

# **BIAS BALANCED FUND – US \$ SEGREGATED PORTFOLIO**

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The **Balanced** Segregated Portfolio ("the Fund") holds a portfolio of global equities or limited partnership interests together with money market instruments, corporate bonds and government bonds of countries that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") and other income producing securities.

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We are pleased to present the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023. The net asset value per share of the Fund increased from \$145.53 as at 31st December 2022 to \$165.81 as at 31st December 2023. This increase represents a total return after fees for the Fund of 13.9% for the 2023 calendar year. The total assets of the Fund increased from \$48.4 million to \$53.0 million over the calendar year ending December 31, 2023.

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

2023 marked a comeback story to both stock and bond market performance after a brutal 2022. Bolstered by the combination of solid economic data, better than expected corporate earnings, and an apparent end to the Fed's interest rate hikes, the S&P 500 rallied 24.23% and two-year US Treasuries returned 3.81%. In the US, large cap growth stocks outperformed large cap value stocks as the Fed approached the end of the rate hike cycle and an emerging boom in artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. Europe led the rally in Developed Markets on disinflationary trends while Mexico and India gained as manufacturing shifted away from China. Inside the S&P 500, the Information Technology sector posted a 56.4% return on optimism of generative AI. Our decision to favour stocks in the Information Technology sector whilst only having marginal exposure to Utilities and Consumer Staples stocks was correct. Our stock selection in Financials also boosted performance. The fixed income portion of the Fund had a relatively short duration throughout the year which benefited the Fund in the first nine months. In the final quarter of the year, yields fell on expectations of the Fed embarking on an aggressive rate cut cycle. Given the Fund's relatively shorter duration the bond portion of the Fund posted a positive return, albeit slightly behind that of the benchmark in the final quarter of the year.

#### OUTLOOK

Inflation is coming down in the US, but we think the strong labour market and solid economic data will keep the Fed from delivering as many rate hikes as the market currently anticipates and we are comfortable with an allocation of 60 percent in equities and 40 percent in fixed income. Japan is one of our top picks. Japan has exited negative interest policy and will hold on to an accommodative monetary policy stance, which is positive news for earnings, as exports grows. Growth prospects in Europe have improved but the region still lags its peers. In Emerging Markets, strong demand and innovation across semiconductors driven by AI will be positive for South Korea and Taiwan. India is the largest beneficiary of supply chain diversification, and the nation is revitalizing its manufacturing capacity with pro-growth policies. For fixed income we keep duration short and will gradually add longer duration bonds to lock in better yields in a laddered approach.

Robert R. Pires, MBA, CFA

Chairman

**BIAS Global Portfolios SPC** 

BIAS Balanced Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio

April 23, 2024

# BALANCED FUND FACT SHEET

As at 31st December 2023

# **OBJECTIVE**

The Fund is invested to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets. The policy is to hold a portfolio of equities or limited partnership interests together with money market instruments, corporate bonds and Eurobonds of issuers throughout the world, government bonds of countries that are members of the OECD and other income producing securities. This combination of investment and geographical spread should provide the Fund with the necessary diversification that would be required to reduce risk and maximise returns.

#### **PROFILE**

 $\Delta$  Share Price/ NAV: \$165.82

Δ Net Assets: \$53.20MΔ Share Class: Class A

Δ Fund Inception: 29 Dec 2006

Δ ISIN: KYG108811111
 Δ Bloomberg: BIASGLB KY
 Δ Domicile: Cayman Islands
 Δ Fiscal Year-End: 31 Dec

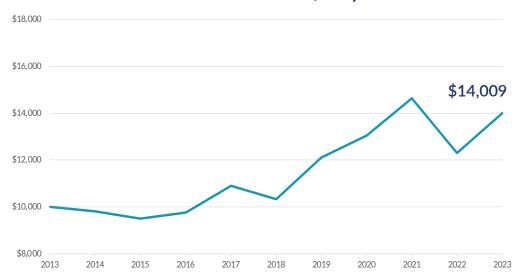
△ Subscription/Redemption: Weekly

Δ Base Currency: USD
Δ Benchmark\*: 30% S&P 500, 30% S&P Global 1200, 20% US Treasury 1-3, 20% US Treasury 3-7

Δ **Fund Administrator:** NAV

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# **ACTUAL GROWTH OF \$10,000**



As at 31st December 2023. Actual growth of \$10,000 is for illustrative purposes only. Returns assume the reinvestment of distributions and do not reflect additional deposits or withdrawals. Results would be less favourable if withdrawals were included.

# **PERFORMANCE**

(As at 31st December 2023.

Returns are annualised for periods longer than 1 year)

1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
13.94%	2.40%	6.27%	3.43%

#### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

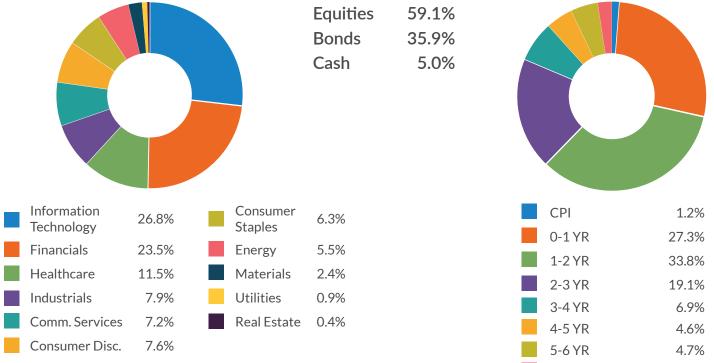
Holding	Weight
MICROSOFT CORP	4.14%
APPLE INC	3.83%
ISHARES MSCI JAPAN ETF (US)	2.57%
VANGUARD FTSE EUROPEAN ETF	2.51%
NVIDIA CORP	2.38%
AMAZON.COM INC.	2.29%
MASTERCARD INC	1.95%
US TREASURY N/B 2.125% MAR 24	1.87%
US TREASURY N/B 3% JUL 24	1.86%
US TREASURY N/B 2.75% FEB 25	1.85%



# SUITABILITY

The BIAS Balanced Fund is for a person with a conservative or moderate tolerance for risk and those who can withstand minimal fluctuations in returns. One needs to be willing to stay invested for a few years. The BIAS Balanced Fund is a medium-term strategy.

# EQUITY ALLOCATION ASSET ALLOCATION BOND ALLOCATION Fauities 59.1%



#### DISCLAIMER

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance is reported as net and is calculated after management fees have been taken. Performance does not include any additional annual fees, plan member fees, redemption fees, transaction fees and costs. If such costs and fees were reflected, the overall return to the Client would be lower.

