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# ANNUAL REPORT ALLAN GRAY AFRICA EQUITY FUND LIMITED

31 DECEMBER 2024

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# SCHEDULE OF NET ASSETS

As at 31 December 2024

Number held	Security (grouped by sector)	Market value US\$	% of Fund
	CONSUMER STAPLES	51 245 135	21.6%
43 072 946	Eastern Tobacco	24 993 153	10.5%
32 689 140	Delta Corporation	17 739 407	7.5%
12 060 149	Innscor Africa	5 607 969	2.4%
35 272 848	Positions less than 1%	2 904 606	1.2%
	FINANCIALS	50 832 681	21.4%
390 635 756	Guaranty Trust Bank	14 374 589	6.0%
387 643 605	Zenith Bank	11 386 562	4.8%
5 123 633	Stanbic Holdings Plc	5 436 557	2.3%
117 338 773	Stanbic IBTC Holdings	4 363 275	1.8%
2 835 150	Commercial International Bank Egypt	4 201 692	1.8%
272 875	Nedbank Group	4 071 956	1.7%
297 035	Standard Bank Group	3 489 217	1.5%
1 391 672	Positions less than 1%	3 508 833	1.5%
	BASIC MATERIALS	46 032 587	19.5%
3 171 894	Glencore	14 032 862	5.9%
1 198 413	Zimplats	9 723 658	4.1%
1 799 547	Sappi Limited	4 695 639	2.0%
	AngloGold Ashanti Plc	4 098 162	1.7%
680 846		3 003 133	1.3%
229 445	Ivanhoe Mines	2 722 540	1.2%
2 315 117	Positions less than 1%	7 756 593	3.3%
	ENERGY	30 119 978	12.7%
10 634 669	Seplat Energy London	25 958 282	11.0%
	Exxaro Resources	2 371 271	1.0%
14 237 090	Positions less than 1%	1 790 425	0.8%
	TECHNOLOGY	15 262 839	6.5%
38 044	Naspers - N Class	8 409 972	3.6%
160 854		6 382 338	2.7%
	EcoCash Holdings	470 529	0.2%
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	14 834 051	6.3%
48 790 684	Econet Wireless	6 101 246	2.6%
103 388		3 918 781	1.7%
	Safaricom Plc	3 106 987	1.3%
	Positions less than 1%	1 707 037	0.7%
0 022 122	UTILITIES	9 206 867	3.9%
81 415 363		9 183 848	3.9%
	Positions less than 1%	23 019	0.0%
177 700	INDUSTRIALS	6 141 951	2.6%
2/6 162	Mondi Plc	3 618 438	1.5%
	Sephaku Holdings	2 523 513	1.1%
	Positions less than 1%	2 020 010	0.0%
10 490 440	CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY	2 760 381	1.2%
5 967 206	Positions less than 1%	2 760 381	1.2%
3 007 200			
	CASH AND NET ACCRUALS	10 153 172	4.3%
	NET ASSETS	236 589 642	100%

Note: There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.

# APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As at 31 December 2024

The directors of the Fund are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report.

The annual financial statements, which comprise the financial position as at 31 December 2024 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2024, are set out on pages 7 to 30 and have been approved by the directors of the Fund and are signed on its behalf by:

John Collis

Director

24 March 2025

Craig Bodenstab

Director

24 March 2025

#### The Board of Directors of Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund Limited

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund Limited (the 'Fund'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, as well as notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming the auditor's opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities of the audit of the financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

#### Risk:

# Valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The valuation of the Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is a key audit matter because it significantly impacts the Fund's performance and net asset value.

As of 31 December 2024, the Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss amounted to US\$226,436,468. Financial assets include equities.

As disclosed in Notes 1.3.6 and 7.2 to the financial statements, the Fund records its investments in financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss based on a quoted price in an active market. For all other financial instruments not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques.

#### Our response to the risk:

We evaluated management's valuation methodology applied to determine the fair value of the Fund's financial assets and performed the following procedures among others.

We obtained the listing of financial assets as at 31 December 2024. For the Fund's investment in equities we compared the values recorded by the Fund to independently quoted prices, observable trades and/or vendor prices.

# Other information included in the Fund's 2024 Annual Report

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Responsibilities of management and the Board of Directors for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of Directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Board of Directors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events
  in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The partner in charge of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Jessel Mendes.

Hamilton, Bermuda

Ernst + Young Ltd.

