

INTERIM REPORT
AND UNAUDITED
CONDENSED
INTERIM FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS

# **AMUNDI PHYSICAL METALS PLC**

(Incorporated as a public company with limited liability under the laws of Ireland)

For the six-month period ended 30 September 2023

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Principal activities, business review and future activities

Amundi Physical Metals plc (the "Company"), the reporting entity, was incorporated on 4 December 2018 as a public limited company with limited liability under the Irish Companies Act 2014 (the "Companies Act"), as amended, with registration number 638962. The Company commenced operations on 21 May 2019. The Company has been incorporated for an indefinite period and was established as a special purpose vehicle for the purpose of issuing asset-backed securities. The Company has no employees.

The Company has established a Secured Precious Metal Linked Exchange Traded Commodities ("ETC") Securities Programme (the "Programme") described in the Base Prospectus dated 20 May 2019, as updated on 12 May 2023, under which a series ("Series") of secured precious metal linked debt securities ("ETC Securities") may be issued from time to time. The Series of ETC Securities issued under the Programme will be linked to, and provide exposure to, the price of gold ("precious metals") sourced through London Bullion Market Association ("LBMA").

As at 30 September 2023, the Company has Amundi Physical Gold ETC as the only Series of ETC Securities in issue. The Company's ETC Securities were listed on Euronext Amsterdam and Euronext Paris on 28 May 2019 and listed on Deutsche Börse on 2 July 2019. On 18 May 2020, the ETC Securities were listed on the London Stock Exchange. On 31 January 2023, the ETC Securities were listed on Bolsa Institucional de Valores. On 16 March 2023, the ETC Securities were listed on Borsa Italiana.

The ETC Securities constitute secured, limited recourse obligations of the Company, issued in the form of debt securities and are issued in Series. The ETC Securities are backed by fully-allocated physical holdings of the relevant precious metal secured in the Custodian's vault. The ETC Securities are non-interest bearing and have a maturity date of 99 years from date the ETC Securities were issued. The ETC Securities provide a simple and cost-effective means of gaining exposure very similar to that of a direct investment in the relevant precious metal. Each ETC Security of a Series has a metal entitlement (the "Metal Entitlement") expressed as an amount in weight (in troy or fine troy ounces) of the relevant metal linked to such Series. This Metal Entitlement starts at a predetermined initial Metal Entitlement for the relevant Series and is reduced daily by the Total Expense Ratio ("TER") (in metal) for the Series. The TER is the rate per annum at which the "all in one" operational fee in respect the Series is calculated. TER is applied to the Metal Entitlement on a daily basis. Each day, the Metal Entitlement attached to each ETC Security is reduced at a rate equal to the portion of the TER in metal applicable to such day. The TER is accounted for on an accruals basis and is payable monthly in arrears. The TER as at 30 September 2023 is 0.12% (30 September 2022: 0.12%).

HSBC Bank plc, Jane Street Financial Limited, Flow Traders B.V., Optiver VOF, BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC and Virtu Financial Ireland act as the Company's authorised participants (the "Authorised Participants"). The Authorised Participants in respect of the Series are the only entities allowed to buy and sell ETC Securities directly from and to the Company. Authorised Participants may also act as market makers by buying and selling ETC Securities from and to investors on an over-the-counter basis or via a stock exchange. During the life of the ETC Securities, ETC Security holders can buy and sell ETC Securities on each exchange on which the ETC Securities are listed, through financial intermediaries. ETC Security holder means the person in whose name a Security of the relevant Series is registered in the Register. There were no other changes in Authorised Participants during the period.

