Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
For the year-ended 31 December 2020

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#### Chairman's Statement

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I don't need to remind shareholders of the traumatic last 12 months each of us have experienced and I am grateful that my co-directors, administrative colleagues and our fund managers have all come through in good shape.

This goes for our fund too! Although we have seen significant volatility in precious metals markets, both the physical and equities, we have consolidated on our progress in recent years and remain extremely competitive within our peer group in performance terms.

I am particularly grateful to our shareholders who exercised their subscription shares at the expiry date last November when it was extremely marginal between the ordinary share price and the sub-share price. In this regard I must pay tribute to our brokers at finnCap who went that extra yard to encourage new investors to participate in the financing as well.

As a result the extra funds raised amounted to circa £13m and gave our managers some long-awaited new firepower to deploy into attractive market conditions at the time.

The Investment Manager's report on page 16 captures their strategy with the additional funds as well as an overall picture of what has transpired over the 12 month period under review. Their comments also cover the macro and micro events in our sector to such a degree that I do not need to echo their findings. Most of our loyal shareholders will be aware of what usually drives forces in the gold sector but there remains much uncertainty about the immediate future.

There is so much divergence of opinion as to the outlook for inflation in particular. The powers that be are playing down inflation fears as they strive to keep rates from rising any further than the recent escalations which have hit bond prices, yet it's plain to see very substantial rises across the board in most commodity prices.

Base metals notably copper, iron, tin and nickel are at multi-year highs while in soft commodities wheat, corn, oats, cotton, soya beans, sugar and palm oil have been galloping away to much higher levels. Energy prices too have been rising.

Although not measured in the same way, house prices are also increasing almost everywhere.

When a vaccinated world begins to resume pre-COVID spending patterns the extra savings gathered in lockdowns, which runs to billions, is expected to be unleashed onto a neglected consumer market. As supply chains try to adjust from a re-stocking process, prices are going to go one way only. It's this reflation trade that keeps equity markets in higher territory.

If the result is more inflation than our fiscal masters would have us believe then gold and silver will reestablish their credentials.

It is without doubt that investors in gold and silver have been disappointed with the performance of bullion prices over the past few months and many supporters have abandoned the space for other pastures with digital currencies like crypto accounting for much of the reinvestment proceeds. This switch is likely to intensify and is an ongoing threat to golds safe haven status. Bitcoin has definitely proved it has a role to play in fiscal events!

#### **Chairman's Statement (continued)**

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Gold outflows from ETFs and lower demand from Central Banks and institutions despite Basel III have also overshadowed increased jewellery demand mainly from China and India.

Though gold has lost much of its luster on the back of better economic expectations, gold mining producers are still very profitable at today's prices. Those with improving operational efficiencies and significant cash flow traction are extremely attractive and should be featuring more in investors' current stock market rotation to value stocks.

It is true that gold shares traditionally get traded on the sharp swings in the bullion price but with earnings increasing and dividend paying capabilities coming once more into the equation, it is likely that gold miners will attract new buyers who are looking for attractive company valuations as opposed to general sector exposure. Rising mergers and acquisition opportunities will also resurface.

Silver in which the managers have been substantially increasing weighting is actually a better story than gold at the moment and it is worth reading our Investment Manager's report that gives excellent coverage of its renewed attractions from demand drivers like Solar, EV cars, 5G build-out and other industrial uses. It has become almost a green metal while still being a monetary metal responding to the excesses in global liquidity, plus there are looming physical shortages.

PGM's (platinum group metals) i.e. mainly platinum, palladium and rhodium are enjoying robust support from big supply deficits and the Fund has a useful percentage in this sector.

Whilst the commodity cycle gets into its full upswing combined with the probability that the era of record low interest rates will stretch well into this decade, there may be enough reason to suggest gold will find it difficult to challenge last summer's high in the near term. However, it should still remain well above pre-COVID levels.

Going forward any real game changers are likely to come from geopolitical challenges or even black swan events. The relationship between China and the US will remain one major driving force of markets for a considerable time with possible flash points over Taiwan and continued economic stress from trade constraints.

Arguably gold could find favour from events in the Eurozone economy which is looking very dismal with debt to GDP levels at crisis proportions.

In the coming years gold and silver prices will begin to reflect just how much money had to be created to paper over the economic and financial debt problems globally.

Gold tends to perform better in the years after a crisis and as a conviction investor I am of the firm view that history will repeat itself yet again.

Malcolm Burne Chairman 12 April 2021

## **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Board Members**

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The Directors have overall responsibility for the Company's activities including the review of its activities and performance.

The Directors of the Company at the date of signing the accounts, all of whom are non-executive, are listed below.

Malcolm Burne, is a former stockbroker and financial journalist with The Financial Times. He has controlled and managed fund management, venture capital and investment banking companies in London, Australia, Hong Kong and North America. He has been a director of more than 20 companies, many of which have been in the mineral resource and gold exploration fields. In 1997, he founded Golden Prospect plc and was executive chairman until 2007 when the company changed its name to Ambrian Capital plc. In addition, he was executive chairman of the Australian Bullion Company (Pty) Limited, which at the time was Australia's leading gold dealer and member of the Sydney Futures Exchange.

Robert King, is a non-executive director of a number of open and closed ended investment funds and companies including Chenavari Capital Solutions Limited, Tufton Oceanic Assets Limited and Weiss Korea Opportunities Fund Ltd. He was a director of Cannon Asset Management Limited and its associated companies from October 2007 to February 2011. Prior to this, he was a Director of Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Guernsey) Limited (formerly Guernsey International Fund Managers Limited) where he had worked from 1990 to 2007. He has been in the offshore finance industry since 1986 specialising in administration and structuring of offshore open and closed ended investment funds. Rob is British and resident in Guernsey.

**Toby Birch,** is an investment manager and prior to founding Guernsey Gold (which merged with Bullionrock in 2014) he was the senior investment manager at the local branch of Bank Julius Baer. He then worked for Blackfish Capital Exodus Fund, trading in precious metals and commodities. He was also a director of the Blackfish-Invstec Resources Special Situations Fund, investing in mining companies. Toby is a Chartered Wealth Manager and Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments. He is a regular speaker on the conference circuit covering financial megatrends, precious metals and monetary reform. He holds the HSK2 level in proficiency test in Mandarin.

Graeme Ross, was educated at Perth Academy and Dundee College of Technology in Scotland and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Arthur Young McClelland-Moores in 1984. He then moved to Jersey in the Channel Islands and spent two years with KPMG on financial services audits before joining the embryonic fund administration arm of Rawlinson & Hunter, Jersey in 1986. He was admitted to the Partnership of Rawlinson & Hunter, Jersey in 1995 and was the Managing Director of the fund administration division from then until his retiral at the end of 2016. Graeme has significant experience of the management, administration and oversight of all types of collective investment vehicles and has served as a Director on open ended, closed ended and limited partnership vehicles investing in a wide variety of asset classes and sectors including many listed funds. Graeme is a resident of Jersey. Graeme was appointed to the Board on 17 April 2018 as both a Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee.

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The Directors present their Annual Report and the Audited Financial Statements of Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited (the 'Company') for the year-ended 31 December 2020.

#### The Company

The Company was registered in Guernsey on 16 October 2006 and is an authorised closed-ended investment scheme under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 1987. The Company's ordinary shares were admitted to the Official List of the Channel Islands Stock Exchange ('CISX') on 24 June 2008. The CISX rebranded to The International Stock Exchange ('TISE') on 6 March 2017. Effective 21 September 2009, the ordinary shares trade on the London Stock Exchange Electronic Trading Service SETS QX with code GPM.

#### **Subscription Shares**

On 22 December 2017 the Company issued, by way of bonus issue and on a one subscription share for every two ordinary shares, 28,500,995 subscription shares. These were admitted to listing on TISE and they traded on the London Stock Exchange Electronic Trading Services SETS QX. The subscription price was equal to the published unaudited net asset value per ordinary share as at the close of business on 20 December 2017 plus a premium depending on the year in which they were exercised. The last exercise date was the 30 November 2020. The Company allotted on 2 December 2020, by way of an exercise of 18,136,934 subscription shares, 18,136,934 new ordinary shares of £0.001 each for cash, at a price of 46.14p per share, the 10,336,782 outstanding subscription shares were sold by finnCap Limited by way of secondary market placing, the Company having allotted a further 10,336,782 ordinary shares. Following the exercise of the rights the Company had raised a total of £13.14 million excluding any costs incurred.

#### **Shareholder information**

Up to date information regarding the Company, including a daily announcement of Net Asset Value, can be found on the Company's website, which is <a href="www.ncim.co.uk/gppm\_top.php">www.ncim.co.uk/gppm\_top.php</a>

#### **Results and dividends**

The Company's performance during the year is discussed in the Investment Manager's Report on page 16. The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 26. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year-ended 31 December 2020 (2019: £nil).

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ('IFRS').

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#### **Directors' responsibilities statement (continued)**

The Directors are required by the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the surplus or deficit of the Company for that period.

In preparing those Financial Statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the Financial Statements.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008. The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company who served during the year and to date are set out on page 4.

#### **Directors' interests**

The Directors held the following interests in the share capital of the Company either directly or beneficially as at 31 December 2020, and as at the date of signing these Financial Statements:

Director	Ordinary Shares 2020	Subscription Shares 2020	Ordinary Shares 2019	Subscription Shares 2019
M Burne	956,250	-	537,500	268,750
R King	30,000	-	20,000	10,000
T Birch	125,000	-	50,000	25,000
G Ross	-	-	-	-

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**Directors' interests (continued)** 

The Directors who served in the year received the following fees:

Director	2020 £	2019 £
M Burne *	16,000	16,000
R King	16,000	16,000
T Birch	16,000	16,000
G Ross	16,000	16,000
	64,000	64,000

The amounts paid by the Company to the Directors were for services as non-executive Directors.

#### Directors' authority to buy back shares

As agreed at the Company AGM on 23 June 2020, and in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company and the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, as amended (the 'Law'), the Company is authorised to make market purchases of up to a maximum of 15 per cent of its existing issued ordinary Share Capital. This authority is renewable annually. At the Annual General Meeting to take place on 23 June 2021 the Company will seek to renew such authority and will seek to renew such authorities at annual general meetings thereafter.

Any buy back of shares will be made subject to Guernsey law and within any guidelines established from time to time by the Board and the making and timing of any buy backs will be at the absolute discretion of the Board and not at the option of the Shareholders.