24 March 2025

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
ASSETS			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	226 436 468	243 828 361
Cash and cash equivalents	3	11 654 085	10 461 876
Trade and other receivables	4	813 703	746 996
TOTAL ASSETS		238 904 256	255 037 233
LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	2 314 614	2 900 237
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES		2 314 614	2 900 237
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES		236 589 642	252 136 996

The above Statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
NET INVESTMENT (LOSS)/INCOME		(6 482 749)	19 405 303
Unrealised (losses)/gains on investments		(19 249 079)	4 131 258
Dividend income		16 192 303	21 134 021
Foreign exchange losses		(3 922 215)	(2 719 351)
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of investments		331 433	(3 255 421)
Interest income		120 124	114 635
Other income		44 685	161
OPERATING EXPENSES		(901 755)	(6 349 082)
Management fees	1.3.2	(548 036)	(5 785 324)
Custodian fees		(155 615)	(333 669)
Other expenses		(54 935)	(89 556)
Administration fees		(80 372)	(80 631)
Directors' fees		(15 000)	(15 000)
Audit fees		(47 797)	(44 902)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXES		(7 384 504)	13 056 221
Withholding and other taxes		(1 340 426)	(3 504 945)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR		(8 724 930)	9 551 276

The above Statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares US\$	Number of shares
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022		252 061 237	1 248 541
Total comprehensive profit for the year		9 551 276	-
Net capital redemptions	8	(9 475 517)	(42 188)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		252 136 996	1 206 353
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(8 724 930)	-
Net capital redemptions	8	(6 822 424)	(31 396)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024		236 589 642	1 174 957

The above Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash outflow from operations before working capital changes	6.1	(309 034)	(563 597)
Working capital changes	6.2	157 766	53 523
Dividends received, net of withholding tax		14 270 073	19 538 246
Management fees paid		(548 036)	(1 169 964)
Other tax expenses paid		(243 627)	(120 903)
Interest received		135 459	748 657
NET CASH GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		13 462 601	18 485 962
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of investments		(158 532 855)	(37 765 780)
Proceeds from sale of investments		157 007 102	34 441 514
NET CASH UTILISED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(1 525 753)	(3 324 266)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from issue of redeemable shares		928 050	34 966
Redemption of redeemable shares		(7 750 474)	(14 125 844)
NET CASH UTILISED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(6 822 424)	(14 090 878)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		5 114 424	1 070 818
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		10 461 876	12 110 409
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(3 922 215)	(2 719 351)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR		11 654 085	10 461 876

 $\label{thm:conjunction} The above Statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.$ 

#### NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## **Corporate information**

Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund Limited ('the Fund') was incorporated on 22 April 1997 and is a limited liability company of unlimited duration under the laws of Bermuda. The Fund was launched to the public on 1 July 1998 and is a Bermuda exempted Mutual Fund Company. The investment manager of the Fund is Allan Gray Bermuda Limited ('the Investment Manager'). Allan Gray Proprietary Limited, a fellow subsidiary within the Allan Gray group, is the Investment Adviser to the Fund.

The financial statements of the Fund were authorised for issue by the directors of the Fund on 24 March 2025.

# 1. Accounting standards and policies

# 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, using the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments that have been measured at either fair value or amortised cost, in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IFRS Accounting Standards'). These financial statements are presented in US dollars, being the functional currency of the Fund.

#### 1.2 IFRS Accounting Standards

The Fund has adopted all new and revised standards, interpretations and amendments issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('the IASB') and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for the annual accounting period ended 31 December 2024.

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and are in accordance with and comply with IFRS Accounting Standards.

A number of other changes, that are effective for the accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, have been issued by the IASB and IFRIC. However, these are not considered to have material impact to the Fund's operations.

The following new or revised IFRS Accounting Standards, interpretations and amendments applicable to the Fund have been issued but are not yet effective.

Standards		Effective date: Years beginning on/after	Impact
IFRS 9 & IFRS 7	Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments – Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	1 January 2026	No material impact
IFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – New standard	1 January 2027	No material impact

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The IASB issued Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21) that sets out the requirements for estimating the exchange rate to be used at a measurement date when a currency is not exchangeable into another currency at that date. The Amendments to IAS 21 apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025 with early adoption permitted. Accordingly, the Fund has early adopted these amendments for the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

The Fund intends to adopt other new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

# 1.3 Accounting policies

The Fund has identified the accounting policies that are most significant to its operations and the understanding of its results. These accounting policies are set out below and have been consistently applied.

#### 1.3.1 Net investment income

Net investment income comprises interest income, dividend income, foreign currency gains and losses, other income and realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments.

#### Interest income

Interest is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest method.

#### Dividend income

Dividends are recognised when the Fund's right to receive payment of the dividend is established. Dividend income is presented gross of any non-recoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the Statement of comprehensive income.

#### Other income

Investors are charged 0.5% when subscribing for Fund shares. Investors may be charged 0.5% when redeeming Fund shares in the case of significant redemptions. These charges are paid into the Fund to offset the costs associated with the transactions that are borne by the Fund. The Investment Manager may waive these charges if transactions substantially offset one another.

# Investment gains and losses

Changes in the fair value of financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss, and realised gains or losses made on the disposal of these financial assets, calculated using the average cost method, are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

#### 1.3.2 Management fee

The management fee is the fee accrued by the Fund to the Investment Manager for the management of the Fund. Further details on how the management fee is calculated is disclosed in Note 9.

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#### 1.3.3 Expenses

Any interest expense is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. All other expenses are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income on an accrual basis.