### Gold market activity 31 March – 30 September

Gold prices were in the midst of a significant rally at the end of March, dating from the beginning of that month. Gains were fueled by growing expectations that the US as well as other major economies were heading for an economic slowdown leading to recession by the summer. The rationale that the Fed would be compelled to cut rates and that the US dollar would correct lower, provided the oxygen for gold to rally. Added to this, the end of lockdown in China was expected to buoy demand in the world's largest bullion consumer.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

### Principal activities, business review and future activities (continued)

### Gold market activity 31 March – 30 September (continued)

Further catalysts included pressures in the US retail banking sector and the budget standoff in Washington. These factors combined to drive gold to a near record year-to-date peak of USD2,063/oz. Since then, prices have retraced, with declines accelerating since mid-July as monetary policy remained tight and US yields rose. Following hawkish Federal Reserve comments, expectations of rate cuts, shifted to anticipated increases, or a pause. As yields surged, with the US 2-year hitting a 17-year high, topping 5% on 21 September, the USD also rallied. Caught in the twin grip of higher yields and a stronger USD, gold prices sagged, falling to around USD1,810/oz by the first week of October. Furthermore, safe-haven demand for gold faded as the US avoided a government shutdown.

Other factors contributed to gold's decline. Institutional demand for gold remains negative. The ETFs have resumed liquidation, at least until recently, and do not appear ready to increase their ownership. Weakness in other commodities and lower inflation undercut OTC buying. Also, net long positions on the CME, until recently declined, reaffirming a negative posture by money managers. While elements of physical buying, including jewelry and coin and bars, were firm, they were not sufficient in themselves to take gold higher. Central bank purchases also remained strong, but below 2022 record levels.

### Recent developments and price outlook

Prices seemed poised to break below USD1,800/oz until the events of 7 October injected a fresh dose of geopolitical risk, including the risk of wider conflict in the Middle East and oil supply interruption. Safe haven buying ushered gold above USD2,000/oz, but in a similar pattern to post-Ukraine price movements in 2022, the geopolitical risk premia in gold is unwinding. Gold's most recent rally comes after better than expected US CPI data which has encouraged expectations of Fed rate cuts in 2024. Going forward, gold will be strongly influenced by monetary policy and USD direction.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		As at	As at
		30 September	31 March
	Notes	2023 \$	2023 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents		26,261	26,849
Precious metals at fair value through profit or loss	3	3,848,245,983	4,392,465,492
Due from noteholders		10,037,750	2,212,639
Other receivable		11,323	13,072
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,858,321,317	4,394,718,052
EQUITY			
Share capital	8	(27,385)	(27,385)
Retained earnings		(10,019)	(9,486)
TOTAL EQUITY		(37,404)	(36,871)
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
ETC securities designated at fair value	3	(3,790,675,147)	(4,387,979,851)
ETC securities awaiting settlement through profit or loss	11	(15,408,920)	(6,255,121)
Due to advisor	11	(375,137)	(443,159)
Due to noteholders	11	(51,824,529)	-
Securities tax payable		(180)	(3,050)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		(3,858,283,913)	(4,394,681,181)
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		(3,858,321,317)	(4,394,718,052)

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Period ended 30 September	Period ended 30 September
		2023	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
INCOME			
Interest income		184	-
Total expense ratio Income	6	2,629,450	2,719,254
Other income		1,587	1,466
NET (LOSSES)/GAINS ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VA	LUE		
Net losses arising on precious metals at fair value	4	(249,293,109)	(696,282,351)
Net gains arising on ETC securities at fair value	5	249,292,051	696,278,158
NET INCOME		2,630,163	2,716,527
EXPENSES			
			(E2)
Interest expense	6	- (2 620 450)	(53)
Total expense ratio expense	0	(2,629,450)	(2,719,201)
NET EXPENSES		(2,629,450)	(2,719,254)
NET PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD BEFORE TAX		713	(2,727)
Income tax expense	7	(180)	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL			
PERIOD		533	(2,727)

There are no recognised gains or losses arising during the financial period other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. In arriving at the results for the financial period, all amounts relate to continuing operations.

