HANetf ETC Securities plc

Directors' report and audited financial statements

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

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Directors and other information (continued)

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Directors' report

The directors (the "Directors") present their annual report and the audited financial statements of HANetf ETC Securities plc (the “Company”) for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. The Company falls within the Irish regime for the taxation of qualifying companies as set out in Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended).

Principal activities and business review

The Company is a public limited company incorporated on 24 January 2020 in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014, as amended (the "Act") and has established as a special purpose vehicle (the "SPV") for the purpose of issuing asset-backed securities, including Metal Securities backed by the underlying metal, and other asset-backed exchange traded securities (including Carbon Securities), and entering into agreements relating to the Metal Securities, and Carbon Securities, and the underlying assets thereof.

Physical Metal Securities Programme

Under the Physical Metal Securities Programme (the "Metal Securities Programme"), the Company issued Metal Securities ("Metal Securities") which are secured, undated, zero coupon limited recourse debt obligations. Metal Securities are designed to track the price of individual precious metals (for example, gold) (the "Physical metals") and to provide investors with a return equivalent to the spot price of the relevant underlying metal less the applicable fees. The aggregate number of Metal Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, this being the Programme maximum number of Metal Securities.

The Metal Securities are backed by fully-allocated physical holdings of the relevant precious metal custodied in secured vaults. The Metal Securities are undated (have no final maturity date) and are non-interest bearing. The prevailing market price at which the Metal Securities trade on the secondary market may deviate from the daily value of the Metal Securities and may not accurately reflect the price of the precious metal underlying the Metal Securities. Each Metal Security of a Series has a metal entitlement (the “Metal Entitlement”) expressed as an amount in weight (in troy or fine troy ounces) of the relevant metal linked to such Series. This Metal Entitlement starts at a predetermined initial Metal Entitlement for the relevant Series and is reduced daily by the Total Expense Ratio (the “TER”) (in metal) for the Series.

Only registered broker-dealers “Authorised Participants” may subscribe and request buy-backs of Metal Securities with the Company and except in certain limited circumstances, these subscriptions and buy-backs can only be carried out in specie. During the life of the Metal Securities, Securityholders who are not authorised can buy and sell the ETC Securities on each exchange on which the ETC Securities are listed at the then prevailing market price, through financial intermediaries. References to a “Securityholder” or a “holder” of Securities shall, where the context requires or permits, be construed to mean a person in whose name such Securities are for the time being registered in the register of Securityholders in respect of the Series (or if joint holders appear in the register, the first named thereof) and a holder of beneficial or indirect interests in Securities (including those arising from holding CDIs), except where the references relate to (a) any right to receive payments or Metal in respect of the Securities, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, solely in the registered holder of such Securities whose name is registered in the Register, and (b) any right to attend, vote at and/or convene meetings of Securityholders.

On 14 February 2020, the Company issued Series 1 - Metal Securities of The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC Securities. The net proceeds from the issue of Metal Securities were used to purchase an amount of underlying metal which is held in Secured Allocated Accounts in respect of such Metal Securities. Such underlying metal is used to meet the Company's obligations under the relevant Metal Securities.

In October 2024, the Company issued the following classes of Metal Securities under Series 3, which are FX Hedged Gold Securities namely:

- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC Securities;
- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC Securities; and
- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold CHF Hedged ETC Securities.

Each Class of FX Hedged Metal Securities has an FX Hedge component. The FX Hedge seeks to reduce the exposure of the Metal Securities to exchange rate fluctuations between the currency in which the FX Hedged Metal Securities are denominated and the currency in which the price of the relevant Metal is denominated. The Company has entered into an FX Overlay agreement with HSBC Bank PLC (“HSBC”) which broadly seeks to account for any currency hedging gains or losses by requiring deliveries of physical metals each business day between the Company and HSBC.

Physical Carbon Securities Programme

Under the Physical Carbon Securities Programme (the "Carbon Securities Programme"), the Company issued Carbon Securities ("Carbon Securities") which are secured, undated, zero coupon limited recourse debt obligations. Carbon Securities are designed to track the price of Allowances, credits, permits, rights or similar assets which represents a volume of carbon dioxide equivalent or other greenhouse gas, which is issued, allocated, created or recognised in accordance with the rules and regulations governing participation in a trading scheme for the transferring of such allowances, credits, permits, rights or similar assets ("Allowances").

Principal activities and business review (continued)

Physical Carbon Securities Programme (continued)

All Allowances that ultimately back the Carbon Securities are not delivered to or held by the Company but are instead held by the Backing Issuer, Spark Change Jersey Issuer Limited, which was incorporated in Jersey. Consequently, the Company will maintain rights of the holders of Carbon Securities to receive Allowances by holding a security issued by the Backing Issuer (i.e. the Backing note). The Company will be the only noteholder of the Backing Notes issued by the Backing Issuer. In particular, the Backing Issuer supports the ongoing carbon-specific operational aspects of the Programme, by (among other things) holding the corresponding quantity of emission allowances that ultimately back the Carbon Securities in its own dedicated European Union registry account, which is subject to certain security arrangements to protect the interest of the holders of the Carbon Securities.

Carbon Securities are designed to provide investors with a return equivalent to the market value of the relevant underlying emissions Allowances less the applicable fees. The aggregate number of Carbon Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, this being the Programme maximum number of Carbon Securities.

The Carbon Securities are backed by a security (the "Backing note") which is backed by the relevant physical Allowances. As such, the Carbon Securities offer investors a means of acquiring corresponding exposure to the relevant Allowances without being required to take physical delivery of that Allowance nor opening of a holding account. The Carbon Securities are undated (have no final maturity date) and are non-interest bearing. The price at which Carbon Securities trade on a relevant stock exchange may not reflect accurately the value of the underlying Allowances that backs such Carbon Securities (through the Backing note). Each Carbon Security of a Series has a carbon entitlement (the “Carbon Entitlement”) expressed as an amount in European Union Emissions Allowance ("EUA") to such Series. This Carbon Entitlement starts at a predetermined initial Carbon Entitlement for the relevant Series and is reduced daily by the Total Expense Ratio (the “TER”) (in EUA) for the Series.

Only Authorised Participants may apply for Carbon Securities directly at a subscription price expressed "in kind", and is equal to the Carbon Entitlement per Security on the relevant date. In order to receive Carbon Securities, Authorised Participants must deliver an amount of underlying Allowances to the Backing Issuer equal to (or greater) than the Carbon Entitlement of the Carbon Securities to be issued. Once receipt of the underlying Allowances is confirmed, the Backing Issuer will issue the Company with a Backing note (or increase the Carbon Entitlement of the Backing note if the note has already been issued) and the Company will issue the corresponding number of Carbon Securities.

On 5 October 2021, the Company issued Series 2 - Carbon Securities of SparkChange Physical Carbon EUA ETC Securities. The net proceeds from the issue of Carbon Securities were used to subscribe for the Backing note issued by the Backing Issuer under the Backing Issuer Programme which was in turn be backed by an amount of underlying EUAs which is held in the Backing Issuer's Secured Allowance Account.

As at 31 March 2025,

- Series 1 - Metal ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Deutsche Borse (Xetra), Borsa Italiana, Euronext Paris, Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV) and Warsaw Stock Exchange (GPW).
- Series 2 - Carbon ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Xetra, Borsa Italiana and BMV.
- Series 3 - Metal EUR Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the Xetra and Borsa Italiana.
- Series 3 - Metal GBP Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- Series 3 - Metal CHF Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX).

Key performance indicators

During the financial year:

The Company made a profit before tax of USD 1,081 (2024: USD 1,081);

	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged		**Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged**		**Carbon ETC Securities**	
	2025	**2024**	**2025**	**2024**	**2025**	**2024**
Number of tranches issued	29	-	54	48	21	15
Return on investments	17.55%	-	40.68%	11.85%	11.13%	-32.78%
Return on financial liabilities:			40.32%	11.57%	10.14%	-33.38%
EUR hedged	16.25%	-	-	-	-	-
CHF hedged	11.38%	-	-	-	-	-
GBP hedged	17.24%	-	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities issued (USD)	97,956,967	-	247,469,457	252,103,522	83,628,940	104,658,128
Financial liabilities redeemed (USD)	(799,208)	-	(113,993,622)	(421,015,511)	(108,225,217)	(62,066,036)
Net changes in fair value of investments (USD)	8,811,122	-	335,036,559	81,308,596	20,894,156	(33,896,462)
Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities (USD)	(9,244,723)	-	(332,627,732)	(79,235,820)	(19,473,610)	34,825,878

Key performance indicators (continued)

As at 31 March 2025:

The net assets of the Company were USD 35,139 (2024: USD 34,058);

	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged		Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged		Carbon ETC Securities	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Total ETC Securities issued	106,402,482	-	1,221,578,153	755,474,586	143,449,189	148,571,856
Investment in Precious metals	106,427,728	-	1,223,132,162	756,847,281	-	-
Investment in Backing note	-	-	-	-	143,587,041	148,681,806
Investment in EUAs held by Backing Issuer	-	-	-	-	145,127,610	148,561,034

Financial assets are included in Note 11 to the financial statements and the ETC Securities that the Company has in issue are included in Note 14 to the financial statements.

Future developments

The Directors expect that the present level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future.

Going concern

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company is able to meet all of its liabilities from its assets. The performance, marketability and risks of the Series are reviewed on a regular basis throughout the financial year. Therefore the Board of Directors of the Company believes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is financially sound. The Board of Directors is satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company.

Market Review

Physical metals

Between 1st April 2024 and the 31st March 2025, the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) PM gold price in USD forged new record highs on 52 occasions. This has only ever been achieved in one other financial year in the past 50; 1979/80, when inflation ran into the double digits, geopolitical events in Iran sent oil prices surging, and the Cold War entered a new phase of heightened tensions.

2024 was the biggest year for elections in global history, with more people eligible to vote than ever before, including in the European Union, the USA, the UK, France, India and Japan. Investors sought safe-haven assets like gold as they assessed the impact of new governments and incumbents doubling down, and what this might mean for the national, regional and global economy, as well as geopolitical and security implications. 2025 saw the opening days of President Trump’s second term and a flurry of executive orders which marked a series of major departures from the policies of the preceding 4 years. This also drove interest in gold as a portfolio diversifier and ‘safe-haven’ asset, further contributing to gold’s momentum.

For The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold ETC, this resulted in both a significant growth in the value of ETC securities (up 40% from 28th March 2024 to 31st March 2025), and a significant increase in the number of securities outstanding (up 15% over the same time-period).

The European physical gold ETP market, as tracked by the World Gold Council grew its Assets Under Management (AuM) in troy ounce terms from 42,809,979oz to 43,159,245oz, an increase of 1%. Globally AuM in troy ounce terms grew almost 11% (from 100,073,175oz to 110,770,044oz). The weight of gold held by The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold ETC increased from 341,174oz to 392,147oz over the course of the financial year, outperforming the global and European markets and growing by 15%. Taken together, the suite of hedged and unhedged gold products issued by HANetf and sponsored by The Royal Mint grew 25% in troy ounce terms.

