

GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST

***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023***

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Universal Merchant Bank Limited

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE
TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF THE GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST**

In our opinion, according to the information made available to us and the explanations provided, we confirm that in all material respects, the manager has managed the Scheme during the year covered by these financial statements in accordance with the Trust deed and all regulations for the time being in force under the Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001, (L.I. 1695).

Signed on behalf of **Universal Merchant Bank Limited** by:


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SIGNATURE

21/05/2024
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DATE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF THE GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gold Fund Unit Trust, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, statement of profit or loss for and other comprehensive income the year ended, statement of movement in net assets for the year ended, statement of cash flows for the year ended and notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 14-33.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Gold Fund Unit Trust as at 31 December 2023, the Unit Trust's financial performance and its movement in net assets for the year ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the IAS 29 directives issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG), the requirements of the Securities Industry Act 2016 (Act 929) and the Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001 (L.I 1695).

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 Statement section of our report. We are independent of the Unit Trust in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (the Code) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matter

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. These matters were addressed in the context of the 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. We have determined the following as key audit matter.

Domestic Debt Exchange Program

The Government of Ghana rolled out a Debt Exchange Program for holders of Domestic Notes and bonds, E.S.L.A Plc. and Daakye Trust Plc. bonds of which the fund fully participated by exchanging all its existing Government of Ghana bonds for new bonds with new terms (tenor and interest rates) under the program. The total value of bonds exchanged under the program amounted to GHC4,249,651.

The impact of the Debt exchange program is significant to the Fund as it affects the valuation, classification, and financial performance of the Fund's financial assets. We have therefore determined the **debt exchange program** as a key audit matter.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST (CONT'D)**

Key Audit Matters (cont'd)

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures included the following;

1. We reviewed the financial terms of the exchanged bonds to determine whether the modifications to the cashflows of the old bonds were substantial enough to lead to the derecognition of the old bonds and to check that the derecognition was done as required by IFRS 9.
2. We evaluated the methodology used by the scheme to determine the value of the old bonds being exchanged for the new ones
3. Review the balances on the new bonds in the scheme's records to ensure that at initial recognition, the new bonds were measured at fair value and confirmed the existence of the new bonds to their values on the Central Securities Depository (CSD) report
4. Reviewed the scheme's records to ensure that the financial terms of the new bonds were correctly stated.

Report on Other Information

The Manager is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work we have performed, 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 Manager for the Financial Statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the IAS 29 directives issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana (ICAG), the requirements of the Securities Industry Act 2016 (Act 929) and the Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001 (L.I 1695) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Manager is also responsible for overseeing the Unit trust's financial reporting process.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Unit trust'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 management either intends to liquidate the Unit trust or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST (CONT'D)**

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objective is 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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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 an audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Unit trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Unit trust'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 Unit trust 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the trust or its business activities to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision, and performance of the audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE UNIT HOLDERS OF GOLD FUND UNIT TRUST (CONT'D)**

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In compliance with the requirements of part 9 of Schedule 8 of the Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001 (L.I. 1695), we confirmed that:

- a) The accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in the manner required by the Securities Industry Act, 2016 (Act 929) and Unit Trust and Mutual Funds Regulations, 2001 (L.I 1695).
- b) The statement of financial position shows a true and fair view as at 31 December 2023.
- c) In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the fund manager and the accounts are in agreement with the manager's accounting records.
- d) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit, and
- e) The information given in the report of the manager is consistent with the accounts.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is **Gilbert Adjetey Lomofio (ICAG/P/1417)**:

John Kay & Co

For and on behalf of John Kay & Co. (ICAG/F/2024/128)
Chartered Accountants
Accra

21/05/2024



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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

