

BlackRock World Mining Trust plc

July 2015 Factsheet

Performance (as at 31.07.2015)

Sterling:	1 M %	3 M %	1 Y %	3 Y %	5 Y %
Net Asset Value	-13.2	-23.9	-44.8	-51.4	-53.1
Share Price	-14.5	-21.9	-47.3	-49.3	-48.5
Euromoney Global Mining Index (Total return)	-13.1	-25.3	-37.2	-42.3	-49.2

Sources: BlackRock, Euromoney Global Mining Index and Datastream

Annual Performance to the Last Quarter End

	30/06/14	30/06/13	30/06/12	30/06/11	30/06/10
	30/06/15	30/06/14	30/06/13	30/06/12	30/06/11
NAV Performance	-32.2%	6.9%	-24.6%	-27.5%	46.5%
Share Price Performance	-33.9%	13.2%	-21.9%	-23.5%	38.8%

Performance statistics sources: BlackRock and Datastream. Performance figures are calculated on a mid market basis in sterling terms with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date.

- Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.
- The latest performance data can be found on the BlackRock website at: blackrock.co.uk/brwm.

The performance of the Company's portfolio, or Net Asset Value ('NAV') performance, is not the same as share price performance and shareholders may not realise returns which are the same as NAV performance.

NAV ('Net Asset Value')

A company's undiluted NAV is its available shareholders' funds divided by the number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares), before making any adjustment for any potentially dilutive securities which the Company may have in issue, such as subscription shares, convertible bonds or treasury shares. A diluted NAV is calculated on the assumption that holders of any convertibles have converted, subscription shares have been exercised and treasury shares are re-issued at the mid-market price, to the extent that the NAV per share is higher than the price of each of these shares or securities and that they are 'in the money'. The aim is to ensure that shareholders have a full understanding of the potential impact on the Company's NAV if these instruments had been exercised on a particular date.

Company Objective

To provide a diversified investment in mining and metal assets worldwide, actively managed with the objective of maximising total returns. While the policy is to invest principally in quoted securities, the Company's investment policy includes investing in royalties derived from the production of metals and minerals, as well as physical metals. Up to 10% of gross assets may be held in physical metals and up to 20% may be invested in unquoted investments

Key Risk Factors

All financial investments involve an element of risk. Therefore, the value of your investment and the income from it will vary and your initial investment amount cannot be guaranteed.

The Company can invest in economies and markets which may be less developed and this carries a greater risk of volatility and more uncertainty around how these markets operate, compared to more established economies.

BlackRock World Mining Trust plc invests in mining shares which typically experience above average volatility when compared to other investments. Trends which occur within the general equity market may not be mirrored within mining securities.

Overseas investments will be affected by currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company may from time to time utilise gearing (see overleaf).

NMPI Status

The Company currently conducts its affairs so that its securities can be recommended by IFAs to ordinary retail investors in accordance with the FCA's rules in relation to non-mainstream investment products and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The securities are excluded from the FCA's restrictions which apply to non-mainstream investment products because they are shares in an investment trust.

Comments from the Fund Managers

Performance

- It was a trying month for the mining sector as mined commodity prices trended lower across the board. The iron ore price fared the worst, down -10.8%, but base and precious metal prices were also weak with copper, aluminium, nickel and gold falling -9.3%, -7.9%, -4.2% and -6.4% respectively. The market had been looking for a pick-up in commodity demand in H2 2015 – this expectation has now been pushed out to 2016.
- Economic data from China continued to undershoot expectations, weighing on the outlook for commodity demand. Data reports included China's flash PMI remaining stubbornly below 50, auto sales recording year-on-year declines and falling domestic steel demand driving the Chinese steel rebar price down to its lowest level since 2003. Positively, property prices in China's tier 1 and 2 cities showed signs of stabilisation; however, this was not significant enough to allay the market's concerns that stimulus measures were not providing the desired level of support to the Chinese economy. In addition, volatility continued to persist in Chinese equity markets, with the Shanghai Composite Index declining 14.5% over the month. As investors are unable to short China-listed equities, short sellers turned their attention to mining shares as they sought a proxy for China.
- In company news, Anglo American reported its interim results during the month. The company announced further cuts to capital expenditure and maintained its interim dividend of \$0.32. The market now looks ahead to the results announcements from the other major diversified miners for further guidance on dividend sustainability and the supply outlook within the mining sector.
- The Company's overweight position in copper-focused mining company, First Quantum, was the largest detractor over the month. The company announced weaker-than expected results and was negatively impacted by new electricity restrictions at its Zambian operations, as well as substantial confusion amongst investors post the company's release of technical reports without explanatory commentary alongside them.
- In our view some of the selling within the mining sector seen during the month was indiscriminate, so we took the opportunity to add to our favoured names that we believed had been oversold.
- Within the Company's unquoted investments, following recent gold price weakness and in line with the fall in the price of Banro's senior secured notes, the Board in conjunction with a recommendation from the BlackRock Pricing Committee, has increased the discount applied against the valuation of the gold-linked preference shares from 15% to 30%. This has resulted in a 47bps reduction to the NAV of the Company from 14 August 2015.
- All data points in USD terms.