Purchases of shares will only be made through the market for cash. The minimum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for the shares is £0.001 per share. The maximum price (exclusive of expenses) payable by the Company for the shares will be no more than 5% above the average of the closing middle market quotations (as derived from Bloomberg) of an Ordinary share for the five consecutive dealing days preceding the date on which the purchase is made.

During the year no shares (2019: no shares) were acquired by the Company under the above authority.

#### Board responsibilities and corporate governance

The Board has determined that no Director shall be considered non-independent as a consequence of their length of tenure, as long as there are no other issues which would impact their independent status.

<sup>\*</sup> Chairman

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#### **Board responsibilities and corporate governance (continued)**

Mr Burne and Mr King are currently considered by the Board to be independent of the Company, despite serving on the Board since the launch of the Fund. The Board's policy on tenure is that continuity and experience are considered to add significantly to the strength of the Board and, as such, no limit on the overall length of service of any of the Company's Directors, including the Chairman, is imposed. The Board confirm that all Directors receive the relevant training as necessary in relation to their on-going responsibilities in relation to the Company and the independence of each non-executive director is regularly assessed, together with any changes to non-executive director's interests, positions, affiliations, associations or relationships that could bear upon his or her independence.

The Board has reviewed the position and relationships of all directors in office as at 31 December 2020 and is satisfied that no director has any contract for services or any other connection, paid or otherwise, with any related party of the Company.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company. The Board will ensure that the Company's operations are conducted reasonably and within the framework of all applicable laws, regulations, rules, guidelines and codes as well as established policies and procedures. The Directors will regularly assess and document whether the Board's approach to corporate governance achieves its objectives and, consequently, whether the Board itself is fulfilling its own responsibilities. The Board will review through its board evaluation the effectiveness of its overall approach to governance and make changes where that effectiveness needs to be enhanced.

The Board meets at least four times a year. Between these formal meetings there is regular contact with the Investment Manager and the Secretary. The Directors are kept fully informed of investment and financial controls and other matters that are relevant to the business of the Company and which should be brought to the attention of the Directors. The Directors also have access to the Administrator and, where necessary in the furtherance of their duties, to independent professional advice at the expense of the Company. The Board is responsible for the appointment and monitoring of all service providers to the Company.

As an investment company, most of the Company's day to day responsibilities are delegated to third parties and all of the Directors are non-executive. As a Guernsey incorporated company, the Company is required to comply with the Finance Sector Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission ('the Code').

The Directors have taken the action that they consider appropriate to ensure that the appropriate level of corporate governance, for an investment company incorporated in Guernsey whose securities are listed on The International Stock Exchange, is attained and maintained. The Company does not, nor intends to, adopt the UK Code of Corporate Governance. The Company follows the Guernsey Financial Services Commission Code of Corporate Governance.

For the purposes of assessing compliance with the Code, the Board considers all of the Directors as independent of the Investment Manager.

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#### **Audit Committee:**

The Audit Committee has been established with written terms of reference and comprises all of the Board members. The Audit Committee members have recent and relevant financial experience. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are reviewed and re-assessed for their adequacy on an annual basis.

#### **Role of the Audit Committee**

A summary of the Committee's main audit review functions is shown below:

- to review and monitor the effectiveness of the internal control systems and risk management systems on which the Company is reliant;
- to monitor the integrity of the interim and annual financial statements of the Company by reviewing, and challenging where necessary, the actions and judgements of the Manager, the Company Secretary and the Administrator;
- to review and monitor the effectiveness of the Company's other third party service providers;
- overseeing the Company's relationship with the external auditor BDO Limited and to review their proposed audit programme of work and their findings;
- approval of the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor;
- to develop and implement policy on the engagement of the external auditor to supply non-audit services; and
- to monitor and review annually the external auditor's independence, objectivity, effectiveness, resources and qualification.

To assess the effectiveness of the external auditor, the Audit Committee reviewed:

- the external auditor's fulfilment of the agreed audit plan and variations from it;
- the Audit Committee Report from the auditor highlighting the major issues that arose during the course of the audit; and
- feedback from the Investment Manager and Administrator evaluating the performance of the audit team.

The Audit Committee has assessed the performance of the external auditor, as described above, and is satisfied with its effectiveness and as such no change in auditor is proposed.

#### **Independent Auditor**

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's relationship with the external auditor, including making recommendations to the Board on their appointment of the external auditor and their remuneration. BDO Limited has been the Company's external auditor since the Company's inception. The lead audit director, Mr Simon Hodgson has been appointed for the year-end 31 December 2020 audit. The Board has noted recommendations to put the external audit out to tender at least every ten years and during 2017 undertook a review of the audit services provided by our Auditor and concluded that there was currently no requirement to make any changes to their appointment.

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#### **Independent Auditor (continued)**

The Directors are of the opinion that BDO Limited remain independent and provide experience and knowledge in the audit of the Company's accounts which the Board considers to be in the best interest of the Shareholders.

The auditor, BDO Limited, indicated its willingness to continue in office. Accordingly, a resolution for its reappointment will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

The Board of Directors is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements. The Audit Committee advises the Board on the form and content of the Annual Report and Financial Statements, any issues which may arise and any specific areas which require judgement.

#### **Investment policy**

The Company's investment objective is to generate above average returns for Shareholders primarily through the capital appreciation of its investments. The Directors believe that such returns can be obtained by investing in a selective portfolio of securities and other instruments in the precious metals, diamond and uranium sectors.

#### Anti-bribery and corruption

The Board acknowledges that the Company's international operations may give rise to possible claims of bribery and corruption. In consideration of the UK Bribery Act the Board reviews the perceived risks to the Company arising from bribery and corruption to identify aspects of the business which may be improved to mitigate such risks. The Board has adopted a zero tolerance policy towards bribery and has reiterated its commitment to carry out business fairly, honestly and openly.

#### Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD')

Our Investment Manager, CQS (UK) LLP, has been authorised by the UK Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager ('AIFM') under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive ('AIFMD'). The funds managed by the AIFM are now defined as Alternative Investment Funds ('AIFs') and are subject to the relevant articles of the AIFMD. Further AIFM disclosures are shown on pages 57 to 59. The Board has appointed INDOS Financial Limited as the Company's Depositary.

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#### Internal control and financial reporting

The Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining the Company's system of internal controls. Internal control systems are designed to meet the specific needs of the Company and the risks to which it is exposed, and, by their very nature, provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The key procedures which have been established to provide effective internal controls include:

- Maitland Administration (Guernsey) Limited is responsible for the provision of administration and company secretarial duties;
- The duties of investment management, accounting and the custody of assets are segregated. The procedures are designed to complement one another;
- The Board clearly defines the duties and responsibilities of the Company's agents and advisers in the terms of their contracts;
- The Board receives assurances from the Company's agents and advisers that any amendments required as a result of regulatory change, including the General Data Protection Regulations (effective 25 May 2018), are actioned accurately and timeously;
- The Board reviews financial information and compliance reports produced by the Administrator on a regular basis and;
- The Custodian holds all assets of the Company, in the name of the Company.

The Board and Audit Committee have reviewed the Company's risk management and internal control systems and believe that the controls are satisfactory, given the size and nature of the Company.

#### Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Statement

The Board of Directors confirms that the Company places the highest regard to ESG factors in the investment decision making process and this focus plays a key role in the execution of its investment strategy. The Board recognises the importance to society of the need to invest in companies that are environmentally and socially responsible with clear governance structures. The Board believes the integration of ESG factors in the investment process provides enhanced financial returns for Shareholders through deeper, more informed investment decisions. The Board has reviewed and agreed the ESG approach adopted by CQS and a summary of this is set out below.

#### **CQS ESG Statement**

CQS is committed to operating in a socially responsible manner, embedding strong and clear governance, and conducting our business in a sustainable way. In our role as an investment manager we view ESG factors as key drivers influencing financing costs, valuations and performance, while also acting as a lever to shape and influence the world for generations to come.

The assessment and integration of ESG factors is a crucial part of this commitment across the CQS investment platform, both in public and privately held companies, and a key factor in our decision-making. By embedding ESG into our investment process we enhance our ability to identify value, investment opportunities and, critically, to generate the best possible returns for our clients.

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#### **CQS ESG Statement (continued)**

Our ESG process specifically looks at ESG factors through integration in our sector research process, including modelling and internal ratings with ESG methodologies applied to both public and private debt and equity. Methodologies include analysing the relative importance and risk posed by any identified ESG issue. Research notes are stored in accessible form and available for use across the Front Office. Discussion and debate is encouraged during the ESG internal analysis, both within the CQS Research team and with Portfolio Managers.

This is followed by an evaluation. Portfolio Managers are required to consider (to an appropriate degree having regard to their investment strategy) ESG risks as part of their investment decision making. This includes, but is not limited to

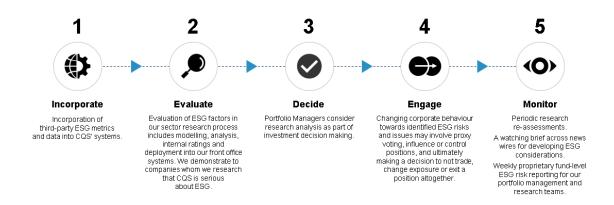
- Environmental: Climate Change, Water Stress, Biodiversity and Land Use, Toxic Emissions and Waste and Environment Opportunities
- Social: Labour management, Health and Safety, Privacy and Data Security, Stakeholder Opposition and Social Opportunities, Mobility and Diversity
- Governance: Corporate Governance and Corporate Behaviour including Ethics, Corruption, Instability, Diversity and Remuneration.

Please see below a slide depicting our five-stage process.

### Five-Stage ESG Investment Process



Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy applies to all strategies across the CQS platform.



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#### **Standards and Codes**

CQS is a signatory and/or supporter to the following:

- United Nations: Principles for Responsible Investment ("UN PRI")
- Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD")
- CDP ("CDP", formerly Carbon Disclosure Project)
- Standards Board for Alternative Investments ("SBAI", formerly HFSB)
- Climate Action 100+

#### In addition:

CQS plans to become a signatory to the UK Stewardship Code

#### Specific ESG Statement from the CQS Investment Managers with regard to the Company

Companies involved in the gold and precious metals sector are exposed to ESG risk given the nature of their business. In addition, mining companies often operate in countries that score poorly in the ratings of Transparency International. Companies that demonstrate social value creation and good governance - through responsible and active ESG management – go some way in mitigating that risk. Moreover, they are more likely to attract capital which will differentiate them from their peers on a relative valuation basis, a trend that we expect to continue today and over the long term.