EQUITY INVESTMENTS	SHARES	PRICE PER SHARE GH¢	MARKET VALUE GH¢	PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS %
<i>Banking</i>				
Access bank Ghana	20,000	3.40	68,000	0.26
Cal Bank Plc	272,597	0.48	130,846	0.50
Ecobank Ghana Ltd.	84,044	5.50	462,242	1.76
Ecobank Transnational Incorporation	66	0.15	10	-
Ghana Commercial Bank Ltd	50,861	3.40	172,927	0.66
Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Ltd.	19,286	17.55	338,469	1.29
Societe General Ghana Ltd.	20,050	1.57	31,479	0.12
<i>Communication</i>				
MTN Ghana	615,000	1.40	861,000	3.28
<i>Food, Beverages & Household Products</i>				
Cocoa Processing Company	220,800	0.02	4,416	0.02
Fanmilk Ltd.	130,000	3.25	422,500	1.61
Guinness Ghana Breweries Ltd.	17,558	3.40	59,697	0.23
Unilever Ghana Ltd.	38,404	8.11	311,456	1.19
<i>Agro Processing</i>				
Benso Oil Palm Plantation Ltd.	109,353	22	2,405,766	9.17
<i>Advertising</i>				
Digicut Advertising and Production Ltd.	5,000,000	0.09	450,000	1.72
Hords Ltd.	3,321,750	0.10	332,175	1.27
<i>Pharmaceuticals</i>				
Intravenous Infusions Ltd.	917,111	0.05	45,856	0.17
<i>Oil & Gas</i>				
Ghana Oil Company Ltd.	297,041	1.50	445,562	1.70
Tullow Oil Plc	3,612	11.92	43,055	0.16
Total Petroleum Ghana Ltd.	60,016	9.00	540,144	2.06
<i>Insurance</i>				
Enterprise Group Ltd.	95,776	2.39	228,905	0.87
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONT'D)****FIXED INTEREST SECURITIES*****Government of Ghana Securities***

91-Day Treasury Bills	2,454,475	9.35
182-Day Treasury Bill	1,136,553	4.33
364-Day Treasury Bill	148,339	0.57
1 Year Cocoa Bills	124,452	0.47
2 Years Cocoa Bills	497,812	1.90
3 Years Cocoa Bills	622,265	2.37
4 Years Cocoa Bills	622,265	2.37
5 Years Cocoa Bills	622,265	2.37
4 Years Gog Bonds	163,917	0.62
5 Years Gog Bonds	134,451	0.51
6 Years Gog Bonds	154,085	0.59
7 Years Gog Bonds	148,096	0.56
8 Years Gog Bonds	132,163	0.50
9 Years Gog Bonds	68,752	0.26
10 Years Gog Bonds	136,870	0.52
11 Years Gog Bonds	29,208	0.11
12 Years Gog Bonds	29,073	0.11
13 Years Gog Bonds	31,223	0.12
14 Years Gog Bonds	30,865	0.12
15 Years Gog Bonds	30,463	0.12
ESLA Bonds	140,000	0.53

7,457,592 28.40

Fixed Deposits Securities

182-Day Fixed Deposit	6,868,501	26.18
365-Day Fixed Deposit	3,042,022	11.59
91-Day Fixed Deposit	1,276,418	4.86
60-Day NCD	202,911	0.77

11,389,852 43.40

FUNDS ON CALL

Cash and cash equivalents	215,899	0.82
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215,899 0.82

Total Investment Securities

26,417,848 100.66

Total Liabilities

(180,464) (0.66)

Total Net Investment

26,237,384 100

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note (s)	2023 GH¢	2022 GH¢
Assets			
Financial assets at amortized cost	6	-	18,211,581
Financial assets at FVTOCI	7	18,847,444	-
Financial assets at FVTP/L	8	7,354,505	5,202,893
Cash and cash equivalents	9	215,899	121,241
Total Assets		26,417,848	23,535,715
Represented By:			
Unitholders' fund	10	26,232,574	23,339,010
Liabilities			
Payables	11	185,274	196,705
Total Members' Fund and Liabilities		26,417,848	23,535,715

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NAME Festime Odeh-Agye

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DATE May/21st/24

DATE 21/5/2024

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note (s)	2023 GH¢	2022 GH¢
Revenue			
Interest Income	12	2,025,019	2,004,371
Changes in fair value through P/L	13	2,034,890	-
		-----	-----
Total Revenue		4,059,909	2,004,371
		-----	-----
Expenses			
General Expenses	14	(645,949)	(590,764)
Changes in fair value through P/L	13	-	(476,505)
		-----	-----
Total Expenses		(645,949)	(1,067,269)
		-----	-----
Net Investments Income		3,413,960	937,102
Other Comprehensive Income			
Changes in fair value through OCI	15	(409,849)	-
		-----	----
Total Other Comprehensive Income		(409,849)	-
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Total Comprehensive Income		<u>3,004,111</u>	<u>937,102</u>

