# DSP INVESTMENT MANAGERS

# **DSP World Gold Fund**



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# **DSP World Gold Fund – International Fund of Funds owning Gold miners**

### PRODUCT STRUCTURE

**Indian Investors** 





BlackRock Global Funds - World Gold Fund (BGF-WGF)

### WHERE DOES THE UNDERLYING FUND INVEST?

> 70% of its assets in the equity securities of companies whose predominant economic activity is gold-mining

# KEY DRIVERS -> GOLD PRICES are the key driver for Gold mining companies as they determine the margins





**REASONS TO ALLOCATE** 

Negative real rates are constructive for gold prices

Store of value during periods of crisis

Efficient way to play bullishness in gold

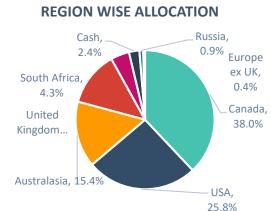
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# DSP World Gold Fund – Portfolio details







# **SECTOR WISE ALLOCATION (%)**

| Sector                | Fund  | Benchmark | Net    |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Gold                  | 86.4% | 98.6%     | -12.2% |
| Silver                | 8.4%  | 1.4%      | 7.0%   |
| Cash                  | 2.4%  | 0.0%      | 2.4%   |
| Platinum Group Metals | 1.4%  | 0.0%      | 1.4%   |
| Nickel                | 0.5%  | 0.0%      | 0.5%   |
| Diversified           | 0.4%  | 0.0%      | 0.4%   |
| Copper                | 0.4%  | 0.0%      | 0.4%   |

### **PERFORMANCE DATA**

| YEAR                                      | DSP World Gold Fund | FTSE Gold Mine | Alpha  |
|---|---------------------|----------------|--------|
| 2007                                      | 31.81%              | 12.06%         |        |
| 2008                                      | -19.4%              | -0.3%          | -19.1% |
| 2009                                      | 41.5%               | 24.7%          | 16.73% |
| 2010                                      | 29.0%               | 24.8%          | 4.2%   |
| 2011                                      | -2.6%               | 0.9%           | -3.5%  |
| 2012                                      | -5.8%               | -11.3%         | 5.45%  |
| 2013                                      | -41.5%              | -46.1%         | 4.58%  |
| 2014                                      | -3.0%               | -12.3%         | 9.24%  |
| 2015                                      | -18.5%              | -16.7%         | -1.8%  |
| 2016                                      | 52.7%               | 64.9%          | -12.3% |
| 2017                                      | -4.0%               | 3.5%           | -7.5%  |
| 2018                                      | -10.7%              | -1.8%          | -8.8%  |
| 2019                                      | 35.1%               | 45.8%          | -10.7% |
| YTD 2020                                  | 20.9%               | 23.5%          | -2.6%  |
| No of times positiv<br>No of times O/P be | 43%<br>43%          |                |        |

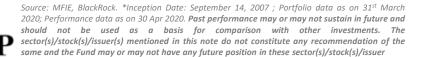
 Period
 DSP World Gold Fund
 FTSE Gold Mine

 1 year
 62.47%
 82.32%

 3 Years
 13.03%
 21.94%

 5 Years
 10.97%
 17.39%

 Since Inception\*
 4.58%
 5.00%





# What are the various routes to invest internationally

### LIBERALIZED REMITTANCE **INTERNATIONAL SCHEME (LRS) FUND OF FUNDS** Remit money into overseas bank **Indian Investors** A Indian mutual fund which account to make investments in (individuals & corporations invests into one or more stocks, bonds, funds, real estate overseas funds and /or ETFs etc. **INTERNATIONAL FUND OF FUNDS** Taxation equivalent to 5% TDS on remitted amount (Indian Mutual Fund) Marginal rate of taxation domestic debt funds Remittance via Authorized Bank. Investing into one or more underlying funds Same process as investing in globally based on mandate Account opening as per overseas domestic mutual funds account provider's KYC policies \* AUM Cap No investment limit at Investment limit = 250000 USD 7 bln\$ AUM limit at MF industry level & 300 mln\$ limit per AMC if investing in Active Funds per person per annum an investor level \* 1 bln\$ AUM limit at MF industry level & 50 mln\$ limit per AMC if investing in ETFs Source: SEBI

# International fund of funds offer a convenient option for investing overseas



**Outlook on Gold prices** 

**Apr 2020** 



# 2020 Outlook

We see strong arguments for allocating to gold and gold equities today for diversification

Currently a number of supportive factors for gold in BlackRock's view

The BGF World Gold Fund aims to provide a favourable risk-adjusted exposure to gold equities



Source: BlackRock, April 2020.

