

1invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited

(Registration Number 2013/022008/06)

**Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 29 February 2024**

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General Information

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| Directors | Mr. Brian William Smith Mr. Johann Steyn Erasmus Mr. Brendan Harmse Adv. Mpho Rasivhetshele (Appointed 15 March 2023) Ms Henda van Deventer (Resigned 15 March 2023) |
| Nature of business and principal activities | Structured entity to conduct an exchange traded fund ("ETF") |
| Company secretary | Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited (formerly Maitland Corporate Services Proprietary Limited) |
| Registered office | 1st Floor North Block 3 Dock Road Victoria and Alfred Waterfront Cape Town 8001 |
| Auditor | Deloitte & Touche 5 Magwa Crescent Waterfall City Johannesburg 2090 |
| Shareholder | Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust, incorporated in South Africa. |
| Registration number | 2013/022008/06 |
| Country of incorporation and domicile | South Africa |
| Preparer / Compiler | The annual financial statements were independently compiled by Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited under the supervision of Phelia Loubser, CA (SA) (Corporate Financial Management Services Manager at Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited). |
| Supervisor | Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited is managed by The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited ("Standard Bank"). All references to manager and management relate to The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. These audited annual financial statements are under the direction and supervision of Standard Bank. |
| Level of assurance | These annual financial statements have been audited in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended. |

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Directors' Responsibilities and Approval

The directors are responsible for overseeing the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the annual financial statements which fairly present the state of the affairs of Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited ("the Company") at the end of the financial year and the net income and cash flows for the reporting period, and other information contained in this report.

To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities:

- all directors will maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the Company's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach;
- the board sets standards and management implements systems of internal control and accounting and information systems aimed at providing reasonable assurance that both on and off statement of financial position assets are safeguarded and the risk of error, fraud or loss is reduced in a cost-effective manner. These controls, contained in established policies and procedures, include the proper delegation of responsibilities and authorities within a defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties;
- the board and management identify all key areas of risk across the Company and endeavour to mitigate or minimise these risks by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure controls, systems and discipline are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints; and
- the internal audit function is outsourced to Standard Bank management, who appraise, evaluate and, when necessary, recommend improvements to the systems of internal control and accounting practices based on audit plans that take cognisance of the relative degrees of risk of each function or aspect of the business.

To the best of their knowledge and belief, based on the above, the directors are satisfied that no material breakdown in the operation of the systems of internal control and procedures has occurred during the year under review.

The Company consistently adopts appropriate and recognised accounting policies and these are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates on a consistent basis. The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended and comply with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The directors have no reason to believe that the Company will not be a going concern in the reporting period ahead and for at least 12 months from the date of issue of the annual financial statements, based on forecasts and available cash resources. These annual financial statements have accordingly been prepared on this basis.

It is the responsibility of the independent auditor to report on the annual financial statements. Their report to the shareholder of the Company is set out on pages 13 to 17 of this report.

Approval of the annual financial statements

The directors' report on pages 10 to 12 and the annual financial statements of the company, set out on pages 18 to 53, were approved by the board of directors on 27 May 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Brian William Smith
Johannesburg
27 May 2024



Mr. Johann Steyn Erasmus
Johannesburg
27 May 2024

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Report of the Audit Committee

Mr. B Harmse is the chairman of the audit committee. Mr. BW Smith and Adv. M Rasivhetshele are members of the Company's audit committee. Mr. BW Smith, Mr. B Harmse and Adv. M Rasivhetshele are independent non-executive directors and have relevant qualifications and financial expertise.

The company secretary also serves as the secretary of the committee.

Besides the statutory functions for audit and risk committees contained in the Companies Act of South Africa, the key terms of reference of the audit committee comprise various categories of responsibility and include the following:

- the Company's relationship with the external auditor;
 - the presentation of financial statements and reports complying with all relevant corporate disclosure requirements and accounting standards;
 - the review of any other announcement regarding the Company's results or other financial information, including dividends proposed for declaration;
 - the identification of exposure to significant risks;
 - the operation of adequate processes of internal control; and
- the monitoring of the Company's corporate governance practices in relation to statutory and other regulatory requirements and guidelines.

In addition, the committee considers any matters referred to it by the board. The chairman of the committee reports to the board on the recommendations made by the committee.

The audit committee met on the below mentioned occasions, during the year under review and up to approval of the annual financial statements, for the primary purposes mentioned above:

- 27 May 2024, to consider the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024 which were approved by the board of directors on 27 May 2024; and
- 15 February 2024, to discuss the audit committee terms of reference and the external audit plan.

The audit committee confirms that it has executed its responsibilities in terms of paragraph 3.84(g)(iii) of the JSE Listings Requirements in its assessment of the suitability of the external auditor.

Execution of functions

The audit committee has executed its duties and responsibilities during the financial year in accordance with its mandate as it relates to the Company's accounting, internal control and financial reporting practices.

During the year under review, the committee, among other matters, considered the following:

In respect of the external auditor and external audit:

- considered and recommended the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as external auditor for the financial year ended 29 February 2024, in accordance with all applicable legal requirements;
- approved the external auditor's terms of engagement, the audit plan and budgeted audit fees payable;
- reviewed the audit process and evaluated the effectiveness of the audit;
- assessed and obtained assurance from the external auditor that their independence was not impaired;
- considered the nature and extent of all non-audit services provided by the external auditor and confirmed that none were provided; and
- confirmed that no reportable irregularities were identified and reported by the external auditor in terms of the Auditing Profession Act 26 of 2005.

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Execution of functions (continued)

In respect of internal audit:

- confirmed that the internal audit function was conducted by Standard Bank Internal Audit, following a risk based approach;
- confirmed that the Company was risk assessed and prioritised in relation to Standard Bank business functions to determine the audit need and therefore frequency of review; and
- the previous internal audit process concluded in April 2022, the findings were satisfactory with no serious issues recorded. The Company has not been selected for further internal audit processes based on their risk assessment approach since then but the internal audit department has agreed to conduct an internal audit process on a 2-3 year cycle in line with the requirements of the Company.

In respect of the financial statements:

- examined and reviewed the annual financial statements prior to submission and approval by the board;
- ensured that the annual financial statements fairly present the financial position of the Company as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year then ended;
- ensured that the annual financial statements conform with IFRS, the requirements of the JSE Debt Listings Requirements, the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended and all other applicable accounting guides and pronouncements;
- considered accounting treatments, significant unusual transactions and accounting judgements;
- considered the appropriateness of the accounting policies adopted and changes thereto;
- noted that there were no material reports or complaints received concerning accounting practices, internal financial controls, content of annual financial statements, internal controls and related matters;
- reviewed any significant legal and tax matters that could have a material impact on the financial statements; and
- reviewed and discussed the independent auditor's report.

In accordance with revised International Standards on Auditing, certain independent auditor's reports for financial years ending on or after 15 December 2016 are required to incorporate the reporting of key audit matters. As part of the audit committee's responsibilities, notably its review of financial results, reports from external audit, finance and the Company's accounting policies, as well as the annual financial statements, the audit committee took cognisance of the key audit matters as reported in the independent auditor's report. In addition, the audit committee reviewed management's judgements on significant accounting and external reporting issues and confirmed the external auditor's agreement with the treatment thereof.

In respect of financial accounting and reporting developments:

- reviewed management's process and progress with respect to new financial accounting and reporting developments.

In respect of internal control:

- the committee formed the opinion that, at the date of this report, there were no material breakdowns in internal control, including internal financial controls, resulting in any material loss to the Company.

In respect of legal, regulatory and compliance requirements:

- reviewed, with management, matters that could have a material impact on the Company;
- monitored compliance with the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended, JSE Debt Listing Requirements, the King IV Code and other applicable legislation and governance codes and reviewed reports from the external auditor and compliance detailing the extent of this; and
- noted that no complaints were received concerning accounting matters, internal financial controls, contents of financial statements, potential violations of the law and questionable accounting or auditing matters.

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Execution of functions (continued)

In respect of risk management:

- ensured that risk-related matters of relevance to the audit committee were considered.

Independence, skills and expertise of the external auditor

The audit committee is satisfied that Deloitte & Touche is independent of the Company and that Deloitte & Touche and the partner who is responsible for signing the Company's financial statements have the requisite skills and expertise. This conclusion was arrived at, inter alia, after taking into account the following factors:

- the representations made by Deloitte & Touche to the committee, including confirmation of the firm and individual auditor's accreditation by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors as well as the firm and individual auditor's audit quality information;
- the auditor does not, except as external auditor, receive any remuneration or other benefits from the Company;
- the auditor's independence was not impaired by any consultancy, advisory or other work undertaken by the auditor;
- the auditor's independence was not prejudiced as a result of any previous appointment as auditor; and
- the criteria specified for independence by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors and international regulatory bodies were met.

The committee noted the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' announcement of its Mandatory Audit Firm Rotation (MAFR) ruling on 2 June 2016 which determined that an audit firm may not be appointed auditor of a public interest entity for more than ten years. A new auditor was appointed for the 2024 financial period.

