

**DB ETC plc**

**Directors' report and audited financial statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered number : 103781**



# DB ETC plc

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**Directors' report**

The directors (the "Directors") present the Directors' report and audited financial statements of DB ETC plc (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Principal activities and business review**

The Company was incorporated on 06 August 2009 as a public limited liability company in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 with registration number 103781.

The principal activity of the Company, under the Secured ETC Precious Metal Securities Programme (the "Programme"), is to issue from time to time series (each a "Series") of secured precious metal linked securities (the "ETC Securities"), where recourse in respect of each Series is limited to the proceeds of enforcement of the security over each respective Series' assets.

With respect to each Series of ETC Securities, the Company's main assets are its holdings of underlying Precious metals (the "Precious metals") and its interests under the related balancing agreement (the "Balancing Agreement"). The obligations of the Company under the ETC Securities of a Series will be secured in favour of the Trustee by an assignment by way of security of all the Company's rights, title, interest and benefit present and future against the secured account custodian (the "Secured Account Custodian"), the subscription account custodian (the "Subscription Account Custodian") and any sub-custodian (the "Sub-Custodian") relating to the underlying metal in respect of this Series of ETC Securities.

The net proceeds from the issue of a Series of ETC Securities are used to purchase an amount of metal which, in accordance with the custody agreement (the "Custody Agreement") for secured accounts will, to the extent possible, be allocated to physical metal bars or other metal shapes and be held in the secured allocated account. Any remaining metal is held in the secured unallocated account. Such underlying metal is used to meet the Company's obligations under the relevant Series of ETC Securities and the relevant Balancing Agreement.

The ETC Securities issued are listed on various exchanges including London Stock Exchange, Swiss Stock Exchange, XETRA, Borsa Italiana and Euronext Dublin.

**Key performance indicators**

The Company is a Special Purpose Vehicle (the "SPV") whose sole business is the issue of asset-backed securities. The Company has established a programme for the issue of ETC Securities whose return is linked to the performance of a specified Precious metal: either gold, silver, platinum, or rhodium. Each series of ETC Securities will be separate (or 'ring-fenced') from each other series of ETC Securities. The best benchmark is the price of the relevant metal in which the proceeds of the ETC Securities are invested in. For all Series, the performance closely follows the movement in the metal linked to the Series.

The Directors confirm that the key performance indicators as disclosed below are those that are used to assess the performance of the Company.

During the year ended:

- the Company made a profit of EUR nil (2022: EUR nil);
- the net fair value gain on Precious metals held by the Company at fair value and Precious metals due from Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch (the "Programme Counterparty") at fair value amounted to EUR 276,457,897 (2022: EUR 226,481,155);
- the net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss amounted to EUR 276,457,897 (2022: EUR 226,481,155); and
- there were additional subscriptions in the following existing Series of ETC Securities, with Series currency ("CCY"):

		<b>Maturity date</b>	<b>CCY</b>	<b>Nominal</b>
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	15-Jun-60	USD	410,972
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	3,437,424
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	749,180
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	14-Jul-60	EUR	1,438,758
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	1,477,125
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	158,613
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	01-Apr-61	GBP	849,937





**Directors' report (continued)****Key performance indicators (continued)**

During the year ended (continued):

- the following Series of ETC Securities were partially redeemed:

Series	Description	Maturity date	CCY	Nominal
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	15-Jun-60	USD	567,475
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	8,558,637
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	686,758
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	14-Jul-60	EUR	882,229
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	3,797,347
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	319,392
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	19-May-61	USD	499
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	19-May-61	EUR	315
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	01-Apr-61	GBP	1,110,500

- the prices of Precious metals movement are as follows:

Series	Precious metals	CCY	Price per ounce as at 31 Dec 2023	Price per ounce as at 31 Dec 2022	Movement (%)
Series 1	Gold	USD	2,062.40	1,812.35	13.80
Series 2	Gold	EUR	1,865.67	1,699.03	9.81
Series 4	Silver	EUR	21.48	22.42	(4.21)
Series 6	Platinum	EUR	910.57	999.39	(8.89)
Series 9	Gold	USD	2,062.40	1,812.35	13.80
Series 10	Silver	USD	23.79	23.95	(0.67)
Series 11	Rhodium	USD	4,330.00	11,750.00	(63.15)
Series 12	Rhodium	EUR	3,912.18	10,998.78	(64.43)
Series 13	Gold	GBP	1,622.85	1,505.46	7.80

The price of Rhodium has significantly decreased since Rhodium trades in a market influenced by a combination of supply and demand dynamics, thus often resulting in price volatility. On the other hand, due to market forces, the price of Gold has increased while the prices of Silver and Platinum have slightly decreased. Further details are provided below in the going concern section.

The table below highlights the movement in foreign exchange during the year.

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	Movement (%) in 31-Dec-23
USD - EUR	0.9059	0.9341	-3.02%
GBP - EUR	1.1535	1.1295	2.12%

As at 31 December 2023:

- the Company's total ETC Securities issued had a fair value of EUR 3,793,425,154 (2022: EUR 4,556,219,740);
- the Company has invested in Precious metals with a fair value of EUR 3,785,751,088 (2022: EUR 4,555,663,770);
- Precious metals with a value of EUR 7,674,066 (2022: EUR 555,970) was due to the Company from the Programme Counterparty under the terms of the Balancing Agreement; and
- the net assets were EUR 30,002 (2022: EUR 30,002).
- the Company had the following ETC Securities in issue:

Series	Description	Maturity date	CCY	Nominal (in units)	Metals held
1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	15-Jun-60	USD	2,040,659	Gold
2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	9,408,969	Gold
4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	15-Jun-60	EUR	974,422	Silver
6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	14-Jul-60	EUR	1,384,127	Platinum
9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	9,870,227	Gold
10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	27-Aug-60	USD	976,853	Silver
11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	19-May-61	USD	72,561	Rhodium
12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	19-May-61	EUR	26,444	Rhodium
13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	01-Apr-61	GBP	2,671,340	Gold



**Directors' report (continued)****Significant events**

On 21 February 2023, the Company informed Securityholders of each of the Series that each set of Final Terms relating to each Series set out in the table below issued from the "Date of First Impact" to 09 February 2023 (as defined in the table below) incorrectly overstated the aggregate number of ETC securities in issuance under section 5 of the Final Terms (Aggregate number of ETC Securities of Series) by the number set out in the table under "Difference".

Security Name	ISIN	Difference	Date of First Impact
Series 1 Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	GB00B5840F36	2,504,172	11-May-21
Series 2 Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC	DE000A1EK0G3	2,634,101	10-May-21
Series 4 Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	DE000A1EK0J7	137,270	01-Jun-21
Series 6 Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	DE000A1EK0H1	123,362	04-May-21
Series 9 Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	DE000A1E0HR8	2,244,351	20-May-21
Series 10 Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	DE000A1E0HS6	325,108	21-May-21
Series 13 Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	GB00B68FL050	435,700	28-Apr-21

Final Terms issued after 09 February 2023 contain the correct number. The information relating to aggregate number of securities outstanding set out in other parts of the website [www.etf.dws.com](http://www.etf.dws.com) and the financial statements were correct.

Since the Final Terms relate to a transposition error, it does not have an impact on the financials of the Company.

On 04 December 2023, the Company informed Securityholders of the Series below that the Programme Counterparty determined to change the metal fixing time for the scheduled valuation days on 22 and 29 December 2023.

Series 1 Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (ISIN: GB00B5840F36),  
 Series 2 Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC (ISIN: DE000A1EK0G3),  
 Series 6 Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC (ISIN: DE000A1EK0H1),  
 Series 9 Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR) (ISIN: DE000A1E0HR8) and  
 Series 13 Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC (ISIN: GB00B68FL050).

**Future developments**

The Directors expect that the present level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future. The board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") will continue to seek new opportunities for the Company and will continue to ensure proper management of the current portfolio of Series of the Company.

**Going concern**

The Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared on a going concern basis. Each Series of ETC Securities is referenced to a specific asset and any loss derived from the asset will be ultimately borne by the relevant ETC Securityholders. The Directors anticipate that assets are readily realisable under the terms of base prospectus and the Balancing Agreement with the Programme Counterparty and hence, the Company will always have sufficient assets to meet the obligation of the ETC Securities as they fall due. The ETC Securities in issue as at 31 December 2023 have final maturities ranging from 2060 to 2061. The Directors do not foresee any material net redemptions in the next 12 months that would trigger going concern issues.

A high-level analysis was made on the liquidity and performance of the Company following the financial year end 31 December 2023. The Directors note that there has mainly been a positive change in the value of Gold due to an increase in its price as compared to the financial year end 31 December 2022, while the price of Rhodium has significantly decreased due to market forces. Rhodium trades in a market influenced by a combination of supply and demand dynamics often resulting in price volatility. The demand for Rhodium has been reliant on the production of exhaust catalytic converters in the automotive industry, which has seen a fall in production in 2023 due to rising demand for electric (and hybrid) vehicles where Rhodium components are not applied, and this is reflected in the declining metal's price in 2023. Additionally, China fiberglass producers significantly reduced Rhodium demand in 2023; these demand side factors along with a general deterioration in the economic outlook have put pressure on the metal's price in 2023. The level of activity has remained stable post the financial year end. The Directors have also noted that the Administrator has taken measures to ensure business continuity.