# **Current arguments for diversification using Gold**

# **EQUITY MARKETS ARE AT ALL-TIME HIGHS**



# **ECONOMIC GROWTH IS RELATIVELY UNCERTAIN**



# **GOLD'S TRACK-RECORD AS A DIVERSIFIER**

| No. of calendar years the MSCI World Index has fallen<br>more than -5% since 1970        | 10     |
|--|--------|
| Average return of the gold price over those 10 years                                     | +16.8% |
| % of those years that gold outperformed the MSCI<br>World Index                          | 90%    |
| Correlation between calendar year returns of the MSCI<br>World Index and gold since 1970 | -0.098 |



# The 'return' on other safe-haven assets

# **GOVERNMENT BOND YIELDS (%)**

|                  | 6 month | 1<br>year | 2<br>years | 3<br>years | 4<br>years | 5<br>years | 6<br>years | 7<br>years | 8<br>years | 9<br>years | 10<br>years | 15<br>years | 20<br>years | 30<br>years |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Switzerland      | -0.80   | -0.63     | -0.81      | -0.77      | -0.70      | -0.61      | -0.55      | -0.47      | -0.42      | -0.35      | -0.32       | -0.22       | -0.16       | -0.23       |
| Germany          | -0.68   | -0.70     | -0.66      | -0.65      | -0.59      | -0.53      | -0.51      | -0.49      | -0.45      | -0.40      | -0.35       | -0.31       | -0.19       | 0.02        |
| Netherlands      | -0.60   | 0.00      | -0.55      | -0.51      | -0.43      | -0.36      | -0.28      | -0.23      | -0.17      | -0.13      | -0.10       | -0.04       | 0.11        | 0.15        |
| Japan            | -0.34   | -0.23     | -0.22      | -0.19      | -0.14      | -0.10      | -0.13      | -0.11      | -0.06      | 0.01       | 0.05        | 0.28        | 0.32        | 0.44        |
| Austria          | 0.00    | -0.51     | -0.41      | -0.31      | -0.24      | -0.08      | 0.03       | 0.00       | 0.05       | 0.07       | 0.11        | 0.25        | 0.30        | 0.44        |
| France           | -0.52   | -0.50     | -0.48      | -0.37      | -0.29      | -0.18      | -0.05      | 0.02       | 0.05       | 0.12       | 0.16        | 0.40        | 0.59        | 0.82        |
| Belgium          | -0.58   | -0.56     | -0.47      | -0.34      | -0.22      | -0.10      | -0.04      | 0.06       | 0.06       | 0.15       | 0.21        | 0.41        | 0.65        | 0.00        |
| Slovakia         | 0.00    | 5.69      | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       | -0.06      | 0.25       | 0.00       | 0.24       | 0.26       | 0.26        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.83        |
| Ireland          | -0.36   | -0.40     | 0.00       | -0.23      | -0.07      | 0.05       | 0.11       | -0.31      | 0.00       | -0.19      | 0.29        | 0.57        | 0.64        | 0.91        |
| Slovenia         | 0.00    | -0.43     | -0.63      | -0.63      | 0.00       | 0.06       | 0.00       | 0.27       | 0.44       | 0.00       | 0.54        | 0.78        | 1.02        | 0.00        |
| Spain            | -0.34   | -0.29     | -0.17      | -0.17      | 0.06       | 0.31       | 0.50       | 0.65       | 0.71       | 0.78       | 0.85        | 1.16        | 1.30        | 1.56        |
| Portugal         | -0.23   | -0.22     | -0.02      | 0.14       | 0.26       | 0.55       | 0.65       | 0.75       | 0.91       | 0.97       | 1.01        | 1.26        | 1.41        | 1.74        |
| Malta            | -0.24   | -0.22     | 0.00       | -0.07      | 0.00       | 0.09       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.53        | 0.00        | 0.93        | 0.00        |
| Bulgaria         | 0.00    | -0.16     | 0.00       | -0.26      | 0.00       | -0.21      | 0.00       | 0.03       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.22        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 0.00        |
| Italy            | 0.33    | 0.38      | 0.49       | 0.54       | 0.79       | 0.95       | 1.14       | 1.22       | 1.34       | 1.49       | 1.58        | 1.92        | 2.11        | 2.44        |
| United<br>States | 0.11    | 0.21      | 0.36       | 0.40       | 0.00       | 0.48       | 0.00       | 0.72       | 0.00       | 0.00       | 0.83        | 0.00        | 0.00        | 1.40        |