Q1

Gold began the period trading at $2,264.50/oz on 2nd April 2024, then an all-time high, and rallied to over $2,400/oz within a fortnight. The uncertainty caused by elections in the EU, UK and France, as well as the first interest rate cut by the European Central Bank for almost 5 years (with the Bank of England thought not to be far behind) likely supported the gold price, but were not enough to keep European gold ETPs from net outflows totalling $2bn. While the wider market appeared to be using the high gold price to trim their positions, Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold ETC (RMAU) ended the quarter up 8% in terms of the volume of outstanding securities, and up 16% in terms of value in USD.

Market Review (continued)
Physical metals (continued)

Q2
Global gold ETPs saw net inflows between July and September and developments in the US election campaign likely heavily influenced investors' decisions to invest in gold. Additionally, the easing of interest rates by the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England helped boost non-yield bearing gold which is often seen as competing with yield-bearing bonds and therefore can benefit from a lower interest rate environment. Gold achieved new all-time high prices 13 times in 13 weeks, 8 of them in September. On 26th September, The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold ETC exceeded $1bn AuM for the first time.

Q3
In October, Euro hedged, Pound Sterling hedged, and Swiss Franc hedged gold ETCs were launched on the Xetra, Borsa Italiana, London Stock Exchange and SIX Swiss Exchange. These new products enabled investors who prefer not to take a USD position to access some of the key attributes of RMAU; exposure to the gold price, responsible sourcing, custody at The Royal Mint, etc. The listing of these new products was followed, a matter of weeks later, by the US elections. In November, markets began pricing in a weaker US Dollar in response to comments from individuals close to President-elect Trump. Gold ended 2024 up 26% in USD terms, its best annual performance since 2010.

Q4
The gold price, and gold products, continued to benefit from price momentum in the first quarter of 2025, with 20 new all-time highs between January and the end of March, ending the period at another record price; $3,115.10. Gold's 'safe-haven' attributes may have appealed to those seeking to reassess their portfolios to adapt to the realities of Trump's second term presidency and the apparent reshaping of decades-old global norms and dependencies. After beginning 2025 at £1=$1.2375, the USD weakened against GBP and fell to $1.2910 by 31st March, reflecting concerns that the US's trade policy could result in an economic slowdown. Again, this potentially aided gold and fuelled further speculation that central banks are buying gold as part of a policy of 'de-dollarisation', which, if true, could keep gold demand at elevated levels for some time.

Underlying Allowances backing the Carbon Securities (through the Backing note)
Since the launch of SparkChange CO2 in November 2021, the price of European Union Carbon Allowances (EUAs) has risen by a third from cEUR 60 to cEUR 80. Looking past that point-to-point performance however, there has been significant volatility in EUA prices, and the time since launch can broadly be split into three phases:

Phase 1: November 2021 – February 2022
From product launch to mid-February 2022, EUA prices rose steadily from cEUR 60 to an early-February high of cEUR 95, spurred on by several coinciding factors. On the demand side, high gas prices led to European Utilities switching to coal-fired power generation, increasing the demand for EUAs in-line with higher emissions, at a time when economic recovery post-pandemic was already increasing underlying demand. On the supply side, the Market Stability Reserve, a mechanism designed to maintain the overall EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) in a condition of tight supply, reduced daily EUA auction volumes by c50% as a delayed reaction to reduced emissions in the lockdown year 2020. Lastly, January 2022 saw growing focus of carbon market commentators on plans to increase the ambition of the EU ETS, via the implementation of a Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), and a steeper decarbonisation pathway to 2030.

Phase 2: February – March 2022
EUA prices crashed on the back of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, falling by as much as c40% to an intra-day low of EUR 55 on 2nd of March, 5 trading days later. On the fundamental side, questions regarding the potential for an economic downturn, as well as swiftly announced plans to extend the life of Germany's nuclear plants, led to some anticipation of a decline in the demand for carbon allowances. That said, the c40% write-down in EUA prices went far beyond accounting for those factors, reflecting 1) the fact that EUA supply is relatively price-inelastic, meaning volatility at times of market stress can be acute, and 2) evidence of forced liquidations, that triggered a cascade of stop losses as prices spiralled downward. Within a further 6 trading days, EUA prices rallied by c40% to EUR 80, as trading dynamics normalised.

Phase 3: March 2022 to December 2022
Following the post-invasion recovery, EUA prices were been range-bound between cEUR 80 and cEUR 90. Ebbs and flows within that range have largely been driven by an ongoing legislative process at the EU, focused on reform of the EU ETS ("Fit-for 55"), as well as the bloc's plans to wean itself off Russian petrochemicals, dubbed 'REPowerEU'. Throughout the legislative process, EUA prices where volatile, even reached new highs of nearly 100 EUR in August. The legislation was finally agreed in December 2022, bringing certainty to the regulatory future of the EU ETS. The Fit-for-55 regulation sets the EU ETS up for a more ambitious reduction pathway through 2030 and increases the scope of the EU ETS by including maritime emissions and, via the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), also covering the emissions of industrial products imported into the EU ETS from 2025 on. "RePowerEU" on the other hand was seen as more of a mid-term bearish regulation as it frontloads auction volumes from the later half of the decade to 2023 and 2024.

Market Review (continued)

Underlying Allowances backing the Carbon Securities (through the Backing note) (continued)

Phase 4: Dec 2022-now

Since the finalisation of RePowerEU, EUA prices have been under pressure. While in the first half of 2023 price decreases were minor, in the second half of 2023 the decline intensified as it became clear that by the end of 2023 renewable electricity production would be dramatically ahead of that in 2022. This caused fossil-generated electricity (especially from lignite and coal) to reduce drastically and hence EUA demand from the power sector was significantly lower compared to the years before. The Price of EUAs struggled under the continued frontloading of EUAs through daily auctions for RE PowerEU (additional supply of 87m EUAs in 2024). This oversupply combined with weak growth in the EU made EUA prices trade in a range of 65-75 EUR throughout most of the year. By end of 2024, The tightening cap and supply of EUAs in upcoming years led to an increase of prices. Gas increases amidst political uncertainty in the Ukraine-Russian war also supported EUA prices through late 2024 and beginning of 2025.

The table below shows the EUA price change of the EEX Spot price and volatility for each calendar year and also for the current reporting year:

Period From	Period To	Starting EUA Price	Ending EUA Price	Return	Ave 10-day Standard Deviation (Retrospective, Annualised, n=260)
30-Dec-24	31-Mar-25	69.96	66.66	-4.72%	30%
29-Dec-23	30-Dec-24	77.25	69.96	-9.44%	35%
30-Dec-22	29-Dec-23	80.76	77.25	-4.35%	30%
31-Dec-21	30-Dec-22	79.61	80.76	1.44%	48%
31-Dec-20	31-Dec-21	32.04	79.61	148.47%	41%
31-Dec-19	31-Dec-20	24.93	32.04	28.52%	47%
31-Dec-18	31-Dec-19	24.63	24.93	1.22%	40%

Results and dividends for the financial year

The results for the financial year are set out on page 20. No dividends are recommended by the Directors for the financial year under review (2024:Nil).

Changes in Directors, secretary and registered office

The names of the persons who, at any time, during the financial year were directors of the Company are disclosed in page 1.

The following changes in directors occurred during the year:

- David Murphy (Irish) (Alternate Director to Niall Vaughan) was appointed and resigned on 19 September 2024; and
- David Murphy (Irish) (Alternate Director to Niall Vaughan) was appointed and resigned on 11 February 2025.

There has been no other changes in Directors, registered office or secretary during the financial year.

Directors, secretary and their interests

None of the Directors who held office on 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025 held any shares or debentures/ securities issued in the Company at that date or during the financial year, or at the date of their appointment. Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited, acting as Company Secretary, held shares in the Company as at 31 March 2025. Except for the Administration agreement entered into by the Company with Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited, there were no contracts of any significance in relation to the business of the Company in which the Directors had any interest, as defined in Section 309 of the Companies Act 2014, at any time during the financial year. Two of the Directors are employees of Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited, which is the Administrator of the Company. During the financial year, no fees were paid to the Directors for the services provided (2024: Nil). Further information is set out in Note 19 to the financial statements.

Shares and shareholders

The authorised share capital of the Company is EUR 25,000 divided into 25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each, which is issued and partly paid. The shares are held by Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Share Trustee") under the terms of a declaration of trust (the "Declaration of Trust") under which the Share Trustee hold the benefit of the shares on trust for charitable purposes. The Share Trustee has 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.

Corporate Governance Statement

The Company is subject to and complies with Irish statute comprising the Companies Act. As the Company has been admitted to listing and trading on the regulated market of the stock exchange in London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Mexico and Warsaw the Company adheres to the Listing Rules of the London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Mexico and Warsaw Stock Exchange in so far as it relates to an overseas company trading in secured metal linked debt securities and carbon linked debt securities. As well as being mindful of the requirements of the Companies Act and the stock exchanges which the Company is listed with, the Company complies with its own corporate governance requirements as set out in its Articles of Association (the "Articles").

Introduction

During the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the Company has been in compliance with both the Companies Act 2014 and the Listing rules of the London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Mexico and Warsaw Stock Exchange. The Company does not apply additional requirements in addition to those required by the above. Each of the service providers engaged by the Company is subject to their own corporate governance requirements.

Financial Reporting Process

The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control and risk management systems of the Company in relation to the financial reporting process. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the Company's financial reporting objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Directors has established processes regarding internal control and risk management systems to ensure its effective oversight of the financial reporting process. These include appointing the Administrator to maintain the accounting records of the Company. The Administrator is contractually obliged to maintain proper books and records as required by the Corporate Services agreement. The Administrator is also contractually obliged to prepare, for review and approval by the Board, the annual report including financial statements intended to give a true and fair view.

The Board of Directors evaluates and discusses significant accounting and reporting issues as the need arises. From time to time the Board of Directors may examine and evaluate the Administrator financial accounting and reporting routines and monitors and evaluates the external auditors' performance, qualifications and independence. The Administrator has operating responsibility for internal control in relation to the financial reporting process and reports to the Board.

Risk Assessment

The Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the risk of irregularities whether caused by fraud or error in financial reporting and ensuring the processes are in place for the timely identification of internal and external matters with a potential effect on financial reporting. The Board of Directors has also put in place processes to identify changes in accounting rules and recommendations and to ensure that these changes are accurately reflected in the Company's financial statements. More specifically:

- The Administrator has a review procedure in place to ensure errors and omissions in the financial statements are identified and corrected;
- Regular training on accounting rules and recommendations is provided to the accountants employed by the Administrator;
- Accounting bulletins, issued by the Administrator, are distributed to all accountants employed by the Administrator; and
- The Company's financial statements are prepared by the accountants employed by the Administrator, Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited.

Control Activities

The Administrator is contractually obliged to design and maintain control structures to manage the risks which the Board of Directors judges to be significant for internal control over financial reporting. These control structures include appropriate division of responsibilities and specific control activities aimed at detecting or preventing the risk of significant deficiencies in financial reporting for every significant account in the financial statements and the related notes in the Company's annual report.

Monitoring

The Board of Directors has an annual process to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to consider and address the shortcomings identified and measures recommended by the independent auditor.

Given the contractual obligations on the Administrator, the Board has concluded that there is currently no need for the Company to have a separate internal audit function in order for the Board to perform effective monitoring and oversight of the internal control and risk management systems of the Company in relation to the financial reporting process.

Capital Structure

The sole shareholder in the Company is Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited holding 25,000 shares. No person has any special rights of control over the Company's share capital.

Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

Capital Structure (continued)

The Board of Directors confirm that share trustees have entered into a share trust agreement whereby they have agreed not to exercise their voting rights. No shareholders meeting were held during the financial year ended 31 March 2025 and 2024 with agreement from the shareholders.

With regard to the appointment and replacement of directors, the Company is governed by the Constitution, Irish Statute comprising the Companies Act 2014 and the Listing Rules of the London, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris, Mexico and Warsaw Stock Exchange. The Constitution may be amended by special resolution of the shareholders.

The Company does not have any agreements that take effect, alter or terminate upon a change of control of the Company following a bid. The Company also does not have any agreements between itself and the directors providing for compensation for loss of office or employment that occurs because of a bid.

Powers of directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for managing the business affairs of the Company in accordance with the Constitution. The Board of Directors may delegate certain functions to the Administrator and other parties, subject to the supervision and direction by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors have delegated the day to day administration of the Company to the Administrator.

Principal risk and uncertainties

The Company, being an SPV, is not impacted by the ESG and Pillar 2 disclosure requirement and has limited exposure to economic, social, legal, and political risks.

Management of foreign currency risk

The Company uses foreign currency hedging to minimise the effect of currency movements between the currencies of the Hedged Metal Securities and the functional currency by using an FX Overlay agreement entered by the Company and HSBC Bank PLC (“HSBC”).

The FX Overlay Agreement broadly seeks to account for any currency hedging gains or losses by requiring deliveries of physical metals each business day between the Company and HSBC so that, as a result of such deliveries, the amount of underlying physical metals held by the Company should equal the aggregate entitlement per ETC Security in respect of all outstanding ETC Securities of the relevant Series. Where there are foreign exchange gains and the metal entitlement per ETC Security consequently increases, HSBC will be required to deliver additional physical metals equivalent to such an increase to the Company under the FX Overlay Agreement. Where there are losses and the entitlement per ETC Security consequently decreases, the Company will be required to deliver physical metals equivalent to such decrease to HSBC under the FX Overlay Agreement.

The Company is subject to other financial risks. These are outlined in Note 20 to the financial statements.

Accounting records

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to:

- correctly record and explain the transactions of the Company;
- enable, at any time, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy; and
- enable the Directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act and enable those financial statements to be audited.

In this regard Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited have been appointed for the purpose of maintaining adequate accounting records. Accordingly the accounting records are kept at 2nd Floor, Block 5, Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Political donations

The Electoral Act, 1997 (as amended by the Electoral Amendment Political Funding Act, 2012) requires companies to disclose all political donations over EUR 200 in aggregate made during a financial year. The Directors, on enquiry, have satisfied themselves that no such donations in excess of this amount have been made by the Company during the financial year to 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

Subsequent events

All subsequent events are disclosed in Note 23 to the financial statements.

Directors' report (continued)

Research and development costs
The Company did not incur any research and development costs during the financial year (2024: Nil).

Audit committee
In accordance with Section 1551(11)(c) of the Companies Act 2014, if the sole business of the Public Interest Entity (PIE) relates to the issuance of asset backed securities, the PIE is exempt from the requirement to establish an audit committee.

Given the contractual obligations of the Corporate Administrator and the limited recourse nature of the securities the Company may participate in, the Board of Directors has concluded that there is currently no need for the Company to have a separate audit committee in order for the Board of Directors to perform effective monitoring and oversight of the internal control and risk management systems of the Company in relation to the financial reporting process. Accordingly, the Company has availed itself of the exemption under Section 1551 of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on relevant audit information
So far as the Directors are aware, each Director at the date of approval of this report and financial statements confirms that:
- there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor are unaware; and
- as per section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, the Directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor are aware of this information.

Independent auditor
Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants was appointed as first auditor on 11 June 2021 and have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Directors' compliance statement
The Directors confirm that:
- they acknowledge that they are responsible for securing the Company's compliance with its relevant obligations and have, to the best of their knowledge, complied with its relevant obligations as defined in section 225 of the Companies Act 2014;
- there is an adequate structure in place, that in the Directors' opinion, is designed to secure material compliance with the Company's relevant obligations;
- relevant arrangements and structures have been put in place that provide a reasonable assurance of compliance in all material respects by the Company with its relevant obligations, which arrangements and structures may, if the Directors so decide, include reliance on the advice of one or more than one person employed by the Company or retained by it under a contract for services, being a person who appears to the Directors to have the requisite knowledge and experience to advise the Company on compliance with its relevant obligations; and
- they have conducted a review, during the financial year to which the report referred to relates, of any arrangements or structures referred above that have been put in place.

Responsibility statement in accordance with the Transparency Regulation
Each Director whose names and functions appear on page 1 confirm to the best of their knowledge:
- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company; and
- the management report, which is incorporated into the directors' report, includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that it faces.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Niall Vaughan	**Ciaran Connolly**
Director	**Director**

Date: 25 July 2025

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Irish Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the profit or loss of the Company for each financial year. Under that law, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union ("EU").

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 assets, liabilities and financial position, of the Company as at the financial year and of the profit or loss of the Company for the financial year, and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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 and prudent;
- 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 intend to liquidate the Company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements are published on the HANetf website. The Directors, together with the Arranger are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on this website. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Board

Niall Vaughan	**Ciaran Connolly**
Director	**Director**

Date: 25 July 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of HANetf ETC Securities plc (‘the Company’) for the year ended 31 March 2025, contained in the file 635400GQU6WKILM5R975-2025-03-31-EN, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including the material accounting policy information set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2025 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the directors’ assessment of the Company’s ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Confirming our understanding of management’s going concern assessment process and engaging with management to understand the key factors which were considered in their assessment;
- Obtaining management’s going concern assessment, which covers a year from the date of approval of the financial statements;

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Conclusions relating to going concern (continued)

- Reviewing and evaluating the reasonability of the key factors considered by management including:
  - consideration of future activity in the ETC Securities. In assessing these, we obtained and reviewed the liquidity terms which the ETC Securities offer to investors and reviewed post year-end activity and corroborated through enquiry of management as to whether there are any subsequent events, including performance of the ETC Securities, that might give rise to conditions which could lead management to discontinue the operations of the Company;
  - consideration of the availability of liquid assets to meet ongoing operational costs;
- Reviewing the Company's going concern disclosures included in the annual report in order to assess that the disclosures were appropriate and in conformity with the reporting standards.

Conclusion

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified, 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Key audit matters (continued)

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations
Valuation of physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss We have considered the valuation of physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 1,329,559,890 (2024: USD 756,847,281), financial assets at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 143,587,041 (2024:148,681,806) and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 1,471,429,824 (2024: USD 904,046,442) as a key audit matter as these are key drivers of the Company's performance. Please refer to Note 11 – Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and Note 14 - Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss in the financial statements.	We obtained the listing of the physical metals, financial assets and financial liabilities as at 31 March 2025 from the Administrator. As at 31 March 2025, we assessed the valuation of the physical metals, financial assets and liabilities, by performing the following: • Obtaining an independent price for the physical metals and comparing to the price used by the Administrator; • Obtaining confirmation for the value of the Backing note from the issuer of the Backing note and comparing to the value used by the Administrator; • Recalculating the value of the Metal ETC Securities and the Carbon ETC Securities based on the terms of the legal agreements. In addition, we have performed additional procedures to independently confirm the existence of, and to independently value, the Allowances, which are held by the Backing Issuer.	No issues have been noted from the performance of our procedures over this key audit matter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Key audit matters (continued)

Risk	Our response to the risk	Key observations
Existence of physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss We have considered the existence of physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 1,329,559,890 (2024: USD 756,847,281), financial assets at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 143,587,041 (2024:148,681,806) and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss with a fair value of USD 1,471,429,824 (2024: USD 904,046,442) as a key audit matter as these are key drivers of the Company's performance. Please refer to Note 11 – Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and Note 14 - Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss in the financial statements.	We obtained the listing of the physical metals, financial assets and financial liabilities as at 31 March 2025 from the Administrator. As at 31 March 2025, we obtained an independent confirmation from the Company's custodian of the existence and assay of the physical metals, from the issuer of the Backing note for the existence of the Backing note and from the registrar of the notes for the Metal ETC Securities and the Carbon ETC Securities, agreeing the amounts per the accounting records to the independent confirmation and auditing reconciling items. We have also obtained and reviewed the third-party stock take report on the gold bars held and reconciled back to the Company's records.	No issues have been noted from the performance of our procedures over this key audit matter.

Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality in planning and performing the audit, in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and in forming our audit opinion.

Materiality

Materiality is the magnitude of an omission or misstatement that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the users of the financial statements. Materiality provides a basis for determining the nature and extent of our audit procedures.

We determined materiality for the Company to be USD 29,418,869 (2024: USD 9,040,464), which is 2% (2024: 1%) of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. We believe that financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss provides us with appropriate measurement basis since the users of the financial statements may focus more on this than on earnings. We have increased the materiality from the prior year considering the limited changes in the business environment and the good viability of the business that best aligns to the expectations of the users of the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Performance materiality

Performance materiality is the application of materiality at the individual account or balance level. It is set at an amount to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality.

On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the Company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality was 75% (2024: 75%) of our planning materiality, namely USD 22,064,152 (2024: USD 6,780,348). We have set performance materiality at this percentage due to our knowledge of the Company and its industry, our past history with the Company, the effectiveness of its control environment and our assessment of the risks associated with the engagement.

Reporting threshold

Reporting threshold is an amount below which identified misstatements are considered as being clearly trivial.

We agreed with the Board of Directors that we would report to them all uncorrected audit differences in excess of USD 1,470,943 (2024: USD 452,023), which is set at 5% of planning materiality, as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We evaluate any uncorrected misstatements against both the quantitative measures of materiality discussed above and in light of other relevant qualitative considerations in forming our opinion.

An overview of the scope of our audit report

Tailoring the scope

Our assessment of audit risk, our evaluation of materiality and our allocation of performance materiality determine our audit scope for the company. This enables us to form an opinion on the financial statements. We take into account size, risk profile, the organisation of the company and effectiveness of controls, including controls and changes in the business environment when assessing the level of work to be performed. All audit work was performed directly by the audit engagement team.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year ended for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

- the directors' report, other than those parts relating to sustainability reporting where required by Part 28 of the Companies Act 2014, has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

In addition we report, in relation to information given in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 8 to 9, that:

- based on knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of our audit, no material misstatements in the information identified above have come to our attention

- based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, in our opinion:

    - the description of the main features of the internal control and risk management systems in relation to the process for preparing the financial statements, are consistent with the financial statements and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014; and

    - the Corporate Governance Statement contains the information required by the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the parent Company's ability to continue as going concerns, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Explanation to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud, that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. In addition, the further removed any non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely it is that our procedure will identify such non-compliance. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the company and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant is the Companies Act 2014.

- We understood how HANetf ETC Securities plc is complying with those frameworks by updating our understanding of the adequate system of internal controls in place. We also considered the existence of independent service providers, proper segregation of duties and the regulated environment in which the Company operates, which may reduce opportunities for fraud to take place.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HANETF ETC SECURITIES PLC (CONTINUED)

Explanation to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)

- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by management override of controls.

- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved inquiries to those charged with governance into possible instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, review of board meeting minutes during the year and obtaining representation from management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: https://iaasa.ie/wp-content/uploads/docs/media/IAASA/Documents/audit-standards/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters which we are required to address

We were appointed by the Board of Directors on 11 June 2021 to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement including previous renewals and reappointments of the firm is 5 years.

The non-audit services prohibited by IAASA's Ethical Standard were not provided to the Company and we remain independent of the company in conducting our audit.

Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Board of Directors.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. 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.

Ailbhe MacManus
for and on behalf of
Ernst & Young Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Office: Dublin

Date: 30 July 2025

Statement of comprehensive income
For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Net changes in fair value of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	4	343,847,681	81,308,596
Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	20,894,156	(33,896,462)
Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	5	(361,346,065)	(44,409,942)
Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	6	486,355	-
Operating expenses	7	(3,882,127)	(3,002,980)
Other income	8	1,081	1,869
Operating profit before tax		1,081	1,081
Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	9	-	917
Total Comprehensive Income for the financial year		1,081	1,998

All of the items dealt with in arriving at the profit for the financial year are from continuing operations, no income is recognised in other comprehensive income.

Statement of financial position
As at 31 March 2025

	Note	31-Mar-25 USD	31-Mar-24 USD
Assets			
Current assets			
Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	11	1,329,559,890	756,847,281
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11	143,587,041	148,681,806
Cash and cash equivalents	12	162,203	121,037
Derivative financial instruments	10	387,351	-
Other receivables	13	28,295	27,214
Total assets		**1,473,724,780**	**905,677,338**
Liabilities and equity			
Current liabilities			
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	14	1,471,429,824	904,046,442
Loan payable	15	993,236	529,847
Derivative financial instruments	10	441,852	-
Other payables	16	824,729	1,066,991
Total liabilities		**1,473,689,641**	**905,643,280**
Shareholder's funds - Equity			
Called up share capital	17	29,313	29,313
Retained earnings		5,826	4,745
Total equity		**35,139**	**34,058**
Total liabilities and equity		**1,473,724,780**	**905,677,338**

On behalf of the Board

Niall Vaughan
Director

Ciaran Connolly
Director

Statement of changes in equity
For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Called up Share Capital USD	Retained earnings USD	Total Equity USD
Balance as at 1 April 2023	29,313	2,747	32,060
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	1,998	1,998
Balance as at 31 March 2024	29,313	4,745	34,058
Balance as at 1 April 2024	29,313	4,745	34,058
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	1,081	1,081
Balance as at 31 March 2025	29,313	5,826	35,139

Statement of cash flows
For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Cash flows from operating activities			
Operating profit before taxation		1,081	1,081
Adjustments for:			
Net changes in fair value of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	4	(343,847,681)	(81,308,596)
Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4	(20,894,156)	33,896,462
Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or	5	361,346,065	44,409,942
Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	6	(486,355)	-
Movements in working capital			
(Increase)/decrease in other receivables		(1,081)	671,326
Decrease in other payables		(242,262)	(211,204)
Proceeds from disposal of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	11	2,772,911	1,765,507
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11	1,392,644	828,992
Net cash generated from operating activities		41,166	53,510
Net cash generated from financing activities		-	-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		41,166	53,510
Cash and cash equivalents at start of the financial year		121,037	67,527
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	12	162,203	121,037

Non-cash transactions during the financial year include:

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Metal ETC Securities		
Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss Additions	380,628,468	375,615,455
Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss Disposals	(148,990,629)	(544,626,652)
Loan payable to The Royal Mint Limited decrease/(increase)	(463,389)	99,208
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Issued	(345,426,424)	(252,103,522)
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss Redeemed	114,792,830	421,015,511
Carbon ETC Securities		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Additions	83,628,940	104,658,128
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Disposals	(108,225,217)	(62,066,036)
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss Issued	(83,628,940)	(104,658,128)
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss Redeemed	108,225,217	62,066,036

1 General information

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in Ireland on 24 January 2020 under registered number 664945 and established as a Special Purposes Vehicle ("SPV") for the purpose of issuing Metal Securities and Carbon Securities under the Physical Metal Securities Programme and under the Carbon Securities Programme (the "Programme") of the Company respectively. The registered office of the Company is at 2nd Floor, Block 5, Irish Life Centre, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland. The aggregate number of Metal Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, being the Programme maximum number of Metal Securities and the aggregate number of Carbon Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, this being the Programme maximum number of Carbon Securities.

The Company has no direct employees (2024: Nil).

As at 31 March 2025,

- Series 1 - Metal ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Deutsche Borse (Xetra), Borsa Italiana, Euronext Paris, Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV) and Warsaw Stock Exchange (GPW).
- Series 2 - Carbon ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Xetra, Borsa Italiana and BMV.
- Series 3 - Metal EUR Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the Xetra and Borsa Italiana.
- Series 3 - Metal GBP Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- Series 3 - Metal CHF Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX).

2 Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and its interpretations as adopted by the EU and in accordance with the Companies Act, 2014.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company is able to meet all of its liabilities from its assets. The performance, marketability and risks of the Series are reviewed on a regular basis throughout the financial year. Therefore the Board of Directors of the Company believes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and is financially sound. The Board is satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company.

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following:

- Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value;
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value;
- Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value; and
- Derivative financial instruments.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in United States Dollar ("USD") which is the Company's functional currency. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates. The majority of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are denominated in USD. The Directors of the Company believe that USD most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions.

(d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates as detailed in note 20(e) to the financial statements. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. 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.

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

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

Fair value of financial instruments

Note 20(e) to the financial statements describes that the Directors have considered the requirements of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the use of judgements and estimates in the fair value pricing of financial instruments.

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

(d) Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies (continued)

Going concern assumption

Another judgement made by the Directors is the going concern assumption whereby the Directors considered the potential impacts from the Ukraine and Russian conflict on global economic conditions, asset valuations, interest rate expectations and exchange rates. The extent of these impacts on the Company are unclear at this stage, however, given the broad nature of the sanctions imposed by a number of governments, (including the US, UK and EU) directly targeting the Russian Federation and Belarus, the Global nature of the asset management and capital markets sector and the potential for other impacts to emerge, the Directors continue to actively monitor the situation.

(e) New standards, amendments or interpretations

(i) Standards effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

The following standards were effective during the financial period:
- Amendment to IFRS 16 – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- Amendment to IAS 1 – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and Non-current liabilities with covenants
- Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements

The adoption of the above standards has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

(ii) Standards available for adoption

Description	**Effective date***
Amendments to IAS 21- The Effects of changes in Foreign Exchange Rates: Lack of Exchangeability	01 January 2025*
Annual Improvements to IFRS Accounting Standards - Volume 11	01 January 2026*
Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 9, Financial Instruments and IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures)	01 January 2026*
Amendment to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 - Contract Referencing Nature-Dependent Electricity	01 January 2026*
IFRS 18- Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	01 January 2027*
IFRS 19- Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures	01 January 2027*

*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 upcoming requirements are applicable to the Company, it will apply them from their EU effective date.

The Directors have considered the new standards as detailed in the above table and do not plan to adopt the standards early. The application of the above standards will be considered in detail in advance of a confirmed effective date by the Company. The Company is yet assessing the impact of the standards available for adoption.

3 Material accounting policies

(a) Income and expenses

All other income and expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis.

Operating Expenses

The Total Expense Ratio ("TER") is the rate per annum and is applied to the Metal/Carbon Entitlement on a daily basis. Each day, the Metal/Carbon Entitlement attached to each Metal/Carbon Security is reduced at a rate equal to the portion of the TER in Metal/Carbon Entitlement applicable to such day. The TER is accounted for on an accruals basis and is payable monthly in arrears.

(b) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided on taxable profits at current rates applicable to the Company's activities in accordance with Section 110 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. Deferred taxation is accounted for, without discounting, in respect of all temporary differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the reporting date.

Provision is made at the tax rates which are expected to apply in the periods in which the temporary differences reverse.

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(b) Taxation (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that related tax benefit will be realised.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held at bank which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Company in the management of its capital.

There are no restrictions on cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

(d) Share capital

Share capital is issued in Euro ("EUR") and have been converted to USD on recognition. Dividends are recognised as a liability in the financial period in which they are approved.

(e) Other receivables

Other receivables do not carry any interest, are short-term in nature and have been reviewed for any evidence of impairment. Other receivables are accounted at amortised cost.

(f) Other payables

Other payables are accounted at amortised cost.

(g) Financial instruments

<u>Financial assets</u>

Classification

The Company classifies its holdings in backing note and Physical metals as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition in accordance with IFRS 9: Financial Instruments.

Financial assets are measured at fair value through profit or loss if:

- its contractual terms do not give rise to cash flows on specified dates that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding;
- it is not held within a business model whose objective is either to collect contractual cash flows, or to both collect contractual cash flows and sell; or
- at initial recognition, it is irrevocably measured at fair value through profit or loss when doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise measuring assets or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases.

Initial recognition

All financial assets (including financial assets at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date that the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Company has its holding in Backing note at fair value through profit or loss as it is held for trading.

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.

Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Company measures financial assets which are classified at fair value through profit or loss at their fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of financial assets is based on their quoted market prices on a recognised exchange or sourced from a reputable broker/counterparty, in the case of non-exchange traded instruments, at the reporting date without any deduction for estimated future selling costs.

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial instruments (continued)

- *Physical metals*

Net changes in fair value of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss

Net changes in fair value of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss relates to movement in prices of Physical metals and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes. Details of recognition and measurement of Physical metalsaredisclosed in the accounting policy of financial instruments (note 3(g)).

Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Net changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss relates to movement in prices of Backing note and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes.

<u>Financial liabilities</u>

Classification and measurement

- *Metal Securities*

The Company designates the Metal Securities issued as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition.

The exchange quoted price of the Metal Securities is determined by reference to the underlying Physical metals. Changes in the fair value of the Metal Securities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. The Metal Securities have been at fair value through profit or loss in order to eliminate an accounting mismatch, that would otherwise arise with the Physical metals, enabling both the Metal Securities and the Physical metals to be measured at fair value with gains or losses on both being recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

- *Carbon Securities*

The Company designates the Carbon Securities issued as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition.

The exchange quoted price of the Carbon Securities is determined by reference to the underlying Backing note. Changes in the fair value of the Carbon Securities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. The Carbon Securities have been at fair value through profit or loss in order to eliminate an accounting mismatch, that would otherwise arise with the Backing note, enabling both the Carbon Securities and the Backing note to be measured at fair value with gains or losses on both being recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Initial recognition

All financial liabilities (including financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date that the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

- *Metal Securities*

The Company issues Metal Securities to provide investors with exposure to the performance of the Physical metals. The Metal Securities, are issued in the form of debt instruments that are backed by fully allocated physical holdings of the relevant metal. A metal security is issued or redeemed when a corresponding amount of Physical metal has transferred into or from the allocated accounts maintained by the Custodian.

- *Carbon Securities*

The Company also issues Carbon Securities to provide investors a means of acquiring corresponding exposure to the relevant Allowances without being required to take physical delivery of that Allowance nor opening a holding account. The Carbon Securities, are issued in the form of debt instruments that are backed by an EUA Backing Note which is backed by physical EU Carbon Emission Allowances. A carbon security is issued or redeemed when a corresponding amount of physical Allowance has been transferred. The physical Allowances are not held directly by the Company but are instead held by the Backing Issuer. Once receipt of the Underlying Allowances is confirmed, the Backing Issuer will issue the Company with a Backing Note (or increase the Carbon Entitlement of the Backing Note if the Note has already been issued) and the Company will issue the corresponding number of Carbon Securities.