The audit committee report was approved by the audit committee on 27 May 2024 and is signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Brendan Harmse

Johannesburg

27 May 2024

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The Company is fully committed to the principles of the Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct ('the Code') as set out in the King IV Report on Corporate Governance.

In supporting the Code, the directors recognise the need to govern the Company with integrity and in accordance with generally accepted corporate practices.

The Company has no employees. The directors of the Company are of the opinion that the Company has applied the principles and recommendations of the Code, in all material respects, with regard to the period under review.

Board of directors

The board consists of :

- One non-executive director
- Three independent non-executive directors

The board has the following committee:

- Audit committee

Independent advice

A director or any member of a board committee may, if necessary, take independent professional advice at the expense of the Company.

Company secretary

All directors have access to the advice and services of the company secretary, who provides guidance to the board as a whole and to individual directors with regard to how their responsibilities should be discharged in the best interest of the Company.

Audit committee

The board has concluded that the audit committee has satisfied its responsibilities.

Internal audit

The internal audit function is conducted by Standard Bank Internal Audit, following a risk based approach. The Company is risk assessed and prioritised in relation to Standard Bank business functions to determine the audit need and therefore frequency of review. The previous internal audit process concluded in April 2022, the findings were satisfactory with no serious issues recorded. The Company has not been selected for further internal audit processes based on their risk assessment approach since then but the internal audit department has agreed to conduct an internal audit process on a 2-3 year cycle in line with the requirements of the Company.

Remuneration philosophy

The Company adopted the Standard Bank Human Resources policies. One of the non-executive directors of the Company is a full time employee of Standard Bank and therefore is not paid any directors' fees by the Company for his services as director.

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Corporate Governance Statement

Integrated sustainability reporting and disclosure

As a special purpose entity, the Company does not play an active role in the environment and the community and therefore an integrated sustainability report is not represented.

Managing stakeholder relationships

The board delegates to the management of Standard Bank to pro actively deal with stakeholder relationships.

Fundamental and affected transactions

The Company does not conduct business with entities in which its directors have an interest other than that disclosed in the related parties note to the annual financial statements. Refer to note 18. Directors are requested to declare their directorships in other companies on an annual basis.

IT governance

Information technology governance is performed in terms of the Standard Bank IT Governance Policy.

Social and Ethics Committee

The Company applied for an exemption from appointing a social and ethics committee. The application was successful and the Company is exempt from the requirement to appoint a social and ethics committee for a period of five years, with effect from 26 January 2021.

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Certificate by the Company Secretary

To the shareholder of 1invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended ("the Act"), I, Marian Griffin Kloot, in my capacity as company secretary, certify that in respect of the year ended 29 February 2024, the Company has lodged with the Commissioner of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, all returns prescribed by the Act and that all such returns are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and up to date.



Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited

Company secretary

Represented by: Marian Griffin Kloot

Cape Town

27 May 2024

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Directors' Report

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report which accompanies the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended 29 February 2024.

1. Review of activities

Main business and operations

The principal activity of the Company is that of a structured entity to conduct an exchange traded fund ("ETF"). The Company enables investors to invest in debt instruments, the value of which track the price of Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium (Precious Metals). The Company operates principally in South Africa, and from the way the business of the Company is structured and managed, there are no operating segments and the Company's results are reviewed as a single operating segment.

The operating results and statement of financial position of the Company are fully set out in the attached financial statements and do not in our opinion require any further comment.

2. Registered office, date of incorporation and company registration number

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| Registered office | 1st Floor North Block 3 Dock Road Victoria and Alfred Waterfront Cape Town 8001 |
| Date of incorporation | 11 February 2013 |
| Company registration number | 2013/022008/06 |

3. Shareholder

Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust, established in South Africa, holds 100% of the share capital of the Company.

4. Directors

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

Mr. Johann Steyn Erasmus

Mr. Brendan Harmse

Mr. Brian William Smith

Adv. Mpho Rasivhetshela

(Appointed: 15 March 2023)

Ms. Henda van Deventer

(Resigned: 15 March 2023)

5. Events after the reporting date

No events, which are likely to have a material effect on the Company's results in the current year, have occurred between the year end date and the date of this report.

The annual financial statements were approved by the directors on 27 May 2024.

The annual financial statements cannot be amended after issue.

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6. Auditor

Deloitte & Touche were appointed as the independent auditor for the year under review in accordance with Section 90 of the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended.

7. Company Secretary

The company secretary is Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited (formerly Maitland Corporate Services Proprietary Limited).

8. Authorised and issued share capital

No changes were approved or made to the authorised or issued share capital of the Company during the year under review or prior year.

9. Going concern

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

10. Compilation of annual financial statements

The compiler was responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements based on information provided by management and worked under the supervision of management. Management is responsible for these annual financial statements.

11. Directors' interest in contracts

No contracts were entered into in which the directors' of the Company had an interest and which significantly affected the business of the Company.

12. Risk

The Precious Metals are held by the custodians, JP Morgan Chase Bank (Gold, Platinum and Palladium) and Johnson Matthey (Rhodium) in their vaults. The Custodians are London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) as well as London Platinum and Palladium Market (LPPM) members and are in good standing with both associations. There is a risk that the Precious Metals could be lost, stolen or damaged, therefore the Company would not be able to request the sale or delivery of Precious Metals for itself or on behalf of any qualifying debenture holder. The custodians have suitable all risk insurance cover for all the holdings in the custodians' vaults and this cover has been reviewed by management. The cover includes general risks such as theft and/or fraud but excludes catastrophic risks such as acts of God.

13. Compulsory redemption of Precious Metal debentures

The compulsory redemption of Precious Metal debentures could occur if the amount derived from the sales is not sufficient to cover management and corporate expenses, i.e., if the individual Precious Metal ETF is no longer profitable. The Company is able to call a compulsory redemption on that individual ETF, rather than to continue to operate in an unprofitable state. No such redemption occurred during the period under review or prior year.

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Directors' Report

14. Dividend

No dividend was declared or paid to the shareholder during the current year (2023: R Nil).

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholder of 1Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of 1Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited set out on pages 18 to 54, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 29 February 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 1Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited as at 29 February 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the corresponding sections of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBSA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA code). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



National Executive: *R Redfearn Chief Executive Officer *GM Berry Chief Operating Officer JW Eshun Managing Director Businesses LN Mahluza Chief People Officer *N Sing Chief Risk Officer AP Theophanides Chief Sustainability Officer *NA le Riche Chief Growth Officer *ML Tshabalala Audit & Assurance AM Babu Consulting TA Odukoya Financial Advisory G Rammego Risk Advisory DI Kubeka Tax & Legal DP Ndlovu Chair of the Board

A full list of partners and directors is available on request * Partner and Registered Auditor

B-BBEE rating: Level 1 contribution in terms of the DTI Generic Scorecard as per the amended Codes of Good Practice

Associate of Deloitte Africa, a Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

| Key audit matter | How the matter was addressed in the audit |
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| <p><i>Existence and valuation of bullion investments of R3.1 billion</i></p> <p><i>Refer to note 1.10 (Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium Bullion) and note 5 (Bullion investments) to the financial statements.</i></p> <p>The Company has R3.1 billion in bullion investments (Gold, Palladium, Platinum and Rhodium) as at 29 February 2024, which represents a significant portion of the total assets of the Company. The fair value of bullion is affected by the market and is determined with reference to the exchange quoted selling price of Gold / Platinum / Palladium / Rhodium per ounce. The ounces of each metal are multiplied by the applicable metal price per ounce in dollars and the exchange rate at each reporting date to determine the value of the investments.</p> <p>The matter is considered to be of most significance to our current year audit as the attendance of the physical metal counts is impracticable due to security protocols instituted at the custodians only granting access to these vaults in line with the London Bullion Market Association practices and policies. Therefore, alternative procedures are required to be performed to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.</p> <p>In addition, the value of the bullion investments is a significant input into management's valuation of the debentures (refer to note 9 to the financial statements – Debentures), which represent a significant portion of the total liabilities of the Company. Management fee income is also derived from the measurement of the bullion investments.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We compared the ounces of the bullion held at year end recorded by the Company to the statement of metal account as at 29 February 2024 (a confirmation received directly from the custodians). No exceptions were noted. • We inspected the independent physical metal stock count reports performed by the management expert appointed by the Company, which occurred subsequent to year end. • We inspected the website of the management expert in respect of their accreditation. We also inspected the website of the Inspectorate to assess whether the expert is independent of the Company. We noted no matters requiring further consideration in this regard. • We further obtained written representation from management that the appointed management expert who performed the independent counts is independent of the Company and the custodians. • We agreed the independent counts performed by the management expert to the Company's accounting records and asset confirmations of the bullion investments and tested the rollback movements to 29 February 2024 on a sample basis by agreeing individual buy and sell transactions to underlying information, as applicable. We did not identify any material differences. • We obtained a movement schedule which reconciles the opening balance of bullion investments as at 01 March 2023 to the closing balance as at 29 February 2024, which includes the movements during the year for bullion purchased and bullion redeemed, proceeds on bullion sales during the year and fair value adjustments for the year. We tested a sample of buy and sell transactions by comparing to underlying information and recalculated the fair value adjustment for the year. We did not identify any material differences. • We recalculated the value of the bullion investments by multiplying the ounces of bullion held to the price per ounce in dollars at year end as published by The London Bullion Market for Gold, Platinum and Palladium and Johnsson Mattey for Rhodium at 29 February 2024 and recalculated the Rand amount with reference to the published 29 February 2024 Refinitiv USD-ZAR exchange rate. No material differences were identified in this recalculation. • We assessed the required disclosures in terms of IFRS and did not note any material deficiencies with respect to bullion investments. |

Other Matter

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 28 February 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on 29 May 2023.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled “Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 29 February 2024”, which includes the General Information, the Directors’ Responsibilities and Approval, the Report of the Audit Committee, the Corporate Governance Statement, the Certificate by the Company Secretary and the Directors’ Report, as required by the Companies Act of South Africa. The other information does not include annual financial statements and our auditor’s reports thereon.