You cannot invest directly in an index. Accordingly, performance results for investment indexes do not reflect the deduction of transaction and or custodial charges or the deduction of an investment management fee, the incurrence of which would have the effect of decreasing historical performance results.

**The BIAS Global Portfolios SPC mutual funds are subject to risks,** uncertainties, unforeseen circumstances and assumptions with respect to the assets under management. These risks may materially affect the performance of the funds and one should be prepared to bear losses as future returns are unpredictable.

The information provided in this Fund Fact Sheet is not investment advice. The information provided herein is for informational purposes only and does not consider your individual needs, investment objectives and specific financial circumstances. Bermuda Investment Advisory Services Limited and BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. and its related companies do not assume nor accept any liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect, or consequential loss arising from or in connection with any use or reliance of this information or anything contained in it.

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Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2023

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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of: BIAS Global Portfolios, SPC – BIAS Balanced Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of BIAS Global Portfolios, SPC – BIAS Balanced Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio ("the Fund"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of comprehensive loss, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

#### **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 Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Cayman Islands, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and 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 our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Existence and valuation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Refer to the accounting policies and financial disclosures in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Description of the key audit matter

The Fund's debt and equity investment portfolio makes up 95% of total assets (by value) and is considered to be the key driver of the Fund's capital and revenue performance. We do not consider these investments to be at high risk of significant misstatement, or to be subject to a significant level of judgement, because they comprise liquid, quoted investments that are held by third party custodians. However, due to their materiality in the context of the financial statements as a whole, they are considered of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. in the audit of the financial statements.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures over the completeness, existence and valuation of the Fund's debt and quoted equity investment portfolio included, but were not limited to:

- Documenting the processes in place to record investment transactions and to value the portfolio;
- Agreeing the valuation of 100% of the debt and equity investment portfolio to externally quoted prices; and
- Agreeing 100% of the debt and equity investment portfolio to independently received third party confirmations.

No material exceptions were noted as part of our testing.



# Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the letter from the Chairman and fact sheet, but does not include the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon.

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 Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs 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.

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# Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the 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 engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent Auditor's report is Jeff Kelly.

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Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

May 15, 2024

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

December 31, 2023

(Expressed in United States dollars)

	Note		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3, 6	\$	2,594,135	\$	693,064
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5, 6, 10		50,395,893		47,497,152
Interest and dividend receivable			175,561		161,455
Subscription receivable			-		469
Receivable from affiliate	12		49,965		-
Other assets		_	7,827		8,162
Total assets		\$ _	53,223,381	\$ _	48,360,302
Equity					
Redeemable share capital	8, 12	\$	3,200	\$	3,318
Share premium			32,611,294		34,431,820
Retained earnings			20,434,671		13,849,563
Total equity (net assets)		\$	53,049,165	\$ _	48,284,701
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7	\$	94,083	\$	75,601
Redemptions payable			60,160		-
Payable to affiliate	12	_	19,973	_	-
Total liabilities		\$	174,216	\$	75,601
Total equity and liabilities		\$	53,223,381	\$	48,360,302
Class A Shares outstanding	8, 12	_	319,949		331,782
Net asset value per share		\$	165.81	\$	145.53

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Authorised for issue on behalf of the Board of Directors on April 29, 2024:

### ROBERT R. PIRES

Director

#### **RANKINE MCMILLAN**

Director

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

Year ended December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

	Note		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
Investment income/(loss)					
Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial					
assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	\$	5,522,819	\$	(8,023,495)
Net realised gain/(loss) on sale of financial assets at					
fair value through profit or loss	5		994,452		(1,000,825)
Dividends			524,894		556,853
Interest income	4		401,640		378,601
Miscellaneous income		_	14,612	_	8,456
Total investment income/(loss)		_	7,458,417	_	(8,080,410)
Expenses					
Management fees	7		(599,395)		(551,547)
Withholding tax expense	9		(98,079)		(144,942)
Custody and administration fees	7		(94,801)		(108,280)
Other general expenses			(72,671)		(63,518)
Directors' fees	7		(7,086)		(5,400)
Interest expenses		_	(1,277)	_	
Total expenses			(873,309)		(873,687)
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		\$	6,585,108	\$	(8,954,097)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

Year ended December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

		Redeemable Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	_	Total
Balance as at December 31, 2021	\$	3,227	33,051,879	22,803,660	\$	55,858,766
Total comprehensive loss for the year Comprehensive loss for the year	•	-		(8,954,097)		(8,954,097)
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity Contributions and redemptions to shareholders	•					
Issue of Class A Shares		249	3,799,139	_		3,799,388
Redemption of Class A Shares		(158)	(2,419,198)	-		(2,419,356)
Total transactions with owners	•	91	1,379,941	-		1,380,032
Balance as at December 31, 2022	\$	3,318	34,431,820	13,849,563	\$	48,284,701
Total comprehensive income for the year						
Comprehensive income for the year		-	-	6,585,108		6,585,108
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity Contributions and redemptions to shareholders						
Issue of Class A Shares		382	6,011,532	-		6,011,914
Redemption of Class A Shares		(500)	(7,832,058)	-		(7,832,558)
Total transactions with owners		(118)	(1,820,526)	-		(1,820,644)
Balance as at December 31, 2023	\$	3,200	32,611,294	20,434,671	\$	53,049,165

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

#### **Statements of Cash Flows**

Year ended December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities				
Comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	\$	6,585,108	\$	(8,954,097)
Adjustments to reconcile profit/(loss) to net cash provided				
by/(used in) by operating activities:				
Amortisation and accretion of bond premiums and		250 526		155540
discounts		259,526		175,749
Purchase of investments		(7,541,235)		(14,076,515)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments		10,900,239		10,596,386
Net realised (gain)/loss on sale and maturity of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(994,452)		1,000,825
Change in net unrealised (gain)/loss on financial assets		(994,432)		1,000,623
at fair value through profit or loss		(5,522,819)		8,023,495
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		(3,322,017)		0,023,473
Interest and other income receivable		(14,106)		(64,613)
Receivable from affiliate		(49,965)		-
Other assets		335		(6,833)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		18,482		(6,419)
Payable to affiliate		19,973	_	<u> </u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		3,661,086		(3,312,022)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from subscriptions of Class A Shares		2,497,892		3,641,586
Payments on redemptions of Class A Shares		(4,257,907)	_	(2,262,023)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		(1,760,015)		1,379,563
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,901,071		(1,932,459)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		693,064		2,625,523
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	2,594,135	\$	693,064
Sumplemental information				
Supplemental information Interest received	\$	388,094	\$	312,181
Dividend received	Ψ =	524,333	Φ =	558,661
	_		_	
Taxes paid	_	98,079	_	144,942
Interest paid	_	1,277	_	
Transfers between shareholders	_	3,514,491	_	157,333

