

# Gold and Precious Metals Limited

February 28, 2022

Shares	
Ticker	ASA
Net assets	\$491 million
NAV	\$25.44
Share price	\$21.99
Discount	13.56%

# Management since April, 2019

Adviser	Merk Investments	
Portfolio Manager	Peter Maletis	
CIO	Axel Merk	

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### **Dividends**

Distributions	Semi-annual
11/24/21	\$.01
05/21/21	\$.01
11/25/20	\$.01
05/22/20	\$.01

## **Statistics**

Beta <sup>1</sup>	0.99
R-squared <sup>2</sup>	0.88

Source: Bloomberg. Beta measures the Company's market-related risk over a three-year period relative to its benchmark, the NYSE Arca Gold Miners Total Return Index. A beta lower than 1 indicates historically lower volatility than the index; greater than 1 indicates higher volatility.

Established in 1958, ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited is a closed-end precious metals and mining fund (NYSE: ASA) registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and domiciled in Bermuda. The Company is one of the oldest investment management firms focused on the precious metals and mining industry. ASA employs bottom-up fundamental analysis and relies on detailed primary research including meetings with company executives, site visits to key operating assets, and proprietary financial analysis in making its investment decisions.

#### PERFORMANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022 Average Annual Total Returns 1 Year 3 Years 5 Years 10 Years 15 Years Inception NAV/ 13.6% 29.4% 13 4% -1.3% 1.6% 8.6% Share Price 17.0% 29.5% 12.9% -2.0% 1.5% 8.4%

Includes the reinvestment of dividends. Inception is from December 11, 1958, the date on which the Company's shares were listed for trading on the NYSE.





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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg. R-squared is a measure of the percentage of a company's share price movement that can be attributed to its benchmark index. It can range from 0 and 1; 1 indicates a perfect correlation.



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**Primary Commodity** % of NAV Gold 75.7% Diversified Miners 17.0% Silver 5.1% Net Liquid Assets 1.1% Platinum & Palladium 1.1% % of NAV Type Mining Companies 44.2% 37.9% **Exploration Companies Development Companies** 16.8% Net Liquid Assets 1.1% 0.0% Royalty Companies Stage of Development % of NAV **Exploration Companies** 37.3% **Development Companies** 16.8% 16.0% Production >1mm ounces Production < 500k ounces 15.2% Production 500k - 1mm ounces 13.5% Net Liquid Assets 1.1% Royalty Companies 0.0% **Country of Incorporation** % of NAV Canada 70.9% Australia 14.3% 9.1% South Africa Cayman Islands 4.6% 1.1% Net Liquid Assets **United States** 0.0% % of NAV Type of Security **Equity Securities** 94.0% Warrants 4.9% Net Liquid Assets 1.1% Convertible 0.0% Capitalization % of NAV Market Cap < \$2bn 72.2% 21.4% Market Cap \$2bn - \$10bn Market Cap >\$10bn 5.3%

Net Liquid Assets

On April 12, 2019, shareholders approved Merk Investments LLC ("Merk") as advisor to ASA. As a firm, Merk brings a long history of portfolio management of registered investment companies, and research that includes primary research on central banks and their impact on the price of gold. Portfolio Manager Peter Maletis joined Merk after 8 years at Franklin Templeton, where he was precious metals analyst. He spent much of his time at Franklin meeting with the management of gold companies from around the world as well as on due diligence site visits, where he developed an intimate understanding of the many companies in the precious metals sector. It is with that background that Peter is influencing changes to the ASA portfolio, also leveraging on the resources made available by Merk.