Strategy/Outlook

- Good company strategy has been outweighed by weakening commodity demand and falling commodity prices in the past year. Looking ahead, the outlook for commodity prices remains subdued, given expectations of further US dollar strength and a modest demand outlook. This pressure will continue to force tough decisions and mining companies are likely to remain in austerity mode. Recent commodity price falls suggest further cuts to analyst earnings will be required. As the year progresses, we would expect an acceleration of closures of high-cost capacity in oversupplied markets. This bodes well for the longer term and limits the industry's ability to respond to the next upturn in demand which will ultimately see prices go higher.
- While the sector continues to face headwinds, it is important to remember that we are another year further into the underinvestment phase and closer to the deficit markets that we foresee. We expect an inflection point to be reached once price (and consequently return) expectations start to recover as a result of the supply curtailment, which should accelerate with the current commodity price weakness.

Sources: BlackRock, Euromoney Global Mining Index and Datastream

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Fund Information (as at 31.07.2015)

Net Asset Value (including income)*	273.18p
Net Asset Value (capital only)	262.83p
*includes net revenue of	10.35p
Share Price	246.75p
Net Gearing	16.2%
Net Yield**	8.5%
Discount to NAV including income	9.7%
Total Assets	£558.3m
Issued capital – Ordinary Shares^	177,287,242
^ excludes shares in treasury	15,724,600

** Based on an interim dividend of 7.00p for the year ending 31 December 2015 and a final dividend of 14.00p in respect of the year ended 31 December 2014.

The Company's ongoing charges, calculated as a percentage of average net assets (for the year ended 31 December 2014) and using expenses, excluding finance costs were: 1.4%

Gearing

- Investment companies can borrow to purchase additional investments. This is called 'gearing'. It allows investment companies to take advantage of a long-term view on a sector or to take advantage of a favourable situation or a particularly attractive stock without having to sell existing investments.
- Gearing works by magnifying the company's performance. If a company 'gears up' and then markets rise and the returns on the investments outstrip the costs of borrowing, the overall returns to investors will be even greater. But if markets fall and the performance of the assets in the portfolio is poor, then losses suffered by the investor will also be magnified.

Ten Largest Investments (as at 31.07.2015)

Company	% of Total Assets
BHP Billiton	14.4
Rio Tinto	11.1
First Quantum Minerals	7.7
Glencore	5.6
Lundin Mining	4.9
Norilsk Nickel	4.4
Cerro Verde	3.8
Fresnillo	3.2
Iluka Resources	2.9
Hudbay Minerals	2.8

Country Analysis (as at 31.07.2015)

	% of Total Assets
Global	52.6
Latin America	15.4
Australasia	8.5
Other Africa	7.4
Canada	6.7
Emerging Europe	4.8
South Africa	2.6
China	2.2
Indonesia	0.6
Net current liabilities	(0.8)
TOTAL	100.0

Sector Analysis (as at 31.07.2015)

	% of Total Assets
Diversified	43.6
Base Metals	22.1
Gold	12.5
Silver & Diamonds	10.4
Industrial Minerals	4.8
Other	4.0
Energy Minerals	2.2
Aluminium	0.8
Zinc	0.4
Net current liabilities	(0.8)
TOTAL	100.0

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Financial Calendar

Year end:	31 December
Results announced:	August (half yearly) February/March (final)
AGM:	April/May
Dividends paid:	May (final) September (interim)

Key Company Details

Fund Characteristics:	
Alternative Investment Fund Manager (with effect from 2 July 2014):	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited
Fund Managers	Evy Hambro Olivia Markham
Launch Date	December 1993
Dealing Currencies	Sterling
AIC Sector	Sector Specialist: Commodities and Natural Resources
Benchmark	Euromoney Global Mining Index
Traded	London Stock Exchange
Savings plan and stocks and shares NISA:	Available via BlackRock. Please see the Investment Trust brochure and Key Features document for more information.

► BlackRock World Mining Trust plc will not invest more than 15% of its gross assets in other listed investment trusts.

► BlackRock World Mining Trust plc is traded on the London Stock Exchange and dealing may only be through a member of the Exchange.

Fund Codes

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