**Russia- Ukraine conflict**

Russia began an invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. The conflict has led to increased market price volatility in precious metals which is reflected in the daily value per ETC Security. There is also a general increase in the bid/offer spread of our ETC securities quoted by third party market makers on the secondary market as a consequence to increased volatility across the market. It is expected that prolonged conflict and sanctions could affect the structural supply of metal and therefore the price of metal on the international market given Russia is a large producer of gold, silver and platinum. On 7 March 2022, the London Bullion Market Association (the "LBMA") announced sanctions in respect to 6 Russian gold/silver refiners. Following the sanctions, the 6 refiners are no longer accepted as Good Delivery by LBMA. For precious metals, sanctions are applied from the date of the sanction to bars refined from that point onwards. Anything refined prior to the sanctions date is still considered "Good Delivery" and as such, can still be held by the Company. There is no impact on the ability of investors to redeem due to the sanctions.

The Directors believe that none of the Authorised Participants in the primary market are Russian entities and hence would not be subject to the Russian sanctions. The Directors also assessed that none of the operations of the counterparties are based in Ukraine. The Directors will continue

to monitor the situation and appropriate steps will be taken for the smooth running of the Companies' business.

**Directors' report (continued)****Business risks and principal uncertainties**

The Company is subject to various risks. The key risks facing the Company relate to their use of financial instruments and other risks (i.e. market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, operational risk and climate risk) arising from the Precious metals which are set out in note 14 to the financial statements.

*Climate risk*

The Directors acknowledge that climate change is an emerging risk impacting the global economy and will continue to be of interest to all stakeholders with a focus on how climate change is expected to impact the operations of the precious metals industry in areas such as mining, processing, warehousing, transportation, societal response and the regulatory environment in the future. However, having considered such factors relating to climate change, the Directors have determined that there are no direct or immediate impacts of climate change on the business operations of the Company. Further details are provided in note 14 to the financial statements.

**Results and dividends for the year**

The results for the year are set out on page 14. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year under review (2022: nil).

**Changes in Directors, Secretary and Registered Office**

There has been no change in Directors, Secretary and Registered Office during the year.

**Directors, Secretary and their interests**

None of the Directors or the Secretary who held office on 31 December 2023 held any shares or ETC Securities in the Company at that date, or during the year. There were no contracts of any significance in relation to the business of the Company in which the Directors had any interest. As disclosed in note 18, Related Party Transactions, Marc Harris, a director of the Company is an employee of an affiliate company of the administrator and Visdirect Services Limited and Viscom Services Limited are affiliates of the administrator. See note 18 for full details of the relationships entered into between the Company and its related parties.

**Shares and shareholders**

The authorised share capital of the Company is GBP 10,000 divided into 10,000 limited shares of GBP 1 each (the "Shares") of which 2 are issued and fully paid and are directly or indirectly held by Vistra Nominees I Limited and Vistra Nominees II Limited (the "Share Trustees") under the terms of a declaration of trust (the "Declaration of Trust") under which the Share Trustees hold the benefit of the shares on trust for charitable purposes. There are no other rights that pertain to the shares and the shareholders.

**Subsequent events**

Subsequent events have been disclosed in note 21 to the financial statements.

**Independent auditor**

In accordance with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, KPMG Channel Islands Limited, Chartered Accountants and Recognised Auditor has been appointed to continue in office.

**On behalf of the Board****Director****Date:** 22 March 2024



**Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and applicable law.

Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its profit or loss for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant and reliable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also required by the Transparency (Directive 2004/109/EC) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations") to include a Directors' Report containing a fair review of the business and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Company.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in Jersey governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

**Responsibility statement of the Directors in respect of the Directors' Report**

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- the Directors' report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the issuer, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face. The principal risks facing the Company are outlined in note 14 of the financial statements.

We consider the annual report and accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Company's position and performance, business model and strategy.

**On behalf of the Board**



**Director**

**Date:** 22 March 2024





# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc

## Our opinion is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of DB ETC plc (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and of the Company's financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended;
- are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as required by the Crown Dependencies' Audit Rules and Guidance. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

### Key audit matters: our assessment of the risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our 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. In arriving at our audit opinion above, the key audit matters were as follows (unchanged from 2022):

	The risk	Our response
Valuation of precious metals at fair value €3,785,751,088; (2022: €4,555,663,770) Refer to note 3(e) accounting policy and note 9 disclosures	<p><b>Basis:</b></p> <p>Precious metals at fair value (the "Metals") represent 98.9% of the Company's total assets at 31 December 2023 (2022: 99.9%).</p> <p>The metals act as collateral for the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss ("the ETC Securities") issued by the Company. The Metals are accounted for at fair value.</p> <p>The Company determines fair value by revaluing the quantity of Metals held at the reporting date to the last market prices published by the sources described in the financial statements.</p> <p><b>Risk:</b></p> <p>The reported fair value of the Metals held may be materially misstated.</p>	<p><b>Our audit procedures included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessed the design and implementation of controls over valuation of the Metals.</li><li>• Engaged our valuation specialists (iRadar) to independently price all of the Metals to a third party pricing source and compare the recalculated values to those determined by the Company.</li><li>• Assessed the fair value disclosures in the financial statements for compliance with IFRS requirements.</li></ul>



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

	<i>The risk</i>	<i>Our response</i>
<p>Existence of precious metals at fair value</p> <p>€3,785,751,088; (2022: €4,555,663,770)</p> <p>Refer to note 3(e) accounting policy and note 9 disclosures</p>	<p><b>Basis:</b></p> <p>Precious metals at fair value (the “Metals”) represent 98.9% of the Company’s total assets at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: 99.9%).</p> <p>The Metals act as collateral for the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (“the ETC Securities”) issued by the Company. The Metals are accounted for at fair value.</p> <p>The Metals are held on behalf of the Company by JP Morgan as custodian (for all metals other than Rhodium) and Johnson Matthey as sub custodian (for Rhodium).</p> <p><b>Risk:</b></p> <p>The Metals recorded do not exist.</p>	<p><b>Our audit procedures included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtained a portfolio listing of physical metals from the administrator of the Company as at 31 December 2023.</li> <li>• Obtained independent confirmation from the custodian and sub custodian of the quantity of Metals held in custody at the reporting date.</li> <li>• Agreed the amounts per the accounting records to the independent custody records and agreed any reconciling items to support documents.</li> <li>• Attended the custodian’s premises and observed procedures performed with respect to the security measures employed and installed at the physical vault by the custodian and, obtained an understanding of the custodian’s controls that it undertakes as part of its business to fulfil its contractual obligations under the custodian contract for safeguarding client assets.</li> </ul>
	<i>The risk</i>	<i>Our response</i>
<p>Valuation of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (“ETC Securities”)</p> <p>€3,793,425,154; (2022: €4,556,219,740)</p> <p>Refer to note 3(e) accounting policy and note 11 disclosures</p>	<p><b>Basis:</b></p> <p>The issuance of ETC Securities is central to the Company’s principal activity. ETC Securities allow investors to gain exposure to movements in prices of Metals without needing to take physical delivery.</p> <p>ETC Securities are accounted for at fair value.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessed the design and implementation of the controls over the valuation of ETC Securities.</li> <li>• Assessed the appropriateness of the methodology used to value the ETC Securities, and consider whether it represents fair value in accordance with IFRS.</li> <li>• Recalculated the fair value of ETC Securities using published market</li> </ul>



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

<i>The risk</i>	<i>Our response</i>
<p>The Company determines fair value in accordance with the formula set out in the prospectus to reflect the contractual price at which the ETC Securities will be issued or redeemed by the Company at the reporting date. This formula takes into account the quantity of ETC Securities in issue at the reporting date, and the price of the relevant metals, adjusted for product fees.</p> <p><b>Risk:</b></p> <p>A discrepancy in the inputs or incorrect application of the formula used to determine the fair value of the ETC Securities may cause the reported fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss to be materially misstated.</p>	<p>data on metals prices and compare the recalculated values to those determined by the Company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessed the fair value disclosures in the financial statements, for compliance with IFRS requirements.</li></ul>

### *Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit*

Materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at €41.1 million, determined with reference to a planning benchmark of total assets of €4,105,026,000, of which it represents approximately 1.0% (2022: 1.0%).

In line with our audit methodology, our procedures on individual account balances and disclosures were performed to a lower threshold, performance materiality, so as to reduce to an acceptable level the risk that individually immaterial misstatements in individual account balances add up to a material amount across the financial statements as a whole. Performance materiality for the Company was set at 75% (2022: 75%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to €30.8 million. We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk.

We reported to the Audit Committee any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding €2.06 million, in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

Our audit of the Company was undertaken to the materiality level specified above, which has informed our identification of significant risks of material misstatement and the associated audit procedures performed in those areas as detailed above.