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Called Up Share Capital \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total Equity \$
Balance as at 1 April 2022	27,385	7,514	34,899
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	(2,727)	(2,727)
BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022	27,385	4,787	32,172
	Called Up Share Capital \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total Equity \$
Balance as at 1 April 2023	27,385	9,486	36,871
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-	533	533
BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023	27,385	10,019	37,404

# UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Period ended 30 September 2023 \$	Period ended 30 September 2022 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Total expense ratio income received	2,697,472	2,792,415
Total expense ratio expenses paid	(2,697,472)	(2,792,415)
Net cash used in operating activities	-	<del>-</del>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Interest received	184	-
Interest paid	-	(53)
Net cash used in financing activities	184	(53)
Net increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	184	(53)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	26,849	27,351
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(772)	(3,244)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	26,261	24,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period is comprised of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	26,261	24,054
Non-cash Transactions during the period include:		
	\$	\$
Issuance of ETC Securities	797,225,968	791,656,090
Redemptions of ETC Securities	(1,142,608,114)	(974,272,257)
Additions of Precious metals	787,188,259	782,030,540
Disposals of Precious metals	(1,093,481,098)	(977,064,604)

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

#### 1. General

Amundi Physical Metals plc (the "Company"), the reporting entity, was incorporated on 4 December 2018 as a public limited company with limited liability under the Companies Act 2014 (the "Companies Act"), as amended, with registration number 638962. The Company commenced operations on 21 May 2019. The registered office of the Company is at 2nd Floor, Palmerston House, Fenian Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

The Company has been established as a special purpose vehicle for the purpose of issuing asset-backed securities. The Company has established a secured precious metal linked securities programme (the "Programme") under which exchange-traded, secured precious metal linked debt securities ("ETC Securities"), backed by physical holdings of the relevant precious metal, may be issued from time to time. The objective is for the value of the ETC Securities to reflect, at any given time, the price of precious metals at that time (as reflected in the Metal Reference Price), less fees and expenses. Capitalised terms are included in the Company's prospectus.

The ETC Securities are admitted to trading on regulated markets and they are offered to the public in any Member State of the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom subject to the selling restrictions set out in the base prospectus. Accordingly, the Company is also regulated by the markets in financial instruments directive (the "MiFID II Directive" 2014/65/EU). The information document about the series of ETC Securities is issued pursuant to the Packaged Retail Investment and Insurance-based Products regulation (the "PRIIPs regulation" (EU) No 1286/2014").

The authorised share capital of the Company is EUR 25,000, divided into 25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each, all of which have been issued and fully paid up. All of the ordinary shares of the Company are held by Cafico Trust Company Limited as share trustee on trust for charitable purposes. The ETC Securities are denominated in US Dollar ("USD" or "\$") and the Early Redemption Amount and Final Redemption Amount (as applicable) will be paid in USD.

As at 30 September 2023, the Company has Amundi Physical Gold ETC as the only Series of ETC Securities in issue. The Company's ETC Securities were listed on Euronext Amsterdam and Euronext Paris on 28 May 2019 and listed on Deutsche Börse on 2 July 2019. On 18 May 2020, the ETC Securities were listed on the London Stock Exchange. On 31 January 2023, the ETC Securities were listed on Bolsa Institucional de Valores. On 16 March 2023, the ETC Securities were listed on Borsa Italiana.

The ETC Securities offer investors exposure to the movements of the precious metals' spot price. The ETC Securities are backed by physically allocated precious metals, which is held by HSBC Bank PIc (the "Custodian"). Each physical bar is held in a segregated account, individually identified and allocated.

The Company has appointed HSBC Bank plc as metal counterparty (the "Metal Counterparty") in respect of the Series.

The administration of the Company has been delegated to HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC (the "Administrator"). HSBC Corporate Trustee Company (UK) Limited was appointed as Trustee and Security Trustee and HSBC Continental Europe was appointed as Issuing and Paying Agent.

The arranger (the "Arranger") is Amundi Asset Management S.A.S who also acts as an adviser (the "Advisor") to the Company in respect of the Series, performing certain functions and determinations on behalf of the Company pursuant to an advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). Expenses paid to the Advisor and the term of the advisor expenses are discussed in Note 6 of the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### 1. General (continued)

The ETC Securities are secured, limited recourse obligations of the Company and the ETC Securities of a series rank equally amongst themselves.