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

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, 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 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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

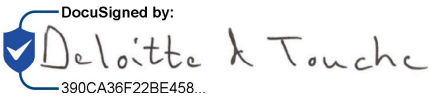
We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. .

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

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

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In terms of the IRBA Rule published in Government Gazette Number 39475 dated 04 December 2015, we report that Deloitte & Touche has been the auditor of 1Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited for one year.

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 Deloitte & Touche
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Deloitte & Touche

Registered Auditor

Per: Claudette van der Merwe

Partner

30 May 2024

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Annual Financial Statements as at 29 February 2024

Statement of Financial Position

| Figures in R | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3 | 40,397,930 | 32,437,147 |
| Trade and other receivables | 4 | 223,457 | 986,009 |
| Bullion Investments | 5 | 3,114,457,711 | 4,027,058,464 |
| Current tax receivable | 15 | 962,461 | 607,550 |
| Deferred taxation | 6 | 8,317,201 | 7,669,458 |
| Total assets | | 3,164,358,760 | 4,068,758,628 |
| Equity and liabilities | | | |
| Equity | | | |
| Share capital | 7 | 120 | 120 |
| Retained income | | 42,938,031 | 42,098,928 |
| Total equity | | 42,938,151 | 42,099,048 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 8 | 11,589,296 | 4,220,231 |
| Debentures | 9 | 3,109,831,313 | 4,022,439,349 |
| Total liabilities | | 3,121,420,609 | 4,026,659,580 |
| Total equity and liabilities | | 3,164,358,760 | 4,068,758,628 |

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

| Figures in R | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| Management fee income | 10 | 16,153,371 | 11,196,627 |
| Other income | 11 | 66,372 | 1,544,420 |
| Operating expenses | 12 | (15,741,439) | (9,708,196) |
| Fair value adjustment on Bullion Investments | 5 | (551,024,612) | 3,448,344 |
| Fair value adjustment on Debentures | 9 | 549,215,029 | (6,639,379) |
| Operating loss | | (1,331,279) | (158,183) |
| Finance income | 22 | 2,476,924 | 1,303,811 |
| Profit before taxation | | 1,145,645 | 1,145,628 |
| Taxation | 13 | (306,542) | (371,664) |
| Profit for the year | | 839,103 | 773,965 |
| Profit for the year attributable to: | | | |
| Owners of the Company | | 839,103 | 773,965 |
| Other comprehensive income | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | 839,103 | 773,965 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to: | | | |
| Owners of the Company | | 839,103 | 773,965 |

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Statement of Changes in Equity

| Figures in R | Share capital | Retained income | Total |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance at 1 March 2022 | 120 | 41,324,963 | 41,325,083 |
| Changes in equity | | | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 773,965 | 773,965 |
| Balance at 28 February 2023 | 120 | 42,098,928 | 42,099,048 |
| Changes in equity | | | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 839,103 | 839,103 |
| Balance at 29 February 2024 | 120 | 42,938,031 | 42,938,151 |
| Note | 7 | | |

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Statement of Cash Flows

| Figures in R | Notes | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cashflow generated from operations | 14 | 351,609,684 | 201,078,830 |
| Taxation paid | 15 | (1,275,543) | (1,847,460) |
| Interest received | 22 | 2,443,274 | 1,303,811 |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | | 352,777,415 | 200,535,181 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Creation of debentures | 9 | 9,048,521,506 | 2,431,398,272 |
| Debentures redeemed | 9 | (9,393,338,138) | (2,634,379,528) |
| Cash outflow from financing activities | | (344,816,632) | (202,981,257) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 7,960,783 | (2,446,075) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 3 | 32,437,147 | 34,883,222 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | 3 | 40,397,930 | 32,437,147 |

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Accounting Policies

1. Presentation of the annual financial statements

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these annual financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

1.1 Statement of compliance

The audited annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, as amended and the JSE Listings Requirements.

1.2 Basis of accounting and measurement

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with going concern principles using the historical cost basis, unless otherwise stated in the detailed accounting policies below.

1.3 Functional and presentation currency

The annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information is presented to the nearest Rand.

Assessment to determine the Company's functional currency

Management has assessed the functional currency of the business to be the South African Rand. Although the commodities are quoted and generally trade in USD, the debentures are listed in ZAR on the JSE. The South African Rand is also the currency that is used by management to assess the performance of the business on an ongoing basis.

1.4 Use of estimates, assumptions and judgement

In the preparation of the annual financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported income, expenses, assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates, which may be material to the financial statements within the next financial year.

Judgements made by management that could have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements include:

- Estimated fair value of Debentures

Management uses the estimate that the value of the debentures at year end is equal to the value of the underlying metal referenced by the debentures at year end. There is a difference between the total fair value of metal and the total fair value of debentures, due to the metal that the Company holds on their own account and not referenced by the debentures.

1.5 Financial instruments

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently measured on the basis as set out below. Transaction costs of instruments carried at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately through the profit or loss component of the statement of comprehensive income. For other categories of financial instruments, transaction costs (incremental costs directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial instrument) and transaction income (i.e. initiation fees) are capitalised to the initial carrying amount.

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1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial instruments are recognised on the date when the Company enters into contractual arrangements with counterparties to purchase or sell the financial instruments.

Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and financial liabilities classified in this category are those that have been designated by management upon initial recognition. Management may only designate an instrument at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition when the following criteria are met:

- the designation eliminates or significantly reduces the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis.
- the assets and liabilities are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy which significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required by the contract.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in the profit or loss section in the statement of comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities

After initial recognition the debentures are held at fair value and this fair value is referenced to the price of Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium bullion respectively.

All redeemable securities provided by the portfolios provide investors with the right to request redemption for cash or in specie at the value proportionate to each investor's share. The securities are redeemable at any time at the option of the security holder and are therefore classified as financial liabilities. The carrying value of the liability at fair value and the amount which the Company is contractually required to pay the holder on redemption approximate each other.

Classification of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

The Company classifies the debenture liability at fair value through profit or loss if they are acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term, i.e. are held for trading. They are presented as current liabilities if they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period; otherwise they are presented as non-current liabilities. The Company has elected to designate any financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

Amounts recognised in profit or loss

Changes in fair values of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in Fair value adjustment on Debentures in profit or loss.

Fair value

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices or dealer price quotations, without any deduction for transaction costs. For financial instruments not traded in an active market, the fair value is determined using appropriate valuation techniques. Such techniques may include, using recent arm's length market transactions, reference to the current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, a discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation models. An analysis of fair values of financial instruments and further details as to how they are measured is provided in note 17.

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1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Trade and other receivables are short term in nature and are not discounted.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Trade and other payables are short term in nature and are not discounted.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash comprises of cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents comprise highly liquid investments that are convertible into cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value with original maturities of less than three months. Cash and cash equivalents are measured at amortised cost.

Impairment

The Company recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses ("ECLs") on financial assets measured at amortised cost. The Company measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- Debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

The loss allowance for trade and other receivables is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, and the loss allowance for cash and cash equivalents is measured at 12-month ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due. The Company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- The borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to action such as realising the security (if any is held); or
- The financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument. 12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months). The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over when the Company is exposed to credit risk.

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1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- A breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due;
- A restructuring of a loan or advance by the Company on terms that the Company would not consider otherwise;
- It is probable the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- It is probable the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or

Presentation of an allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. The Company expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Company's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

Derecognition of financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or on trade date when they have been transferred and the Company has also transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished, that is when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

1.6 Share capital

Ordinary share capital

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity.