### *Going concern*

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements (the "going concern period").



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risks that we considered most likely to affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over this period were:

- The Arranger's requirement to continue using the Company; and
- The risk of securityholders redeeming a significant amount of the securities;

We considered whether this risk could plausibly affect the liquidity in the going concern period by comparing severe, but plausible downside scenarios that could arise from this risk against the level of available financial resources indicated by the Company's financial forecasts.

We considered whether the going concern disclosure in note 2a to the financial statements gives a full and accurate description of the directors' assessment of going concern.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period; and
- we found the going concern disclosure in the notes to the financial statements to be acceptable.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

### ***Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect***

#### ***Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud***

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- enquiring of management as to the Company's policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as enquiring whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the Company's revenue streams are simple in nature with respect to accounting policy choice, and are easily verifiable to external data sources or agreements with little or no requirement for estimation from management. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing any identified entries to supporting documentation; and
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in our audit procedures.





# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

## *Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations*

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with management (as required by auditing standards), and from inspection of the Company's regulatory and legal correspondence, if any, and discussed with management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. As the Company is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

The Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

The Company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or impacts on the Company's ability to operate. We identified financial services regulation as being the area most likely to have such an effect, recognising the regulated nature of the Company's activities and its legal form. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

## *Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation*

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as this may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

## *Other information*

The directors are 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 an audit opinion or 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.



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

## *We have nothing to report on other matters on which we are required to report by exception*

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company; or
- the Company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## *Respective responsibilities*

### *Directors' responsibilities*

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company'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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### *Auditor's responsibilities*

Our objectives are 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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities).

## *The purpose of this report and restrictions on its use by persons other than the Company's members, as a body*

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Article 113A of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## *Report on Regulatory Requirements*

### *European Single Electronic Format (ESEF)*

The Company has prepared its annual report in ESEF. The requirements for this format are set out in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (these requirements are hereinafter referred to as: the RTS on ESEF).

In our opinion, the annual report prepared in the XHTML format, including the financial statements as included in the reporting package by the Company, has been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the RTS on ESEF.



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of DB ETC plc (continued)

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report including the financial statements in accordance with the RTS on ESEF, whereby the directors combine the various components into a single reporting package. Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance for our opinion whether the annual report in this reporting package, is in accordance with the RTS on ESEF.

Our procedures included amongst others:

- obtaining an understanding of the Company's financial reporting process, including the preparation of the annual report in XHTML format;
- examining whether the annual report in XHTML-format is in accordance with the RTS on ESEF.



**Shaun Robert Farley**

**For and on behalf of KPMG Channel Islands Limited**

*Chartered Accountants and Recognized Auditors*

*Jersey*

22 March 2024



**Statement of comprehensive income****For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 31-Dec-23 EUR	Year ended 31-Dec-22 EUR
Net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	4	276,457,897	226,481,155
Net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	5	(276,457,897)	(226,481,155)
<b>Operating profit before taxation</b>		-	-
Taxation	6	-	-
<b>Profit or loss and total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-





**Statement of financial position**  
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	31-Dec-23 EUR	31-Dec-22 EUR
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2	2
Other receivables	8	33,315,933	4,288,775
Precious metals at fair value	9	3,785,751,088	4,555,663,770
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	9	7,674,066	555,970
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>3,826,741,089</u>	<u>4,560,508,517</u>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Other payables	10	33,285,933	4,258,775
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	11	3,793,425,154	4,556,219,740
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>3,826,711,087</u>	<u>4,560,478,515</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	12	2	2
Retained earnings		30,000	30,000
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>30,002</u>	<u>30,002</u>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<u>3,826,741,089</u>	<u>4,560,508,517</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 37 were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on..... 22 March 2024.

**On behalf of the Board**



**Director**

**Date:** 22 March 2024



**Statement of changes in equity**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Share capital EUR</b>	<b>Retained earnings EUR</b>	<b>Total equity EUR</b>
<b>Balance as at 01 January 2022</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,002</u>
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Profit for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2022</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,002</u>
Balance as at 01 January 2023	<u>2</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,002</u>
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>			
Profit for the year	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2023</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,002</u>



**Statement of cash flows****For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 31-Dec-23 EUR	Year ended 31-Dec-22 EUR
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit before taxation		-	-
Adjustments for:			
Increase in other receivables		(29,027,158)	(4,009,103)
Increase in other payables		29,027,158	4,009,103
Net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	5	276,457,897	226,481,155
Net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	4	(276,457,897)	(226,481,155)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the year		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>	7	<u><u>2</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>
<b>Non-cash Transactions during the year include:</b>			
Issuance of ETC Securities	11	956,979,079	1,546,133,393
Redemptions of ETC Securities	11	(1,996,231,562)	(3,119,432,119)
Additions of Precious metals	9	(956,979,079)	(1,546,133,393)
Disposals of Precious metals	9	<u>1,996,231,562</u>	<u>3,119,432,119</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



## Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

### 1 General information

The Company was incorporated on 6 August 2009 as a public limited company in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, with company number 103781.

The principal activity of the Company, under the Programme, is to issue from time to time Series of the ETC Securities, where recourse in respect of each Series is limited to the proceeds of enforcement of the security over each respective Series' assets.

With respect to each Series of ETC Securities, the Company's main assets are its holdings of underlying metal and its interests under the Balancing Agreement. The obligations of the Company under the ETC Securities of a Series will be secured in favour of the Trustee by an assignment by way of security of all the Company's rights, title, interest and benefit present and future against the Secured Account Custodian, the Subscription Account Custodian and any Sub-Custodian relating to the underlying metal in respect of this Series of ETC Securities.

The net proceeds from the issue of a Series of ETC Securities are used to purchase an amount of metal which, in accordance with the Custody Agreement for secured accounts will, to the extent possible, be allocated to physical metal bars or other metal shapes and be held in the secured allocated account. Any remaining metal is held in the secured unallocated account. Such underlying metal is used to meet the Company's obligations under the relevant Series of ETC Securities and the relevant Balancing Agreement.

The ETC Securities issued are listed on various exchanges including London Stock Exchange, Swiss Stock Exchange, XETRA, Borsa Italiana and Euronext Dublin.

### 2 Basis of preparation

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRS") and in accordance with the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023; the comparative information for the year ended 31 December 2022 presented in these financial statements has been prepared using the same accounting policies.

#### Going concern

The Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared on a going concern basis. Each Series of ETC Securities is referenced to a specific asset and any loss derived from the asset will be ultimately borne by the relevant ETC Securityholders. The Directors anticipate that assets are readily realisable under the terms of base prospectus and the Balancing Agreement with the Programme Counterparty and hence, the Company will always have sufficient assets to meet the obligation of the ETC Securities as they fall due. The ETC Securities in issue as at 31 December 2023 have final maturities ranging from 2060 to 2061. The Directors do not foresee any material net redemptions in the next 12 months that would trigger going concern issues.

A high-level analysis was made on the liquidity and performance of the Company following the financial year end 31 December 2023. The Directors note that there has mainly been a positive change in the value of Gold due to an increase in its price as compared to the financial year end 31 December 2022, while the price of Rhodium has significantly decreased due to market forces. Rhodium trades in a market influenced by a combination of supply and demand dynamics often resulting in price volatility. The demand for Rhodium has been reliant on the production of exhaust catalytic converters in the automotive industry, which has seen a fall in production in 2023 due to rising demand for electric (and hybrid) vehicles where Rhodium components are not applied, and this is reflected in the declining metal's price in 2023. Additionally, China fiberglass producers significantly reduced Rhodium demand in 2023; these demand side factors along with a general deterioration in the economic outlook have put pressure on the metal's price in 2023. The level of activity has remained stable post the financial year end. The Directors have also noted that the Administrator has taken measures to ensure business continuity.

#### *Russia- Ukraine conflict*

Russia began an invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. The conflict has led to increased market price volatility in precious metals which is reflected in the daily value per ETC Security. There is also a general increase in the bid/offer spread of our ETC securities quoted by third party market makers on the secondary market as a consequence to increased volatility across the market. It is expected that prolonged conflict and sanctions could affect the structural supply of metal and therefore the price of metal on the international market given Russia is a large producer of gold, silver and platinum. On 7 March 2022, the London Bullion Market Association (the "LBMA") announced sanctions in respect to 6 Russian gold/silver refiners. Following the sanctions, the 6 refiners are no longer accepted as Good Delivery by LBMA. For precious metals, sanctions are applied from the date of the sanction to bars refined from that point onwards. Anything refined prior to the sanctions date is still considered "Good Delivery" and as such, can still be held by the Company. There is no impact on the ability of investors to redeem due to the sanctions.

The Directors believe that none of the Authorised Participants in the primary market are Russian entities and hence would not be subject to the Russian sanctions. The Directors also assessed that none of the operations of the counterparties are based in Ukraine. The Directors will continue to monitor the situation and appropriate steps will be taken for the smooth running of the Companies'

business.



