Investments by the Fund in the Target Region will have differing tax consequences. Not all jurisdictions in the Target Region have tax treaties providing relief from capital gains or other taxes. Consequently, the Fund may be subject to substantial taxation in certain jurisdictions. In order to minimize the tax consequences of investments, the Fund may invest through the Subsidiary or create investment vehicles in other jurisdictions or make investments directly. Tax laws and administration in certain countries in the Target Region, however, are fluid and often capricious, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to anticipate all taxes or will be able to create a structure to minimize taxes in any particular jurisdiction;
- **Accounting Practices** Accounting standards in many nations in the Target Region frequently do not correspond to international accounting standards or generally accepted accounting practices in all material respects. In addition, auditing requirements and standards may differ from those generally accepted in the international capital markets and, consequently, information available to investors in developed capital markets is not always obtainable in respect of companies in the Target Region;

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11. Investment Risks (continued)

- **Criminality** Organized crime and corruption, including extortion and fraud, remain common in many countries in the Target Region. Threats or incidents of crime may cause or force the Fund to cease or alter certain activities or liquidate certain investments, which may cause losses or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Fund.

The above risks are not unique in the context of emerging markets investing.

The Fund could be affected, for the foreseeable future, by these risks and their consequences, and the effects could be significant. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that may result from the future clarification of these uncertainties. Such adjustments, if any, will be reported in the Fund's consolidated financial statements in the period when they become known and estimable.

12. Commitments

In December 2016, the Fund, together with Firebird Republics Fund, Ltd. ("Republics") an affiliate of the Fund (collectively the "Funds"), entered into an indemnity and guarantee agreement (the "Indemnity Agreement") with JSC BGEO Group ("BGEO"), a joint stock company in which the Funds own shares. The Indemnity Agreement was in connection with a EUR 18.5 million loan extended by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("EBRD") and DEG – Deutsche Investitions – Und Entwicklungsgesellschaft MBH ("DEG") (collectively the "Lenders") to Global Beer Georgia, LLC (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Teliani Valley and an affiliated company of BGEO and the Funds. BGEO has issued a project completion guarantee to the Lenders for the full amount of the loan. JSC Georgia Capital ("GCAP") inherited the guarantee from BGEO after the split and restructuring in 2018. Under the Indemnity Agreement, the Funds have agreed to reimburse GCAP for any payments GCAP may make to the Lenders pursuant to the project completion guarantee pro rata with the Funds respective ownership of the Company through Teliani Valley. Firebird Fund, L.P. (an affiliate of the Funds) became an investor in Teliani Valley in 2017 and at that time agreed to reimburse the Funds its pro rata share of any payments made in relation to the completion guarantee. The loan was used to finance the construction of a brewery by the Company. The entry into the Indemnity Agreement was for the commercial benefit of the Funds.

13. Indemnifications

The Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

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14. Financial Highlights

Financial highlights for the year ended December 31, 2018, were as follows:

| | Class A | Class C | Class D |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Total return before performance allocation | (24.89)% | (14.21)% | (14.00)% |
| Performance allocation | (0.01)% | 0.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Total return after performance allocation | <u>(24.90)%</u> | <u>(14.21)%</u> | <u>(14.00)%</u> |
| Ratios to average share holders capital | | | |
| Total expenses before performance allocation | (3.29)% | (2.74)% | (2.51)% |
| Performance allocation | (0.01)% | 0.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Total expenses after performance allocation | (3.30)% | (2.74)% | (2.51)% |
| Net investment income (loss) | <u>(0.82)%</u> | <u>2.00 %</u> | <u>2.26 %</u> |

Shares are issued within classes to each investor by series. These series are permanent and will remain out-standing until the investor fully redeems. As a result, the Fund presents financial highlights consistent with those presented for a partnership, which are ratios to average net assets and total return, but not per share data.

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15. Credit Facilities

As of December 31, 2018, the Fund had a credit agreement (“Credit Facility”) with Swedbank AS, pursuant to which the Fund has granted security over its assets held at Swedbank AS in order to have access to funds on a short-term basis to fulfill redemption requests in limited circumstances, as determined by the Manager. Pursuant to the terms of the Credit Facility, the Fund can borrow up to approximately \$6,146,550. This line of credit is at market rates and as at December 31, 2018, there were no outstanding amounts due.

16. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events subsequent to year-end and through March 29, 2019, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to issue. During this period, the Fund recorded \$340,000 Class M and \$35,000 Class C redemptions.