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1.7 Revenue

The Company applies IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

IFRS 15 identifies 5 requirements which need to be met in order to recognise revenue. These criteria are listed below and have been applied by the Company as follows:

- Identify contract - The contract identified is the prospectus which outlines the arrangement between the investors into the respective ETFs and 1invest ETF including the management fee rate applicable for each commodity;
- Identify performance obligations - The performance obligation per the prospectus is the management of the underlying bullion investments on behalf of debenture holders;
- Determine transaction price - The transaction price of the management fee income is determined using the quantity of the metal under management in ounces, the dollar value of each metal, the prevailing dollar / rand exchange rate in line with the Company's accounting policy and the management fee rate per the prospectus, calculated and accrued daily;
- Allocate price to performance obligations - The full transaction price is allocated to the performance obligation as the management fee accrues on a daily basis; and
- Recognise revenue as obligations are fulfilled - The fee is recognised over time, as the management fee accrues daily.

Management fee rates

The management fee income consists of a fee accrued daily on all the Company's holdings of the relevant commodity which that ETF references, calculated at the applicable rate set by the Company, which is 0.25% per annum (excluding VAT) for the Gold ETF, 0.30% per annum (excluding VAT) for the Platinum ETF, 0.35% per annum (excluding VAT) for the Palladium ETF and 0.75% per annum (excluding VAT) for the Rhodium ETF.

1.8 Finance income

Finance income comprises of interest income on funds invested. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in profit or loss, using the effective interest method.

1.9 Tax

Current tax

The current tax liability or asset is the expected tax payable or recoverable, using tax rates and tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of prior years.

Deferred tax

Deferred income tax is provided, using the balance sheet method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases and carrying amounts of bullion investments, debentures, trade and other payables and receivables. In relation to acquisitions, deferred tax is raised on the difference between the fair values of net assets acquired and their tax bases in the annual financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

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1.9 Tax (continued)

Deferred tax (continued)

The tax effects of income tax losses available for carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and deferred income tax liabilities are offset, if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except:

- where the VAT incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the VAT is recognised as part of the asset or expense; and
- receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of VAT included.

1.10 Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium Bullion

Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium Bullion are commodities that the Company buys and/or sells for others or on their own account in order to generate a return of the respective Debenture and/or to realise fees. The Company enables investors to track the performance of commodities through investing in the respective debentures linked to Gold, Platinum, Palladium and Rhodium. There is an active market for the respective commodities with trading prices publicly available. The most appropriate policy is to hold Bullion as an investment held at fair value through profit or loss.

The Company has elected to develop and adopt its own accounting policy for bullion investments in accordance with IAS 8.

Bullion is initially measured at fair value and is subsequently measured on the basis as set out below. Transaction costs of Bullion carried at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately through the profit or loss component of the statement of comprehensive income.

Bullion is recognised on the date when the Company enters into contractual arrangements with counterparties to purchase Bullion.

It is subsequently measured at fair value and recorded on the statement of financial position. Changes in fair value are recorded in the profit or loss section in the statement of comprehensive income.

The fair value of Bullion is affected by the market and is determined with reference to the exchange quoted selling price of gold / platinum / palladium / rhodium per ounce on the last day of the financial year.

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2. Adoption of new and revised standards

International Financial Reporting Standards, interpretations and amendments issued but not effective:

There are a number of Standards, interpretations and amendments issued but not yet effective. The Company has not elected to early adopt the Standards, interpretations and amendments before the effective dates. These pronouncements are not expected to have a material effect on the Annual Financial Statements.

The following are the new or amended Standards and Interpretations issued but not effective:

| Pronouncement | Subject | Effective date |
|---|---|----------------|
| Newly mandatorily effective in the current period | | |
| IFRS 17 | Insurance Contracts | 1 January 2023 |
| Amendments to IFRS 17 | IFRS 17 | 1 January 2023 |
| | Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying IFRS 9 | 1 January 2023 |
| | Disclosure of accounting policies | 1 January 2023 |
| | Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction | 1 January 2023 |
| | Definition of accounting estimates | 1 January 2023 |
| | Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 - Comparative Information | 1 January 2023 |
| | International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules | 1 January 2023 |
| | | |
| Not yet mandatorily effective | | |
| Amendment to IFRS 16 | Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback | 1 January 2024 |
| Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 | Supplier Finance Arrangements | 1 January 2024 |
| Amendments to IAS 1 | Non-current Liabilities with Covenants | 1 January 2024 |
| IFRS S1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information | IFRS S1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability - related Financial Information | 1 January 2024 |
| Amendments to IAS 1 | Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current | 1 January 2024 |
| Amendments to IAS 1 | Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date | 1 January 2024 |
| Amendments to IAS 21 | Lack of exchangeability | 1 January 2025 |
| IFRS 18 | Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements | 1 January 2027 |

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash on hand | 120 | 120 |
| Balances with banks | 40,397,810 | 32,437,027 |
| Total cash | 40,397,930 | 32,437,147 |

The bank balances are held with Standard bank and the expected credit loss on cash and cash equivalents is immaterial as they are short term deposits. The current Moody's credit rating is Baa3. Please refer to note 20 for additional information.

4. Trade and other receivables

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Prepayments | 188,957 | 615,834 |
| Sundry debtors | 34,500 | 74,750 |
| VAT receivable | - | 295,426 |
| | 223,457 | 986,009 |

The sundry debtors balance of R34,500 comprises of creation and redemption income of R34,500 (2023: R74,750). The carrying value of trade and other receivables approximates the fair value. The impact of the expected credit loss model on financial assets measured at amortised cost is insignificant and immaterial to the financial statements because the receivable is a result of the daily accrual of management fee income which is accrued in metal and realized in cash when the bullion investments are sold by 1invest ETF on a monthly basis. Since the realisation of cash and settlement of the receivable is within the control of the Company, the impact of the expected credit loss is immaterial.

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5. Bullion investments

Gold

| | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 444,401,262 | 529,058,226 |
| Gold purchases during the year | 3,026,262,894 | 755,645,322 |
| Gold redemptions during the year | (2,494,099,451) | (908,405,625) |
| Proceeds on gold sales during the year | (1,569,060) | (1,614,482) |
| Fair value adjustment for the year | 146,543 | 69,717,821 |
| | <u>975,142,188</u> | <u>444,401,262</u> |

As at 29 February 2024, 24,816.00 (2023: 13,200.99) ounces of gold bullion to the value of approximately R974,649,043 (2023: R444,102,352) has been pledged in favour of AfricaGold Security Trust as security for the guarantee provided by AfricaGold Security Trust against Invest ETF Issuer's obligations under the AfricaGold debentures. The balance of the gold bullion holdings which have not been pledged are for Invest ETF Issuer's own account. Refer to note 21 for details on the Security Trust.

Platinum

| | | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 3,207,997,362 | 1,987,191,832 |
| Platinum purchases during the year | 5,169,966,450 | 1,459,959,862 |
| Platinum redemptions during the year | (6,043,946,556) | (338,471,659) |
| Proceeds on platinum sales during the year | (14,053,167) | (5,883,299) |
| Fair value adjustment for the year | (399,010,364) | 105,200,627 |
| | <u>1,920,953,725</u> | <u>3,207,997,362</u> |

As at 29 February 2024, 112,874.98 (2023: 182,832.08) ounces of platinum bullion to the value of approximately R1,919,761,990 (2023: R3,206,754,055) has been pledged in favour of AfricaPlatinum Security Trust as security for the guarantee provided by AfricaPlatinum Security Trust against the Invest ETF Issuer's obligations under the AfricaPlatinum Debentures. The balance of the platinum bullion holdings which have not been pledged are for Invest ETF Issuer's own account. Refer to note 21 for details on the Security Trust.

Palladium

| | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 91,797,656 | 1,177,850,181 |
| Palladium purchases during the year | 721,471,932 | 189,329,802 |
| Palladium redemptions during the year | (753,085,033) | (1,303,247,482) |
| Proceeds on palladium sales during the year | (1,137,283) | (1,161,706) |
| Fair value adjustment for the year | (7,049,880) | 29,026,861 |
| | <u>51,997,392</u> | <u>91,797,656</u> |

As at 29 February 2024, 2,846.75 (2023: 3,521.181) ounces of palladium bullion to the value of approximately R51,780,945 (2023: R91,559,297) has been pledged in favour of AfricaPalladium Security Trust as security for the guarantee provided by AfricaPalladium Security Trust against Invest ETF Issuer's obligations under the AfricaPalladium Debentures. The balance of the palladium bullion holdings which have not been pledged are for Invest ETF Issuer's own account. Refer to note 21 for details on the Security Trust.

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| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rhodium | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 282,862,185 | 543,957,927 |
| Rhodium purchases during the year | 130,820,230 | 26,463,287 |
| Rhodium redemptions during the year | (102,207,098) | (84,254,762) |
| Proceeds on rhodium sales during the year | - | (2,807,302) |
| Fair value adjustment for the year | (145,110,912) | (200,496,965) |
| | <u>166,364,405</u> | <u>282,862,185</u> |

As at 29 February 2024, 1,970.66 (2023: 1,503.05) ounces of rhodium bullion to the value of approximately R163,639,335 (2023: R280,023,644) has been pledged in favour of AfricaRhodium Security Trust as security for the guarantee provided by AfricaRhodium Security Trust against 1invest ETF Issuer's obligations under the AfricaRhodium Debentures. The balance of the rhodium bullion holdings which have not been pledged are for 1invest ETF Issuer's own account. Refer to note 21 for details on the Security Trust.