#### 1.3.4 Distributions to holders of redeemable shares

Distributions from the Fund will be automatically reinvested in additional redeemable shares, unless a holder of redeemable shares requests in writing that any income distributions be paid to them. Distributions to holders of redeemable shares are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income as finance costs.

# 1.3.5 Taxation

There is no income tax, corporation tax, profits tax, withholding tax, capital gains tax, capital transfer tax, estate or stamp duty or inheritance tax in Bermuda payable by the Fund or its members in respect of shares in the Fund. The government of Bermuda has undertaken that in the event that any income, profit, capital, capital gains, estate or inheritance taxes are levied in Bermuda in the future, the Fund and its shares will be exempt from such taxes until 31 March 2035.

Income and capital gains on the Fund's investments, however, may be subject to taxes in certain countries.

The Fund evaluates tax positions to determine whether, for all tax years still subject to assessment or challenge by the relevant taxation authorities, the tax positions are probable to be accepted on examination by the relevant tax authorities. If it is probable that the Fund's tax positions will be accepted, the taxable profit/tax loss should be consistent with the Fund's tax filings. If it is not probable, the Fund must reflect the effect of the uncertainty in determining its taxable profit/tax loss. The effect of the uncertain tax treatment is determined by applying either the expected value method or the most likely method.

The Fund has analysed its tax positions for the year ended 31 December 2024, and has recorded a tax liability relating to tax positions that are certain, where it is probable that the Fund's tax positions will be accepted by the relevant taxation authorities. There are no uncertain tax positions. Additionally, the Fund has recorded withholding and other taxes applicable to certain income types.

#### 1.3.6 Financial instruments: Financial assets and liabilities

#### Classification

#### Financial assets

The Fund determines the classification of its financial assets on initial recognition, when it becomes a party to the contract governing the instrument. The classification depends on how the Fund manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows.

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss when:

- They are held for trading; or
- The contractual cash flows do not represent solely payments of principal and interest; or
- Designated as such upon initial recognition to eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency.

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The Fund classifies its investment in equity instruments and related derivatives as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund's investments in equity instruments are designated upon initial recognition on the basis that they are part of a group of financial assets that are managed and have their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with risk management and investment strategies of the Fund, as set out in the Fund's offering document. Derivatives are categorised as held for trading and are not designated as effective hedging instruments in terms of IFRS 9. When a derivative financial instrument is not designated in a hedge relationship that qualifies for hedge accounting, all changes in its fair value are recognised immediately in the Statement of comprehensive income.

#### Financial assets at amortised cost

The Fund classifies financial assets at amortised cost when:

- The financial asset is held with the objective to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Financial assets at amortised cost are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Financial assets at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables, which include dividends receivable, interest receivable, prepaid expenses and amounts due from brokers, which are short-term in nature. Amortised cost approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of the financial assets.

#### Financial liabilities

The Fund determines the classification of its financial liabilities on initial recognition, when it becomes a party to the contract governing the instrument, according to the nature and purpose of the financial instrument.

#### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified at fair value through profit or loss when:

- They are held for trading; and
- They are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial date of recognition, and only if the criteria in IFRS 9 are satisfied. This category also includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Fund that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IFRS 9.

#### Financial liabilities at amortised cost

All financial liabilities not classified at fair value through profit or loss are classified as financial liabilities at amortised cost.

The Fund classifies its trade and other payables and distributions payable as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost. Trade and other payables include other payables and tax payable, which are short-term in nature. Amortised cost approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of the financial liabilities.

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#### Recognition and measurement

A 'regular way' contract is one that requires the delivery of an asset within the time frame established, generally by regulation or convention within the marketplace concerned. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised using trade date accounting. Trade date accounting refers to (a) the recognition of an asset to be received and the liability to pay for it on the trade date, and (b) derecognition of an asset that is sold, recognition of any gain or loss on disposal and the recognition of a receivable from the buyer for payment on the trade date. The trade date is the date that an entity commits itself to purchase or to sell an asset.

Financial instruments are recognised on the trade date at fair value, plus, in the case of assets not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, investments at fair value through profit or loss are marked to market on a daily basis with changes in fair value taken through the Statement of comprehensive income as gains or losses on investments. Attributable transaction costs are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income as incurred.

#### Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost are measured initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Amortised cost approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of financial assets and financial liabilities.

Gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income when financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

#### Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is derecognised where:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Fund has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset; or
- The Fund has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement and either (a) the Fund has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

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#### Impairment of financial assets

The Fund assesses at each reporting date whether an allowance for expected credit losses ('ECL') should be recognised. The ECL allowance does not require any trigger event to occur but rather relies on an expectation of future losses.

#### Assets carried at amortised cost

The allowance for ECL is determined based on the difference between the contractual cash flows and the cash flows expected to be received, discounted at the original effective interest rate. The Fund applies a simplified approach in determining the ECL based on, among other criteria, its historical credit loss experience, days past due of trade receivables and consideration of forward-looking factors specific to the counterparty and economic environment, the impact of which has been considered and concluded to be immaterial.