It is our responsibility to effectively analyse and monitor investee companies' financial and non-financial (ESG) performance. ESG disclosure is an important consideration when analysing investment opportunities and we are committed to evolving our approach in support of our ESG principles. We follow the CQS firm-wide five-stage ESG investment integration process but are also guided by the following principals which have by agreed with the Board of the Company.

- to engage directly in dialogue with companies to understand their ESG approach, their ambition and disclosure, and to table questions or concerns;
- to specifically question Human Rights including Indigenous Peoples;
- to use internal and third party data and ratings providers;
- to vote at shareholder meetings; and
- only as a last resort, exclude companies from our investment universe.

At the time of writing 21% of the Company's portfolio is covered by MSCI for their ESG rating service. MSCI have a minimum 65% threshold before we are able to provide a meaningful MSCI ESG rating for the portfolio. We monitor this closely and engage to try and increase the percentage of the portfolio covered.

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#### Going concern

The Directors believe that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements since:

- the assets of the Company consist mainly of securities which are readily realisable and;
- the Company has an agreed overdraft facility provided by its Custodian for which margin requirements are monitored and reported on a monthly basis. There were no breaches of these requirements during the year or prior year.

In their assessment the Directors noted the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the markets. The Directors believe that the Company has adequate liquidity to meet its on-going expenses for the next 12 months due to the liquid nature of the portfolio and available credit. They have also reviewed the Company's collateral position. The Company holds an excess of £22,324,995 over the margin requirement as at the date of signing these financial statements and therefore the Directors consider that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due, refer note 8.

Accordingly, the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

#### Shareholders' significant interests

The following shareholders had a substantial interest of 5% or more of the Company's issued share capital as at 31 December 2020, and as at the date of the signing of these Financial Statements:

#### % of issued share capital

Clients of Hargreaves Lansdown (Nominees) Limited	21.01%
Clients of Interactive Services Investor Nominees	11.96%
Clients of Transact Limited Nominees Limited	6.88%

#### **Material contracts**

The Company's material contracts are with CQS (UK) LLP ('CQS'), (the Company has appointed CQS as its investment manager, however, CQS has, with the agreement of the Board, delegated that function to New City Investment Managers (a trading name of CQS (UK) LLP)), to provide investment management services, Maitland Administration (Guernsey) Limited, which acts as Secretary and Administrator for the Company, Credit Suisse AG Dublin Branch, which acts as Custodian, INDOS Financial Limited, which acts as Depositary and Computershare Investor Services (Guernsey) Limited, which acts as Registrar for the Company.

Details of the fees payable under these contracts are as detailed in note 5 to the Financial Statements.

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#### **Relations with Shareholders**

The Directors place a great deal of importance on communication with shareholders. The Annual Report and Financial Statements are also distributed to other parties who have an interest in the Company's performance. Additional information on the Company can be obtained through the Investment Manager's website <a href="https://www.ncim.co.uk">www.ncim.co.uk</a>.

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements is sent out at least 20 working days in advance of the meeting. All shareholders have the opportunity to put questions to the Board or the Investment Manager formally at the Company's Annual General Meeting.

The Company Secretary and Investment Manager are available to answer general shareholder queries at any time throughout the year.

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

The Directors confirm that, so far as each of the Directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, having taken all the steps the Directors ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12 April 2021 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

**Robert King** 

**Toby Birch** 

### **Investment Manager's Report**

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Gold traded up strongly at the start of the Company's second half of its financial year, breaking

\$2,000/oz in August, hitting an all-time high. Since then it has struggled to regain the same inflows and has traded back to \$1,727/oz at the time of writing. Although we believe there are many reasons to remain constructive on the sector, not least are current valuations for the underlying miners, which look more discounted now than they did pre-Covid.

The Company's net asset value and share price materially outperformed the VanEck Junior Gold miners, NYSE Gold bugs index and Physical Gold. This was despite an effective 9% dilution to the Fund in December due to the full exercise of the subscription shares.

Normalised performance, in GBP.

- Green = GPM Share price
- Black = GPM NAV
- Red = VanEck Junior Gold Miners
- Yellow = NYSE Gold bugs index
- Orange = Gold



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The initial reason gold had been strong was pandemic uncertainty but also a continuation of prior themes exacerbated by COVID relief programs, seeing surging government debt and low interest rates. As news flow picked up about the global vaccine roll out and economies reopening, this has weighed on sentiment for precious metals, with flows heading into cyclically orientated assets. This is seen in known physical ETF holdings which peaked in October 2020, but have pulled back 10.1% since. Latterly a notable pick up in interest rates, especially in the 10yr and 30yr US TIPS, which even after increasing inflation expectations have seen real yields pick up, has further dented sentiment. Inflation is normally viewed as positive for gold, but yields have dominated sentiment for now.

# Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Investment Manager's Report (continued)

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Silver

Silver remains a key theme in the Fund, with a current weight of 22.8%. Silver differentiates from gold on two main factors, firstly it has typically seen outsized moves vs gold, whilst secondly, around 50% of silver demand comes from industrial purposes. Silver is the only metal that is a better conductor than copper, although whilst copper dominates in the use of electrical equipment, silver is used where conductivity is important enough to justify the additional cost. This is the case in many growth markets we see, such as photovoltaic solar panels, EV cars, 5G build out and high grade switches. Therefore, demand is partly driven by some of the most exciting growth stories we see today. We believe this provides a useful diversification, which can perform well against most precious metal outlooks.

#### **Positions**

Positioning in the Fund remains valuation focused, with a diverse regional exposure. Cash generation or a route to cash generation remains a key theme throughout, with explorers only constituting 11.2% of the Fund.

The Fund's largest position, West African Resources, had a successful 2020 as it ramped up production from its Sanbrado mine in Burkina Faso. The company latterly successfully integrated the Toega mine acquisition into their resources and ultimately mine plan. Resources now sit at 5.1M oz, with production guidance of 250-280k oz pa, which at current margins and \$1700/oz gold, would equate to 40% cash flow at 30 March 2021. With further exploration due this year, there is scope for further high grade satellite deposits to feed the already long life deposit.

Fortuna Silver was unfortunately impacted by COVID delays, slowing the ramp up of its 3rd mine, the Lindero mine in Argentina, leading to some moderate cost over runs. The San Jose silver mine in Mexico remains a key valuation driver, but adding 140-160k oz of gold production from the Lindero mine will materially de-risk specific mine risk, whilst adding to cash generation, hopefully supporting a re-rate in 2021.

Calidus Resources is a gold developer in Australia, which the Fund has recently increased its exposure to. Whilst phase 1 is a more modest 90k oz pa, the acquisition of the high grade Blue Spec mine will lift that to 130k oz pa, materially improving the economics. First production is scheduled for 1H22, with all deposits open, there is material scope for further resources expansion and production upgrades.

Americas Silver has two producing mines, a gold mine in the US and a silver mine in Canada. It currently has a mine in Mexico which isn't operating which it currently receives no value for, although we believe the market under values the probability of a restart.

Westgold is a multi-mine producer, with long life assets in Western Australia, which is ramping up production at its Big Bell mine, which should lift production and drop costs.

# Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Investment Manager's Report (continued)

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#### Outlook

Whilst COVID related flows have dominated gold over the last few months, we think it is important to look at gold before we had a global pandemic impact financial markets. Gold had rallied from \$1200/oz to \$1600/oz from mid-2018 up to early 2020, before financial markets collapsed in response to COVID impacts. The primary driver of this was concerns around government debt levels and how central banks will ever unwind the current policy of Modern Monetary Theory (MMT), with low interest rates having supported the global economy since the Global Financial Crisis (GFC). Government indebtedness has only accelerated expansion under COVID stimulus programs. This is seen across all developed economies although emerging markets have arguably been hit harder. We note countries like Italy now exceed Debt to GDP levels last seen during the Euro crisis, hitting 155% in December, whilst Europe continues to defer its recovery with a slow vaccine roll out. Central Banker commentary has shown little concern for the pick-up in inflation, with ECB believing it to be transitory, whilst the US Fed have pointed to continued low interest rates.

With Gold now only trading \$110/oz higher than pre-covid levels, we believe this is more than justified by global debt increases. Whilst increasing interest rates have historically negatively impacted gold because of the perceived loss of interest on a relative basis, we could soon find a scenario where interest rates begin to increase the stress on government balance sheets, which would be supportive. Ultimately we don't believe Central Bankers want to see materially increasing interest rates, given the knock on impact it has on the overall economy, but their ability to control rates appears less clear. Policy remains heavily focused on addressing unemployment as countries look to rebound from COVID disruptions.

Precious metal flows are turning more constructive, after 4Q20 was the weakest quarter for demand in 11 years, primarily due to jewellery demand falling by 1/3 in 2020, but also central bank buying materially slowing as they funded COVID programs. Jewellery demand is now reportedly picking up in major demand centres China and India, with pent up savings from the WFH middle class and improved affordability on stronger domestic currencies and a lower gold price. Central Banks are ultimately expected to resume purchases whilst ETF holdings remains the big uncertainty, they typically hold the greatest correlation with price.

The precious metal miners have given back much of the gains seen earlier in 2020. Using spot pricing they look cheaper on a P/NAV basis than they did pre COVID, despite having numerous quarters of strong earnings into the high pricing environment. The companies within the Fund look attractively valued on a free cash flow and NAV basis.

New City Investment Managers (a trading name of CQS (UK) LLP)

**Investment Manager** 

12 April 2021

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GOLDEN PROSPECT PRECIOUS METALS LIMITED

#### **Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited ("the Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs"), as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008.

We have audited the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and IFRSs as adopted by the European Union.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee.

#### Independence

We remain independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the Directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

• Obtaining those charged with governance and management's paper in respect of going concern and challenging this with both those charged with governance and management;

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- Consideration of the cash available, the liquidity of the portfolio held, together with the expected annual running expenses of the Company and determining whether these assumptions were reasonable based on our knowledge of the Company.
- Performing our own sensitivity analysis of the headroom of the investment portfolio over the annual running expenses.
- Reviewing the minutes of the directors meetings, the RNS announcements and the compliance reports for any events of conditions in respect of going concern.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Overview

Key audit matters (2020 and 2019)	Investment valuation and ownership
Materiality	£1,014,400 (2019:£405,000) based on 1.75% (2019: 1.75%) of total assets

#### An overview of the scope of our audit

Our audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the Company and its environment, including the Company's system of internal control, and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including assessing whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that may have represented a risk of material misstatement.