Total bullion investments

| | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 4,027,058,464 | 4,238,058,167 |
| Total bullion purchases during the year | 9,048,521,507 | 2,431,398,273 |
| Total bullion redemptions during the year | (9,393,338,138) | (2,634,379,528) |
| Proceeds on total bullion sales during the year | (16,759,510) | (11,466,789) |
| Fair value adjustment for the year | (551,024,612) | 3,448,341 |
| | <u>3,114,457,711</u> | <u>4,027,058,464</u> |

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5. Bullion investments (continued)

Risk

The Precious Metals are held by the custodians, JP Morgan Chase Bank (Gold, Platinum and Palladium) and Johnson Matthey (Rhodium) in their vaults. The Custodians are London Bullion Market Association ("LBMA") as well as London Platinum and Palladium Market (LPPM) members and are in good standing with both associations. There is a risk that the Precious Metals could be lost, stolen or damaged, therefore the Company would not be able to request the sale or delivery of Precious Metals for itself or on behalf of any qualifying debenture holder. The custodians have suitable all risk insurance cover for all the holdings in the custodians' vaults and this cover has been reviewed by management. The cover includes general risks such as theft and/ or fraud but excludes catastrophic risks such as acts of God.

6. Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax asset

Deferred tax asset

8,317,201

7,669,458

Reconciliation of movement in deferred tax asset

Opening balance

7,669,458

7,179,966

Fair value movements on Precious Metals

148,776,646

(931,052)

Fair value movements on Precious Metals debentures

(148,288,058)

1,792,632

Accruals

43,899

(282,949)

Prepayments

115,256

(89,139)

8,317,201

7,669,458

Tax effects of temporary differences between tax and book value for:

Fair value on Bullion Investment

(1,528,675,423)

(1,677,452,069)

Fair value movements on Precious Metals debentures

1,536,702,432

1,684,990,490

Accruals

341,211

297,312

Prepayments

(51,019)

(166,275)

8,317,201

7,669,458

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7. Share capital

Authorised

4 000 no par value shares

Issued

120 no par value shares

120

120

Authorised shares

There were no changes to authorised share capital during the current year.

Unissued shares

As at the reporting date, the unissued shares are under the control of the directors, in terms of a general authority to allot and issue them on such terms and conditions and at such times as they deem fit. This authority expires at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

Shares issued during the current reporting period

There were no shares issued during the current and prior reporting period.

8. Trade and other payables

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| SARS - VAT payable | 29,152 | - |
| JP Morgan Chase bank - custodian fees | 70,792 | 84,720 |
| Johnson Matthey - custodian fees | 258,842 | 247,686 |
| Accruals - audit fees | 348,850 | 399,768 |
| Strate Limited - listing fee | 1,514 | 2,430 |
| Invest Fund Managers - Management fee payable | 10,422,474 | 3,447,856 |
| Namibian Stock Exchange | - | 37,771 |
| Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services | 457,672 | - |
| Total trade and other payables | 11,589,296 | 4,220,231 |

Trade and other payables are interest free and are payable within 3 months. The carrying value of trade and other payables approximates the fair value.

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9. Debentures

The unsecured debenture values are linked to the respective gold, platinum, palladium and rhodium prices and are listed on the Exchange Traded Index Funds sector of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. The date of initial issue of the debentures was 4 December 2015 for Rhodium, 24 March 2014 for Palladium and 7 April 2014 for Platinum and Gold. During the prior year, the Company listed debentures on the Namibian Stock Exchange ('NSX'), the debentures were gold, platinum and palladium.

The Debentures do not bear interest and rank pari passu among each other. The debenture holders have not acquired any ownership, right or beneficial interest in or to any Gold, Platinum, Palladium or Rhodium Bullion held by the Company. The holder can redeem a debenture as long as the conditions for redemption as set out in the prospectus have been met. Based on certain contingent events the Company has the option to settle the debentures; these events are not expected to occur in the normal course of business. The debenture holder has the option to put the debenture back to the Company. Details of the redemption process are set out in the prospectus.

Fair value movements on debentures

The carrying value of the liability at fair value and the amount which the Company is contractually required to pay the holder on redemption, approximate each other.

Fair value adjustments increasing the debenture liability in the current year equals R549,215,029 compared to a decrease in (2023: R6,639,376).

The changes in fair value of the liability attributable to changes in credit risk is Rnil (2023: Rnil). The constant credit spread approach was applied from the date the liabilities were originated. No changes in the credit risk of the liabilities and the applicable credit spreads were observed after origin.

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Debentures (continued)

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number of debentures | R | Number of debentures | R |
| Reconciliation - Gold | | | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 1,355,000 | 444,102,352 | 1,840,000 | 528,910,228 |
| Creation of debentures | 8,400,000 | 3,026,262,894 | 2,600,000 | 755,645,321 |
| Redemptions of debentures | (7,200,000) | (2,494,099,451) | (3,085,000) | (908,405,625) |
| Gold fee accrual (incl VAT) | - | (1,892,332) | - | (1,807,309) |
| Fair value adjustment | - | 275,580 | - | 69,759,737 |
| Gold debentures | <u>2,555,000</u> | <u>974,649,043</u> | <u>1,355,000</u> | <u>444,102,352</u> |
| Reconciliation - Platinum | | | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 18,845,000 | 3,206,754,055 | 12,415,000 | 1,986,553,572 |
| Creation of debentures | 26,977,000 | 5,169,966,450 | 8,680,000 | 1,459,959,862 |
| Redemptions of debentures | (34,150,000) | (6,043,946,556) | (2,250,000) | (338,471,659) |
| Platinum fee accrual (incl VAT) | - | (13,938,281) | - | (6,674,681) |
| Fair value adjustment | - | (399,073,678) | - | 105,386,961 |
| Platinum debentures | <u>11,672,000</u> | <u>1,919,761,990</u> | <u>18,845,000</u> | <u>3,206,754,055</u> |
| Reconciliation - Palladium | | | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 364,050 | 91,559,297 | 3,154,050 | 1,177,127,510 |
| Creation of debentures | 2,631,000 | 721,471,932 | 550,000 | 189,329,802 |
| Redemptions of debentures | (2,700,000) | (753,085,033) | (3,340,000) | (1,303,247,482) |
| Palladium fee accrual (incl VAT) | - | (1,030,368) | - | (903,632) |
| Fair value adjustment | - | (7,134,884) | - | 29,253,099 |
| Palladium debentures | <u>295,050</u> | <u>51,780,945</u> | <u>364,050</u> | <u>91,559,297</u> |
| Reconciliation - Rhodium | | | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | 158,405 | 280,023,644 | 183,905 | 539,066,039 |
| Creation of debentures | 114,600 | 130,820,230 | 11,500 | 26,463,287 |
| Redemptions of debentures | (64,850) | (102,207,098) | (37,000) | (84,254,762) |
| Rhodium fee accrual (incl VAT) | - | (1,715,396) | - | (3,490,499) |
| Fair value adjustment | - | (143,282,046) | - | (197,760,421) |
| Rhodium debentures | <u>208,155</u> | <u>163,639,335</u> | <u>158,405</u> | <u>280,023,644</u> |
| Reconciliation - Total debentures | | | | |
| Fair value at the beginning of the year | | 4,022,439,349 | | 4,231,657,350 |
| Creation of debentures | | 9,048,521,506 | | 2,431,398,272 |
| Redemptions of debentures | | (9,393,338,138) | | (2,634,379,528) |
| Total fee accrual (incl VAT) | | (18,576,377) | | (12,876,121) |
| Fair value adjustment | | (549,215,029) | | 6,639,376 |
| Total debentures | | <u>3,109,831,312</u> | | <u>4,022,439,349</u> |

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For the gold, platinum and palladium debentures, the fair value is derived from multiplying the number of ounces with the AM fix (price of an ounce of gold / platinum and palladium), and also with the ZAR/USD exchange rate taken around the same time on 29 February 2024. For the rhodium debentures, the fair value is derived from a price received from an independent data provider and the same ZAR/USD as per the gold, platinum and palladium debentures. This is different from the Fund's published NAVs in order to account for currency and price movements on 29 February 2024.

| | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Quarterly review of the gold prices per ounce | | | |
| 31 May 2023 | 1,964 | 19.77 | 38,836 |
| 31 August 2023 | 1,942 | 18.70 | 36,321 |
| 30 November 2023 | 2,035 | 18.73 | 38,124 |
| 29 February 2024 | 2,048 | 19.19 | 39,302 |
| Quarterly review of the gold debenture values per debenture | | | R |
| 31 May 2023 | | | 376.26 |
| 31 August 2023 | | | 288.08 |
| 30 November 2023 | | | 345.86 |
| 29 February 2024 | | | 381.47 |
| | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
| Quarterly review of the gold prices per ounce | | | |
| 31 May 2022 | 1,854 | 15.50 | 28,737 |
| 31 August 2022 | 1,712 | 17.01 | 29,121 |
| 30 November 2022 | 1,760 | 16.99 | 29,902 |
| 28 February 2023 | 1,810 | 18.45 | 33,395 |
| Quarterly review of the gold debenture values per debenture | | | R |
| 31 May 2022 | | | 282.26 |
| 31 August 2022 | | | 288.08 |
| 30 November 2022 | | | 298.46 |
| 28 February 2023 | | | 327.75 |
| | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
| Quarterly review of the platinum prices per ounce | | | |
| 31 May 2023 | 1,003 | 19.77 | 19,829 |
| 31 August 2023 | 980 | 18.70 | 18,326 |
| 30 November 2023 | 937 | 18.73 | 17,550 |
| 29 February 2024 | 887 | 19.19 | 17,022 |

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| Quarterly review of the platinum debenture values per debenture | R |
|---|--------|
| 31 May 2023 | 198.38 |
| 31 August 2023 | 178.00 |
| 30 November 2023 | 160.58 |
| 29 February 2024 | 164.48 |

| | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Quarterly review of the platinum prices per ounce | | | |
| 31 May 2022 | 963 | 15.50 | 14,927 |
| 31 August 2022 | 848 | 17.01 | 14,424 |
| 30 November 2022 | 1,011 | 16.99 | 17,177 |
| 28 February 2023 | 939 | 18.45 | 17,325 |

| Quarterly review of the platinum debenture values per debenture | R |
|---|--------|
| 31 May 2022 | 141.89 |
| 31 August 2022 | 142.97 |
| 30 November 2022 | 165.34 |
| 28 February 2023 | 170.16 |

| Quarterly review of the palladium prices per ounce | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| 31 May 2023 | 1,390 | 19.77 | 27,480 |
| 31 August 2023 | 1,225 | 18.70 | 22,908 |
| 30 November 2023 | 1,025 | 18.73 | 19,198 |
| 29 February 2024 | 952 | 19.19 | 18,269 |

| Quarterly review of the palladium debenture values per debenture | R |
|--|--------|
| 31 May 2023 | 214.21 |
| 31 August 2023 | 546.76 |
| 30 November 2023 | 188.63 |
| 29 February 2024 | 175.50 |

| Quarterly review of the palladium prices per ounce | US\$ | R/\$ | R |
|--|-------|-------|--------|
| 31 May 2022 | 2,070 | 15.50 | 32,085 |
| 31 August 2022 | 2,096 | 17.01 | 35,653 |
| 30 November 2022 | 1,882 | 16.99 | 31,975 |
| 28 February 2023 | 1,433 | 18.45 | 26,439 |

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9. Debentures (continued)

| | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|----------|
| Quarterly review of the palladium debenture values per debenture | | | | R |
| 31 May 2022 | | | | 314.15 |
| 31 August 2022 | | | | 352.46 |
| 30 November 2022 | | | | 238.99 |
| 28 February 2023 | | | | 251.50 |
| Quarterly review of the rhodium prices per ounce | US\$ | R/\$ | | R |
| 31 May 2023 | 6,900 | 19.77 | | 136,413 |
| 31 August 2023 | 4,100 | 18.70 | | 76,670 |
| 30 November 2023 | 4,450 | 18.73 | | 83,349 |
| 29 February 2024 | 4,400 | 19.19 | | 84,436 |
| Quarterly review of the rhodium debenture values per debenture | | | | R |
| 31 May 2023 | | | | 1,279.23 |
| 31 August 2023 | | | | 722.77 |
| 30 November 2023 | | | | 793.38 |
| 29 February 2024 | | | | 786.14 |
| Quarterly review of the rhodium prices per ounce | US\$ | R/\$ | | R |
| 31 May 2022 | 15,300 | 15.50 | | 237,150 |
| 31 August 2022 | 14,100 | 17.01 | | 239,841 |
| 30 November 2022 | 13,300 | 16.99 | | 225,967 |
| 28 February 2023 | 10,200 | 18.45 | | 188,190 |
| Quarterly review of the rhodium debenture values per debenture | | | | R |
| 31 May 2022 | | | | 2,237.08 |
| 31 August 2022 | | | | 2,272.47 |
| 30 November 2022 | | | | 1,922.58 |
| 28 February 2023 | | | | 1,767.77 |

Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited debentures are primary listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange as disclosed in note 9 above and secondary listed on the following exchange. The details are given below:

| Precious Metals debentures | Number of listed debentures | Stock Exchange |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Gold | 2,555,000 | Namibian Stock Exchange |
| Platinum | 11,672,000 | Namibian Stock Exchange |
| Palladium | 295,050 | Namibian Stock Exchange |

The debentures pricing ratio on the NSX, is 1 South African rand to 1 Namibian dollar.

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10. Management fee income

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management fee : Gold | 1,645,506 | 1,571,573 |
| Management fee : Platinum | 12,120,244 | 5,804,071 |
| Management fee : Palladium | 895,972 | 785,767 |
| Management fee : Rhodium | 1,491,649 | 3,035,216 |
| | <u>16,153,371</u> | <u>11,196,627</u> |

11. Other income

| | | |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| Realised (loss) / gain on palladium sales | (222,272) | 31,978 |
| Realised (loss) / gain on platinum sales | (426,926) | 324,234 |
| Realised gain on rhodium sales | - | 763,410 |
| Creation and redemption fees | 715,570 | 424,798 |
| | <u>66,372</u> | <u>1,544,420</u> |

12. Operating expenses

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Accounting fees | 110,515 | 110,582 |
| Audit fees | 566,249 | 453,140 |
| Bank charges | 3,210 | 5,195 |
| Corporate and Trust administration fees | 642,821 | 378,870 |
| Custodian fees | 1,883,877 | 1,649,467 |
| Foreign exchange (gain) / loss | (10,311) | 39,345 |
| Portfolio administration fees | 1,249,875 | 888,236 |
| Professional fees | 90,173 | 337,228 |
| SARS penalties | - | 11,097 |
| Management fees | 10,431,553 | 5,276,186 |
| Listing fees | 7,383 | 52,763 |
| Sundry expenses | 766,094 | 506,087 |
| | <u>15,741,439</u> | <u>9,708,196</u> |

In the current year, the Company incurred sundry expenses such as the following:

1. Listing fees related to trading on the Namibian Stock Exchange for debentures in gold, platinum and palladium.
2. The Management fee expenses are based on 90% of the management fee income minus normal business expenses.
3. Sundry expenses related to filing fees, stock exchange fees and transfer agent fees.

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13. Taxation

Major components of the tax expense

South African normal tax

Current year

954,285

861,156

Current taxation

954,285

861,156

Deferred tax

Current year

(647,743)

(489,492)

Deferred taxation

(647,743)

(489,492)

Total taxation

306,542

371,664

Reconciliation of the tax expense

Reconciliation between accounting profit and tax expense

Profit before tax

1,145,645

1,145,628

Tax at the applicable tax rate of 27% / (2023: 28%)

309,324

320,776

Tax effect of amounts which are not (taxable) deductible in calculating taxable income:

SARS Interest and penalties

-

3,107

Expenses not deductible

-

11,017

Non - taxable income

(2,782)

-

Tax rate change relating to timing differences

-

36,764

306,542

371,664

14. Cash generated from operations

Profit before taxation

1,145,645

1,145,628

Adjustments for:

Finance income

(2,476,924)

(1,303,811)

Non-cash items:

Fair value gain / (loss) on bullion

551,024,612

(3,448,342)

Fair value (loss) / gain on debentures

(549,215,029)

6,639,377

Total fee accrual in metal

(18,576,377)

(12,876,121)

Changes in working capital:

Decrease / (increase) in trade and other receivables

762,552

(407,492)

Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables

7,369,064

(3,118,454)

Redemptions during the period / year

9,393,338,138

2,634,379,528

Proceeds on total bullion sales during the year

16,759,510

11,466,789

Purchase of Bullion

(9,048,521,507)

(2,431,398,273)

351,609,684

201,078,830

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15. Tax paid

| | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Balance at beginning of the year | 607,550 | (378,754) |
| Income tax expense for the year recognised in profit or loss (note 13) | (954,285) | (861,156) |
| Balance at end of the year | (962,461) | (607,550) |
| SARS interest receivable | 33,651 | - |
| | <u>(1,275,545)</u> | <u>(1,847,460)</u> |

16. Fair value of financial instruments

Financial instruments at amortised cost carried on the statement of financial position include cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables. As at 29 February 2024, for all these instruments, the carrying amounts approximate the fair values of the respective assets and liabilities because the instruments are short term in nature, therefore no further hierarchy disclosures were made for these instruments.