## 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the unaudited condensed interim financial statements of the Company is the applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted for use in the European Union ("IFRS"), and applied in accordance with the Companies Acts 2014.

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements included in the Interim Report have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting, as adopted by the European Union.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost basis, except for the following:

- Precious metals at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value; and
- Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

The comparative figures for the Unaudited Interim Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows are presented for the period ended 30 September 2022. The comparative figures included for the Unaudited Interim Statement of Financial Position are as at 31 March 2023.

The preparation of unaudited condensed interim financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Under IFRS there is no specific standard to refer to for the accounting treatment of precious metals. The precious metals are held to provide the ETC security holders with exposure to changes in the value of the precious metals. Therefore, the Company has determined that the measurement of precious metals at fair value through profit or loss is the appropriate measurement of precious metals which is consistent with the treatment that would be applicable to a financial instrument and reflects the objectives and the purpose of holding this asset.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of these unaudited condensed interim financial statements are consistent and there have been no changes to those used in the Company's most recent annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The basis of the computation of the fees and expenses in the unaudited condensed interim financial statements are consistent with Note 7 to the Company's most recent annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The format of these financial statements differs in some respect from that of the most recent annual financial statements in that the notes to the financial statements are presented in a summary form.

The financial statements and notes to the financial statements are presented in US Dollar ("USD" or "\$") which is the Company's functional currency. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. Gold prices are usually stated in USD and the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are also primarily denominated in USD. The Directors of the Company believe that USD most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

# 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# Changes in accounting policies

New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards which are effective from 1 January 2023

Standards/interpretations	Effective date
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	01 Jan 2023
Classification of liabilities as current or non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)	01 Jan 2023
Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2)	01 Jan 2023
Definition of Accounting Estimate (Amendments to IAS 8)	01 Jan 2023
Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction	
Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes	01 Jan 2023

# New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards which are effective from 1 January 2024

Standards/interpretations	Effective date
Amendments to IAS 1 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	01 Jan 2024
Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	01 Jan 2024

None of the above standards, amendments and interpretations are expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

# 3. Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Valuation of financial instruments

The Company is required to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in making the measurements.

#### Fair value measurements

IFRS 13 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritises 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below.

Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or

liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability either

directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active;

Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

However, the determination of what constitutes "observable" requires significant judgement by the Arranger and Advisor. The Arranger and Advisor consider observable data to be that market data which is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

Precious metals at fair value and ETC Securities in relation to the Series are classified within level 1 due to the use of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. These prices are derived from the secondary market where listed securities are traded.

As at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023, the Company did not hold any level 3 securities and there were no transfers between levels during the period, consequently no reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements is required.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

# 3. Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

## Valuation of financial instruments (continued)

# Fair value measurements (continued)

The following table presents financial liabilities and precious metals measured at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position by investment type and by level within the valuation hierarchy as at 30 September 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
Precious metals at fair value through				
profit or loss	3,848,245,983	-	-	3,848,245,983
_	3,848,245,983	-	-	3,848,245,983
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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	Levei 1 \$	Level 2 \$	Level 3 \$	Total \$
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss ETC Securities designated at fair value	\$			\$
profit and loss ETC Securities designated at fair value ETC securities awaiting settlement	\$ (3,790,675,147)			\$ (3,790,675,147)
profit and loss ETC Securities designated at fair value	\$			\$

The following table presents financial liabilities and precious metals measured at fair value on the Statement of Financial Position by investment type and by level within the valuation hierarchy as at 31 March 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss				
Precious metals at fair value through				
profit or loss	4,392,465,492	-	-	4,392,465,492
	4,392,465,492	-	-	4,392,465,492
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss				
ETC Securities designated at fair value	(4,387,979,851)	-	-	(4,387,979,851)
ETC securities awaiting settlement				
through profit or loss	(6,255,121)	-	-	(6,255,121)
Total	(4,394,234,972)			(4,394,234,972)

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

## 4. Net losses arising on precious metals at fair value

	Financial period ended 30 September 2023	Financial period ended 30 September 2022
	\$	\$
Net losses arising on precious metals	(249,293,109)	(696,282,351)
	(249,293,109)	(696,282,351)