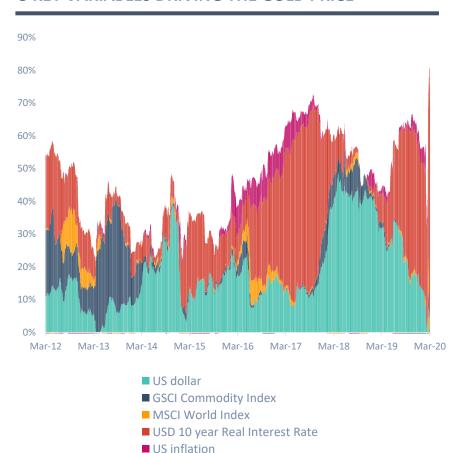
# **ASSETS IN NEGATIVELY YIELDING DEBT**





# What drives Gold prices?

# **5 KEY VARIABLES DRIVING THE GOLD PRICE**



# **GOLD PRICES**



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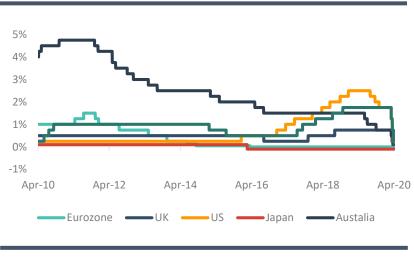


# **Real rates outlook**

# **REAL RATES VERSUS THE GOLD PRICE**



# **CENTRAL BANK INTEREST RATES**





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# **US Dollar outlook**

# US DOLLAR VERSUS THE GOLD PRICE



# WHAT IS LIKELY TO DRIVE THE US DOLLAR?

Market environment – risk-on or risk-off?

Monetary policy differentials

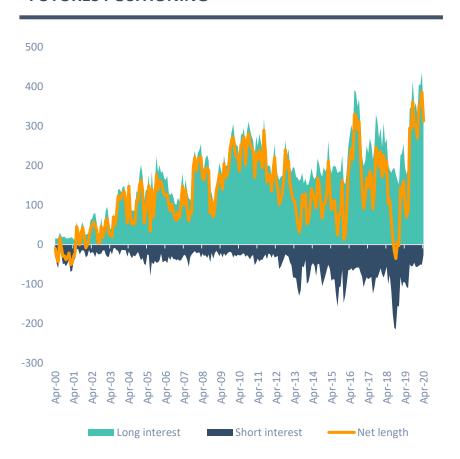
Reduced Brexit-related risks potentially supporting European currencies, including EUR and GBP

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# **Investor Positioning**

# **FUTURES POSITIONING**



# PHYSICALLY-BACKED GOLD ETF HOLDINGS



Source: Datastream and Bloomberg, 2 April (LHS) and 31 March (RHS), 2020.



# **Central Banks**

# CENTRAL BANKS DEMAND FOR GOLD (TONNES)



# **OFFICIAL GOLD RESERVES**

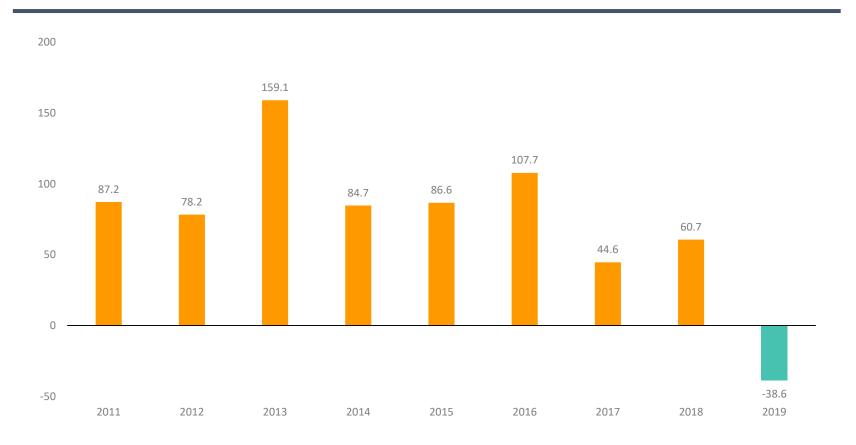
| COUNTRY                                 | TONNES | % OF<br>RESERVES | ADDITIONAL<br>DEMAND IF<br>GOLD @ 20%<br>OF RESERVES |  |  |  |
|---|--------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| US                                      | 8,133  | 77%              | -  |  |  |  |
| Germany                                 | 3,367  | 73%              | -  |  |  |  |
| Italy                                   | 2,452  | 68%              | -  |  |  |  |
| France                                  | 2,436  | 63%              | -  |  |  |  |
| Russia                                  | 2,242  | 20%              | -  |  |  |  |
| Spain                                   | 282    | 18%              | 31   |  |  |  |
| UK                                      | 310    | 9%               | 379  |  |  |  |
| Switzerland                             | 1,040  | 6%               | 2,427  |  |  |  |
| India                                   | 618    | 7%               | 1,148  |  |  |  |
| Japan                                   | 765    | 3%               | 4,335  |  |  |  |
| China                                   | 1,948  | 3%               | 11,039   |  |  |  |
| Brazil                                  | 67     | 1%               | 1,273  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL DEMAND (TONNES) 20,631 |        |                  |  |  |  |  |