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

#### 1. Incorporation and principal activity

BIAS Global Portfolios, SPC (the "Company") was incorporated as a Cayman Islands exempted limited company and registered as a segregated portfolio company under the Companies Act of the Cayman Islands on July 11, 2006. The Company registered under the Mutual Funds Act of the Cayman Islands on November 21, 2006. The address of its registered office is Stuarts Corporate Services Ltd. P.O. Box 2510, Kensington House, 69 Dr Roy's Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1104, Cayman Islands.

The Company established BIAS Global Balanced Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio (the "Fund"), a segregated portfolio of assets, on December 15, 2006. The Fund commenced operations on December 29, 2006, and was subsequently renamed BIAS Balanced Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio.

At December 31, 2023, the Company has three segregated portfolios, namely, the Fund, BIAS Equities Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio and BIAS Short Duration Income Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio (the "Segregated Portfolios"). Additional segregated portfolios may be established by the Company in the future at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. As a matter of Cayman Islands law, the assets of one segregated portfolio will not be available to meet the liabilities of another. However, the Company is a single legal entity which may operate or have assets held on its behalf or be subject to claims in other jurisdictions which may not necessarily recognise such segregation.

The Fund's Class A Shares are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and the Bermuda Stock Exchange.

The Fund is a segregated portfolio and a separate individually managed pool of assets constituting, in effect, a separate fund with its own investment objective. The assets, liabilities, and results of operations of the Company or other segregated portfolios are not included in these financial statements. BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. (the "Investment Manager" and "Sub-custodian"), a related party through common directors, acts as the Fund's Investment Manager and Sub-custodian under the Investment Management and Sub-custody Agreements. The Investment Manager has entered into an agreement to delegate its duties to Bermuda Investment Advisory Services Limited (the "Sub-Manager"). The Investment Manager has entered into an agreement to delegate some of its investment management responsibilities relating to a specific strategy for the Fund to NovaPoint Capital LLC ("NovaPoint"). Comerica Bank (the "Custodian") acts as the Fund's primary custodian, and Apex Fund Services (Cayman) Ltd. acted as the Fund's administrator up to July 31, 2023 and has been replaced by NAV Fund Services (Cayman) Ltd. (the "Administrator") as the Fund's administrator effective August 1, 2023.

Assets are identified as either general Company or Segregated Portfolio assets. Those attributable to a segregated portfolio comprise assets representing the total equity attributable to the segregated portfolio and other assets attributable to or held within that segregated portfolio. They are held separately from, and are not comingled with, assets of the other segregated portfolios noted above. The general assets of the Company comprise a cash balance of \$1, representing the amount received upon issuance of the Ordinary Shares (see Note 8). As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the general assets are not presented separately on the statement of financial position due to immateriality. No income or expenses have been attributed to the general assets to date.

The objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets. The policy of the Investment Manager and Sub-Manager is to hold a portfolio of global equities or limited partnership interests together with money market instruments, corporate bonds and Eurobonds of issuers throughout the world, government bonds of countries that are members of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and other income producing securities.

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

December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

#### 2. Accounting policy information

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and are consistent with prior year.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The financial statements are presented in United States ("US") dollars, which is also the Fund's functional currency, and not the local currency of the Cayman Islands reflecting the fact that the Fund's Class A Shares are issued in US dollars, and assets and liabilities are denominated in US dollars.

The statement of financial position present assets and liabilities in decreasing order of liquidity and do not distinguish between current and non-current items. All of the Fund's assets and liabilities are held for the purpose of being traded or are expected to be realised within one year.

These financial statements are prepared on a fair value basis for financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss. Other financial assets and liabilities and non-financial assets and liabilities are stated at amortised cost or redemption amount which is considered to approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these assets and liabilities.

Standards and amendments to existing standards effective January 1, 2023

A number of new standards, amendments to standards or interpretations were effective for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, including:

(i) IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements'

The amendments, issued in February 2021, are intended to help preparers in deciding which accounting policies to disclose in their financial statements.

(ii) IAS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors'

The amendments, issued in February 2021, introduce the definition of an accounting estimate and include other amendments to IAS 8 to help entities distinguish changes in accounting estimates from changes in accounting policies.

The adoption of these amendments did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Fund.

New standards and amendments effective after January 1, 2024 and have not been early adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended December 31, 2023 and have not been applied in the preparation of these financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the financial statements of the Company are as follows:

(i) IAS 1 'Classification of liabilities as current or non-current'

The amendments, issued in January 2020, provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities under IAS 1 based on the contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. The amendments were originally effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, however, their effective date has been delayed to January 1, 2024. Early application is permitted.

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

December 31, 2023 (Expressed in United States dollars)

#### 2. Accounting policy information (continued)

(ii) IAS 7 'Statement of cash flows' and IFRS 7 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'

The amendments, issued in May 2023, introduce additional disclosure requirements for companies that enter into supplier finance arrangements. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Early application is permitted.

Management is currently assessing the impact of the adoption of the above standards and amendments on the financial statements of the Fund.

#### (b) Investment income and expense

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and is reported gross of withholding tax and the corresponding withholding tax is recognised as a tax expense. Bank interest income and expense is accounted for on the accrual basis.

Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss, using the effective interest method.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument (or, when appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial instrument. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Fund estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses. Interest received or receivable is recognised in profit or loss as interest income.

#### (c) Financial assets and liabilities

#### (i) Classification

The Fund classifies its investments based on both the Fund's business model for managing those financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The portfolio of financial assets is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The Fund is primarily focused on fair value information and uses that information to assess the assets' performance and to make decisions. The Fund has not taken the option to irrevocably designate any equity securities as fair value through other comprehensive income. The contractual cash flows of the Fund's debt securities are solely principal and interest, however, these securities are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the Fund's business model's objective. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss and are held for trading. As such, the Fund classifies all of its investment portfolio as financial assets as fair value through profit or loss. The Fund's policy requires the Investment Manager and the Board of Directors to evaluate the information about these financial assets and liabilities on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

Financial assets and liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, and include interest and dividend receivable, receivable from an affiliate, other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses, redemptions payable and payable to affiliate.