We carried out a full scope of the Company which was tailored to take into account the nature of the Company's investments, involvement of the Investment Manager, the Company's administrator and the custodian, the accounting and reporting environment and the industry in which the Company operates.

In designing our overall audit approach, we determined materiality and assessed the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements.

This assessment took into account the likelihood, nature and potential magnitude of any misstatement. As part of this risk assessment we considered the Company's interaction with the Manager and the company administrator. We obtained an understanding of the control environment in place at the Manager and the company administrator to the extent that it was relevant to our audit. Following this assessment, we applied professional judgement to determine the extent of testing required over each balance in the financial statements.

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#### 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 and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. 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.

#### **Key audit matter**

#### Investment valuation and ownership (note 7)

The investment portfolio as at 31 December 2020 comprised listed investments and warrants whose price is readily available, along with unlisted warrants. Unlisted warrants are valued using valuation models.

This is a key accounting estimate where there is an inherent risk of management override arising from the investment valuations, which include significant judgement and assumptions, being prepared by the Investment Manager, who is remunerated based on the net asset value of the funds, derived using those valuations and therefore we consider this to be a key audit matter.

We focused on the valuation and ownership of investments because investments represent the principal element of the net asset value as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position in the financial statements.

### How the scope of our audit addressed the key audit matter

For all investments, we agreed the ownership of the investment portfolio holdings to the respective independently obtained Custodian confirmations.

We tested the valuation of all listed investments and warrants held by agreeing the prices used in the valuation to independent third-party sources.

For the unlisted warrants we obtained management's valuation and models and challenged these by agreeing the inputs into the models to independent third party sources and comparing management's valuations to our own valuations calculated using the black scholes model.

#### Key observations

Based on the procedures performed we did not identify any matters to indicate that the ownership and valuation of investments are inappropriate.

#### Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements. We consider materiality to be the magnitude by which misstatements, including omissions, could influence the economic decisions of reasonable users that are taken on the basis of the financial statements.

In order to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that any misstatements exceed materiality, we use a lower materiality level, performance materiality, to determine the extent of testing needed. Importantly, misstatements below these levels will not necessarily be evaluated as immaterial as we also take account of the nature of identified misstatements, and the particular circumstances of their occurrence, when evaluating their effect on the financial statements as a whole.

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Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole and performance materiality as follows:

	Company financial statements				
	2020	2019			
	£	£			
Materiality	1,014,400 405,000				
Basis for determining	1.75%	of total assets			
materiality					
Rationale for the	Due to it being an investment fund with the objective of long-term				
benchmark applied	capital growth with investment values being a key focus of users of				
	the financial statements.				
Performance materiality	710,080 283,500				
Basis for determining	70% of materiality 70% of materiality				
performance materiality	,				

Specific materiality

We also determined that for dividing income and sensitive expenses including investment management fees, administration fees, directors' fees, legal fees, financial advisors fees, depositary fees and custodian fees, a misstatement of less than materiality for the financial statements as a whole, specific materiality, could influence the economic decisions of users. As a result, we determined materiality for these items based on 10% (2019: 10%) of materiality. We further applied a performance materiality level of 70% (2019: 70%) of specific materiality to ensure that the risk of errors exceeding specific materiality was appropriately mitigated.

#### Reporting threshold

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them all individual audit differences in excess of £39,350 (2019:£16,200). We also agreed to report differences below this threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report and audited financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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#### Other Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 reporting

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept by the Company; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have failed to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement within the Report of the Directors, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine 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, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### 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 (UK) 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.

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Company and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to its investment activities, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

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We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements. We determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework such as IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of management override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to revenue recognition in relation to the investment income from the investments held and management bias and judgement involved in accounting estimates, specifically in relation to the valuation of investments (the response to which is detailed in our key audit matter above).

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team to respond to the risks identified included:

- Discussion with and enquiry of management and those charged with governance concerning known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the internal control environment in place to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, correspondence with the Guernsey Financial Services Commission, internal compliance reports, complaint registers and breach registers to identify and consider any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Recalculating investment income and realised and unrealised gains and losses in full for listed investments based on external source information;
- For unquoted investments, recalculating realised and unrealised gains and losses in full; and
- Performing analytics on the daily NAV's with a focus on reviewing movements over a set threshold.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:

https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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The engagement director on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's opinion is Simon Hodgson.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 262 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members 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 Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**BDO** Limited

**Chartered Accountants** 

Place du Pré

Rue du Pré

St Peter Port

Guernsey

12 April 2021

### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Revenue £	Capital £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income					
Income from investments held at fair value through profit or loss	7	32,318	_	32,318	23,431
Net capital gains on investments held	•	32,310		32,310	23, 131
at fair value through profit or loss	7	_	20,517,213	20,517,213	9,526,851
Net losses on foreign exchange		_	(39,047)	(39,047)	(15,238)
Net income	_	32,318	20,478,166	20,510,484	9,535,044
Expenses					
Investment management fees	5	(384,369)	_	(384,369)	(235,280)
Administration fees	5	(80,000)	_	(80,000)	(69,144)
Directors' fees	5	(64,000)	_	(64,000)	(64,000)
Legal and professional fees		(15,381)	_	(15,381)	(20,711)
Promotion and marketing fees		(1,462)	_	(1,462)	(4,140)
Audit fees		(23,001)	_	(23,001)	(23,000)
Research fees	5	(18,035)	_	(18,035)	(2,222)
Financial advisers fees	5	(24,875)	_	(24,875)	(24,730)
Listing fees		(14,127)	_	(14,127)	(21,831)
Depositary fees	5	(16,800)	_	(16,800)	(16,800)
Registrar's fees	5	(20,974)	-	(20,974)	(15,545)
Custodian fees	5	(16,932)	-	(16,932)	(9,404)
Other fees		(6,749)	-	(6,749)	(5,490)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	_	(686,705)	<u>-</u>	(686,705)	(512,297)
Net (loss)/gain on ordinary activities before financing and taxation		(654,387)	20,478,166	19,823,779	9,022,747
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Financing Interest income		63		63	12 455
Overdraft interest	8	(42,758)	_	(42,758)	13,455 (34,092)
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Net (loss)/gain on ordinary activities before taxation		(697,082)	20,478,166	19,781,084	9,002,110
Taxation	3	(8,162)	-	(8,162)	(4,066)
Total comprehensive (loss)/gain for the year	_	(705,244)	20,478,166	19,772,922	8,998,044
Per share ordinary shares: Basic earnings (pence)	6			33.63	15.78

The "Total" column of this statement represents the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as endorsed by the European Union. The supplementary revenue and capital columns are both prepared for information purposes only. No operations were acquired or disposed of during the year. All income is attributable to the equity holders of the Company

All the items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 30 to 51 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Share capital £	Revenue reserve	Distributable reserve	Realised capital reserve	Unrealised capital reserve	Total equity
Balance as at 1 January 2019		57,014	(5,744,249)	43,907,914	(15,114,884)	(9,089,671)	14,016,124
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		-	(513,569)	-	1,466,460	8,045,153	8,998,044
Transactions with owners: Subscription share issue	11	15	-	6,319	-	-	6,334
Balance as at 31 December 2019		57,029	(6,257,818)	43,914,233	(13,648,424)	(1,044,518)	23,020,502
Balance as at 1 January 2020		57,029	(6,257,818)	43,914,233	(13,648,424)	(1,044,518)	23,020,502
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		-	(705,244)	-	4,320,088	16,158,078	19,772,922
Transactions with owners:							
Subscription share issue	11	28,474	-	13,109,298	-	-	13,137,772
Expenses of share issue		-	-	(32,515)	-	-	(32,515)
Total transctions with owners	_	28,474	-	13,076,783	-	-	13,105,257
Balance as at 31 December 2020		85,503	(6,963,062)	56,991,016	(9,328,336)	15,113,560	55,898,681

The notes on pages 30 to 51 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
Non-current assets			
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	7	57,947,979	23,372,776
Current assets			
Receivables and prepayments	9	11,303	264,965
Cash and cash equivalents	8	7,918	36,873
Total Assets	_	57,967,200	23,674,614
Current liabilities			
Derivative financial liability	7	(510)	-
Payables and accruals	10	(106,203)	(88,392)
Bank overdraft	8	(1,961,806)	(565,720)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	_	(2,068,519)	(654,112)
Net Assets		55,898,681	23,020,502
Equity			
Share capital	11	85,503	57,029
Revenue reserve	12	(6,963,062)	(6,257,818)
Distributable reserve	12	56,991,016	43,914,233
Realised capital reserve	12	(9,328,336)	(13,648,424)
Unrealised capital reserve	12	15,113,560	(1,044,518)
<b>Total Equity</b>	_	55,898,681	23,020,502
Number of ordinary shares in issue	11	85,503,021	57,029,305
Net Asset Value per ordinary share (pence)	16	65.38	40.37

**Robert King** 

**Toby Birch** 

### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Total comprehensive (loss)/gain for the year		19,772,922	8,998,044
Adjustments for:			
Net capital gains on investments held at fair value through			
profit or loss		(20,517,213)	(9,526,851)
Decrease/(increase) in receivables and prepayments		253,662	(264,904)
Increase in payables and accruals		17,811	1,259
Purchase of investments	7	(26,075,685)	(5,655,673)
Proceeds from settlement of investments	7 _	12,018,205	7,400,526
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	<del></del>	(14,530,298)	952,401
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from conversion of subscription shares		13,137,772	6,334
Expenses of ordinary shares issue		(32,515)	-
Net cash generated from financing activities	_	13,105,257	6,334
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(1,425,041)	958,735
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		(528,847)	(1,487,582)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	8 =	(1,953,888)	(528,847)
Supplementary cash flow information			
•		£	£
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities inc	lude:		
Interest received on cash balances		63	13,455
Interest paid on cash balances		(42,758)	(34,092)
Income received from investments		32,318	23,431

The notes on pages 30 to 51 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

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

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#### 1. COMPANY INFORMATION

Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited (the 'Company') was incorporated in Guernsey on 16 October 2006 as an authorised closed-ended investment scheme under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 1987, as amended. The Company's registered office is shown on page 55.

