

Gold and Precious Metals Limited
July 31, 2019

## COMPANY FACTS

| Ticker | ASA |
| :--- | :--- |
| Incorporated | June 12, 1958 |
| Net assets | $\$ 278$ million |
| Shares outstanding | 19.3 million |
|  |  |
| NAV | $\$ 14.38$ |
| Beta $^{1}$ | 0.92 |
| R-squared $^{2}$ | 0.90 |
| Distributions | Semi-annual |

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

## COMPANY MANAGEMENT

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## PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

| Mining Companies | $87.7 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Royalty Companies | $5.3 \%$ |
| Development Companies | $3.5 \%$ |
| Exploration Companies | $2.8 \%$ |
| Net Cash or Equivalent | $0.7 \%$ |
| Holdings are subject to change. Due to rounding, may not <br> total $100 \%$. |  |

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 bottomup 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 JULY 31, 2019

Average Annual Total Returns

|  | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | 15 Years | Inception |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NAV | $24.7 \%$ | $-7.0 \%$ | $-1.4 \%$ | $-4.2 \%$ | $1.8 \%$ | $7.9 \%$ |
| Share Price | $20.2 \%$ | $-9.4 \%$ | $-3.6 \%$ | $-5.1 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ |

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.

## GROWTH OF A $\$ 10,000$ INVESTMENT SINCE INCEPTION



## HISTORICAL DISCOUNT



## COUNTRY ALLOCATION

| Canada | $59.6 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Australia | $16.9 \%$ |
| South Africa | $9.4 \%$ |
| United States | $5.4 \%$ |
| Cayman Islands | $3.7 \%$ |
| Peru | $2.2 \%$ |
| Mexico | $1.1 \%$ |
| Channel Islands | $0.9 \%$ |
| Net Cash or Equivalent | $0.7 \%$ |

Based on the country of domicile. Holdings are subject to change. Due to rounding, may not total $100 \%$.

## TOP 10 COMPANIES

| Newcrest Mining Limited | $7.9 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Agnico Eagle Mines Limited | $7.5 \%$ |
| Barrick Gold Corporation | $7.0 \%$ |
| AngloGold Ashanti Limited | $5.7 \%$ |
| Newmont Goldcorp | $4.6 \%$ |
| Endeavour Mining Corporation | $3.7 \%$ |
| Alacer Gold Corporation | $3.6 \%$ |
| Alamos Gold Inc. | $3.5 \%$ |
| B2GOLD Corporation | $3.4 \%$ |
| SSR Mining Inc. | $3.3 \%$ |

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 closed-end 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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