**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Changes in net assets from operations		
Change in:		
Net Investment Income	3,413,960	937,102
Other Comprehensive Income	(409,849)	-
	-----	-----
Net change in net assets from operations	3,004,111	937,102
	-----	-----
Change in net assets from capital transactions		
Redemption of Units	(110,547)	(732,561)
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Net change in net assets from capital transactions	(110,547)	(732,561)
	-----	-----
Additions to net assets	2,893,564	204,541
	=====	=====
Analysis of changes in net assets for the year		
At 1 January	23,339,010	23,134,469
Additions to net assets	2,893,564	204,541
	-----	-----
At 31 December	26,232,574	23,339,010
	=====	=====

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net Investment Income	3,004,111	937,102
Adjusted for:		
Interest receivable	(29,329)	(576,054)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on Equities Valuation	(2,034,890)	476,505
Unrealized gain/loss on Bonds Valuation	409,849	-
	-----	-----
	1,349,741	837,553
Changes in:		
Liabilities	(11,431)	(286,099)
	-----	-----
Net cash flow from operating activities	1,338,310	551,454
	-----	-----
Cashflow from investing activities		
Purchase/Sales of fixed income securities	(25,191,656)	(4,105,311)
Purchase/Sales of equities	24,058,551	-
	-----	-----
Net cash flow from investing activities	(1,133,105)	(4,105,311)
	-----	-----
Cashflow from financing activities		
Amount paid on redemption of units	(110,547)	(732,561)
	-----	-----
Net cash flow from financing activities	(110,547)	(732,561)
	-----	-----
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	94,658	(4,286,418)
Analysis of cash & cash equivalents for the year		
At 1 January	121,241	4,407,659
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	94,658	(4,286,418)
	-----	-----
At 31 December	215,899	121,241
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Gold Fund Unit Trust is a Unit Trust whose primary objective is to obtain contributions from unit holders and invest same for their benefit. Gold Fund Unit Trust is a trust domiciled in the Republic of Ghana. The address and registered office of the Unit Trust can be found on page 2 of the financial statements.

The trust was established on 29 March 2004 and operates in accordance with the Unit Trust and Mutual Fund Regulation (L.I.1695). The Trust shall be marketed as an “Equity Trust”, which means it will invest primarily in Equities quoted on the Ghana Stock Exchange to achieve its investment objective. The investment activities shall be managed by First Finance Company Limited.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Unit Trust and Mutual Fund Regulations, 2001 (L.I. 1695) and comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

(b) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Ghana cedi, which is the trust’s functional currency. All amounts have been stated in full.

(c) Use of estimates and judgement

In preparing these financial statements, the Unit Trust’s management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

(d) Comparative Information

The financial statements provide comparative information in respect of the previous period. In addition, the Company presents an additional statement of financial position at the beginning of the preceding period when there is a retrospective application of an accounting policy, a retrospective restatement, or a reclassification of items in financial statements or a retrospective correction of error.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following principal accounting policies have been consistently applied during the year in the preparation of the Unit Trust’s financial statements.

(a) Investments income recognition

Interest income on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI) and amortized cost is recognized in profit or loss, using the effective interest rate. The effective interest is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts, without consideration of future credit losses, over the expected life of the financial instrument or through to the next market-based re-pricing date to the net carrying amount of the financial instrument on initial recognition. Interest received or receivable are recognized in the profit or loss as interest income. Interest received or receivables are recognized in the profit or loss as interest income.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Unit Trust's statement of financial position when the Unit Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(i) Financial assets

All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

All recognised financial assets are measured subsequently in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification of Financial Assets

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at amortised cost:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

Debt instruments that meet the following conditions are measured subsequently at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI):