A financial asset is classified as in default when the contractual payments are 30 days past due, unless there is specific information indicating that the Fund is unlikely to receive the outstanding amounts. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows. The Fund holds trade receivables with no financing component and which have maturities of less than 12 months. All trade receivables are expected to be received within 30 days.

#### Determination of fair value

Financial instruments carried at fair value are valued based on a quoted market price. For all other financial instruments not valued based on a quoted market price, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques. An analysis of fair values of financial instruments and further details as to how they are measured are provided in Note 7.2.

#### Offsetting financial instruments

A financial asset and a financial liability are offset, and the net amount is presented in the Statement of financial position, only when the Fund currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expense items are only offset to the extent that their related instruments have been offset in the Statement of financial position.

#### 1.3.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value. Balances held for the purposes of meeting short-term cash commitments, rather than for investment or other purposes, are current assets and disclosed separately on the face of the Statement of financial position.

#### 1.3.8 Amounts due from and to brokers

Amounts due from and to brokers represent receivables for securities sold and payables for securities purchased (in a regular way transaction) that have been contracted for but not yet settled or delivered on the Statement of financial position date. These are included in trade and other receivables, and in trade and other payables, respectively.

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A provision for impairment of amounts due from brokers is established when there is objective evidence that the Fund will not be able to collect all amounts due from the relevant broker.

#### 1.3.9 Foreign currencies

The Fund's functional currency is the US dollar, which is the currency in which the performance of the Fund is evaluated and its liquidity is managed. Foreign currency items are recorded at the exchange rate ruling on the transaction date

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to US dollars at rates of exchange ruling at the earlier of the Statement of financial position date or when settled. Gains and losses arising from the translation of these monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

Realised and unrealised foreign currency gains and losses on investments measured at fair value through profit or loss are included in the Statement of comprehensive income in realised gains or losses on disposal of investments and unrealised gains or losses on investments, respectively. Realised and unrealised foreign currency gains and losses on all other financial instruments denominated in foreign currencies are included in the Statement of comprehensive income in foreign exchange gains or losses.

The exchange rates applied in preparing these financial statements are based on the principles set out in IAS 21. In the instances where the Fund is not able to obtain more than an insignificant amount of the other currency within a time frame that allows for normal administrative delay and through a market or exchange mechanism in which an exchange transaction would create enforceable rights and obligations at the measurement date, such that the Fund concludes there is lack of exchangeability, an estimated exchange rate is applied.

All foreign currency translations were at the official exchange rate or approximated the official exchange rate as at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023. The IFRS Accounting Standards principles applied in determining the estimated exchange rate for the Zimbabwe gold are disclosed in Note 11.

#### 1.3.10 Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares

Shares issued by the Fund are classified as financial liabilities and disclosed as net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares. The value of net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares is what is commonly known as the capital value of the Fund. This financial liability (as defined by IAS 32) represents the holders' right to a residual interest in the Fund's net assets.

# 1.3.11 Critical judgement in applying the Fund's accounting policies

The preparation of the Fund's financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future.

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#### Fair value

When the fair value of financial assets and liabilities recorded in the Statement of financial position cannot be derived from quoted market prices, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques. Refer to Note 7.2.

# The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates

The Fund has further applied its judgment in determining an estimated exchange rate applied in respect of the Zimbabwean gold-based line items reported in the financial statements. Further details are provided in Note 11.

# 1.3.12 Events subsequent to year end

There were no significant events subsequent to year end up to the date of approval of these financial statements.

# 2. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Equities	226 436 468	238 529 941
Futures contracts	-	5 298 420
TOTAL	226 436 468	243 828 361

# 3. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash held at banks	11 654 085	10 461 876
TOTAL	11 654 085	10 461 876

# 4. Trade and other receivables

Margin account on futures contracts	-	411 231
Dividends receivable, net of withholding tax	621 401	296 676
Amounts due from brokers	172 081	
Interest receivable	-	15 335
Prepaid expenses	20 221	23 754
TOTAL	813 703	746 996

# 5. Trade and other payables

Tax payable	2 281 644	2 782 350
Other payables	32 970	117 887
TOTAL	2 314 614	2 900 237

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#### 6. Notes to the Statement of cash flows

# 6.1 Net cash outflow from operations before working capital changes

	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	(8 724 930)	9 551 276
ADJUSTMENTS		
Dividend income, net of withholding tax	(14 594 798)	(19 403 551)
Unrealised losses/(gains) on investments	19 249 079	(4 131 258)
Realised (gains)/losses on disposal of investments	(331 433)	3 255 421
Foreign exchange losses	3 922 215	2 719 351
Interest income	(120 124)	(114 635)
Management fees	548 036	5 785 324
Other tax adjustments	(257 079)	1 774 475
TOTAL	(309 034)	(563 597)

# 6.2 Working capital changes

Decrease in trade and other receivables	242 683	2 875 012
Decrease in trade and other payables	(84 917)	(2 821 489)
TOTAL	157 766	53 523