Source: LHS – World Gold Council, Apil 2020. RHS – Credit Suisse, official gold holdings at of November 2019.



# **Mined Production**

# YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN MINED PRODUCTION OF GOLD (TONNES)



Source: World Gold Council and Polyus, December 2019.



**Gold mining companies** 

**Investment rationale** 

**Earnings model** 

**Valuations** 



# Why own gold equities?

# BETA OF GOLD EQUITIES TO THE GOLD PRICE OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS

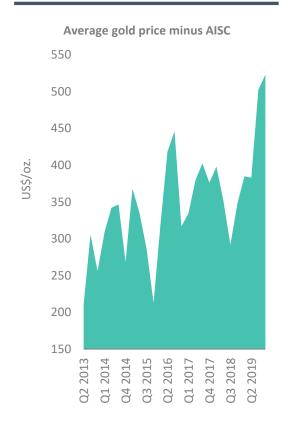


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# **Gold Mining Sector - Themes**

### **EARNINGS GROWTH**



### **FOCUS ON SHAREHOLDER RETURNS**

# Newmont ups dividend by 79%

Financial Times, 6th of January 2020

# Barrick hikes dividend on rising gold price

Financial Times, 6th of November 2019

# Newmont to repurchase up to \$1 billion of stock

Financial Times, 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2019

# **MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS**

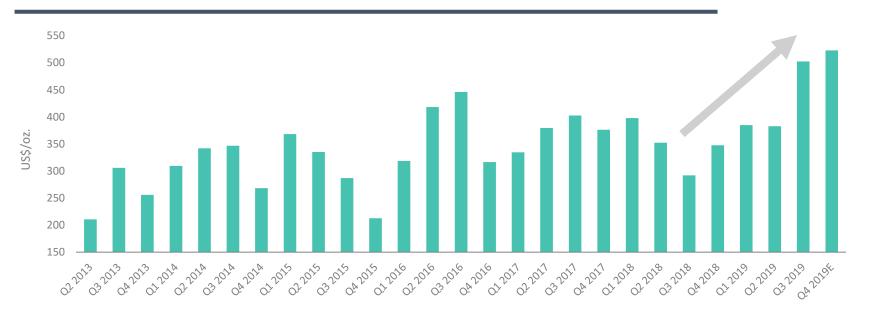
# **Increasing:**

- Market Capitalizations
- Liquidity
- Relevance for generalists

Source: Left - Datastream and World Gold Council, February 2020. Past performance may or may not sustain in future and should not be used as a basis for comparison with other investments.