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#### 2. Accounting policy information (continued)

#### (c) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

#### (ii) Recognition/derecognition

Purchases and sales of investments are initially recognised on the trade date – the date on which the Fund commits to purchase or sell the investment. Other financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the date the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Investments and other financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Fund has transferred all risks and rewards of ownership. The Fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category is included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise within net realised gains/losses on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Movements in unrealised gains and losses on financial assets are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within change in net unrealised gains/losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### (iii) Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value, with transaction costs recognised in profit or loss. 'Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Fund has access at that date.

#### (iv) Fair value measurement principles

The Fund's investments are valued on Friday of each week and at each month-end (the "Valuation Date"). In accordance with IFRS 13, for those financial assets and liabilities, at fair value through profit and loss, which have a quoted price in an active market, the Fund uses the last traded price in cases where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. Where the last traded price falls outside the bid-ask spread, the bid price is used for long and the ask price for securities held short. There were no listed financial equity instruments for which quotations were not readily available in active markets on a recognised public stock exchange during any of the periods presented.

The fair value of fixed income securities is estimated using market price quotations (where observable).

The fair value of mutual funds and hedge funds are based on the net asset value of the Fund's investment in those underlying funds as published or otherwise reported by the underlying administrators. The mutual funds and hedge funds in which the Fund invests will generally value securities on a national securities exchange or reported on a national market at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation.

#### (v) Identification and measurement of impairment

A financial asset not classified at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. A financial asset is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that loss event had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

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

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#### 2. Accounting policy information (continued)

#### (c) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

#### (v) Identification and measurement of impairment (continued)

Impairment losses on assets carried at amortised cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when incurred. Interest on impaired assets continues to be recognised. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through the statement of comprehensive income. There are no impairments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### (vi) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Fund has a legal right to offset the amounts and it intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis for gains and losses from financial instruments at fair through profit or loss and foreign exchange gains and losses. There is no offsetting in the statements of financial position at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### (d) Operating expenses

The Fund is responsible for all normal operating expenses including audit fees, stamp and other duties and charges incurred on the acquisition and realisation of investments. All expenses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on the accrual basis.

#### (e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank, money market investments, and balances held with the investment broker with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value. Money market funds are valued at the net asset value as provided by the managers of the underlying funds.

#### (f) Share capital

The Fund classifies financial instruments issued as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instruments.

Ordinary Shares are classified as share capital of the Company. The Class A Shares are the most subordinate class of financial instruments in the Fund. The Class A Shares provide investors with the right to require redemption for cash at a value proportionate to the investor's share in the Fund's net assets at each weekly redemption date and also in the event of the Fund's liquidation.

A puttable financial instrument that includes a contractual obligation for the Fund to repurchase or redeem that instrument for cash or another financial asset is classified as equity, if it meets all of the following conditions:

- it entitles the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- it is in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments;
- all financial instruments in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments have identical features;
- apart from the contractual obligation for the Fund to repurchase or redeem the instrument for cash
  or another financial asset, the instrument does not include any other features that would require
  classification as a liability; and

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

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#### 2. Accounting policy information (continued)

#### (f) Share capital (continued)

• the total expected cash flows attributable to the instrument over its life are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument.

The Fund's Class A Shares meet these conditions and are classified as equity.

When Class A Shares recognised as equity are redeemed, the par value of the shares is presented as a deduction from redeemable share capital. Any premium or discount to par value is recognised as an adjustment to share premium, or if insufficient to retained earnings. Redemptions payable are classified as financial liabilities and are measured at the present value of the redemption amounts.

#### (g) Foreign currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than US dollars are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the year-end date. Transactions in other currencies during the year are translated to US dollars at the rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. The resulting profits or losses are disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income.

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss as net foreign exchange loss, except for those arising on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss, which are recognised as a component of net realised gain on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss or change in net unrealised gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

### (h) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Management does not believe that the estimates and assumptions have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### 3. Cash and cash equivalents

			<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
	Money market funds held at brokers	\$_	2,594,135	\$ _	693,064
	Total	\$ =	2,594,135	\$ _	693,064
4.	Interest income				
			<u>2023</u>		2022
	Interest income on financial assets carried at amortised cost:  Cash and cash equivalents  Interest income on financial assets designated at fair value	\$	49,300	\$	30,971
	through profit or loss:  Debt securities	\$	352,340	\$	347,630
		=	401,640	=	378,601

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

The following tables summarise financial assets classified at fair value through profit or loss as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related changes as presented in the statements of financial position and comprehensive income:

<u>2023</u>		Cost	<u>Fair value</u>
Financial assets held for trading:			
Government bonds	\$	10,499,937	\$ 10,213,652
Corporate bonds	•	9,007,438	8,836,458
Equity securities		14,509,330	24,122,488
Exchange traded funds		5,957,973	6,980,346
Fund Investments		266,890	242,949
Total	\$	40,241,568	\$ 50,395,893
2022		Cost	Fair value
2022		<u> </u>	Tur vurue
Financial assets held for trading:			
Government bonds	\$	9,625,448	\$ 9,172,734
Corporate bonds		10,887,813	10,321,870
Equity securities		19,925,854	25,632,872
Exchange traded funds		2,174,263	2,132,056
Fund Investments	_	252,268	237,620
Total	\$	42,865,646	\$ 47,497,152
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net realised gain/(loss) on sale of financial assets			
at fair value through profit or loss:			
Equity securities, corporate and government bonds	\$_	994,452	\$ (1,000,825)
Change in net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets			
at fair value through profit or loss:			
Government bonds	\$	166,429	\$ (435,737)
Corporate bonds		394,963	(279,152)
Equity securities		3,906,140	(7,098,094)
Exchange traded funds		1,064,580	(195,864)
Fund Investments	_	(9,293)	(14,648)
Total	\$	5,522,819	\$ (8,023,495)

The net realised gain/(loss) on sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss represents the difference between the acquisition price, or the carrying amount of a financial instrument, and its sale/settlement price. The change in net unrealised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss represents the difference between the acquisition price, or carrying amount of the respective financial instrument at the beginning of the period, and its carrying amount at the end of the period.