# 5. Net gains arising on ETC securities at fair value

	Financial period ended 30 September 2023	Financial period ended 30 September 2022
	\$	\$
Net gains arising on ETC securities	249,292,051	696,278,158
	249,292,051	696,278,158

#### 6. Company Series Fees and Expenses

Each ETC Security of a Series will have a "Metal Entitlement", which is an amount in weight of the Metal linked to such Series. On the Series Issue Date, each ETC Security is ascribed with a Metal Entitlement (the "Initial Metal Entitlement") and on each subsequent day, the Metal Entitlement of each ETC Security shall be reduced by a percentage (the "Total Expense Ratio", or "TER") determined as sufficient to fund the Company's "all in one" operational fee to the Advisor (which the Advisor will use, in turn, to pay the agreed fees of all of the other service providers of the Company).

Fees and expenses payable on a monthly basis by the Company to the Advisor will be paid out of the proceeds of the relevant Series of ETC Securities and funded by way of the monthly sale of Metal deducted on a daily basis from the Metal Entitlement of the ETC Securities of such Series at a rate equal to the portion of the Total Expense Ratio applicable to each day. Agreed fees and expenses payable to the Company's service providers, including the Corporate Services Provider, the Trustee, the Security Trustee, the Custodian, the Administrator and other Agents will be paid by the Advisor out of the proceeds of the sale of Metal mentioned in the previous sentence. None of the above-mentioned transaction parties may have recourse to assets of the Company which are held as security for ETC Securities of any Series other than the ETC Securities of the Series in respect of which the claim arises.

The TER as at 30 September 2023 is 0.12% (30 September 2022: 0.12%). TER income for the period amounted to USD 2,629,450 (30 September 2022: USD 2,719,254) and TER expense for the period amounted to USD 2,629,450 (30 September 2022: USD 2,719,201).

Fees and expenses payable on a monthly basis by the Company to the Arranger and Advisor will be paid out of the relevant Series of ETC Securities by way of the sale of metal. The amount of metal to be sold is a predetermined amount based on the Metal Entitlements of the ETC Securities of the Series. Fees earned by the Arranger and Advisor during the financial period and balances outstanding as at 30 September 2023 are disclosed in Note 6 and Note 11 respectively.

For the six-month period ended 30 September 2023, the Directors did not receive remuneration or fees in respect to their service (30 September 2022: Nil). Cafico Corporate Services Limited as Corporate Services Provider for the Company receives an annual fee applicable for the period for the different services provided which amounted to EUR 56,897 (30 September 2022: EUR 17,800). Refer Note 13 for Directors' remuneration arrangement.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

#### 7. Income Tax

The Company will be taxable as a securitisation Company pursuant to Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act ("TCA") 1997. Profits arising to the Company are charged at a corporate tax rate of 25%. All expenses that are not capital in nature and are for the purposes of the Company's activities will be deductible from income in order to determine taxable profits.

The Company is a qualifying Company within the meaning of Section 110 of the TCA. As such, the profits are chargeable to corporation tax under Case III of Schedule D of the TCA at the rate of 25% but are computed in accordance with the provisions applicable to Case I Schedule D of the TCA.

	•	·	Financial period ended 30 September 2022
	\$	\$	
Net profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax	713	(2,727)	
Corporation tax rate at 25%	(180)	-	
Income tax expense	(180)	(2,727)	

### 8. Share Capital

The authorised share capital of the Company is EUR 25,000 divided into 25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each, all of which have been issued and fully paid up. All of the ordinary shares of the Company are held by Cafico Trust Company Limited as share trustee on trust for charitable purposes to the value of EUR 25,000.