The Company has designated its debt instruments as financial liabilities issued at fair value through profit or loss.

Derecognition

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Subsequent measurement

After initial measurement, the Company measures financial liabilities which are classified as at fair value through profit or loss at their fair value. Subsequent changes in the fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income.

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3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial instruments (continued)

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. No balances have been offset on the statement of financial position.

Fair value measurement principles

- Physical metals and investment in Backing note

The fair value of the underlying Physical metals and its holding in Backing note is classified at fair value through profit or loss as they are held for trading. Changes in the fair value of the Metal Securities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Metal Securities are valued using valuation techniques, as detailed in the fair value hierarchy note to the financial statements.

- Metal Securities - Hedged and Unhedged

The fair value of the Metal Securities is determined by reference to the underlying Physical metals. Changes in the fair value of the Metal Securities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Metal Securities are valued using valuation techniques, as detailed in the fair value hierarchy note to the financial statements.

- Carbon Securities

The fair value of the Carbon Securities is determined by reference to the underlying Allowances backing the Carbon Securities through the Backing note. Changes in the fair value of the Carbon Securities are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Carbon Securities are valued using valuation techniques, as detailed in the fair value hierarchy note to the financial statements.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are calculated for the Carbon Securities Programme, using the European Energy Exchange (EEX) EUA spot price as an input adjusted for fees in the Backing Issuer.

Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss relates to Metal Securities issued/ Carbon Securities issued and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes.

Loan payable

Under the terms of the agreement with The Royal Mint Limited, the difference between the gold on the bar list and the gold in the entitlement is a loan repayable to The Royal Mint Limited, and is more senior to payables to the Securityholders.

The Company has fair valued its loan payable based on the price of the gold as at the financial year end.

~~Derivative financial instruments~~

Derivative financial instruments include all derivative assets and liabilities that are used to economically hedge or create an appropriate risk exposure. Derivative financial instruments are not formally designated into a qualifying hedge relationship and therefore all changes in their fair value are recognised immediately in the Statement of comprehensive income.

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of the financial year. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income immediately. A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a derivative financial asset; a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a derivative financial liability.

(h) 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 Company's business involves the issuing asset-backed securities, including Metal Securities backed by the underlying metal, and other asset-backed exchange traded securities (including Carbon Securities), on behalf of investors, which are bought in the market and subsequently securitised to avail of potential market opportunities and risk return asymmetries. The Company with no employees, has one business unit, thus all administrating and operating functions are carried out and reviewed by the Administrator and Company Secretary, Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited.

3 Material accounting policies (continued)

(h) Segment reporting (continued)

The Company's principal activity is to invest in financial instruments and precious metals which are the revenue generating segment of the Company. The Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") of the operating segment is the Board of Directors. The Company is an SPV whose principal activities are the issuance of asset-backed securities. The Company is engaged as two segments in the Programme under which the Company issues on an ongoing basis ETC Securities linked to different commodities providing exposure to a range of asset classes including Physical metals and Backing note.

The following is a geographical analysis of other income by the country of the Arranger:

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
United Kingdom (HANetf Limited)	1,081	1,869
	1,081	1,869

The split of Physical metals at fair value, Backing note at fair value, Metal Securities and Carbon Securities at fair value by Series and the unit price per Series are shown in Notes 11 and 14 to the financial statements. Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment. This is the measure reported to the directors for assessment of segment performance. During the financial year, the Company did not earn any profit from the segments in the Programme. The profit of USD 1,081 (2024: USD 1,081) is not related to any segments.

(i) Foreign currency transaction

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the financial year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the financial year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the financial year.

At each reporting date, monetary items and non monetary assets and liabilities that are fair valued and are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate prevailing on the Statement of financial position. Gains and losses arising on retranslation of financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are included in the Statement of comprehensive income together with respective fair value gains/losses.

(j) Statement of cash flows

The indirect method has been applied in the preparation of the Statement of cash flows.

(k) Physical metals

The Company holds Physical metals at least equal to the amount due to holders of Metal Securities solely for the purposes of meeting its obligations. The Physical metal is measured at fair value, as detailed in note 3(g) Financial assets to the financial statements, and changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Any costs to sell Physical metals that arise in the course of settling the Company’s obligations under the Metal Securities are borne by HANetf Limited, the Arranger. The Physical metal is recognised when the metal is received into the vault of the custodian or relevant sub-custodian. The Physical metal is derecognised when the risks and rewards of ownership have all been substantially transferred. The Physical metals are priced at the current close bid price at the end of the day for the Physical metals using the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) gold price.

(l) Backing note

The Company holds Backing note at least equal to the amount due to holders of Carbon Securities solely for the purposes of meeting its obligations. The Backing note is measured at fair value, as detailed in note 3(g) Financial assets to the financial statements, and changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Any costs to redeem the Backing note that arise in the course of settling the Company’s obligations under the Carbon Securities are borne by HANetf Limited, the Arranger. The Backing note is recognised when the Allowances are received by the Backing Issuer, and it in turn issues the Backing Note to the Company. The Backing note is derecognised when the risks and rewards of ownership have all been substantially transferred.

4 Net changes in fair value of Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	Physical metals - Unhedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Physical metals - Hedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Backing note Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Total Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD
Realised gain on disposal of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	53,847,986	76,945	-	**53,924,931**
Unrealised fair value movement on Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or	281,188,573	8,734,177	-	**289,922,750**
Realised loss on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	(9,527,967)	**(9,527,967)**
Unrealised fair value movement on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	30,422,123	**30,422,123**
	335,036,559	8,811,122	20,894,156	**364,741,837**

	Physical metals - Unhedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Backing note Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Total Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Realised gain on disposal of Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or loss	33,998,638	-	**33,998,638**
Unrealised fair value movement on Physical metals designated at fair value through profit or	47,309,958	-	**47,309,958**
Realised loss on disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	(2,085,767)	**(2,085,767)**
Unrealised fair value movement on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	(31,810,695)	**(31,810,695)**
	81,308,596	(33,896,462)	**47,412,134**

5 Net changes in fair value of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Carbon ETC Securities Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Total Financial 31-Mar-25 USD
Realised loss on redemption of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(29,462,374)	(49,826)	11,084,679	**(18,427,521)**
Unrealised fair value movement on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(303,165,358)	(9,194,897)	(30,558,289)	**(342,918,544)**
	(332,627,732)	(9,244,723)	(19,473,610)	**(361,346,065)**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Carbon ETC Securities Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Total Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Realised loss on redemption of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(23,739,327)	2,782,171	**(20,957,156)**
Unrealised fair value movement on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(55,496,493)	32,043,707	**(23,452,786)**
	(79,235,820)	34,825,878	**(44,409,942)**

6 Net changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Unrealised fair value movement on derivative financial instruments	(54,501)	-
Realised gain on derivative financial instruments	7,003,388	-
Realised loss on derivative financial instruments	(6,462,532)	-
	486,355	-

7 Operating expenses

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD
Total Expense Ratio	(2,408,827)	(52,754)	(1,420,546)	**(3,882,127)**
Foreign exchange gain				**23**
Other expense				**(23)**
				(3,882,127)

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Total Expense Ratio	(2,072,775)	(929,417)	**(3,002,192)**
Foreign exchange loss			**(788)**
			(3,002,980)

Each Series pays an “all in one” operational fee to the Arranger, which accrues at 0.35% (Gold - hedged) and 0.25% (Gold - unhedged) and 0.89% (Carbon) per annum equal to the TER. The Arranger and Adviser uses this fee to pay the agreed fees of other service providers of the Company. The TER is applied to the Metal/ Carbon Entitlement on a daily basis to determine a daily deduction of an amount of metal/ carbon from the Metal/ Carbon Entitlement. Fees and expenses payable on a monthly basis by the Company to the Arranger will be paid out of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities by way of the sale of metal/ carbon. The amount of metal/ carbon to be sold is a predetermined amount based on the Metal/ Carbon Entitlements of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities.

Statutory information:

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Auditors’ remuneration – Statutory Assurance services	20,084	16,217
Auditors’ remuneration – Tax compliance services	7,131	7,135

The auditor of the Company earned no other fees from the Company.

During the year ended 31 March 2025, there was no remuneration earned (2024: Nil) by the Directors of the Company in respect of services provided to the Company as they are employees of the Arranger or the Administrator.

The Company had no employees during the financial year (2024: None).

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8 Other income

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25 USD	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24 USD
Other income	-	788
Corporate benefit	1,081	1,081
	1,081	**1,869**

9 Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities

	Financial year ended 31-Mar-25	Financial year ended 31-Mar-24
a) Analysis of tax credit/(charge) for the financial year	**USD**	**USD**
Irish corporation tax credit/(charge) on profit for the financial year	-	917
Total income tax credit/(charge) for the financial year	**-**	**917**

	31-Mar-25 USD	31-Mar-24 USD
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax - current tax	1,081	1,081
Tax on profit for the year	(270)	(270)
Carried forward losses netted off against tax charge for the year	270	270
Tax credit due to overaccrual of tax in previous years	-	917
Current tax charge	**-**	**917**

The Company is taxed at 25% (2024: 25%) in accordance with section 110 under Case III of Schedule D of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

10 Derivative financial instruments

The Company uses foreign currency hedging to minimise the effect of currency movements between the currencies of the Hedged Metal Securities and the functional currency by using an FX Overlay agreement entered by the Company and HSBC Bank PLC (“HSBC”).

The FX Overlay Agreement broadly seeks to account for any currency hedging gains or losses by requiring deliveries of physical metals each business day between the Company and HSBC so that, as a result of such deliveries, the amount of underlying physical metals held by the Company should equal the aggregate entitlement per ETC Security in respect of all outstanding ETC Securities of the relevant Series. Where there are foreign exchange gains and the metal entitlement per ETC Security consequently increases, HSBC will be required to deliver additional physical metals equivalent to such an increase to the Company under the FX Overlay Agreement. Where there are losses and the entitlement per ETC Security consequently decreases, the Company will be required to deliver physical metals equivalent to such decrease to HSBC under the FX Overlay Agreement.

As at 31 March 2025, the Company had the below open forward contracts with HSBC.

	Closing balance USD
Derivative assets	387,351
Derivative liabilities	(441,852)
	(54,501)

	CCY	Maturity date	Unrealised gain/(loss) USD
Series 3-Metal CHF Hedged ETC Securities	CHF	Between 1 April 2025 to 3 April 2025	(63,407)
Series 3-Metal EUR Hedged ETC Securities	EUR	Between 1 April 2025 to 3 April 2025	27,982
Series 3-Metal GBP Hedged ETC Securities	GBP	Between 1 April 2025 to 3 April 2025	(19,076)
			(54,501)

11 Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-25 USD	Physical metals - Hedged 31-Mar-25 USD	Backing note 31-Mar-25 USD	Total 31-Mar-25 USD
Investment in Precious metals	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	-	**1,329,559,890**
Investment in Backing note	-	-	143,587,041	**143,587,041**
	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	143,587,041	**1,473,146,931**

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-24 USD	Backing note 31-Mar-24 USD	Total 31-Mar-24 USD
Investment in Precious metals	756,847,281	-	**756,847,281**
Investment in Backing note	-	148,681,806	**148,681,806**
	756,847,281	148,681,806	**905,529,087**

The financial assets are secured in favour of The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the "Security Trustee") for the benefit of itself and the Securityholders. The non-cash transactions relate to physical delivery of Precious metals/ Backing note against delivery of Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities.