# **Positive Earnings Momentum**

# MARGINS = AVERAGE GOLD PRICE MINUS AISC



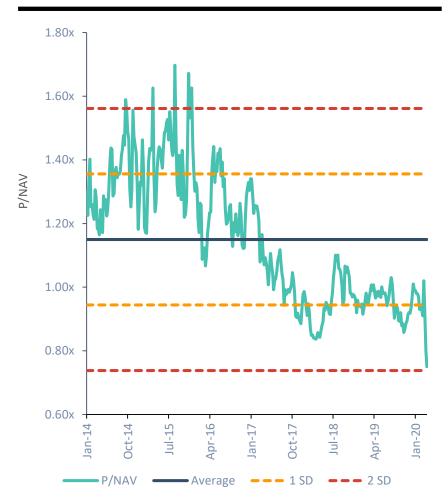
|                 | Q4<br>2015 | Q1<br>2016 | Q2<br>2016 | Q3<br>2016 | Q4<br>2016 | Q1<br>2017 | Q2<br>2017 | Q3<br>2017 | Q4<br>2017 | Q1<br>2018 | Q2<br>2018 | Q3<br>2018 | Q4<br>2018 | Q1<br>2019 | Q2<br>2019 | Q3<br>2019 | Q4<br>2019E |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| AVG. GOLD PRICE | 1,089      | 1,195      | 1,276      | 1,326      | 1,202      | 1,238      | 1,260      | 1,290      | 1,284      | 1,328      | 1,289      | 1,205      | 1,239      | 1,311      | 1,332      | 1,477      | 1,497       |
| AISC            | 876        | 876        | 858        | 880        | 885        | 904        | 880        | 887        | 908        | 930        | 937        | 914        | 891        | 926        | 949        | 974        | 974         |
| MARGINS         | 213        | 318        | 418        | 446        | 317        | 335        | 379        | 402        | 376        | 398        | 352        | 292        | 348        | 385        | 383        | 502        | 523         |

Source: Datastream and World Gold Council, February 2020. 2019 estimate for AISC based on AISC for the first three quarters of the year.



# **Valuation of Gold Companies**

# NORTH AMERICAN GOLD PRODUCERS – P / NAV



# NORTH AMERICAN GOLD PRODUCERS – EV / EBITDA





# **Details of Underlying Fund**

**BGF World Gold Fund – predominantly owns Gold Mining Companies** 

**Investment team** 

**Investment Process** 

**Portfolio characteristics** 

**Performance** 



# **BlackRock's Natural Resources Team**

# **MINING & GOLD**

Cailey BarkerHannah Johnson Tom Holl Olivia Markham Aidan McGuckin

# **NUTRITION**

Tom Hall David Huggins

# ENERGY

Alastair Bishop Mark Hume Charlie Lilford Lindsay Sinclair

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Simon McClure

# **PRODUCT STRATEGIST**

Alex Foster
Titania Hanrahan
Eszter Hauber
Courtney O'Shea
Rob Powell
Fred Wood

# **PORTFOLIO MGRS.**

Greg Bullock James Watson

BlackRock Offices worldwide
250+ equity analysts, 300+ fixed income analysts

BlackRock Solutions & Risk Management 1,800+ Professionals



# Importance of ESG analysis in Natural Resources investing

"For Natural Resources companies, having a'social licence to operate' mitigates risks and is a key pillar for generating long-term investment performance.

Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) analysis is systematically incorporated into our investment process together with more traditional metrics, sector and industry research."



NATURAL RESOURCES INVESTMENT PROCESS

INVESTMENT STEWARDSHIP

**DATA & TOOLS** 

Integrating sustainabilityrelated insights and data into the investment process Engaging companies on sustainably – related issues that impact long term performance MSCI ESG metrics incorporated into Aladdin to enable portfolio reporting and analytics



# ESG analysis is central to the BlackRock investment process

### WHAT DOES STRONG E.S.G. MEAN TO BLACKROCK?

# **HOW IS E.S.G. INCORPORATED INTO BLACKROCK'S INVESTMENT PROCESS?**



Companies behaving in the interest of shareholders, society and the environment



E.S.G. is as important as valuation and fundamentals when making portfolio decisions



For a gold company, E.S.G. is crucial as it relates to it maintaining its social license to operate



Analysts and portfolio managers comment on E.S.G. when completing research templates



We see a positive correlation between strong E.S.G. and better risk-adjusted returns



E.S.G. is discussed in detail in meetings with companies' management teams



Embedding E.S.G. considerations in the investment process can help avoid 'blow-up' incidents



Our site visits to companies' mines enrich our views on their E.S.G.