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

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#### 6. Fair values of financial instruments

The Fund measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in measuring fair value:

- Level 1: Inputs are unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access at the valuation date. An active market for the asset or liability is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Level 2 inputs include the following:
  - a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
  - b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, that is, markets in which there are few transactions for the asset or liability, the prices are not current, or price quotations vary substantially either over time or among market makers, or in which little information is released publicly.
  - c) Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (e.g. interest rate and yield curves observable at commonly quoted intervals, volatilities, prepayment speeds, loss severities, credit risks and default rates).
  - d) Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions about how market participants would be expected to value the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances, other than market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund and might include the Fund's own data.

An investment is always categorised as Level 1, 2 or 3 in its entirety. In certain cases, the fair value measurement for an investment may use a number of different inputs that fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and is specific to the investment.

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

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#### 6. Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

The following table analyses, under the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2023 by geographic location:

Money market funds	<u>2023</u>	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		<u>Total</u>
Government bonds: United States 10,213,652 10,213,652 Total government bonds 10,213,652 10,213,652  Corporate bonds: United States - 6,377,548 - 6,377,548 United States - 494,740 - 494,740 Canada - 1,231,420 - 1,231,420 Norway - 488,030 - 488,030 Luxembourg - 244,720 - 244,720 Total corporate bonds - 8,836,458 - 8,836,458  Equity securities: United States 21,726,805 21,726,805 Ireland 357,925 357,925 Canada 1,615,780 1,615,780 Switzerland 421,978 421,978 Total equity securities 24,122,488 24,122,488  Exchange traded funds: United States 6,980,346 26,980,346 Total exchange traded funds 6,980,346 Total exchange traded funds 6,980,346 Total investment: United States 242,949 242,949 Total fund investment 242,949	Financial Assets							
United States         10,213,652         -         -         10,213,652           Total government bonds         10,213,652         -         -         10,213,652           Corporate bonds:           United States         -         6,377,548         -         6,377,548           United Kingdom         -         494,740         -         494,740           Canada         -         1,231,420         -         1,231,420           Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:           United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,129,78           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds: <tr< td=""><td>Money market funds</td><td>\$ 2,594,135</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>-</td><td>\$</td><td>2,594,135</td></tr<>	Money market funds	\$ 2,594,135	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,594,135
Total government bonds         10,213,652         -         -         10,213,652           Corporate bonds:         United States         -         6,377,548         -         6,377,548           United States         -         6,377,548         -         6,377,548           United Kingdom         -         494,740         -         494,740           Canada         -         1,231,420         -         1,231,420           Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,1978           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         United States         6,980,346         -	Government bonds:							
Corporate bonds: United States	United States	10,213,652	_		_	-	_	10,213,652
United States         -         6,377,548         -         6,377,548           United Kingdom         -         494,740         -         494,740           Canada         -         1,231,420         -         1,231,420           Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,129,488           Exchange traded funds:         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         United States         242,949         -         -         242,949     <	Total government bonds	10,213,652	•		•		-	10,213,652
United Kingdom         -         494,740         -         494,740           Canada         -         1,231,420         -         1,231,420           Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         United States         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         United States         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -	Corporate bonds:							
Canada         -         1,231,420         -         1,231,420           Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,1978           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         United States         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         United States         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -         242,949	United States	-		6,377,548		-		6,377,548
Norway         -         488,030         -         488,030           Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         -         -         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         24,129,488           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         -         -         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         -         -         -         6,980,346           Total fund investment         -         -         -	United Kingdom	-		494,740		=		494,740
Luxembourg         -         244,720         -         244,720           Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         421,978           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         United States         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         United States         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -         242,949	Canada	-		1,231,420		=		1,231,420
Total corporate bonds         -         8,836,458         -         8,836,458           Equity securities:         United States         21,726,805         -         -         21,726,805           Ireland         357,925         -         -         357,925           Canada         1,615,780         -         -         1,615,780           Switzerland         421,978         -         -         421,978           Total equity securities         24,122,488         -         -         24,122,488           Exchange traded funds:         United States         -         -         6,980,346           Total exchange traded funds         6,980,346         -         -         6,980,346           Fund investment:         -         -         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -         242,949	Norway	-		488,030		=		488,030
Equity securities: United States 21,726,805 21,726,805 Ireland 357,925 357,925 Canada 1,615,780 1,615,780 Switzerland 421,978 421,978 Total equity securities 24,122,488 24,122,488  Exchange traded funds: United States 6,980,346 6,980,346 Total exchange traded funds 6,980,346 6,980,346  Fund investment: United States 242,949 242,949 Total fund investment 242,949 242,949	Luxembourg			244,720		-	_	244,720
United States       21,726,805       -       -       21,726,805         Ireland       357,925       -       -       357,925         Canada       1,615,780       -       -       1,615,780         Switzerland       421,978       -       -       421,978         Total equity securities       24,122,488       -       -       24,122,488         Exchange traded funds:       United States       -       -       6,980,346         Total exchange traded funds       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Fund investment:       United States       242,949       -       -       242,949         Total fund investment       242,949       -       -       242,949	Total corporate bonds			8,836,458			=	8,836,458
United States       21,726,805       -       -       21,726,805         Ireland       357,925       -       -       357,925         Canada       1,615,780       -       -       1,615,780         Switzerland       421,978       -       -       421,978         Total equity securities       24,122,488       -       -       24,122,488         Exchange traded funds:       United States       -       -       6,980,346         Total exchange traded funds       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Fund investment:       United States       242,949       -       -       242,949         Total fund investment       242,949       -       -       242,949	Fauity securities:							
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Switzerland       421,978       -       -       421,978         Total equity securities       24,122,488       -       -       24,122,488         Exchange traded funds:       United States       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Total exchange traded funds       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Fund investment:       United States       242,949       -       -       242,949         Total fund investment       242,949       -       -       242,949		-		-		_		
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United States       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Total exchange traded funds       6,980,346       -       -       6,980,346         Fund investment:       United States       242,949       -       -       242,949         Total fund investment       242,949       -       -       242,949	Exchange traded funds:							
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United States         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -         242,949				-		-		
United States         242,949         -         -         242,949           Total fund investment         242,949         -         -         242,949	Fund investment							
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			•		•		-	
	Total	\$ 44,153,570	\$	8,836,458	\$		\$	52,990,028

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#### 6. Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

The following table analyses, under the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2022:

