

# Gold and Precious Metals Limited

**December 31, 2020** 

Shares	
Ticker	ASA
Net assets	\$515 million
NAV	\$26.70
Share price	\$21.87
Discount	18.09%

### **Management since April, 2019**

Adviser	Merk Investments
Portfolio Manager	Peter Maletis
CIO	Axel Merk

#### **Contact**

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#### **Dividends**

Distributions	Semi-annual
11/25/20	\$.01
05/22/20	\$.01
11/27/19	\$.01
05/24/19	\$.01

## **Statistics**

Beta <sup>1</sup>	1.01
R-squared <sup>2</sup>	0.91

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. ASA's beta versus the FTSE Gold Mines Total Return Index (the "Old Benchmark") is 1.00.

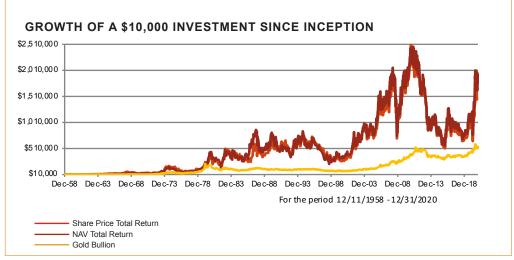
Established in 1958, ASA Gold and Precious Metals Limited is a closed-end precious metals and mining fund (NYSE: ASA) registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and domiciled in Bermuda. The Company is one of the oldest investment management firms focused on the precious metals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

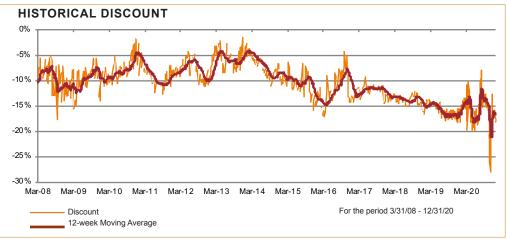
# PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Average Annual Total Returns

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Inception
NAV	60.5%	26.8%	26.6%	-2.2%	2.9%	8.9%
Share Price	60.6%	24.8%	25.3%	-3.9%	2.5%	8.6%

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 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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<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; I indicates a perfect correlation. ASA's R-sauraed versus the Old Benchmark is 0.88.



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In April of 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.