# 7. Financial instruments

Details of the material accounting policies and methods adopted, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised in respect of each class of financial asset and financial liability are disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

# Categorisation of financial instruments at 31 December 2024

	Financial assets measured at amortised cost US\$	Financial assets measured at fair value US\$	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost US\$	Total US\$
ASSETS				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	_	226 436 468	-	226 436 468
Cash and cash equivalents	11 654 085	-	-	11 654 085
Trade and other receivables	813 703	-	-	813 703
TOTAL ASSETS	12 467 788	226 436 468	-	238 904 256
LIABILITIES				
Trade and other payables		-	2 314 614	2 314 614
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	2 314 614	2 314 614

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#### Categorisation of financial instruments at 31 December 2023

	Financial assets measured at amortised cost US\$	Financial assets measured at fair value US\$	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost US\$	Total US\$
ASSETS				
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	243 828 361	-	243 828 361
Cash and cash equivalents	10 461 876	-	-	10 461 876
Trade and other receivables	746 996	-	-	746 996
TOTAL ASSETS	11 208 872	243 828 361	-	255 037 233
LIABILITIES				
Trade and other payables	-	-	2 900 237	2 900 237
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-	2 900 237	2 900 237

# 7.1 Financial risk management policies and objectives

The Fund's investment portfolio comprises equities, derivatives, and cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may invest in listed and unlisted securities and these securities may be denominated in local or foreign currency.

The Fund defines 'African Equities' as equities in companies domiciled or geographically located in Africa and/ or companies domiciled outside Africa with significant business interests in Africa, regardless of the location of the stock exchange listing. The Fund's investing activities expose holders of Fund shares to various types of risks that are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which the Fund invests.

The Fund invests in shares whose prices are below the assessment of their intrinsic value in the belief that they offer the highest prospective returns and lowest risk of loss. The Fund seeks to take advantage of opportunities that arise and may invest a substantial portion of the assets in a single country or region rather than a diversified portfolio of assets with exposure to a basket of African countries. The Fund has a designated performance benchmark as per the Fund's offering document which the Fund does not seek to mirror. Instead, the Fund may deviate meaningfully from this performance benchmark in pursuit of superior returns.

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#### Market risk

Market risk is defined as the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices and includes interest rate, foreign currency and other price risks.

The following table shows the Fund's exposure to price and interest rate risks, split into the different types of financial instruments held by the Fund at year end. The analysis only relates to instruments subject to those specific risks.

Exposure	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
SUBJECT TO PRICE RISK		
Equities	226 436 468	238 529 941
SUBJECT TO INTEREST RATE RISK		
Cash and cash equivalents	11 654 085	10 461 876
Margin accounts	-	411 231

#### Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk), whether the changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting similar financial instruments traded in the market. Holders of redeemable shares are exposed to changes in the market values of the individual investments underlying the Fund. Exposure to price risk is mainly through listed instruments.

As a result of the nature of the Fund's underlying investments, there will be significant price fluctuations in the pursuit of long-term returns, and there will be periods when the equities in the Fund underperform its benchmark and/or generate negative absolute returns. Short-term performance can be volatile, and investors are encouraged to focus on long-term returns when evaluating the Fund's performance, as the Investment Manager takes a long-term view when making investment decisions.

The Fund's portfolio is constructed based on proprietary investment research. This research is intended to enable the Fund to be invested in equities which offer superior fundamental value. Whether an equity offers superior fundamental value is determined by comparing the share price with an assessment of the equity's intrinsic value. Price risk is not managed in the Fund. Shares are typically bought when research and analysis indicates that the intrinsic value of the company far exceeds its market price, in anticipation of the price rising to its intrinsic value and it is believed there is a margin of safety. The lower the price of a share when compared to its assessed intrinsic value, the more attractive the equity's fundamental value is considered to be.

There has been no change to the Fund's exposure to price risk or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk. The following analysis indicates the possible impact of price risk on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, until such time as the investments are sold. The following table also illustrates the effect of possible changes in fair value of investments for price risk, assuming that all other variables remain constant. The disclosure provides information on the risks to which holders of redeemable shares are exposed and is not indicative of future performance.

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	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
INVESTMENTS SUBJECT TO PRICE RISK		
EQUITIES		
Effect on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares		
Gross exposure	226 436 468	238 529 941
+/- 5%	11 321 823	11 926 497
+/- 10%	22 643 647	23 852 994
+/- 20%	45 287 294	47 705 988

# Concentration of equity price risk

The following table analyses the Fund's concentration of equity price risk in the Fund's equity portfolio by sector allocation:

	2024	2023
SECTOR	% OF EQUITY	% OF EQUITY
Consumer staples	22.6	22.0
Financials	22.4	23.1
Basic materials	20.3	25.7
Energy	13.3	10.9
Technology	6.8	5.9
Telecommunications	6.6	5.5
Utilities	4.1	3.6
Industrials	2.7	1.0
Consumer discretionary	1.2	2.3
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

# Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund is exposed to interest rate risk through its holdings in cash and cash equivalents and margin accounts. The Investment Manager manages the Fund's exposure to interest rates in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

The following table illustrates the effect of reasonably possible changes in prevailing interest rates, with all other variables held constant. The actual results may differ from the sensitivity analysis, and the difference could be material. The disclosure provides information on the risks to which holders of redeemable shares are exposed and is not indicative of future performance.