<u>2022</u>		Level 1		<u>Level 2</u>		Level 3		<u>Total</u>
Financial Assets								
Money market funds	\$	693,064	\$	-	\$	-	\$	693,064
Government bonds:								
United States	_	9,172,734		=	_	-	_	9,172,734
Total government bonds	_	9,172,734	,	-	_	<u> </u>	_	9,172,734
Corporate bonds:								
United States		-		6,644,487		-		6,644,487
United Kingdom		-		980,541		-		980,541
Canada		-		735,234		-		735,234
Netherlands		-		967,066		-		967,066
Norway		-		499,538		=		499,538
Japan		-		247,838		-		247,838
China		-		247,166		=		247,166
Total corporate bonds	_	-		10,321,870	_		_	10,321,870
Equity securities:								
United States		24,327,563		-		=		24,327,563
Ireland		342,228		-		-		342,228
Canada		563,380		-		-		563,380
China		175,351		-		-		175,351
Switzerland		224,350		-		-		224,350
Total equity securities	_	25,632,872		-	_	-	_	25,632,872
Exchange traded funds:								
United States		2,132,056		_		_		2,132,056
Total exchange traded funds	_	2,132,056	•	-	_		_	2,132,056
Fund investment:								
United States		237,620		_		_		237,620
Total fund investment	-	237,620	•		-		-	237,620
Total	\$	37,868,346	\$	10,321,870	\$		\$	48,190,216
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There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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#### 6. Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Fund's assets and liabilities (by class) not classified as at fair value through profit or loss at December 31, 2023 and 2022, but for which fair value is disclosed.

<u>2023</u>	Level	<u>1</u>	Level 2		Level 3		<u>Total</u>
Assets							
Interest and dividend							
receivable		-	175,561		-		175,561
Receivable from an affiliate		-	49,965		-		49,965
Other assets		_	7,827				7,827
Total	\$	- =	\$ 233,353	\$		\$	233,353
Liabilities							
Accounts payable and							
accrued expenses		_	94,083		-		94,083
Redemptions payable		-	60,160		-		60,160
Payable to affiliate		-	19,973		-		19,973
Total	\$	<u>-</u> 5	\$ 174,216	\$	_	\$	174,216
<u>2022</u>	Level	<u>1</u>	Level 2		<u>Level 3</u>		<u>Total</u>
Assets							
Interest and dividends							
receivable		-	161,455		-		161,455
Subscription receivable		-	469		-		469
Other assets		-	8,162		-		8,162
Total	\$	<u>-</u> 5	\$ 170,086	\$		\$	170,086
Liabilities							
Accounts payable and							
accrued expenses		_	75,601		_		75,601
Total	\$	_	\$ 75,601	\$		\$	75,601
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The assets and liabilities in the table above are carried at amortised cost; their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value due to their short term nature.

Other assets that are classified in Level 2 include other obligations due to the Fund. Accounts payable and accrued expenses represent the contractual amounts and obligations due by the Fund for settlement of trades and expenses.

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#### 7. Fees and expenses

#### Management fees

The Investment Manager of the Fund is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, including managing the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and making decisions relating to the investment of assets of the Fund. The Fund is responsible for the payment of a management fee to the Investment Manager for its services to the Fund, calculated weekly and payable monthly in arrears. The management fee from January 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023 is 1.10% of Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the Fund, and effective March 1, 2023 will increase by 0.05% per quarter until the fee reached the maximum fee of 1.25% of the NAV. During the year ended December 31, 2023, management fees totalled \$599,395 (2022: \$551,547). As at December 31, 2023, management fees payable totalled \$55,597 (2022: \$45,478) and were included within accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statement of financial position. The Investment Manager compensates the Sub-Manager for performing its delegated duties.

#### Administration fees

Administration fees from January 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023 amounted to 0.10% per annum based on the weekly NAV of the Fund. Effective August 1, 2023, the Administrator is entitled to receive fees amounting to 0.04% per annum for NAV exceeding \$50 million and 0.03% per annum for NAV exceeding \$100 million, subject to a minimum fee of \$1,800 per month. The administration fee is calculated weekly and is payable monthly in arrears. Administration fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 totalled \$44,462 (2022: \$57,990). As at December 31, 2023, administrator fees payable totalled \$3,398 (2022: \$4,823) and were included within accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statement of financial position.

The Administrator and the Investment Manager are reimbursed by the Fund for other fees and expenses that are identifiable with the Fund.

#### Custody fees

BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. is entitled to receive fees amounting to 0.10% per annum based on the average weekly NAV of the Fund. The custody fee is calculated weekly and payable monthly. Custody fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 totalled \$50,339 (2022: \$50,290). As at December 31, 2023, custody fees payable totalled \$4,418 (2022: \$4,169) and were included within accounts payable and accrued expenses on the statement of financial position.

#### Directors' fees

Each Director who is not an officer or employee of the Investment Manager or Sub-Manager receives a flat annual fee for serving in such capacity. The fee will be in accordance with reasonable and customary Directors' fees. The Directors are entitled to reimbursement from the Fund for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them on behalf of the Fund.

#### 8. Share capital

The Company has an authorised share capital as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 of \$50,001 divided into 100 Ordinary Shares of \$0.01 par value each and 5,000,000 non-voting, Redeemable Participating Shares of \$0.01 par value each divided upon issue into Classes for each of the Segregated Portfolio funds. The Ordinary Shares of the Company are owned by the Investment Manager, and are the only shares of the Company with voting rights. The Company has authorised the issuance of up to 1,000,000 Class A Shares in the Fund.

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#### 8. Share capital (continued)

The issued share capital of the Company and Fund is as follows:

	202	23	202	22
	Number	Number Par Value (US\$)		Par Value (US\$)
Issued and fully paid:				
Company	100	1	100	1
Ordinary Shares	100	1	100	1
Fund Class A Shares				
Balance at beginning of year	331,782	3,318	322,674	3,227
Issued during the year	38,130	382	24,908	249
Redeemed during the year	(49,963)	(500)	(15,800)	(158)
Balance at end of year	319,949	3,200	331,782	3,318

Each Class A Share represents a beneficial interest in the Fund ranking equally in all distributions when and as declared payable. An unlimited number of the Fund's shares may be issued which are redeemable each Monday and at such other times as the Directors may determine in their discretion at the shareholders' option at the then current NAV per share, in accordance with the terms of the Information Memorandum.

Notwithstanding the redeemable shareholders' rights to redemptions above, the Fund has the right, as set out in its Information Memorandum, to impose a redemption gate limit of 5% of the Class A Shares of the Fund or \$100,000 in any redemption period in order to manage redemption levels and maintain the strength of the Fund's capital base.