	Financial period ended 30 September 2023	Financial period ended 30 September 2022
	\$	\$
25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each	27,385	27,385
	27,385	27,385

The rights of the trustee representing the shareholders are governed by the declaration of trust. The Company has only ordinary shares which have no prescribed and/or defined rights.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### 9. Precious metals at Fair Value

The following tables summarise the activity in metal bullion during the six-month period ended 30 September 2023:

	Gold Troy
	Ounces*
Balance at the beginning of financial period	2,218,775
Metal contributed	395,520
Metal distributed to ETC holders	(553,353)
Metal distributed due to TER	(1,376)
Balance at the end of financial period	2,059,386

		Ounce**	Fair Value*
Precious metals at fair value	Troy Ounces*	\$	\$
Gold	2,049,098^	1,870.50	3,832,837,063
Total	2,049,098	1,870.50	3,832,837,063

<sup>\*</sup> Gold is measured in fine troy ounces. Metal amount is rounded to whole numbers. Fair value disclosed is based on unrounded metal amount.

The following tables summarise the activity in metal bullion during the six-month period ended 30 September 2022:

	Gold Troy
	Ounces*
Balance at the beginning of financial period	2,496,757
Metal contributed	418,914
Metal distributed to ETC holders	(518,279)
Metal distributed due to TER	(1,540)
Balance at the end of financial period	2,395,852

		Price per Troy	
		Ounce**	Fair Value*
Precious metals at fair value	Troy Ounces*	\$	\$
Gold	2,360,033^	1,671.75	3,945,385,567
Total	2,360,033	1,671.75	3,945,385,567

<sup>\*</sup> Gold is measured in fine troy ounces. Metal amount is rounded to whole numbers. Fair value disclosed is based on unrounded metal amount.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Sourced from LBMA.

<sup>^</sup> Excludes Gold Troy Ounces of 8,224 with a value of \$15,408,920 due to holders of ETC Securities who cancelled their shares on 28 September 2023 and are awaiting settlement.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Sourced from LBMA.

<sup>^</sup> Excludes Gold Troy Ounces of 35,819 with a value of \$59,272,672 due to holders of ETC Securities who cancelled their shares on 29 September 2022 and are awaiting settlement.

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# 10. ETC Securities designated at Fair Value

The following tables summarise the activity in the ETC Securities of the Series during the six-month period ended 30 September 2023:

	Amundi Physical	
	Gold ETC	
	No. of Securities	
Balance at the beginning of financial period	55,726,311	
ETC Securities issued	10,080,844	
ETC Securities redeemed	(14,825,500)	
Balance at the end of financial period	50,981,655	

		Metal entitlement (Gold) per ETC Security in Troy	Price per Security*/**	Fair Value*
	No. of Securities	Ounces^	\$	\$
Amundi Physical Gold ETC^^	50,981,655	0.040193	74.35	3,790,675,147
Total	50,981,655	0.040193	74.35	3,790,675,147

<sup>\*</sup> Price per security is rounded to 2 decimal places. Fair value disclosed is based on the unrounded price per security.

The following tables summarise the activity in the ETC Securities of the Series during the six-month period ended 30 September 2022:

·	Amundi Physical Gold ETC
	No. of Securities
Balance at the beginning of financial period	62,531,327
ETC Securities issued	10,666,321
ETC Securities redeemed	(13,758,837)
Balance at the end of financial period	59,438,811

		Metal entitlement (Gold) per ETC Security in Troy	Price per Security*/**	Fair Value*
	No. of Securities	Ounces^	\$	\$
Amundi Physical Gold ETC^^	59,438,811	0.039705	66.53	3,954,634,980
Total	59,438,811	0.039705	66.53	3,954,634,980

<sup>\*</sup> Price per security is rounded to 2 decimal places. Fair value disclosed is based on the unrounded price per security.

<sup>\*\*</sup> ETC Securities prices based on exchange quoted prices.

<sup>^</sup> Rounded to 6 decimal places.

<sup>^^</sup> Final maturity date of ETC Securities is 23 May 2118.

<sup>\*\*</sup> ETC Securities prices based on LBMA exchange.

<sup>^</sup> Rounded to 6 decimal places.

<sup>^^</sup> Final maturity date of ETC Securities is 23 May 2118.