The Company's ordinary shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange SETS QX with code GPM.

The Company's ordinary shares were admitted to the Official List of the Channel Islands Stock Exchange which subsequently transferred to The Channel Islands Securities Exchange Limited on 24 June 2008. The Channel Islands Securities Exchange rebranded to The International Securities Exchange ('TISE') on 6 March 2017.

During the year, 28,473,716 subscription shares (2019: 14,974) were converted to ordinary shares. For further details see note 11.

The Company's investment objective is to generate above average returns for Shareholders primarily through the capital appreciation of its investments. The Directors believe that such returns can be obtained by investing in a selective portfolio of securities and other instruments in the precious metals, diamond and uranium sectors.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to the Company's Financial Statements:

#### **Basis of preparation**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as endorsed by the European Union which comprise standards and interpretations as issued and approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB'), and International Financial Reporting Standard Interpretations ('IFRIC's') that remain in effect, and to the extent that they have been adopted by the European Union, and reflect the following policies, which have been adopted and applied consistently.

Items included in the Company's Financial Statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates ('the functional currency'). The currency in which the Company's shares are denominated, and in which its operating expenses are incurred, is Sterling. The Company's investments are denominated in many different currencies. Accordingly, the Directors regard Sterling as the functional currency. The Company has also adopted Sterling as its presentational currency.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for the measurement of certain financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Going concern

The Directors believe that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements since:

- the assets of the Company consist mainly of securities which are readily realisable and;
- the Company has an agreed overdraft facility provided by its Custodian for which margin requirements are monitored and reported on a monthly basis. There were no breaches of these requirements during the year or prior year.

In their assessment the Directors noted the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the markets. The Directors believe that the Company has adequate liquidity to meet its on-going expenses for the next 12 months due to the liquid nature of the portfolio and available credit. They have also reviewed the Company's collateral position. The Company holds an excess of £22,324,995 over the margin requirement as at the date of signing these financial statements and therefore the Directors consider that the Company will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due, refer note 8.

Accordingly, the Company has adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

#### Accounting judgements and estimates

The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The most significant accounting judgements involving estimation uncertainty made by management are deemed to be the fair value estimation of non-listed investments described below.

The valuation techniques used by the Company include inputs that are not based on the observable market data to estimate the fair value of its unlisted investments. Significant judgement has been applied by the Directors when valuing these investments.

The Directors believe that the applied valuation techniques and assumptions used are appropriate in determining the fair value of unlisted investments. Further details are provided in note 7.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Adoption of new and revised standards

The accounting policies adopted in the period are consistent with those of the previous financial period. No standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are effective for periods beginning on 1 January 2020 had a material effect on the financial statements of the Company.

#### Standards and interpretations in issue

At the date of authorisation of these Financial Statements no updates to standards and interpretations have become relevant to the Company.

The Company has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but are not yet effective. The Company is of the opinion that that these standards will have no significant impact on the Company's Financial Statements.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and financial liabilities are only offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Income when there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and the Company intends to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and liability simultaneously.

#### **Financial assets**

The Company's financial assets are classified in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value or through profit or loss; and
- those to be measured subsequently at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flow. At initial recognition, the Company measures a financial asset at its fair value, plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss.

#### Financial assets at fair value

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are those that are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Company's documented investment strategy. The Company's policy is for the Investment Manager and the Board of Directors to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Financial assets (continued)**

#### Recognition

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell the investment.

#### Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (in whole or in part) is derecognised either (i) when the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership; or (ii) when it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards and when it no longer has control over the assets or a portion of the asset; or (iii) when the contractual right to receive cash flow has expired. Any gain or loss on derecognition is taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income as appropriate.

#### Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the Statement of Financial Position date. The quoted market price used for the financial assets held by the Company is the bid price at the close of the respective market at the Statement of Financial Position date. Warrants are carried at fair value using standard Black Scholes valuation models. Further details are disclosed in note 7. Unlisted investments are carried at such fair value as the Directors consider appropriate given the performance of each investee company and after considering the financial position of the entity, latest news and developments.

#### Fair value measurement hierarchy

IFRS 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (Level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the financial asset or financial liability is categorised is determined on the basis of the lowest input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety into one of the three levels.

For financial instruments that are recognised at fair value on a recurring basis, the Board determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial assets (continued)

#### Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

They principally comprise of other receivables and cash balances held with financial institutions. These are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provisions for impairment. The effect of discounting is immaterial.

The Company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit loss associated with its financial assets held at amortised cost. The Company has elected to apply the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9 in respect of receivables as they have a maturity of less than one year and do not contain a significant financing component. Under the simplified approach the requirement is to always recognise lifetime Expected credit loss ('ECL'). Under the simplified approach practical expedients are available to measure lifetime ECL but forward-looking information must still be incorporated. Under the simplified approach there is no need to monitor significant increases in credit risk and entities will be required to measure lifetime ECLs at all times. The Directors have concluded that any ECL on receivables would be highly immaterial to the financial statements due to the low credit risk of the relevant counterparties and the historical payment history.

#### **Financial liabilities**

The classification of financial liabilities at initial recognition depends on the purpose for which the financial liability was issued and its characteristics. All financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value. The Company's financial liabilities consist of financial liabilities measured at amortised cost and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities at fair value

Financial liabilities are measured at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for trading, it is a derivative or it is classified as such on initial recognition. This category includes net gains and losses on forward currency contracts.

#### Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

These include payables and other short-term monetary liabilities, which are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Bank borrowings are initially recognised at fair value net of attributable transactions costs incurred. Such interest bearing liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Financial liabilities (continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability (in whole or in part) is derecognised when the Company has extinguished its contractual obligations, it expires or is cancelled. Any gain or loss on derecognition is taken to the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise current accounts and demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### Interest income and expense

Interest income and interest expense are recognised within the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest rate method.

#### Income

All other income is accounted for on an accrual basis and is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Expenses**

Expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis and are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Expenses in relation to share issues are treated as a component of equity within the Distributable Reserve.

#### **Capital reserves**

Gains and losses recorded on the realisation of investments and realised exchange differences are accounted for in the Realised Capital Reserve. Unrealised gains and losses recorded on the revaluation of investments held at the year-end on investments and unrealised exchange differences are accounted for in the Unrealised Capital Reserve.

#### Revenue reserves

All income and expenses are accounted for in the Revenue Reserve.

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

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Distributable reserves

All proceeds from share issues are accounted for in the Distributable Reserves, including all income and expense directly relating to the share issues.

#### Translation of foreign currency

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded using the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and those from the translation at period end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Segmental reporting**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Board. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Board of Directors of the Company.

For management purposes, the Company is organised into one main operating segment, which invests in precious metals securities which are principally listed on the stock exchanges of London, New York, Toronto and Sydney. All of the Company's activities are interrelated, and each activity is based upon analysis of the Company as one segment.

On a day to day basis investment decisions have been delegated to the Investment Manager, New City Investment Managers.

The Company does not hold any non-current assets which require disclosure under IFRS 8. The Company also does not have any external customers and therefore the disclosure of customers geographically required under IFRS 8 is not applicable. However, for additional information, the fair value of each geographical base and the respective percentages of the total value of the Company can be found in the Portfolio Statement beginning on page 52.

#### 3. TAXATION

The Company has been granted exemption from Guernsey taxation and has paid an annual exemption fee for the year of £1,200 (2019: £1,200). It should be noted, however, that interest and dividend income accruing from the Company's investments may be subject to irrecoverable withholding tax in the country of origin.

The Company has suffered withholding tax in the year under review of £8,162 (31 December 2019: £4,066).

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#### 4. DISTRIBUTIONS

The Directors do not expect income (net of expenses) to be significant and do not currently expect to declare any cash dividends. In the event that net income is significant, the Directors may consider the distribution of net income in the form of cash dividends. To the extent that any cash dividends are paid, they will be paid in accordance with any applicable laws and the regulations of the TISE.

#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS

#### **Related party transactions**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

#### **Directors' Interests**

The Directors held the following interests in the share capital of the Company either directly or beneficially as at 31 December 2020 and the date of signing:

Director	2020 Ordinary shares	2019 Ordinary shares	2020 Subscription shares	2019 Subscription shares
M Burne	956,250	537,500	-	268,750
R King	30,000	20,000	-	10,000
T Birch	125,000	50,000	-	25,000
G Ross	-	-	-	-

#### Directors' Fees

The Directors are responsible for the determination of the investment policy of the Company and have overall responsibility for the Company's activities. From 1 January 2019 Directors are entitled to total remuneration for their services of £64,000 per annum. During the year Directors' fees of £64,000 were charged to the Company (2019: £64,000) and £nil was payable at the year-end (31 December 2019: £nil). All Directors are non-executive.

With effect from 1 January 2021 the annual remuneration for each Director is £20,000 per annum.

#### Other significant agreements

#### Investment Manager

Under the Investment Management Agreement, the Investment Manager, New City Investment Managers (a trading name of CQS (UK) LLP, is entitled to an annual management fee, payable monthly in arrears, of 1.25% of the Company's Net Asset Value up to (and including) £20,000,000 and 1% of the Company's Net Asset Value in excess of £20,000,000. The Investment Manager is also entitled to reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by it in connection with its duties.

During the year investment management fees of £384,369 were charged to the Company (2019: £235,280) and £49,224 was payable at the year-end (2019: £43,355).

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## **5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS** (continued)

#### Other significant agreements (continued)

The Investment Manager has also received £18,035 (2019: £2,222) in relation to the reimbursement of third party research fees incurred on behalf of the Company in this financial accounting period.

#### Administrator

The Company's Administrator is Maitland Administration (Guernsey) Limited. In consideration for the services provided by the Administrator under the Administration Agreement, the Administrator is entitled to receive from the Company a minimum annual fee of £80,000 if the NAV is less than £100,000,000. During the year administration fees of £80,000 were charged to the Company (2019: £69,144) and £20,000 was payable at the year-end (2019: £18,891).

#### Custodian Fees

The Company's Custodian is Credit Suisse AG Dublin Branch. Custodian fees are charged monthly at 5 basis points based on the Company's assets under management. During the year custodian fees of £16,932 were charged to the Company (2019: £9,404) and £1,701 was payable at the year-end (2019: £860).

