

# Gold and Precious Metals Limited

January 31, 2024

Shares	
Ticker	ASA
Net assets	\$331 million
NAV	\$17.18
Share price	\$14.57
Discount	15.19%

#### Management

Adviser	Merk Investments
Portfolio Managers	Peter Maletis
	James Holman
CIO	Axel Merk

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### **Dividends**

Distributions	Semi-annual
11/22/23	\$.01
05/18/23	\$.01
11/23/22	\$.01
05/19/22	\$.01

## **Statistics**

Beta <sup>1</sup>	0.89
R-squared <sup>2</sup>	0.77

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.

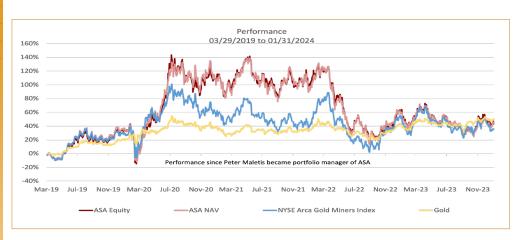
Established in 1958, ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited is a closed-end precious metals and mining fund (NYSE: ASA) registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and domiciled in Bermuda. The Company is one of the oldest investment management firms focused on the precious metals 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 JANUARY 31, 2024

Average Annual Total Returns

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Inception
NAV	-8.9%	-11.2%	7.6%	2.6%	0.1%	7.7%
Share Price	-10.7%	-11.4%	7.2%	1.4%	-0.3%	7.5%

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.





All performance information reflects past performance and is presented on a total return basis. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may differ from that shown. The Company concentrates in the gold and precious minerals sector. This sector may be more volatile than other industries and may be affected by movements in commodity prices triggered by international monetary and political developments. The Company is a non-diversified fund and, as such, may invest in fewer investments. ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited may invest in smaller-sized companies that may be more volatile and less liquid than larger, more-established companies. Investments in foreign securities, especially those in the emerging markets, may involve increased risk as well as exposure to currency fluctuations. Shares of closedend funds frequently trade at a discount. This document may contain statements regarding plans and expectations for the future that constitute forward-looking statements within the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. This document does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any securities.

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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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% of NAV **Primary Commodity** Gold 77.5% **Diversified Miners** 17.9% Silver 2.7% Net Liquid Assets 1.4% Platinum & Palladium 0.4% Type % of NAV Mining Companies 58.0% 27.5% **Exploration Companies Development Companies** 13.0% Net Liquid Assets 1.4% 0.0% Royalty Companies % of NAV Stage of Development **Exploration Companies** 27.5% 26.7% Production < 500k ounces Production 500k - 1mm ounces 19.5% **Development Companies** 13.0% Production >1mm ounces 11.7% Net Liquid Assets 1.4% Royalty Companies 0.0% Country of Incorporation % of NAV Canada 70.4% 19.8% Australia South Africa 4.5% Cayman Islands 3.7% Net Liquid Assets 1.4% United States 0.2% Type of Security % of NAV **Equity Securities** 97.0% Net Liquid Assets 1.4% Convertible 0.9% Warrants 0.6% Capitalization % of NAV Market Cap < \$2bn 75.2% Market Cap \$2bn - \$10bn 15.1% Market Cap >\$10bn 8.2%