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	2024 US\$	2023
INVESTMENTS SUBJECT TO INTEREST RATE RISK	USŞ	US\$
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	11 654 085	10 461 876
Effect on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares		
+/- 0.5%	58 270	52 309
+/- 1.0%	116 541	104 619
MARGIN ACCOUNTS		411 231
Effect on net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares		
+/- 0.5%	-	2 056
+/- 1.0%	_	4 112

# Foreign currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies and is therefore exposed to the effects of exchange rate fluctuations.

The following tables indicate the currencies to which the Fund had exposure at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 and the effect of fluctuations on financial assets and liabilities.

A positive number indicates an increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares where the US dollar weakens against the relevant currency. For a strengthening of the US dollar against the relevant currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares, and the balances below would be negative.

The foreign currency risk disclosure reports the Zimbabwean gold (2023: Zimbabwean dollar) net assets converted using the estimated exchange rate. As at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 the estimated exchange rate was used. Further information relating to the estimated exchange rate has been disclosed in Note 11.

	Currency impact US\$					
EFFECT ON NET ASSE	TS ATTRIE	BUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF RED	EEMABLE SHARES AS	AT 31 DECEMBER 202	24	
CURRENCY		NET ASSETS US\$	+/- 5%	+/- 10%	+/- 20%	
Australian dollar	AUD	9 739 742	486 987	973 974	1 947 948	
British pound	GBP	29 908 068	1 495 403	2 990 807	5 981 614	
Canadian dollar	CAD	2 739 214	136 961	273 921	547 843	
Egyptian pound	EGP	27 047 140	1 352 357	2 704 714	5 409 428	
Euro	EUR	63 269	3 163	6 327	12 654	
Kenyan shilling	KES	10 788 933	539 447	1 078 893	2 157 787	
Nigerian naira	NGN	28 563 170	1 428 159	2 856 317	5 712 634	

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Currency impact US\$					
EFFECT ON NET ASSE	TS ATTRIE	BUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF RED	EEMABLE SHARES AS	AT 31 DECEMBER 202	24
CURRENCY		NET ASSETS US\$	+/- 5%	+/- 10%	+/- 20%
Norwegian krone	NOK	1 552 063	77 603	155 206	310 413
South African rand	ZAR	62 566 865	3 128 343	6 256 686	12 513 373
Ugandan shilling	UGX	9 183 848	459 192	918 385	1 836 770
West African franc	XOF	3 732 188	186 609	373 219	746 438
Zimbabwean gold	ZWG	25 169 250	1 258 463	2 516 925	5 033 850
			10 552 687	21 105 374	42 210 752

# Currency impact

# EFFECT ON NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE SHARES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

CURRENCY		NET ASSETS US\$	+/- 5%	+/- 10%	+/- 20%
Australian dollar	AUD	17 800 616	890 031	1 780 062	3 560 123
British pound	GBP	14 873 529	743 676	1 487 353	2 974 706
Canadian dollar	CAD	2 241 977	112 099	224 198	448 395
Egyptian pound	EGP	31 501 603	1 575 080	3 150 160	6 300 321
Euro	EUR	67 404	3 370	6 740	13 481
Ghanaian cedi	GHS	410 835	20 542	41 083	82 167
Kenyan shilling	KES	5 291 845	264 592	529 185	1 058 369
Nigerian naira	NGN	54 977 812	2 748 891	5 497 781	10 995 562
Norwegian krone	NOK	921 363	46 068	92 136	184 273
South African rand	ZAR	61 213 175	3 060 659	6 121 317	12 242 635
Ugandan shilling	UGX	8 615 382	430 769	861 538	1 723 076
West African franc	XOF	1 334 846	66 742	133 485	266 969
Zimbabwean dollar	ZWL	29 649 194	1 482 460	2 964 919	5 929 839
			11 444 979	22 889 957	45 779 916

# Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations, resulting in financial loss to the Fund.

At year end, financial assets exposed to credit risk comprised cash and cash equivalents and margin accounts. The Investment Manager monitors the creditworthiness of the Fund's counterparties (e.g. brokers, custodians and banks) by reviewing their credit ratings, financial statements and press releases on a regular basis.

The compliance departments of Citibank Europe plc (the 'Administrator') and the Investment Adviser monitor compliance with applicable regulations and the investment mandate on a daily basis.

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The following table provides an analysis of the credit quality of the Fund's financial assets exposed to credit risk at reporting date by rating agency category. The credit quality has been assessed by reference to independent credit rating agencies. Ratings are presented in ascending order of credit risk.