The Physical metals are held as collateral for Metal Securities issued and the loan payable by the Company. The Backing note is held as collateral for Carbon Securities issued by the Company. The allowances are in turn held by Backing issuer, who actually holds the allowance, as collateral for the Backing note. The Physical metals unhedged served as collateral solely to the Metal securities unhedged and the physical metal hedged served as collateral solely for metal securities hedge.

The carrying value of the assets of the Company represents their maximum exposure to the credit risk. The credit risk is eventually transferred to the Securityholders. Refer to Note 20 for credit risk and currency risk disclosures relating to the holders of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities.

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-25 USD	Physical metals - Hedged 31-Mar-25 USD	Backing note 31-Mar-25 USD	Total 31-Mar-25 USD
At the start of financial year	756,847,281	-	148,681,806	**905,529,087**
Contributions*	281,908,615	98,719,853	83,628,940	**464,257,408**
Redemptions*	(147,887,382)	(1,103,247)	(108,225,217)	**(257,215,846)**
Redemptions for TER**	(2,772,911)	-	(1,392,644)	**(4,165,555)**
Realised gain on disposal	53,847,986	76,945	(9,527,967)	**44,396,964**
Unrealised fair value movement	281,188,573	8,734,177	30,422,123	**320,344,873**
At end of financial year	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	143,587,041	**1,473,146,931**

11 Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-24 USD	Backing note 31-Mar-24 USD	Total 31-Mar-24 USD
At the start of financial year	846,315,389	140,815,168	**987,130,557**
Contributions*	375,615,455	104,658,128	**480,273,583**
Redemptions*	(544,626,652)	(62,066,036)	**(606,692,688)**
Redemptions for TER**	(1,765,507)	(828,992)	**(2,594,499)**
Realised gain on disposal	33,998,638	(2,085,767)	**31,912,871**
Unrealised fair value movement	47,309,958	(31,810,695)	**15,499,263**
At end of financial year	756,847,281	148,681,806	**905,529,087**

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-25 Fine Troy Ounces	Physical metals - Hedged 31-Mar-25 Fine Troy Ounces	Backing note 31-Mar-25 EUAs	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-24 Fine Troy Ounces	Backing note 31-Mar-24 EUAs
At the start of financial year	341,792	-	2,292,735	427,497	1,450,977
Units contributed*	109,971	34,554	1,162,456	187,593	1,558,940
Units redeemed*	(57,956)	(389)	(1,442,652)	(272,387)	(707,182)
Units sold (for TER)**	(1,161)	-	(19,000)	(911)	(10,000)
At end of financial year	392,646	34,165	1,993,539	341,792	2,292,735

*Contributions and redemptions of Physical metals/ financial assets are in-specie.
**Physical metals/ Backing note sold in relation to the settlement of the TER.

As 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024, the Physical metals and financial assets held by the Company was as follows:

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-25 Fine Troy Ounces	Physical metals - Hedged 31-Mar-25 Fine Troy Ounces	Backing note 31-Mar-25 EUAs	Total 31-Mar-25 USD
Units held	392,646	34,165	1,993,539	
Price (USD)	3,115.10	3,115.10	72.03	
Fair Value (USD)	**1,223,132,162**	**106,427,728**	**143,587,041**	**1,473,146,931**

	Physical metals - Unhedged 31-Mar-24 Fine Troy Ounces	Backing note 31-Mar-24 EUAs	Total 31-Mar-24 USD
Units held	341,792	2,292,735	
Price (USD)	2,214.35	64.85	
Fair Value (USD)	**756,847,281**	**148,681,806**	**905,529,087**

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11 Physical metals and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Maturity analysis of Physical metals and financial assets

	Physical metals - Unhedged	Physical metals - Hedged	Backing note	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Less than 1 year	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	143,587,041	**1,473,146,931**
1-2 years	-	-	-	**-**
2-5 years	-	-	-	**-**
Over 5 years	-	-	-	**-**
	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	143,587,041	**1,473,146,931**

	Physical metals - Unhedged	Backing note	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD	USD
Less than 1 year	756,847,281	148,681,806	**905,529,087**
1-2 years	-	-	**-**
2-5 years	-	-	**-**
Over 5 years	-	-	**-**
	756,847,281	148,681,806	**905,529,087**

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD
Cash at bank	**162,203**	**121,037**
	162,203	**121,037**

As at 31 March 2025, the cash and cash equivalents is held with European Depositary Bank SA (97%) (2024: 96%).
The Company also has bank accounts with Bank of New York Mellon London Branch.

13 Other receivables

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD
Unpaid share capital receivable	**22,469**	**22,469**
Corporate benefit receivable	**5,826**	**4,745**
	28,295	**27,214**

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14 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Metal ETC Securities	1,221,578,153	106,402,482	-	**1,327,980,635**
Carbon ETC Securities	-	-	143,449,189	**143,449,189**
Total ETC Securities issued	1,221,578,153	106,402,482	143,449,189	**1,471,429,824**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD	USD
Metal ETC Securities	755,474,586	-	**755,474,586**
Carbon ETC Securities	-	148,571,856	**148,571,856**
Total ETC Securities issued	755,474,586	148,571,856	**904,046,442**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
	USD	USD	USD	USD
At the start of financial year	755,474,586	-	148,571,856	**904,046,442**
Issuances*	247,469,457	97,956,967	83,628,940	**429,055,364**
Redemptions*	(113,993,622)	(799,208)	(108,225,217)	**(223,018,047)**
Realised gain on redemption	29,462,374	49,826	(11,084,679)	**18,427,521**
Unrealised fair value movement	303,165,358	9,194,897	30,558,289	**342,918,544**
At end of financial year	1,221,578,153	106,402,482	143,449,189	**1,471,429,824**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD	USD
At the start of financial year	845,150,755	140,805,642	**985,956,397**
Issuances*	252,103,522	104,658,128	**356,761,650**
Redemptions*	(421,015,511)	(62,066,036)	**(483,081,547)**
Realised gain on redemption	23,739,327	(2,782,171)	**20,957,156**
Unrealised fair value movement	55,496,493	(32,043,707)	**23,452,786**
At end of financial year	755,474,586	148,571,856	**904,046,442**

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

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-25 Units	31-Mar-25 Units	31-Mar-25 Units	31-Mar-25 Units
At the start of financial year	34,443,020	-	2,340,841	**36,783,861**
Units issued*	9,717,954	3,532,900	1,193,232	**14,444,086**
Units redeemed*	(4,471,700)	(30,000)	(1,480,881)	**(5,982,581)**
At end of financial year	39,689,274	3,502,900	2,053,192	**45,245,366**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-24 Units	31-Mar-24 Units	31-Mar-24 Units
At the start of financial year	42,991,169	1,469,188	44,460,357
Units issued*	12,652,000	1,590,624	**14,242,624**
Units redeemed*	(21,200,149)	(718,971)	**(21,919,120)**
At end of financial year	34,443,020	2,340,841	**36,783,861**

*ETC Securities trades are carried out in-specie

As 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024, the financial liabilities in issue was as follows:

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - EUR Hedged	Metal ETC Securities - GBP Hedged	Metal ETC Securities - CHF Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
Units held	39,689,274	1,965,900	290,000	1,247,000	2,053,192	
NAV (USD)	30.78	30.70	30.97	29.72	69.87	
Fair Value (USD)	**1,221,578,153**	**60,362,694**	**8,982,579**	**37,057,209**	**143,449,189**	**1,471,429,824**

Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities can be issued and redeemed daily, therefore this is the earliest maturity date for the purpose of the maturity analysis.

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
Units held	34,443,020	2,340,841	
NAV (USD)	21.93	63.47	
Fair Value (USD)	**755,474,586**	**148,571,856**	**904,046,442**

As at 31 March 2025,

- Series 1 - Metal ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Deutsche Borse (Xetra), Borsa Italiana, Euronext Paris, Mexican Stock Exchange (BMV) and Warsaw Stock Exchange (GPW).
- Series 2 - Carbon ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange, Xetra, Borsa Italiana and BMV.
- Series 3 - Metal EUR Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the Xetra and Borsa Italiana.
- Series 3 - Metal GBP Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- Series 3 - Metal CHF Hedged ETC Securities are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX).

15 Loan payable

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Metal ETC Securities - Hedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Loan Payable to/(receivable from) The Royal Mint Limited	1,075,245	(82,009)	-	**993,236**
	1,075,245	(82,009)	-	**993,236**

	Metal ETC Securities - Unhedged	Carbon ETC Securities	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD	USD
Loan Payable to The Royal Mint Limited	529,847	-	**529,847**
	529,847	-	**529,847**

The Company holds Physical metals in a secured allocated account in the form of gold bars to secure the Metal Entitlement for each Note Issued. As the unit of measurement of a gold bar is fixed, there can be differences to the requirement under the Metal Entitlement. To fund the purchase of this difference, the Company has entered into a loan agreement with The Royal Mint Limited. This loan is payable in the form of Physical metal, and at 31 March 2025 is priced at the current close bid price at the end of the day using the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) gold price. In the event of wind-up of the Company, the repayment of this loan will be made prior to the repayment of the holders of Metal Securities. A fee is charged by The Royal Mint Limited for this agreement, which is paid by the Arranger under the terms of the TER.

16 Other payables

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD
Accrued fee payable*	**669,370**	**952,798**
Other payables**	**155,359**	**114,193**
	824,729	**1,066,991**

*The accrued fee payable relate to the TER payable to the Arranger.
**This refers to the order fees amount payable by the Authorised Participants as part of a subscription or redemption order.

17 Called up share capital

	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-24
Authorised:	EUR	EUR
25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each	**25,000**	**25,000**
Issued and partly paid	EUR	EUR
25,000 ordinary shares of EUR 1 each (25%	**25,000**	**25,000**
Presented as follows:	USD	USD
Called up share capital presented as equity	**29,313**	**29,313**

18 Ownership of Company

The sole shareholder of the Company is Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited holding 25,000 shares of the Company. All shares are held in trust for charity under the terms of declaration of trust.

The Share Trustee has appointed the Directors to run the day to day activities of the Company. The Directors have considered the issue as to who is the ultimate controlling party. It has been determined that the control of the day to day activities of the Company rests with the Directors.

19 Related party transactions

Transactions with Administrator

For the year ended 31 March 2025, Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited provides administration services to the Company amounting to USD 32,415 (2024: USD 32,433) which is settled by the Arranger of the Company. Two of the Directors are employees of Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited, which is the Administrator of the Company. Niall Vaughan and Ciaran Connolly, as Directors of the Company, have an interest in this fee in their capacity as Directors of Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited.

