

BlackRock Gold and General Fund

Annual Short Report
to 30 June 2013

This Annual Short Report for the BlackRock Gold and General Fund covers the year to 30 June 2013, the first six months of which were commented on in the Interim Report to 31 December 2012.

Summary of Performance over the Period

The BlackRock Gold and General Fund declined 41.6%* over the twelve month period to 30 June 2013, outperforming its benchmark, the FTSE Gold Mines Index, which fell 46.3%. Over the same period, gold bullion depreciated by 21.3% (in Sterling terms). It is very disappointing to report such a fall in the value of the Fund over the period, even though our positioning resulted in the Fund's decline falling short of the sector's decline.

Most of the decline occurred over the last six months of the period, with the Fund falling by 43.3%* compared to 45.1% for the benchmark and 21.6% for the gold price (all in Sterling terms).

Fund Manager's Commentary

We have had a comparatively defensive positioning within the Fund for some time, focusing on companies with robust and growing free cash flow and lower than average all-in costs. We also reduced the number of holdings in the portfolio (from 85 at the beginning of the period to 70 at the end), lowering our exposure to some positions at the smaller end of the market cap spectrum.

Our positioning aided relative performance. The Fund's underweight to Barrick Gold was a notable contributor. The Fund's holding in Franco Nevada, a gold royalty company, was a relative outperformer.

On the negative side, the Fund's underweight position in Newmont Mining and Goldcorp, two large cap producers, has proved detrimental.

It has been an extremely volatile period for gold; but the factors behind its strength over recent years have not disappeared. Importantly, we are yet to see the full ramifications of quantitative easing, the most pertinent of which could be rising inflation. Over the short term, we may see further volatility around current levels. However, jewellery demand should (as it has recently) pick up at lower levels, given its price-sensitive nature.

July 2013

* Performance figures quoted are based on bid-to-bid dealing prices (the price at which units are sold) and are not the same as the net asset value reported in the financial statements which is at close of business. Performance is calculated net of fees and reported for the Fund's class A Accumulation Units.

Performance Record

Capital (Unit Prices)

	A Income Units		A Accumulation Units		D Income Units [‡]		D Accumulation Units [‡]		DI Income Units [§]		DI Accumulation Units [§]	
Calendar Year	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p	Highest Offer Price p	Lowest Bid Price p
2013*	1,307	665.3	1,377	701.1	1,273	682.6	1,341	719.6	1,325	721.8	1,325	721.0
2012	1,585	1,056	1,670	1,113	1,539	1,078	1,617	1,132	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	1,796	1,329	1,893	1,400	1,738	1,353	1,826	1,421	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	1,753	1,050	1,848	1,106	1,688	1,053	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	1,363	732.6	1,437	771.8	1,302	879.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	1,274	449.4	1,342	473.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* To 30 June. ‡ D Income class commenced August 2009. † D Accumulation class commenced June 2011.
§ DI Income and DI Accumulation classes commenced January 2013.

Income (Net Distributions/Net Accumulations)

Calendar Year	A Income Units Per Unit p	A Accumulation Units Per Unit p	D Income Units [‡] Per Unit p	D Accumulation Units [‡] Per Unit p	DI Income Units [§] Per Unit p	DI Accumulation Units [§] Per Unit p
2013*	0.0000	0.0000	3.9965	4.2206	7.0524	5.5121
2012	0.0000	0.0000	4.0063	4.2755	N/A	N/A
2011	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A	N/A
2010	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	0.0000	0.0000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* To 30 August. ‡ D Income class commenced August 2009. † D Accumulation class commenced June 2011.
§ DI Income and DI Accumulation classes commenced January 2013.

Unit Price Summary

	Unit Price as at 30 June 2013	Unit Price as at 30 June 2012
A Income Units	705.7p	1,164p
A Accumulation Units	743.6p	1,227p
D Income Units	720.1p	1,186p
D Accumulation Units	763.3p	1,250p
DI Income Units [§]	725.0p	N/A
DI Accumulation Units [§]	764.7p	N/A

§ DI Income and DI Accumulation classes commenced January 2013.

The Fund's class A Units returned a net shortfall after expenses and taxation for the year ended 30 June 2013. Accordingly, no distribution has been made (30 August 2012: Nil).

D Income

The final distribution payable on 30 August 2013 is 3.9965p net per income unit (30 August 2012: 4.0063p net per income unit).

D Accumulation

The final accumulation payable on 30 August 2013 is 4.2206p net per accumulation unit (30 August 2012: 4.2755p net per accumulation unit).