Ticker

% of NAV

Holdings

Drimary Commadity	0/ of NAV
Primary Commodity Gold	% of NAV 84.2%
Silver	9.4%
Diversified Miners	5.3%
Platinum & Palladium  Net Liquid Assets	0.8%
Net Liquid Assets	0.276
Туре	% of NAV
Mining Companies	51.8%
Exploration Companies	27.3%
Development Companies	19.0%
Royalty Companies	1.7%
Net Liquid Assets	0.2%
Stage of Development	% of NAV
Exploration Companies	27.3%
Development Companies	19.0%
Production < 500k ounces	18.4%
Production 500k - 1mm ounces	18.3%
Production >1mm ounces	15.0%
Royalty Companies	1.7%
Net Liquid Assets	0.2%
Country of Incorporation	% of NAV
Country of Incorporation Canada	% of NAV 76.2%
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Canada Australia	76.2% 12.2%
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Holdings	Ticker	% of NAV
Orla Mining Ltd	OLA CN	8.6%
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	AEM	4.5%
SSR Mining Inc	SSRM	4.5%
Calibre Mining Corp	CXBSR CN	4.1%
Anglogold Ashant - Adr	ANG SJ	3.9%
Endeavour Mining	EDV CT	3.6%
Barrick Gold Corp	GOLD	3.5%
Gold Fields Ltd-Adr	GFI	3.1%
Liberty Gold Corp-Plc	LGD CN	2.7%
B2Gold Corp	вто ст	2.4%
Alamos Gold Inc	AGI	2.4%
Americas Gold & Silver Corp	USA	2.3%
Integra Resources Corp	ITR CN	2.2%
Emerald Resources	EMR AU	2.2%
Perseus Mining Ltd	PRU AU	2.1%
K92 Mining Inc	KNT CN	2.0%
Centerra Gold Inc	CG CN	2.0%
Discovery Metals Corp-Plc	DSV CN	1.8%
Roxgold Inc	ROXG CN	1.8%
G Mining Ventures Inc	GMIN CN	1.7%
Maverix Metals Inc	MMX CN	1.6%
Skeena Resources Ltd	SKE CN	1.6%
Marathon Gold Corp	MOZ CN	1.5%
Bellevue Gold Ltd	BGL AU	1.5%
Aya Gold & Silver Inc	AYA CN	1.4%
Benchmark Metals Inc	BNCH CN	1.4%
Golden Star Resources Ltd	GSS	1.3%
Prime Mining	PRYM CN	1.3%
Probe Metals Inc	PRB CN	1.2%
Westgold Resources Ltd	WGX AU	1.2%
Pure Gold Mining Inc	PGM CN	1.2%
Sable Resources Ltd	SAE CN	1.2%
Auteco Minerals Ltd	AUT AU	1.0%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp	BNKR CN	1.0%
Highgold Mining Inc	HIGH CN	1.0%
Gogold Resources Inc	GGD CN	1.0%
Corvus Gold Inc	KOR CN	0.9%
Torex Gold Resources	TXG CN	0.9%
Adriatic Metals Plc	ADT AU	0.9%
	DCN AU	
Dacian Gold Ltd		0.8%
Teranga Gold Corp	TGZ CN	0.8%
Sibanye Stillwater- Adr	SSW SJ	0.8%
Adventus Mining Corp	ADZN CN	0.8%
Osino Resources	OSI CN	0.8%
O3 Mining Inc	OIII CN	0.7%
Benchmark Metals Inc Wrnt	BNCH CN	0.7%
Euro Sun Mining Inc	ESM CN	0.6%
Silvercrest Metals Inc	SIL CN	0.5%
Pantoro Ltd	PNR AU	0.5%
Castile Resources	CST AU	0.5%
Mawson Resources Ltd	MAW CN	0.5%
Predictive Discovery	PDI AU	0.5%
Pure Gold Mining Inc Wrnt	PGM CN	0.4%
Newcore Gold Ltd	NCAU CN	0.4%
Torex Gold Res	TXG CT	0.4%
Desert Gold Ventures Inc	DAU CN	0.4%
Silver Tiger Metals	SLVR CN	0.4%
Roscan Gold Corp	ROS CN	0.4%
Talisker Resources Ltd	TSK CN	0.3%
Alicanto Minerals Ltd	AQI AU	0.3%
Discovery Metals Corp Plc Wrnt	DSV CN	0.3%
Marathon Gold Corp Wrnt	MOZ CN	0.3%
Sable Resources Ltd Wmt	SAE CN	0.3%
Prodigy Gold NI	PRX AU	0.3%
G Mining Ventures Wrnt	GMIN CN	0.2%
Thesis Gold Inc	TAU CN	0.2%
Aya Gold & Silver Inc Wmt	AYA CN	0.2%
Bunker Hill Mining Corp Wmt	BNKR	0.2%
Huntsman Exploration	HMAN CN	0.2%
Net Cash Or Equivalent	Cash	0.2%
		0.2%
Probe Metals Inc Wrnt	PRB CN CY5 AU	0.2%
Cygnus Gold Ltd		
Millenial Silver	XXX CN	0.2%
Geopacific Resources Ltd	GPR AU	0.1%
Maverix Metals Inc Wrnt	MMX CN	0.1%
Prime Mining Wrnt Liberty Gold Corp-Plc Wrnt	PRYM CN	0.1%
Liberty Gold Corp-Pic Wrnt	LGD CN	0.1%
Royal Road Minerals	RYR CN	0.1%
Osino Resources Corp Wrnt	OSI CN	0.0%
O3 Mining Inc Wrnt	OIII CN	0.0%
Pan American Silver Cvr	PAAS	0.0%
Thesis Gold Inc Wmt	TAU CN	0.0%
Silver Tiger Metals Wrnt	SLVR CN	0.0%
	ESM CN	0.0%
Euro Sun Mining Inc Wrnt		0.0%
	MAW CN	0.076
Euro Sun Mining Inc Wrnt Mawson Resources Wrnt		
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