	2024	2023
CREDIT RATING	% OF FUND	% OF FUND
AAA	-	0.2
A+	4.9	4.1
NR	0.3	-
	5.2	4.3

Note that the balance (94.8% of the Fund's net assets, 2023: 95.7%) comprises other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables, which have been excluded from the table above.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund may not be able to generate sufficient cash resources to settle its obligations in full as they fall due or can only do so on terms that are materially disadvantageous.

The Fund invests in markets that are considered emerging markets. Such markets are generally less mature and developed than those in advanced countries. Liquidity risk management rests with the Investment Manager, which has built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Fund's short-, medium- and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements.

The Fund invests primarily in marketable securities and other financial instruments, which under normal market conditions, are readily convertible to cash. In addition, the Fund's policy is to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet normal operating requirements and expected redemption requests.

Trade and other payables are expected to be settled within 30 days. Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares and distributions payable are settled within 30 days.

The Fund's redeemable shares are redeemable for cash or in specie (in kind) equal to the proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value. The Fund is therefore potentially exposed to weekly redemptions by the holders of redeemable shares.

The Fund may not borrow other than to meet redemptions and such borrowing is limited to 10% of the Fund's net asset value and must be repaid within 90 days. The Investment Adviser's compliance department monitors compliance with the applicable requirements.

Where total members' redemptions on any dealing day are more than US\$5 000 000 or 2.5% of the total net asset value of the Fund (whichever is less), the Investment Manager may, at its discretion, redeem only 2.5% of the total net asset value of the Fund or US\$5 000 000 (whichever is less), on a pro rata basis

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among the members of such Fund, per dealing day. If any redemptions requests are not satisfied in full, the balance thereof will be carried forward to the following dealing day, subject to the same 2.5% restriction. The Investment Manager retains the right to distribute all or part of the redemption proceeds in specie.

#### 7.2 Fair value

The directors of the Fund are of the opinion that the fair value of all financial instruments, other than those measured at fair value through profit or loss, approximates the carrying amount in the Statement of financial position as these balances are due within 30 days. IFRS 7 and IFRS 13 require fair value measurements to be disclosed by the source of inputs, using a three-level hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1 quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 those involving inputs that are directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 those with inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities traded in active liquid markets such as listed equity securities are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading, and are classified within level 1.

An active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Certain investments that are not valued using the quoted market price on the securities exchange can be valued based on other observable market data at the discretion of the Investment Manager. Securities not traded through recognised public securities exchanges can be valued on the valuation date based on other reliable sources, such as quotations by recognised investment dealers, at the discretion of the Investment Manager. Investments not listed on public securities exchanges, or for which reliable quotations are not readily available, are valued using valuation models based on assumptions that may not be supported by observable market inputs. These investments are classified as level 2 or 3.

Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy, if any, are deemed to have occurred at the beginning of the reporting period.

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The following table analyses financial instruments, measured at fair value at 31 December 2024, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised.

	US\$			
	Quoted market prices (Level 1)	Observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Equities	226 436 468	-	-	226 436 468
Futures contracts	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	226 436 468	-	-	226 436 468

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 31 December 2024.

The table below analyses financial instruments, measured at fair value at 31 December 2023, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised.

	US\$			
	Quoted market prices (Level 1)	Observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Equities	238 529 941	-	-	238 529 941
Futures contracts	-	5 298 420	-	5 298 420
TOTAL	238 529 941	5 298 420	-	243 828 361

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 31 December 2023.

#### 8. Share capital

Notwithstanding that the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares are classified as financial liabilities, the directors of the Fund consider these to represent the Fund's capital. The number of shares issued and redeemed during the years is reported below. The Fund's authorised share capital at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 is detailed below. Fund shares are divided into three share classes (Class A, Class B and Class C), which participate pro rata in the Fund's net assets and income distributions, and are redeemable and non-voting. Founder shares do not participate in the Fund's portfolio, are redeemable at par value only after all Fund shares have been redeemed, and carry the right to vote. If the Fund is wound up or dissolved, the Founder shares will participate only to the extent of their par value. All of the authorised Founder shares of the Fund have been issued as fully paid and are held by the Investment Manager. The Founder shares are classified as a trade and other payable in the Statement of financial position. As at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023, only shares in Class A and Class B had been issued.

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	Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund Limited
Fund shares par value (per share)	US\$0.10
Authorised Fund shares	100 000 000
Founder shares par value (per share)	US\$1.00
Authorised and issued Founder shares	12 000

Fund share transactions (shares)	Class A	Class B	Total
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2022	990 469	258 072	1 248 541
Subscriptions	171	23 292	23 463
Redemptions	(2 500)	(63 151)	(65 651)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	988 140	218 213	1 206 353
Subscriptions	4 341	-	4 341
Redemptions	(28 501)	(7 236)	(35 737)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2024	963 980	210 977	1 174 957

Fund share transactions (US\$)	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
Subscriptions	1 254 030	4 650 487
Redemptions	(8 076 454)	(14 126 004)
NET CAPITAL REDEMPTIONS	(6 822 424)	(9 475 517)

Net asset value per share	Class A	Class B
On 31 December 2023	205.89	223.11
On 31 December 2024	198.30	215.36

No income distributions were declared by the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

The Fund is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

# 9. Related party transactions

The Orbis Group of funds ('Orbis funds') are managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited. A related party relationship exists between Orbis Investment Management Limited and Allan Gray Bermuda Limited, the Investment Manager of the Fund, by virtue of a common ultimate shareholder. At 31 December 2024, Orbis funds and Orbis Investment Management Limited held 683 586 (2023: 706 862) shares of the Fund.