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17. Fair value hierarchy

The table below shows the Company's assets and liabilities that are recognised and subsequently measured at fair value and are analysed by valuation techniques. The classification of assets and liabilities is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. A description of the nature of the techniques used to calculate valuations based on observable inputs and valuations based on unobservable inputs is set out in the table below:

Recurring fair value measurements

| | Valuations with reference to observable prices | Valuations based on observable inputs | Valuations based on un-observable inputs | Total |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | |
| 2024 | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Bullion investment | 3,114,457,711 | - | - | 3,114,457,711 |
| Total assets | 3,114,457,711 | - | - | 3,114,457,711 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Debentures | - | 3,109,831,313 | - | 3,109,831,313 |
| Total liabilities | - | 3,109,831,313 | - | 3,109,831,313 |
| 2023 | | | | |
| Assets | | | | |
| Bullion investment | 4,027,058,464 | - | - | 4,027,058,464 |
| Total assets | 4,027,058,464 | - | - | 4,027,058,464 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Debentures | - | 4,022,439,349 | - | 4,022,439,349 |
| Total liabilities | - | 4,022,439,349 | - | 4,022,439,349 |

Note that a level 1 fair value was not used for debentures as we applied a bid-ask adjustment to the level 1 fair value.

Debentures are level 2 in nature, even though there is a quoted market price. The market price for the debentures as at 29 February 2024 is R3,120,017,005 (2023: R4,005,099,580). The requirement for a frequently traded instrument is not met, due to the nature of the Debenture (i.e. the value of the debenture changes more frequently than the actual trading on the Debenture, as a result of the changes in metal price).

Level 1

Financial instruments valued with reference to unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets where the quoted price is readily available and the price represents actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

An active market is one in which transactions occur with sufficient volume and frequency to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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17. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

Recurring fair value measurements (continued)

Level 2

Financial instruments valued using inputs other than quoted prices as described above for Level 1 including:

- quoted price for similar assets or liabilities in an active market;
- quoted price for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- valuation model using observable inputs; and
- valuation model using inputs derived from/corroborated by observable market data.

The value of the level 2 financial instruments (debentures) is determined according to the value of the underlying referenced bullion investments. The bullion investments and the sales values are calculated with reference to the Rand value of the underlying Precious Metal. The ounces of each metal referenced to the corresponding debentures (calculated using the allocation factor) are multiplied by the applicable metal price and exchange rate at each reporting date to determine the value of the debentures. The management fee is accrued daily, in metal, on the quantity of bullion outstanding. This results in a decay effect as the quantity of metal referenced by a fixed number of debentures outstanding reduces each day with the applicable management fee including VAT.

Level 3

Financial instruments valued using inputs that were not based on observable market data (unobservable data) such as an entity's own assumptions about assumptions of market participants in pricing the asset or liability. At year end there were no financial instruments classified at level 3.

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18. Related parties

Key management personnel:

- Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited
- The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

Fund Manager:

- Invest Fund Managers (Proprietary) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Bank Limited.

Holding Company

- Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust

The Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust owns 100% (2023: 100%) of the ordinary shares in the entity. The founder of the Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust is The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. The Trustees of Africa Funds Issuer Owner Trust are currently Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited.

Directors:

Mr. Brendan Harmse

Mr. Brian William Smith

Mr. Johann Steyn Erasmus

Adv. Mpho Rasivhetshela

Ms. Henda van Deventer

(Appointed: 15 March 2023)

(Resigned: 15 March 2023)

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18. Related parties (continued)

Related party balances

The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 40,397,810 | 32,437,027 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|

The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Interest income | 2,476,924 | 1,303,811 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|

Invest Fund Managers (Proprietary) Limited

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Management fee expense | 10,431,553 | 5,276,186 |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|

| | | |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Invest Fund Managers - Management fee payable | 10,422,474 | 3,447,856 |
|---|------------|-----------|

Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited (formerly Maitland Corporate Services Proprietary Limited)

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Fees for corporate services | 753,336 | 378,870 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|

19. Directors' emoluments

The non-executive director of the Company, Mr. Johann Erasmus, that is a full time employee of Standard Bank does not earn any directors fees for his services as director. None of the independent directors are paid directly by the Company. Fees for corporate services incurred include amounts paid to Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited in respect of director responsibility services provided to the Company.

Mr. Brendan Harmse is employed by Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited and does not earn additional directorship fees from Invest ETF Issuer (RF) Limited.

Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited Directors:

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mr. Brendan Harmse* | 38,103 |
| Mr. Brian William Smith | 38,103 |
| Adv. Mpho Rasivhetshele | 38,103 |
| Mr. Johann Erasmus* | 38,103 |
| | <u>152,412</u> |

* The directors fees for Mr. Johann Erasmus and Mr. Brendan Harmse are estimations based on the fees earned by the other two directors, as they each receive a salary to compensate them for all their responsibilities.

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20. Risk management

Financial risks

The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of debentures, cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables. In respect of all financial instruments the carrying value is the fair value. Exposure to interest, credit and liquidity risks arise in the normal course of business.

The Company's business involves taking risks in a targeted manner and managing them professionally. The core functions of the Company's risk management are to identify all key risks for the Company, measure these risks, manage the risk positions and determine capital allocations. The Company regularly reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in markets, products and best market practice.

The Company's aim is to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance. The Company defines risk as the possibility of losses or profits foregone, which may be caused by internal or external factors.

The risks arising from financial instruments to which the Company is exposed are financial risks which include credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk (which are discussed on the following page) and operational risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of suffering financial loss, should any of the Company's customers, clients or market counterparties fail to fulfil their contractual obligations to the Company.

The entity's cash resources are placed with a reputable financial institution. Credit risk with respect to trade and other receivables is limited as it mainly relates to creation/redemption fees due.

The carrying amount of the financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting period represented below, is the worst case scenario of credit risk exposure.

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Balances with banks (note 3) | 40,397,810 | 32,437,027 |
| Trade and other receivables (excluding VAT and prepayments) (note 4) | 34,500 | 74,750 |

Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure:

Industry sectors

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Financial services | 40,432,310 | 32,511,777 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|

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20. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents are held with Standard Bank that has a long term rating of BB- on the Fitch credit rating scale at year end. The credit rating for Standard Bank remained stable at BB- in January 2024.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk of a reduction in the Company's earnings or capital due to:

- traded market risk: The risk of the Company being impacted by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices. This includes changes in interest rates, inflation rates, credit spreads, property prices, commodity prices, equity and bond prices and foreign exchange levels.
- non-traded market risk: The risk of the Company exposed to interest rate risk arising from loans, deposits and similar instruments held for longer term strategic purposes rather than for the purpose of profiting from changes in interest rates.

Market risk exposure

Market risk exposure arises from cash and cash equivalents, debentures and investments.

Market risk management process

The Company's market risk management objectives include the protection and enhancement of the statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income and facilitating business growth within a controlled and transparent risk management framework.

Commodity risk

The value of the Precious Metal debentures is affected by movements in the US Dollar price of the respective Precious Metals. These Precious Metal prices are affected by numerous factors including:

- political, economic or financial situations;
- future expectations of inflation rates and movements in world equity, financial and property markets;
- supply and demand for the respective Precious Metals; and
- interest rates and currency exchange rates, particularly the strength of the US Dollar.

A 10% change in the strengthening or weakening of the commodity price at 29 February 2024 would result in the changes below:

| | Precious Metals: Bullion Investment | Precious Metals: Bullion Investment (own account) | Precious Metals: Debentures | Profit or (loss) |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Commodity price strengthening | 311,445,771 | 1,224,910 | 310,983,131 | 1,687,550 |
| Commodity price weakening | (311,445,771) | (1,224,910) | (310,983,131) | (1,687,550) |

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20. Risk management (continued)

Commodity risk (continued)

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023*</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Commodity price strengthening | 402,705,846 | - | 402,243,935 | 461,911 |
| Commodity price weakening | (402,705,846) | - | (402,243,935) | (461,911) |

* An immaterial prior period error was noted whereby the Precious Metals: Bullion Investment (own account) was not disclosed. In accordance with IAS 8 requirements this was not corrected as it's deemed to not be material. This has been appropriately treated in the current year and disclosed above.

Interest rate risk

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

The only exposure to interest rate risk relates to cash with reputable financial institutions.

Interest rate sensitivity

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments at the reporting date. For floating rate liabilities, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of liability outstanding at the reporting date was outstanding for the whole year. A 200 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 200 basis points higher or lower and all other variables were held constant, this would result in the changes below:

| | Amounts | Increase/ decrease in rate | Increase/ decrease in profit before tax |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 29 February 2024 | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 40,397,930 | 2 % | 807,959 |
| 28 February 2023 | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 32,437,147 | 2 % | 648,743 |

There has been no change in sensitivity method or assumptions since the previous period.

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk means the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

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The Company is exposed to currency risk as the Precious Metals and the JP Morgan and Johnson Matthey creditors are denominated in USD.