**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**2 Basis of preparation (continued)**

**(b) Basis of measurement**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following material items in the Statement of financial position:

- Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty is measured at fair value;
- Precious metals at fair value are measured at fair value; and
- Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

The method used to measure fair values are discussed further in note 3(e, f) and 15.

**(c) Functional and presentation currency**

Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The Company does not have an investment strategy limited to one currency, as such the currency of the assets held and Notes in issue is expected to change periodically as a result of investor demand. The Directors believe that the functional and the presentation currency should be EUR, in line with prior year, as EUR is the currency that most faithfully represents the economic effects of the transactions, events and conditions of the Company's underlying operations.

**(d) Use of estimates and judgements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. 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 estimates are revised and in any future periods affected. Details of material judgements and estimates have been further described in accounting policy note 3(e) "Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty", note 3(f) "Financial instruments" and note 15 "Fair Values" to the financial statements.

***Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies***

The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are presented separately below), that the Directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in financial statements.

***Determination of measurement basis for precious metals***

In the absence of a specific precious metals or gold bullion accounting standard under IFRS, the Directors believe that the most appropriate basis for accounting for precious metals and gold bullion is at fair value. Please refer to note 3(e) "Precious metals at fair value and Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty" for further details.

***Determination of fair value of financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit or loss***

The financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured using the prices calculated by Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Determination Agent"), and not based on the quoted secondary price available on the recognised stock exchanges for the financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss as the Company does not have access to these markets and can only transact at the prices calculated by the Determination Agent. Accordingly, consistent with IFRS 13.19, the Directors have determined that the principal market from the perspective of the Company is the market created between the Company and the Authorised Participant. In the opinion of the Directors, this is the most appropriate method of estimating fair value, as the Company is contractually obliged to settle the ETC Securities at their calculated price. Please refer to note 3(f) "Financial instruments" for further details.

***Product fees***

The product fees are a transaction cost borne by investors through a daily reduction in the metal entitlement of each ETC Security. Accordingly, the product fees form an integral component of the determination of the daily fair values of the ETC Securities, and are not separately accounted for as an expense of the Company. Please refer to note 3(f) "Financial instruments" for further details.



**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**2 Basis of preparation (continued)**

**(d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)**

***Key sources of estimation uncertainty***

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of Precious metals and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

*Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty*

The Directors have determined that the main estimates are in relation to the determination of the fair value of Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty using prices quoted by the London Bullion Market Association, London Platinum and Palladium Market Association and Comdaq. Further details have been described in accounting policy note 3(e) "Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty" to the financial statements.

*Financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit or loss*

The Directors have determined that prices calculated by the Determination Agent are used as the measurement basis at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 these prices most accurately reflect the obligations of the Company under the terms of the Series issue deeds. Please refer to notes 2(d) and 3(f) "Financial instruments" for further details.

**(e) Changes in accounting standards**

*(i) New standards, amendments and interpretations issued effective as of 01 January 2023:*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
Amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contract	1 January 2023*
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies	1 January 2023*
Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	1 January 2023*
Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes	1 January 2023*

The Directors have considered the impact of the new standards, amendments and interpretations and do not consider there to be a significant impact from these newly effective standards, amendments and interpretations.

*(ii) Standards not yet effective, but available for early adoption*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Effective date</b>
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements : Classification of liabilities	1 January 2024*
Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases	1 January 2024*
Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments Disclosures	1 January 2024**
Amendments to IAS 21 The effects of changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	1 January 2025**

\*Where new requirements are endorsed, the EU effective date is disclosed. For un-endorsed standards and interpretations, the IASB's effective date is noted. Where any of the requirements are applicable to the Company, it will apply them from their EU effective date.

\*\* Not endorsed.

Directors have considered the new standards, amendments and interpretations as detailed in the above table and do not plan to adopt these standards early. The Directors anticipate that the adoption of those standards or interpretations will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Company in the period of initial application.



**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**3 Material accounting policies**

**(a) Foreign currency transactions**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income.

Gains and losses arising on retranslation of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss and Precious metals at fair value are included in the Statement of comprehensive income together with fair value gains and losses as noted below.

**(b) Net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty**

Net fair value gain on Precious metal relates to the movement in the prices of metals and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences. Any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of Precious metals and changes in fair value of Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty are recorded in net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty at fair value in the Statement of comprehensive income. Under normal circumstances, there is no realised gain on metals as realisation occurs based on the market price of the metal, which is revalued daily, and on the metal entitlement of the associated series. Consequently, there is no realised gain on metals. Details of recognition and measurement of Precious metals are disclosed in the accounting policy for Precious metals (note 3(e)).

**(c) Net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss**

Net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss relates to ETC Securities issued by the Company and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes and foreign exchange differences. Any gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are recorded in net fair value loss on ETC Securities in the Statement of comprehensive income. Details of recognition and measurement of financial liabilities are disclosed in the accounting policy of financial instruments (note 3(f)).

**(d) Other expenses**

All expenses, other than product fees recorded as a reduction in metal entitlement, are paid by the Arranger and as such, are not reflected in these financial statements. Product fees are recorded as a reduction in metal entitlement in calculation of the fair value of the ETC Securities.

**(e) Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty**

The Company holds Precious metals and Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty equal to the amount due to holders of ETC Securities solely for the purposes of meeting its obligations under the ETC Securities.

The Precious metals are measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Any costs to sell precious metal that arise in the course of settling the Company's obligations under the ETC Securities are borne by the holders of the ETC Securities ("ETC Securityholders").

*Initial recognition*

The Precious metal is recognised when the Company has the contractual rights to the assets as a result of past events.

*Derecognition*

The Company derecognises Precious metals held at fair value when the contractual rights to the asset have expired, or the Company has transferred the rights to the asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred.



**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**3 Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(e) Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty (continued)**

*Fair value measurement principles*

The metal assets are valued using the appropriate metal prices:

- the gold is recorded at fair value using the last available price, nearest or at year-end, quoted by the London Bullion Market Association. The morning ("AM") fix on 29 December 2023 was used to value the gold as this was the last fix price available from the London Bullion Market Association for the year.
- the silver is recorded at fair value using the last available price, nearest or at year-end, quoted by the London Bullion Market Association. The fix on 29 December 2023 was used to value the silver as this was the last fix price available from the London Bullion Market Association for the year.
- the platinum is recorded at fair value using the last available price, nearest or at year-end, quoted by the London Platinum and Palladium Market. The AM fix on 29 December 2023 was used to value the platinum as this was the last available fix price available from the London Platinum and Palladium Market for the year.
- the rhodium is recorded at fair value using the last available price, nearest or at year-end, quoted by Comdaq. The fix on 29 December 2023 was used to value the rhodium as this was the last fix price available from Comdaq for the year.

Per the base prospectus, these metal prices have fully transparent benchmarks, which are globally accepted as the basis for pricing a variety of transactions, including industrial contracts and averaging business.

The value per ETC Security is calculated by multiplying the metal entitlement per ETC Security with the metal prices derived from the above sources. The metal entitlement per ETC Security is obtained by subtracting the product fees for the relevant date. The product fees are equal to product fee percentage that is, 0.25% to 0.95%, multiplied by the Metal Entitlement per ETC Security for the prior Scheduled Valuation Day and are accrued on a daily basis.

The valuation of metal assets held at fair value in the Statement of financial position is calculated after taking account of adjustments to the Company's metal entitlement arising from the accrual of product fees and other rebalancing adjustments, consistent with the Balancing Agreements which are in place for each Series.

*Precious metals due from Programme Counterparty*

The Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty represents the amount of metal entitlement of ETC Securities which is not held physically by the custodian / sub custodian on behalf of the Company as at the reporting date but is due to be received from the Programme Counterparty under the Balancing Agreement. Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss.

**(f) Financial instruments**

*Initial recognition*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised initially at the trade date at which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument and are measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue.

*Classification*

The Company has designated the debt financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit or loss. For other financial instruments, the classification is based on both the Company's business model for managing those Instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instruments.

Accordingly, the financial assets and financial liabilities are classified into the following categories:

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss:

- Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at amortised cost:

- Cash and cash equivalents and other receivables

Financial liabilities at amortised cost:

- Other payables





**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**3 Material accounting policies (continued)**

**(f) Financial instruments (continued)**

*Subsequent measurement*

After initial measurement, the instruments at amortised cost are recorded at the amount at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest rate method or any difference between the initial amount recognised and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of an instrument and of allocating interest over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows (including all fees 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 instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Impairment losses, including reversals of impairment losses and impairment gains, are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss are measured using the prices calculated by Apex Fund Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Determination Agent"). Quoted prices are also available on recognised stock exchanges for the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. However, the Directors have determined that prices calculated by the Determination Agent should be used as a measurement basis at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 as these prices most accurately reflect the obligations of the Company under the terms of the Series Issue Deeds. The prices are calculated using the spot price of the relevant underlying metal adjusted for product fees and, in respect of FX Hedged ETC Securities, an adjustment for any foreign exchange gains or losses. The product fees range from 0.25% to 0.95% per annum and are accrued on a daily basis by reducing the metal entitlement of each ETC Security. Details of product fees for each Series is described in notes 5 and 11.