DI Income[§]

The final distribution payable on 30 August 2013 is 7.0524p net per income unit (30 August 2012: N/A).

DI Accumulation[§]

The final accumulation payable on 30 August 2013 is 5.5121p net per accumulation unit (30 August 2012: N/A).

§ DI Income and DI Accumulation classes commenced January 2013.

Summary of Investment Objective and Policy

To achieve long-term capital growth primarily through an actively managed portfolio of gold mining, commodity and precious-metal related shares.

Risk Profile

The Fund is exposed to movements in global stock markets and currency fluctuations which may cause the value of the Fund to fall or rise. In addition, the Fund invests in gold and other precious metal mining shares which can experience above average volatility compared to other investments.

Fund Facts	
Fund Manager	Evy Hambro
Establishment Date	16 March 1988
Benchmark	FTSE Gold Mines Index
Assets Under Management	£1,258,615,265
Income Allocation Date*	30 August
Accounting Dates*	30 June & 31 December

* Please note the following provisions take effect from 29 July 2013:
Income Allocation dates: 30 August 2013, and thereafter 30 April each year.
Annual Accounting date: 30 June 2013, and thereafter the last day of February each year.
Interim Accounting date: 31 August 2013, and thereafter 31 August each year.

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Past performance is not a guide to future performance and should not be the sole factor of consideration when selecting a product.

Ongoing Charges

The ongoing charges figures are based on expenses for the year ended 30 June 2013. These figures may vary from year to year.

Unit Class	30 June 2013	30 June 2012
A Income	1.94%	1.94%
A Accumulation	1.94%	1.94%
D Income	1.19%	1.19%
D Accumulation	1.19%	1.19%
DI Income§	1.07%	N/A
DI Accumulation§	1.07%	N/A

§ DI Income and DI Accumulation classes commenced January 2013. Ongoing charges figures are based on annualised expenses for the period ended 30 June 2013.

Portfolio Information

Risk and Reward Profile

	Lower risk Typically lower rewards				Higher risk Typically higher rewards			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
A Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
A Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
D Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
D Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
DI Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
DI Accumulation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

- ▶ The risk indicator was calculated incorporating simulated historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of each unit class.
- ▶ The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may change over time.
- ▶ The lowest category does not mean risk free.

For more information on this, please see the Fund's Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), which are available at www.blackrock.com.

Five Largest Investments at 30 June 2013

	% of Fund Value
Franco Nevada	7.58
Goldcorp	7.48
Randgold Resources ADR (each representing 1 ordinary share)	7.04
Fresnillo	5.89
Eldorado Gold	4.77

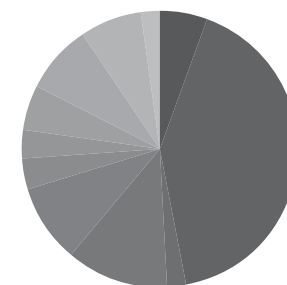
Five Largest Investments at 30 June 2012

	% of Fund Value
Newcrest Mining	7.08
Fresnillo	6.74
Goldcorp	6.32
Franco Nevada	5.02
Randgold Resources ADR (each representing 1 ordinary share)	4.80

Report and Accounts

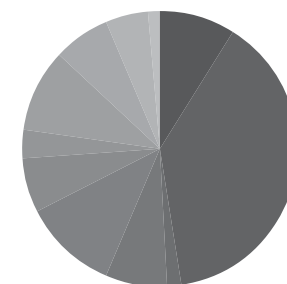
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Geographical Spread of Investments – 30 June 2013



Australia	5.71%
Canada	41.45%
Ireland	2.03%
Jersey	12.01%
Mexico	9.12%
Peru	3.61%
Russia	3.50%
South Africa	5.20%
United Kingdom	8.18%
United States	7.21%
Other	1.98%

Geographical Spread of Investments – 30 June 2012



Australia	8.98%
Canada	38.72%
Ireland	1.56%
Jersey	7.39%
Mexico	10.87%
Peru	6.55%
Russia	3.29%
South Africa	9.59%
United Kingdom	6.78%
United States	5.05%
Other	1.22%

Further Information

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* With effect from 23 July 2012, the Royal Bank of Scotland plc retired as Trustee and BNY Mellon Trust & Depositary (UK) Limited was appointed as the new Trustee of the Fund. This appointment has led to a reduction in Trustee fees for the Fund. Investors need take no action in relation to this change.

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