In addition, no sales will be permitted within the first 90 days from initial purchase and a redemption fee of 2% will be assessed on Class A Shares redeemed within 12 months after their date of purchase and 1% on Class A Shares redeemed beyond 12 months, subject to a minimum fee of \$25 per redemption request. The redemption fee will be shared equally between the Investment Manager and the Fund and may be waived at the discretion of the Directors.

The holders of the Ordinary Shares have a right to receive notice of, attend and vote as members at any general meeting of the Company. The Ordinary Shares are not entitled to dividends nor do they participate in the profits of neither the Company nor the Fund. On a liquidation of the Company, the general assets of the Company, being the assets of the Company which are not assets of the Segregated Portfolios, shall be available for distribution to the holders of the Ordinary Shares pro rata according to the number of Ordinary Shares held by them. The Ordinary Shares are held by the Investment Manager.

The holders of the Class A Shares are not entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote as members at any general meeting of the Company. Holders of the Class A Shares are entitled to receive dividends and participate in the profits of the Fund. On a liquidation of the Fund, the holders of the Class A Shares have a right to participate in the surplus assets of the Fund after the payment of all creditors.

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#### 9. Income taxes

The Cayman Islands at present impose no taxes on profit, income, capital gains or appreciation in value of the Fund. In the event that such taxes are levied, the Fund has received an undertaking from the Governor-in-Cabinet of Cayman Islands exempting it from all such taxes until July 25, 2026. As such, no provision for such taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

The Fund may, however, be subject to foreign withholding tax and capital gains tax in certain jurisdictions in respect of income derived from its investments.

#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks

The Fund is exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing its stated investment objective and policy. These risks are defined in IFRS 7 as including market risk (which in turn includes price, interest rate and currency risk), liquidity risk and credit risk. The Fund takes exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on its portfolio, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in the Fund's net assets. The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potential adverse effects of these risks on the Fund's performance where it can do so while still managing the investments of the Fund in a way that is consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policy.

The risks, and the measures adopted by the Fund for managing these risks, are detailed below.

#### (a) Price risk

Market price risk is defined in IFRS as the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and credit spreads.

The Fund's financial assets at fair value through profit or loss consist of fixed income securities, mutual funds, hedge funds and equity securities, the values of which are determined by market forces and there is accordingly a risk that market prices can change in a way that is adverse to the Fund's performance. An increase or decrease of 100 basis points in the prices of exchange traded funds, fixed income securities, mutual funds, hedge funds and equity securities, with all other variables remaining constant, as at the reporting date would have increased or decreased net assets, respectively, by \$503,959 (2022: \$474,972).

In accordance with the Fund's policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Fund's positions on a daily basis and reports regularly to the Directors. The Directors then review the information on the Fund's overall market exposures provided by the Investment Manager at its periodic meetings.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the overall market exposures and concentration of risk are limited to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

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#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's cash and cash equivalents and certain financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are interest bearing instruments. The Fund's other financial assets and liabilities are non-interest bearing.

The Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is detailed in the table below:

<u>2023</u>		Interest bearing		Non-interest bearing		<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,594,135	\$	-	\$	2,594,135
Financial assets at fair value through						
profit or loss		19,050,110		31,345,783		50,395,893
Interest and dividends receivable		-		175,561		175,561
Receivable from affiliate		-		49,965		49,965
Other assets		-		7,827		7,827
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		=		(94,083)		(94,083)
Redemptions payable		-		(60,160)		(60,160)
Payable to affiliate		-		(19,973)		(19,973)
Total	\$	21,644,245	\$	31,404,920	\$	53,049,165
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		<u>Interest</u>		Non-interest		
<u>2022</u>		<u>bearing</u>		<u>bearing</u>		<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	693,064	\$	-	\$	693,064
Financial assets at fair value through		10 404 604		20 002 540		47 407 150
profit or loss		19,494,604		28,002,548		47,497,152
Interest and dividends receivable		-		161,455		161,455
Subscription receivable				469		469
Other assets		-		8,162		8,162
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	_			(75,601)		(75,601)
Total	\$_	20,187,668	\$	28,097,033	\$	48,284,701

Should the interest bearing assets and liabilities held as of December 31, 2023, be held for a period of 12 months, an increase or decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables remaining constant, would have increased or decreased net assets by \$216,442 (2022: \$201,877).

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#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (b) Interest rate risk (continued)

A summary of the Fund's fixed income holdings analysed by maturity date is as follows:

<u>2023</u>		<u>0-3 months</u>		<u>3-12 months</u> <u>1 year +</u>				<u>Total</u>
Government bonds Corporate bonds Total	\$ \$	747,953 747,953	\$ \$	1,979,961 1,978,323 3,958,284	\$ \$	8,233,691 6,110,182 14,343,873	\$ \$	10,213,652 8,836,458 19,050,110
2022		0-3 months		3-12 months		1 year +		<u>Total</u>
Government bonds Corporate bonds	\$	499,141 1,496,307	\$	1,482,890 3,464,790	\$	7,190,703 5,360,773	\$	9,172,734 10,321,870
Total	\$	1,995,448	\$	4,947,680	\$	12,551,476	\$	19,494,604

#### (c) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Fund invests in financial instruments and enters into transactions that are denominated in currencies other than its functional currency. The Fund is therefore exposed to currency risk, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

The Fund's Investment Manager and the Sub-Manager meet on a bi-weekly basis in order to manage all relevant risks to the Fund's investments, including currency risk.

The Fund has no exposure to foreign currency or securities denominated in foreign currencies at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### (d) Other price risk

The Investment Manager monitors the concentration of risk for equity securities based on counterparties and industries (and geographic location as discussed in Note 6).

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#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (d) Other price risk (continued)

The Fund's equity securities are concentrated in the following industries:

Investments in equity securities by industry		<b>Year Ended December 31</b>							
		2023	%		2022	%			
Basic Materials	\$	177,970	0.7	\$	489,654	2.0			
Communications	Φ	1,946,903	8.1	Ф	105,051	2.0			
Consumer Cyclical		1,798,561	7.5		2,112,522	8.2			
Consumer Non-cyclical		1,469,137	6.1		1,956,053	7.6			
Energy		1,433,606	5.9		2,164,777	8.4			
Financial		6,038,011	25.1		3,205,762	12.5			
Funds		-			5,250,909	20.5			
Healthcare		2,011,144	8.3		3,953,759	15.5			
Industrial		1,693,454	7.0		1,694,937	6.6			
Technology		7,459,722	30.9		4,621,342	18.0			
Utilities		93,980	0.4		183,157	0.7			
	\$	24,122,488	100.0	\$	25,632,872	100.0			
Investments in exchange traded funds by									
industry		Year Ended December 31							
·		2023	%	. <u>-</u>	2022	%			
Funds		6,980,346	100.0		2,132,056	100.0			
	\$	6,980,346	100.0	\$	2,132,056	100.0			
Investments in fund investments by industry		Year Ended December 31							
		2023	%		2022	%			
Fund investments		242,949	100.0		237,620	100.0			
	\$	242,949	100.0	_	237,620	100.0			
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As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund did not hold any positions which are greater than 5% of Net Asset Value.