Transactions with Arranger

HANetf Limited is the Arranger of the Company. The Company earned USD 1,081 (2024: USD 1,081) during the year, which has been recognised in the financial statements as the Corporate Benefit. All of this was receivable as at 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024. During the year ended 31 March 2025, the Arranger earned USD 3,882,127 (2024: USD 3,002,192) under the TER. USD 669,370 (2024: USD 952,798) was payable as at 31 March 2025. In return for this, the Arranger pays all operating expenses as described in Note 7 to the financial statements.

Transactions with The Royal Mint Limited

The Royal Mint Limited is the custodian of the Physical metals held in the Secured Accounts in relation to The Royal Mint Physical Gold ETC Securities. The fair value of Physical metals held with The Royal Mint Limited are disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements and the loan repayable to The Royal Mint Limited is disclosed in Note 15 to the financial statements. The Royal Mint Limited also acts as the promoter of, and an authorised participant to, the Metal Securities for the Company. Payments to The Royal Mint Limited, for the provision of these services to the Company, are paid for by Arranger in return for the “all in one” operational fee described in Note 7 to the financial statements. In The Royal Mint Limited's role as Authorised Participant to the Company, it partook in USD Nil (2024: USD Nil) of redemptions of Metal Securities during the financial year.

Transactions with Spark Change Jersey Issuer Limited

The Backing Issuer, Spark Change Jersey Issuer Limited, has been incorporated for an indefinite period. The Backing Issuer is a special purpose company which has been established for the sole purpose of issuing any Backing Note pursuant to the Backing Issuer Programme and entering into agreements relating to the Backing Note and the Underlying Allowances. The fair value of the Backing Note is disclosed in Note 11 to the financial statements. Payments to Spark Change Jersey Issuer Limited, for the provision of the services to the Company, are paid for by Arranger in return for the “all in one” operational fee described in Note 7 to the financial statements.

The Directors are of the view that there are no other related party transactions requiring disclosures. The Directors received no remunerationfrom the Company in the financial year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

20 Financial risk management

Introduction and overview

The Company has been established as a SPV for the purpose of issuing asset-backed securities, including Metal Securities backed by the underlying metal, and other asset-backed exchange traded securities (including Carbon Securities), and entering into agreements relating to the Metal Securities, and Carbon Securities, and the underlying assets thereof. The aggregate number of Metal Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, being the Programme maximum number of Metal Securities and the aggregate number of Carbon Securities issued under the Programme will not at any time exceed 10,000,000,000, being the Programme maximum number of Carbon Securities.

The Company was set up as a segregated multi issuance SPV which ensures that if one Series defaults, the holders of that Series do not have the ability to reach other assets of the Company, resulting in the Company’s bankruptcy and the default of the other Series of Notes. The segregation criteria include the following:

- The Company is a bankruptcy remote SPV, organised in Ireland;
- The Company issues separate Series of debt obligations;
- Assets relating to any particular Series of Notes issued are held separate and apart from the assets relating to any other Series;
- For each Series of Notes issued, only the trustee is entitled to exercise remedies on behalf of the Securityholders; and
- Each Series of Notes issued is reviewed by a rating agency prior to issuance regardless of whether it is to be rated or not.

20 Financial risk management (continued)

Risk management framework

The Company is not engaged in any other activities.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company’s risk management framework.

The Company’s risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Company, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Company’s activities.

The risk profile of the Company is such that market, credit, liquidity and other risks of the financial assets are borne fully by the Securityholders.

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

(a) Operational risk;
(b) Credit risk;
(c) Market risk; and
(d) Liquidity 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 risk and the Company’s management of capital.

(a) 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, personnel and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour.

Operational risk arises from all of the Company's operations. The Company was incorporated with the purpose of engaging in those activities outlined in the preceding paragraphs. All management and administration functions were outsourced to Apex Corporate Services (Ireland) Limited.

(b) Credit risk

Credit/Counterparty risk refers to the risk that the Custodian will default on its contractual obligations resulting in the Company being unable to make payment of amounts due to the Securityholders. Accordingly, the Company and the Securityholders are exposed to the creditworthiness of the Custodian/ Backing Issuer.

Physical Metal Securities Programme

In the event of an insolvency of the Custodian, the allocated Metal held by the Custodian in the relevant Secured Allocated Account for the benefit of the Company should be protected as such Metal should be identified separately from the assets of the Custodian and its other clients. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain delivery of and/or realise the Metal (whether in full or in part) held in the Secured Allocated Account(s) with the Custodian on a timely basis. In addition, the Company could incur expenses in connection with having to assert its claims against the relevant Metal, even where it can ascertain that it has title to such Metal. Securityholders will be at risk if the Custodian does not, in practice, maintain such a segregation.

Further, the Company’s limited rights in this regard mean that there is a risk that the Company would have limited recourse to the Custodian in circumstances where the Metal is lost or stolen in custody and/or the records of the Custodian are inconsistent, which could result in the Company not being able to satisfy its obligations in respect of the Metal Securities resulting in a loss to Securityholders.

Accordingly, if any Metal attributable to any Metal Securities is lost, damaged, stolen or destroyed under circumstances rendering a party liable to the Company and/or the Trustee and/or the Security Trustee, the Custodian’s insurance coverage may not be sufficient to satisfy the claim and the Company may not be able to satisfy its obligations in respect of the Metal Securities resulting in a loss to Securityholders.

HSBC has been engaged as sub-custodian. At 31 March 2025, HSBC has a credit rating of A- (S&P) (2024: A+ (S&P)).

As at 31 March 2025, the Custodian, The Royal Mint Limited, is not rated (2024: not rated).

20 Financial risk management (continued)
(b) Credit risk (continued)

Physical Carbon Securities Programme

The Programme and the Backing Issuer Programme are designed to ensure that credit risks posed by the Backing Issuer are minimised. The key aspect of this is to ensure that the only permitted activity of the Backing Issuer under the Backing note Terms and Conditions is to (a) issue the Backing note, (b) hold property securing the Backing note (including the Underlying Allowances and activities incidental to them), (c) ensure that the Company is the only holder of Backing note, and (d) to ensure that the Carbon Entitlement of the Backing note always matches the Carbon Entitlement of all Carbon Securities then outstanding.

The Backing Issuer is a special purpose company but it is not a segregated cell company under which the company is divided into separate cells which each have separate assets and liabilities. Accordingly, the Backing Issuer uses contractual limited recourse clauses and non-petition limitations to prevent assets held in relation to any particular class of Backing note being made available to satisfy the claims of holders of a different class of Backing note. However, it is possible there may be situations where the Backing Issuer might become subject to claims which are not themselves subject to limited recourse. If this were to happen it could increase the likelihood of the Backing Issuer entering insolvency proceedings potentially leading to the early redemption of the Backing note and in turn the Carbon Securities.

As at 31 March 2025, the Backing Issuer, Spark Change Jersey Issuer Limited, has not been assigned a credit rating and it is not intended that any Backing Note will be assigned credit ratings.

The maximum exposure to the credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Physical metals - Unhedged	Physical metals - Hedged	Backing note	Total
	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-25
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Investment in Precious metals	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	-	1,329,559,890
Investment in Backing note	-	-	143,587,041	143,587,041
	1,223,132,162	106,427,728	143,587,041	1,473,146,931

	Physical metals - Unhedged	Backing note	Total
	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-24
	USD	USD	USD
Investment in Precious metals	756,847,281	-	**756,847,281**
Investment in Backing note	-	148,681,806	**148,681,806**
	756,847,281	148,681,806	**905,529,087**

Cash and cash equivalents

As at 31 March 2025, the Company held cash and cash equivalents with European Depositary Bank SA. amounting to USD 156,665 (2024: USD 116,007) which represents its maximum credit exposure on these assets. The Company also has bank accounts with The Bank of New York Mellon amounting to USD 5,538 (2024: USD 5,030). At 31 March 2025, the Bank of New York Mellon London Branch has a credit rating of AA- (2024: AA)

Other receivables

Other receivables mainly include unpaid share capital and corporate benefit receivable as at the financial year end. The Board considers the probability of default to be close to zero, resulting in minimal credit risk exposure.

Financial assets

There were no events of default during the financial year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices of the Physical metals/ Backing note will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The Securityholders are exposed to the market risk of the assets portfolio. Market risk embodies the potential for both gains and losses and price risk.

(i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the ETC Securities will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Changes in interest rates may have a positive or negative impact on the price, demand, production costs, direct investment costs of Physical metals/ Backing note and the returns from investments in Physical metals/ Backing note are therefore influenced by and may be correlated to these factors. The Company has deemed the effect of these valuation fluctuations insignificant. As a result, the Company is not subject to significant interest rate risk.

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Currency risk is the risk which arises due to the assets and liabilities of the Company held in foreign currencies, which will be affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.

The Company issued Carbon Securities in EUR and invested in Backing note denominated in EUR. The Company also issued Metal Securities in GBP / CHF / EUR and invested in physical metals denominated in the same currency. The Company mitigates its exposure to currency mainly by matching the foreign currency assets with foreign currency liabilities. The Company is exposed to movement in exchange rates between the USD, its functional currency, and other foreign currency, namely EUR.

The Company's net exposure to currency risk as at 31 March 2025 is shown in the following table:

	31-Mar-25 CHF USD	31-Mar-25 GBP USD	31-Mar-25 EUR USD	31-Mar-25 Total USD
Investment in Backing note	-	-	143,587,041	143,587,041
Investment in hedged series	37,324,413	8,911,764	60,191,551	106,427,728
Derivative financial instruments	152,623	44,115	190,613	387,351
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	162,203	162,203
Unpaid share capital receivable	-	-	22,469	22,469
Corporate benefit receivable	-	-	5,826	5,826
Total assets	37,477,036	8,955,879	204,159,703	250,592,618
Carbon ETC Securities	-	-	143,449,189	143,449,189
Hedged Securities	37,057,209	8,982,579	60,362,694	106,402,482
Derivative financial instruments	216,030	63,191	162,631	441,852
Loan payable	-	-	(82,009)	(82,009)
Other payables	-	-	155,359	155,359
Total liabilities	37,273,239	9,045,770	204,047,864	250,366,873
Net exposure	203,797	(89,891)	111,839	225,745

	31-Mar-24 EUR USD	31-Mar-24 Total USD
Investment in Backing note	148,681,806	148,681,806
Cash and cash equivalents	121,037	121,037
Unpaid share capital receivable	22,469	22,469
Corporate benefit receivable	4,745	4,745
Total assets	148,830,057	148,830,057
Carbon ETC Securities	148,571,856	148,571,856
Other payables	114,193	114,193
Total liabilities	148,686,049	148,686,049
Net exposure	144,008	144,008

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

(ii) Currency risk (continued)

	31-Mar-25	**31-Mar-24**
EUR : USD	1.0805	1.0811
GBP : USD	1.2934	NA
CHF : USD	1.1338	NA

Sensitivity analysis

The impact of any change in exchange rates is borne by the Securityholders.

At 31 March 2025, had the USD strengthened against EUR by 1% with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the Carbon Securities designated at fair value through profit or loss would have decreased by USD 1,434,492 (2024: USD 1,485,719). A 1% weakening of the EUR against the USD would have an equal but opposite effect on the fair value of the Securities issued.

At 31 March 2025, had the USD strengthened against EUR by 1% with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the Metal Securities designated at fair value through profit or loss would have decreased by USD 603,627 (2024:USD Nil). A 1% weakening of the EUR against the USD would have an equal but opposite effect on the fair value of the Securities issued.