At 31 December 2024, the Allan Gray South African Unit Trusts held 129 673 (2023: 132 475) shares in the Fund. Allan Gray Life Limited, a subsidiary of the Investment Adviser held 7 537 (2023: 10 012) shares in the Fund.

No rights, contingent or otherwise, to subscribe for shares have been granted to the Investment Manager's directors and the directors of the Fund.

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The Investment Manager acquired and disposed of nil (2023: 23 292) Class B shares in the Fund during the financial year.

The directors of the Fund received total fees of US\$15 000 from the Fund (2023: US\$15 000). During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, a director waived his fee of US\$5 000 (2023: US\$5 000).

The Investment Manager's fee charged to the Fund consists of a base fee (Class A: 1%; Class C: 0.7%) and a 20% sharing of the Fund's out- or underperformance of its benchmark subject to a minimum of 0% and a maximum of 5% (Class A) or 4.7% (Class C) per annum and a high watermark principle. Affiliates of the Investment Manager within the Allan Gray group manage global asset portfolios for their clients as well as a number of Allan Gray's institutional asset pools and collective investment schemes (collectively 'the Institutional Clients'). To avoid the layering of fees, applicable Institutional Clients are invested in the Class B shares where the Investment Manager does not charge a fee to the Fund.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2024, the management fees incurred by the Fund were US\$548 036 (2023: US\$5 785 324). At 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 there were no management fees payable by the Fund.

#### 10. Derivative contracts

Typically, derivative contracts serve as components of the Fund's investment strategy and are utilised primarily to structure and hedge investments, to enhance performance and reduce risk to the Fund (the Fund does not designate any derivative as a hedging instrument for hedge accounting purposes). The derivative contracts that the Fund holds include futures. The Fund uses derivative financial instruments to hedge its risks associated primarily with fair value risks relating to equity instruments.

Derivatives often reflect at their inception only a mutual exchange of promises with little or no transfer of tangible consideration. However, these instruments frequently involve a high degree of leverage and are very volatile. A relatively small movement in the underlying of a derivative contract may have a significant impact on the profit or loss of the Fund.

#### **Futures contracts**

Futures contracts are contractual agreements to buy or sell a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Futures contracts are transacted in the over-the-counter market in standardised amounts and are subject to daily cash margin requirements.

At 31 December 2024, the Fund had no credit exposure to the counterparties of futures contracts as all open contracts were settled prior to year end. The following table discloses the total exposure and fair value gains and losses recognised over the period.

Futures contracts held for risk management purposes:

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	2024 US\$	2023 US\$
Futures contracts (total exposure)	-	7 808 198
Fair value gains recognised during the year	4 882 001	5 490 726

# 11. The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates

During the year ended 31 December 2024, Zimbabwe introduced the Zimbabwe gold (ZWG) as the new official currency to replace the Zimbabwe dollar (ZWL). Prior to the introduction of ZWG in April 2024, foreign exchange auctions were suspended and there was no formal mechanism for the Fund to repatriate the ZWL.

A 'willing buyer willing seller' mechanism was re-introduced in tandem with the new currency. However capital controls, limited liquidity, and significant delays beyond ordinary administrative delays persist. As such, the Fund's net assets denominated in ZWG are not considered readily convertible into the Fund's functional currency. The ZWG is therefore deemed to be lacking exchangeability for the purposes of the Fund financial statements.

Accordingly, the Fund's net assets denominated in ZWG have been translated using an estimated exchange rate which is considered to be a fair representation of the US dollar exchange rate at which an orderly exchange transaction would take place at the measurement date between market participants under prevailing economic conditions.

While there are still issues around the accessibility of US dollars for Zimbabwean investments and lack of exchangeability persists, the Fund has observed some improvements in the frequency and quantity of allocations. The actual foreign exchange allocations received reflect implicit exchange rates which align with the official exchange rate. It is therefore considered appropriate to use the official exchange rate as an estimated rate as it is reflective of the observable rate in the market. The Fund has calculated an estimated ZWG exchange rate to be 25.80 ZWG:USD (2023: 5 903 ZWL:USD) as at 31 December 2024.

As at 31 December 2024, there has been no impact to the carrying value of the Fund's net assets denominated in Zimbabwe gold since the estimated rate approximated the official exchange rate.

#### CHARACTERISTICS AND DIRECTORY

#### Domicile and structure

Bermuda open-ended investment company

#### Regulation

The Fund is incorporated and registered under the laws of Bermuda and is supervised by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. The Fund is also listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

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