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
G Mining Ventures Inc	GMIN CN	10.2%
Emerald Resources	EMR AU	9.9%
Aya Gold & Silver Inc	AYA CN	6.7%
Orla Mining Ltd	OLA CN	6.2%
Calibre Mining Corp	CXBSR CN	4.3%
Prime Mining Corp	PRYM CN	4.0%
Predictive Discovery	PDI AU	3.8%
Endeavour Mining	EDV CT	3.7%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI	3.7%
Karora Resources	KRR CN	3.1%
Barrick Gold Corp	GOLD	3.1%
Gold Fields Ltd-Adr	GFI	2.7%
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	AEM	2.4%
SSR Mining Inc	SSRM	2.3%
Probe Gold Inc	PRB CN	2.1%
Perseus Mining Ltd	PRU AU	2.0%
San Cristobal Mining	PRIVATE	1.9%
B2Gold Corp	BTO CT	1.7%
Anglogold Ashant - Adr	ANG SJ	1.5%
Net Cash Or Equivalent	Cash	1.4%
Thesis Gold Inc	TAU CN	1.3%
Arizona Metals Corp	AMC CN	1.1%
Integra Resources Corp	ITR CN	1.0%
Discovery Silver Corp	DSV CN	1.0%
Skeena Resources Ltd	SKE CN	1.0%
Atex Resources Inc	ATX CN	0.9%
I-80 Gold Corp 8% Cvt	180 CN	0.9%
Mawson Gold Ltd	MAW CN	0.8%
Gogold Resources Inc	GGD CN	0.8%
Delta Lithium Ltd	DLI AU	0.8%
Red Pine Exploration Inc	RPX CN	0.8%
O3 Mining Inc	OIII CN	0.7%
Lotus Gold Corp	PRIVATE	0.7%
Bellevue Gold Ltd	BGL AU	0.7%
Liberty Gold Corp-Plc	LGD CN	0.6%
Firefly Metals	FFM AU	0.6%
Silver Tiger Metals	SLVR CN	0.5%
G2 Goldfields Inc	GTWO	0.5%
Barton Gold Holdings	BGD AU	0.5%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp	BNKR CN	0.4%
Sibanye Stillwater- Adr	SSWSJ	0.4%
Genesis Minerals Ltd	GMDAU	0.4%
Nighthawk Gold Corp	NHK CN	0.4%
Tdg Gold Corp	TDG CN	0.4%
Andean Precious Metals	APM CN	0.3%

Holdings	Ticker %	of NAV
Bendito Resources Inc	PRIVATE	0.3%
Adventus Mining Corp	ADZN CN	0.3%
Alicanto Minerals Ltd	AQI AU	0.3%
Pan Global Resources	PGZ CN	0.3%
G Mining Ventures Wrnt	GMIN CN	0.3%
Castile Resources	CST AU	0.3%
Emerita Resources	EMOT CN	0.3%
Sable Resources Ltd	SAE CN	0.3%
Cygnus Gold Ltd	CY5 AU	0.3%
Roscan Gold Corp	ROS CN	0.3%
Prime Mining Wrnt	PRYM CN	0.2%
Westhaven Gold Corp	WHN CN	0.2%
American Pacific Mining	USGD CN	0.2%
Silver Mountain Resources Inc	AGMR CN	0.2%
Perpetua Resources Corp	PPTA	0.2%
Highgold Mining Inc	HIGH CN	0.2%
Max Resource Corp	MAX CN	0.2%
Americas Gold & Silver Corp	USA	0.2%
Talisker Resources Ltd	TSK CN	0.2%
Lahontan Gold Corp	LAHO CN	0.2%
Desert Gold Ventures Inc	DAU CN	0.1%
Newcore Gold Ltd	NCAU CN	0.1%
Angel Wing Metals Inc	AWM CN	0.1%
Atacama Copper Corp	ACOP CN	0.1%
Prodigy Gold NI	PRX AU	0.1%
Lcl Resources Ltd	LCL CN	0.1%
Geopacific Resources Ltd	GPR AU	0.1%
Bellavista Resources	BVRZZ AU	0.1%
Onyx Gold Corp	ONYX CN	0.0%
Delta Lithium Ltd Wmt	DLI AU	0.0%
Pan American Silver Cvt	PAAS	0.0%
Atex Resources Inc Wmt	ATX CN	0.0%
Lotus Gold Corp Wmt	PRIVATE	0.0%
Calibre Mining Corp Wrnt	CXBSR CN	0.0%
Red Pine Exploration Inc Wrnt	RPX CN	0.0%
Monarch Mining Corp	GBAR CN	0.0%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp Wrnt	BNKR	0.0%
Silver Mountain Resources Inc Wrnt	AGMR CN	0.0%
Lahontan Gold Corp Wmt	LAHO CN	0.0%
Integra Resources Corp Wrnt	ITR CN	0.0%
Angel Wing Metals Inc Wrnt	AWM CN	0.0%
Gold Mountain Mining Wmt	GMTN CN	0.0%
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