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

By default, all other financial assets are measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Despite the foregoing, the Unit Trust may make the following irrevocable election/designation at initial recognition of a financial asset:

- the Unit Trust may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if certain criteria are met; and
- the Unit Trust may irrevocably designate a debt investment that meets the amortised cost or FVTOCI criteria as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

a. Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (i.e. assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition), the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses, through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including expected credit losses, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost and at FVTOCI. For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired. For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the Unit Trust recognises interest income by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from initial recognition. The calculation does not revert to the gross basis even if the credit risk of the financial asset subsequently improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in the "finance income – interest income" line item.

b. Debt instruments classified as at FVTOCI

Corporate bonds held by the Unit Trust are classified as at FVTOCI. Fair value is determined in the manner described in note 3(d)iii. The corporate bonds are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, changes in the carrying amount of these corporate bonds as a result of foreign exchange gains and losses, impairment gains or losses, and interest income calculated using the effective interest method are recognised in profit or loss. The amounts that are recognised in profit or loss are the same as the amounts that would have been recognised in profit or loss if these corporate bonds had been measured at amortised cost. All other changes in the carrying amount of these corporate bonds are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of investments revaluation reserve. When these corporate bonds are derecognised, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

c. Equity instruments designated as at FVTOCI

On initial recognition, the Unit Trust may make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate investments in equity instruments as at FVTOCI. Designation at FVTOCI is not permitted if the equity investment is held for trading or if it is contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination.

A financial asset is held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of selling it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Unit Trust manages together and has evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative (except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument).

Investments in equity instruments at FVTOCI are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve. The cumulative gain or loss is not to be reclassified to profit or loss on disposal of the equity investments, instead, it is transferred to retained earnings.

Dividends on these investments in equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss in accordance with IFRS 9, unless the dividends clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Dividends are included in the 'finance income' line item in profit or loss.

The Unit Trust has designated all investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading as at FVTOCI on initial application of IFRS 9.

d. Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL. Specifically:

- Investments in equity instruments are classified as at FVTPL, unless the Unit Trust designates an equity investment that is neither held for trading nor a contingent consideration arising from a business combination as at FVTOCI on initial recognition.
- Debt instruments that do not meet the amortised cost criteria or the FVTOCI criteria are classified as at FVTPL. In addition, debt instruments that meet either the amortised cost criteria or the FVTOCI criteria may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (so called 'accounting mismatch') that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases. The Unit Trust has not designated any debt instruments as at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line item. Fair value is determined in the manner described in note 3(d)iii

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

Foreign exchange gains and losses

The carrying amount of financial assets that are denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of each reporting period, specifically;

- for financial assets measured at amortised cost that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the 'other gains and losses' line item;
- for debt instruments measured at FVTOCI that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences on the amortised cost of the debt instrument are recognised in profit or loss in the 'other gains and losses' line item. Other exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income in the investments revaluation reserve;
- for financial assets measured at FVTPL that are not part of a designated hedging relationship, exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the 'other gains and losses' line item; and
- for equity instruments measured at FVTOCI, exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income in the investments revaluation reserve.

See hedge accounting policy regarding the recognition of exchange differences where the foreign currency risk.

Impairment of financial assets

The Unit Trust recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost or at FVTOCI, lease receivables, trade receivables and contract assets, as well as on financial guarantee contracts. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Unit Trust always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables, contract assets and lease receivables. The expected credit losses on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Unit Trust's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For all other financial instruments, the Unit Trust recognises lifetime ECL when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. However, if the credit risk on the financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Unit Trust measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

i. Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Unit Trust compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Unit Trust considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Unit Trust's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organisations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Unit Trust's core operations.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular financial instrument, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor, or the length of time or the extent to which the fair value of a financial asset has been less than its amortised cost;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Unit Trust presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Unit Trust has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Unit Trust assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if:

1. The financial instrument has a low risk of default,
2. The debtor has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and
3. Adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

The Unit Trust considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has external credit rating of 'investment grade' in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of 'performing'. Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there is no past due amounts.