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### 11. Payables

	As at 30 September 2023	As at 31 March 2023
	\$	\$
Due to Advisor*	(375,137)	(443,159)
Due to Noteholders	(51,824,529)	-
ETC Securities awaiting settlement through profit or loss**	(15,408,920)	(6,255,121)
Total	(67,608,586)	(6,698,280)

<sup>\*</sup>Due to advisor represents the outstanding TER expense which is payable to the Advisor at the period/year end.

## 12. Exchange rates

The rate of exchange ruling as at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 were:

	As at 30 September	As at 31 March
	2023	2023
EUR 1 = USD	1.05810	1.08920

## 13. Related and connected parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or is able to exercise significant influence over the party, in making financial or operational decisions.

The Company's related parties are the Directors and Cafico Corporate Services Limited as Corporate Services Provider. The Company's connected parties are the Administrator, the Custodian, the Trustee, the Advisor and the Issuing and Paying Agent. Amounts incurred during the period to these related and connected parties are paid by the Advisor from the TER fee (all in one" operational fee) as disclosed in Note 6. The total outstanding to the Advisor at the Statement of Financial Position date is disclosed in Note 11, if any.

Rolando Ebuna and Máiréad Lyons are Directors of the Company and are also employees of the Corporate Services Provider, Cafico Corporate Services Limited. All of the ordinary shares of the Company are held by Cafico Trust Company Limited as share trustee on trust for charitable purposes to the value of EUR 25,000.

During the financial period, the Company incurred a fee of EUR 56,897 (30 September 2022: EUR 17,800) and EUR 8,730 payable as at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: EUR Nil), relating to different services provided by the Corporate Services Provider. The directors, as employees of the Corporate Services Provider, had an interest in these fees in their capacity as directors. The estimated aggregate value of the provision of qualifying services of directors of the Company in accordance with Section 305A(1)(a) of the Companies Act amounted to USD 6,000 (30 September 2022: USD 6,000). This amount is disclosed solely to comply with the requirements of the Act and represents the best estimate of the value of the qualifying services to the Company. Directors remuneration during the financial period amounted to USD Nil (30 September 2022: USD Nil). There is no director remuneration payable as at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: Nil).

<sup>\*\*</sup>ETC Securities awaiting settlement through profit or loss comprise of redeemed and cancelled ETC Securities which have not yet settled.

# NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

## 13. Related and connected parties (continued)

The total fees paid to the Arranger amounted to USD 2,629,450 (30 September 2022: USD 2,719,201) during the financial period. From the fees provided to the Arranger, the Arranger has arranged for their employee, Mehdi Balafrej to provide services as a director of the Company. Mehdi Balafrej is a Global Head of Product and Capital Markets of Amundi ETF, Indexing and Smart Beta, a subsidiary of the Advisor. Mehdi Balafrej was not remunerated for his directorship role in the Company.

## 14. Legal Ownership of the Company

The principal shareholders of the Company are Cafico Trust Company Limited, which holds 25,000 shares in trust. The shares are held under the terms of the declarations of trust dated 6 December 2018 under which the relevant share trustee holds the issued shares of the Company on trust for charitable purposes. The profit of the Company is retained until the Company winds up its operation whereby any excess profit will be distributed to its shareholders.

The Board of Directors are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Company. The Board is composed of three directors, two of whom are employees of the corporate services provider and the other an employee of a subsidiary of the Advisor. As the Company is an orphan structure, there is no ultimate controlling party.

## 15. Charges

The ETC Securities issued by the Company are secured in favour of the Trustee for the benefit of the ETC Security holders by security over the portfolio of precious metals held by the Company and other assets not attributable to the equity holders.

## 16. Significant Events during the financial period

The Company issued an updated prospectus on 12 May 2023 to reflect the changes in listing and admission to Borsa Italiana, the London Stock Exchange and the International Quotation System of the Mexican Stock Exchange.

Other than the above, there were no other significant events during the financial period affecting the Company.

## 17. Subsequent events

There were no significant events after the balance sheet date affecting the Company which would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

### 18. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 4 December 2023.