#### Depositary Fees

The Company's Depositary is INDOS Financial Limited. In consideration for the services provided by the Depositary under the Depositary Agreement, the Depositary is entitled to receive from the Company an annual fee of 0.02% of the Company's Net Asset Value up to £150 million; 0.015% up to £300 million; 0.0125% up to £450 million and 0.015% thereafter, subject to a minimum fee of £1,400 per month. During the year depositary fees of £16,800 were charged to the Company (2019: £16,800) and £1,400 was payable at the year-end (2019: £1,400).

#### Financial Adviser and Corporate Broker

The Company's Financial Adviser and Corporate Broker ('Financial Adviser') is finnCapp who was appointed 8 February 2019 following the resignation of Cantor Fitzgerald. Under the agreement, the Financial Adviser is entitled to receive from the Company an annual fee of £20,000 per annum when the Net Asset Value is under £30 million, and £30,000 per annum when the Net Asset Value is between is £30 million - £50 million, payable quarterly in advance. During the year financial adviser fees of £24,875 (2019: £24,730) were charged to the Company of which £19,325 (2019: £18,533) was paid to the Financial Adviser. At the year-end £1,000 (2019: £nil) was payable for adviser fees and brokerage fees of £1,467 (2019: £1,467) are included in prepayments.

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## **5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS** (continued)

#### Other significant agreements (continued)

#### Registrar Fees

The Company's Registrar is Computershare Investor Services (Guernsey) Limited. In consideration for the services provided by the Registrar under the Registrars Agreement, the Registrar is entitled to receive from the Company an annual fee of £8,300 per annum payable monthly in arrears as well as all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. During the year registrar fees of £20,974 were charged to the Company (2019: £15,545) and £1,693 was payable at year end (2019: £886).

#### 6. BASIC AND DILUTED GAIN/(LOSS) PER ORDINARY SHARE

Basic gain/(loss) per ordinary share of 33.63p (31 December 2019: (15.78p)) is calculated by dividing the comprehensive income for the year of £19,772,922 (2019: £8,998,044) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year. The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the year is 58,790,394 (2019: 57,014,946). The diluted gain per share is calculated by dividing the comprehensive income for the year by the weighted average ordinary shares and expected subscription shares to be exercised. The 28,473,716 subscription shares were exercised during the year-ended 31 December 2020, as at 31 December 2020 there were no subscription shares in issue. As at 31 December 2019 the subscription shares were non-dilutive as the average share price for the year was below the exercise price and therefore no subscription shares were expected to be exercised, resulting in a weighted average number of shares during the year of 57,014,946.

#### 7. INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted by the Company, including the criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of its financial assets and liabilities are disclosed in note 2. The following table analyses the fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities by category as defined in IFRS 13.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
£	£	£	£
23,278,772	94,004	-	23,372,776
26,075,685	-	-	26,075,685
(12,002,747)	(15,458)	-	(12,018,205)
4,349,929	15,458	-	4,365,387
15,696,794	455,032	-	16,151,826
57,398,433	549,036		57,947,469
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#### 7. INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE (continued)

31 December 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	£	£	£	£
Split by:				
Listed equities	57,398,433	-	-	57,398,433
Warrants		549,546		549,546
	57,398,433	549,546	-	57,947,979
Forward currency contracts		(510)		(510)
	-	(510)	-	(510)

During the year-ended 31 December 2020 there were no transfers of fair value measurements between the levels. There were three investments held at level 3 with a nil value. Please refer to pages 52 to 54 for an analysis of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss which are disclosed above.

31 December 2019	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	${f \pounds}$	£	£	£
Opening fair value at 1				
January 2019	15,395,478	195,300	-	15,590,778
Purchases	5,655,673	-	-	5,655,673
Sales	(7,398,786)	(1,740)	-	(7,400,526)
Gain/(loss)				
- realised	1,633,431	(151,733)	-	1,481,698
- unrealised	7,992,976	52,177	-	8,045,153
Closing fair value at 31			, ,	
December 2019	23,278,772	94,004	<u> </u>	23,372,776
31 December 2019	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
31 December 2019	£	Level 2 £	Level 3	10tai £
Split by:	£	i.	ı.	ı.
Listed equities	23,278,772	-	-	23,278,772
Warrants	-	94,004	_	94,004

During the year-ended 31 December 2019 there were no transfers of fair value measurements between the levels. There were two investments held at Level 3 with a total value of £nil.

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

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## 7. INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE (continued)

Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss:

2020	2019
£	£
4,365,387	1,481,698
16,151,826	8,045,153
20,517,213	9,526,851
32,318	23,431
20,549,531	9,550,282
	4,365,387  16,151,826  20,517,213  32,318

Valuation techniques used in the determination of fair values, including the key inputs used, are as follows:

	Fair value hierarchy	
<u>Item</u>	level	Valuation techniques
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Listed equity securities	Level 1	Fair value is the quoted bid price.
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Warrants and Options.	Level 2	The fair value of warrants and options have been calculated using the underlying listed prices, expiry dates and observable future volatility using the Black-Scholes method.
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss – Forward currency contracts.	Level 2	The fair value of forward currency contracts have been calculated using the underlying exchange rates.

The Directors believe that the use of reasonable possible alternative assumptions for its Level 3 equity holdings would not result in a valuation materially different from the valuation of £nil included in these financial statements.

#### 8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2020	2019
	${f \pounds}$	£
Cash at bank	7,918	36,873
Bank overdraft	(1,961,806)	(565,720)
Total cash and cash equivalents	(1,953,888)	(528,847)

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

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#### 8. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (continued)

Credit Suisse AG Dublin Branch ('CSAGDB') may determine from time to time the overdraft limit it will provide to the Company and may provide reasonable notice in writing of such an amount.

Overdraft interest is calculated on a daily basis using the one month Libor rate plus 175 basis points and is charged to the Company on a monthly basis. In order to satisfy CSAGDB of liquidity, a margin requirement is calculated to establish a net equity and cash position that must be maintained as collateral. If the Company falls into deficit then more funds are called. If the margin calls are not met then CSAGDB can call in all outstanding funds. At no point during the year did the Company fall into deficit and at the year end the Company held an excess over the margin requirement of £30,128,367 (2019: £13,557,060).

In addition to the above there is a provision for an event of default where the NAV changes from the previous highest NAV of the previous calendar year by more than 50%, 40% for the previous 3 months and 20% for the previous month. These are monitored on a monthly basis and the Directors confirm there were no breaches in the year.

#### 9. RECEIVABLES

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts receivable from brokers	-	258,677
Prepayments	11,303	6,288
Total Receivables	11,303	264,965

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of receivables approximates their fair value due to their short term nature.

#### 10. PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investment management fees (note 5)	49,224	43,355
Audit fee	23,000	23,000
Administration fees (note 5)	20,000	18,891
Custodian fees (note 5)	1,701	860
Depositary fees (note 5)	1,400	1,400
Registrar fee payable (note 5)	1,693	886
Finacial advisers fees (note 5)	1,000	-
Legal and professional fees	2,157	-
Listing fees	6,028	
<b>Total Payables and Accruals</b>	106,203	88,392

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of payables and accruals approximates their fair value due to their short term nature.

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#### 11. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorised Share Capital as at 31 December

	2020	2019	2020	2019
	Number of shares	Number of shares	£	£
Ordinary shares of £0.001 par value Subscription shares of no par value	200,000,000	200,000,000 28,473,716	200,000	200,000
Issued and fully paid share capital	equity shares			
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Ordinary shares of £0.001 each at inception	Number of shares	Number of shares	£	£
As at 1 January	57,029,305	57,014,331	57,029	57,014
Issued during the year	28,473,716	14,974	28,474	15
As at 31 December	85,503,021	57,029,305	85,503	57,029

Ordinary Shareholders are entitled to one vote for each ordinary share held and are entitled to receive any distributions declared by the Company. On a winding-up, the Ordinary Shareholders shall be entitled, pro rata to their holdings, to all the assets of the Company available for distribution to Shareholders.

Each subscription share conferred the right, but not the obligation, to subscribe for one ordinary share. During the year all subscription shares (2019: 14,974) were converted to ordinary shares at 46.14p (2019: 42.30p), 18,136,934 subscription shares were exercised, while the remaining 10,336,782 outstanding subscription shares were sold by the Financial Adviser by way of secondary market placing. Net consideration received for the year amounted to £13,137,772 (2019: £6,334).

#### 12. RESERVES

#### Revenue Reserve

Any surplus/ (deficit) arising from total comprehensive income is taken to this reserve, which may be utilised for the buy-back of shares and payments of dividends.

#### **Distributable Reserve**

The Distributable Reserve can be used for all purposes permitted under Guernsey company law, including the buy-back of shares and payment of dividends.

#### **Realised Capital Reserve**

The Realised Capital Reserve contains realised gains and losses on the disposal of investments, together with realised foreign exchange gains and losses and any income and expenses allocated to capital.

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#### 12. RESERVES (continued)

#### **Unrealised Capital Reserve**

The Unrealised Capital Reserve contains unrealised increases and decreases in the fair value of the Company's investment portfolio together with unrealised foreign exchange gains and losses.

#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks as a result of its activities. These risks include credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and price risk). The Company's risk management policies, approved by the Board of Directors, seek to minimise the potential adverse effects of these risks on the Company's financial performance.

#### Credit risk

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

As at the date of the Statement of Financial Position, financial assets exposed to credit risk comprise bank balances and receivables. It is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the carrying amount of these financial assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as at the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

As at 31 December 2020 there were no financial assets which were past due or impaired (31 December 2019: none).

The Board of Directors is satisfied that the Company's transactions are concluded with a suitably approved counterparty with an appropriate credit quality, CSAGDB currently has a Standard and Poor's credit rating of A-1/A+ (31 December 2019: A-1/A). The following table illustrates the credit concentration by category:

	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents:	£	£
Credit Suisse AG Dublin Branch	7,918	36,873
Receivables		264,965
Total assets with credit risk	7,918	301,838

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter in realising assets or otherwise raising funds to meet financial commitments.

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Liquidity risk (continued)**

Whilst most of the Company's financial assets are listed securities which are considered readily realisable as they are listed on major recognised stock exchanges, some of the financial assets held by the Company may not be listed on recognised stock exchanges and so will not be readily realisable and their marketability may be restricted. The Company might only be able to liquidate these positions at disadvantageous prices, should the Investment Manager determine, or it become necessary, to do so. The fair value of these financial assets as at 31 December 2020 amounts to £549,036 (2019: £94,004).