For financial guarantee contracts, the date that the Unit Trust becomes a party to the irrevocable commitment is considered to be the date of initial recognition for the purposes of assessing the financial instrument for impairment. In

assessing whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk since initial recognition of a financial guarantee contracts, the Unit Trust considers the changes in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract.

The Unit Trust regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria is capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

ii. Definition of default

The Unit Trust considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that financial assets that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- when there is a breach of financial covenants by the debtor; or
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Unit Trust, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Unit Trust).

Irrespective of the above analysis, the Unit Trust considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Unit Trust has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

iii. Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

1. significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
2. a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
3. the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
4. it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
5. the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

iv. Write-off policy

The Unit Trust writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the debtor has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over two years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Unit Trust's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss.

v. Measurement and recognition of expected credit losses

The measurement of expected credit losses is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date; for financial guarantee contracts, the exposure includes the amount drawn down as at the reporting date, together with any additional amounts expected to be drawn down in the future by default date determined based on historical trend, the Unit Trust's understanding of the specific future financing needs of the debtors, and other relevant forward-looking information.

For financial assets, the expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Unit Trust in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Unit Trust expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate. For a lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the expected credit losses is consistent with the cash flows used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with IAS 17 Leases.

For a financial guarantee contract, as the Unit Trust is required to make payments only in the event of a default by the debtor in accordance with the terms of the instrument that is guaranteed, the expected loss allowance is the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amounts that the Unit Trust expects to receive from the holder, the debtor or any other party.

If the Unit Trust has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Unit Trust measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

The Unit Trust recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt instruments that are measured at FVTOCI, for which the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(i) Financial assets (cont'd)

Derecognition of financial assets

The Unit Trust derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Unit Trust neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Unit Trust recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Unit Trust retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Unit Trust continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. In addition, on derecognition of an investment in a debt instrument classified as at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss. In contrast, on derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Unit Trust has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

(ii) Financial liabilities and equity

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Unit Trust are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Unit Trust's own equity instruments is recognised and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Unit Trust's own equity instruments.

Compound instruments

The component parts of convertible loan notes issued by the Unit Trust are classified separately as financial liabilities and equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. A conversion option that will be settled by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Unit Trust's own equity instruments is an equity instrument.

At the date of issue, the fair value of the liability component is estimated using the prevailing market interest rate for a similar non-convertible instrument. This amount is recorded as a liability on an amortised cost basis using the effective interest method until extinguished upon conversion or at the instrument's maturity date.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(ii) Financial liabilities and equity

The conversion option classified as equity is determined by deducting the amount of the liability component from the fair value of the compound instrument as a whole. This is recognised and included in equity, net of income tax effects, and is not subsequently remeasured. In addition, the conversion option classified as equity will remain in equity until the conversion option is exercised, in which case, the balance recognised in equity will be transferred to share premium/other equity. Where the conversion option remains unexercised at the maturity date of the convertible loan note, the balance recognised in equity will be transferred to retained profits/other equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss upon conversion or expiration of the conversion option.

Transaction costs that relate to the issue of the convertible loan notes are allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of the gross proceeds. Transaction costs relating to the equity component are recognised directly in equity. Transaction costs relating to the liability component are included in the carrying amount of the liability component and are amortised over the lives of the convertible loan notes using the effective interest method.

i. Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL. However, financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset does not qualify for derecognition or when the continuing involvement approach applies, and financial guarantee contracts issued by the Unit Trust, are measured in accordance with the specific accounting policies set out below.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL when the financial liability is (i) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, (ii) held for trading or (iii) it is designated as at FVTPL.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been acquired principally for the purpose of repurchasing it in the near term; or
- on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Unit Trust manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking; or
- it is a derivative, except for a derivative that is a financial guarantee contract or a designated and effective hedging instrument.

A financial liability other than a financial liability held for trading or contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination may be designated as at FVTPL upon initial recognition if:

- such designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- the financial liability forms part of a group of financial assets or financial liabilities or both, which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the Unit Trust's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis; or
- it forms part of a contract containing one or more embedded derivatives, and IFRS 9 permits the entire combined contract to be designated as at FVTPL.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(ii) Financial liabilities and equity

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss to the extent that they are not part of a designated hedging relationship (see Hedge accounting policy). The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates any interest paid on the financial liability and is included in the 'other gains and losses' line item in profit or loss.