*Derecognition*

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Company is recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

*Offsetting*

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**(g) Other receivables**

Other receivables are accounted for at amortised cost.

**(h) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held at call with the cash custodian which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Company in the management of its short term commitments.

In the statement of cash flows, the net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss and net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty have been reclassified within the cashflow statement from non-cash transactions to adjustments to profit before tax. The prior year comparatives have been updated to reflect this presentational change.

This is not considered a significant or material change for the purposes of the users of these financial statements and has no impact on cash movements.

**(i) Share capital**

Share capital is issued in Pound Sterling ("GBP"). Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

**(j) Segment reporting**

An operating segment is a component of an entity that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses (including revenues and expenses relating to transactions with other components of the same entity). The Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) of the operating segment is the Board. The CODM is responsible for all the Company's activities. The Company is a special purpose vehicle whose principal activities are the issuance of secured precious metal linked securities and has invested in precious metals. The Board believes that each Series can be treated as a segment as the return on each Series is linked to a different precious metal. Refer to notes 9 and 11 for the fair values of the precious metals and ETC securities by Series.



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<b>4 Net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-23 EUR</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-22 EUR</b>
Net fair value gain on Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	276,457,897	226,481,155
	<u>276,457,897</u>	<u>226,481,155</u>
<b>5 Net fair value loss on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-23 EUR</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-22 EUR</b>
Net fair value loss on ETC Securities	(276,457,897)	(226,481,155)
	<u>(276,457,897)</u>	<u>(226,481,155)</u>

Product fees are recorded as a reduction in metal entitlement in calculation of the fair value of the ETC Securities with a corresponding reduction in the fair value of Precious metals and hence not recorded separately in the statement of comprehensive income as they are all included in the net fair value loss on the financial liabilities and the net fair value gain on Precious metals. During the year, the Company incurred the following product fees:

<b>Series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-23 EUR</b>	<b>Year ended 31-Dec-22 EUR</b>
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	901,163	1,060,565
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR hedged ETC	8,364,025	10,408,727
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	998,909	973,062
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	406,331	503,427
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	4,743,572	5,531,201
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	885,052	1,580,269
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	319,923	904,397
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	92,722	336,143
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	214,154	682,369
		<u>16,925,851</u>	<u>21,980,160</u>

**6 Taxation**

The Company is not a regulated financial service company from a Jersey Income Tax perspective. Therefore, the Company is liable to Jersey Income Tax at 0%.

<b>7 Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>31-Dec-23 EUR</b>	<b>31-Dec-22 EUR</b>
Cash at bank	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>



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<b>8 Other receivables</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Other receivable	30,000	30,000
Precious metal receivables*	7,185,677	4,258,775
ETC securities receivables**	26,100,256	-
	<u>33,315,933</u>	<u>4,288,775</u>

\* Precious metal receivables relate to metals that have been traded as at 31 December 2023, but shall be settled post year end. As at 31 December 2023, there were unsettled disposals of 2,425 ounces of Gold at €1,871.93 each, in respect to Series 2, 1,794 ounces of Platinum at €902.53 each, in respect to Series 6 and 47,204 ounces of Silver at €21.74 each, in respect to Series 10 (31 December 2022: unsettled disposals of 1,449 ounces of Gold at \$1,792.55 each, in respect to Series 1 and 1,063 ounces of Gold at €1,697.81 each, in respect to Series 9).

\*\* ETC securities receivables relate to ETC Securities that have been traded as at 31 December 2023, but shall be settled post year end. There were unsettled issuances of 188,500 ETC Securities at €125.60 each, in respect to Series 2 Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR hedged ETC and 18,000 ETC Securities at €134.68 each, in respect to Series 4 Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC (31 December 2022: no unsettled trades).

<b>9 Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty affair value</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Precious metals at fair value	3,785,751,088	4,555,663,770
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	7,674,066	555,970
	<u>3,793,425,154</u>	<u>4,556,219,740</u>

<b>Movement in Precious metals and Precious metals due from Programme counterparty affair value</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
At beginning of the year	4,556,219,740	5,903,037,311
<i>Non-cash transactions</i>		
Additions during the year	956,979,079	1,546,133,393
Disposals during the year	(1,996,231,562)	(3,119,432,119)
Net changes in fair value during the year	276,457,897	226,481,155
At end of the year	<u>3,793,425,154</u>	<u>4,556,219,740</u>

Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty represents the amount of metal entitlement of ETC Securities which is not held as physical metal inventory as at the reporting date but which is due to be received from the Programme Counterparty under the Balancing Agreement.

The non-cash transactions relate to physical delivery of Precious metals to meet the redemption requests on debt financial liabilities or as payment for subscriptions.

The fair values of the Precious Metal and Precious metals due from Programme counterparty by Series as at 31 December 2023 areas follows:

Series name	Metals	CCY	Total Bullion Holdings (Ounce)	Precious metals due from counterparty (Ounce)	Total Metal holdings (Ounce)	Price CCY (Clean Price)	Fair value CCY	Fair value EUR
Series 1	Gold	USD	196,619	-	196,619	2,062.40	405,507,788	367,349,505
Series 2	Gold	EUR	628,234	2,942	631,176	1,865.44	1,177,421,534	1,177,421,534
Series 4	Silver	EUR	5,972,617	70,266	6,042,883	21.48	129,801,135	129,801,135
Series 6	Platinum	EUR	84,941	710	85,651	910.82	78,012,586	78,012,586
Series 9	Gold	USD	951,664	16	951,680	2,062.40	1,962,745,033	1,775,302,121
Series 10	Silver	USD	9,222,033	-	9,222,033	23.79	219,392,162	198,089,266
Series 11	Rhodium	USD	6,425	-	6,425	4,330.00	27,821,437	25,203,440
Series 12	Rhodium	EUR	2,342	-	2,342	3,912.18	9,160,821	9,160,821
Series 13	Gold	GBP	17,678	-	17,678	1,622.49	28,682,051	33,084,746



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**9 Precious metals at fair value and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty at fair value (continued)**

The fair values of the Precious Metal and Precious metals due from Programme counterparty by Series as at 31 December 2022 areas follows:

Series name	Metals	CCY	Total Bullion Holdings (Ounce)	Precious metals due from counterparty (Ounce)	Total Metal holdings (Ounce)	Price CCY (Clean Price)	Fair value CCY	Fair value EUR
Series 1	Gold	USD	212,234	-	212,234	1,812.35	384,642,988	359,295,015
Series 2	Gold	EUR	968,191	281	968,472	1,699.08	1,645,511,746	1,645,511,746
Series 4	Silver	EUR	5,653,334	3,486	5,656,820	22.43	126,882,467	126,882,467
Series 6	Platinum	EUR	51,134	-	51,134	999.06	51,085,623	51,085,623
Series 9	Gold	USD	1,182,478	-	1,182,478	1,812.35	2,143,064,536	2,001,836,583
Series 10	Silver	USD	10,780,384	-	10,780,384	23.95	258,190,204	241,804,020
Series 11	Rhodium	USD	6,265	-	6,265	12,250.00	76,749,877	71,692,060
Series 12	Rhodium	EUR	2,300	-	2,300	11,442.73	26,313,253	26,313,253
Series 13	Gold	GBP	18,704	-	18,704	1,505.16	28,153,141	31,798,973
							4,556,219,740	4,556,219,740

The metal holding and price columns have been re-presented in the current year financial statements. This is is not considered a significant or material change for the purposes of the users of these financial statements and has no impact on fair value but is aimed at better disclosing the way the inputs into the metal value calculation are applied.