Holdings	Ticker	% of NAV
Orla Mining Ltd	OLA CN	6.6%
Endeavour Mining	EDV CT	4.6%
Gold Fields Ltd-Adr	GFI	4.3%
SSR Mining Inc	SSRM	4.2%
Prime Mining	PRYM CN	4.0%
Aya Gold & Silver Inc	AYA CN	3.9%
Anglogold Ashant - Adr	ANG SJ	3.8%
Barrick Gold Corp	GOLD	3.2%
Perseus Mining Ltd	PRU AU	3.0%
Emerald Resources	EMR AU	2.8%
Arizona Metals Corp	AMC CN	2.5%
G Mining Ventures Inc	GMIN CN	2.4%
Marathon Gold Corp	MOZ CN	2.3%
Calibre Mining Corp	CXBSR CN	2.3%
Benchmark Metals Inc	BNCH CN	2.2%
Liberty Gold Corp-Plc	LGD CN	2.2%
Probe Metals Inc	PRB CN	2.2%
Thesis Gold Inc	TAU CN	2.2%
Predictive Discovery	PDI AU	2.1%
•	AEM	2.1%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI	1.8%
Discovery Silver Corp	DSV CN	1.7%
	BTO CT	1.6%
Skeena Resources Ltd	SKE CN	1.5%
Gogold Resources Inc	GGD CN	1.4%
Aya Gold & Silver Inc Wmt	AYA CN	1.3%
Bellevue Gold Ltd	BGL AU	1.3%
Net Cash Or Equivalent	Cash	1.1%
	SSW SJ	1.1%
Emerita Resources	EMOT CN	1.0%
Silver Tiger Metals	SLVR CN	1.0%
Auteco Minerals Ltd	AUT AU	1.0%
Americas Gold & Silver Corp	USA	1.0%
Integra Resources Corp	ITR CN	1.0%
Red Dirt Metals Cvt	RDT AU	0.9%
Millennial Precious Metals	MPM CN	0.9%
Osino Resources	OSI CN	0.9%
	OIII CN	0.8%
Pan Global Resources	PGZ CN	0.7%
Silver Mountain Resources Inc	AGMR CN	0.7%
Pantoro Ltd	PNR AU	0.7%
Sable Resources Ltd	SAE CN	0.7%
	AMC CN	0.7%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp	BNKR CN	0.7%
Roscan Gold Corp	ROS CN	0.7%
G Mining Ventures Inc Marathon Gold Corp Calibre Mining Corp Benchmark Metals Inc Liberty Gold Corp-Plc Probe Metals Inc Thesis Gold Inc Predictive Discovery Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd Alamos Gold Inc Discovery Silver Corp B2Gold Corp Skeena Resources Ltd Gogold Resources Inc Aya Gold & Silver Inc Wmt Bellevue Gold Ltd Net Cash Or Equivalent Sibanye Stillwater- Adr Emerita Resources Silver Tiger Metals Auteco Minerals Ltd Americas Gold & Silver Corp Integra Resources Corp Red Dirt Metals Cvt Millennial Precious Metals Osino Resources O3 Mining Inc Pan Global Resources Silver Mountain Resources Inc Pantoro Ltd Sable Resources Ltd Arizona Metals Corp Wmt Bunker Hill Mining Corp	GMIN CN MOZ CN CXBSR CN BNCH CN LGD CN PRB CN TAU CN PDI AU AEM AGI DSV CN BTO CT SKE CN GGD CN AYA CN BGL AU Cash SSW SJ EMOT CN SLVR CN AUT AU USA ITR CN RDT AU MPM CN OSI CN OIII CN PGZ CN AGMR CN PNR AU SAE CN AMC CN BNKR CN	2.49 2.39 2.39 2.29 2.29 2.29 2.19 2.19 1.89 1.79 1.69 1.59 1.49 1.39 1.39 1.19 1.09 1.09 1.09 0.99 0.99 0.99 0.79 0.79 0.79 0.79 0

Holdings	Ticker	% of NAV
Adventus Mining Corp	ADZN CN	0.7%
Andean Precious Metals	APM CN	0.6%
Highgold Mining Inc	HIGH CN	0.6%
Tdg Gold Corp	TDG CN	0.6%
Monarch Mining Corp	GBAR CN	0.6%
Thesis Gold Inc Wmt	TAU CN	0.6%
Geopacific Resources Ltd	GPR AU	0.6%
Nighthawk Gold Corp	NHK CN	0.5%
Newcore Gold Ltd	NCAU CN	0.5%
Prime Mining Wmt	PRYM CN	0.4%
Dacian Gold Ltd	DCN AU	0.4%
American Pacific Mining	USGD CN	0.4%
Huntington Exploration	HEI CN	0.4%
Westhaven Gold Corp	WHN CN	0.4%
Alicanto Minerals Ltd	AQI AU	0.4%
Castile Resources	CST AU	0.3%
Barton Gold Holdings	BGD AU	0.3%
Euro Sun Mining Inc	ESM CN	0.3%
Desert Gold Ventures Inc	DAU CN	0.3%
Talisker Resources Ltd	TSK CN	0.3%
Discovery Silver Corp Wmt	DSV CN	0.3%
Emerita Resources Wmt	EMOT CN	0.2%
Mawson Resources Ltd	MAW CN	0.2%
Cygnus Gold Ltd	CY5 AU	0.2%
G Mining Ventures Wrnt	GMIN CN	0.2%
Prodigy Gold NI	PRX AU	0.1%
Red Dirt Metals Wmt	RDT AU	0.1%
Huntsman Exploration	HMAN CN	0.1%
Silver Mountain Resources Inc Wmt	AGMR CN	0.0%
Silver Tiger Metals Wmt	SLVR CN	0.0%
Pan American Silver Cvt	PAAS	0.0%
Pure Gold Mining Inc Wmt	PGM CN	0.0%
American Pacific Mining Wmt	USGD CN	0.0%
Sable Resources Ltd Wmt	SAE CN	0.0%
Huntington Exploration Wmt	HEI CN	0.0%
Monarch Mining Corp Wmt	GBAR CN	0.0%
Benchmark Metals Inc Wrnt	BNCH CN	0.0%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp Wmt	BNKR	0.0%
Tdg Gold Corp Wmt	TDG CN	0.0%
Desert Gold Ventures Inc Wmt	DAU CN	0.0%
Euro Sun Mining Inc Wmt	ESM CN	0.0%
Huntsman Exploration Wrnt	HMAN CN	0.0%
Mawson Resources Wmt	MAW CN	0.0%
Nighthawk Gold Corp Wmt	NHK CN	0.0%
Westhaven Gold Corp Wrnt	WHN CN	0.0%
O3 Mining Inc Wmt	OIII CN	0.0%

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