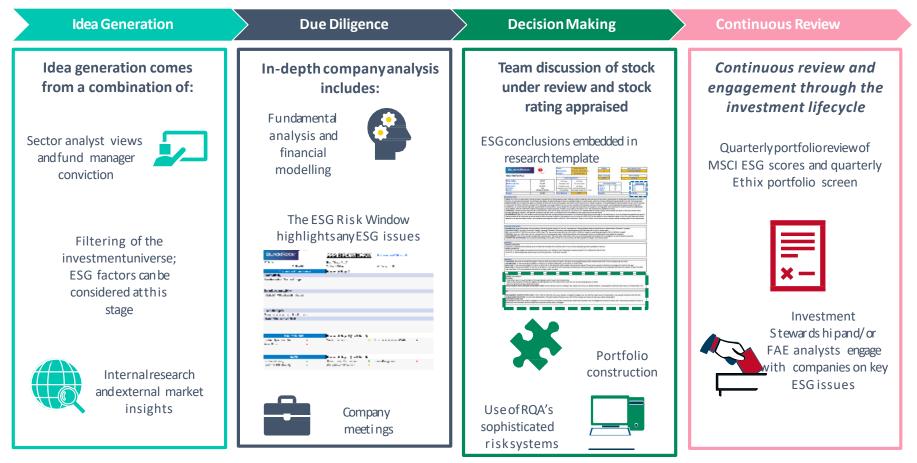
We collaborate with BlackRock's Investment Stewardship



We have access to external E.S.G. data and internal E.S.G tools e.g. BlackRock's E.S.G Risk Window



# Integrating ESG into the BlackRock's (FAE) Investment Process



FAE refers to "Fundamental Active Equity". RQA refers to the Risk & Quantitative Analysis team of BlackRock. Source: BlackRock, March 31, 2020. For illustrative purposes only. This information should not be relied upon as research, investment advice, or a recommendation regarding any products, strategies, or any security in particular. This is for illustrative and informational purposes and is subject to change. It has not been approved by any regulatory authority or securities regulator. The environmental, social and governance ("ESG") considerations may affect an investment team's decision to invest in certain companies or industries from time to time. Results may differ from portfolios that do not apply similar ESG considerations to their investment process.



# Recent research trips for the mining & gold segment



# **Comparing Options for investing in gold and gold equities**

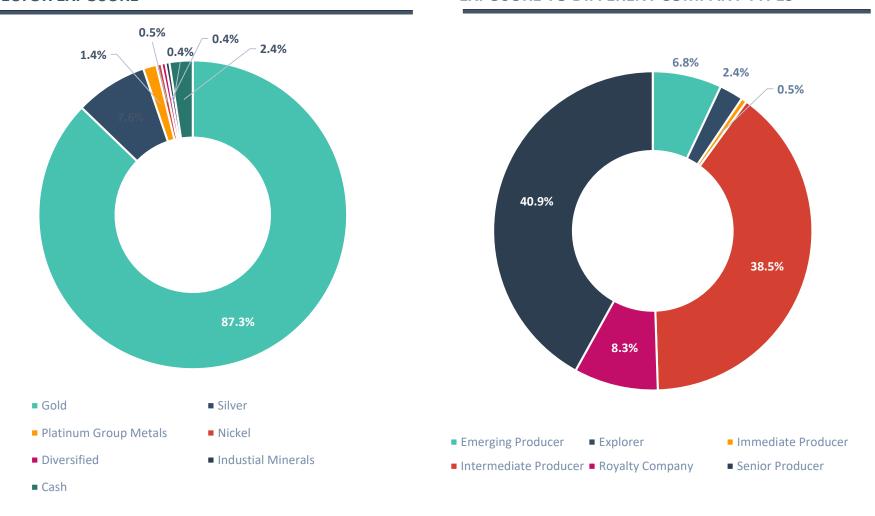
|   | Physical Gold ETF | Gold equity ETFs* | BGF World Gold Fund |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Typically offers beta > 1 to the gold price                                 | No                | Yes               | Yes                 |
| Opportunity to benefit from companies adding value e.g. exploration success | No                | Yes               | Yes                 |
| Ability to participate in IPOs and placements                               | No                | No                | Yes                 |
| E.S.G. incorporated into the investment process                             | N/A               | No                | Yes                 |
| Annualized volatility –<br>last 3 years                                     | 10.6%             | 23.7%             | 20.8%               |
| % in top 4 holdings as at end Dec-2019                                      | N/A               | 55.2%             | 33.3%               |