At 31 March 2025, had the USD strengthened against GBP by 1% with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss would have decreased by USD 89,826 (2024:USD Nil). A 1% weakening of the GBP against the USD would have an equal but opposite effect on the fair value of the Securities issued.

At 31 March 2025, had the USD strengthened against CHF by 1% with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss would have decreased by USD 370,572 (2024:USD Nil). A 1% weakening of the CHF against the USD would have an equal but opposite effect on the fair value of the Securities issued.

This analysis is based on foreign currency exchange rate variances that the Company considered to be reasonably possible at the reporting date. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates which is zero coupon, remain constant.

The impact of any change in the exchange rates on the financial assets relating to any Series is offset by the foreign exchange rate changes on the Securities issued under the Series and will be borne by the Securityholders.

(iii) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value of Physical metals or Metal Securities or Carbon securities at fair value will fluctuate because of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the metals, the individual Metal Securities or its issuer, or factors affecting similar assets or Metal Securities traded in the market. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the Company and market prices of its investments.

Physical Metal Securities Programme

Securityholders are exposed to market risk arising from market price of the Metal Securities and Physical metals arising from its holding of precious metals. The movements in the prices of these holdings result in movements in the performance of the Metal Securities. The value of Metal Securities will be affected by movements in the market price of the metal to which a particular Series is linked.

The market price of each Series of ETC Securities will be affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

(i) the value and volatility of the Physical metals referenced by the relevant Series of ETC Securities;
(ii) the value and volatility of metals in general;
(iii) market perception, interest rates, yields and foreign exchange rates;
(iv) the creditworthiness of, among others, the Custodian, any applicable Sub-Custodian, the Administrator, the Registrar, and the Authorised Participants; and
(v) liquidity in the ETC Securities on the secondary market.

The Company does not consider market risk to be a significant risk to the Company as any fluctuation in the value of the Physical metals will ultimately be borne by the Securityholders of the relevant Series.

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

(iii) Price risk (continued)

Therefore, assuming all other variables remain constant any increase/(decrease) in the market price of the Physical metals would have an equal increase/(decrease) on the value of the Metal Securities issued in the relevant Series. As at 31 March 2025, a hypothetical 1% increase in the market price of the Physical metals would have an increase of USD 13,279,806 (2024: USD 7,554,746) on the value of the Metal Securities issued. A hypothetical 1% decrease in the market price of the Physical metals would have an equal but opposite impact on the value of the ETC Securities issued in the relevant Series. The Series offer investors instant, easily-accessible and flexible exposure to the movement in spot prices of the relevant Physical metal. Each Series' performance is correlated to the performance of the Physical metal invested into. The correlation of the Series' performance against this is a metric monitored by the Board of Directors.

Physical Carbon Securities Programme

The Carbon Securities are linked (through the Backing Note) to emissions Allowances. The value of a Class of Carbon Securities will be affected by movements in the price of the underlying type of Allowance. The value of Carbon Securities will be affected by movements in the market price of the Allowances to which a particular Series is linked.

The price of Allowances which back the Carbon Securities may fluctuate widely and is affected by numerous factors, including, but not limited to:

(i) global or regional political, economic, environmental or financial events and situations (including pandemics);
(ii) the activities and emissions of energy-intensive sectors such as those that are subject to the respective compliance schemes (including manufacturing facilities, oil refineries, power stations and, aviation);
(iii) the rate of progress in the innovation, introduction and expansion of technologies and techniques in the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases;
(iv) governmental goals or policies with respect to climate change and the imposition of environmental plans or climate goals such as achieving carbon neutrality: and
(v) the cost and implications of non-compliance with the relevant compliance schemes (including both monetary and non-monetary penalties on operators subject to such compliance scheme for failure to surrender sufficient Allowances).

The Company does not consider market risk to be a significant risk to the Company as any fluctuation in the value of the Allowances will affect the value of the Backing note which in turn will ultimately be borne by the Securityholders of the relevant Series.

Therefore, assuming all other variables remain constant any increase/(decrease) in the market price of the Backing note would have an equal increase/(decrease) on the value of the Carbon Securities issued in the relevant Series. As at 31 March 2025, a hypothetical 1% increase in the market price of the Backing note would have an increase of USD 1,434,492 (2024: USD 1,485,719) on the value of the Carbon Securities issued. A hypothetical 1% decrease in the market price of the Backing note would have an equal but opposite impact on the value of the ETC Securities issued in the relevant Series. The Series offer investors instant, easily-accessible and flexible exposure to the movement in spot prices of the relevant Backing note. Each Series' performance is correlated to the performance of the Backing note invested into, and in turn related to the value of the underlying Allowances. The correlation of the Series' performance against this is a metric monitored by the Board of Directors.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset and thus, the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

Liquidity risk in a limited recourse vehicle is managed, where possible, by having the same maturity profile of financial liabilities and related financial assets.

The Company's obligation to the Securityholders is limited to the net proceeds upon realisation of the asset of the Series and should the net proceeds be insufficient to make all payments due in respect of a particular Series of Securities, the other assets of the Company are not contractually required to be made available to meet payment and the deficit is instead borne by the Securityholders according to the priority of payments mentioned in the agreements.

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

The Company does not have a significant exposure to liquidity risk due to the buy-back of Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities being settled in transfer of Physical metal/ underlying Allowances except in certain limited circumstances. The subscriptions and redemptions of the Physical metals/ underlying Allowances that backs such Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities (through the Backing note) are primarily non-cash transactions of the Company as they are carried out in-specie, excluding the disposal of the Physical metals/ Backing note in relation to the payment of the total expense ratio. Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities can be issued and redeemed daily, therefore this is the earliest maturity date for the purpose of the maturity analysis.

The ability of the Company to generate enough arranger fees for the Arranger to fund the Company's operational expenses on a long term basis is impacted by the value of the Company's investment in Physical metals/ Backing note which is in turn principally impacted by investor appetite for the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities and movements in the market value of the Physical metals/ Backing note.

Contractual undiscounted cashflows

At any time, the price at which Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities trade on any stock exchange may not reflect accurately the value of the Physical metal/ underlying Allowances that backs such Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities. Therefore, the subscription and redemption procedures for Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities are intended to minimise this potential difference. However, the market price of Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities will be a function of supply and demand amongst investors wishing to buy and sell Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities.

Investors are dependent on there being Authorised Participants making a market in Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities to minimise the difference between the secondary market price and the value of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities, and to provide investors with liquidity. There can be no assurance as to the depth of the secondary market (if any) in Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities, which could affect their liquidity and market price.

An Authorised Participant is under no obligation to make a market in Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities and it is impossible toguarantee that one or more Authorised Participants would purchase Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities on a given day and/or ata particular price, which may result in a lack of liquidity at any given time. If there is limited liquidity, the price at which a Securityholder may be able to sell its Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities at any time may be substantially less than the price paid by that Securityholder for the same Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities.

The financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are carried at fair value through profit or loss. The ultimate amount repaid to the Securityholders will depend on the proceeds from the Physical metals/ Backing note.

The following are the earliest contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31 March 2025:

	Carrying amount	Gross contractual cash flows	Less than one year	One to five years	More than five years
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	1,471,429,824	1,471,429,824	1,471,429,824	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	441,852	441,852	441,852		
Loan payable	993,236	993,236	993,236	-	-
Other payables	824,729	824,729	824,729	-	-
	1,473,689,641	1,473,689,641	1,473,689,641	-	-

The following are the earliest contractual maturities of financial liabilities as at 31 March 2024:

	Carrying amount	Gross contractual cash flows	Less than one year	One to five years	More than five years
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	904,046,442	904,046,442	904,046,442	-	-
Loan payable	529,847	529,847	529,847	-	-
Other payables	1,066,991	1,066,991	1,066,991	-	-
	905,643,280	905,643,280	905,643,280	-	-

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair values

The fair value of a financial asset and liability is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The carrying amounts of all the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities at the reporting date approximated their fair values.

The Company's financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value are analysed below by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted market price in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs. This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

At the reporting date, the carrying amounts of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss issued by the Company, for which fair values were determined directly, in full or in part and determined using valuation techniques are as follows:

	Fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2025			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Investment in Precious metals	1,329,559,890	-	-	1,329,559,890
Investment in Backing note	-	143,587,041	-	143,587,041
Derivative financial instruments - Assets	-	387,351	-	387,351
Derivative financial instruments - Liabilities	-	(441,852)	-	(441,852)
Loan payable	(993,236)	-	-	(993,236)
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	(1,471,429,824)	-	(1,471,429,824)
	1,328,566,654	(1,327,897,284)	-	669,370

	Fair value hierarchy as at 31 March 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	USD	USD	USD	USD
Investment in Precious metals	756,847,281	-	-	756,847,281
Investment in Backing note	-	148,681,806	-	148,681,806
Loan payable	(529,847)	-	-	(529,847)
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	(904,046,442)	-	(904,046,442)
	756,317,434	(755,364,636)	-	952,798

No transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 have taken place during the financial year (2024: USD nil).

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. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgement e.g. interest rates, volatility, credit spreads, probability of defaults, estimates cashflows etc and therefore, cannot be determined with precision.

The valuation inputs for the physical metals and the loan payable are based on quoted market prices in active markets (as published by the London Bullion Market Association ("LBMA")) and therefore, the Physical metals are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

20 Financial risk management (continued)

(e) Fair values (continued)

The valuation inputs for the Backing note (underlying Allowances backing the Carbon Securities) are based on market prices as calculated by the administrator to the Backing note which in turn is calculated using observable inputs and therefore, the Backing note is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities issued by the Company are classified within level 2. The fair value of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities issued is determined by reference to the exchange quoted value of the underlying Physical metal/ Backing note and adjusted for the Total Expense Ratio payable to the Arranger. This valuation technique represents the price of the Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities at which Authorised Participants subscribe and request buy-backs of Metal Securities/ Carbon Securities directly with the Company. There are no significant unobservable inputs to this valuation technique.

The valuation inputs for the Certificates and Gold forward contracts are based on the observable prices of physical metals. In the case of Gold forward contracts, fair value is determined using a mark-to-market valuation technique. This technique incorporates the spot price of gold as published by the LBMA, forward interest rate differentials, notional amount, and remaining term to maturity. Observable forward gold prices and interest rate curves are sourced from Bloomberg and other market data providers. As these valuation inputs are observable, the Gold forward contracts are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

21 Capital management

The Company view the Called up share capital as its capital. The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to maintain shareholder value. The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments in light of changes in economic conditions. Share capital of EUR 25,000 was issued in line with Irish 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.

22 Significant events

In October 2024, the Company issued the following classes of Metal Securities under Series 3, which are FX Hedged Gold Securities namely:

- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold EUR Hedged ETC Securities;
- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold GBP Hedged ETC Securities; and
- The Royal Mint Responsibly Sourced Physical Gold CHF Hedged ETC Securities.

There are no other changes to the board and service providers during the year except for those as disclosed above.

23 Subsequent events

There are no significant events after financial year end up to the date of signing this report that require disclosure and/or adjustment to the financial statement.

24 Commitments and Contingencies

The Company had no commitments or contingencies as at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

25 Approval of financial statements

The Board of Directors approved these financial statements on 25 July 2025.