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#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund's financial assets are greater than the financial liabilities and the assets held are liquid in nature. All liabilities are expected to mature within twelve months of the reporting date. As such, the Fund's management does not anticipate any material losses as a result of liquidity risk.

<u>2023</u>	Less than One month	One to three months	<u>Total</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Redemptions payable Payable to affiliate	\$ 69,435 60,160 19,973	\$ 24,648	\$ 94,083 60,160 19,973
Total liabilities	\$ 149,568	\$ 24,648	\$ 174,216
<u>2022</u>	Less than One month	One to three months	<u>Total</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 56,581	\$ 19,020	\$ 75,601
Total liabilities	\$ 56,581	\$ 19,020	\$ 75,601

As described in Note 8 to the financial statements, the Fund's Class A shares are redeemable at the shareholder's option on a weekly basis, and therefore the Fund is potentially exposed to weekly redemptions by its shareholders.

#### (f) Credit risk

Credit risk is defined as the risk that a counterparty to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss to the Fund by failing to discharge an obligation or commitment that it has entered into with the Fund.

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are held with Comerica Bank, which is rated "Baa1" (2022: "A3") based on rating agency Moody's ratings. The Fund also held some cash balance with Interactive Brokers, which is rated "A-" based on rating agency S&P's ratings, which equates to "A1" from Moody's ratings. Management regularly monitors the institution's credit risk and does not anticipate any significant losses from this concentration. Furthermore, the Fund only invests in investment grade fixed-income securities.

The Fund's maximum credit risk exposure at the reporting date is \$21,877,598 (2022: \$20,357,754) which is the sum of the cash and cash equivalents, government bonds, corporate bonds, interest and dividend receivable, receivable from an affiliate and other assets reported in the statement of financial position.

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#### 10. Financial instruments and associated risks (continued)

#### (f) Credit risk (continued)

The Investment Manager reviews the credit concentration of government bonds and corporate bonds held based on counterparties and industries (and geographic location as discussed in Note 6). As of the reporting date, the Fund's government bonds and corporate bonds exposures were concentrated in the following industries:

#### Investments in fixed income securities by industry

		Year Ended December 31					
		2023 %			2022	%	
	_						
Communications		-	-		247,165	1.2	
Consumer, Cyclical		742,425	3.9		1,726,156	8.9	
Consumer, Non-cyclical		-	-		1,969,798	10.1	
Energy		732,750	3.9		1,466,604	7.5	
Financial		1,967,800	10.3		743,694	3.8	
Government		10,213,652	53.6		9,172,734	47.1	
Health care		1,479,590	7.8		-	-	
Industrial		2,208,653	11.6		3,423,077	17.6	
Materials		478,570	2.5		-	-	
Technology		1,226,670	6.4		250,049	1.3	
Utilities		-	-		495,327	2.5	
	\$	19,050,110	100.0	\$	19,494,604	100.0	

The Investment Manager monitors the credit rating of debt securities on a continuous basis and actively reviews its investments to achieve profitable results.

#### (g) Regulatory environment risk

A changing regulatory environment, including, but not limited to, changes in relevant tax laws, securities laws, bankruptcy laws or accounting standards, may make the business of the Fund less profitable or unprofitable. The ability of the Fund to carry on business from the Cayman Islands or as a Cayman Islands Fund will depend upon its initial and continuing compliance with the relevant provisions of Cayman Islands law and, in particular, the Mutual Funds Act. Management regularly monitors the institution's regulatory environment risk and does not anticipate any significant changes relevant to the Fund.

#### (h) Dependence on the Investment Manager risk

The Investment Manager is responsible for investing the assets of the Fund. The success of the Fund depends upon the ability of the Investment Manager to develop and implement investment strategies that achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

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#### 11. Capital risk management

At December 31, 2023, the Fund had \$53,049,165 (2022: \$48,284,701) of redeemable share capital classified as equity. The capital of the Fund is represented by the net assets and can change significantly on a weekly basis as the Fund is subject to weekly subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the Directors. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for holders of Class A shares and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund. The Fund's policies with respect to managing its capital risk are discussed in Note 8 above. There were no changes in the policies and procedures during the year with respect to the Fund's approach to its redeemable share capital management. The Directors and Investment Manager monitor capital on the basis of the value of net assets. The Fund is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

#### 12. Related party transactions

As at December 31, 2023, the Directors of the Fund held 1,476 (2022: 1,476) Class A Shares in the Fund. As of December 31, 2023, persons or entities related to the Directors, the Investment Manager, or the Sub-Manager held 15.12% (2022: 14.14%) of the Class A Shares in the Fund.

BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. earns trade commission revenue based on trades executed within the Fund's normal course of business. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the total trade commissions earned amounted to \$33,809 (2022: \$69,717). Commissions are calculated by BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. based on gross trade amount and security type. BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. also earns custody fees as previously described in Note 7.

Management fees, commission fees, custody fees and Directors fees are considered related party transactions and are discussed in Note 7 above.

BIAS Investors (Cayman) Ltd. and the Sub-Manager are related to the Fund by virtue of common control. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Fund held no investments in unconsolidated structured entities.

As of December 31, 2023, unsettled transfer of funds for share transactions are recorded as receivable from BIAS Equities Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio of \$49,965 (2022: \$nil) and payable to BIAS Short Duration Income Fund – US\$ Segregated Portfolio of \$19,973 (2022: \$nil) and are presented as receivable from an affiliate and payable to affiliate, respectively, on the statement of financial position.

#### 13. Subsequent events

From January 1, 2024 through May 15, 2024, the Fund received subscriptions of \$2,311,990 and paid redemptions of \$4,860,475.

Apart from the above, there have been no material events that will impact the values as presented in this financial statement.