# Sector and company type exposure

# **SECTOR EXPOSURE**

# **EXPOSURE TO DIFFERENT COMPANY TYPES**



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# **Latest Top 10 holdings**

| STOCK                   | % OF THE<br>PORTFOLIO | COMMODITY | PRIMARYRISK<br>REGION | THEME                    | KEY RISK                          |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Barrick Gold            | 10.06%                | Gold      | Global                | Deleverage               | New Management Execution          |
| Newmont Mining          | 9.53%                 | Gold      | Global                | Free Cash Flow Generator | Operational execution             |
| Northern Star Resources | 4.94%                 | Gold      | Australia             | Growth                   | M&A                               |
| Wheaton Precious Metals | 4.43%                 | Gold      | Canada                | Growth                   | M&A                               |
| Agnico Eagle Mines      | 4.30%                 | Gold      | Canada                | Growth                   | Project execution                 |
| Polyus                  | 4.19%                 | Gold      | Global                | Growth                   | Political / Jurisdictional risk   |
| Anglogold Ashanti       | 4.02%                 | Gold      | Global                | Growth                   | Execution risk                    |
| Franco Nevada           | 3.91%                 | Gold      | Canada                | Growth                   | Lack of leverage in rising market |
| Alamos Gold             | 3.78%                 | Gold      | North America         | Growth                   | Development project ramp-up       |
| Newcrest Mining         | 3.74%                 | Gold      | Australia             | Growth                   | Asset concentration               |
| TOTAL                   | 52.90%                |           |                       |                          |                                   |

The specific companies identified and described above do not represent all of the companies purchased or sold, and no assumptions should be made that the companies identified and discussed were or will be profitable. Source: BlackRock, 31 March 2020. The sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer(s) mentioned in this note do not constitute any recommendation of the same and the Fund may or may not have any future position in these sector(s)/stock(s)/issuer



# **2019 Portfolio Activity**

# **LARGEST 5 OVERWEIGHT POSITIONS END DEC-2018**

| sтоск                   | % OF FUND | % OF<br>BENCHMARK | ACTIVE<br>WEIGHT |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Randgold Resources      | 8.9%      | 0.0%              | 8.9%             |
| Fresnillo               | 4.4%      | 0.0%              | 4.4%             |
| Franco Nevada           | 4.3%      | 0.0%              | 4.3%             |
| Wheaton Precious Metals | 3.6%      | 0.0%              | 3.6%             |
| Polyus                  | 2.6%      | 0.0%              | 2.6%             |

# **LARGEST 5 OVERWEIGHT POSITIONS END DEC-2019**

| sтоск                   | % OF FUND | % OF<br>BENCHMARK | ACTIVE<br>WEIGHT |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Wheaton Precious Metals | 4.9%      | 0.0%              | 4.9%             |
| Franco Nevada           | 4.7%      | 0.0%              | 4.7%             |
| Polyus                  | 3.2%      | 0.0%              | 3.2%             |
| Endeavour Mining        | 3.3%      | 0.8%              | 2.5%             |
| Alacer Gold             | 1.9%      | 0.0%              | 1.9%             |

# **LARGEST 5 UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS END DEC-2018**

| sтоск              | % OF FUND | % OF<br>BENCHMARK | ACTIVE<br>WEIGHT |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Barrick Gold       | 0.9%      | 18.8%             | -17.9%           |
| Newmont Mining     | 6.7%      | 14.8%             | -8.1%            |
| Kirkland Lake Gold | 0.0%      | 3.9%              | -3.9%            |
| Goldcorp           | 3.1%      | 6.8%              | -3.7%            |
| Anglogold Ashanti  | 1.7%      | 4.1%              | -2.4%            |

# **LARGEST 5 UNDERWEIGHT POSITIONS END DEC-2019**

| STOCK              | % OF FUND | % OF<br>BENCHMARK | ACTIVE<br>WEIGHT |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Newmont Goldcorp   | 9.8%      | 19.4%             | -9.6%            |
| Barrick Gold       | 9.8%      | 17.9%             | -8.1%            |
| Kirkland Lake Gold | 0.0%      | 4.5%              | -4.5%            |
| Gold Fields        | 0.0%      | 3.0%              | -3.0%            |
| Newcrest Mining    | 6.4%      | 8.9%              | -2.5%            |



# **2019 Portfolio Activity Continued...**

### LARGEST NEW PURCHASES

- 1. Evolution Mining
- 2. Polymetal International
- 3. Pan American Silver
- 4. Alacer Gold
- 5. Gold Road Resources

# LARGEST ADDITIONS

- 1. Newcrest Mining
- 2. Agnico Eagle
- 3. Physical Gold ETC
- 4. Kinross Gold
- 5. Northern Star

### LARGEST COMPLETE SELLS

- 1. Goldfields
- 2. Glencore
- 3. First Quantum
- 4. Anglo American
- 5. Eldorado