*Movement in fair values by Series for the year ended 31 December 2023*

Series	Metal description	CCY	Opening balance	Acquisitions	Disposals	Net changes in fair values	Closing balance
			01-Jan-23 EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	31-Dec-23 EUR
Series 1	Gold	USD	359,295,015	71,475,964	(99,243,826)	35,822,352	367,349,505
Series 2	Gold	EUR	1,645,511,746	408,445,204	(1,032,856,458)	156,321,042	1,177,421,534
Series 4	Silver	EUR	126,882,467	99,109,442	(92,570,333)	(3,620,441)	129,801,135
Series 6	Platinum	EUR	51,085,623	75,496,841	(47,978,343)	(591,535)	78,012,586
Series 9	Gold	USD	2,001,836,583	260,173,860	(643,888,110)	157,179,788	1,775,302,121
Series 10	Silver	USD	241,804,020	32,273,415	(66,120,178)	(9,867,991)	198,089,266
Series 11	Rhodium	USD	71,692,060	-	(337,533)	(46,151,087)	25,203,440
Series 12	Rhodium	EUR	26,313,253	-	(184,689)	(16,967,743)	9,160,821
Series 13	Gold	GBP	31,798,973	10,004,353	(13,052,092)	4,333,512	33,084,746
			4,556,219,740	956,979,079	(1,996,231,562)	276,457,897	3,793,425,154

*Movement in fair values by Series for the year ended 31 December 2022*

Series	Metal description	CCY	Opening balance	Acquisitions	Disposals	Net changes in fair values	Closing balance
			01-Jan-22 EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	31-Dec-22 EUR
Series 1	Gold	USD	433,649,608	83,492,445	(182,241,760)	24,394,722	359,295,015
Series 2	Gold	EUR	1,720,867,242	575,068,135	(575,416,378)	(75,007,253)	1,645,511,746
Series 4	Silver	EUR	169,259,897	103,096,308	(145,555,001)	81,263	126,882,467
Series 6	Platinum	EUR	138,542,894	24,485,884	(128,246,536)	16,303,381	51,085,623
Series 9	Gold	USD	2,282,372,620	687,068,716	(1,140,665,815)	173,061,062	2,001,836,583
Series 10	Silver	USD	859,511,180	42,875,830	(765,196,601)	104,613,611	241,804,020
Series 11	Rhodium	USD	83,845,671	-	(1,803,371)	(10,350,240)	71,692,060
Series 12	Rhodium	EUR	32,163,763	-	(2,502,479)	(3,348,031)	26,313,253
Series 13	Gold	GBP	182,824,436	30,046,075	(177,804,178)	(3,267,360)	31,798,973
			5,903,037,311	1,546,133,393	(3,119,432,119)	226,481,155	4,556,219,740





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**10 Other payables**

	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
ETC securities payables*	7,185,677	4,258,775
Payable against Precious metals contracts**	26,100,256	-
	<u>33,285,933</u>	<u>4,258,775</u>

\* ETC securities payables relate to ETC securities that have been traded as at 31 December 2023, but shall be settled post year end. As at 31 December 2023, there were unsettled redemptions of 36,000 units of Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC at €126.12 each, 28,900 units of Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC at €56.03 each and 5,000 units of Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR) at €205.22 each (31 December 2022: unsettled redemptions of 15,000 units of Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC at \$173.17 each and 11,000 units of Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC at €164.11 each).

\*\* Payable against Precious metals contracts relate to metals that have been traded as at 31 December 2023, but shall be settled post year end. There were unsettled acquisitions of 12,698 ounces of Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC at €1,864.49 each and 111,517 ounces of Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC at €21.74 each (31 December 2022: no unsettled acquisitions).

**11 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss**

	<b>31-Dec-23</b>		<b>31-Dec-22</b>	
	<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Fair value</b>	<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Fair value</b>
	<b>units</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>units</b>	<b>EUR</b>
ETC Securities issued	27,425,602	3,793,425,154	34,826,745	4,556,219,740
<b>Movement in ETC Securities issued</b>			<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
			<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
At beginning of the year			4,556,219,740	5,903,037,311
<i>Non-cash transactions</i>				
Issue of ETC Securities issued during the year			956,979,079	1,546,133,393
Redemption of ETC Securities issued during the year			(1,996,231,562)	(3,119,432,119)
Net changes in fair value during the year			276,457,897	226,481,155
At end of the year			<u>3,793,425,154</u>	<u>4,556,219,740</u>

The ETC Securities issued are listed on various exchanges including London, Switzerland, Milan, Dublin and Frankfurt. Refer to note 14 for a description of the key risks regarding the issue of these instruments. The Company's obligations under the financial liabilities issued are secured by the precious metals as per note 9. The investors' recourse per Series is limited to the assets of that particular Series. The Series have an option for early redemption.

The non-cash transactions relate to physical delivery of ETC Securities to meet the redemption requests on debt financial liabilities or as payment for subscriptions.

The financial liabilities in issue at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

<b>Series</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>CCY</b>	<b>Product fees</b>	<b>Maturity date</b>	<b>Units Outstanding 31-Dec-23</b>	<b>Value per unit (CCY) 31-Dec-23</b>	<b>Fair value EUR 31-Dec-23</b>
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	USD	0.25%	15-Jun-60	2,040,659	198.71	367,349,505
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.59%	15-Jun-60	9,408,969	125.14	1,177,421,534
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.75%	15-Jun-60	974,422	133.21	129,801,135
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.75%	14-Jul-60	1,384,127	56.36	78,012,586
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold	USD	0.25%	27-Aug-60	9,870,227	198.55	1,775,302,121



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**11 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (continued)**

The financial liabilities in issue at 31 December 2023 are as follows: (continued)

Series	Description	CCY	Product fees	Maturity date	Units Outstanding 31-Dec-23	Value per unit (CCY) 31-Dec-23	Fair value EUR 31-Dec-23
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	USD	0.40%	27-Aug-60	976,853	223.85	198,089,266
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	USD	0.95%	19-May-61	72,561	383.42	25,203,440
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	EUR	0.95%	19-May-61	26,444	346.42	9,160,821
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	GBP	0.69%	01-Apr-61	2,671,340	10.74	33,084,746
					27,425,602		3,793,425,154

The financial liabilities in issue at 31 December 2022 are as follows:

Series	Description	CCY	Product fees	Maturity date	Units outstanding 31-Dec-22	Value per unit (CCY) 31-Dec-22	Fair value EUR 31-Dec-22
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	USD	0.25%	15-Jun-60	2,197,162	175.06	359,295,015
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.59%	15-Jun-60	14,530,182	113.25	1,645,511,746
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.75%	15-Jun-60	912,000	139.13	126,882,467
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	EUR	0.75%	14-Jul-60	827,598	61.73	51,085,623
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	USD	0.25%	27-Aug-60	12,190,449	175.79	2,001,836,583
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	USD	0.40%	27-Aug-60	1,137,632	227.55	241,804,020



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**11 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (continued)**

The financial liabilities in issue at 31 December 2022 are as follows: (continued)

Series	Description	CCY	Product fees	Maturity date	Units outstanding 31-Dec-22	Value per unit (CCY) 31-Dec-22	Fair value EUR 31-Dec-22
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	USD	0.95%	19-May-61	73,060	1,050.50	71,692,060
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	EUR	0.95%	19-May-61	26,759	983.34	26,313,253
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	GBP	0.69%	01-Apr-61	2,931,903	9.60	31,798,973
					34,826,745		4,556,219,740

*Movement in fair values by Series for the year ended 31 December 2023*

Series	Description	Opening balance 01-Jan-23 EUR	Issuances EUR	Redemptions EUR	Net changes in fair values EUR	Closing balance 31-Dec-23 EUR
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	359,295,015	71,475,964	(99,243,826)	35,822,352	367,349,505
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC	1,645,511,746	408,445,204	(1,032,856,458)	156,321,042	1,177,421,534
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged ETC	126,882,467	99,109,442	(92,570,333)	(3,620,441)	129,801,135
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	51,085,623	75,496,841	(47,978,343)	(591,535)	78,012,586
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	2,001,836,583	260,173,860	(643,888,110)	157,179,788	1,775,302,121
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	241,804,020	32,273,415	(66,120,178)	(9,867,991)	198,089,266
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	71,692,060	-	(337,533)	(46,151,087)	25,203,440
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	26,313,253	-	(184,689)	(16,967,743)	9,160,821
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	31,798,973	10,004,353	(13,052,092)	4,333,512	33,084,746
		4,556,219,740	956,979,079	(1,996,231,562)	276,457,897	3,793,425,154



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## 11 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Movement in fair values by Series for the year ended 31 December 2022

Series	Description	Opening balance	Issuances	Redemptions	Net changes in fair values	Closing balance
		01-Jan-22				31-Dec-22
		EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Series 1	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC	433,649,608	83,492,445	(182,241,760)	24,394,722	359,295,015
Series 2	Xtrackers Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC	1,720,867,242	575,068,135	(575,416,378)	(75,007,253)	1,645,511,746
Series 4	Xtrackers Physical Silver EUR Hedged EC	169,259,897	103,096,307	(145,555,001)	81,264	126,882,467
Series 6	Xtrackers Physical Platinum EUR Hedged ETC	138,542,894	24,485,884	(128,246,536)	16,303,381	51,085,623
Series 9	Xtrackers Physical Gold ETC (EUR)	2,282,372,620	687,068,716	(1,140,665,815)	173,061,062	2,001,836,583
Series 10	Xtrackers Physical Silver ETC (EUR)	859,511,180	42,875,831	(765,196,601)	104,613,610	241,804,020
Series 11	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC	83,845,671	-	(1,803,371)	(10,350,240)	71,692,060
Series 12	Xtrackers Physical Rhodium ETC (EUR)	32,163,763	-	(2,502,479)	(3,348,031)	26,313,253
Series 13	Xtrackers Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC	182,824,436	30,046,075	(177,804,178)	(3,267,360)	31,798,973
		5,903,037,311	1,546,133,393	(3,119,432,119)	226,481,155	4,556,219,740

## 12 Share capital

Authorised:

10,000 ordinary shares of GBP 1 each

31-Dec-23

GBP

10,000

Issued and fully paid:

2 ordinary shares of GBP 1 each

EUR

2

2

As at 31 December 2023, the ordinary share capital was held by the following non-beneficial nominees:

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	GBP	GBP
Vistra Nominees I Limited	1	1
Vistra Nominees II Limited	1	1
	2	2

The authorised share capital of the Company is GBP 10,000, out of which 2 ordinary shares have been issued and fully paid. The nominees have no beneficial interest in and derives no benefit from its holding of the shares. There are no other rights that pertain to the shares and the shareholders.