The following table details the Company's liquidity analysis for its financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted net cash flows on the financial liabilities that settle on a net basis and the undiscounted gross cash flows on those financial liabilities that require gross settlement.

	Less than 1		3 months	1 year to 5	
<b>31 December 2020</b>	month	1-3 months	to 1 year	years	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Forward Currency Contract	510	-	-	-	510
Bank overdraft	1,961,806	-	-	-	1,961,806
Investment mangement fees	49,224	-	-	-	49,224
Registrar fees	1,693	-	-	-	1,693
Administration fees	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Audit fees	-	-	23,000	-	23,000
Depositary fees	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Custodian fees	1,701	-	-	-	1,701
Finacial advisers fees (note 5)	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Legal and professional fees	2,157	-	-	-	2,157
Listing fees	6,028				6,028
	2,045,519	-	23,000		2,068,519

31 December 2019	Less than 1 month £	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year £	1 year to 5 years	Total £
Bank overdraft	565,720	-	-	-	565,720
Investment mangement fees	43,355	-	-	-	43,355
Registrar fees	886	-	-	-	886
Administration fees	18,891	-	-	-	18,891
Audit fees	-	-	23,000	-	23,000
Depositary fees	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Custodian fees	860	-	-		860
	631,112	-	23,000		654,112

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Liquidity risk (continued)**

CSAGDB as Custodian has a fixed charge on all the Company's cash and investments held by Credit Suisse in return for services provided including execution of transactions, custody of investments and financing. As per note 8 CSAGDB also calculates a margin requirement to establish a net cash and equity position that must be maintained as collateral. As at the year end the Company had a significant excess over this requirement. Should there be a deficit at any point CSAGDB is entitled to call in all outstanding funds.

The Investment Manager manages liquidity and margin on a daily basis. The Company's overall exposure to liquidity risk is monitored by the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

#### Market Risk

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the market risks of changes in market prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

#### Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will adversely fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk).

The Company is exposed to market price risk arising from its financial assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss. The performance of these financial assets will be affected by the performance of the investee companies. The exploration, development and production of metal and mineral deposits involve significant uncertainties and the investee companies will be subject to all the hazards and risks normally encountered in such activities. Many of these are difficult to predict and are outside the control of the investee companies.

They include, amongst others, issues relating to the environment, the climate, the geographical environment, local and international regulatory requirements, licensing terms, planning permission, unexpected geological formations, rock falls, flooding, pollution, legal liabilities, the availability and reliability of plant and equipment, the scaling-up of operations, the reliance on key individuals, local finance and tax regimes, foreign currency repatriation, capital and budget constraints, contractors and suppliers, local employment regulations and practices, employment unions and the availability of suitable labour.

In addition, there is often no guarantee that the estimates of quantities and grades of metals and minerals disclosed by investee companies will be available for extraction.

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

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### Price risk (continued)

The Company's financial assets are exposed to market price fluctuations which are monitored by the Investment Manager in pursuance of the Company's investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers set out in the Placing and Offer for Subscription document mitigates the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer. However, with respect to the investment strategy utilised by the Company there is always some, and occasionally some significant, degree of market risk.

#### Price sensitivity

The value of the Company's financial assets had a sensitivity of £17,384,394 (2019: £7,011,833) to a 30% (2019: 30%) increase or decrease in the market prices with other variables being held constant as at 31 December 2020. A 30% change is the sensitivity rate currently used when reporting price risk internally to key management personnel.

#### 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 Company is directly exposed to interest rate risk as it holds cash and cash equivalents which are invested at short term rates and debt securities, when held, which receive interest at a fixed rate and on the bank overdraft. The Investment Manager manages the Company's exposure to interest rate risk on a daily basis in accordance with the Company's investment objectives and policies. The Company's overall exposure to interest rate risk is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Board of Directors.

The following table analyses the Company's interest rate risk exposure. The Company's assets and liabilities are included at fair value and categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates. There are no assets or liabilities maturing within four to twelve months of the year end.

	0-3 Months	1-5 Years	Total
As at 31 December 2020	£	£	£
Variable rate assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7,918		7,918
	7,918		7,918
Variable rate liabilities			
Bank overdraft	(1,961,806)		(1,961,806)
	(1,961,806)	-	(1,961,806)

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

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

	0-3 Months	1-5 Years	Total
As at 31 December 2019	£	£	£
Variable rate assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	36,873	-	36,873
	36,873	-	36,873
Variable rate liabilities			
Bank overdraft	(565,720)	-	(565,720)
	(565,720)	-	(565,720)

All other assets and liabilities of the Company are non-interest bearing.

Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis has been determined based on the Company's exposure to interest rates for interest bearing assets and liabilities at the date of the Statement of Financial Position and the stipulated change taking place at the beginning of the financial period and held constant throughout the reporting period in the case of instruments that have floating rates.

If interest rates had been 25 basis points higher or lower and all other variables had been held constant, the Company's net assets attributable to holders of ordinary shares at the year-end would have been £170 (2019: £1,553) lower or higher due to the change in the interest payable on the bank overdraft and the interest receivable on cash and cash equivalents.

#### Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The presentation currency of the Company is Sterling. The majority of the Company's financial assets are currently denominated in various currencies other than Sterling and the Company may hold other financial instruments, the price of which may be determined with reference to currencies other than Sterling.

To the extent that these financial instruments are unhedged, or are not adequately hedged, the value of the Company's financial instruments may fluctuate with exchange rates as well as with price changes in various local markets and currencies. The value of the financial assets may therefore be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in currency rates and exchange control regulations. The Investment Manager has the power to manage exposure to currency movements by using hedging instruments.

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

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### Currency risk (continued)

As at 31 December 2020 the Company held the following hedging instrument.

Currency Sold	Amount	Rate	Currency Bought	Amount	Unrealised Loss	Date
GBP	221,967	0.58	CAD	385,665	(510)	04 January 2021

The hedging instrument has resulted from an unsettled spot exchange transaction, the Investment Manager does not engage in active hedging.

There were no hedging instruments held at the year-end 31 December 2019 or used in the year.

The carrying amounts of the Company's foreign currency denominated financial assets and financial liabilities at the date of the Statement of Financial Position were as follows:

	2020		201	19
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Currency	£	£	£	£
Australian Dollar (AUD)	16,919,302	-	6,146,601	-
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	33,486,231	(221,790)	13,466,197	-
Mexican Peso (MXN)	296,289	-	190,377	-
United Stated Dollar (USD)	6,257,781		3,545,201	
	56,959,603	(221,790)	23,348,376	

Foreign currency sensitivity

The Company is mainly exposed to AUD, CAD USD and MXN.

The following table details the Company's sensitivity to a 15% (2019: 15%) increase or decrease in Sterling against the relevant foreign currencies. A 15% change is the sensitivity rate currently used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel. A positive number indicates an increase in net assets attributable to holders of ordinary shares where Sterling weakens against the relevant currency and a negative number indicates a decrease in net assets where Sterling strengthens against the relevant currency.

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

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

Market risk (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

#### Change in net assets in response to a 15% change in foreign currency rates

	2020		2019	
	Appreciation	Depreciation	Appreciation	Depreciation
Currency	£	£	£	£
Australian Dollar (AUD)	2,985,759	(2,206,865)	1,084,694	(801,731)
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	5,870,195	(4,338,840)	2,376,395	(1,756,466)
Mexican Peso (MXN)	52,286	(38,646)	33,596	(24,832)
United Stated Dollar (USD)	1,104,314	(816,232)	625,623	(462,417)

#### Summary of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities by Category

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities, as recognised at the balance sheet date of the reporting periods under review, are categorised as follows:

	2020 £	2019 €
Financial assets	£	ı.
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		
Investments at fair value through profit or loss	57,947,979	23,372,776
Financial assets held at amortised cost		
Accrued income and due from broker	-	258,677
Cash and cash equivalents	7,918	36,873
Total financial assets	57,955,897	23,668,326
Financial liabilities		
Financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss		
Forward Currency Contract	(510)	-
Financial liabilities held at amortised cost		
Payables and accruals	(106,203)	(88,392)
Bank overdraft	(1,961,806)	(565,720)
Total financial liabilities	(2,068,519)	(654,112)

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

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#### 13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

#### **Capital management**

The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure that it maintains shareholder value and that it is able to continue as a going concern. The Company manages its capital structure and, where necessary, makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions. The Company's overall strategy remains unchanged from the prior year.

The capital structure of the Company consists of net debt, as disclosed in note 8 and equity as per note 11.

The Company is not exposed to any externally imposed capital requirements. The Company expects to meet its other obligations for operating cash flows at the Statement of Financial Position date.

#### 14. EVENTS AFTER THE FINANCIAL REPORTING DATE

The directors are not aware of any material events which occurred after the reporting date and up to the date of this report, that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the Company's financial statements.

#### 15. CONTROLLING PARTY

The issued ordinary shares of the Company are owned by numerous parties and therefore, in the opinion of the Directors, there is no immediate or ultimate controlling party of the Company.

#### 16. NAV RECONCILIATION

	2020	2019	
	£	£	
Net asset value per financial statements	55,898,681	23,020,502	
Number of ordinary shares in issue at the year-end	85,503,021	57,029,305	
IFRS NAV per ordinary share (pence)	65.38	40.37	
Issued NAV per ordinary share (pence)	65.75	40.63	

The major difference between the IFRS NAV per ordinary share and the Issued NAV per ordinary share relates to the pricing of the Investment Portfolio which is valued at a bid price for accounting purposes under IFRS and mid-price for the Issued NAV purposes.

# Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Unaudited Portfolio Statement

As at 31 December 2020

Description	Holding	Fair value	% of Total net
	no.	£	assets
Equities			
Australia			
West African Resources	7,100,278	4,128,389	7.39
Calidus Resources	10,530,232	2,972,186	5.32
Westgold Resources	1,853,457	2,741,270	4.90
Emerald Resources	3,500,000	1,659,646	2.97
Cardinal Resources	2,004,749	1,205,252	2.16
Horizon Minerals	13,285,720	787,485	1.41
Silver Lake Resources	686,715	693,901	1.24
Oklo Resources	5,928,751	652,628	1.17
Rox Resources	22,916,667	646,829	$1.1\epsilon$
Castile Resources	2,997,974	473,864	0.85
Ora Banda Mining	2,215,435	375,188	0.67
Igo	103,782	370,260	0.66
Metals X	2,317,805	176,636	0.32
S2 Resources	328,898	25,065	0.04
Amani Gold	17,026,284	9,612	0.02
Lachlan Star	120,000 _	1,084	0.00
		16,919,295	30.28
Canada			
Fortuna Silver Mines	532,747	3,187,623	5.70
Calibre Mining	2,171,901	3,005,628	5.38
Americas Silver	1,229,225	2,879,849	5.15
Silvercrest Metals	322,000	2,620,016	4.69
Roxgold	2,623,308	2,410,169	4.31
Sabina Gold & Silver	991,177	1,872,515	3.35
Mag Silver	119,000	1,769,119	3.16
Oceanagold	1,214,286	1,708,304	3.06
Integra Resources	555,146	1,549,250	2.77
Wheaton Precious Metals	51,400	1,565,765	2.80
B2 Gold	335,000	1,367,705	2.45
Galiano Gold	1,631,089	1,329,977	2.38
Adventus Mining	2,542,444	1,299,330	2.32
Agnico Eagle Mines	25,000	1,285,678	2.30
Pretium Resources	150,000	1,251,512	2.24
Pan American Silver	32,546	817,624	$1.4\epsilon$
Bluestone Resources	652,215	734,049	1.31
Liberty Gold	551,000	550,527	0.98
Capstone Mng	240,000	327,994	0.59
Osisko Development Corp	50,000	215,332	0.39
Newcore Gold	500,000	203,848	0.36
Ascendant Resources	1,941,561	183,956	0.33
Lundin Mining	22,000	142,625	0.20
Palladium One Mining Inc	1,000,000	137,813	0.25
Trevali Mining	1,018,380	111,107	0.20
Teck Resources	7,500	99,311	0.18
Orea Mining	717,000	76,167	0.14
Allegiant Gold	73,400	12,434	0.02
Pan America Silver *	168,700	-	-
		32,715,227	58.53

# Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Unaudited Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 31 December 2020

Description	Holding	Fair value	% of Total net
	no.	£	assets
Mexico			
Industrias Penoles	24,000 _	295,890	0.53
**	_	295,890	0.53
United Kingdom	2 (20 000	4.45.500	2.10
Hummingbird Resources	3,620,000	1,176,500	2.10
Keras Resources	37,500,000	41,250	0.07
Sovereign Bauxite Of Guinea *	100,000 _		
	_	1,217,750	2.17
United States of America			
Platinum Group Metals	449,795	1,516,922	2.71
Golden Star Resources	522,329	1,413,818	2.53
First Majestic Silver	126,140	1,239,300	2.22
MAG Silver	79,000	1,183,021	2.12
Pretium Resources	106,926	897,210	1.61
Pan America Silver *	50,000 _		
	_	6,250,271	11.19
Total amitia	_	<b>57 200 422</b>	102.70
Total equities	<del></del>	57,398,433	102.70
Warrants			
Canada			
Pure Gold Mining July 2019 **	500,000	478,631	0.86
Americas Gold and Silver 09/06/2021 **	1,148,279	26,850	0.05
Bluestone Resources 19/03/2021 **	44,000	8,467	0.02
Ascendant Resources 07/03/2022 **	514,043	5,908	0.01
Americas Gold and Silver 16/06/2021 **	364,060	8,695	0.02
Trevali Mining 02/06/2022**	73,127	2,521	0.00
Osisko 12/01/2023**	25,000	18,474	0.03
		549,546	0.99
Total warrants		549,546	0.99
Foreign currency contracts			
CAD:GBP 04/01/2021		(510)	-
Total foreign currency contracts	_ _	(510)	
Total Investments at fair value through profi	it and loss	57,947,469	103.69
Net receivables and payables		(94,900)	(0.17)
Net cash and cash equivalents and bank overdra	nft	(1,953,888)	(3.50)
Total Net Assets		55,898,681	100
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<sup>\*</sup> Level 3 unlisted equities

<sup>\*\*</sup> Level 2 warrants

# Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited Unaudited Portfolio Statement (continued)

As at 31 December 2020

Summary:	Fair value	% of Total net
	£	assets
Equities		
Canada	32,715,227	58.53
Australia	16,919,295	30.28
United States of America	6,250,271	11.19
United Kingdom	1,217,750	2.17
Mexico	295,890	0.53
Total equities	57,398,433	102.70
Warrants		
Canada	549,546	0.99
Total warrants	549,546	0.99
Foreign currency contracts	(510)	-
Net receivables and payables	(94,900)	(0.17)
Net cash and cash equivalents and bank overdraft	(1,953,888)	(3.50)
Tota Net Assets	55,898,681	100

## **Management and Administration**

**Directors** 

Malcolm Burne Toby Birch Robert King Graeme Ross

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#### **Registered office**

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#### **Investment Manager**

CQS (UK) LLP 4<sup>th</sup> Floor One Strand London WC2N 5HR

Note: the Company has appointed CQS as its investment manager. However, CQS has, with the agreement of the Board, delegated that function to New City Investment Managers.

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previously CQS Asset Management Limited)
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#### **Depositary**

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## **Management and Administration (continued)**

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### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited**

Report of the UK Investment Manager Relating to Matters under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers' Directive ('the Directive')

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

#### Risk management systems

The Company's Offering Memorandum sets out the risks to which the Company is exposed. The UK Investment Manager employs risk management disciplines which monitor the Company's portfolio and to quantify and manage the associated market and other risks. A permanent independent department has been established by the UK Investment Manager to perform the risk management function. The risk management and performance analysis team ("RMPA") is led by the Chief Risk Officer and is functionally and hierarchically separate from the operating units of the portfolio managers of the Company.

RMPA is a dedicated control function over the operating units of the Investment Manager and is not involved in the performance activities of the Company. RMPA has designed, documented and implemented effective risk management policies, processes and procedures in order to identify, quantify, analyse, monitor, report on and manage all material risks relevant to the Company's investment strategy. The systems include third party vendor applications such as Tradar, Sungard Front Arena and MSCI Risk Metrics, complemented with a number of proprietary applications.

#### Material changes to information required to be made available to investors of the Company

No material changes.

#### Assets of the Company subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature

There are no assets of the Company which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.

#### Remuneration

The AIFM has adopted a remuneration policy which meets the requirements of the Directive and has been in place for the current financial year of the Company. The variable remuneration period of the AIFM ended on 31 December 2020 and therefore coincides with the financial year of the Company.

The remuneration process is overseen by the remuneration committee (comprised predominately of independent non-executive parties). An internal working group encompassing senior management is responsible for gathering relevant information (both quantitative and qualitative) to evaluate the performance (both short and long term) of individuals, teams and the AIFM as a whole, against external market benchmarks and to utilise this to develop proposals for fixed and variable remuneration for all staff. The remuneration committee receives these proposals and the supporting information and is responsible for independently reviewing and scrutinising the proposals and evidence provided in line with the AIFM's stated objectives and developing its final recommendations for delivery to the governing body of the AIFM and other entities associated with the AIFM.

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#### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited**

Report of the UK Investment Manager Relating to Matters under the Alternative Investment Fund Managers' Directive ('the Directive') (continued)

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

#### **Remuneration (continued)**

The variable remuneration of all staff in excess of a threshold, which includes those individuals categorised as remuneration code staff ("code staff"), is subject to the following:

- deferred payment of up to 50% of the variable remuneration for a period of 3 years,
- deferred remuneration is linked to funds managed by the AIFM,
- the breaching of certain covenants may lead to forfeiture of deferred remuneration, and
- a claw-back provision of deferred remuneration in certain circumstances including future performance issues by the individuals.

The below information provides the total remuneration paid by the AIFM (and any delegates) for the year ending December 31, 2020. This has been presented in line with the information available to the Company. There is no allocation made by the AIFM to each AIF and as such the disclosure reflects the remuneration paid to individuals who are partly or fully involved in the AIF, as well as staff of any delegate to which the firm has delegated portfolio management and/or risk management responsibilities in relation to the AIF.

Of the total AIFM remuneration paid of \$92.9m for the year ending December 31, 2020 to 248 individuals (full time equivalent), \$34.5m has been paid as fixed remuneration determined based upon the FCA guidance with the remainder being paid as variable remuneration.

The AIFM has assessed the members of staff whom it determines to be code staff in line with AIFMD as reflected in SYSC 19b.3.4R. Senior management and staff engaged in the control functions are identified based upon their roles and responsibilities within the AIFM and the delegates. With respect to investment professionals, in determining whether such staff are code staff, due consideration is taken of the allocated capital and trading limits that apply to the funds managed and whether the individuals report into and seek consent for investment decisions from others who are themselves code staff. There are 16.6 individuals (full time equivalent) who meet this definition and these individuals have collectively been compensated \$45.1m.

Not all individuals are directly remunerated by the AIFM due to the structure of the AIFM entity, however in the interests of meeting the underlying requirement of this disclosure all staff involved have been assessed as if directly remunerated by the AIFM.

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### **Golden Prospect Precious Metals Limited**

Report of the UK Investment Manager Relating to Matters under the Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions

For the year-ended 31 December 2020

The Company is subject to the Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse and Amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament ("SFTR"). The regulation was issued on November 25, 2015 effective for all alternative investment funds from January 12, 2016. The disclosure requirements accompanying this regulation are effective for annual reports published after January 13, 2017.

A Securities Financing Transaction ("SFT") is defined per Article 3(11) of the SFTR as;

- a repurchase transaction or a reverse repurchase transaction;
- a securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing;
- a buy-sell back transaction or sell-buy back transaction;
- a margin lending transaction.

The regulation also covers transactions that are commonly referred to as total return swaps ("Swaps"). As at December 31, 2020, there were no SFT's or Swaps held by the Company and as such there are no disclosure requirements in respect of these securities. The Company did however incur margin lending fees during the year and these have been disclosed below.

#### Data on return and cost for each type of SFT and Swap

The following table reflects the return and cost for each type of SFT and Swap broken down between the Company, the Investment Manager and third parties for the year ended December 31, 2020.

	Company	Manager	parties
Repurchase transaction	-	-	-
Securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities	-	-	-
Buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions	-	-	-
Margin lending transactions	(58,396)	-	-
Total return swaps		-	
Total	(58,396)	-	-

These disclosures have been prepared by the Investment Manager and reflect the Investment Managers data as at 31 December 2020.

New City Investment Managers (a trading name of CQS (UK) LLP)

12 April 2021

Third