### **LARGEST REDUCTIONS**

- 1. Gold Fields
- 2. OceanaGold
- 3. Endeavour Mining
- 4. Umicore
- 5. Mag Silver



# **2019 Performance Review**

### PERFORMANCE REBASED TO 100



### **Drivers of absolute performance:**

The main tailwind for gold in 2019 was the reversal in US Fed interest rate policy and the related decline in real interest rates. Political uncertainty and deteriorating global economic growth expectations also supported 'safe-haven' demand. This outweighed the impact of the US dollar strengthening and global equity markets performing well, which would typically be headwinds. Meanwhile, gold equities exhibited a beta of around 2 to moves in the gold price.

### What contributed positively to relative performance?

Off-benchmark platinum group metals exposure - most notably our position in Impala Platinum, which rose over +300%. Platinum and palladium prices rose +22% and +52% respectively over the year on tighter supply and demand. Demand for both metals in catalytic converters was boosted by tightening emissions regulations globally. Demand for palladium also notably increased as consumers continued to shift from diesel to petrol cars.

# What detracted from relative performance?

Our quality bias and beta below one versus the benchmark weighed on relative returns in the rising market. Not holding some of the most indebted companies such as Yamana, Sibanye and Harmony detracted.

We also had two main stock-specific events:

### Off-benchmark position in Fresnillo

The company experienced operational issues which led to it missing production expectations. These issues weakened our conviction in the stock, which we reduced to a 1.2% position by the end of the year, having averaged a 3.0% position.

### Overweight position in OceanaGold

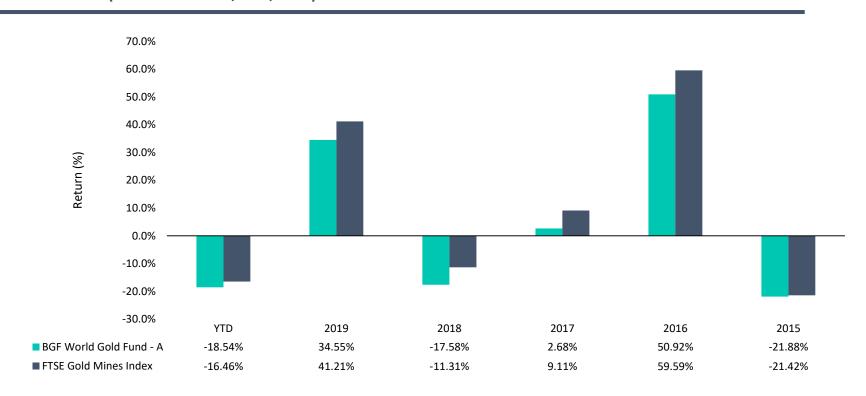
The stock underperformed owing to an unexpected dispute with the Philippines government over mining licenses. After reviewing the stock, we continued to see it as undervalued and by the end of the year, held a 2.1% position versus 0.7% in the benchmark.



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# **BGF World Gold Fund: Performance to 31 March 2020**

# PERFORMANCE (A SHARE CLASS, NET, USD)

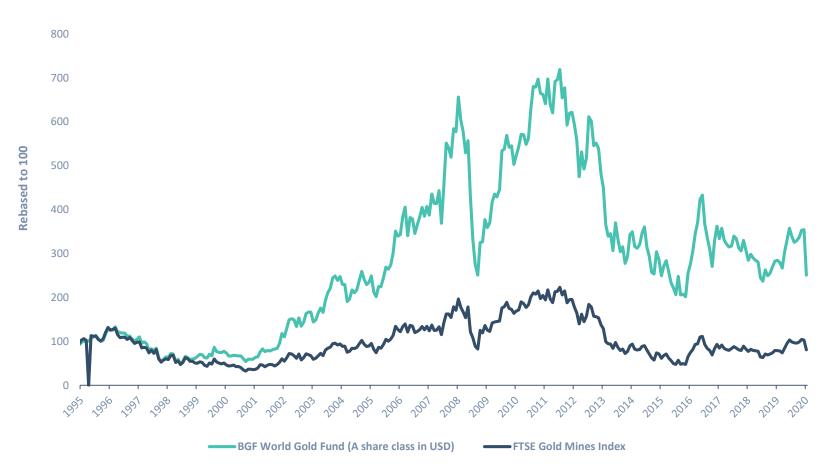


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# **BGF World Gold Fund: Performance since inception**

### **REBASED TO 100**



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