However, for financial liabilities that are designated as at FVTPL, the amount of change in the fair value of the financial liability that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of that liability is recognised in other comprehensive income, unless the recognition of the effects of changes in the liability's credit risk in other comprehensive income would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit or loss.

The remaining amount of change in the fair value of liability is recognised in profit or loss. Changes in fair value attributable to a financial liability's credit risk that are recognised in other comprehensive income are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss; instead, they are transferred to retained earnings upon derecognition of the financial liability.

Gains or losses on financial guarantee contracts issued by the Unit Trust that are designated by the Unit Trust as at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss. Fair value is determined in the manner described in note 3(d)iii.

Financial liabilities measured subsequently at amortised cost

Financial liabilities that are not (i) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, (ii) held-for-trading, or (iii) designated as at FVTPL, are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

Financial guarantee contract liabilities

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantee contract liabilities are measured initially at their fair values and, if not designated as at FVTPL and do not arise from a transfer of an asset, are measured subsequently at the higher of:

- the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with IFRS 9 (see financial assets); and
- the amount recognised initially less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with the revenue recognition policies.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(ii) Financial liabilities and equity

Foreign exchange gains and losses

For financial liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency and are measured at amortised cost at the end of each reporting period, the foreign exchange gains and losses are determined based on the amortised cost of the instruments. These foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in the 'other gains and losses' line item in profit or loss for financial liabilities that are not part of a designated hedging relationship. For those which are designated as a hedging instrument for a hedge of foreign currency risk, foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate component of equity.

The fair value of financial liabilities denominated in a foreign currency is determined in that foreign currency and translated at the spot rate at the end of the reporting period. For financial liabilities that are measured as at FVTPL, the foreign exchange component forms part of the fair value gains or losses and is recognised in profit or loss for financial liabilities that are not part of a designated hedging relationship.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Unit Trust derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Unit Trust's obligations are discharged, cancelled or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

When the Unit Trust exchanges with the existing lender one debt instrument into another one with the substantially different terms, such exchange is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. Similarly, the Unit Trust accounts for substantial modification of terms of an existing liability or part of it as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new liability. It is assumed that the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective rate is at least 10 per cent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability.

If the modification is not substantial, the difference between: (1) the carrying amount of the liability before the modification; and (2) the present value of the cash flows after modification should be recognised in profit or loss as the modification gain or loss within other gains and losses.

(iii) Financial Instrument Fair Valuation

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under IFRS 13 are described as follows:

Level 1:- Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Trust has the ability to access.

Level 2:- Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(iii) Financial Instrument Fair Valuation

- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3:-Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

(e) Derivative Financial Statements and Hedging Activities

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date that a derivative contract is entered into, and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value at each reporting date. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument and, if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Unit Trust uses foreign currency forward exchange contracts to limit its exposure to foreign exchange risk on highly probable forecast foreign currency sales transactions. The Unit Trust designates these derivatives as hedges – that is, a hedge of foreign exchange risk associated with highly probably forecast sales transactions.

The Unit Trust designates and documents, at the inception of a hedging transaction, the hedging relationship so that the risk being hedged, the hedged item and the hedging instrument are clearly identified and the risk in the hedged item is the risk being hedged with the hedging instrument.

Hedge accounting is only applied when the Unit Trust expects the derivative financial instrument to be highly effective in offsetting the designated hedged foreign currency risk associated with the hedged item.

The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability where the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months, and as a current asset or liability where the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss within 'other gains/(losses) – net'.

Amounts recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the forecast sales take place and are included within 'other gains/(losses) – net'.

When a foreign currency forward exchange contract expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction ultimately affects profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was recognised in other comprehensive income is immediately transferred to profit or loss within 'other gains/(losses) – net'.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies during the period are converted into cedis at exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into cedis at exchange rates ruling at the financial year-end. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into cedis at the exchange rates at the date on which the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in profit or loss as net foreign exchange losses, except for those arising on financial instruments at FVTPL, which are recognised as a component of net gains from financial instruments at FVTPL.