## 13 Capital risk management

The Company is a special purpose vehicle set up to issue ETC Securities for the purpose of making investments as defined under the programme memorandum and in each of the Series memorandum agreements. Share capital of GBP 2 was issued in line with Jersey Company Law and is not used for financing the investment activities of the Company. The Company is not subject to any other externally imposed capital requirements.





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**14 Financial risk management**

*Risk management framework*

The Company, and ultimately the holders of the ETC Securities, have exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- (a) Market risk;
- (b) Credit risk;
- (c) Liquidity risk;
- (d) Operational risk; and
- (e) Climate risk.

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing these risks. Given the nature of the Company's activities, risk management disclosures for Precious metals at fair value and Precious metals due from Programme Counterparty have been included alongside the the Company's financial instruments.

**(a) Market risk**

Market risk comprises three types of risk: interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk. The ETC Securityholders are exposed to the market risk of the financial instruments.

*(i) Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of a change in interest rates. The ETC Securities, the Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty and the Precious metals do not bear interest. As such, the Company and ETC Securityholders have limited exposure to interest rate risk.

*(ii) Currency risk*

Currency risk is the risk which arises where the assets and liabilities of the Company are denominated in currencies other than its functional currency. As at 31 December 2023, the Company is exposed to assets and liabilities denominated in US Dollars (USD) and Pound Sterling (GBP).

The Company is not exposed to net currency risk since the foreign exchange movements in its financial liabilities will be offset by the foreign exchange movements in its Precious metals. Any net foreign currency risk is borne by the ETC Securityholders.

As at the reporting date, the carrying value of the Company's assets and liabilities held in individual foreign currencies were as follows:

<b>31-Dec-23</b>		<b>Metals</b>	<b>ETC Securities</b>	<b>Net exposure</b>
<b>Series name</b>	<b>Currency</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Series 1	USD	367,349,505	367,349,505	-
Series 9	USD	1,775,302,121	1,775,302,121	-
Series 10	USD	198,089,266	198,089,266	-
Series 11	USD	25,203,440	25,203,440	-
Series 13	GBP	33,084,746	33,084,746	-
		<u>2,399,029,078</u>	<u>2,399,029,078</u>	-
<b>31-Dec-22</b>		<b>Metals</b>	<b>ETC Securities</b>	<b>Net exposure</b>
		<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Series 1	USD	359,295,015	359,295,015	-
Series 9	USD	2,001,836,583	2,001,836,583	-
Series 10	USD	241,804,020	241,804,020	-
Series 11	USD	71,692,060	71,692,060	-
Series 13	GBP	31,798,973	31,798,973	-
		<u>2,706,426,651</u>	<u>2,706,426,651</u>	-

Details of the currencies under each series for the Precious Metals and Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss have been disclosed under the respective notes 9 and 11 to the financial statements.

The value of Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty represents quantity of metal bullion, accordingly its not considered to be a currency exposure.



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**14 Financial risk management (continued)**

**(a) Market risk (continued)**

*(ii) Currency risk (continued)*

The following exchange rates have been applied during the year:

	Average rate - year ended		Closing rate	
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
USD-EUR	0.92466	0.95110	0.90590	0.93410
GBP-EUR	1.14997	1.17314	1.15350	1.12950

The impact of changes in foreign exchange rates on the Precious metals at fair value is offset by the impact of foreign exchange rate changes on the financial liabilities. Therefore any change in the exchange rates would have no net effect on the equity or the profit or loss of the Company.

*(iii) Price risk*

Price risk is the risk that changes in market prices of metals will affect the Company's income, expense, Precious metals and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. The Company's liabilities are exposed to the market prices of the metals. However, the risk is mitigated by the Company holding quantities of physical Precious metals equivalent to the weight of metal entitlement for each Series of ETC Securities issued.

When a shortfall of Precious metal occurs, the shortfall is made up, in accordance with the terms of the Balancing Agreement, through a balance of Precious metal being due from the Programme Counterparty. Accordingly, the ETC Securityholders are exposed to the market price risk of their metal entitlement under the ETC Securities.

Any changes in the metal spot prices on the Precious metals held by the Company would not have any net effect on the equity or the profit or loss of the Company since changes in the fair value of Precious metals or in the balance of Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty would be offset by corresponding changes in the fair value of the ETC Securities and as such any price risk is ultimately borne by the ETC Securityholders.

**(b) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company's principal financial assets are cash and cash equivalents, other receivables and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty which represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. All credit risks are ultimately borne by the ETC Securityholders.

	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	EUR	EUR
Precious metals at fair value	3,785,751,088	4,555,663,770
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	7,674,066	555,970
Other receivables	33,315,933	4,288,775
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2
	<u>3,826,741,089</u>	<u>4,560,508,517</u>

The Company has no net credit risk given its obligations to the ETC Securityholders are limited in recourse to the amount received on the Precious metals for each series of ETC Securities.

As at 31 December 2023, no financial assets carried at amortised cost were past due or impaired (2022: Nil). All the assets have been pledged as collateral for financial liabilities and are disclosed in note 9.

*Custodian risk*

The Company's Custodian is JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., London Branch (the "Custodian") and the Sub-Custodian is Johnson Matthey (the "Sub-Custodian"). Certain unallocated Rhodium is also held by Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, the Programme Counterparty. The Company's ability to meet its obligations with respect to the ETC Securities is dependent upon the performance of the Custodian of its obligations under the relevant Custody Agreement. The Directors have also considered the credit risk and counterparty risk with the Custodian, the Sub-Custodian and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch as the Programme Counterparty, respectively of the allocated and unallocated Precious metals held by the Company given the significance of the Precious metals to the overall financial position of the Company. As at 31 December 2023, the Company held Precious metals at fair value of EUR 3,751,386,827 (2022: EUR 4,457,658,450) with JPMorgan, EUR 32,164,960 (2022: EUR 90,112,642) with Johnson Matthey and EUR 2,199,301 (2022: EUR 7,892,678) with Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, and Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty with a fair value of EUR 7,674,066 (2022: EUR 555,970) from Deutsche



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## 14 Financial risk management (continued)

## (b) Credit risk (continued)

*Custodian risk (continued)*

The precious metals are held by the Custodian and the Sub-Custodian in their vault premises in the United Kingdom. They have no obligation to maintain insurance specific to the Company or specific only to the precious metal held for the Company against theft, damage or loss. However, they maintain insurance in connection with their own business operation. The level of insurance and particulars remains at the discretion of the Custodian and the Sub-Custodian. There is a risk that the precious metal could be lost, stolen or damaged and the Company would not be able to satisfy its obligations in respect of the ETC Securities. In such an event the Company would adjust the Metal Entitlement of each Security of the relevant Series to the extent necessary to reflect such damage or loss.

As the credit rating of JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, London Branch, is not available, the Directors have considered the overall long term credit rating status of JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A (2023: S&P A+) (2022: S&P A+), and are of the opinion that counterparty risk is acceptable. The Directors have considered the overall credit rating status of Deutsche Bank AG (2023: S&P bbb+) (2022: S&P bbb) as the credit ratings for Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch is not available. The Directors are of the opinion that counterparty risk is acceptable. The Directors believe that the counterparty risk and credit risk exposure of the Company to the Sub-Custodian, Johnson Matthey, is not significant given that only approximately 1% (2022: 2%) of the total value of Precious metals are held with this Sub-Custodian.

Ultimately, all credit and counterparty risks associated with JP Morgan and Deutsche Bank are borne by the ETC Securityholders.

*Concentration risk*

At the reporting date, the Company's Precious metals at fair value were concentrated in the following asset types and geographical location:

<b>By industry</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
<i>Types of collaterals</i>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Gold	88	89
Silver	9	8
Platinum	2	1
Rhodium	1	2
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>By Geographical location</b>	<b>31-Dec-23</b>	<b>31-Dec-22</b>
<i>Country of origin</i>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
United Kingdom	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

*Other receivables*

Other receivables are mainly ETC securities receivables and precious metal receivables from Authorised Participants. It also comprises an amount receivable from Vistra Fund Services Limited at the year end.

## (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company limits its exposure to liquidity risk given the Company's ability to realise the Precious metals in cash and the Precious metals held by each series match the securities issued and redemptions made. The ultimate amount repaid to the ETC Securityholders is limited in recourse to the proceeds from the Precious metals. All liquidity risk associated with the Precious metals are ultimately borne by the ETC Securityholders.