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20. Risk management (continued)

Foreign exchange risk (continued)

A 10% change in the strengthening or weakening of the US Dollar against the Rand at 29 February 2024 would result in the changes below:

| | Precious Metals: Bullion Investment | Precious Metals: Debentures | Profit or (loss) |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| ZAR strengthening against USD | 311,445,771 | 310,983,131 | 462,640 |
| ZAR weakening against USD | (311,445,771) | (310,983,131) | (462,640) |
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| ZAR strengthening against USD | 402,705,846 | 402,243,935 | 461,912 |
| ZAR weakening against USD | (402,705,846) | (402,243,935) | (461,912) |
| | | Trade and other payables | Profit or (loss) |
| | | <u>2024</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Rand strengthening against the US Dollar | | 1,158,930 | 115,893 |
| Rand weakening against the US Dollar | | (1,158,930) | (115,893) |
| | | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> |
| Rand strengthening against the US Dollar | | 422,023 | 42,202 |
| Rand weakening against the US Dollar | | (422,023) | (42,202) |

There has been no change in sensitivity method or assumptions since the previous period.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk results from both the differences between the magnitude of assets and liabilities and the disproportion in their maturities. Liquidity risk is the risk that operations cannot be funded and financial commitments cannot be met timeously and cost effectively. Liquidity risk management deals with the overall time profile of the current statement of financial positions as well as the expected future structure.

The availability of funding through liquid cash positions ensures that the Company has the ability to fund day-to-day operations. The liquid cash position is R40,397,930 (2023: R32,437,147).

The redemption value that 1invest ETF Issuer would pay in relation to a Debenture and as at the redemption date thereof, is an amount equal to the sale proceeds realised or that would have been realised by 1invest ETF Issuer pursuant to a sale of the reference quantity of the relevant commodity to which such debenture is linked.

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20. Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The following are the contractual maturities of financial assets as well as financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements.

| | Carrying amount | Contractual cash flows | On demand | Within 1 year | 1-5 years |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| At 29 February 2024 | | | | | |
| Bullion Investments | 3,114,457,711 | 3,114,457,711 | 3,114,457,711 | - | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 40,397,930 | 40,397,930 | 40,397,930 | - | - |
| Trade and other receivables | 223,457 | 223,457 | - | 223,457 | - |
| Trade and other payables | (11,589,296) | (11,589,296) | - | (11,589,296) | - |
| Debentures | (3,109,831,313) | (3,109,831,313) | (3,109,831,313) | - | - |
| | 33,658,488 | 33,658,489 | 45,024,327 | (11,365,839) | - |

| | Carrying amount | Contractual cash flows | On demand | Within 1 year | 1-5 years |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| At 28 February 2023 | | | | | |
| Bullion Investments | 4,027,058,464 | 4,027,058,464 | 4,027,058,464 | - | - |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 32,437,147 | 32,437,147 | 32,437,147 | - | - |
| Trade and other receivables | 986,009 | 986,009 | - | 986,009 | - |
| Trade and other payables | (4,220,231) | (4,220,231) | - | (4,220,231) | - |
| Debentures | (4,022,439,349) | (4,022,439,349) | (4,022,439,349) | - | - |
| | 33,822,040 | 33,822,040 | 37,056,262 | (3,234,222) | - |

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21. Unconsolidated structured entities

The AfricaPlatinum Security Trust is a special purpose trust established in terms of the AfricaPlatinum Security Trust Deed for the purposes of issuing a Guarantee in favour of the AfricaPlatinum Debenture Holders and the creditors in respect of the Platinum ETF. As at the date of these financial statements, the trustee of the AfricaPlatinum Security Trust is Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited.

The AfricaPalladium Security Trust is a special purpose trust established in terms of the AfricaPalladium Security Trust Deed for the purposes of issuing a Guarantee in favour of the AfricaPalladium Debenture Holders and the creditors in respect of the Palladium ETF. As at the date of these financial statements, the trustee of the AfricaPalladium Security Trust is Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited.

The AfricaGold Security Trust is a special purpose trust established in terms of the AfricaGold Security Trust Deed for the purposes of issuing a Guarantee in favour of the AfricaGold Debenture Holders and the creditors in respect of the Gold ETF. As at the date of these financial statements, the trustee of the AfricaGold Security Trust is Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited.

The AfricaRhodium Security Trust is a special purpose trust established in terms of the AfricaRhodium Security Trust Deed for the purposes of issuing a Guarantee in favour of the AfricaRhodium Debenture Holders and the creditors in respect of the Rhodium ETF. As at the date of these financial statements, the trustee of the AfricaRhodium Security Trust is Stonehage Fleming Corporate Services Proprietary Limited.

In terms of each Guarantee, the liability of the relevant Security Trust is limited to the amount recovered under the Indemnity granted in its favour and the Security granted in respect thereof in terms of the relevant Security Agreement. In relation to each Class of Debentures the interests of the creditors will be represented by the corresponding Security Trust. In terms of the applicable Debenture Conditions the relevant Security Trust is required to enforce the Security granted to it on behalf of the creditors and issue an Enforcement Notice to the 1invest ETF Issuer if called upon to do so by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Debenture Holders under that Class of Debentures.

Creditors will not be able to enforce the Security themselves nor to take any action against the 1invest ETF Issuer in respect of the Security or otherwise, nor to enforce claims against the 1invest ETF Issuer except through the relevant Security Trust unless the Guarantee structure is not enforceable or the relevant Security Trust is sequestered or fails to act within a reasonable time of being called upon to do so.

If the Security Trust is sequestered, creditors shall be entitled to take action themselves to enforce claims directly against the 1invest ETF Issuer by delivering an Enforcement Notice in respect of a Debenture but, in such circumstances, the applicable Security held by the Security Trust will be bypassed and thus no longer be effective as a means of achieving distribution of the 1invest ETF Issuer's assets which relate to that Debenture in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments.

22. Finance income

Finance income comprises:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Interest received | 2,443,274 | 1,303,811 |
| SARS - interest | 33,650 | - |
| Total finance income | 2,476,924 | 1,303,811 |

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23. Capital risk management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the amount of ordinary dividends paid to shareholders. There are no externally imposed capital requirements on the Company.

Capital consists of:

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ordinary share capital | 120 | 120 |
| Retained income | 42,938,031 | 42,098,928 |
| | <u>42,938,151</u> | <u>42,099,048</u> |

24. Events after the reporting date

There has not been any matter or circumstance occurring subsequent to the year end and up to the date of issue of these annual financial statements that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

25. Going concern

The directors assess the Company's future performance and financial position on an ongoing basis and have no reason to believe that the Company will not be a going concern in the reporting period ahead. For this reason, these annual financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The criteria considered in this regard included the solvency and liquidity requirements; financial performance and position of the Company that could impact the going concern; operating results of the Company and expected performance over the next 12 months after year end; capacity and continuity of service providers; and the intention of the Board to continue or cease operations.

Based on the Board of Director's assessment of the above criteria, there is no reason to believe that the Company is not in a position to continue as a going concern. The financial statements as at 29 February 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis.

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26. Presentation of statement of financial position in order of liquidity

The Company does not have a clearly identifiable operating cycle and therefore does not present current and non-current assets and liabilities separately in the statement of financial position. Instead, assets and liabilities are presented in order of their liquidity. The following table provides information on the amounts expected to be recovered before and after 12 months after the reporting period.

| | 29 February 2024 | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | Amounts expected to be recovered or settled | | |
| | Within 12 months after the reporting period | After 12 months after the reporting period | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 40,397,930 | - | 40,397,930 |
| Trade and other receivables | 223,457 | - | 223,457 |
| Bullion Investments ¹ | 3,114,457,711 | - | 3,114,457,711 |
| Current tax receivable | 962,461 | - | 962,461 |
| Deferred tax | - | 8,317,201 | 8,317,201 |
| Total Assets | 3,156,041,558 | 8,317,201 | 3,164,358,759 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 11,589,296 | - | 11,589,296 |
| Debentures | 3,109,831,313 | - | 3,109,831,313 |
| Current tax payable | - | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | 3,121,420,609 | - | 3,121,420,609 |

| | 28 February 2023 | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | Amounts expected to be recovered or settled | | |
| | Within 12 months after the reporting period | After 12 months after the reporting period | Total |
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 32,437,147 | - | 32,437,147 |
| Trade and other receivables | 986,009 | - | 986,009 |
| Bullion Investments ¹ | 4,027,058,464 | - | 4,027,058,464 |
| Current tax receivable | 607,550 | - | 607,550 |
| Deferred tax | - | 7,669,458 | 7,669,458 |
| Total Assets | 4,061,089,170 | 7,669,458 | 4,068,758,628 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 4,220,231 | - | 4,220,231 |
| Debentures | 4,022,439,349 | - | 4,022,439,349 |
| Current tax payable | - | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | 4,026,659,580 | - | 4,026,659,580 |

¹ The bullion investments are liquid in nature. These are classified as current as they back the debentures, which are also current in nature. In the context of this business, this classification is driven by investor behaviour and based on historic redemptions these have been classified as all current. This drives the bullion classification as this will have to be realised to settle the debentures.