(g) Transfer values

Transfer values represent the capital sums paid to and from the Unit Trusts on the basis of when the member liability is accepted or discharged.

(h) Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise deposits with banks and highly liquid financial assets with maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their value and are used by the Unit Trust in the management of short term commitment, other than cash collateral provided in respect of derivatives and security borrowing transactions

(i) Fees and commission

Fees and commissions expenses are recognised in profit or loss as the related services are performed.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Unit Trust's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the Directors are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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The Trustee of the Unit Trust appointed First Finance Company Limited, a fund management company incorporated in Ghana and duly licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Ghana (SEC) to implement the investment strategy and objectives as stated in the Unit Trust's investment management scheme particulars. Under that investment management agreement, First Finance Company Limited receives a management fee at an annual rate of 2.0% of the net asset value attributable to the unitholders of the Unit Trust. The management fees incurred during the year amounted to GH¢485,054. Included in the payables as at 31 December 2023 were management fees payable of GH¢ 130,006.

b. Trustee

The Trust appointed Universal Merchant Bank Limited, a company incorporated in Ghana and duly licensed by the Bank of Ghana (BOG) as a Merchant Bank, and the Securities and Exchange Commission of Ghana (SEC), to provide trustee services as prescribed in the scheme particulars. Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee receives a fee at an annual rate of 0.45% of the net asset value attributable to the Unitholders of the Trust. The fees charged during the year amounted to GH¢ 109,137. Included in the payables as at 31 December 2023 was GH¢ 29,326.

6. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Fixed Deposits	-	9,910,523
GOG Securities	-	8,301,058
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	-	18,211,581
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7. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTOCI

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Fixed Deposits	11,389,852	9,910,523
GOG Securities	7,457,592	8,301,058
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	18,847,444	18,211,581
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8. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVTP/L

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Equities	7,354,505	5,202,893
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	7,354,505	5,202,893
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9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Main bank Account	188,216	49,419
Current Account	27,683	14,320
Matured GOG Investments	-	57,502
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	215,899	121,241
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10. UNIT HOLDERS' FUNDS

Value of Units

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Balance b/f	23,339,010	23,134,469
Redemptions	(110,547)	(732,561)
Accumulated income	3,004,111	937,102
Other Reserves	(409,849)	-
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	26,232,574	23,339,010
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Number of Units

	2023	2022
	Units	Units
Units redeemed	92,250	626,495
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	92,250	626,495
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11. PAYABLES

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Management fees	130,006	107,067
Trustee fees	29,326	19,305
Audit fees	25,942	59,855
Redemption Payable	-	10,478
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	185,274	196,705
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12. INTEREST INCOME

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
GOG Securities	1,106,118	1,597,734
Fixed Deposits	339,850	-
Dividend income	579,051	406,637
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	2,025,019	2,004,371
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13. CHANGES IN FAIR VALUE THROUGH P/L

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Unrealised gain/(loss) on Equities Valuation	2,034,890	(476,505)
	<u>2,034,890</u>	<u>(476,505)</u>

14. GENERAL EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Management fees	(485,054)	(458,053)
Trustee fees	(109,137)	(103,062)
Audit fees	(25,942)	(21,394)
Bank charges	(5,356)	(8,255)
AGM Expenses	(20,460)	-
	<u>(645,949)</u>	<u>(590,764)</u>

15. CHANGES IN FAIR VALUE THROUGH OCI

	2023	2022
	GH¢	GH¢
Unrealized gain/(loss) on Bonds Valuation	(409,849)	-
	<u>(409,849)</u>	<u>-</u>

16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS*Analysis of changes in fair value of financial instruments*

2023	Balance	Purchases/	Accrued	Changes in	Value
	01/1/23	(Sales)	Interest	Fair value	31/12/23
	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢
GOG Sec.	8,301,058	(433,617)	-	(409,849)	7,457,592
Fixed Dep.	9,910,523	1,450,000	29,329	-	11,389,852
Equities	5,202,893	116,722	-	2,034,890	7,354,505
Total	<u>23,414,474</u>	<u>25,191,656</u>	<u>29,329</u>	<u>1,625,041</u>	<u>26,201,949</u>