The contractual maturity profile of financial liabilities as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<b>Carrying amount</b>	<b>Gross contractual obligations</b>	<b>Less than one year</b>
	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>	<b>EUR</b>
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	3,793,425,154	3,793,425,154	3,793,425,154
Other payables	33,285,933	33,285,933	33,285,933
	<u>3,826,711,087</u>	<u>3,826,711,087</u>	<u>3,826,711,087</u>



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**14 Financial risk management (continued)**

**(c) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The contractual maturity profile of financial liabilities as at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Carrying amount	Gross contractual obligations	Less than one year
	EUR	EUR	EUR
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	4,556,219,740	4,556,219,740	4,556,219,740
Other payables	4,258,775	4,258,775	4,258,775
	<u>4,560,478,515</u>	<u>4,560,478,515</u>	<u>4,560,478,515</u>

Due to the fact that the ETC Securityholders have the option to redeem the securities before the final scheduled maturity date, the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss have been classified as due in less than one year.

The carrying amount and the gross contractual obligations are equal to the fair value of each liability as stated in the Statement of financial position.

*Subscriptions*

Only Authorised Participants may subscribe for ETC Securities from the Issuer. The Authorised Participant(s) in respect of each Series of ETC Securities at the Issue Date of such Series will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Securities may be offered to any category of potential investors provided that the offer complies with the selling restrictions as defined in the Company's Prospectus.

*Buy-backs*

The Issuer may (without the consent of the Trustee or any Securityholder), from time to time, buy back all or some of the ETC Securities. Only an Authorised Participant may request that the Issuer buy back ETC Securities by delivering a valid Buy-Back Order subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Authorised Participant Agreement. The Issuer will only accept a Buy-Back Order and buy back ETC Securities if a valid Buy-Back Order is given by an Authorised Participant and all conditions precedent to a purchase of the ETC Securities are satisfied.

*Redemptions*

The ETC Securities of a Series may become due and payable prior to their Scheduled Maturity Date, which is known as an "Early Redemption Event" as defined in the Company's Prospectus. If any of the Early Redemption Events occur, each ETC Security will become due and payable at an amount (the "Early Redemption Amount") equal to the greater of (i) the Early Metal Redemption Amount (the metal entitlement per ETC Security multiply the Average metals sale Price).

*Final Redemption*

Unless previously redeemed in whole or purchased and cancelled by the Issuer, the ETC Securities of each series will become due and payable on their scheduled maturity date at their final redemption amount. The Issuer has the discretion to set the Scheduled Maturity Date of a series of ETC Securities prior to the issue of that series of ETC Securities.

Their Final Redemption Amount and Early Redemption Amount depend on the Value per ETC Security, which in turn depends on the value of the Underlying Metal and, in the case of FX Hedged ETC Securities, the Value per ETC Security and any gains or losses on the foreign exchange hedge.

**(d) Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Company's processes and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, markets and liquidity issues such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour.

Operational risks arise from all of the Company's operations. The Company was incorporated with the purpose of engaging in those activities outlined in note 1. All administration functions are undertaken by Vistra Fund Services Limited. Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch acts as the Company's Lead Authorised Participant, Arranger, Metal Agent, Issuing and Paying Agent and Programme Counterparty.





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## 14 Financial risk management (continued)

## (e) Climate risk

The Directors acknowledge that climate change is an emerging risk impacting the global economy and will continue to be of interest to all stakeholders with a focus on how climate change is expected to impact the operations of the precious metals industry in areas such as mining, processing, warehousing, transportation, societal response and the regulatory environment in the future. However, having considered such factors relating to climate change, the Directors have determined that there are no director immediate impacts of climate change on the business operations of the Company. Given this, there is no basis on which to provide extended information of analysis relating to climate change risks on the business operations of the Company. Furthermore, the Directors conclude that at present there is no material impact to the fair value of financial instruments, assets and liabilities of the Company. The Directors recognise that governmental and societal responses to climate change risks are still developing and the future impact cannot be predicted. Therefore, the future fair value of assets and liabilities may fluctuate as the market responds to climate change policies, physical events and changes in societal behaviours.

## 15 Fair values

The Company's assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are carried at fair value in the Statement of financial position.

The Company's accounting policy on fair value measurement for Precious metals and Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty is disclosed in note 3(e) to the financial statements. The Company's accounting policy on fair value measurement of financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss is disclosed in note 3(f). The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1: Quoted market price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value determination that reflects the price of the financial instrument at the reporting date that would have been determined by market participants acting at arm's length.

Level 2 prices use widely recognised valuation models for determining the fair value of common and more simple financial instruments that use only observable market data and require little management judgement and estimation. Availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgement and estimation and also reduces the uncertainty associated with determination of fair values. Availability of observable market prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.

Transfers between levels are determined based on changes to the significant inputs used in their fair value measurement. The Directors evaluate whether significant inputs to the valuation models are observable at the year end in making a decision to change levelling from one level to another.

The Company determines the effective date of transfer at the beginning of the reporting year.

The Company does not have any assets or liabilities at level 3. Precious metals at fair value and Precious metals due from the Programme Counterparty transferred from level 2 to 1 during the year ended 31 December 2023.

At 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of Precious metals at fair value, Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty and financial liabilities issued by the Company are as follows:

	31-Dec-23			
	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	7,674,066	-	-	7,674,066
Precious metals at fair value	3,785,751,088	-	-	3,785,751,088
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	(3,793,425,154)	-	(3,793,425,154)
	3,793,425,154	(3,793,425,154)	-	-



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## 15 Fair values (continued)

At 31 December 2022, the carrying amounts of Precious metals at fair value, Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty and financial liabilities issued by the Company are as follows:

	31-Dec-22			
	Level 1 EUR	Level 2 EUR	Level 3 EUR	Total EUR
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	-	555,970	-	555,970
Precious metals at fair value	-	4,555,663,770	-	4,555,663,770
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	(4,556,219,740)	-	(4,556,219,740)
	-	-	-	-

Although the Directors believe that their estimates of fair value are appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions could lead to different measurements of fair value as fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on market conditions and information about the financial instrument.

## 16 Classification of financial instruments and Precious metals

	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
	31-Dec-23 EUR	31-Dec-23 EUR	31-Dec-22 EUR	31-Dec-22 EUR
<i>At fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Precious metals at fair value	3,785,751,088	3,785,751,088	4,555,663,770	4,555,663,770
Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty	7,674,066	7,674,066	555,970	555,970
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(3,793,425,154)	(3,793,425,154)	(4,556,219,740)	(4,556,219,740)
	-	-	-	-
<i>At amortised cost</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2	2	2
Other receivables	33,315,933	33,315,933	4,288,775	4,288,775
Other payables	(33,285,933)	(33,285,933)	(4,258,775)	(4,258,775)
	30,002	30,002	30,002	30,002

## 17 Operating expenses

All costs associated with the Company are paid by the Arranger including audit fees. Audit fees incurred for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to EUR 107,852 (2022: EUR 96,008).

## 18 Related Party Transactions and connected parties

Visdirect Services Limited and Viscom Services Limited act solely in the capacity as Directors of Jersey companies, pursuant to the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended. Visdirect Services Limited and Viscom Services Limited are both part of the Vistra group of companies. No fee was charged or paid to the Vistra Group during the year under review by the Company for the provision of Directors. All expenses of the Company are borne by Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as Arranger, including fees paid to Vistra. During the financial year, the Company incurred a cost of EUR 45,000 (2022: EUR 45,000) relating to administration services provided by Vistra Fund Services Limited.

Product fees incurred for the year ended 31 December 2023 due to the Arranger amounted to EUR 16,925,851 (2022: EUR 21,980,160). No amount was payable as at 31 December 2023 (2022: EUR Nil).

Marc Harris, a Director of the Company is an employee of an affiliate company of the administrator and Visdirect Services Limited and Viscom Services Limited are affiliates of the administrator.

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, as Programme Counterparty, entered into a Balancing Agreement with the Company. The Programme Counterparty will provide deliveries of Precious metals to reflect deductions of fees and other rebalancing adjustments. Precious metal due from the Programme Counterparty amounting to EUR 7,674,066 (31 December 2022: EUR 555,970) were outstanding as at 31 December 2023.

Authorised participants are the only entities allowed to buy and sell ETC securities directly from and to the Company. Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch acts as the Lead Authorised Participant. As at 31 December 2023, the number of ETC Securities held by the Lead Authorised

Participant was 3,342 units (EUR 601,442) (31 December 2022: 22 units (EUR 21,629)).

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**19 Ultimate controlling party**

The Directors of the Company consider Vistra Corporate Services Limited as trustee of the DB ETC Charitable Trust (the beneficial owner of the issued share capital of the Company) to be the ultimate controlling party of the Company.

**20 Key management personnel**

The key management personnel have been identified as being the Directors of the Company.

Marc Harris is an employee of Vistra (Jersey) Limited during the year ended 31 December 2023. His emoluments are paid by Vistra Fund Services Limited and other related entities and no re-charge is made to the Company. It is therefore not possible to make a reasonable apportionment of his emoluments in respect of the Company.

**21 Subsequent events**

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There have been no other significant subsequent events since the year end and up to the date of signing this report,....., that require disclosure in this financial statements.