2022	Balance	Purchases/	Accrued	Changes in	Value
	01/1/22	(Sales)	Interest	Fair value	31/12/22
	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢	GH¢
GOG Sec.	3,286,248	4,438,756	576,054	-	8,301,058
Fixed Dep.	10,243,968	(333,445)	-	-	9,910,523
Equities	5,679,398	-	-	(476,505)	5,202,893
Total	<u>19,209,614</u>	<u>4,105,311</u>	<u>576,054</u>	<u>(476,505)</u>	<u>23,414,474</u>

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17. TAXATION

The income of an approved Unit Trust scheme or mutual fund is exempt from tax under the income tax act, 2015 (act 896) as amended. The Trust is to withhold taxes on payments made to service providers.

18. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

(a). Asset/Portfolio/Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that counterparties (i.e. financial institutions and companies) in which the Unit Trust's assets are invested will fail to discharge their obligations or commitments to the Unit Trust, resulting in a financial loss to the Unit Trust.

The Trust's policy over credit risk is to minimise its exposure to counterparties with perceived higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties that meets the standards set out in the SEC guidelines and the Unit Trust's investment policy statement.

(b). Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Unit Trust either does not have sufficient financial resources available to meet all its obligations and commitments as they fall due. The Trust's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will maintain adequate liquidity in the form of cash and very liquid instruments to meet its liabilities (including benefits) when due.

The following are contractual maturities of financial asset

31 December 2023

Financial Assets	3 Months or less (GH¢)	4-6 Months or less (GH¢)	7-12 Months (GH¢)	More than 12 Months (GH¢)
GOG Securities	2,887,165	852,202	264,452	3,453,773
Fixed Deposit	2,803,152	-	8,586,700	-
Total	5,690,317	852,202	8,851,152	3,453,773

The following are contractual maturities of financial Liabilities

31 December 2023

Financial Liabilities	3 Months or less (GH¢)
Administrative Expenses Payable	185,274
Total	185,274

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(c). Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Fair values are based on discounted cash flows using a discount rate based upon the borrowing rate that the Directors expect would be available to the Unit Trust at the balance sheet date. The fair values of the Unit Trust's financial assets and liabilities approximate the respective carrying amounts.

The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly and
- Level 3: Techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The fair values of the Unit Trust's investments at FVTPL and FVTOCI approximates its carrying amounts.

18. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)

(d) Market risk

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return. This systematic risk cannot be mitigated through diversification.

(e) Equity Price risk

Listed equity securities are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about the future values of the investment securities. The Trust's policy over equity price risk is to minimize its exposure to equities and only deal with equities that meet the standards set out in the SEC guidelines and the Trust's investment policy statement. Keen attention is paid to the equity market to realize capital gains on equity securities.

(f) Interest Rate Risk

Interest 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 investment managers advise the Trustee on the appropriate balance of the portfolio between equity, fixed-rate interest, and variable-rate interest investments. The trust uses duration targeting as a means of mitigating the effects of the risk. The target duration is regularly reviewed by the Trust Board. For some of the bonds with issuers other than the Government of Ghana, investments are placed with a floating rate to hedge against this risk.

(g) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Unit Trust's processes, personnel, technology, and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market, and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of Unit Trust behavior.

The Trust's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Trust's reputation with overall cost-effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to the administrator. This responsibility is supported by the development of the following policies and standards;

- governing rules and Scheme Particulars;

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- investment policy statement;
- requirements for the reporting of non-compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements;
- training and professional development;
- ethical and business standards;
- risk mitigation, including insurance where this is effective.

Compliance with the Unit Trust governing rules is supported by a program of annual reviews undertaken by the external auditor. The results of these reviews are discussed with the Manager and Trustee.

19. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

Events subsequent to the balance sheet date are reflected in the financial statements only to the extent that they relate to the year under consideration and the effect is material.

As at the end of the reporting period, there were no events after the reporting period that relate to the year under consideration.